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LABOR PARTY IS WAY TO FIGHT 1

Defend Civil Rights of All, **Dobbs Urges Conference**

NEW YORK, July 7 - The Communist Party, "with its anti-democratic policy of refusing to defend the rights of opposition political tendencies," must be prevented from "imposing its untenable position" upon the Conference to Defend the Bill of Rights,

warned Farrell Dobbs, national chairman of the Socialist Work- 16-17 Conference to Defend the the majority are in disagreeers Party, in a letter today to Bill of Rights. We agree with the ment." Paul J. Kern, acting chairman of declaration in the Conference Call the conference, scheduled for July that "Free speech, free press. July 16-17 conference will suc-16-17 at the Henry Hudson Hotel freedom of religion and assem- ceed in mobilizing a broad labor

victims of the witch-hunt must be defended, regardless of their political beliefs.'

the June 25 Conference For Civil New York City" for their refusal to support the pardon campaign of the 18 Trotskyists convicted in 1941 under the same Smith Act under which the Communist Party leaders are now on trial, and for their refusal to defend James Kutcher, a legless veteran fired from his clerical job in the Veterans Administration because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

Dobbs asked that an SWP spokesman be included on the ganizations, whose members speakers' list at the July 16-17 would be unconstitutionally deconference. He also called for prived of the right to employment "fair representation on the re- in the New York state public as undemocratic and fraudulent solutions committee and all other school system. conference committees" for all participating organizations.

The full text of Dobb's letter Paul J. Kern, Acting Chairman

Conference to Defend the Bill of 11 West 42 Street, Suite 822 New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kern: pledges its full support to the Party, Workers Party, Industrial

bership meeting yesterday

this city on his western tour.

his case and showed how they

affect the rights of all work-

ers. As Kutcher started to leave

the platform via a set of narrow

Longshoremen Back Kutcher

sharply rebuffed the slanders of the Stalinists at a mem-

and voted to give active aid to torial was a defense of anti-

James Kutcher, the legless vet- communist, anti-labor stool pi-

eran and victim of the govern- geons, that the SWP advocated

ment purge who is now visiting informing against communists,

meeting by Local 10 President At this point his speech ended.

gave him complete attention and because the membership refused

steps, a number of men jumped in his speech had called for the

up and motioned him to the front defense of the eleven Stalinists

of the platform. Kutcher sat on trial in New York and also

down and hung his artificial in defense of Harry Bridges.)

limbs over the platform, then Others cried, "Sit down, you

two men picked him up bodily phony!" "Shame!" and so forth.

broke into enthusiastic applause to hear him further.

after he described the issues in STILL NOT SATISFIED

Kutcher was introduced to the pigeons, agents of the boss, etc.

Kearney. The meeting Not because he had finished, but

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30 - Local 10 of the CIO

The conference "must scrupul- only to those with whom we sition to the witch-hunt now ragously observe in its own ranks agree. They have meaning only ing in this country. Never was the democratic principles it seeks where they apply also to minority there greater need for united to defend," Dobbs declared. "All and dissident groups with whom

bly have no meaning if they apply and liberal united front in oppo-(Continued on page 2)

The Regents' letter to the SWP

declares that a special committee

oral argument or file a memoran-

But the nature of this "hearing"

indicates that it will be every bit

as the widely-condemned method

followed by Clark in compiling

dum, or both.

his own blacklist.

DIRECT VIOLATIONS

absolutely no sanction in law.

He denounced "the Communist NEW YORK REGENTS STAGE Party delegates who dominated and Human Rights held by the Civil Rights Congress here in

NEW YORK, July 5 — The Socialist Workers Party today announced receipt of a letter from the New York Board of Regents, stating that the Regents will hold a "hearing" in Albany July 4 "to 9-

determine what organizations are | tionalist Party of Puerto Rico. subversive" within the terms of the Feinberg Act.

This repressive measure, which of Regents will hold a "hearing" was signed by Governor Dewey at which a representative of the last spring, provides for a black- SWP may appear to make an list of so-called "subversive" or-

The Regents are now preparing such a list, and have under initial consideration five organizations designated as "subversive" by Attorney General Clark. The five, who were never given a public hearing or a bill of particulars or an opportunity to depolitical blacklist, are the Social-The Socialist Workers Party ist Workers Party, Communist

aims and objectives of the July Workers of the World and Na-

that all Trotskyists were stool

One member called, "Have you

no shame, to attack a man when

he wants to help you?" (Kutcher

The noise drowned out the speak-

er. He sat down to a chorus of

A voice vote in favor of the

whelmingly-but still the Stalin-

Local 10 is Harry Bridges

The organizations are thus put in the position of being considered guilty until they prove their in-Stalinist Hacks Rebuffed As cepted and traditional American

This is like bringing a man to trial on a murder charge; refusing to inform him when the mur-International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union ings as a fair hearing.

Without in any way conceding the MAIN EMPHASIS legality of such procedure or the constitutionality of the Feinberg Act, the Socialist Workers Party today announced that it will be meetings of the top Reutherites. represented at the session of the The whole emphasis at these special Regents committee in Al- meetings was on how to increase bany by its national chairman. Farrell Dobbs, who will defend the SWP and academic freedom against this latest attack of the speedup, wages, the Reutherites witch-hunters.



Reuther Seeks Tighter Rule at UAW Convention

cused organizations no bill of vention a series of constitutional said, the following amendments particulars to answer. All they amendments to strengthen his all at variance with the tradifend themselves against Clark's say is that the organizations have burezucratic hold on the union tional democratic constitutional been designated as "subversive" and silence any opposition to his practices of the UAW: by Clark-a designation that has reactionary policies.

The basic program of the Reuther machine, according to reports from Detroit, would give nocence-in direct violation of ac- new and unprecedented powers to the Reuther - controlled Interna tional Executive Board to "disci pline" local unions, their officers

Reuther, who is in a bloc with der took place or where or how the reactionary priest - ridden or even who the victim was; or- Association of Catholic Trade dering the man to prove that hel Unionists, is also said to be is not guilty; and then having seeking to lengthen the time bethe nerve to label such proceed- tween conventions and to raise the membership dues.

This program, it is reported, was drafted at closed caucus the machine's power. On the vital questions of unemployment, spent little or no time.

Walter Reuther is planning to | The convention's constitution | local charter, take over the con-In the first place, the Regents push through the forthcoming committee, controlled by the trol of any local and suspend any -like Clark-have given the ac- CIO United Auto Workers con- Reutherites, will introduce, it is officers of the local.

MORE POWER FOR TOPS

1. Empower the UAW top officers to take over the supervision of a local union without first bringing charges against and suspending the local officers or requiring the international executive board to formally revoke he local's charter.

2. Authorize the immediate ssuance of a new charter coverng the same jurisdiction when charter is revoked.

3. Give to the international he property of any local whose charter is revoked.

4. Give the international exccutive board power to prefer attitude to the corporations, his charges against a local union failure to fight the speedup and member, to set up its own trial committee which, by a two-thirds vote, can find a member guilty and penalize him, with no appeal except to the next convention.

executive board, by two-thirds evoking outspoken disapproval in

In addition to these dictatorial powers against local unions. their officers and members, the Reutherites are also proposing an amendment to make it more difficult to change the top officers and UAW policy by providing for a convention every two years, instead of every year.

OPPOSITION EXPECTED

This latter proposal, as well as the one to raise dues from \$1.50 to \$2 a month which was the chief topic of discussion at the top Reutherite caucus meeting, had been repeatedly and overwhelmingly defeated at previous UAW convention.

Behind these new bureaucration amendments is Reuther's desire to silence critics of his "soft" his miserable settlement of the recent Ford strike.

Despite Reuther's grip on the union, his constitutional proposals are expected to meet with opposi-5. Permit the international tion at the convention. They are vote, to suspend or revoke any wide sections of the union.

Taft's Victory Shows Folly Of Depending on Democrats

By Art Preis

labor bill and its adoption of Taft's 28 "improvements" on the Taft-Hartley Act, the Democratic Party's pledge to repeal the Slave Labor Law has

gone up in smoke. The Trumanites have given up even the pretense of a fight, promising only to return to the issue-in two years. Thus, so far as the workers are concerned, the Democratic triumph of last November has gained them nothing.

The outcome of the Taft-Hartley fight climaxes the swift and utter rout of the Democrats in the 81st Congress—a Congress in which they are the majority. This fact alone should call for the most sober re-evaluation by the union leaders of their present political policies and their projection of a fresh and bold program as the next step for organized labor.

Unfortunately, both the AFL and CIO leaders have responded to the greatest blow dealt labor by the 81st Congress with the same old routine answers. They show they have learned nothing from the devastating experiences of the past weeks and monthsand, indeed, that they don't want by union leaders like Murray

THEIR "EXPLANATIONS"

The only "explanation" they offer for the Trumanite debacle a few "traitors" in the Demowith the Republicans. What was lacking was a few more "good" Democrats. From this they conclude, as CIO President Philip Murray does in the current CIO capitalist political "friends of capitalist class the Democ Democrats.

The "explanation" for the defeat of the Trumanites offered

With the Senate's rejection of Truman's "compromise"

Ad Profits Show **Who Control Press**

Who controls the daily press

in America? The answer is clearly indicated in a survey recently sent newspaper executives by the Bureau of Advertising, an offshoot of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. The survey revealed that newspaper revenues from advertising rose to \$389,261,000 in 1948, an increase of \$32,000,000 over the previous year. Most of the advertising revenue, major source of newspaper profits, comes from big business firms. Advertising took 60% of newspaper space last year. Advertising money spoke in the other 40% of space occupied by news and editorial matter.

evades any honest answer to the decisive question: How does it happen that the Democratic Party, with control of the administration and Congress and on Taft-Hartley is that there are armed with the powerful mandate of the American voters, has cratic Party who ganged up gone down so speedily before the onslaught of the avowed enemies of labor?

ROLE OF TRUMANITES

Contrary to the claims of the News, that "there can be only Trumanite union leaders, the one answer—the full exercise by Democratic Party and Truman the people of their democratic never put up a serious fight for rights at the polls in November unconditional repeal of the Taft-1950." By this Murray means Hartley Act-and never intended labor must spend more money to. As a capitalist party, serving and energy to elect even more the fundamental interests of the labor" -- particularly Truman Party seeks to tie labor to the capitalist state. Truman's differences with the Republicans

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ANTI-UNION, ANTI-JEWISH BIAS IN PURGE OF NLRB

"Anti-New Dealism, anti-unionism and some religious faith other than Jewish" are the qualifications for trial examiners in the NLRB, Interstate Commerce Commission,

Federal Power Commission and other government agencies, ac- NLRB examiners, 21 of whom cording to lawyers representing were disqualified, although none some of the 54 trial examiners appointed by NLRB General purged three months ago by a special six-man screening board set up by the Civil Service Commission.

of Manufacturers and the Amerrican Bar Association, was designed to clean out any trial examiner suspected of even the leanings. Hardest hit were the

Counsel Denham were touched. Heading the screening board

as chairman is Carl McFarland. currently counsel for the NAM The purge, which was instig- against the Lobby Registration ated by the National Association Act, who has represented big dairy interests before the Agricultural Department. Two other board members who, determine qualifications of examiners in slightest impartiality or liberal cases involving big corporations are Willis Smith and Joseph Henderson, both past presidents of the American Bar Association.

'IMPARTIAL" JUDGES

Smith is a member of the Raleigh, North Carolina law firm that represents the wealthy Southern Railway, which is vitally concerned in decisions of ICC examiners. His firm also represents the International Paper Company, interested in the Federal Power Commission decisions, and Armour meat-packing company, which has many cases benected with the Philadelphia law firm that has represented Republic Steel, the Southern Steamship Company and the Berkshire Knitting mills in appeals from NLRB decisions.

It takes no imagination to see why this board carried out a purge of trial examiners and what standards it would set up for such examiners. It is especially clear why the NLRB examiners, who hear labor cases, were given the most complete house-cleaning.

The purge was so raw, however, that the volume of protests forced the screening board to reinstate some of those disqualified, with the claim that these disqualifications resulted from "clerical errors" or "mistaken identities,"

U.S. Economy Skids Sharply enough, it happens to be the fact at the rate of 21/2 points a week, authorities gloomily concede that that the mounting tide of un-

By John G. Wright

conomic Pollyannas staked evsaid. These self-deceived indi-thus, may be near." viduals have now yielded place, in the capitalist press, to a dif- DECLINE DEEPENS ferent type of economic foredays of Hoover.

Local 10 had previously en- lowers now as in 1943 when he pretends to "see bottom" to the of such bellwether industries as current "dip"-also just around steel. the corner. From the breeziest After the meeting everybody that there will be no "deep simistic. Expert after expert was talking about the Kutcher slump" this year. Naturally, rushed to predict that steel

> And what are the grounds for In the last six weeks, however, In May it stood at 174 as against youngsters futilely seeking jobs. Iull them into a false feeling of this fake optimism? Incredibly ingot output has been skidding the peak of 195 and the FRB But it is equally unquestionable security.

> that this country's economy has dropping by the end of June to for June it will be "around 170," employment is engulfing layer When earlier this year the nosedived in the last two months below 80% capacity as against with a similar drop ahead for after new layer of workers in erything on an imaginary abruptly than anyone had ex- year. The sharpest drop of all spring upturn," they at least pected! Since the drop has been came in the week of July 2 and

In industry after industry the caster last heard from in the estimated decline by midyear from the 1948 peak has been If the original Hoover-type from 15 to 20%, with the moforecaster unfailingly saw "pros- mentum becoming accentuated as perity around the corner," then the weeks roll on. Steepest of all

thorities as the weekly Business ago that steel output might fall despite mounting large-scale liq-Week or the National City Bank to 75% of capacity by year's uidation. of New York, they all assure end, he was deemed unduly pes-Truman and his brain-trusters would "never"-but never-drop below 75% this year.

- May and June - far more 102% in the first quarter of this July. believed what they so, wrongly so steep, they say, "the bottom, it is publicly conceded that this "dip" will continue, and may go "as low" as 60% by the end of the year.

With the basic sectors of industry skidding so steeply, it is hardly surprising to find similar conditions in other fields. Re- families are experiencing it on slackening of the current rate of tail sales keep sliding off, with their backs and bones. Joblessthe New York stores, the biggest ness and cut-backs in the work the same phony optimist today has been the downward plunge and best situated, averaging declines of 10% throughout June. Orders of manufacturers are ad-When Weir of National Steel mittedly at least 15% below last

economy as a whole. The Federal Reserve index has been dropping ranks of unemployed are now

ALREADY IN PROCESS

an economic crisis of major proportions is already in process. Large sections of the working population have litle doubt about part in the spread of joblessness. t inasmuch as they and their week are assuming astronomical proportions, reminiscent of what appened in the last depression. Official unemployment figures, tored of all, now admit to some

industry and trade. On top of "normal" developments, technological unemployment, as These official figures, doctored new equipment and new processes as they are, constitute proof that are brought into operation amid fore the NLRB. Henderson is congrowing competition for con-

which are the most highly doc- steeper. In these circumstances, four million jobless, ascribing the wishful guesses, but constitute This steep decline is naturally recent increases—a seven-year attempts at deliberate deception. reflected in the statistics for the high-primarily to the influx of Organized workers, above all,

decline, they could legitimately be construed as favorable indications of a future trend. But just the contrary happens right now to be the case. The decline is tending to become steeper and optimistic forecasts are not even "school-agers." Assuredly the should bear this in mind. Such

stricting markets, is beginning

to play an increasingly prominent

If there were some signs of

at a monthly rate of 5 points, being swelled by swarms of lies are intended primarily to

The pro-Stalinist committee-

man began his attack by refer- case. One comment bears repeatring to an editorial on the Eisler ing: "The Stalinists sure did a pipe the same cheerful tune. case in the March 29, 1947 job tonight-not on Kutcher, but Militant. He claimed this edi- on themselves."

A motion was made to donate \$50 to the Kutcher Civil Rights \$50 donation was carried over-

and set him on the floor.

"HAVE YOU NO SHAME?"

Committee, which is handling his fight for reinstatement. After ists were not satisfied. They dethe maker of the motion spoke, manded a standing vote. This well-known committeeman, time they were crushed. Out of noted for his slavish adherence more than 2,500 present, about to the CP line, took the mike twelve voted against Kutcher! and launched into a vicious attack against Kutcher and the home local. Bridges sat on the Trotskyists, along the same lines platform with Kutcher, but he as they have done last Sunday said nothing despite the beating at the Stalinist-dominated Con- his followers took on the union ference Against Thought Control, floor-or perhaps because of it. where Kutcher had also spoken. He does not have as many fol-

dorsed the Kutcher defense attacked the 18 leaders of the movement, but at that time the SWP with impunity. Moreover, Stalinists had kept quiet. Now, if he attacked Kutcher, who had private dopesters to such au- ventured to predict not so long year. Inventories remain huge however, whipped up by orders just spoken in his defense, he from local Communist Party would have been given a rough bosses, they came out into the time by the membership.

Dobbs Asks Conference To Defend Rights of All

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ction among all true defenders of freedom and democracy to protect the rights of persecuted government employees, workers in war industries, liberal-minded cientists, educators, religious and cultural leaders, foreign-born workers and minority political the Socialist Workers Party.

If the conference is to meet this burning need of the hour, time of the purgers and prosecu- provides for aid to everybody irit must scrupulously observe in its own ranks the democratic ized by the June 27 Daily Worker principles it seeks to defend. All sections of the labor and liberal movement must be invited into the united front on an equal basis. All victims of the witchhunt must be defended, regardless of their political beliefs.

VIOLATED BY CP

Participating organizaions should, of course, retain the full right to express their independent political views, but political differences must not be perof thought and freedom of ex- liberal movement.

Precisely these elementary LIBERAL OPINIONS principles of democracy were New York City.

ist Workers Party leaders con- Communists." victed under the same Smith Act

government purgers, but it spurn-Kutcher, the legless veteran who has been fired from his clerical job in the Veterans Administration because of his membership in

These appeals for support to the Socialist Workers Party victors were maliclously characteras an attempt to "disrupt" the conference. The Stalinist editors gloated that the appeals were cratic principles upon which a 'overwhelmingly voted down."

This blindly factional, wholly indefensible policy of the Communist Party leaders stands in marked contrast to the principled democratic policy of refusing to position of the Socialist Workers defend the rights of opposition Party in the fight to defend civil liberties. Despite our deep-going political differences with the creation of such a broad united Communist Party, we defend their front. democratic rights, just as we demitted to stand in the way of fend the rights of all our political the sponsors of the July 16-17 united action to defend freedom opponents within the labor and

We agree with Albert Deutsch's grossly violated by the Commundeclaration in the July 3 New st Party delegates who dominated York Daily Compass that "The the June 25 Conference For Civil test of true faith in civil liberties upon the full support of the Soand Human Rights held by the and the democratic process arises cialist Workers Party in that en- methods. Civil Rights Congress here in when we are called upon to defend the rights of those with That conference correctly voted whose opinions we disagree.' to defend the Communist Party Deutsch denounced the factional leaders now on trial under the policy of the June 25 conference. thought-control Smith Act, but it "It is disgraceful," he said, "to flatly refused to support the par- exclude Trotskyists from a share the official speakers' list. The ate, the Truman Democrats ofdon campaign of the 18 Social- in the civil rights demanded for

Another prominent liberal. I. F. Stone, who is a sponsor of the

World Situation, Eastern Europe **Analyzed in International Bulletin**

Like skilled physicians diagnosing human ailments, Socialist Workers Party, be given licans in voting down a bill for Party and the Trumanites. The Marxists study political events, uncover their causes and chart their future course. Three political resolutions

adopted by the April 1949 Plenum of the International Executive dent struggle of the masses Committee of the Fourth International are now available. American workers will find no better guide than this scientific analysis EASTERN EUROPE of current problems.

In "The War Danger and Our Tasks," the Plenum document pre- | Countries," explaining important sents a careful study of economic changes that have occurred in and social forces behind the "cold Eastern Europe in the past year. war." It pays special attention to The Stalinists now call these coun the unfolding depression and tries "socialist." What are the growing unemployment. While true facts? Discussed at length American capitalism has means in this resolution are the varying such a volcanic and catastrophic planning, the relationship of the process as a world-wide depres- bureaucratic governments to the sion, these methods in the long Kremlin, and the possibilities of stability of capitalism by creating with the Soviet economy. new contradictions. Wall Street. with the capitalist world in tow, in the growth of armaments and Stalinist victories on the class phrase is a banner of respecta-In the war itself."

The possibilities and limitations of compromise and diplomatic Far East, the relations between maneuvers are dealt with in the light of American imperialism's needs, the policies of Stalin, and the vast social forces—the masses of Europe and the colonial world. The resolution concludes with the 1949, may be obtained for 25 cents Trotskyist program for the strug- from the Socialist Workers Party, gle against war "as organically 116 University Place, New York linked with the daily and indepen- 3, N. Y.

against capitalism and imperial-

The second document deals with "The Evolution of the Buffer for attenuating and retarding degrees of nationalizations and

must seek "an expedient way out letin. It analyzes the effects of Thomas for whom this trick been carried out through the the government that the social- ecutive Committee "has assumed struggle in China, the revolutionary developments throughout the genuine socialists. world scene.

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skyism. (Fourth International alone is \$2.50. You save 50c.)

That conference voted, as was forthcoming conference on July proper, to support all Communist 16-17, strongly criticized in the Party members victimized by the July 1 New York Daily Compass the refusal of the June 25 coned an appeal for support to James | ference to defend the civil rights of the Trotskyists.

"The crisis now developing is serious enough to call for joint action by everyone, right or left, who believes in liberty," Stone wrote, "but this can only be brought about on a basis which respective of political views.'

UNTENABLE POSITION

These are the correct demobroad labor and liberal opposition to the witch-hunt can and must be organized. And it is the Communist Party, with its antipolitical tendencies, that constitutes the main obstacle to the

It is therefore imperative that conference prevent the Communist Party from imposing its untenable position upon the conference. That gathering must take a stand in defense of civil liberties for all, regardless of pol-

It is only proper, therefore, the forefront of the battle, fightleaders who were the first victhe reinstatement of James Kutcher, whose case I. F. Stone plied injunction powers. has called "the most moving of all the loyalty cases."

fair representation on the resolutions committee and all other conference committees.

Fraternally yours,

National Chairman



At a Washington conference arranged by Secretary of Air W. Stuart Symington (center) a plan for settling the 71-day anti-speedup strike of the CIO United Auto Workers at Bendix Aircraft is worked out by Bendix President Malcolm P. Ferguson (left) and UAW President Walter Reuther (right). The workers voted to accept the Pentagon plan and return to work.

Labor Party Is the Way To Fight Taft-Hartley Act

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and the right-wing of his own party on labor legislation are not even to any great degree over

Thus, as soon as he was elected, Truman began to hedge on that a spokesman for the Social- his Taft-Hartley promise. He ofist Workers Party, which has fered his own union-curbing law with it. been a consistent fighter for civil seeking to "modify" the Wagner liberties, should be included on Act. Both in the House and Sen-SWP has, in fact, long stood in fered one "compromise" after another to the Taft-Hartleyites. ing to defend the 18 Trotskyist Despite their pretense of opposition to injunctions, they voted tims of the Smith Act and for in the House for the Sims injuncplant "seizures" with their im-

The truth is, the Truman Democrats preferred the Taft-We also ask that all participat- Hartley Act to no anti-labor law at all. They joined with the the political policy of labor de- must build its own party and ing organizations, including the Southern Democrats and Repubthe flat repeal of the Taft- Taft-Hartley experience demon-Hartley Act. The Trumanite strates above all the need for

Hartley, civil rights or other pendent party. Socialist Workers Party, the Southern Democrats. Among steps to discuss the situation as plank No. 1.

itical beliefs. You may count over aims, but methods—and not administration policy - making— ted body and soul to a continuaappease the Democratic right- of Labor of all the unions to wing, not to come to real blows

The Trumanite union leaders can justify their continued support for the Democratic Party only by falsifying the true role and aims of the Truman Democrats, concealing the ties between the Trumanites and the Southern Democrats and even covering up tion bill and in the Senate for the anti-labor character of the administration's labor bill and amendments.

If the fight for Taft-Hartley repeal' has revealed anything, it is the complete bankruptcy of Hartley experience is that labor pendence on the Democratic union leaders never mention this. labor's complete break from the At no time did the Truman- two old capitalist parties and ites press the fight on Taft- the launching of its own inde-

the Democratic Senators who and seek some united solution of are intimately connected with union leaders were not commit-Chapman, Connolly, Frear, Full- tion of their dirty alliance with bright, O'Conor and Tydings. the Trumanites, the least they Truman's strategy is designed to would now propose is a Congress draft a program of joint action to continue the fight for Taft-Hartley repeal.

Connally Bucks CP

In an open challenge to Stalnist domination of the American Labor Party, City Councilman

Eugene P. Connally has an-

nounced his candidacy for the

party's nomination for borough

president of Manhattan in the

forthcoming elections. Primary

petitions, sponsored by such well-

known Wallaceites as O. John

Rogge and Mary Van Kleeck and

others, are now being circulated.

The Stalinists are denouncing

CALLED "DISRUPTER"

Guinier, a Negro.

In ALP Primary

For labor to turn the clock back to the political policies of November 1948 is an act of sheer folly. Will a Democratic majority in 1951 do more than a Demoeratic majority today? What new "traitors" will then arise in the Democratic ranks to frustrate labor's hopes? Labor must move boldly for-

ward. That is the only way to win. The lesson of the Taftevery delay in fulfilling this indispensable task is costly and leads only to the strengthening at the time. No. On the contrary, cannot buy their rations, which of reaction. November 1950 will inevitably bring more disappointments and frustrations for labor, unless the unions call a Congress of Labor now and construct a issues in a way that would have issues in a way that would have jeopardized their alliance with not take even the elementary labor action, with a labor party

LETTER FROM GERMANY

"Benefits" of the Marshall Plan

When the first news came of a plan supposed to aid Germany and other nations economically during their period of reconstruction, the German Social Democrats and the trade union bureaucrats

rushed to proclaim that this plan was originated by American trade unionists and other progressive forces with a view to helping the war-devastated European countries. And the majority of the German workers believed that the economic crisis in their country would soon come to an end.

Connally as a "disrupter" for the simple reason that he is sub-Before the currency reform was mitting this question to the instituted, the daily rations still democratic decision of the ALP remained around 1300 - 1500 membership. They are also trycalories a day. "Let us wait a ing to make it appear that Connally opposes "Negro representato be raised by the working tion" because the Stalinist candiclass, "the ERP has to be applied date opposing him is Ewart and therefore they need a little more time." And the people did wait a little, till the currency reform was "made" under the aegis of the ERP. On the day the Allied governors issued the law, the bureaucrats joined with the capitalist parties in a common chorus of how rosy the outlook now was for the working people.

Brauer, Mayor of Hamburg, formerly advisor to Chiang Kaivoted for Taft's injunction the grave problems confronting shek and subsequently a leading amendment were at least six who the workers. Surely if these member of the AFL, declared: "The German working class now has the possibility of earning money which has a real value. Our economy will function better and better. Ahead is a new period of work, of fruitful work, for all those who wish to work." A month later the German

labor bureaucracy was shouting: The currency reform was an attempt of the capitalists to load the war debts on the backs of the workers." This is true. But why didn't they say it when the currency reform was still only something the ruling class dreamed about? Nobody can claim that the top leaders of German labor did not know about it in advance. Herbert Kriedeman, Social no jobs. In the neighboring Democratic member of a three- district unemployment is as man committee, the first official widespread as it was in the great German body to which the secret depression of 1930-33. Prices rehe supported the Allied proposal. Later, when the laws issued by calories per man per day). the Frankfurt Economic Council and the masses began to resist, the reformists came out in open opposition. They denounced the misled by their reformist leaders Plan, which they still supported. situation.

During this period prices continued to climb and with them the profits of the capitalist class. Wages did not rise, but in some cases actually fell. The class antagonisms become more and more apparent and wage struggles in entire industries shook the nation. The reformist leaders were forced to do something; once the masses began to clamor. They called for a 24-hour strike throughout Western Germany and little bit," urged the reformist staged demonstrations in some leaders, when questions started cities, but they did not call'for revolutionary action by the German proletariat. They published some radical-sounding articles in their papers, as the AFL and CIO do in America, but in reality they just sat doing nothing. But this was not the end of the events which started with the ERP conference in Paris. Ninety-five per cent of all Ger-

man towns with 50,000 inhabitants and over have been destroyed by the bombs of the "liberators." 13,000,000 people from east of the "Oder-Neissenlinie" have been crammed into what is left of Germany. For these reasons we Germans need to build houses, houses and more houses. Unemployment, nevertheless, has meanwhile arisen. Any thinking man will understand that in a country like America, under capitalism, unemployment is unavoidable, but such a situation in devastated Germany cannot fail to be viewed as bitterly ironic and insufferable.

The trade union leaders declared that unemployment would be of limited duration. That was in January. Now, in May, unemployment is greater than ever. In my town, Goettingen, for instance, 5,000 out of 30,000 workers have was revealed, issued no protest main so steep that many workers are still rather low (2,000

In brief, this is how the Gerbecame more and more unpopular man proletariat has benefitted from the Marshall Plan. The workers of Germany, today employers and their political and oppressed by the Military stooges for having betrayed the Governments and the native German people. They criticized capitalists, will awaken. We them bitterly, but said nothing revolutionary socialists know this. at all about the source of all Then Germany will once again these developments, the Marshall become the key to the European

Degeneration of Socialist Party A devastating picture of the the US... Every diplomatic attitude as the 'Laborite' strike- and end up dealing with periinternal situation in the Socialist victory of the US is hailed as a breakers It is deemed correct pheral questions of no lasting

announcing the resignation of a forces of evil." group of members known as the "socialism" there is in the "dem-

"The Socialist Party," the Moscow and Washington, and the statement points out, "is morally by 'military necessity' ... Milinfluence of Stalinism on the and politically bankrupt and has itary appropriations are gingerly moreover steadily whittled away approached.. from the standdemocratic rights so that dissident minorities in the party, 'inefficiency!'" especially on the left, can no longer work effectively within EMBRACED THE PACT

> An indictment of betrayal, the equally opposed to Trotskyism, reads like a point by point vindication of the criticisms made by is without fundamental critius of these "Truman socialists" in the 1948 Presidential campaign. Its main points follow: CRITICAL SUPPORT

past and the SP of today."

2. "Today the SP gives critical 6. "Toward the dock strikers support to the foreign policy of in London the SP took the same

3. "From the outset the SP "Chicago Left Wing." It gives has supported the abominable the occupation troops... In this employed to rush it through with run must/further undermine the partial or complete integration the true measure of how little and ludicrous United Nations... "democracy" and how little The Party's chief complaint with is the final resolution in the bulletin. It analyzes the effects of

Thomas for whom this trick been corried out through the reference to the Truman Doctrine bility and a weapon against the Conscription is gently disapproved not on anti-war grounds but (because) it is not justified

point of eliminating 'waste' and

4. "With regard to the Marshall Plan, the SP has accepted withdocument written by a group out question the supposed highminded motives of the government and supported the Plan as

5. "Finally, as the crowning shame, the SP, as always, with gratuitous advice and reservations, has embraced the North 1. "When the war came. . . the Atlantic War Pact ... As is his Party severed itself from its custom, Norman Thomas is much most heroic traditions and for- concerned lest the foreign policy feited its claim to be the bearer of the capitalists be without sufof the spirit of Eugene Debs. ficient popular support, and he This was the great political is ready with unsolicited advice watershed between the SP of the as to how much a catastrophe might be avoided."

Party is drawn in a document triumph of democracy over the to repress the workers instead importance... The war issue was

made a down payment on sup- could go on the press wires." best allies of Western imperial- local functionaries of the party.' Stalinist imperialism."

go on to point out that the degeneration of the SP in the US parallels its betrayal of socialist for a "National Council" which principles on a world scale:

DEMOCRATIC "LEFT WING"

"The SP is now striving to become a part of the left wing of party members in the ADA, crats and public spokesmen ... and recently, in the Democratic leadership to join electoral coawith 'left' Democrats.

"The SP gives support to the to abandon demands for wage increases... approves compliance with the government's non-Communist affidavit policy in the

"The SP has, of course, called for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Thomas for stating at the MESA national board last year, that the objections of the SP to the Taftthe conviction that 'a democratic government' should have no power to regulate unions."

the idea that it is possible to as follows: "The Socialist Party change the policy of the party cannot claim to be the socialist because it is "no longer a democratic organization."

internal organ, Hammer and open to anyone who has the dues, Tongs, has appeared only a few provided they are not too far times in the past years consist- to the left. Party officials are ing of "articles mainly solicited sought by advertising in the by the apparatus." Articles sub- press... The organizational demitted by critics, after "gather- cline would not be so serious if ing dust for months" were reject- the party had maintained its ed by the National Secretary socialist integrity. There are such with the statement: "We don't things as unfavorable circumprint such crap."

the SP are shows which are measure of its internal decline steered away from basic issues mocracy."

7. "In Germany and Japan, the convention until the last hour." SP supports the retention of Then a "stampede tactic was case as in others, the SP has a minimum of discussion so it

ism in its mortal combat with The constitution does away with the right of proportional repre-The writers of this document sentation for the purpose of disbarring left wingers on the NEC. The new party statutes provide "shall not hold meeetings."

"BOUND AND GAGGED"

Under the new constitution "the YPSL is now bound and of the Democratic Party... It gagged hand and foot, completehas permitted dual membership ly at the mercy of party bureau-The League's newspaper Chal-Party as well. . . Plans are now lenge, was "put to death" by openly being pushed by the party the party leadership. The NEC "starved our national secretary" litions with the liberal Party and and then offered to subsidize an organizer provided he was "a certain Norman Thomas favordisastrous union-raiding activilite." Then "aided by appropriate ties of the UAW and other stooges and ringers, it took conunions, support of the ILG policy trol of the YPSL 1946 convention by a slight margin." In Chicago, the document

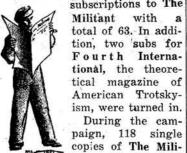
states, a situation occurred which best revealed "the dictatorial nature of the present party leadership." When the local fell into the hands of left-wingers, Act but has not rebuked Norman the right wing closed down the party office and Norman Thomas proposed the revocation of the regional charter which the NEC Hartley Law were not based on unanimously passed without the conviction that 'a democratic "waiting to hear unprejudiced facts." Under the caption "SP is

The resigning members reject Dead," the document sums up movement. It has less than 3,000 members, padded at that, and They point out that the party mostly on paper. Membership is stances. But the SP has surren-"The national conventions of dered its principles, and the chief

Jane Kelly Wins

First Place in N. Y. Sub Campaign The New York Local of the

Socialist Workers Party com-



American Trotsky-During the campaign, 118 single copies of The Militant were sold and 13 copies of Fourth International.

Jane Kelly of the Brooklyn Branch took top honors with a total of 8 subs. The prize she won was a day at a mountain camp free of charge. Ruby Parker of Harlem and

Kathy of Brooklyn tied for second place with 5 subs each.

place with 4 subs. Of the New York Branches. a total of 28 subs.

increase of its circulation. Carry- year. ing out this resolution, the Meanwhile, Comrade Deck rebranches began regular sales of ports, sales of single copies con-The Militant and Fourth In- tinue to be good. "Ruth went ternational at public gatherings, selling Tuesday and really came union meetings and college cam- through. She sold 5 Fourth In-

tude was not carried over into of The Militant on a street corner sub-getting. Many comrades even in Watts (a predominantly Negro felt fatalistic about it - as if and Mexican working-class neighnothing could be done to coun- horhood). The latter sale has teract the increased difficulties given us great hopes that we of the past year or so.

thoroughly controlled by the is this loss of principle and the Militant and Fourth Interna- Elaine sold 5 copies of The Milileadership. The conventions are circumscription of internal de- tional, we took as our new motto: tant at a CP meeting on civil Work harder.

"It was with this motto in mind that Local New York organized its two-week campaign. The weather was sweltering but the turn-out of comrades was excellent and the experience of the campaign most encouraging. We pleted its two-week campaign for think the Local has broken the subscriptions to The suell. It's not as easy as it used Militant with a to be, but you can get subs if total of 63. In addi- you work harder."

Cleveland is likewise swinging into action on the subscription front. Literature Agent Bob Kingslev writes that "We intend American Trotsky-ism, were turned in. work. We're giving every active comrade one renewal card with a name and address each week. We will report on it at every meeting."

Rena Breschi, Literature Agent for Boston, reports that "A group of us went out with the Einstein edition of the paper last night. We sold 10 copies of the paper. We expected better sales but that was the result."

Los Angeles Literature Agent Hugh of Harlem made third Bert Deck tells us that some of the comrades going out after subscriptions are taking down-Brooklyn came first, chalking up payments from workers who total of 28 subs. happen to be hard-pressed "At its last City Convention in financially. "The down-payment February," declared Literature idea may prove useful as people Agent Harry Gold, "the New seem to want the paper but just York Local again emphasized the don't have the ready cash." With great political importance of the a few visits, however, enough is Trotskyist press and resolved to accumulated to finance a submake one of our major tasks the scription for six months or a

puses. The results have been ternationals on the UCLA campus, 12 copies of The Militant "However, this energetic atti- at a steel factory and 22 copies can substantially increase our "This was an incorrect atti- circulation via the street corner tude. Understanding the great method. I might mention that importance of widening the num- Ruth sold those 22 in less than ber of regular readers of The an hour. In addition to this, rights."

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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

Labor Internationalism

Two rival "world gatherings" were re- workers into the camp of American and cently held in Europe in the name of "labor internationalism." One was sponsored by the Kremlin; the other was inspired by the U.S. State Department. Both were travesties on genuine working class internationalism.

In Milan, Italy, 450 hand-picked Stalinists met in the second congress of the World Federation of Trade Unionists to mobilize European labor behind the current power-moves of the Moscow totalitarians. At the same time, AFL and CIO spokesmen were holding the spotlight at a preparatory conference in Geneva, Switzerland, to set up a "new anti-Communist international trade union organization" with the sole aim of supporting American imperialism in its cold war against the Soviet Union.

Not an iota of international labor solidarity nor of concern for the interests of world labor motivated either body. They represented, within the world labor movement, the extension of the conflict between the two leading world powers and its enslavement of the working class to the one or the other.

At the behest of Moscow and Washington, the present rival labor bureaucracies had cooperated during the war to rally international labor behind the alliance of the Soviet Union and the "democratic" imperialists. The CIO and the British union leaders had then united with the Stalinists to form the WFTU. Then, in the name of "international labor solidarity," they strove jointly to mobilize the British imperialism.

Now these recent allies are trying to divide world labor along the post-war lines of world power politics. They are no more inspired by sentiments of "labor internationalism" than when they joined forces during the war to betray labor.

It is ironic to see the AFL and CIO working so harmoniously together in Geneva to foster a "new international trade union body" when they have failed to join forces to defend the most elementary interests of the workers in their own country. These bureaucrats make no move toward joint labor action in this country even after the terrible blow which the Senate struck the American workers last week on Taft-Hartley. Can we then believe their new "labor internationalism" is concerned in the slightest with the real needs of the workers abroad?

When Karl Marx and Frederich Engels 101 years ago issued their clarion call, "Workers of the World, Unite!," they sought the organized unity of the international working class against all its exploiters and oppressors. They preached the complete independence of the labor movement in unremitting international struggle against the capitalist ruling classes everywhere.

What the present-day labor servitors of imperialism or Stalinism offer is a foul and criminal perversion of the working class internationalism taught by Marx and Engels and their great disciples like Lenin, Trotsky and Debs.

The 30-Hour Week Demand

Everybody knows that joblessness is no mere threat today. For many, all too many, millions it is now the terrible

Official government figures for June set a 7-year high in unemployment. It is a public secret that the liars in Washington habitually underplay the actual number of jobless.

Both the AFL and the CIO have publicly made this charge time and again. When Washington itself is compelled to admit that the number of unemployed is close to the four million mark, only a very foolish individual would be inclined to minimize the actual extent of unem-

Most of the official union leaders can hardly be classified as fools, notwithstanding their lightminded conduct in instance after instance. Yet they persist not alone in themselves minimizing the unemployment problem but in ignoring it in practice.

In one major industry after another in steel, auto, rubber and others — union contracts are now up for negotiation.

Nevertheless, conspicuous by its absence is the demand for the institution of the 30-hour week with no reduction

This is one of the most effective immediate remedies that labor is able to take in order to halt the spread of joblessness. Our labor movement has learned this lesson from the bitter experience of the Thirties.

This legitimate and realistic and indispensable demand has been adopted for years by unions in both the AFL and the CIO, from the most progressive to some of the most conservative.

Yet we find today complete silence on this score among the top union officialdom. While union contracts are being negotiated, they are not even offering lipservice to the demand for the 30-hr week.

What are they waiting for? The number of jobless is increasing, not decreasing. This weakens and not strengthens the position of the unions.

When is there a better time for advancing such a demand if not in the days when union contracts are up for negotiation? When will they be ready to fight for vital demands like this one, if they refuse to do it under relatively favorable conditions?

Let the People Decide

As the Senate opened debate on the paper conceded, would be a mere formal-

Democrats and Republicans are in accord on this treaty to commit this country to war whenever Washington finds the pretext of "aggression" against any of its pact partners. There may be some token opposition from a few old isolationist elements. But no one expects their tired voices to be heard above the flood of rampant imperialist oratory.

How peculiar that this pact "aimed only against aggression and war" contains among its signatories the Netherlands government freshly-drenched in the blood of the Indonesian people and the French rulers who are scouring the independence fighters of Indo-China with bullets and

If the people have the power to decide the question of war or peace, they will never let the war-makers have their way. That is why we say, "Take the war-making powers away from the White House and Congress. Let the people vote on war

Press Comment on Civil Rights Controversy

'With Liberty and Justice--for Some'

From An Editorial in June 30 N. Y. Post

We are sure this republic can survive without government isuance of a "subversive" list. The Justice Department's inclusion of organizations on that list without even the formality of a hearing renders the whole business even more intolerable. We intend to keep on saying so until Attorney General Clark abandons the practice. The procedure invites unfair, high-handed decree. It is also superfluous. For Communist-front organizations have long ago mastered the art of exposing themselves.

The so-called Civil Rights Congress, which held a pep-rally in Madison Square Garden the other evening, dramatically illustrates the point... Last weekend the New York State division of the Civil Rights Congress held a conference to approve all the current resolutions in the current Communist book. Things were proceeding with militant monotony until an unexpected interthe Socialist Workers Party rather than Stalin as the true and urged the conference to condemn the wartime prosecution of the heart of certain serious probleading Trotskyites and the "disloyalty" ouster of James Kutcher ties. from his Veterans Administration post. The proposal offered a true test of the Congress' devotion to the cause of unpopular minorities. The Trotskyites were - the same dangerous and op-Communist leaders are now be-Rights deplores (when it is ap- are talking about. plied to the Communists). Kutther was fired under the loose,

civil liberties for those whom support of what I called in PM cal views.... they dislike. So the delegates to "the case of the legless veteran, the Civil Rights assemblage James Kutcher. voted to reject the proposed resoution. Their deliberations ended with fiery denunciations of all curbs on the civil rights of Communists and stolid silence on the subject of Trotskyite freedom. The episode must have been both painful and revealing for any non-Communists who found them-

Stalinists Taint Civil Rights Issue From July 1 Column

selves in the hall on the mistaken

assumption that the meeting was

dedicated to the preservation of

liberty for all. . . .

By I. F. Stone in Daily Compass I am not willing to pass over

week-end at the Civil Rights Congress in New York City. I refer to the hisses, boos and catcalls which drowned out an ruption occurred. A member of attempt by a Trotskyite to introduce an amendment to a reso (whose members regard Trotsky lution condemning the current trial of the Communist leaders revolutionary prophet) got up at Foley Sq. I want to discuss this because I believe it goes to

lems in the fight for civil liber-

Civil liberty is based on some thing more fundamental than constitutions. It is based on an to a conference in the current munist Party. prosecuted under the Smith Act fight to maintain free speech in

do? He tried to amend the reso- in the Minneapolis case.

An organization which devotes to the defense of "civil Disgraceful to

rights" ought net to object to either amendment. The Communists say, quite rightly, that what can be done to their liberties lays a foundation for taking away other people's liberties. The Minneapolis case, as wrote at the time in The Nation,

aid the foundations for just such a prosecution as that now going on in Foley Sq. At that time the Daily Worker applauded the Trotskyite prosecution, subordinating principle to party fanaticism, and the Civil Rights Congress lets sectarianism blind it The Kutcher case is the most

noving of all the loyalty cases. Kutcher, a war hero who lost both legs in Italy, was ousted from a \$45 a week clerk's job in the Newark office of the Veterans Administration for "dissomething which happened last loyalty" because he was a member of the Socialist Workers Party, a Trotskyite splinter group. Just what secrets he could have stolen in the Newark VA office is beyond my imagination. His case is the reductio ad absurdum of the lovalty purge and as such deserves the support of the Civil Rights Congress.

Tactically, to refuse support was stupid, for it provides evidence that the Communist Party Rights Congress, Morally, it was bad, for it meant that the Congress would not help people who

What did this speaker try to of their opponents, as they did

ites more than any other form the same Smith Sedition Act. can only be brought about on a of contemporary humanity and The other was to put the Civil basis which provides for aid to Communists do not believe in Rights Congress on record in everybody, irrespective of politi-

Bar Trotskyists From July 3 Column By Albert Deutsch

In Daily Compass

I am in full agreement with Congress made Friday by my graceful to exclude Trotskvists from a share in the civil rights demanded for Communists. Memminorities have been persecuted liberties and democratic process fused to permit disruption by to defend the rights of those who sought to confuse the curwhether they be Trotskyists, case of the wartime treachery of Communists or Vegetarians.

Relies on Evasion

The Daily Worker discussed the Civil Rights Congress dispute twice; both times it carefully refrained from letting its readers snow just what the issues in the dispute really are.

On June 27 its report of what appened at the conference included one short paragraph:

"An attempt by Farrell Dobbs, Trotskyist leader, and several followers, to disrupt (the acathe criticism of the Civil Rights demic freedom) panel, collapsed. A Trotskyist resolution he ofcolleague, I. F. Stone. It is dis- fered was overwhelmingly voted

On July 1, the day after the Post's editorial, the Press Roundbers of both unpopular political up column of the Worker said: "The Post fulminates against under the suppresive Smith Act. the recent conference of the The test of true faith in civil Civil Rights Congress, which rearises when we are called upon the Trotskyite Farrell Dobbs with whose opinions we disagree, rent civil rights issue with the 18 Trotskyites..."

Toledo Meeting Protests Persecution Of Two Religious Objectors to War

TOLEDO, June 20 - 150 people met here last night to protest the persecution of two persons who have refused to comply with laws they believe lead to war. Both persons, motivated in their opposition to

mentality controls the Civil war by religious beliefs, are con- | jector during World War II, scientious objectors. recently convicted of counseling during the recent holocaust.

attitude of mind. People who go were on the outs with the Com- a young student not to register for the draft. Gara is Dean of his intention to appeal his 18 ...so long as the Communists Men at the Blufton, Ohio, Men- months sentence to the Supreme America—and then hoot down a join in the fight for civil liberty, nonite College. At the trial the Court, if necessary, he has been pressive law under which the speaker whose views they dis- they taint the issue by talking evidence showed that the student denied bail during the appeal like-demonstrate that they have one way when their own rights who refused to register had and is now in jail. This refusal ing tried and which the Civil no real conception of what they are at stake and screaming for already made up his mind in the of bail is a measuring rod of police action against the rights matter before he ever met Gara. the vindictive attitude of the

fect, instructed the jury to bring who, even in their mild and incatch-all language of the loyalty lution in two ways. One was by The crisis now developing is in a verdict of guilty on the effectual way, are placing obprogram which the Civil Rights having it also condemn the pre- serious enough to call for joint ground that Gara had "encour-Congress condemns.

Pearl Harbor prosecution of the action by everyone, right or left, aged" him to persist in his reBut Communists hate Trotsky- Minneapolis Trotskyites under who believes in liberty—but this fusal. Gara, a conscientious ob-

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there is not a particle of political

sympathy for Stalinsm behind

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er case. On the contrary, what

motivates us is the fact that

in labor and liberal circles today

the main obstacle to the forma-

in defense of civil liberties

While we defend the rights of

the Stalinists, despite our political

differences, we at the same time

demand that they abandon the

criminal practices which sabo-

tage the formation of a mass

movement to prevent the estab-

lishment of a police state in the

And as an important contri-

bution to the formation of such

a movement, we promise to con-

tinue our efforts to show the

working class that the Truman

administration and Communist

Party, despite their political dif-

ferences, see eye-to-eye on the

propositions that the Kutcher

case "hasn't the remotest con-

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Kutcher."

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opponents.

served 3 years in federal prison One of these, Larry Gara, was for refusing to take up arms

Although Gara has announced Despite this, the judge in ef- warmongers towards pacifists stacles in the mad plunge into another war.

In the other case, Rev. Aleck D. Dodd, a Toledo minister, has been removed from his post by the Toledo Council of Churches because he refused to pay that percentage of his income tax which he calculated would be used to finance the next war, Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, chair-

man of the Michigan American Civil Liberties Union and a memection to the Stalinist leaders ber of the Executive Board of cutting their own throats, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation, said, "What do we do when the state comes along and says that our effort to force them to you shall not even have the right to advise people to follow their conscience? The only thing you can do is defy it."

the practices of Stalinism are New York Jobless

A sharp rise in unemployment has been recorded in New York state as an "unprecedented volume of claims" poured into the State Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance. Setting the total figure at 721,-000, an official spokesman of this bureau estimated that 6% or some 44,000 were "suffering delays in collecting their benefits." Particularly hard hit by such delays are unemployed seamen.

Found Wrong Facts:

Striking CIO longshoremen in Hawaii on July 1 voted overwhelmingly to reject terms of a settlement proposed by Gov. Ingram Stainback's Emergency Fact Finding Board. The board "found" that the workers should get only a 14-cent hourly increase, instead of the 32-cents they demand to bring their wages to within 10 cents of rates paid on this country's West Coast.

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North Atlantic Pact, no one doubted that this greatest military alliance in history would get rubber-stamp approval. The Senate discussion, as almost every news-

ity. The accent was on speed.

Hypocrisy has keynoted the speeches for the pact from the start of the Senate discussion. Senator Tom Connally, in the opening speech, blandly claimed that the pact was "not directed against the Soviet Union nor its satellites" but was "aimed only against aggression and war."

This pact is designed for war. It aims to establish Western Europe as a military bastion. It would permit the administration, through the president, to launch military operations anywhere at any time. What the Senate is preparing to rush through, in reality, is a decision to thrust the world into another blood bath whenever American Business and its agents in Washington think the time is

But those who will fight and die in the war which the pact will prepare have had no voice on the matter. The American people have never been consulted on the pact or any of the other war preparations. The imperialist ruling class fears their voice.

Burns Fingers on Kutcher including the Atlantic Pact and gram being badly compromised reactionary assault on the civil liberties of their working class

By George Breitman

Every time the Stalinists touch the James Kutcher case, they burn themselves. Every time they open their mouths about the case of civil liberties, including their own. But like drug addicts, they can't leave it alone.

They discredit themselves evervwhere, even among their to support the civil rights of the Stalinists. But the Stalinists cannot let it go at that, or preserve a shamefaced silence. In addition to not supporting Kutcher themselves, they don't want

anyone else to support him either. As evidence of the depths to which they will descend in order to prevent aid for Kutcher, we call attention to a lengthy editorial printed on June 24 in the Northwest edition of the Daily People's World, West Coast Stalinist paper, in the midst of Kutcher's successful tour of that area. Entitled "Look Out for This Booby Trap," the editorial warns "misguided liberals and progressives" that everything connected with the Kutcher case "reeks of fraud and deceit."

STANDARD SLANDERS

Most of the "proof" adduced for this charge has little to do with the facts in the Kutcher case itself, being a monotonous repetition of all the lies and slanders Stalinism has ever directed against Trotskvism. They say we were or are agents of Hitler, the Japanese militarists, Chiang Kai-shek, the Dutch imperialists in Indonesia. Tito and Franco. The truth of course is that the blood of countless Trotskvist martyrs is on the hands of these despots, who knew they could never corrupt or win the collaboration of Trotskyists—as WHAT THE LEGION FEARS all of them (with the exception of Franco) were able to do at one time or another with Stalin. Needless to say, the list of Truman's "subversive" blacklist,

these imaginary crimes is head- which includes the Socialist ed by the charge that the "essence" of our program is "the the Legion makes of the govern-'destruction of the Soviet Union." But as every reader of The that is, that the purge is not Militant knows and can check for himself, we defended the Soviet Union against imperialist attack during World War II, despite and against the crimes Street's preparations for a new New Jersey which may very well Trotskyist slander may counterwar against the Soviet Union, result in the whole loyalty pro- act the damage done by their

the Marshall Plan.

STALINIST "PROOF"

Getting back to the Kutcher Stalinists purged but not Trotscase, here is what the People's kyists, the Legion witch-hunters of the legless veteran who was World says on behalf of its con- were not at all upset by the purged from the VA because of tention that the case "hasn't the Kutcher case out of sympathy membership in the Socialist remotest connection with the for the legless veteran. (They Workers Party, they deal another defense of civil rights" or the favor the ouster of all radicals damaging blow to the defense struggle against Truman's "loy- and even liberals from governalty" purge:

selves give the show away by dismissal-just at the time when blandly presenting the American the purge discharges were bethe organizasympathizers and members, by tions defending Kutcher. This scale. What bothered them most refusing to support Kutcher's big brass military outfit, which of all was the fact that the circivil rights because he is an has brazenly added book burn- cumstances in the Kutcher case unyielding political opponent of ing to its long list of blows at are so obviously outrageous that theirs. That is the same argu- the fundamental rights of all it could serve to discredit the ment many people use in refusing citizens, has the gall to say that purge as a whole. the firing of the Trotskyite is a 'doubtful' loyalty case. In other fact, the Stalinists go out of words, the so-called fight to re- their way to try to cover it up store Kutcher to his job is in and thereby to weaken the case reality a fight to establish the which even the witch-hunters

control." in the claim that we ever pre- one of the most notorious feasented the American Legion as a tures of the government purge defender of Kutcher. The Mili- to concoct their own version of tant has listed hundreds of or- "guilt by association." ganizations defending Kutcher, and never once since the case began have we included the Legion or any of its posts. And the reason we haven't is that stresses the need for defense of none of them ever came to his the Communist Party's civil defense.

from statements by various papers and organizations under the title, "Here Are Some Comments." Among these extracts was one from the publication of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion,

which read as follows: "Kutcher, the legless vet, lost both legs in Italy. His job in the VA was definitely non-confidential or sensitive....The Kutcher case is therefore an almost perfect example of bureaucratic bungling in how not to handle a doubtful loyalty case."

Now the American Legion, as

every informed person knows, is an enthusiastic supporter of Workers Party. Any criticism ment purge is from the rightbeing pursued vigorously enough,

in controversy and confusion." Contrary to the dirty insinuation that the Legion wants

ment employ.) What bothered "Indeed, the Trotskyites them- them was the timing of Kutcher's

Instead of recognizing this 'right kind' of police state thought admit can "badly compromise" the purge system. And notice There is not a grain of truth how they do it-by borrowing

WHY THEY ACT THAT WAY Wherever Kutcher goes to speak about his own case, he invariably rights as well. But the editorial What, then, is the foundation finishes off its smear job by sayof this Salinist lie? Simply this ing: "To talk of 'civil liberties' that the Kutcher Civil Rights for a Kutcher is to talk of 'civil Committee issued a leaflet on liberties' for a Ward Warren or the case, containing extracts a Louis Budenz" (who support and help the government's persecution of the Stalinists). As more and more people observe this shabby conduct, it is no wonder that the Stalinists are finding it harder and harder to enlist support for their defense from those forces who really

> want to preserve civil liberties. "But if refusing to defend Kutcher undermines their own defense, why don't the Stalinists reverse their position out of sheer self-interest?" This question must have occurred to many people who are puzzled by the Stalinist attitude to Kutcher. The answer is that the whole structure of Stalinism has been built for more than 21/2 decades on a foundation of systematic falsification about the true nature of

TRUMAN AND THE CP

Trotskvism.

To change their position or Kutcher would be to admit the complete falsity of their charges that it is being "bungled," etc. about Trotskyists being agents It was in that sense that the of the fascists and badly dis-Sept. 1948 issue of the National credit Stalinism in the eyes of Americanism Commission's pub- rank and file Stalinists. Rather committed by the Stalinist bu- lication, Summary of Trends and than do that, which might bring reaucracy against the working Developments, discussed the case. the Stalinist structure down in class in the USSR and elsewhere. Its opening sentence confirms ruins, they prefer to run the And, as any issue of our paper this completely: "An extremely risk of discrediting themselves demonstrates, we are the most suspicious and provocative little in the eyes of the general public, implacable foes of all of Wall job was recently pulled off in where-perhaps-sufficient anti-

Our country, like the rest of the capitalist world, is under the virtually complete domination of giant monopolies. And monopoly capitalism, a senile social order in acute stages of decay, does not possess the recuperative powers of capitalism in its youth. Every set of economic difficulties tends to become more and more

It must never be forgotten that the "recession" at home cannot be isolated from what is happening abroad. It is only a component part of something bigger. The U.S., huge as it is, remains but a part of world capitalism.

In the meantime, the world economic situation has been deteriorating at an even faster rate

than in this country. The World Economic Report just issued by the

United Nations discloses that there has been a world-wide decline of production and growth of unemployment in the first quarter of this year. U.S. economy then stood at much higher levels than it does today. The world slump has unquestionably worsened in the interval.

Such developments are not only cumulative but reciprocal. What happens in foreign capitalist countries has its repercussions here, and vice versa. This is bound to aggravate conditions in every country, in the first instance in America, the largest single sector of world capitalism.

Conditions in Western Europe have been going from bad to worse. The Benelux countries, which appeared to be the best off, find themselves in

Britain, the second largest sector of world capitalism, is tottering on the brink of bankruptcy, amid declining foreign and domestic trade and production.

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In addition to all her other troubles, Britain once again faces a gold crisis, with her reserves already 400 million dollars below the "danger" AMU Members to Continue

The Laborite government has just announced the suspension of all new imports from the United States and Canada "until September 15."
This signifies a double blow: The British people will eat less and buy less, while world trade as will eat less and buy less, while world trade as a whole will decline still lower, hitting, first and foremost, the U.S. and Canadian economies.

The dollars thus "saved" may temporarily postpone the day of reckoning but cannot avert it. A currency crisis is now engulfing the fiscal system not alone of Britain but of virtually the whole of Western Europe. Finland's devaluation of her currency by 171/2% is only the most recent

The French are pressing for a greatly stepped up Marshall Aid program. The American imperialists, themselves faced with budgetary deficits, are deaf to these and similar pleas. They are instead seeking to beat down their European satellites with the weapon of the allpowerful dollar. They want currency devaluation abroad, particularly that of the English pound.

Britain's growing difficulies may easily precipitate a world currency crisis before the summer

And this, coupled with deepening economic convulsions here and abroad, may well lead to calamities on a scale expected and foreseen by

They Want War

- By Joseph Keller

Echoing the more rabidly jingo press like Hearst and Scripps-Howard, the AFL top moguls are demanding all-out U.S. aid to the doomed military dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek, butcher of the Chinese people.

This demand was voiced on July 4 through the AFL's so-called Free Trade Union Committee. The FTUC represents the AFL on international affairs and includes William Green as honorary president, with Matthew Woll, David Dubinsky and Jay Lovestone as its active guiding lights.

While all the more responsible and sober circles of American imperialism have marked Chiang's regime off the books, the AFL bigwigs call hysterically for the most intensive American intervention in China to try to save Chiang's rule from the merciless retribution of

The FTUC clamors for "no recognition, trade with or economic assistance to the Communist forces in China," full immediate aid to the Nationalists "under the careful supervision of American military and economic authorities" and for American missions, including military, to aid the Chinese in defending their homeland, in furthering democracy and free trade unionism, and in bettering their living and working con-

To talk about "furthering democracy and free trade unionism" through the Nationalist regime is to dwell in sheer fantasy. Chiang rose to power on the bones of the Chinese labor movement. He wiped the Chinese unions out in blood, slaughtering workers by the hundreds of thousands.

As for democracy even in a strictly parlia-

Cardinal Spellman was not speaking for all

Catholics when he demanded that the U.S.

Treasury finance Catholic schools and denounced

Representative Graham Barden as a "disciple of

biogotry" for his federal-aid-to-education bill

which provides that federal funds shall be used

Representative Andrew Jacobs of Indianapolis,

a devout Catholic and member of the House

Education and Labor Committee of which Barden

is chairman, said in a statement to Catholic

laymen that a great many Catholics are opposed

to Spellman's action. Answering Spellman's

claim that denial of public funds to parochial

schools was "discrimination" against Catholic

"As long as we have the same right to send

our children to public schools as anyone else we

are not discriminated against. And as Catholics

we do not have the right to a separate, publicly

supported school system, nor does any other group

"Whatever can be constitutionally done to aid

a child will win my support. However, I cannot

and will not support any measure that grants

public financial aid to private or parochial

"We have the right to build and maintain

our churches," the Indiana Democrat said, "but

not to build or maintain them with public funds.

Our parochial schools are an adjunct of our

religion, established for educational use instead

only for public education.

children; Rep. Jacobs said:

of people have such right.

China. Chiang ruled by force of arms through a tiny clique of corrupt war-lords, bankers and other capitalists. His armies were built by seizing peasants and marching them off in chains **Pressure Needed**

It is not out of sympathy for the frightful sufferings of the Chinese people under Chiang that American imperialism now refuses to aid him any longer. It is the recognition that his regime is so corrupt and rotten, so incompetent and unstable, that to send it any more dollars and supplies would be pouring them down a rat-hole For Trenton Six in which billions upon billions of U.S. dollars had already vanished.

The Chiang regime collapsed primarily from sheer inner rot. Its graft, depradations and wholesale robbery brought China to economic ruin. Its conscript-slave army deserted by the hundreds of thousands. That is why the Stalinist army was able to triumph.

China is not Greece. The Stalinists command hundreds of thousands of experienced troops. To drive them back, the American imperialists know, would mean nothing less than full-scale U.S. military intervention and war.

Woll, Dubinsky and Lovestone well understand this, as they likewise know the foul dictatorial pattern of Chiang's rule. Thus, what they are demanding, in effect, is that this country dispatch an American army to China to restore Chiang's totalitarian domination. These criminal elements, who profess to speak in the name of American labor, want to send American boys to fight and die on Chinese soil to reestablish a "democracy" and "free trade unions" that never existed outside

A Catholic Answers Spellman

of public schools, solely for the sake of the

schools and maintain them or take public funds

and convert them into public schools, and they

The Roman Catholic hierarchy, headed by

Cardinal Spellman, has joined with the most

reactionary big business elements in attacking

federal aid to education because their demand

for special privilege has not been granted.

Catholics are being urged to oppose the Barden

Bill by sermons and posters in Catholic churches.

One poster reads: "The Barden Bill will impose

Protestant, Jewish and liberal organizations

to public schools if its demands are not met.

Separation of Church and State, led by prominent

non-Catholic clergymen of many denominations,

declared: "Does the Cardinal wish to fasten upon

this nation a pattern of public-supported and

church-controlled education from which our fore-

fathers fled, and from which millions of Euro-

peans, including Roman Catholics, demand to be

will then no longer serve the religious purposes

"The issue is clear. Either you keep parochial

the minds of the FTUC-AFL labor faker

child's religious training.

for which they were established."

them into parochial schools.

now to win cancellation of plans freedom for the defendants.

The affair will be held the eve-

Among the leading labor and

L. Wirin of the American Civil

Liberties Union; and Attorney

Funds for the expensive legal

fight in Kutcher's defense are

being raised through sale of ads

and greetings in a souvenir pro-

A welcoming committee will

gram for the banquet.

Loren Miller of the NAACP.

LOS ANGELES BANQUET

TO HONOR JIM KUTCHER

Kutcher Civil Rights Committee plans a banquet in honor

LOS ANGELES, July 3 - The Southern California

To Win Freedom

Supreme Court on June 30.

the "confessions" extorted from

the defendants while they were

being held illegally and without

warrants on "suspicion" of mur-

It also criticized the prosecu-

evidence requested by the de-

fense and the trial judge for im-

properly charging the jury and

for taking it on himself to pro-

dering a Trenton junkdealer.

WITHHELD EVIDENCE

the first degree."

Charge Catholic Interference In New York Public Schools

Shown above are five of the Trenton Six, whose death sen-Interference by the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the tences were reversed in a unanipublic educational system of New York City is one of the mous decision of the New Jersey charges leveled at the city's Boards of Education and Higher Education by the Com-? The court's decision condemned

mission on Christian Social Rela- public fipancing of parochial tions of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York.

Court Reverses Death Sentences

An unprecedented bulletin by the commission, issued on June 27, brought into the open the role of the Catholic hierarchy in fostering censorship of books and tion for withholding fingerprint publications in public school libraries and influencing the choice of educational officials.

ROLE OF THE TABLET

nounce the death sentence on The charges of Catholic interthem although the jury verdict ference were part of a sweeping was "guilty" and not "guilty in policies, which included inadeout the convictions, it did not quate physical facilities, un-But while the court threw free the six defendants, who are still in jail and may have to crowding in the schools. The undergo another trial in the fall. city administration is dominated presentation of all three principal Mass protest has won a signi- by Catholics, headed by Mayor ficant partial victory; but more O'Dwyer, who work in close touch and stronger protest is needed with the Catholic hierarchy. for another trial and immediate headed by Cardinal Spellman who recently called opposition to

schools "bigotry."

THE MILITANT

The Protestant Episcopal report specifically cited, in connection with its charges of Catholic interference, the changes in the Youthbuilders program that resulted from an attack on the program by The Tablet, paper of the Roman Catholic diocese in Brooklyn.

The ban from the public school libraries of the liberal Nation magazine and of two books, Gentlemen's Agreement and One indictment of public educational God, were likewise charged to pressure of the Catholic hierarchy. Gentlemen's Agreement is a novel religious groups (Protestant, Jewish and Catholic)," says the report, and this was "not conwith the Catholic hierarchy, sidered desirable" by the Catholic

> interference was the failure of he had "complete confidence" in presidency of Queens College after The Tablet had attacked Hovde and Mayor O'Dwyer had of High Education and opposed ican soil. his appointment.

The Militant has previously reported on the Catholic role in the Hovde case and the Nation

of the legless veteran as the high point of his visit here. Dr. William Jansen, Super-In addition to forcing the intendent of Schools, tried to Stalinist-dominated "Conference discredit the widely-publicized Against Thought Control" to Protesant Episcopal report by hear the veteran on Sunday, the claiming it was "entirely the liberal supporters of the Kutch- local Kutcher committee held a work of one person," evidently fund-raising picnic the same day. referring to Rev. Leland B. Henry, head of the commission

Jansen was answered by the Right Rev. Charles K. Gilbert, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of New York, who expressed full confidence in the commission, and has demanded a thorough public investigation of its charges.

on July 1 he is scheduled to Postpone Simpson **Trial Until Fall**

PHILADELPHIA-The trial of held here June 27, has been postponed to the fall session of the

Simpson was indicted for "operating a disorderly house" because he allowed his home to be used for an inter-racial party last March 6 to raise funds for another Negro victim of discrimination, Bayard Jenkins.

The Philadelphia police raided the party, and kept 39 people in jail overnight as part of their campaign to discourage solidarity of Negro and white workers. Magistrate Daly said, "We intend to break this up," when

he held Simpson in \$500 bail. fending Simpson, intends to use unlimited powers.

The struggle for internal union democracy, a central point in the program of the progressive wing of the trade union movement, will occupy the center of the stage at the coming CIO National Maritime

New York next September. The inconclusive outcome of the recent 30-day referendum on the proposed constitutional amendments to expel so-called "subversives" and to require all members to sign a loyalty affidavit has left the issue of internal democracy unresolved. In what was obviously a face-saving formula for the faction led by NMU President Joseph Curran, the referendum was declared null

ties" in the voting. The yellow-dog amendments were devised, in part, to insure the Curran faction a decisive majority at the convention. They were intended to create an atmosphere of witch - hunting hysteria in which the Curran group could concentrate autocratic power in its hands. But the wording of the amendments was so sweeping in its threat to candidate for convention delethe democratic rights of the gate, to "record in the minutes membership, their repressive of the meeting aboard the ship, provisions so all-inclusive, that storm of opposition developed strong enough to stave off the sympathetic to them." bureaucratic thrust but not powerful enough to win a clear

CURRAN'S NEW DEMAND

down" to its essence, Curran has or religious or political belief or announced to the press, will be affiliation. This is but another submitted to the convention in form of the hated "loyalty oath" September. Apparently Curran which was rejected in the referhas learned his lesson. He tried endum. But union constitutions to take in too much territory all and membership referendums at once and tipped his hand. He mean little to union bureaucrats thought the witch-hunting, red- driven by an inexorable combaiting drive, emanating from pulsion to lace the rank and file Washington and Wall Street, had in a totalitarian strait-jacket. acquired sufficient momentum to carry any proposition providing it was plentifully sprinkled with WHO they shall elect as convenanti-communist phrases. But he tion delegates is proving no more

sails, in order to reach his ob- parent that the NMU convention jective in easy stages. But the will be confronted with the NMU membership has also learn- central task of preserving and ed a lesson by the experience of extending the democratic rights

Union convention to be held in process of "boiling down" the yellow-dog amendments doesn't eliminate the poison - it merely lessens the dose. But it's just as deadly in its effect on the organ-

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FLAGRANT VIOLATION

An example of the "boiling down" process was given last week in an "Open Letter" distributed to "all officials and members aboard ship and ashore," over the signature of President and void because of "irregulari- Curran. The "Open Letter" purports to deal with the problems the union will be called upon to solve at the coming convention, but "boils down" to the proposal to resume the witch-hunt interrupted by the abortive 30-day referendum on the yellow-dog améndments.

. Among other things, Curran calls upon the NMU members aboard ship to compel every whether he is or is not a member of the Communist Party or is

This edict by the President of the NMU is a flagrant violation of the union's constitution which provides that there shall be no discrimination against any mem-A similar proposition, "boiled ber because of race, creed, color

This attempt on the part of Curran to dictate to the members Now he proposes to trim his amendments. It is already apthe struggle. They know what the of the membership as the prere-Curran faction is after. The quisite for further progress.

exposing anti-Semitism. One God tries to give a "sympathetic ATTORNEY GEN. CLARK OK'S FBI STOOLPIGEON NETWORK

On July 1 Attorney General Tom C. Clark went out of his way to proclaim publicly that he stood 100% behind Another instance of Catholic the FBI and its director J. Edgar Hoover. Declaring that

the Board of Education to ap- Hoover's version of the Gestapo, dictatorship. It has remained for point Dr. Bryn J. Hovde to the Clark in effect served notice to gentlemen like Attorney General the public that the most sordid Clark and other retainers of the secret police methods, paid for Truman administration to venout of tax money, are to be per- ture on the same course - in invaded a meeting of the Board petuated and extended on Amer- the name of safeguarding

This means the consolidation of a permanent army of stoolhand-picked human scum may operate beyond and above the law. As unidentified and unidentifiable informants they are the Fourth of July weekend inempowered to wreak their malice and commit the grossest in- improvements made in this justices upon any individuals or workers' resort during the recent groups they may choose to single months. Heading the additional

OPPOSITE PROCEDURE

validation of the principle that wide windows of this building each man is innocent until and located high on top of the camp unless proven guilty. Just the grounds look out upon miles of opposite procedure will henceforth be instituted. Any one at below. whom the FBI stoolpigeons point RECREATIONAL FACILITIES their dirty finger is thereby condemned as guilty and must prove his innocence without being aware either of the charges Fred Simpson, scheduled to be against him or the identity of his accusers.

> attend the "courts of justice" soft-ball contests. ready to testify to anything for a price. We are to be blessed with the same procedure, with make Mountain Spring Camp an the added refinement that the exceptionally pleasant country venal perjurors may "testify" in home. The informal, friendly secret under the cover of "nasecret under the cover of "national security."

'A monstrous spy network is to

against this Jim Crow frameup. tices in the name of naked N. J.

democracy."

pigeons who may with impunity invade the privacy of homes, let alone public places and bodies, including the trade unions. This

flocked to Mountain Spring Camp at Washington, New Jersey, over spected and enjoyed the many facilities was the spacious dining hall with its modern kitchen equipment and refrigerator stor-This means the complete in- age and deepfreeze unit. The

In addition to sleeping accomodations provided in the two main houses, many couples spent their holidays in the new separate screened-in cabins erected on the hillsides. The bulldozer had not Bribery and corruption are to only cleared a large parking lot become the norm. Asiatic coun- for automobiles and improved tries have long known the institu- the roads but levelled a fine balltion of false witnesses who field in time for hard-fought

These and the many other recreational facilities available enjoyable vacation. Reservations are now being taken for the remaining summer months. The be installed, secure from any very moderate rates are designpublic probes or intervention, ed to meet the budgets of workdisposing of huge sums without ing class families. \$35 per week The Citizens Committee for any public accounting, conducting for adults; \$20 per week for Democratic Rights, which is de- its operations with undefined and children up to 12 years. For reservations or further informathe period between now and the Mussolini in Italy and Hitler tion, write Mountain Spring trial to organize further protests in Germany enforced such prac- | Camp, R. D. No. 1, Washington,

Notes from the News

"IN THE FBI WE TRUST" - Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves feels quite insecure about the disposition of the atom bomb. The brass hats are now in control under a set-up formally headed by a "civilian" Lilienthal. Groves, former head of the atomic explosives project, now demands that full "power and autority" over the A-Bomb be handed over - to the FBI.

NEW PARTY SENTIMENT - The Columbus national convention of Townsend Clubs voted unanimously to "establish a new political party." The groundwork for this new organization, according to Townsend spokesmen, would be laid immediately.

REUTHERITE "JOKE" - Reutherites in the Cleveland Auto Council elected John Le Blanc as delegate to a conference called by the UE on the Fawick-Airflex strike which was recently defeated through connivance of the company, the

paid FBI stool-pigeon who testified at the CP trial in New York. Reutherites privately refer to this as a joke on the Stalinists. Progressive unionists find it hard to appreciate the humor.

ACADEMIC "FREEDOM" - The National Education Association convention in Boston came out against the practice of singling out teachers for "loyalty" oaths. Then a few days later it played right into the hands of the witch-hunters by approving a resolution to ban Communist Party members as teachers.

RISING FASTER THAN EVER: The Census Bureau reports unemployment in June took another sharp rise, reaching 3,788,000, the highest on Page 1), but his other acfigure reported by the bureau since February tivities here have also gotten a 1942. Census Bureau reports notoriously un- warm response from defenders derestimate the actual number of jobless.

scheduled for Friday and an in-AFL and the CIO right-wing. Le Blanc is the

tax without participation" - although the ning of July 23 at the Park Man-

majority of Catholic children go to public schools or, 607 South Western, and the

have been aroused by the arrogant campaign of er defense who will speak at the

the Catholic hierarchy to shake down the public banquet are Carey McWilliams,

treasury with the threat to sabotage federal aid noted author and lecturer on

Protestants and Other Americans United for Regional Director; Attorney A.

in spite of the hierarchy's attempts to segregate price is \$2 per plate.

St., Los Angeles 33, or phone man. AN 2-5390 or RI 7-8356.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30-James Kutcher's tour of the Bay Area, although it has been met with an iron curtain of silence from the capitalist press, has been highly fruitful so far. The high point was the reception he got from a big meeting of longshoremen's Local 1 (See story of civil liberties.

On Monday he made a halfhour interview recording at a that drafted the report. civil rights; Irvin DeShetler, CIO small Berkeley radio station. This interview was released Wednesday night. Tuesday Kutcher appeared be-

fore a meeting of CIO Textile Workers Local 71. That same night he spoke to 130 students and faculty members at a meeting in the University of California YMCA.

address the Santa Cruz Central meet Kutcher at the airport Labor Council. On July 5 he will Thursday. A press conference is speak at an AFL Retail Clerks speak at an AFL Retail Clerks union meeting. The day after formal house party Saturday that he will be the main speaker at a public meeting sponsored Militant readers in the Los by the Kutcher Committee, the Angeles area may write for re- American Veterans Committee, servations of tickets or space in and the American Civil Liberthe souvenir program for the ties Union. Professor Alexander banquet to the Kutcher Civil Meiklejohn, noted fighter for Rights Committee at 809 Corwell academic freedom, will be chair-

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