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Conference to

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James Kutcher, legless veteran

who was fired from his govern-

ment job as a "subversive" and

who is now on tour to broaden the

fight for his case, spoke here to-

day before a Stalinist-dominated

Conference Against Thought Con-

trol. In spite of the topic of the

conference, he was able to get

the floor only after a determined

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## UAW Convention Stalinists Refuse to Defend Faces Issue of Union Democracy Rights of Political Opponents

The delegates to the 1947 Atlantic City convention of the UAW saw fit to hand over complete control over Kutcher Forces the auto union to the Reuther leadership. In the slightly

less than two years that have? elapsed, Reuther and his faction Reuther forces, has produced its have enjoyed a monopoly of the natural result: A movement to administration and have been in a suppress democracy and rank and Hear His Plea have enjoyed a monopoly of the natural result: A movement to position to carry through what- file control and install over the ever policies and actions they membership an immovable

character of the new leadership ready taken a number of initial ,may have been obscure to many. moves along this line. It threaten-Reuther is so skillful in dema- ed the old leadership of the gogy and so lavish in promises Plymouth local of Detroit with that many sincere militants were disciplinary action because the undoubtedly fooled by his pretences of progressivism and took his promises for good coin. There is no excuse for anyone being fooled today. The Reuther leadership should be judged now not by what it says about itself or what it promises to do in the future, but by its conduct in office in the past two years.

The record proves that the Reuther administration is part cratic privileges, and leave them and parcel of the whole right- with no other rights except to ward, reactionary trend that is prevalent in the CIO today.

Reuther and his lieutenants have been guilty of injecting the poisons of red - baiting into the vigilant to smash any and all UAW. In many districts of the union, the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists crowd runs the to impose machine rule on the Reuther caucus and pursues without let or hindrance its policy of collaborating with the employers and harassing and hounding all so-called radicals, oppositionists aid and comfort to the witchand militants in general. This witch-hunt, which duplicates in- foolishly done by the recent side the union the anti-union barrage of the Tafts and the where the Reutherites pushed Dixiecrats from the outside, has through a vicious red - baiting assumed such menacing proportions that the UAW Aircraft Director felt free to address a secret meeting of West Coast cooperate with the UAW officials as far as improving the wages in weeding out of the plants so-

called "fellow-travelers." The red-baiting, initiated and powered inside the UAW by the

bureaucracy. Reuther's Interna-Two years ago, the exact tional Executive Board has allocal paper was printing articles

> At the same time, a big howl was set up in the UAW that no local officer or member could say or propose anything, or criticize anything, that was "contrary to CIO policy." This trick phrase has become a catch-all to gag the members and officers of the UAW, to destroy their demovote "Ja" for all proposals of the

> top union bureaucrats. The Milwaukee convention has the duty of being especially proposals to restrict the democratic rights of the membership, union, to amend the union constitution to give dictator's rights to Reuther and his International Executive Board, or to give new hunt inside the union, as was Michigan State CIO convention resolution.

## WAGES AND CONDITIONS

The record of the Reuther adand working conditions of the membership is concerned. The election of Reuther to the

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## Government Purge Upheld in **Outrageous Court Decision**

Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff on June 28 dismissed the suit against the government filed by 26 Post Office employees fired or suspended on "disloyalty" charges.

The Washington judge's decision? the government's purge of federal workers and at the same time brought the full implications of the purge out into the

The 26 claimed that the "loyalty" procedure violated their rights to free speech. According to Holtzoff, the government "would have a perfect right, if it saw fit to do so, to get rid of [its employees] for making utterances which they have the right to make under the Constitu-

Under this doctrine, there would be no free speech at all for government employees, because Holtzoff was not referring merely to so-called "subversive" utterances by "disloyal" employees - he included any and all utterances by any and all employees.

As I. F. Stone says, "If Judge Holtzoff's reason is good law, if the operations of the executive branch are as exempt from judicial scrutiny as he says, either of the two major parties is free on taking office to purge the Civil Service of its opponents on the grounds of 'disloyalty'."

## OTHER RIGHTS DENIED

The postal workers had complained that Truman's executive order deprived them of the right effect admitted this when he

"If the requirements of due process laid down by the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution were applicable to the discharge

upheld the constitutionality of But he denied that government employees had the right to the protection of the Fifth Amendment in case of dismissal, or even the right to have their cases reviewed in the courts.

> the court appeal of James Kut- number of unions and over the of industry, durable goods, noncher, another victim of the purge. radio.

Holtzoff's outrageous decision will be appealed to the Supreme Court by the postal workers, just as everything implied in the decision is being challenged by

"contrary to CIO policy."

All organizations and individuals interested in combating the drive toward thought control had been invited to the conference. But true to form, the Stalinists were determined that only their spokesmen should speak.

Although the three-hour morning session was taken up mainly with long-winded speeches, Kutcher's request for 15 minutes to report on his test case against all the "subversive" listings was denied on the ground there was 'no time on the agenda" for him. A second request, made by several unionists when the afternoon session opened, was likewise refused. Finally, after 21/2 hours of more speeches, 20 minutes of discussion from the floor was permitted, and Kutther got five minutes of this.

tack. His simple, direct appeal won a round of applause from the serious depress audience.

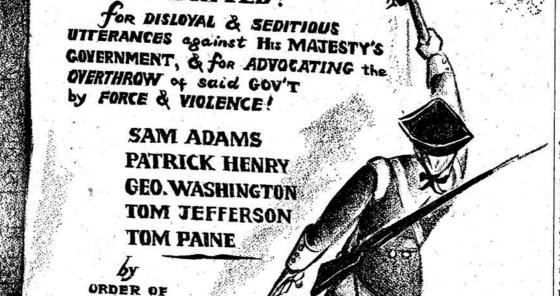
STALINIST SLANDERS

Immediately afterward, a Stalattack upon Trotskyism, throwing in the usual prize assortment of lies and slanders. He ended with the statement that it was not possible to have a united front with "stool pigeons."

His speech raised sharp protest from sections of the audience. Organizer for the Socialist Workrequested the right to answer inists were heard to protest over

considerable interest and sym-

Kutcher is scheduled to speak Bay Area as well as before a are those for each major sector



A Lesson from American History

WANTED!

## In his speech Kutcher presented the facts of his case and called for a broad united front to fight Big Drop in Production for a broad united front to fight the Washington-inspired witch-hunt, in spite of the political differences that exist between the political differences tha

there is "no crisis" of unemployment. But business forecasters inist was granted special privilege have William Green's blind faith decline, the lower figure appears to open a vicious and violent in capitalist "free enterprise" nor Truman's Pollyanna spirit.

HIS MAJESTY

KING GEORGE III

Industrial production is due for a further big drop by December, according to the survey of economic forecasts published by the June 25 Business Week. "Major government economists" interviewed by Business Week predict When Robert Chester, Bay Area that over-all production will fall from last year's post-war peak of ers Party, rose and several times | 195 on the Federal Reserve Board | 158 by December. index to between 151 and 166 by these lies, he was refused the December. These are the infloor. Many rank and file Stal- dividual highest and lowest predictions.

A comparable decline in em-After the meeting the audience ployment would mean from eight and 137; and 259 to between 185 received Kutcher leaflets, that to ten million unemployed by and 190. Minerals - principally were distributed outside, with December - a return to the coal - are expected to drop from "normal" number of jobless in pre-war 1939.

More revealing than the preat several more meetings in the dictions on over-all production,

The AFL leaders may claim a | decisive durables - steel, auto- | government economists and busipossible." Truman may tell us are for a drop from the post-war peak of 237 to as low as 157, more probable.

Non-durables, such as textiles, paper products, chemicals and manufactured foods, are expected to drop from a peak of 179 to betwen 148 and 158. This average, however, is deceptive. It is sustained by food products, which the federal government has plans have shown as yet no appreciable decline from their 163 peak, and localities, basing themselves on are expected not to fall below

Textiles, paper products and chemicals, the other major components, are expected to fall respectively from 177 to between 120 and 130; 172 to between 135 161 to between 135 and 140. This latter prediction, however, was made before the United Mine Werkers proposed a three-day

the coal crisis.

surance as low as \$6 a week for Square," he told them. eight weeks in some states, with covered at all.

combined have public works pro- their civil rights and by supportjects in the blue-print stage totalling only \$2.5 billion, while expected unemployment, have asked for projects that would cost between 30 and 80 billions. But, as Business Week says, "the irouble is that plans for these

projects don't exist." Thus, the workers are heading directly into mass unemployment with no real safeguards. Unless organized labor immediately launches a full-scale fight for adequate public works, unemployment insurance and a lower work week with no reductions in week, indicating the real depth of weekly pay, this winter may well see mass misery on the scale of durable and minerals. In the In the face of the predictions of the depressed Thirties,

cowardly silence on plant

"By their fruits ye shall know

## Dobbs' Appeal for Support To SWP, Kutcher Voted Down

NEW YORK, June 25 -- The Stalinist-controlled Conference for Civil and Human Rights today flatly refused to defend Socialist Workers Party members

victimized by the witch-hunters, Dthereby proving to the hilt that | ing the battle to win the reinthe Communist Party will not statement of James Kutcher, extend to its opponents within legless war veteran fired from the labor movement the same his Veterans Administration democratic rights and privileges it claims for itself. Handpicked chairmen and committees, together with pre-

arranged speakers lists, were imposed upon the sessions of this our deep - going political difso-called "broad, representative" ferences with the Communist conference without even bothering to obtain a vote of approval "You should have the same from the delegates. Speaker after attitude toward members of the speaker talked endlessly about Socialist Workers Party. If we civil rights cases involving none stand united on civil liberties but Stalinists. Professor Thomas issues, it will be a compelling I. Emerson and Rev. William demonstration of both the need Howard Melish were the only officialy scheduled speakers to defensive struggle." recognize that others besides Stalinists have civil rights which are under attack.

After four hours of Stalinist witch-hunt, including the Com- Smith Act. munist Party leaders now on trial under the thought control ist hecklers greeted Clarke's at-

inists that they supported the challenging the Stalinists to prove prosecution when the 18 Trot- that the democratic pretentions en, the government skyists were convicted in the first has as yet no program against political trial under the same mass unemployment and its Smith Act in 1941. "Now you with 185 the most optimistic attendant suffering other than are suffering the consequences and government economists don't opinion. At the present rate of "states' rights" unemployment in- of that mistake down at Foley

The Stalinists can "begin to millions of wage - earners not correct that mistake," he went on, by supporting the fight of the All state and local governments 18 Trotskyists for restoration of

clerical job because of his membership in the Socialist Workers

"We defend your members against the witch-hunters, despite Party," Dobbs told the Stalinists. and the possibility of united

CLARKE'S AMENDMENT

When the panel chairman later submitted a resolution calling for oratory, Farrell Dobbs, national support to the Stalinist victims chairman of the SWP, finally of the assault on democratic managed to get the floor in the rights, George Clarke, editor of panel discussion on Academic, Fourth International, the Trot-Intellectual and Religious Free-skyist theoretical magazine, subdom. He informed the delegates mitted an amendment calling for that the SWP supports the support to James Kutcher and defense of all victims of the the 18 Trotskyist victims of the

Boos and cat-calls from Stalintempt to motivate his amend-Dobbs then reminded the Stal- ment. He persisted nevertheless, of their conference were not a sham and a fraud by supporting the defense of all labor and liberal victims of the witch hunt, regardless of their political views.

At this point the chairman tried to cut Clarke down, but he held the floor long enough to drive home the point that many workers and intellectuals today refuse (Continued on Page 2)

## the federal government has plans for another \$2 billion. States and legilities, begins themselves and legilities, begins themselves. **RENT-HIKE FLOOD-GATES**

"The freeze principle of rent control is now a thing of the past," said Truman's Federal Housing Expediter, disclosure that weeks ago Woods, ? had quietly put into effect four more rules which, according to the Associated Press, "give local rent directors wide leeway to grant increases" of rents.

Since Woods' issuance last menth of new regulations based on the "fair return" to landlords section of the so-called Rent Control Law, about a million landlords have secured application blanks for increases, the latest announcement also revealed. These further "interpretations" of the rent law are expected to increase landlord applications for rent hikes another 25%, it was estimated by John J. Pendergast, New York's regional housing expediter.

Last month's "fair return" ruling grants rent boosts to landlords whose "net operating income"-that is, profit-is below 20% of their "gross income" that is, all rents and fees collected - for properties of more than four dwelling units. On city of Truman and the Truman buildings of four or less dwelling units landlords are entitled, according to Woods, to a 25% "net operating income." If landlords make less than the 20% and 25% of profit - in relation not to operating costs but to their total take - then they will be granted rent boosts to bring their "net operating income" to 25% and 30% respectively on the larger and smaller buildings.

This was an engraved invitation to landlords to try to qualify

Tighe E. Woods, on June 26. This declaration accompanied without public announcement, | long ago under the rent laws.

The four rules announced last week are designed to aid the landlords in these shady practices and to assure them legal

The chief new provision is for rent boosts where the landlord makes a "major capital improvement" or provides a "substantial increase" in services, furniture or equipment. Repairing a leaking roof, replacing old plumbing or any number of other necessary repairs landlords are supposed to supply regularly but haven't are examples of "major capital improvement.

Thus, under the bill which Truman signed and called a "crushing defeat for the real estate lobby," the Truman Administration up to now has (1) decontrolled more than 250,000 rental units; (2) granted more than 300,000 rent increases; (3) issued "fair return" and "major improvement" regulations that open the floodgates to millions of rent in-

## Next Week:

What can labor do now in the fight against Taft-Hartleyism? A programmatic article by Art Preis.

A letter from Germany on the Marshall Plan's effects on German living standards.

An answer to new slanders on the Kutcher case by the People's World, West Coast Stalinist paper.

# Where the Blame Rests for Taft's Victory

By Art Preis

JUNE 29-The Truman Democrats in the Senate tried to put over a strikebreaking law withtheir double-dealing "compromise" Hartley Act minus the Hartley," as Senator Elbert Thomas characterized the administration's bill after the Senate, by a 50-40 vote, attached Senator Robert Taft's amendment to it.

More appropriately, it might be called the "Taft-Truman Act." Taft's amendment, giving doubleto a fair trial and due process barrelled strikebreaking powers House and Senate. . of law, as guaranteed in the to the president, contains both Fifth Amendment. Holtzoff in the injunction provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act and the Trumanite proposal for breaking strikes by plant "seizures."

The Truman Democrats promptly announced their virtual abandonment of the fight for of a government employee from Taft-Hartley repeal, at least the service, this order [Truman's until after the November 1950 Executive Order 9835] would not elections. Thus, they have reneged

of the Slave Labor Law.

force and intact.

This is the grave situation "secondary" the workers, at the behest of were embodied in the Trumantheir union leaders, put Truman sponsored Thomas-Lesinski bill, back in the White House with a promptly backed by the top union Democratic majority in both the leaders.

Who is responsible? That is demand to know. The Trumanite him authority to invoke injunc- plied" injunction powers in case union leaders lay all the blame on tions against strikes. He just the Republican - Dixiecrat bloc. thought it "unnecessary" because But they conceal the role of the he already had "inherent powers" Trumanites, who, by their re-treats and "compromises," em-trikes by court action. The AFL to expose the shabby, shyster boldened and strengthened labor's and CIO leaders pretended Tru- game of the Truman Democrats. avowed enemies.

Right after the elections, Tru-

Today, AFL President William "modifying" the Wagner Act, in- break strikes. AFL and CIO Green and CIO President Philip stead of unconditional repeal of representatives actively lobbied Murray also issued abject declara- Taft-Hartley. In December David FOR the Sims Bill. out the Taft-Hartley label. But tions of virtual unconditional Dubinsky, head of the AFL surrender. They are reduced to Ladies Garment Workers, promoves led yesterday to "the Taft- calling for the defeat of the posed a law including "emer-Taft-amended Thomas Bill, thus gency fact-finding" boards, a leaving the Taft-Hartley Law in "cooling off" period, and bans on of these amendments were so "jurisdictional" strikes and like provisions in the Taft-Hartley boycotts. These facing labor eight months after "minor" Taft-Hartley provisions

> In February, Truman announced that he didn't mind Con-

man had never spoken. By May, the Truman Demo-

he would seek a "substitute" law for use of INJUNCTIONS to Before the Senate even began

iebate, the Truman Democrats offered five "compromise" amendments to the Thomas bill. Four Act that Taft himself promptly accepted them.

amendment calling for govern-"seizure" instead of injunction. Senator Paul H. Douglas and other Truman Democrats adthe American workers gress "spelling out" a law to give mitted that their amendment "imstrikers refused to go back to work after the government "seized" the plants.

promise of unconditional repeal | Hartley promise. He announced | the Sims Bill, which provided | ing to oppose injunctions. While AFL President William Green openly endorsed the plant "seizure" proposal, CIO President Philip Murray merely assailed the "crippling amendments" proposed by Taft, keeping

> Thus, with a few exceptions like John L. Lewis, the top union leaders sought from start to finish only to cover up the dupli-Debate occurred on the key Democrats, Instead of mobilizing ment strikebreaking by plant the workers for militant independent struggle for Taft-Hartley repeal, they tried to deceive the workers for the sake of maintaining their dirty alliance with

'seizures."

Truman.

them." The union leaders' policy of dependence on capitalist politicians like Truman, their retreats and "compromises," their opposition to militant independent He taunted them, in fact, for try- labor struggle have led to the for rent increases by padding ing to put over an "implied pow- inevitable result: The Taft-Hart- their costs or by painting and comply with the requirement." openly on their key election man began to hedge on his Taft- crats in the House were pushing ers" injunction bill while pretend- lev Law-or worse-will remain. repairing they should have done

# Farrell Dobbs' Speech At Civil Rights Parley

The following is the text of Farrell Dobbs' speech at the Civil Rights Congress "Conference for Civil and Human Rights," held in New York City on June 25:

Mr. Chairman and Delegates: Speaking officially for the So-, your Hitler-like blacklist. What cialist Workers Party, as its Na. of it? I demand my right to think tional Chairman, I wish to inform as I please and still be a govyou that we fully support the aims and objectives of this conference to defend the victims of the witch-hunt now raging in this country.

The Socialist Workers Party defends the educators and religious leaders who are under attack; we oppose the Feinberg Law here in New York and all other assaults on academic freedom; we support the fight against the infamous Ober Law in Maryland and against the flood of anti-democratic legislative bills introduced at Washington and various state capitals.

### WE DEFEND OP LEADERS

We defend the federal employees victimized through Attorney General Clark's notorious political blacklist; we support the defense of the Communist Party leaders now on trial under the thought-control Smith Act at Foley Square.

I have more than a passing acquaintance with the Smith Act. I was one of the 18 Socialist Workers Party leaders framed up in the first political trial under this vicious thought-control law. Just like the present defendants at Foley Square, we were charged with teaching and advocating Marxism - Leninism. Juct as the Marxist classics are being introduced in evidence at the Communist Party trial, the first document introduced by the government in the 1941 trial of the Trotskyists was the Communist Manifesto by Marx and

Engels. We were convicted and compelled to serve sentences in a federal prison. And to this very day, even after our prison sentences have been served, we are denied the right to vote; to hold public office or to serve on a jury. We are still fighting for a presidential pardon so that we may regain the civil rights so outrageously taken from us.

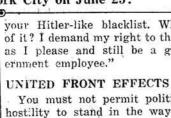
## SUFFERING CONSEQUENCES

The Communist Party made a mistake when we were on trial in 1941, a very serious mistake. Not only did the Communist Party fail to support our defense - IT SUPPORTED THE GOVERN-MENT AGAINST US. Now you are suffering the consequence of that mistake down at Foley Square. The prosecutor contends political blacklist. that the conviction of the Trotskyists in 1941 stands as a legal

mistake by joining now in the fight for a presidential pardon to restore the full civil rights of "A BAD TURN" the victimized Socialist Workers Party leaders.

Workers Party.

ployee to stand up to the witch- ples. hunters and say, "Yes, I'm a "What kind of a business member of a political party on this?" she demanded. "I was told



You must not permit political hostility to stand in the way of genuine united front action in opposition to the witch-hunt. In accordance with correct principles in the fight to preserve democratic rights, we defend your members against the witchhunters, despite our deep-going

Communist Party. You should have the same attitude toward members of the Socialist Workers Party. While retaining the full right to criticize each other politically, we should nevertheless stand together in the struggle against the purgers and

prosecutors. Such a united front would give tremendous impetus to the broad movement in defense of democratic rights. Every politically informed person knows that the Trotskyists and the Stalinists are bitter political enemies. Consequently, if we stand united on civil liberties issues, it will be a compelling demonstration of both the need and the possibility of united defensive struggle.

## NOBODY WILL BE SAFE

Let there be no doubt in your mind that there is burning need for broad and firm mass solidarity - regardless of political difassociation in this country. If the | belief.



FARRELL DOBBS

defendants now on trial at Foley Square should be convicted, the Communist Party will, in effect, be outlawed. Once that happens, the witch-hunt that is already running wild in America will be transformed into a veritable Roman holiday. Nobody will be safe from attack.

We ask you to recognize these incontestable facts, these grave dangers confronting the American people, and to put aside political hostility — although retaining his visit to Seattle. This was the the full right of political criticism - where democratic rights are involved.

For our part, we pledge that the Socialist Workers Party will continue in the future, just as it ferences - in the fight to has in the past, to defend all preserve freedom of thought, victims of the witch-hunt, regardfreedom of speech and freedom of less of race, color or political

## Stalinists Refuse to Defend Rights of Political Opponents

cies opposed to them.

The chairman then invited a slanderously link the Socialist in this conference?" Workers Party with the German-American Bund as "window dressing" on the Attorney General's

Despite the predominantly Stalinist composition of the panel You can begin to correct that voted for the Trotskyist amend-

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and the brotherhood of man.

Meantime, the Stalinists were getting another pounding in the You can also demonstrate your panel on Negro Rights and Rareadiness to defend all victims of cial Equality. An appeal by a the witch-hunt by supporting the Negro delegate for support to campaign to force the reinstate- James Kutcher and the 18 Trotment of the legless war veteran, skyist victims of the Smith Act, James Kutcher, who was fired as well as the Stalinist leaders from his Veterans Administra- now on trial at Foley Square, tion clerical job because of his evoked a good deal of applause. membership in the Socialist A second Negro delegate really threw consternation into the James Kutcher, as a matter of ranks of the Stalinist violators fact, was the first federal em- of elementary democratic princi-

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to defend the civil rights of the because it hasn't been approved shoremen on their docks. Stalinists precisely because the by the committee in charge. But Communist Party has refused to I saw a delegate reading the Daily NEXT ON THE LIST recognize the democratic rights Worker and another one reading Franke Grande, pastor of the of working class political tenden- the Herald-Tribune and nobody Church of the People, stated that said a word to them. How do you unless the present wave of expect to mobilize people to fight thought control persecutions are CP hack to take the floor in op- the witch-hunt when you use the stopped his own church may be position to Clarke. The only come- tactics of the FBI and the Un- next on the list. Frank Krasnowback he could think of was to American Committee right here

## THE PLENARY SESSION

turn," a Stalinist delegate was heard confiding to his neighbor.

By the time the panels broke up and all the delegate was the and all the delegate was defended now in the same way. up and all the delegates returned and the high-handed tactics, lies to the main hall for the final professors turned out on June 20 applies with full force and effect precedent for the present trial and slanders of the panel leaders, of the Communist Party leaders. about 75 of the 250 delegates had apparently had enough dismediately and the main hall for the main hall for the Matthew to the Kutcher's story at the to the Stalinists about 75 of the 250 delegates had apparently had enough dismediately and the main hall for the main hall for the Matthew to the Matthew to proposes that apparently had enough dismediately and the main hall for th cussion. The floor microphones meeting sponsored by the Ameri- to promulgate under the Feinset up earlier in the day for the can Veterans Committee. Prof. berg Law - a law that violates use of the delegates had been Ivan C. Rutledge of the Univer- fundamental democratic rights of

hastily removed. Nobody got in a word unless he faculty members. was on the platform and there was nobody on the platform but 100%-certified Stalinist wheel horses. Not a word was said about the proposals submitted by the evening of June 23, just before

But that didn't stop the buzz of conversation among the delegates, many of whom were im- labor circles in Seattle and the pressed by the arguments of the pleasant personality of the soft-Trotskyists. Almost all the rank spoken ex-GI won him many new and filers seemed pleased that friends. what had been expected to be a dull, cut-and-dried affair turned into a good old-fashioned floor

Nor did the steamroller tactics the Stalinists had refused to support James Kutcher and the 18 that the Socialist Workers Party had "charged the American Communist Party with favoring civil of July weekend. liberties only for itself and its supporters, while opposing simi- the camp was one of its princi- and a speech by William F. lar rights for its political op- pal attractions during this torrid Warde on "Revolutionary Tradi-

## Oil Union Seeks 36-Hour Week

O. A. Knight, president of the CIO Oil Workers Union, last week reaffirmed the union's demand for a 36-hour week at 40 hours pay to bulwark the oil workers against rising unemployment.

The industry now works a 40-hour week, but before the war, Knight recalled, the 36hour week was in effect. Unemployment in the industry is rising, partly because of Marshall Plan operations, said Knight. Importations of crude oil under the plan, he/said, have forced suspension of drilling of "thousands"

## N. Y. REGENTS WARNED NOT TO BLACKLIST SWP

NEW YORK, June 27 - In a letter to the New York Board of Regents, the Socialist Workers Party today warned that the Board will be committing a violation of the

SWP's constitutional rights if it? places the SWP on any so-called Tom Clark's infamous political subversive list on the pretext blacklist. of a similar designation by Attorney General Clark. The letter, signed by National Chairman Farrell Dobbs, also demanded "a oill of particulars and a public hearing under due process of law before any action is taken against our party." The text of the letter

Gentlemen:

According to June 17 press so-called "subversive" organizations based on Attorney General

## **Kutcher Impresses** Seattle Liberal **And Labor Circles**

"It is not necessary to threaten a man with prison to silence him; the loss of a job will sometimes silence a man just as effectively and deprive him of his civil rights," asserted James Kutcher at the June 22 protest meeting in Swedish Hall which climaxed legless veteran's answer to those who claimed that no loss of civil rights was involved in his discharge from a government job solely because of his political

Other speakers at this meeting called upon all defenders of civil liberties to unite in a vigorous front against the witch-hunters who have been especially active in the Northwest. Kutcher linked hs own persecution with the suspension of local postal employees in the loyalty purge, the the company against Boeing strikers, and the Navy's recent

sky, secretary of the Northwest Kutcher Committee, pointed out that the Bill of Rights was added to the U.S. Constitution only

sity law school also spoke in freedom of thought and freedom The plenary session was a cut defense of Kutcher's fight, which of expression as guaranteed by and dried, strictly Stalinist show. is supported by 15 prominent the Constitution.

A reception and farewell dinner was given for the legless veteran by his Seattle supporters on the in jig time, without discussion. tour. Jimmy Kutcher's firm stand has deeply impressed liberal and

As provided under the equally anti - democratic Feinberg Law, members of the organizations so blacklisted would be unconstitutionally deprived of their right to employment in the New York public school system.

The Socialist Workers Party, for whom I speak, has been included in the Clark "subversive" list. The Attorney General has dispatches, the New York Board not given a single reason for his of Regents plans to promulgate high - handed procedure against at its July 15 meeting a list of us, and he has denied our repeated demands for a public hearing to defend ourselves against his dictatorial action.

### LEGALITY CHALLENGED

Among the Socialist Workers Party members who have already been victimized because of the Clark blacklist is James Kutcher, legless war veteran, who was fired from his clerk's job in the Veterans Administration. Kutcher's case is now in the process of appeal to the federal courts, where he will challenge the constitutionality of the "subversive"

CIO, AFL and independent unions representing millions of members are supporting Kutcher's defense. Numerous organizations like the Americans for Democratic Action, the American Veterans Committee and the American Civil Liberties Union have rallied to his support. Hundreds of scientists, educators and religious and cultural leaders are backing the legless veteran.

All these forces are supporting Kutcher and condemning Executive Order 9835 on which the Clark blacklist is based. Dr. Holds Hearing on Harold C. Urey, Nobel Prize 'subversive blacklist" used by case, wrote, "Administrative agencies have been and are dealing with government employees in procedures which violate the basic decencies of notice and hearing which are part of our tradition of due process of law.

> "People are being fired from jobs and are being forced to suffer various indignities, not the least of which is impugnment of character," Dr. Urey declared. 'All of this at the hands of administrative officials and other non-juridical bodies proceeds from the doctrines of 'guilt by association' and 'subversion' arbitrarily

## THE FEINBERG LAW

Everything

For all these reasons, the Socialist Workers Party emphatically declares that it will be a violation of our constitutional rights for the Board of Regents to place our party on any so-Trotskyists. The Stalinist-line his departure for San Francisco, called "subversive" list on the resolutions were railroaded thru the next stop on his West Coast pretext that the Socialist Workers Party is listed as "subversive" by Attorney-General Clark.

We demand a bill of particulars and a public hearing under due process of law before any action is taken by the Board of Regents against our party.

## SUCCESSFUL SEASON EXPECTED of the Stalinist gang prevent the N. Y. Times from reporting that FOR MOUNTAIN SPRING CAMP

The first week of the new Mountain Spring Camp at SWP leaders fighting for resto- Washington, N. J., indicates that its initial season should ration of their civil rights, and prove a notable success. A capacity crowd was on hand for the activities of the Fourth D by George Clarke on "Current

> spell. Situated 1200 feet above tions and Independence Day." sea level in the foothills of the EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM Pocono Mountains and girdled by woodlands and brooks, the camp is swept by refreshing breezes at the hottest hours of the day. This provided welcome relief for the numerous refugees from the city

flow of vacationers, the hardworking construction crew put the finishing touches on the big dining and recreation building which commands a beautiful view countryside through its spacious windows. "This is like being on the deck of a ship!" exclaimed one enthusiastic newcomer.

was scheduled for the Fourth of write to Mountain Spring Camp, meetings. "This important work interest in socialism. Literature July encampment. Among the R.D. No. 1, Washington, N. J. has been sparkplugged by the Agent D. C. writes that although highlights was a talk by Bert Complete instructions on how to energetic work of Ruth and Helen no subs were chalked up in June, Cochran on "The Trade Union get to the camp will be sent upon with noble assists from Mari, "efforts were not too discourag-Movement Today"; a discussion receipt of reservations.

The comparative coolness of Trends in American Politics";

The regular weekly educational program includes a course on Just in time for the holiday in- Manifesto" led by David Weiss.

Spring Camp offer an ideal and got two subs each and Ruby of inexpensive vacation spot for the Harlem branch chalked up several have been doing spadeworkers and their families. Re- three. servations are now being taken of the valley and surrounding for the remainder of July, August and early September.

dren up to 12 years. For reserva-

Lurye's Killers?





A nationwide search is on for John Giusto (top), 31, on parole, and Benedicto Macri, 36, who have been indicted in New York for the fatal stabbing of William Lurye. Lurye was organizing open shops for the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers when he was

## Immigrat'n Board winner and famous atomic scientist, in discussing the Kutcher Skoglund's Appeal

A hearing was held before the Board of Immigration Appeals on June 24 in Washington, D. C., in connection with the case of Carl Skoglund, 65-year-old Minnesota union leader threatened with deportation because of his political views and labor activities.

Skoglund's attorney, Stanley H Lowell, member of the Alien Civil Rights Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union, presented numerous legal arguments to the Board requesting a dismissal of the deportation order. The Board reserved decision on the plea which will probably not

required at once to cover the first strike. steps in the proceedings. Contributions should be sent to the Civil Rights Defense Committee, wages and pensions by pitting ahead, and to earn the leadership 19 West 10th St., New York 11,

mittee last week announced that

## Democracy Issue In Auto Union

(Continued from Page 1) signal for the automobile cor- and resist its demands. perations to start a campaign to The record of the Reuther reintroduce the speedup in the forces is no better on political shops. This has assumed such action. The UAW lobbyists in dangerous proportions that in Washington are lined up with plant after plant, militant men those sections of the trade union strike votes, and in many cases with vicious amendments to the that the protests were simply Taft-Hartley slave law. manufactured by trouble-makers in the January 1949 United Auto-Gasser and Livingstone stated will show."

issue occuring at Chevrolet Local 659 in Flint, the Reuther leaderbag, refused to authorize strike action by the local union, agreed just like the next Reutherite. to the firing of a key worker in the dispute and the speeding up of production schedules. This red-baiting. It has maintained in two of the key struggles

recently engaged in by the UAW. In the first instance, the Bendix strike at South Bend, Indiana, the International brought pressure to bear upon the local union to permit dies and fixtures to be are producing more progressive removed out of the struck plant, and then brought similar pressure to bear upon the Deroit locals to Reuther by their treachery, work on this scab equipment. As duplicity and autocratic misuse a result, the Bendix workers had of power, and who bear the to pound the pavement for two and a half months in their fight for discrediting and ruining the against company speedup and the old Thomas - Addes - Leonard firing of workers who resisted group, are today a negligible the speedup.

In the second instance, in the Ford strike, Reuther maneuvered 1947 convention to reconstitute for all he was worth to kid the Ford members out of striking Doll has fizzled. The main body of against speedup. When he could no longer hold the ranks back, he authorized the strike in order to settle 24 days later for roughly the equivalent arbitration terms which the Ford workers rejected when they first hit the bricks.

Reuther's soft policy toward an honest basis. the corporations on speedup is wedded to a cockeyed notion on wage negotiations. According to this super-duper theory, while a program of industry-wide bar- gates to stop any Reutherite gaining may be best for the coal. or the steel industries, it is no democratic rights, and to adopt a good for the automobile industry. be handed down until late in July. Here, the UAW leadership pro-The Civil Rights Defense Com- poses the "one-at-a-time" trategy. Reuther and his buddies it was undertaking a nation-wide have clung to this bankrupt campaign to raise the funds need- scheme, although it proved its solve to build up the opposition ed to defend Skoglund. \$1,000 is worthlessness in the 1945 GM in the next period into a stronger,

> This same Reuther strategy is force. In this way, the opposition currently jeopardizing the UAW will be able to help steer the "fourth round" program for UAW correctly in the trying days one set of UAW workers against of the UAW ranks when the next another, while the auto manufac- wave of insurgency hits the union.

turers, behind the scenes, are presidency of the UAW was the agreed on how to fight the union

and women were forced to take movement which are going along were fired for resisting the speed- Thomas labor bill; in other words, ip. At first, the union's top of- to the passage of a bill which, ficers simply pooh - poohed the although bearing a new name, is problem and strongly implied hardly superior to the present

As for a new political party of for ulterior political purposes. In labor, Reuther has shelved all his a disgraceful statement printed promises of last year to give "my full support, my full energy" mobile Worker, Reuther, Mazey, toward the creation of a new political force. His full energy that the anti-Reuther forces and support now go to Truman have exaggerated the extent of and the Democratic Party, which the speedup as the reports of has piled up as reactionary a local unions to the International record in the 81st Congress as it did in the "worst" 80th Con-On the test case on the speedup gress. And Emil Mazey, who used to make speeches for a labor party before he got elected to ship left the militants holding the high union office, now goes along with Truman and the Democrats,

The Reuther crew rode into power on a wave of reaction and shameful record has since been itself in power because reaction climaxed by its cowardly policies has continued strong in the labor movement. But this is a tem-. porary phenomenon, after all. The Ford and Bendix strikes, and the new threats of layoffs and unemployment, are setting the UAW members to thinking, and trends. The Communist Party gang, who helped build up greatest share of responsibility force in the UAW.

The Stalinist attempt since the an opposition headed by Tracy opposition forces is headed by independent militants grouped around the "Committee for a Militant and Democratic UAW," which has a clear-cut and fighting trade union program and makes its appeal to the UAW ranks on

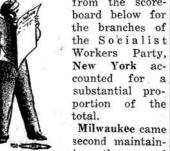
The most important tasks of the experienced militants at this coming UAW convention are to mobilize a majority of the delemoves to curtail the members' forthright, militant program of action to fight against speedup and layoffs, for improved wages

The militants must further remore coherent and more effective

## THE MILITANT ARMY

### New York Campaign **Brings Increase in** June Subscriptions During June, subscriptions to

The Militant registered an increase over May. As can be seen from the scoreboard below for the branches of



portion of the Milwaukee came second maintaining the record

this branch has kept up since the beginning of the year of consistent work on subscriptions. pushed into third place for the month.

New York's encouraging total "Historical Materialism: The two - weeks city - wide campaign. Marxist Interpretation of Social During the first week, according Development" taught by William to Literature Agent Harry Gold, F. Warde, and a study group on the success of subgetters was about one sub for each comrade week." The 83 acres of Mountain who participated. Six comrades

Los Angeles has been steadily increasing sales of single copies. This week Literature Agent The rates are \$35 per week for Bert Deck sent through another increasing the number of newsadults and \$20 per week for chil- increase in the bundle order. stands carrying The Militant, and Regular sales are being made at | consistently calling on people A program of special events tions and further information, an impressive number of union who have indicated a sympathetic Lou and Fred's car."

The Los Angeles comrades are now planning work on subscriptions, "We will be keeping the sub situation in mind from now on. We are also contemplating putting a comrade in charge of sub-getting in the hope that consistent work in this field will pay off as well as single sales have done." Cleveland is also turning its

attention toward building up subscriptions. Literature Agent Bob Kingsley reports that "We intend to start a minimum of renewal work. Every active comrade is taking one renewal blank and going out to see one person a week. A report will be made on results at every meeting." Boston ordered 50 extra copies

of the June 13 issue containing the article about the world famous scientist Albert Einstein Flint put on a campaign and calling for the replacement of capitalism by the superior system of socialism. "Three comrades went out to test the sales for the month resulted from a of this article in a Jewish neightwo-weeks city-wide campaign, borhood," writes Literature Agent Rena Breshi. "It sold very well, but many people were not at home, so we broke up and decided "100 Years of the Communist fairly uniform, the average being to return one night during the

Among the branches in the zero column of the scoreboard, work that will undoubtedly pay off sooner or later in subscrip-

tions. St. Louis, for instance, has been ing. Some people, even though

they do not take subs, seem closer, to us than formerly." He reports that newsstand sales of Trotskyist literature, including pamphlets, appears to be as good as that of other radical political parties, if not better.

New Britain, concentrating on the sale of single copies, has been doing well in that field.

Pittsburgh, according to Literature Agent Gerry Wolf, plans "a more extensive sale of literature for the summer months." It is no picnic getting subscriptions, he writes us, "however, our work is never in vain and the qualitative aspect of the picture must be considered. We are cementing some very important relationships which should aid us in getting subs in the future."

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In the capitalist states the most monstrous forms of bureaucratism are to be observed precisely in the trade unions. . . It is thanks to this that the whole structure of capitalism now stands upright, above all in Europe and especially in England. If there were not a bureaucracy of the trade unions, then the police, the army, the courts, the lords, the monarchy would appear before the proletarian masses as nothing but pitiful and ridiculous playthings. The bureaucracy of the trade unions is the backbone of British imperialism.

-Leon Trotsky, "Communism and Syndicalism," 1929.



LENIN

## The NMU Ranks Point the Way

All organized labor is indebted to the rank and file of the CIO National Maritime Union for blocking an amendment to the NMU constitution to bar "subversives" from membership. They have dealt a blow not only against an attempted. "loyalty" purge in their own union but against the anti-democratic witch-hunt that has been spreading through the labor movement.

A referendum on the amendment has left no doubt that a majority of the NMU members are opposed to "loyalty" oaths, political discrimination and purges. Although the referendum was invalidated just before the count was completed because of glaring irregularities, the opponents of the purge amendment were 400 votes ahead when the count was stopped.

The strength of this anti-purge vote was all the more significant because the amendment was sponsored and supported by the overwhelming majority of the NMU National Council and President Joseph Curran.

Even more significant is the fact that the great majority of NMU members are bitterly anti-Stalinist. They had voted out the whole Stalinist leadership who had ruled the NMU until two years ago. They had suffered long under the bureaucratic heel of the Stalinists and had good reason to hate them. But they did not allow their hatred of Stalinism to blind them to the meaning and aim of the

purge amendment. They recognized in it a menace to the rights of the membership as a whole and to anyone - not just the Stalinists - who might oppose or criticize the present leadership. They do not propose to fight Stalinism with the reactionary methods of the witchhunters and the enemies of labor.

Red-baiting union leaders who push the witch-hunts and purges claim they represent the sentiments of the members. This NMU referendum is the first chance any sizable body of union members themselves have had to speak on this issue. They have demonstrated that they do not go for "loyalty" oaths and

The witch-hunt inside the unions is part and parcel of the witch-hunt outside the unions. It is inspired by the employers and their political agents who are trying to smash all democratic rights and civil liberties. The union bureaucrats are borrowing from labor's enemies in an effort to tighten their control over the union ranks. This bosses' poison will destroy union democracy and the unions.

There is only one antidote to this witch-hunt disease that has infected the unions. It is the determined, organized resistance of the union ranks. Given a real opportunity to discuss this question and decide for themselves the rank and file of labor, like those of the NMU, will deal a smashing defeat to the witch-

## Results of 'Lesser Evil' Politics

Last fall the top union leaders told us we must elect Truman and the Democrats at all costs. They condemned any talk of independent labor politics through labor's own party and candidates. They said we must ensure the victory of the "lesser evil," the Truman Democrats, or organized labor would be saddled indefinitely with the infamous Taft-Hartlev Act.

The outcome of the fight for Taft-Hartley repeal has put this "lesser evil" theory to an acid test. The "lesser evil" won the elections. Truman got back in the White House and the Democrats captured Congress. Yet today, eight months later, it is the "greater evil" which stands triumphant.

Would labor have been any worse off if, instead of backing the "lesser evil," it had launched its own party and put genuine labor candidates into Congress? Even if they had elected only a handful of labor representatives the first time. with the Republicans holding a majority, would the workers be any worse off?

Even a few labor Congressmen, fighting uncompromisingly for labor's program, could have accomplished more than the Democratic majority that now sits in Congress. By battling every inch of the way, by refusing to retreat and "compromise," the labor representatives would have inspired and mobilized the support of the whole American working

Ku Klux Klan Terrorism

In recent weeks, the newspapers have been reporting an increase of Ku Klux Klan terrorism. Burning crosses are lighting up the skies of the Darkest South. Hooded bands of night-riders are invading homes, flogging and torturing their kidnapped victims in the name of "public morals" and "100% white Pro-

Renewed Klan activities began after the war. It was directed almost entirely against Negroes, to intimidate them from voting and exercising other civil rights. But so long as Klan assaults were confined to Negroes, the press, both North and South, had little to say.

In the past few weeks the Klan's terrorism has been increasingly directed at whites, including the flogging of war veterans and women.

These assaults on whites could not be ignored by the press, especially since groups were being formed in parts of the South by private citizens to take their own counter-measures against the Klan

But the capitalist press in general is attempting to minimize the significance

ple. Confronted with this prospect, a Republican majority would not have dared to act as they have in this Congress where they are a minority. They would have been forced to make concessions. to appear more "liberal," from fear of losing any mass support they might have. Although the "lesser evil" policy has

class, the dirt farmers, the Negro peo-

only led to the victory of the "greater evil" on Taft-Hartley repeal, the top union leaders want to repeat this bankrupt' policy. They are telling the workers to wait until November 1950 and elect some more "lesser evil" candidates to Con-

But what kind of appeal can the union leaders make to the people on the basis of the miserable record of the Truman Democrats in the 81st Congress? Do they think they can fool the people all the time? This "lesser evil" theory is wearing mighty thin.

Labor would have been far better off today if it had an established party of its own, with a fighting record - even as a small minority — in Congress, that could go to the people next elections with a real labor program and trustworthy candidates from the union ranks. "Lesser evil" politics blocked the launching of such a party last year and we are suffering the bitter results. Not until a party of labor is built will labor escape such blows as the Senate dealt last week.

of Klan outrages. We are assured that the "leading citizens" of the South are opposed to the Klan and that state and local governments are preparing laws "with teeth in them" to stop the hooded bands. Thus, Alabama passed a law to make it illegal for adults to wear a mask in public, and now tells us we need no spetestant Americanism." cial federal laws to deal with these murderous bigots.

> The resurgence of the Klan, however, is no accidental phenomenon. It has taken strength from the very atmosphere pervading America today. Washington has been spreading the miasma of the witchhunt. The white supremacists in Congress have arrogantly trampled all over civil rights legislation. The race-haters, the bigots of all stripes, the enemies of civil rights have been having a field day.

Fascist-like, terrorist organizations like the Klan find fertile soil today. So long as the federal government fails to enact an anti-lynch law and other civil rights measures, so long as witch-hunts and spy scares command the headlines, outfits like the Klan will flourish.

# The Fourth of July Tradition

By Ruth Johnson

July Fourth is the time when the red-baiters will hit the peak of frenzied oratory, proclaiming their patriotism at rostrums draped in flags. They will piously pay their respects to the Declaration of Independence, and

hastily move on to prove by each succeeding word that they abhor it. In the name of "Americanism," they will vilify as "subversive" any attempt to translate the historic document of 1776 into a living guide for 1949.

If they dropped the cloak of hypocrisy, the red-baiters would mmediately move to outlaw the Declaration of Independence. To read it in public today might well be declared an act of "disloyalty." Certainly it "violates" the Smith Gag Act. Its signers would be purged from government jobs if hey were alive today. For the neart of the Declaration of Independence is its proclamation of the people's right to change their government or overthrow it, whenever they so desire.

### THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT

"We hold these truths to be self - evident," the Declaration their Creator with certain inalienable human Rights, that the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights. Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new Governnent, laying its foundations on such principles and organizing them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Hap-

This declaration of the right to artisans out of employment. evolution was written by the eaders of the capitalist class of the American colonies in the virile days of their youth. How different from the capitalists' ry of today!

of the impending general elec-

tions, the National Executive did

the form of a pamphlet entitled

voted against the government on

foreign policy. No tears were

shed for the latter and his ex-

pulsion was treated as a "hygienic

operation," presumably because

of his undoubted affiliation to the

Communist Party. Zilliacus, how-

ever, had some popularity in the

Labor Party, although the block

votes of the mine and the

he leadership did not leave the

ssues in doubt. But the very fact

that more than a million votes

were cast in favor of giving Zil-

liacus a hearing shows that the

decision of the National Executive

in the matter created a feeling of

The speech of Sir Stafford

Cripps, which he read out in a

tone unvarying and monotonous,

was a defense of his policy of

wage freeze, more export and

more production. It dwelled on the

widening gap between export and

import, shrinking of the market,

dollar shortage, etc. It held out

no hope for the future, which

could only be as black as ever.

One could sense the simmering

discontent among the delegates.

No greater disservice to the

Labor Party's prospects in the

elections could be done than the

speech of the Chancellor of the

Health Minister Bevan with his

characteristic demagogy came to

the rescue of Cripps. He spoke

about the "achievements" of the

CRIPPS' SPEECH .

resentment:

Exchequer.

'Labor Believes in Britain."

the revolution as a plague. They bonfires by cheering crowds. heard them from the ruling class of Britain, and still defied the Act withdrawn than Britain The naked force unleashed by Crown. They knew what was decided to save its East India the Crown was courageously right to exist. When they proudly of the day. pledged "our Lives, our Fortunes and our 'sacred Honor" to the cause of liberty, all other roads the colonists to better address had been blocked.

### THE ROAD OF REVOLUTION

revolution; they were driven to entire population with starvait inexorably by the greed and tion, did the Committees call the brutality of their oppressors. For first Continental Congress and years they had peacefully pleaded proclaim a boycott on British with the King, for years more they had organized vigorous demonstrations. They had tried Britain.

"All experience hath shewn," more disposed to suffer, while says: "that all men are created themselves by abolishing the equal, that they are endowed by forms to which they are accustomed." Only the violence unleashed upon the colonies by the among these are Life, Liberty and British despots drove them to

action. For decades the capitalist class of the colonies had been kept in swaddling clothes by the nobility, the consent of the governed. That the land-owners and the merchants of England. American merchants could export and imhese ends, it is the Right of the port goods only through British middlemen, paying British customs and profits. American planters were forced to sell crops at prices arbitrarily set in its powers in such form, as to Britain, often far below their value on the world market. American industry was stifled by restrictions, throwing colonial

RESISTANCE FLARES

The leaders of the American revolt lit up the skies. Stamp eyes of the colonists and of his-Revolution would not be stopped distributors were burned in tory, these "outlaws" were heroic by shrieks against "force and effigy, their homes destroyed, figures leading a new class to

Criticism Stifled at

Labor Party Conference

LONDON - The annual con- Labor government and what it was sick of all the talks about

ference of the British Labor Party has done for the workers of the "achievements" of the Labor

met in Blackpool June 6 under Britain who, he declared at a government when there are no

the shadow of the railway and pre-conference rally, "have houses for the workers while

dock strikes at various ports, achieved prosperity in excess of luxury buildings are being con-

notably Liverpool. On the pretext | their moral stature." Everything | structed. This was too much for

was good in the best of all worlds.

Foreign Secretary Bevin never

its best to stifle all criticisms of felt so confident as after the ex- lately. She was not allowed to

was hardly any debate permitted

on foreign policy. No speaker

SHARP CRITICISM TOO

But it was not altogether

smooth sailing. The National Ex-

ecutive also came in for sharp

criticism. Specially articulate

were the representatives of the

farmers who spoke freely. They,

all without exception, condemned

the government for maintaining

ransport unions in support of the "tied cottage" system. They ceiving a good deal of support,

demanded the nationalization of

land and one of them said: "I

complacency. She said that she being.

on some delegates.

the Labor government at the con- pulsion of the dissidents. He proceed further.

ference. Thanks to the standing came straight to Blackpool from

order committee, none of the the Paris Conference. He

resolutions critical of the gov- described his mission of peace

ernment saw the light of day, even with the Soviet Union, and

except for the motion of Jack was "willing to work with those

Stanley of the Constructional who were willing to work with

Engineers, denouncing the Cripps us." He paid a tribute to the

budget and calling for a second Marshall Plan and promised to

autumn budget. Most of the time achieve peace for posterity; in

was taken up with discussion of fact, he said he would already

the party's policy in the coming have achieved it but for the un-

elections, which was presented in reasonableness of Russia. There

The highlight of the conference critical of Bevin could get the

was the motion to refer back to floor. M.P. Tom Braddock tried

the National Executive the ex- to get it but the chairman simply

pulsion of Zilliacus and Solly, the brushed him aside. The bureau-

two M.P.'s who had consistently cracy really did a smooth job.

No sooner was this infamous a continent in bondage.

The Committees of Correspon-

dence that had been organized by their grievances to the Crown were still just the embryo of colonial self - government. Only The colonial revolutionists had when the British closed the harbor not intended to take the road of of Boston, threatening this city's

They were learning from life how merciless is every ruling to avoid the final break with class in the fight to keep its privileges. The attack on Massachusetts militiamen at Lexington they wrote, "that mankind are in April, 1775, was followed by another bloodletting at Concord evils are sufferable, than to right Hessian mercenaries in the pay of King George were landed to swell the forces against the colonists.

### COMPROMISE HOPES ENDED

The colonial committees that had taken over increasing powers as British governors fled in terror, were long considered only as provisional bodies "to continue only in the present unhappy conflict." But the brutal attacks upon the men of Massachusetts Above the conciliatory voices rose the clarion calls of Samuel Adams and Patrick Henry, demanding freedom from the Crown. In place of pacifistic pleas, came the stirring pamphlets of Tom Paine and the inspiring writings of

The huge signature of John Hancock on the Declaration of When the Stamp Act of 1765 Independence symbolized the consaddled the colonists with taxes tempt all the insurgents felt for to pay for Britain's war against their oppressors who kept yowl-France, the first lightnings of ing: "Sedition! Treason!" In the

the National Executive, of which

she had been a member until

Bob Shaw, a railway worker

from Nottingham, demanded

the old managers and bosses. His

On the whole, the conference at

Blackpool was characterized by a

deep-going fermentation inside

the Labor Party. It expressed

itself not so much on the floor of

the conference as in other public

meetings at Blackpool. M.P.'s,

rank and file trade unionists,

workers, are restive and trying to

find a way out. The support that

"Socialist Outlook," a left wing

journal within the Labor Party,

received from a large number of

delegates, clearly shows that a

left wing is in the offing. The

"Socialist Fellowship" movement

led by Ely Smith, which is re-

also points to the same direction.

The Labor bureaucracy, by

pool is a turning point in the

violence" and other pleas to shun | packages of stamps tossed into | power against the reactionary | can forget the violence unleashed government that had tried to hold by the capitalists against the

the fountainhead of "force and at the expense of colonial mer- they rose in defense of their Massacre in 1937? violence" - then as in every chants. The famous Boston Tea rights to "Life, Liberty and the eactionary ruling class, in par- the burning of a shipload of tea not bear the onus for the were forced to wring their own of cargoes in all the major ports land until independence was won. The blame rests exclusively upon the oppressors.

### CAPITALIST CLASS TODAY

Since this was so in 1776, why do the American capitalists today slander the idea of revolution as nothing more than incitation of "force and violence"? Because today Wall Street stands in the historical place of King

and fought under the banner of demogratic human rights. The mistocracy, the feudal landonies were to grow and find a happier future.

the American working class. Who tycanny.

workers - the tragedies of the The naked force unleashed by Molly Maguires, the Ludlow Massacre, the Haymarket Mas-

necessary, and they knew too that Tea Company from bankruptcy answered by the colonists as sacre or the Memorial Day In its senility, its fears of the revolution in history -/is the Party of 1773, was followed by Pursuit of Happiness." They do working class have become greater still, and its crimes defy ticular the one from whom they at Annapolis and the confiscation "violence" that raged over this description. Police brutality in every strike, savagery against the Negro people, lynch incitations of the witch-hunters darken the columns of every newspaper. its threats extend throughout the

world, as it brandishes the atomic.

bombs and the hideous means of

pacteriological warfare. Far more even than King George in '76, the American ruling class today has reason to fear that the masses will rise in discontent and protest. The In their rise to power, the capitalists know full well that oung American capitalists en- their reign of infamy, misery and isted the aid of the broad masses, terror will one day be pronounced insufferable.

Lest the workers turn to their own Declaration of Independence olders, the capitalists of England the ruling class seeks to outlaw vere the forces of reaction whose free speech, gag the press, imhold had to be broken if the col- pose thought control. The Tories of 1949 hope to destroy our civil rights under cover of an attack But today American capitalism on the utterly discredited Stalstands astride the world as the inists whom they accuse of "admost reactionary power. Gone and vocating force and violence." This forgotten are the great days of villainous accusation is really its youth. As it grew older, it aimed not at the Stalinists but at began to write into the annals of the true revolutionists who dare history the oft-told tale of reac- proclaim that for humanity's tion. It turned against the new sake it is once more necesary to young and progressive force of "alter or abolish" the vested

## upon the men of Massachusetts ended all hopes of compromise. HAWAIIAN STRIKERS FIGHT BACK AGAINST UNION-BUSTING DRIVE

The Hawaiian longshore strike, called by Local 136 of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union for a 32 cents wage increase, remains firm

after two months of bitter struggle. The employers' arrogant re- Bar Association which seeks to fusal of the union's June 17 offer with rabid anti-union newspaper and radio attacks and efforts to this is proof that the "Big Five" corporations of Hawaii are out to smash the union. To "drive the ILWU into the sea" is their avowed aim. Both sides look upon the struggle as a show-down.

The union offered to submit the dispute to a three-man board composed of Mr. Sam Kagel, West Coast waterfront referee, one representative from the union and one from the employers. The decision of this board would be binding on both parties. The union then dropped this proposal and agreed to abide by the decision of a five-man "fact-finding" committee appointed by Governor Ingram Stainback if the employers would agree to do the same The employers refused. Meanwhile the Governor's committee is proceeding with its "investiga-

The longshoremen helped to unionize thousands of super-exworkers' control, of the nation- ploited Filipinos, Japanese and alized railways and dismissal of Hawaiians on the sugar and pineapple plantations, in the mills speech was widely published and and canneries. Now the employcommented upon by all the ers dream of smashing the longjournals of the right as well as shoremen's strikes as a prelude the left as an expression of acute for a union-busting campaign discontent among the railway against the sugar and pineapple workers.

## EMPLOYERS' STRATEGY

Their strategy is to center their attack on the union leadership. They hope to take advantage of Hawaiians say: "They came as the red-baiting hysteria whipped up by Washington. And they are to the sky to teach us religion getting plenty of support from that quarter. The notoriously antiunion House Un-American Committee arranged on June 14 to keep the filthy hands of the cor-"investigate" the Hawaii strike porations off their rights as well apon request from the Hawaiian as their living standards.

smear the strike as a "communist to arbitrate the issues, coupled strategem." The revival of deportation proceedings against ILWU President Harry Bridges unload ships with scabs - all was also timed to aid the Hawaiian employers.

Corporation propaganda is designed to arouse islanders to a frenzied pitch against the union and the strike. They have organized a "Citizen's Action Committee." They issue appeals for clunteers to "physically do the unloading now." They piously claim to favor "good" unions but never explain what a "good" union is. The workers of the island are not being fooled.

The union's demand of 32c. an hour wage increase would bring its rate to within 10c. of the U.S. West Coast longshore scale. In the past few years West Coast longshoremen have obtained several wage increases. The Hawaiian longshoremen were out of work in sympathy with the West Coast strikes, but at the time no demands were pressed to raise their wages too. The inflated prices in the islands, which are even higher than on the mainland, have so aroused the longshoremen that their leadership has been compelled to lead a struggle for wage increases. The employers countered the 32c. demand with a 12c. offer that would still leave a 30c. differential with West Coast longshoremen. The union turned this down.

Describing how the corporations entrenched themselves, missionaries years ago, pointed while with the other hand they took our land away." Now the Hawaiian workers are fighting to.

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elements: Mrs. Braddock, M.P., inside the Labor Party; in fact,

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We need not repeat that the hounding and firing of federal workers solely because of their beliefs violates their constitutional rights; that the purge procedures are dictatorial and set aside the most elementary judicial safeguards; that over two million employees are being intimidated by this thought control apparatus; and that the government witch-hunt sets the pattern for similar drives against state, county and city workers. All these aspects of the purge have become fairly well known and aroused condemnation from the AFL, CIO and most organizations and individuals concerned with defending civil rights.

But not so much prominence has been given to the ways and means by which Truman's loyalty program serves as a cover for promoting racial discrimination and delivers another weapon into the hands of the race-baiters.

First of all, the execution of this thought control machinery has been entrusted to highlyplaced government officials who are not only subservient careerists and political appointees but also in many cases come from the Southern states. Since the proceedings of the purge are completely secret and take place behind closed doors, these Dixiecrat-minded persecutors feel relieved of restraint and can permit their prejudices full play.

For example, James Wechsler reported in the N. Y. Post that the following was one of the questions asked by members of the Fourth Regional Loyalty Board in Washington, D. C., at the hearing of a 24-year-old woman employee.
"The Commission has information to the effect that you frequently stated that the white and colored races should intermarry and you would not mind marrying a colored man yourself. Do you deny making that statement?"

To such reactionaries any advocacy of racial equality or criticism of Jim Crow becomes equivalent to "sedition" and provides ground for discharge from a government job. Hundreds of people have been placed under suspicion as "subversive" and hauled up before Loyalty Boards because of their real or alleged participation in anti-Jim Crow struggles.

The butstanding outrage of this kind is the case of the 29 U.S. Post Office Department employees with headquarters in Cleveland who are now engaged in defending their rights and jobs against the purgers. Of the 29 under suspension, 20 are either Negroes or Jews. Several past branch presidents of the NAACP, notably in Brooklyn, Santa Monica and Cleveland, have been singled out as victims of the government witch-

Both as American citizens and as an oppressed minority, the Negro people already have ample cause for demanding a halt to this undemocratic purge and 'extending support to its victims, including the legless veteran James Kutcher, whose court fight will test the legality of the entire

## Socialized Medicine V —

## British Medicine

- By Grace Carlson

**Hook Finds a Friend** 

By Joseph Keller

Chief propaganda target of the opponents of a compulsory health insurance plan in the United States is the British National Health Service, now a year old. Like most other state divisions of the American Medical Association, the Minnesota section is supplying its doctor members with ammunition to bombard their patients.

A friend of mine recently received a six-page leaflet entitled, "John Bull's Medical Binge." Under a cartoon of a crippled John Bull, the patient reads:

"Intoxicated by promises of free medical care, England is now suffering from a billion dollar hangover. Let's not put a government label on our medical system!" But the devastating effect that this propaganda was supposed to have was completely nullified by the fact that it was enclosed with a doctor bill that my friend had been trying to pay off for several months!

In England, there are no doctors', dentists' or hospital bills any more for the vast majority of the population. Not a true system of socialized medicine - certainly not a rounded and adequate medical program — nationalized medicine in England has nevertheless succeeded in wiping out one of the main obstacles to good medical care, the doctor's bill. And under the British National Health Service, millions of English workers and their families have received more medical care in the past twelve months than in

the previous twelve years. Previous to July 5, 1948, when the National Health Service Act went into effect, some 20,-000,000 workers in England and Wales had been covered by a panel system which entitled them to the care of a general practitioner. For this, they paid approximately ten cents a week - a sum which was matched by their employers.

Under the National Health Service, some 47,-

The witch-hunt against academic freedom in

schools and colleges has its liberal and intellec-

tual apologists and advocates, chief of whom is

Sidney Hook, head of the Philosophy Department

of New York University and a contributing edi-

tor of the Social Democratic New Leader, Last

Feb. 27, the N. Y. Times Magazine featured

Hook's article which has become the hand-book

of "liberal" arguments for barring "communists"

Hook considers himself the chief disciple of

John Dewey, the country's most respected edu-

cator and a life-long fighter for academic free-

dom. As reported in last week's Militant, Prof.

Dewey's letter in the June 21 N. Y. Times took

sharp issue with those, like Hook, who propose

to place political restrictions on teachers and

professors. In essence, Prof. Dewey repudiated

But if Hook's proposed restrictions on academic

freedom are disavowed by his eminent teacher,

they have won praise from a different quarter

- namely, Frank B. Ober. Ober is the Baltimore

lawyer who headed the committee that drafted

the Ober Bill which became law in Maryland last

March. The Ober Bill is the most far-reaching

and victous law against civil rights now on the

statute books of any state government. It not

only requires a "loyalty" oath by all public em-

ployees and teachers, but makes membership in

any "subversive" organization a felony subject

As an alumnus of Harvard Law School, Ober

recently wrote Dr. James B. Conant, Harvard

president, that he would not subscribe to the Law

School Fund because of the university's "appar-

ent attitude. . . toward extra-curricular activities.

of professors giving aid and comfort to com-

to \$10,000 fine and 20 years in jail.

the position of his most publicized disciple.

from teaching posts.

500,000 English men, women and children are enrolled - 95% of the population. Twenty-one thousand family doctors (90% of all general practitioners) work under the plan, in addition to some 5,000 specialists. There are 10,000 dentists enrolled; 5,000 optometrists and opticians and 14,-000 druggists. .

Here is how the English plan works: First, politicians, but that it was Humphrey, Douglas and other the individual chooses a doctor from among those dominated by the "wrong" kind capitalist politicians who know registered under the plan; then, he receives a of capitalist politicians. Because how to get votes by sweet talk medical identity card from this doctor, who be- they thought everything would on the race question? Yet Truman gins to collect \$3.40 per year from the governe turn out all right if enough never lifted a finger to help the ment for that patient, regardless of how many times he has seen him.

to medical attention at the doctor's office or at telegrams instead of mass action happens to be a member of the the patient's home. The doctor gives prescrip- and determined struggle to put NAACP Board of Directors) took tions for medicine and the druggist fills them without charge. If the services of a specialist are needed or if X-rays or laboratory tests are required, the general practitioner may order them without charge to the patient.

Hospitalization is provided - without charge - in one of the 2,957 hospitals which the Minister are aided and abetted by their made. of Health took over last July. Glasses, hearing aids, and dentures are also provided free of charge. For all of this, the working man has approximately 15 cents per week deducted from his pay check. The rest of the cost is borne by general taxes.

What the British National Health Service has done for the British people - and what it has failed to do - will be discussed in future ar-Association to the contrary notwithstanding, the on political action. By refusing is also outdated and inadequate. ticles in this series. But the American Medical failures of British nationalized medicine are not to take a stand against the elec- Lobbying is all right, but it due to a lack of private enterprise, but to an ex-

by one Prof. Ciardi at a so-called 'Progressive'

rally for funds to fight laws directed at com-

On the question of academic freedom involved,

other than - Sidney Hook. The author of Mary-

"As to academic freedom, I agree with Hook

Ober's reference to Hook did not impress Dr.

Conant. The latter wrote Ober that Harvard

would not change its traditional position on aca-

demic freedom and the "extracurricular activities

of its professors." He stated that he had asked

Grenville Clark, senior member of the Harvard

Clark's reply pointed out that to decide what

meetings a professor might or might not attend

Corporation, to answer Ober in detail.

land's notorious "subversive" law wrote:

Magazine debate. . . "

## THE MILITANT

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## Vital Issues Face Delegates At NAACP 40th Conference

By Albert Parker

All fighters for Negro equality | members of Congress act as if Los Angeles July 12. Because NAACP member. this conference, by what it does

end of the war.

have a big stake in the 40th an- the Dixiecrats had won last year's nual conference of the National election. Understanding why this Association for the Advancement | happened and what can be done of Colored People, beginning in about it is the duty of every

Hopes were high and there was or fails to do, can help to decide much rejoicing among the leaderif there will be progress in the ship of the NAACP after the struggle against Jim Crow dur- Democratic victory last Noveming the coming year, or more of ber. Walter White decided to the disappointments and setbacks postpone the year's leave of abthat the Negro people and their sence he had been granted and allies have experienced since the concentrated on efforts to push through the civil rights bills The passage of civil rights promised by both capitalist parlegislation is one of the NAACP's ties. Tens of thousands of NAACP main objectives. But all the dele- dollars were spent on telegrams gates know that absolutely no and letters and trips to congressheadway was made in this field men. The policy favored by the during the entire life of the 81st NAACP leadership was given a Congress and that, in fact, the fair test, and proved to be futile.

## **New Political Program Needed**

Why? Because their whole ap- | political representatives, who inproach to the problem was wrong. | clude "liberal" Democrats and Because Walter White and his Republicans as well as Dixiecrats. colleagues felt the trouble with Remember how jubilant most of the 80th Congress was not that the Negro leaders and press were it was dominated by capitalist about the election of Truman, "liberal" capitalist politicians fight against the filibuster, and were elected. And finally, be- the super-liberals (Humphrey, The medical identity card entitles the patient cause they relied on words and Douglas and Wayne Morse, who pressure on Congress.

unless compelled to. In this they ticians, no lasting gains can be

the lead in beating down anti-But the truth is that the segregation amendments to the capitalist class benefits from the housing and education bills in maintenance of the Jim Crow the Senate. As long as any consystem, and will not give it up fidence is placed in such poli-

## How to Win Civil Rights

right if you keep one hand tied the "non-partisan" policy. behind you. But that is just the position the NAACP is in beinfluence them to do the right the stable after the horse is

Specifically, Ober cited the activities of two Harvard professors. One was "an appeal made weakens its political effectivemunism proposed by a Maryland commission of ness. The thing that has to be which I was chairman." The other "is, of course, done now is for the NAACP to the New York peace meeting of which Prof. Shapget together with organizations ley was chairman." Ober protested Harvard's refusal to oust, professors Ciardi and Shapley and any others who might attend meetings that "not a political movement — but a criminal con-Ober, the professional witch-hunter, did not lack "liberal" authority for his own views, citing none work for a living.

as against Meiklejohn in the recent N. Y. Times the governing. The 40th NAACP NAACP National Office.

Fighting Jim Crow is a poli- | conference can take the first step tical job, and it cannot be done in this direction by discarding The "polite" mehod of trying

to persuade the capitalist policause of its "non-partisan" policy ticians to pass civil rights bills tion of politicians hostile to the cannot achieve much unless it is struggle for Negro equality, the backed up by rank and file mili-NAACP permits them to get into tant action. There is nothing office. Then, after they have come wrong in letters to congressmen power, the NAACP tries to either. But if you want to put pressure on a congressman you can do it a hundred times more effectively if you let him know that five or ten thousand people The NAACP is in politics in his district had held a mass whether it likes it or not, and demonstration at which they failure to recognize this fact only | threatened to run him out of Congress if he didn't vote for the bills they want enacted.

A proposal for the NAACP to undertake such militant activity having similar goals, which means has already been submitted to the the trade union movement conference in the form of a "encourage communism," which Ober defined as especially, and set up a new poli- resolution from the New Britain, tical party, democratically run Conn., branch (printed in the June and dedicated to taking political Crisis, along with other branch power away from the representa- resolutions). Pointing out that the tives of the capitalists and plac- present Congress has offered ing it in the hands of the repre- "nothing but procrastination and sentatives of the workers, the filibuster," it asks the conference Negro people and the others who to call for "a special session of Congress this summer to give Such a party would be a Labor ample time for action on all civil Party, and its goal would be a rights bills not enacted at the Workers and Farmers Govern- time of adjournment." This timely ment, under which there will be demand has been raised by other no exploitation of labor and op- NAACP branches and trade union pression of minorities because bodies. It also appears to have labor and the minorities will do the tentative support of the

## Mass Action in Washington, D. C.

must logically lead to a "university licensing board," to censorship of radio speeches and writings and finally to moves to "restrict, censor and discipline the students also." If Harvard went down the Ober road, Clark said, "it would, I think, not require six months to destroy the morale of both our teachers and students" and "make a mockery of a long tradition of Harvard freerights bills."

> That is an example of the kind of activity the NAACP must carry on if it intends to get civil rights laws passed. Eight years wave of enthusiastic struggle by same; it can strike fear into the and force real concessions from ington and elsewhere.

way of knowing the attitude of gathered in assembly? to recall, however, that last accurately be called democratic as well as in solidarity, the different. "We went into the pool

Another provision in the New | year's conference unanimously Britain resolution is at least as adapted a resolution directing the important as the call for a special national office to call a conference session of Congress. It askes the of all Negro organizations to annual conference to "instruct its inaugurate a nation-wide mass executive officers to convene a campaign against Jim Crow in united Negro and labor con- the armed forces. No action could hunt raging against the civil ference, representing Negro and be taken on the resolution until rights of the American people. labor organizations in all parts the Board of Directors had taken of the country, to meet in Wash- it up in the fall and decided ington simultaneously with the whether or not it approved. It so special session of Congress to happened that the Board did ap- favor with the authorities by press for the passage of the civil prove that resolution, but nothing was ever done about it anyway.

This raises a vital question, not only about any resolutions the conference may vote for, but about the entire structure and internal life of the NAACP. Whatever excuse there may have been for having an all-powerful Board of Directors in the early the Negro people and their allies. years of the organization, there Today the NAACP can do the certainly is none now. What good is there, really, in having conhearts of the capitalist politicians ferences if the delegates elected and harder for the Negro people front page: "NEGROES MENby the branches cannot have the them by mobilizing the people for final say on the policies of the action on a mass scale in Wash- NAACP? Why should the Board seriously weaken its own appeals MOB ACTION." The story said: of Directors have greater autho- for support from white workers "The Negro man, Nathaniel Lee

Jim Crow Violence



Knocked to the ground by youths armed with clubs, a young Negro is about to be kicked in the head at a St. Louis swimming pool. Young white hoodlums attacked Negro youths who took seriously an order lifting Jim Crow in the city's public pools. Mayor Darst immediately reinstated the illegal segregation policy, despite NAACP protests.

We criticize Congress - with | the cold when it comes to justification - when a small determining policy. minority assumes the power to hold up or countermand decisions question of how the Board of by the majority. Why should the Directors is chosen. Most organ-NAACP permit within its own izations elect their executive circles the same practices it boards at their conventions, but condemns elsewhere? This leads the NAACP still employ a clumsy to the jibe so often heard, that system of electing its board by the NAACP wants democracy referendum, and only a part of everywhere in the country - the board each year. While supexcept inside the NAACP itself. porters of this method claim it Even worse, it demoralizes the is democratic, the fact is that it rank and file members and dis- permits the board to be virtually courages them from greater ac- hand-picked by the national oftivity by making them feel they fice because of the dismally small

Related to this problem is the are welcome when it comes to number of members who pardoing work, but they are out in ticipate in the referendum voting.

## Internal Life of the Organization

Efforts to correct the situation | NAACP should take a bold stand inspire and arouse the Negro will come before the conference against the witch-hunters. as the result of resolutions sub- Finally, there is the question mitted by the South Bend, Ind., of what attitude to take to the leadership to meet the needs of and Jamaica, N. Y., These proposals deserve the most careful consideration by the delegates for the plain and simple reason that in addition to working out good policies, they must also take steps to see that the policies are carried out by the NAACP leadership in the spirit intended.

Several other important resoluof these is the Jamaica resolution against the . Marshall Plan and the Atlantic Pact, which it correctly calls devices to permit the European nations to continue to hold their empires and help finance the armies which failed to open June 20, as continue the oppression of the scheduled, when some of the white African people and other life-guards refused to comply colonials.'

The NAACP is the most inthe world. It thus bears a heavy demnation of the Atlantic Pact and Marshall Plan and the adoption of a forthright program to help the oppressed people of Africa, Asia and elsewhere to achieve full, immediate and unconditional independence.

Another issue requiring action by the conference is the witchwhite and colored. Some Negro leaders think they can evade this issue and maybe curry a little refusing to take a stand on any civil rights cases which do not plainly involve race discrimination. Such a view is short-sighted as well as criminal.

When democratic rights in general are curtailed - as is happening at the thought control trial of the Communist Party 22, several Negroes went to alleaders in New York and in the most every city pool as part of victimization of James Kutcher, the NAACP campaign. The Vinthe Socialist Workers Party leg- dicator, still trying to provoke less veteran. - it becomes harder violence, ran a headline on the to protect their own rights. ACED, PARK POOL CLOSED -Moreover, the NAACP would MAN, 2 BOYS AND GIRL FACE As this is written, there is no rity than the chosen delegates for Negro struggles if it would and three Negro children were refuse to give support to white threatened by 'an accident' by 100

NAACP leadership warns, has the 40th conference, we of The made capture of the NAACP a | Militant and the Socialist Workmajor target since the well- ers Party offer our best wishes deserved death of their National Negro Congress.

Leon Trotsky, the great Marx- wherever it exists.

as "the syphilis of the labor movement" - and the same term could be used to describe its effect on Negro and other movements. In every organization the Stalinists are guided by a rule-orruin policy. Whatever they do is determined not by the interests of the working class they claim to represent, but by the interests of the dictatorial Stalinist bureaucracy in the Soviet Union.

When it suits the foreign policy of Stalin, they put on a show of militancy in the fight against Jim Crow, as they are doing today.

But when Stalin's line changes, as it did during the recent war, then you will find the Stalinists advising the Negro people to "subordinate" and "postpone" the struggle for equality. What makes them particularly insidious is that they know how to misuse for their own purposes such popular issues as the resentment against Dr. W. E. B. DuBois' dismissal from his NAACP post, how to exploit the just grievances of the Negro rank and file and how to take advantage of the weaknesses and cowardice of conservative Negro

So far the NAACP has wisely abstained from the shameful practice of "loyalty" oaths and political witch-hunts against its own members, and it has reason to be proud of this. The way to fight the Stalinists and defeat them is not by expulsion or political discriminaiton but by exposing their record of betrayals and countering their program with a superior program for the Negro .struggle.

The problems facing the NAACP and the Negro people are complex, but they can be solved. The NAACP does not have much of a future if it limits itself to serving as a legal aid society and confines its major activity to battles in the courts, necessary as these are. It does have a bright and glorious future if it will seize the opportunities knocking at its door, map out a program of struggle that will people and their allies, and adjust its internal structure and Communist Party which, as the this struggle. To the delegates of for success and our collaboration in the fight to destroy Jim Crow

## YOUNGSTOWN PAPER INCITES tions have been introduced. One of these is the Jamaica resolu-

YOUNGSTOWN, June 25-For the last week Youngstown's only daily paper, the Vindicator, has been systematically trying to incite race hatred and violence.

The city's swimming pools with the Park Board's new policy requiring them to work in the one fluential colored organization in pool set aside by custom for Negroes only. The Vindicator mate of several of the kids there. responsibility to Negro and seized this opportunity to print and he chatted with them and colonial peoples everywhere, a race-hating editorial against had a good time." No one which it can discharge only by non-segregated swimming, inacting against imperialism and sisting that the Board's decision all its methods of subjugation. "could only be interpreted as Specifically, that calls for con- giving public sanction to the attempt to force both races to out of here within half or an swim together." Assailing the Buckeye Review, a Negro weekly, and the Intergroup Goodwill Council, the editorial threatened, "If trouble develops at the swimming pools because of what is done in secret to bring about mixed swimming, the fault will be with these people."

In a paid advertisement printed on the Vindicator's financial page, the NAACP denounced the editorial for "attempting with cunning adroitness to stir up riots swim at their nearest neighborand general disturbances" and promised the NAACP would "use paign is getting the cooperation every means at its command of the labor movement. Locals financially and morally to combat this insidious propaganda."

A DIFFERENT REPORT

When the nools opened on June

about 3:40 P.M. and had no trouble whatever in purchasing tickets. . . We stayed in the pool about an hour without being molested by anybody. The boy who was with me was a schoolthreatened them, Lee said, except "three men who came from outside in their street clothes' and told him, "You get your gang hour or else I'm going to drown you." When Lee told a policeman about this, the pool was closed. "There were about 200 people there who had come out of the pool: Nobody made any move of violence against me, or the children with me."

In spite of the Vindicator's inflammatory comments, no "incidents" have occurred at any of the pools, although the NAACP is requesting all Negroes to hood pool. The NAACP's cam-1330 and 1462, CIO United Steelworkers, voted full support to the NAACP in "its fight to abolish all forms of segregation" and asked all union members to protect the Negro race in its right to use all public facilities."

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## **Notes from the News**

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES - Among other eye-opening practices of the FBI disclosed in current trials it has been revealed that FBI agents offered a \$200 bribe to a former employee of Alger Hiss if he would get them a typewriter they wanted for their case.

WEAR AND TEAR - Under the new rent regulations, a greater number of children causing greater "wear and tear" on a dwelling may now be grounds for granting higher rent to the landlord

PROTESTS BRING RESULTS - The New Jersey Supreme Court has ordered a new trial for the six Trenton Negroes condemned to the chair in the notorious Northern Scottsboro case.

NO WONDER DEPARTMENT - Judge Holtzoff, whose decision upheld the government purge (see story on Page 1), was an official of the

Department of Justice for 21 years before his appointment to the bench and a legal adviser to FBI Boss Hoover.

dom for both its students and its faculties."

AS GOOD AS SENATORS - Following square- ago the March On Washington ly the footsteps of the U.S. Senate, the House of Movement, by threatening to use Representatives has also defeated amendments to such methods, unleashed a great bar segregation in federal housing.

\* \* \* INCREASE IN STRIKES - More strikes -450 - began in May, 1949, than in any month since the spring of 1947, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports. This compared with 400 in April. Man-days lost in May were 3,200,000 against 1,800,000 in April.

\* \* \* \* , ADA EXECUTIVE - Charles M. LaFollette, liberal Republican and ex-Congressman, last week the national NAACP leadership Such a set-up can be called by victims of the ruling class that to 1000 white swimmers." began full-time work for Americans for Demo- to this proposal. It is necessary any other name, but it can never oppresses both. In self-interest Mr. Lee's account was totally cratic Action as its national director.