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NAACP Plans Prominent Liberals Reject Mass Conference Against Jim Crow CP Line on Civil Liberties

By Lois Saunders

LOS ANGELES, July 17 - Total condemnation of the use of the red scare, the witch-hunt and the "subver- Stay in L. A. As sive" list as instruments of government policy, and the Interest Mounts

call for a gigantic mass con-40th annual conference of the National Association for the Ad- pressors. vancement of Colored People, just concluded here.

Governor William H. Hastie, of the Virgin Islands, gave the first electrifying sign of the strong civil rights stand to be taken by the delegates when, in a speech early in the conference. he lashed out against the "spirit of inquisition," the w'tch-hunt and the concept of "milt by association," now prevailing in the United States.

Indication that the NAACP intends to implement this stand was seen in the hearing accorded by the convention to James Kutcher, legless veteran who was fired from his clerical job in the Veterans Administration because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party, arbitrarily designated as "subversive" by Attorney General Tom Clark.

Kutcher was granted time to present his case to the delegates and make a plea for support. He was the only outside speaker, other than the mayor of Los Angeles, to be given the floor.

HEARTENING SIGNS

day conference of the 500-odd delegates and alternates also was the widespread realization, the delegates of the Marshall stressed in numerous speeches Flan and the calling for its exand resolutions, that the Negro tension to Asia, Africa and elsefight for equality is intimately where throughout the world. This linked with the similar fight of action contrasted sharply with all other minorities and with the expressions of concern for labor's struggle for a decent the welfare of colonial peoples, standard of living.

that the Negro problem in the

tions are "subversive" within?

the terms of the anti-democratic

Feinberg Act. But the proceed-

ings were quickly shown to be

the very opposite of a fair and

impartial hearing when spokes-

men for the Regents admitted

that they were acting solely on

the basis of Attorney General

Clark's unconstitutional blacklist.

vited to send representatives be-

fore the Regents committee -

the Socialist Workers Party, Com-

munist Party, Workers Party, In-

dustrial Workers of the World

and Nationalist Party of Puerto

Rico. Spokesmen for the first

Regents chairman Welles V.

Moot of Buffalo stated at the

start of the session that Clark

had placed these organizations on

his "subversive" list only "after

long and careful consideration."

man of the Socialist Workers

Farrell Dobbs, national chair-

Five organizations had been in-

ference in Washington to demand United States is part and parcel civil rights legislation were the of the rebellion of colonial peooutstanding achievements of the ples throughout the world for minority groups for the defense emancipation from their op-

> Heartening, too, was the impassioned plea of one of the wothat the next annual conference of crats and the Ku Klux Klan. of his own case. Atlanta was rejected in favor of Boston, but the plea to carry the fight to the very seat of reaction received a warming and encouraging response, and is indicative of the spirit of combat exhibited by many of the delegates.

These occurrences were more significant, though far less spectacular, than the presentation on Sunday in the huge Hollywood Bowl of the Spingarn award for appeared in the California Jewish outstanding achievement to Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting United Nations mediator in Palestine. This affair was one of the most impressive demonstrations ever liberal Japanese-American weekaccorded a Negro in the United ly. States.

In addition to its achievements however, the conference also manifested serious weaknesses which can only retard the Negro struggle for emancipation.

Of special note during the six- SERIOUS WEAKNESSES

Outstanding a m o n g these weaknesses were endorsement by since Marshall Plan money is one Likewise of vital import was of the main props enabling im-(Continued on Page 4)

statement (printed in full in last

week's Militant) denouncing the

entire proceedings as illegal and

discriminatory. He departed from

this statement, however, to hurl

Moot's opening remarks back at

"What evidence has Attorney

General Clark supplied you to

hack up his charge that the So-

cialist Workers Party is 'sub-

"You are charged with ad

vocating the overthrow of the gov-

ernment by force and violence."

Moot said, evading Dobbs' real

"Where, when, how and by

whom has there been such ad-

vocacy?" Dobbs challenged.

'What was said? What was

written? What acts were com-

mitted and by whom? You can't

legally hang us on the outrageous

pretext of such an absurd, un-

But Moot made no reply. His

silence spoke almost as loudly

and eloquently as Dobbs' indict-

ment of the Clark-Feinberg con-

spiracy against democratic rights

and academic freedom. It proved

through a few motions before

carrying out the compilation of a

blacklist for teachers which they

had decided on long before the

Dobbs departed on one other

occasion from his prepared state-

ment, and that was in response

to a particularly slimy provoca-

Lillian Gates, legislative repre-

sentative of the New York Com-

munist Party, told the "hearing"

that the Regents were "delibera-

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proven accusation."

present "hearings."

who preceded him.

ELOQUENT SILENCE

him, demanding:

versive'?"

question.

the recognition given the fact perialist countries to continue to

CLARK LIST SOLE BASIS

FOR REGENTS WITCH-HUNT

ALBANY, July 15 - A committee of the New York

Board of Regents staged a so-called "hearing" here yester-

day, allegedly for the purpose of deciding what organiza-

Kutcher Extends LOS ANGELES, July 17 - As

support from labor, liberal and of James-Kutcher's civil rights increased this week, plans were made to extend his stay in Los Angeles beyond the July 23 men delegates from the South banquet date in order to take care of numerous requests received the Association be held in Atlan- from groups and individuals for ta, as an open defy to the threats additional opportunities to hear and bludgeonings of the Dixie- the legless veteran tell the story

> The most conscious elements of the city's large Negro, Mexican, Jewish and Japanese population have been among the first to recognize the Kutcher case as the test case of the "loyalty" program which infringes civil rights

> Since the arrival of Kutcher in Los Angeles support for him has Voice; the Los Angeles Sentinel and the West Coast edition of the Pittsburgh Courier, Negro weeklies; and Crossroads, leading

TO SPEAK TO CSO

In addition, Kutcher was granted the privilege last Thursday of addressing the annual national conference of the NAACP, and he is scheduled to speak at a meeting of the Community Organization, leading Service Mexican-American organization, next Wednesday.

Many unions and liberal groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union are co-operating to has circularized its mailing list and the Greater Los Angeles CIO a 60-day "cooling off" period. Industrial Union Council has

Kutcher spoke briefly at the Council meeting this week.

PROF. PAULING JOINS

Professor Linus Pauling of the California Institute of Tech-Rights Conference, has joined the among educators for Kutcher. and winner of numerous awards for his achievements in chemical research, notably the Langmuir Award in 1931 and the J. Willard Gibbs Medal in 1946.

Steel, Ford Fights Show Lack of Unified Strategy The steel strike scheduled to strike be called off in return for engaged in negotiations with the

NO RIGHTS FOR

STALINISTS &

TROTSKY ISTS

BILL OF RIGHTS

President of the CIO United Steel proposed to embody this method The recent Milwaukee convention Workers, after Benjamin F. Fair- into legislation calling for 30- of the UAW has authorized the make the Kutcher civil rights less, head of the U. S. Steel day "cooling off" periods, he was levying of a special strike assessmake the Kutcher civil rights banquet at the Park Manor next the other basic steel companies union leaders. Murray declared closed down, which would raise the CP leaders at Foley Square accepted Truman's proposal for over a national radio hookup that about 8 million dollars. In addi-

quet by buying tickets and greet- at the same time, named a three ings in the souvenir program for man Fact Finding Board which savage legislative repression." is to hold hearings on the union demands and make non-binding membership meeting of United recommendations within 45 days. Auto Workers Local 230 The steel corporations have al-(Chrysler) last Tuesday and is ready taken pains to make clear scheduled to address the CIO that "there is to be no moral or legal obligation to accept any porations have already laid the

The steel corporations' acceptance of Truman's proposal nology, a sponsor of the Bill of after a certain amount of preliminary bargaining is being hailed campaign to secure support by the union officials as a labor victory. It is nothing of the sort. Profesor Pauling is President It is, in fact, a major retreat on of the American Chemical Society the part of the CIO from the militant position it first adopted in the course of the 1945-46 "first round" wage fight.

When Truman asked in December 1945 that the General Motors turned on the auto union which is cessions for the workers.

begin on July 16 was suddenly which he would set up a Fact Ford Motor Company on its called off by Philip Murray, Finding Board; when he further fourth round economic demands. the design of the Truman pro-The Truman plan calls for an posals can only be "to weaken issued a letter to all its affiliates extension of the present union and ultimately to destroy labor introduced by the delegates of urging them to support the ban- agreements for 60 days. Truman, union organizations. It can be but the first step for even more forbidding the inclusion of any

> which he denounced in 1945. What happens now? In 45 days, the Fact Finding Board will make its recommendations. The correcommendation which the board groundwork for a rejection if they are not to their liking. The union on the contrary, by Murray's conduct, has practically agreed to be bound by these same ecommendations. The stage will thus be set for the union fighting not for its fourth round economic program of \$150 monthly pensions, 20 cent hourly wage increases and health and insurance benefits, but the whittled-down proposal that the board may choose to recommend.

Meanwhile, the spotlight has

tion to its economic demands, the convention adopted a resolution Ford River Rouge Local 600 so-called company security clauses Today, Murray has fallen all in the next contract, under which over himself to accept the scheme the Ford management instituted its brutal speedup.

The Ford contract expired on July 15 and was extended on a day-to-day basis. The union can call a strike at any time by giving five days' notice to the company. The 60-day truce in steel at

the moment that the Ford negotiations are reaching a climax highlights the absence of any unified wage strategy on the part of the CIO high command. It underlines, therefore, the necessity for the rank and file to be alert and prepared to exert their strength for the necessary militant actions that can save the fourth round wage fight from ruin and win substantial con-

Protest Stalinist Refusal to **Defend Political Opponents**

NEW YORK, July 17 - A prominent group of liberals, breaking openly with the Communist Party line, proved by their stand at the Bill of Rights Conference, in its sessions yesterday and today at the Henry Hudson Hotel in this city, that they are ready to support a genuine united defense of all victims of the witch-hunt, regardless of political beliefs.

The Stalinists, however, gave another convincing demonstration that the Communist Party is prepared to wreck any united front that insists on defending the civil rights of political tendencies opposed to Stalinism.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted assailing the thoughtcontrol purge among government employees and in the public schools, the evil stoolpigeon system of the FBI, persecution of the foreign-born, the terror campaign against the Negro people, and the attacks on liberal-minded religious and cultural leaders.

The conference unanimously demanded that the Foley Square prosecution of the Communist Party leaders be halted. But the Stalinists broke the united front by ganging up to defeat a resolution introduced by Professor Thomas I. Emerson of the Yale Law School which had the support of a majority of the resolutions committee. The Emerson resolution demanded a presidential pardon for the 18 Socialist Workers Party leaders convicted in 1941 solely because of their political beliefs, and imprisoned under the same Smith Act now being used against the Communist Party.

The Stalinists also used their majority at the conference to evade taking a position on the case of James Kutcher, legless veteran fired from the Veterans Administration because of his membership in the SWP. The Communist Party is the only organized tendency in the labor and liberal movement that has publicly opposed the fight to reinstate Kutcher on his job.

Professor Emerson's resolution came as a dramatic climax in he closing minutes of the conference. All the delegates were aware that the long delay in bringing the resolutions committee report the floor meant that a battle was taking place in the committee

over the only controversial issue before the gathering. Paul J. Kern, liberal New York attorney and conference chairnan, first introduced all the noncontroversial resolutions which were unanimously adopted. He More Conference

then presented the Emerson resolution, ruling that three speakers for and three against the resolurestore the civil rights of the 18 SWP leaders.

EMERSON'S SPEECH

Profesor Emerson was the first speaker for his position. "The uestion we are called upon to decide here is a very basic one,' he warned, "whether the conference agrees to extend the Bill of Rights to all shades of opinion. You cannot have political rights for certain political parties and not for others - for Democrats and not Republicans, for the Communist Party and not for the Socialist Workers Party.

"I have studied the record of the Minneapolis case," he continued. "The trial of 1941 was a trial comparable to the one on Foley Square. It was a trial of political opinion in peacetime. It was not a question of bearing arms or any overt act."

Professor Emerson quoted letter from Henry A. Wallace to Farrell Dobbs declaring his sup-(Continued on page 3)

tion would be given the floor for three minutes. The resolution United Action Call

the CP leaders at Foley Square sors of the Bill of Rights Conand demanding a pardon to ference this week informed Farrell Dobbs, national chairman of the Socialist Workers Party, that they supported his request for the conference to defend the civil rights of all victims of the witchhunt, including those of the Trotskyists. A similar stand had been previously taken by Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard College Observatory, Professor Thomas I. Emerson of Vale Law School and Professor Frederick L. Schuman of Williams College.

In a leter to Dobbs, Rev. Raynond A. Waser, minister of the First Congregational Church in Pasadena, Calif., wrote on July

"I am in complete accord with the expressions in your letter of defend the Bill of Rights must be inclusive of all groups. Otherwise it is even worse than the witch hunters. They at least are

CP LINE "REPREHENSIBLE" On the same day another conference sponsor, Dr. Bernard Baum of the University of Iowa,

"I was very glad to get your letters expressing concern over the attitude of those sponsoring the Conference to Defend the Bill of Rights. "I should be greatly astonished

if any group earnestly fighting to preserve our civil liberties were not accorded full right to participate in the Conference on equal terms with all other groups. I have no reason for doubting the sincerity of those who drew up the Call for this Conference, which contains a statement of principles with which neither of

"Like many others, I have considered it altogether reprehensible of the Communist Party to deny support to members of the Socialist Workers Party victimized by anti-democratic forces. One can only hope that it will become clear to everyone that none of us is assured freedom just so long as any of us is denied freedom.

us would disagree. I'm certain.

"Although I shall not be able (Continued on page 3)

forces in defense of civil rights and against the witch- follow its proceedings in reports. hunters will and must continue. But it can make head- I expect that the Socialist Workway only if the participants clearly understand the ers Party and any other group generation of Bolshevik heroes who led the Russian Revo- hesitate to again come to terms with Washington and to perfidious nature of Stalinism and reject its fatal poli- interested in civil rights will find

Why Stalinists Wrecked the Conference

An Editorial

The Bill of Rights Conference held in New York last veekend was itself the scene of a crime against civil witch-hunt. But the Stalinists drove a knife into its very heart by killing the motion made by Professor Emerson and backed by the majority of the resolutions Smith Act as well as the 12 Stalinists now on trial.

Why should the Stalinists deliberately wreck so promising a movement organized for their own defense? them to crimes that discredit them not only before the that the Regents were just going general public but also among their most vigorous lib-

The Kremlin Is the Source

These motives in no way derive from any concern for the interests of the American workers or the demointerests of the Communist Party's own self-defense. interests of the totalitarian tyranny in the Kremlin. tion by a Stalinist representative Here is the real source of all the crimes against the civil rights movement committed by the American Stalinist leaders.

by slandering, purging, jailing and murdering the entire perialism to the Soviet Union, the Kremlin would not

tion of his genuinely Communist opponents, Stalin false- | the Stalinists will never compromise with their opponly accused them of being agents of one or another for- ents from the left, least of all the Trotskyists who are eign power. The defendants at the Moscow frameup their most consistent and irreconcilable adversaries. rights. The conference might have become a potent blood purges, were labeled "agents of Hitler," with whom Stalin himself was later to conclude a deal.

The principal target of Stalin's frameup and murtolerate no other course.

To defend the rights of the Trotskyists would be frameups and to exposing the Stalin regime as perpe-Trotskyists as "agents of fascism" and in denying them ism has nothing in common with socialism.

The Kremlin and its agents can make, as they have rights. made, deals with the most reactionary forces in the capitalist world, including Churchill, Hitler and Chiang Stalin and his retainers came to rule Soviet Russia Kai-shek. Even today, despite the menace of U. S. im-. lution to victory. To prepare for the physical extermina- support Truman just as it supported Roosevelt. But cies and methods.

They Fear Revolutionary Opposition

They cannot tolerate the Trotskyists because we are the mortal enemies of both imperialism and Stalinism. der machine was Leon Trotsky, who had exposed and The Stalinists want and need a free hand for haggling committee to defend the 18 Trotskyist victims of the fought the crimes of the Stalinist despots and their with the imperialists and for putting over their sellbetrayal of the principles of socialism. As obedient in- outs. They fear criticism from the standpoint of sostruments of Moscow, the Communist Parties throughout cialism. In their fight against the Trotskyists, the Stalthe world are obliged to maintain this structure of lies inists do not stop at character assassination and frame-Obviously, there must be overriding motives which drive and frameups against the Trotskyists. The Kremlin will ups, the latest instance of which was Howard Fast's etter in the Daily Compass.

By their conduct at the Bill of Rights Conference tantamount to admitting that the Moscow trials were the Stalinists showed that they will not even collaborate with those liberals who want to defend the rights of trator of the most sinister crimes against the working all victims of the witch-hunt, regardless of their political class. That is why the Stalinists persist in defaming the beliefs and differences. The Stalinists proved that for them the defense of civil rights is not a matter of princratic rights of our people. They sacrifice even the civil rights. This Stalinist conduct and logic extends ciple but of the Kremlin's convenience. Whenever it suits to all their critics and opponents, especially those who the Kremlin's aims, they are prepared to masquerade This ruinous policy on civil rights is dictated by the have discovered through personal experience that Stalin- as champions of civil rights; where it does not, they will drop the mask and try to wreck the struggle for civil

The movement to build a genuine united front of all to attend the Conference, I'll

Party, read into the record a

four were present.

press had to say about the Bill of Rights Conference.

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A round-up of what the rucial issues debated at the

Why They Lie About the

Labor Union Trends -

The UAW After the Milwaukee Convention

By Bert Cochran

tion, "Has the UAW gone conservative?" Even labor bureaucrats, when they relax among friends and when their remarks are not taken down for the record, contrast the present UAW to the good old days when the auto membership was cutting up, was powers-that-be, was a thorn in the sides of all the fat and staid bureaucrats of the older unions, and when the auto workers, by their breath - taking daring and remarkable solidarity were lifting the labor movement to new heights of grandeur and achievement.

Is this all a thing of the past? That is the question that is ment. For despite Reuther's talents in jazzing up a situation, his pyrotechnics and pretense of in expelling from the union the militancy, the word is pretty well getting around that Reuther is inist caucus. It is true that the safe and sound, that he is flesh of Stalinists, as is their custom, gave the flesh and blood of the blood him ammunition by publishing a of the rest of the labor bureau-

Just the other day I unexpectedly ran across an interesting themselves as agents of the FE item dealing with this very question in a column by Loren Norman, editor of Racine Labor, a AFL central labor body and the its handbill to the convention: UAW in Racine, Wisconsin, Norman, writing prior to the Milwaukee convention, states:

"THREE STAGES"

"These proposed splits [of districts], the move to have officers' terms extended to two years, members cause one to wonder if flesh - to the fleshpots.

"Militant and democratic, the UAW has led the way in many Doll and Sage presages more ex- a new basis with the best ele- their thoughts. union battles and has inspired outside the ranks.

"They say that organizations frequently go through three stages: 1. Organization. The union is vital, militant and highly ceeded. democratic, 2. Consolidation. The union begins to 'setle down,' sign contracts, becomes more conservative and less democratic. 3. Stratification. The union becomes conservative, conventions

passing from the second to the somebody else but because the under the sway of the red scare. risen on the horizon. We refer to insist on rigidly limiting, if not third stage, in view of its present average auto worker in the in- The Stalinists had lost the moral financial difficulties which now altogether averting, this developmoves. Is it becoming just an- dustry today is a family man over leadership of the anti-Reuther face the Truman administration. ment. other 'business' union - or will 40 years of age - an outcome of progressive wing and even their it remain vibrant and unpre- the union seniority provisions — aggressiveness at the Milwaukee INTOLERABLE STRAINS dictable, with its stormy petrels who feels he has a certain stake convention has not helped them and its grand battles, its demo- in the scheme of things, pitiful to recapture it. cracy and its fighting spirit? The though it be, to protect. Furtherrank and file we hope will make more, the UAW, like the whole it plain at this convention that it union movement, is caught in the wants to stay on the militant steel embrace of the imperialist path that has made the UAW the state which aims to bend it to mittee for a Militant and Demofine organization it is."

WHAT REUTHER GOT

I think it is undeniable - and from the immediate factional rayized" and is now simply a sures, threats and powers of corpolitics in the UAW - that the carbon copy of the steel union. ruption of the administration ma-

ization, and that it has become debilitating policies.

Reuther not only got overwhelming convention approval for jamming through greater dicta- the union as well. torial power for his machine and two leading officers of the Stalfactional report that had been buried by a previous international executive board and by conducting against the UAW. But the punishment ought to fit the crime. As "The Committee for a Militant

"While we are not associated with the group with which Doll and Sage are affiliated and have convention and elsewhere, we believe a sharp reprimand would constitute sufficient punishment advanced by incumbent board be used to revise our whole trial procedure which was developed the UAW is going the way of all in our Cleveland convention to protect the rights of union members." Whether the expulsion of opposition reconstituted itself on pulsions to come or not, you can ments from the old caucus. Most thousands of workers inside and bet your bottom dollar that the of the payrollees fell away as next critic that comes along will swallow hard before speaking his chops to keep them interested mind. Reuther meant to intimidate his opponents and he suc-

Loren Norman certainly has a orientation. profound point in his article about The Stalinists after flounderthe stages of union organizations. ing around for a while set up Such a key sector of industry as And the auto union is subjected their own faction with Tracy Doll are held less frequently, an to the same general laws of the as their front man. But the old dwindling back-logs while operaattempt is made to pile up a class struggle and the same broad heavy treasury, democracy suf-influences that affect all other have lost their magic. The best of overall picture is indeed a cheerunions of this type. Conservatism the militants had their number less one. "Given this pattern of growth, has arisen in the UAW not be- and wouldn't have any truck with

its own purposes. But that is only one side of the picture. It was Reuther's conven- picnic to keep a militant caucus tion all right at Milwaukee. But going in the teeth of red-baiting it becomes even clearer if you that does not mean by a long shot hysteria, the absence of broad divorce yourself for the moment that the UA'W has been "Mur- support in the ranks, the pres-

Many students of the labor auto union has lost much of its The Milwaukee convention made provement are asking the ques- former insurgency and has suc- clear that there is still lots of cumbed to a measure of con- juice left in the auto union. The servatism and bureaucratism. The bulk of the local officers and Milwaukee convention formalized | delegates may be Reutherites but what was already indicated by the they still have a healthy fear of local elections for convention the rank and file back home. delegates - that Reuther has Thus, Reuther was slapped down built up an imposing machine, on his scheme to hold conventhat this machine has a firm grip tions every two years and forced roaring its challenge at the on the union structure, that it is to withdraw his proposals to jack reaching out all the time for still up the dues as well as a number more power, that it is trying to of his constitutional amendments tame this once rebellious organ- which would have increased the powers of his international expart and parcel, or to put it more ecutive board. The rank and file correctly, a vanguard of the demonstrated that control hasn't Murray CIO bureaucracy and its slipped out of its hands entirely, that if it is determined enough, it can impose its wishes on a convention, and that when its his general course and ad- thinking changes on other scores, worrying many in the labor move- ministration but succeeded in it will impose those changes on

FATE OF OLD OPPOSITION

The fact that there is stil to maintain itself for the past two years in the face of the witch-hunt and the general sweep of reaction. It must be understood that the old Thomas-Addes-Leonard group was not only paper published jointly by the and Democratic UAW" stated in decisively defeated at the 1947 Atlantic City convention. It disinany perspective of this leadership was part of the story. The sharp differences with them inability to maintain the loyalty which we have expressed in this of opportunist payroll men once patronage was gone was part of the story. Stalinism was part of the story. The three musketeers changes in the trial procedure for this first offense. . . Beware are out of the UAW. Addes is and other moves rumored to be that the Doll-Sage incident not operating a saloon in Detroit. Thomas and Leonard are high class messenger boys for Murray.

After the crushing defeat at Atlantic City, the anti-Reuther there were no longer any pork For the first time in the history of the UAW a sizeable opposition came into being, resting upon a progressive programmatic WHY CONSERVATISM AROSE basis and anti-Stalinist in its

OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

The anti-Stalinist progressive caucus constituted as "The Comcratic UAW" has likewise had some tough sledding. It is no ings and attacks of the Stalinists. The average progressive, after Rates for Guests all, wants to get elected to office. When he finds that militancy lacks the same appeal as of old But the fact is that despite all harassments, the opposition has gave a good account of itself at the Milwaukee convention as the authentic anti-Reuther progressive opposition, and made an nch or two of headway.

This is of more than passing cabins. importance. This is, in fact, a tion in the UAW was a passing fered by the camp.

Steel Strike Called Off



Steelworker John Puhatch and family learn from a Pittsburgh newspaper that the steel strike had been called off following the acceptance by the steel monopolists of Truman's "60-day truce plan." The wage dispute is referred for investigation to a threeman fact finding board.

Fiscal Troubles elbow room in the UAW and that the tradition of militancy can still be appealed to is shown also by the ability of a new opposition Begin to Plague Ailing Economy

By John G. Wright

Truman and his administration appear to be determined to out-do tegrated internally. The lack of Herbert Hoover's performance in the Thirties. Big metropolitan dailies, not to mention the national weeklies, are following suit. They gush with optimism. Prominent academicians, like Prof. Summer H. Slichter of Harvard, step to the fore to add their falsettos to the booming bassos, one and all intoning that "The Upturn in Business Is Not Far Away." As a witty Frenchman once remarked in a slightly different connection, some men employ speech only to conceal

> Instead of any improvement or reversal of current downward trends, there are ominous indications of further complications and declines.

> Retail trade remains in the doldrums. Large-scale liquidation of inventories continues without making an appreciable dent in unsold goods, piled up to the tune of more than 50 billion dollars. steel is eating deeply into its

> And in recent weeks still another economic thunderhead has

As of June 30, the government ing the economic situation does not worsen, this deficit will nevertheless snowball to more than \$5 billion; with the prospect of another deficit double in size for the

The management of the newlyhe is inclined to trim his sails. Washington, New Jersey, has an- budget may be gauged by the maximum opportunity to roll up to pass on a tip used by Comrade commodations and \$32.50 per week for separate screened cabins are \$4.50 per day for dormitory downward trend." quarters and \$5 per day for

promise that the UAW is not scaled down proportionately aldolorous stages as Dubinsky's of food preparation and service getary, deficits tend to pile up. garment union, where after a which have already won a favorradical and insurgent youth the able reputation for the camp will union slogged into the mire of a be maintained. Through these bureaucratized and class - colla- reductions the management aims borationist middle age. If one to bring a visit to this pleasant

twenties, then one could very and to more widely advertise the of Britain. easily conclude that the opposi- many features and facilities of-

leaders in the next realignment for making reservations, write of forces of the American labor Mountain Spring Camp, R.D. 1, skip over all this as they peddle she writes, "and spent about an Washington N. I. their false are realignment for making reservations, write substant and one FI eign Relations Committee, said:

"Truman as choir-leader prefer to sub. "Four comrades went out," eign Relations Committee, said:

"That was worth a lot to the Washington N. I."

next fiscal year. This spells trouble, plenty of trouble.

peacetime imposes intolerable strains on the credit system. It may force the government to borrow at higher rates, a very risky eventuality in the face of a national debt that has passed the quarter of a trillion mark. In the long run, it endangers the stability of the dollar itself.

Moreover, peacetime deficits cannot be made up for any length of time through borrowing alone. Higher taxes become imperative, with a resulting slash in mass purchasing power coupled with a serious threat to capitalist profits.

This fiscal problem is something new in the situation. Up to now Truman and his advisors. have been able to juggle with billions as they pleased. But to- Bay Area, Detroit, day things have drastically altered.

Voices demanding a "regime of economy" are making themselves heard more and more insistently. To be sure, these 'economizers" have not as yet asserted themselves in Congress. But behind them, powerful forces are aligned. The biggest banks and monopolists and powerful politicians view with disfavor, if not apprehension, the prospect of huge government deficits. They

A bitter behind - the - scenes struggle is now in progress. One signal of the sharp disagreements deficit has reached the whopping now dividing the top echelons of sum of almost \$2 billion. If the the capitalist class came early of one week's vacation, all exthese items because of their timeditures is maintained and assum- Byrnes. former Secretary of State, broke openly with Tru-there will be two lucky vacaman. Delivering the principal commencement address at the Washington and Lee University in Virginia, Byrnes denounced Truman's "road to statism" and fluential spokesman for the ing for Leon Trotsky. Southern Bourbons who, in coali- Official slogan of the contest tion side Pittsburgh plans "sales

dominate Congress. The intensity of the pressure Area working class!" opened Mountain Spring Camp at on Truman to start balancing the

their fake optimism.

More AFL Unions **Vote Support to** Veteran's Fight

In the past two weeks several mportant AFL bodies have joined the hundreds of labor organiza- Another 'Titoist' tions rallied behind James Kutcher's fight for civil rights. The nearly 100 delegates at the July 7 meeting of the Toledo Central Labor Union warmly responded to an apeal on behalf of the legless veteran by Rev. Milo C. Sawyer of the First Baptist Church, representing the Toledo Kutcher Civil Rights Committee.

The Toledo AFL resolution sent Atorney General Clark and the Toledo Blade, declares that "the practise of firing individuals from government jobs because of their political beliefs without a public hearing or a chance to face their accusers or to see the evidence upon which they are designated as 'subversive' is a flagrant violation of our basic constitutional guarantees contained in the Bill of Rights." It demands that Kutcher "be restored to his job with- Anti-Labor Drives out prejudice" and "urges all its affiliates to support this case in every way they can."

On July 1, the AFL Central abor Council of Santa Cruz, Calif., after hearing Kutcher, endorsed his case and voted \$10 toward his court fight. One member expressed dissatisfaction at the amount donated and initiated an additional \$11 collection from those present.

On July 5 Kutcher addressed Local 1100 of the AFL Retail Clerks in San Francisco, which in easing the way for the Nazi to the Stalinist General Conasked its executive board to ap-Deficit government financing in prove a \$50 donation to Kutcher's tion of the Petain regime, can was reported there that the memcampaign.

> this important AFL international in the last year or so. to come to Kutcher's aid. The others were the New York, Phila-

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World Events

Brought to Trial Rajk, former Minister of the since the "liberation" of August Interior in Hungary, arrested on 1944, gave repeated evidence of June 14, is to be tried soon for its readiness and will to abolish 'selling Government secrets" to capitalism forever. Bankrupt Cavendish Cannon, the U.S. Amthe mediation of Marshall Tito, grace of Thorez and Co. Obviously the Kremlin is bent on Dodji, Albanian "Titoist" by another example in Hungary.

have yet to raise their voices in government, brought about this behalf of a fair trial for the former Hungarian Minister of Interior who has turned dissi-

And Losses of the Stalinists in France

A campaign has started in France, on the initiative of former Premier Paul Reynaud, to make substantial reductions in the workers, in order to "balance" with Marshall Plan requirements. That a discredited politician like Reynaud, whose claim to fame rests upon the spade-work he did

conquest of 1940 and the installaregain public prominence of this The San Francisco Joint Board sort, in itself speaks volumes. of the AFL International Ladies That he can dare, as spokesman 579,000 in 1949, that is, a Garment Workers Union also for the French capitalist class, catastrophic decline of 50%. voted endorsement of Kutcher's to propose such drastic anti-labor Dissatisfaction among the activist fight for reinstatement and con- measures, indicates the tremend- rank and file has been sufficiently tributed \$25 to his defense fund. ous change in class relationships great, the article says, for the This is the fourth joint board of that that country has undergone

Not so long ago the Paris correspondents used to cable their delphia and Los Angeles joint American papers that a phone call Paris convention, spokesmen of from Maurice Thorez, French

Stalinist leader, would be sufficient to install "communism" in that country. And, in truth, The press reports that Laszlo the working class there, ever

bourgeois politicians at that time bassador to Yugoslavia, through could raise their heads only by the The repeated betravals of the by Secretary Otto W. Brach to following the execution of Koci Stalinist leadership, beginning with their entry into the capitalist coalition government headed by There were many union leaders de Gaulle; their dissipation of here who joined in the hubbub the revolutionary energy of the over the trial of Cardinal Mind- workers in the strike waves that szenty. They along with the others followed their dismissal from the

> state of affairs. The workers have lost confidence in the Stalinist leadership and, not yet having found a revolutionary leadership to replace it, have marked time while the capitalists have rehabilitated their bankrupt system sufficiently to plan an offensive against labor. The decline of what was once a monopoly hold of the Stalinists upon the French workers is indicated in a number of resocial security provisions for ports published and commented upon in the most recent issue of the economy and bring it in line La Verite (organ of the French Trotskyists) to arrive here.

One article deals with last month's convention of the Paris Trade Union Federation, affiliated federation of Labor (CGT). It bership of the Federation had dropped from 1,100,000 in 1945 to Stalinists to feel the need to reduce somewhat their stranglehold on democratic procedure within the unions. Thus, at this the "trade union unity" tendency, supported by the Trotskyists, had to be given the floor to present their position. They received strong applause and considerable support, although the Stalinists were able to carry their rigged resolutions in the end. In another article Pierre Frenk

cites figures from CP sources on 'We think these results are quite the Stalinist press. The central encouraging and we hope to build organ of the French CP, l'Humanite, reports its circulation at The branches of the Socialist 260,000 as against well above Workers Party in New York are 400,000 in 1945, when it led all registering substantial sales of other daily newspapers in Paris. The Militant at street meetings, According to the same report, 20 Literature Agent Harry Gold re- Stalinist federations have ceased ports. At a Brooklyn meeting, 4 publication of their official were sold. East Side sold 18 at papers; 10 daily newspapers have

Naturally, the Stalinists receive far greater passive support than these figures of the decline of reporting for Pittsburgh, says active support would indicate. The that "pensions, wages, insurance CP statisticians say, for instance, ing their campaigns and the demands of the current that their press is read by only in order to award steel talks have the workers here one out of every ten voters supbuzzing. I feel more space should porting the party in elections. Similarly, in a recent election of shop stewards at the Renault auto plant, the Stalinist-led CGT not only held its own, but in-Hartley Law. Many workers creased its total of votes by 5,000 over the reformist and Catholic unions.

Clearly the Stalinists still hold the passive allegiance of the French workers because they have that in spite of all betravals the French workers have not been demoralized to the point of disorganization; and that as soon as new struggles raise before their eyes a new revolutionary leadership, they will sweep aside the Stalinists.

Reformist Setback In Canada Elections

The Canadian Commonwealth Federation lost some 20 seats in Parliament in last month's elections. The CCF has been held up as a bright hope by some of the younger, more "forward-looking" bureaucrats in the U.S.A., particularly the Reuther leadership in the UAW. The CCF leaders in previous elections had attempted Russell W. Gibbons of Hamburg, a more or less "independent" "There is general enthusiasm N. Y., on renewing his subscrip- stand. In the June election they plumped for the Atlantic Pact the greater evil on the domestic

In other words, although runreally adopted a policy of supporting the Liberals (the Canadian The Detroit campaign begins likewise mentioned how much counterpart of our Democratic

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These fiscal troubles here and in Western Europe are un- July 24, according to Literature they appreciate The Militant Party). Thus, they retrogressed formation which would wither The scores of guests who have mistakeable signs of paroxysms Agent Shirley Mason. Goal of the when they sent in their renewal: to a position closer to that of the away as grass in a hot noonday already enjoyed this vacation in the U. S. economy as well as campaign is 100 subscriptions. "Your publication gives the only American labor-skates. sun. But if one is convinced that resort for a week or a weekend in the rest of the capitalist world. The sub-getter chalking up the clear stream of thought - very this country is facing critical outing have become enthusiastic They have arisen as the product highest score wins a book. Full refreshing amid the pollution of economic developments and boosters of its advantages. The of a highly unfavorable set of details of the campaign will be other parties." stormy upheavals in the class Mountain Spring Camp is easily economic conditions, only to be- announced later. struggle, than it is entirely accessible, being only two hours come, at a later stage, themselves | Seattle is likewise rolling into ville, Ohio, recalling Farrell logical to conclude that opposi- ride by train, bus or auto from a cause of further dislocations action on the sub front. Litera- Dobbs' denunciation of the Attion movements, such as the one New York and Philadelphia. For and convulsions. Small wonder ture Agent Marianne Stanley sent lantic Pact before the Senate Forin the UAW, will become major further information on rates and that capitalist "experts" with in 4 Militant subs and one FI

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Workers Party, Detroit, Oakland and San Francisco, announced campaigns last week for subscriptions to Fourth International, one meeting and 29 at another; been reduced to weekly publicathe monthly theore- while Harlem sold 80, which tion, etc. tical magazine of makes a total of 131 for four meetings. Literature Agent Gerry Woolf,

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United Action Is Still Major Need

As letters printed in this and last week's Militant indicate, a considerable number of sponsors for the Bill of Rights Conference agreed that the conference should undertake to defend the civil rights of all victims of the witch-hunt, including the civil rights of the Socialist Workers Party. At the conference itself the fight in behalf of this position was strongly supported by such prominent sponsors as Professor Thomas I. Emerson and Paul J. Kern in addition to the SWP delegation.

Involved in this dispute was the principle upon which a broad united front of resistance to the witch-hunt can be built. By rejecting this principle, the Stalinists utterly destroyed the possibility of the conference playing any part in such a movement.

In his letter to Farrell Dobbs last week. Professor Frederick Schuman of Williams College wrote, "I should be the first to repudiate any resolution or recommendations [at the conference] which seek to distinguish among varieties of political and social heterodoxy in the matter of the defense of civil rights." And Dr. I. M. Kolthoff of the University of Minnesota informed Paul Kern, "If the Communist Party would dominate the 'Conference to Defend the Bill of Rights' and would oppose principles of freedom in which non-Communists are concerned

. . . I would refuse to cooperate in the future. . . "

The authors of these letters, who unquestionably speak for a large body of public opinion which is eager for a principled fight against the witch-hunt, are confronted with the problem of what to

As they well know, the need to organize a broad mass movement against the witch-hunt is greater than ever before. The Stalinist opposition to such a movement makes the task more difficult, but not less urgent. If the death-blow which the Stalinists dealt to the Bill of Rights Conference should be permitted to give rise to demoralization, apathy or withdrawal from the struggle, the only beneficiaries would be the witch-hunters.

Recent events have shown that the possibility of organizing the kind of movement needed today is growing greater. The public protest against the revelations about the FBI police spy system is one sign. Another is the wide labor and liberal support already mobilized in defense of the legless veteran, James Kutcher. If all those who advocate united defense of the Bill of Rights will get together and plan steps to raise the struggle to a higher level, they can provide the necessary stimulant to the incipient although still unorganized movement which alone can end the witch-

Our Demand for Commission of Inquiry

Having printed his slanderous and malicious attack on the Socialist Workers Party and James Kutcher in the July 11 Daily Compass, Howard Fast has taken refuge in silence.

This unscrupulous cats-paw of the Kremlin has chosen neither to reply to Farrell Dobbs' letter nor to accept Dobbs' challenge to prove his alleged charges against the Trotskyists before an impartial Commission of Inquiry.

When Farrell Dobbs repeated this demand for an impartial public hearing at the sessions of the July 16-17 Bill of Rights Conference, the assembled Stalinist delegates and their stooges tried to drown him out with boos and cat-calls.

Anyone with clean hands and a clear conscience would have eagerly seized such an opportunity. What could be more equitable than this proposal? What better opportunity could anyone ask to sub-

stantiate his case? By their cowardly conduct Fast and the whole Stalinist crew demonstrate once again that they have no proof of their accusations. Theirs is a criminal tissue of lies, distortions and falsifications. It appears to carry any weight at all only by virtue of constant and brazen repetition. But it falls apart at the least investigation and confrontation with those whom they so falsely accuse and who are able to produce genuine facts and documents.

Stalinist methods and practices, especially against incorruptible revolutionists, cannot stand the light - least of all the light which would attend their appearance before the bar of public opinion. They know this and they fear this.

Not a single plausible argument can be advanced against an impartial Commission of Inquiry. It is traditional in the labor movement. The Russian Bolsheviks, Lenin himself, appeared before and resorted to such tribunals.

The Stalinists have not even attempted to advance any argument against our challenge, they have not attempted to explain why they won't accept it. They hope to evade it.

They will not be able to evade an issue that stands so clearly posed.

Let them come before an impartial Commission of Inquiry or be branded for what they are!

Paul Robeson and the N. Y. Times

The editors of the N. Y. Times on July 19 pounced with glee on Paul Robeson's role at the Bill of Rights Conference. They castigate Robeson for turning "the weight of his influence against a declaration on behalf of civil rights for members of the Socialist Workers Party because that group happens to be Trotskyite. Civil Rights for the Negro or for any other minority, in his book, are apparently valid only when the minorities conform to the party line."

Having pointed an accusing finger at Robeson, the Times' editors hasten to add: "That may be the way of the 'new democracies,' but it is not the way of American democracy."

It is hardly surprising that the capitalist demagogues should seize upon the sins and crimes of Stalinism at home and abroad in order, by way of contrast, to paint up their own regime as a paradise of democracy. Stalin's crimes against the working class and democratic rights are grist to the mill of Washington's cold war. The shameless conduct of people like Robeson only plays into the hands of the imperialist propagandists.

But the Times' editors have conveniently forgotten a number of important details. It happens to be the Truman administration, like the Roosevelt administration before it, that seeks to deprive the Trotskyists of the same civil rights - which the Stalinists aim to deny us.

Unless memory fails us, we do not recall that the "democratic" editors of the Times ever uttered any protest against the persecution of the 18 Trotskyists who were the first peacetime victims of the Smith Gag Act and to whom Truman still refuses the restoration of their rights as

Again, when did the Times ever speak up against the issuance of Attorney General Clark's blacklist, which, like Robeson's reactionary position, abrogates "civil rights for members of the Socialist Workers Party because that group happens to be Trotskyite"?

Or take the Kutcher case - a violation of civil rights as flagrant as any committed by the fascists or the Kremlin. Where do the editors of the Times stand on the fight of this legless veteran for reinstatement to his job in the VA? They have remained silent on all these cases, or given tacit support to the witchhunters conducting them, and are therefore hardly in a position to breathe indignation about the contemptible policies of the Stalinists.

The Times, Leon Trotsky pointed out long ago, makes a practice of telling the truth about lesser things in order to be able to lie all the better about the big things. Now they exhibit another glaring illustration of this nefarious practice on the vital issue of civil liberties.

Liberals Reject C.P. Line

port of the campaign for a pardon the Smith Act. He then referred to a substitute for his resolution proposed in committee which called for support to the CP 12 and "all other anti-fascist victims of the Smith Act."

"I oppose the substitute resoluion," he told the conference, "because as Is understand it, the sponsors of the substitute refuse to concede that the Trotskyists are anti-fascist and the intent of the substitute is to deny support to the Socialist Workers Party. I think it would be a most unfortunate thing if we terminated this conference with such a repudiation of the Bill of Rights."

Martin Popper of the National Lawyers Guild, a Stalinist stooge, took the floor to sponsor the substitute resolution. "Some of our liberal friends are misguided," he said, and attacked the proposal to defend the rights of the Trotskyists as "an effort to provoke as into division." Popper then recited the standard Stalinist falsification of the facts about the 1941 Minneapolis trial.

BY YOUR CONDUCT"

Bert Cochran, chairman of the SWP trade union committee, folowed Popper and refuted his ies. "First let me make clear that we stand firm in defense of civil rights for all in wartime as well as in peacetime," Cochran began. He then reminded the delegates that the Minneapolis trial was a peacetime case of persecution for political opinions with no overt acts involved.

"I think many delegates are not unaware that the eyes of the liberals are upon this conference," Cochran declared, "wanting to know if you intend to defend civil rights for all, or whether despite any alibis you may make you are interested only in defending the rights of the Communist Party and in fact oppose the rights of those who differ from or are in opposition to the Communist Party. By your conduct you will give the answer."

Cochran's challenge was booed by the Stalinists and provoked an hysterical tirade from James Durkin, president of the Stalinist-controlled CIO United Office and Professional Workers Union. 'I don't want to listen here to a speaker trying to blackmail me by saying we must defend his case," Durkin shouted.

STALINISTS CHALLENGED

Workers Party members who were imprisoned under the Smith or civil liberties for scabs

'Farrell Dobbs, SWP national chairman, defied Popper, Durkin and the rest of the Stalinist gang to submit their slanderous accusations against the Trotskyists to an impartial Commission of leading labor and liberal figures for investigation and a verdict. The Stalinists booed and hissed Dobbs so loud and long that original Emerson resolution. Chairman Kern had to call them to order. He reminded the CP Thought Control by Executive disrupters that the conference Decree held yesterday, Professor

for the 18 Trotskyist victims of delegates trying to address the purge as a program for contain- they would be drummed out of which civil rights for Trotskyists meeting.

> to vote to defend the civil rights the same deliberately vague of everyone," Dobbs charged, "or phraseology that Hitler used to prove on the record that so far suppress freedom, and introduces as the Communist Party is con- entirely new methods contrary cerned you would rather wreck a to the whole tradition of public cause than support those with trial. whom you do not agree."

Just before Dobbs spoke the hair had reported that Professor Corliss Lamont of Columbia University had asked to speak firings." in support of the Emerson resolu tion, but he was not in the hal when the debate occurred.

Announcing that he spoke for the Communist Party, Simon W Gerson, CP publicity director, called the Emerson resolution a 'monstrous trap . . . into which liberal defenders of civil rights

AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

"Prosecutor McGohey in Foley Square also tried to equate the case of the 12 with the Minneapolis case," Gerson said. "We don't want to be bracketed with the Dunne case."

Chairman Paul J. Kern then spoke in support of the Emerson resolution. "I say with Voltaire, the great French thinker," he declared, "that while I may not agree with what a man says, I will defend to the death his right to say it. I feel that we are compelled not to discriminate against any victim of the Smith Act.

"Henry Wallace has supported the request for a pardon of the 18," Kern continued. "I have been in touch with Professors Frederick Schuman and Harlow Shapley and they agree that the proper position for this conference to take is that free speech cannot be fenied to any political party. For these reasons I must sharply disagree with the amendment and support the original resolution of Professor Emerson.

ROBESON'S HATCHET JOB Paul Robeson then rose to do a

real Stalinist hatchet job on the you ask the Negroes to give freedom of speech to the KKK? Would you give civil rights to Jefferson Davis? I went to Republican Spain in 1937 to sing for the Loyalist soldiers, and I saw some of the finest men go to their deaths because of the spying and the activities of the Trotskyites," he asserted.

"These people are the allies of "Yes, there are 18 Socialist fascism," Robeson shouted. "These people come from the Woods in Congress, and from the FBI -Act. They are fingermen for the I say they are here as agents of employers," he lied. "Let's make the FBI. Never have this happen and fascists." Everybody knew it plain that we are not fighting again, that these people can come nto such a conference and rupt the progressive fight. We cannot fight fascism and support these people."

KUTCHER CASE IS KEY

On a voice vote the Stalinists rammed through their substitute resclution. A sizeable group of liberal delegates voted for the

At the panel discussion

MORE SPONSORS FAVOR UNITED ACTION CALL July 9. I would like to express

(Continued from Page 1) at the conference ample opporto defend those rights."

AGREES COMPLETELY

Dr. Ray A. Billington of Northvestern University, Evanston, Ill., ent the following letter to Dobbs m July 14: "I have just read over very

that you have addressed to Mr. Kern [temporary chairman of the Bill of Rights Conference] concerning civil liberties. This is agree completely with everything that you say in both that letter and in your letter to me.

"These are indeed trying days for those of us who follow the liberal path. Whenever we lift our voices for civil rights and human decency we are damned by conservatives as communists, and by communists as conservatives. That is why your letter was so heartening to me. May your point of view prevail at the Conference; if it does not the members have no right to advertise themselves as defending the Bill of Rights."

On the same day Dr. I. M. Kolthoff of the University of Minnesota sent Kern a letter expressing his views, with a copy o Dobbs. It said:

IN FULL SYMPATHY

"Mr. Farrell Dobbs, National Chairman, Socialist Workers Party, was kind enough to send me a copy of his letter to you of

my full sympathy with the letter tunity to demonstrate their will which Mr. Dobbs sent you. If the Communist Party would dominate the 'Conference to Defend the Bill of Rights' and would oppose principles of freedom in which non-Communists are concerned, believe that you would have a hard time in the future to get the cooperation of true liberals arefully the copy of the letter in the organization of a new conference. This would be a sad situation in these critical days. "As stated above, I am in full sympathy with Mr. Dobbs' letter just a note to assure you that I and I would refuse to cooperate in the future if the Conference scheduled for July 16 and 17 would be dominated by the Communist doctrine."

REPORT ON BILL OF RIGHTS CONFERENCE"

First hand account by Farrell Dobbs and other members of SWP delegation

'What's Ahead in the Civil Rights Struggle"? Wednesday, July 27, 8 PM at the cool oak room of the

HOTEL CAPITOL 8th Avenue at 51st Street Admission 35 Cents

"The case of James Kutcher has become a key one," he said. "because it so well illustrates the nature of the Loyalty Board

Professor Lamont, prominent in Stalinist front organizations, stated to the panel that he supports the civil liberties of all groups "from right to left capitalists, fascists, Communists socialists, Trotskyists and all other political parties.'

A Stalinist delegate, Sam Guirani of the CIO Chemical Work ers Union, rose to declare, "I will not lose one breath of air to defend fascists and Trotskyites. George Clarke, editor of Fourth

International, managed to get the floor to answer the Stalinist slander. He told the panel about the CP's public attacks on Kutcher and called for a conference declaration in support of Kutcher to demonstrate its solidarity in defense of all victims of the witch hunt. Clarke was told he would have to submit his request to the resolutions committee, but his resolution on Kutcher's behalf died in that committee.

Current issues of The Militant containing appeals for support to the Trotskyist victims of the witch-hunt were distributed at the conference and widely read by the 1,300 delegates from 33 states.

BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURE The bureaucratic manner in

which the Stalinists organized and managed the conference was vividly illustrated in the first hour of the opening session. After the chairman had introduced two speakers without taking up the question of conference procedure, George Clarke made a motion that Farrell Dobbs. Socialist Workers Party. "Would SWP chairman, be added to the speakers' list. His motion was ruled out of order with a promise the SWP could get the floor in the panels.

A short time later Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., one of the CP defendants at Foley Square and a scheduled speaker, made a violent attack on the Trotskyists without naming them. "Free speech is not for those who come among us as disrupters, trying to break the unity of the progressive forces," Davis shouted. "This is not a defense meeting for disrupters his vile attack was aimed at the cident that took place today (two mark over the credibility of his Dobbs went to the floor micro-

phone only to find that the Stalinist slickers had shut it off after Clarke used it to make his earlier motion. The SWP chairman then mounted the platform to make himself heard and after a sharp exchange with the chairman was denied the right to answer Davis' attack, with the promise that he could speak in one of the panels. Later, in the panel on the Bill

of Rights in the Courts, Dobbs. got the floor and challenged Davis to prove his slanders before an impartial Commission of Inquiry. He told the panel the true story about the Minneapolis case and quoted from letters supporting the pardon demand of the 8 SWP leaders received from Henry Wallace, Professors Shapley, Schuman, Emerson & others.

The Wallace letter was written September 21, 1948. Other letters of support quoted by Dobbs were received in reponse to his preconference appeal to the sponsors of the conference for support to the SWP victims of the witch-

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was called to fight lynching, not | Emerson made the principal | Worker on the eve of the con- strict adherence to the Stalinists to whip up a lynch spirit against speech. He described the "loyalty" ference warned all liberals that own "subversive" list under ment of ideas that establishes the the Stalinist - dominated united and other political opponents of "Either this conference is going theory of guilt by association, uses front if they insisted on defend- the Communist Party are denied. ing the civil rights of the Trot- The "new adherents" must accept skyists. In view of this brazen the Stalinist political blacklist as threat, it is all the more signifi- a condition for participation in cant than so many of the liberals the Civil Rights Congress. stood firm in their insistence that In a further effort to avoid the conference defend the civil

facing the issue of support to the 18 Trotskyists convicted under the Smith Act, the CP has announced formation of a "Nonpartisan Committee to Defend the 12," who are now on trial at Foley Square.

Neither this "Non - partisan paign to deepen and extend the Committee," nor the Civil Rights united struggle in opposition to Congress nor any other creature he witch hunters. In fact a of the Communist Party can be scheduled discussion of ways and looked to for leadership in means to continue the work of mobilizing a broad united front he conference was not even that will defend all victims of the witch-hunt.

That united front must make its way despite the disruptive Stalinist-controlled Civil Rights policy of the Communist Party. Congress will seek "new ad- To forge such a weapon of herents as it takes the lead in genuine united struggle against defending civil rights." That so- the witch-hunt is the task of the called "lead" will be based on hour.

Workers Forum

CP's Real Stand On the Case of James Kutcher

rights of all.

taken up.

NOT TO CONTINUE

Because of the Stalinist disrup-

ion of the united front, the con-

ference was prevented from serv-

ing as a springboard for a cam-

Instead, the July 19 Daily

Worker has announced that the

As an observer at the Bill o Rights Conference last week, I noticed that the Stalinists played "cagey" game on the case of James Kutcher. In the panel that dealt with the purge cases, they preferred to keep quiet about it, or to snipe at the defense of Kutcher only by innuendo.

But they did not choose to pu up a fight about it and permitted the conference to adopt a resolution pledging support to all victims of the "loyalty" purge.

This was more or less the posi- Produce Evidence tion taken by Howard Fast in his slanderous letter printed in the Daily Compass.

Of course, as your paper has reported, it is in complete contradiction to the line they are taking on the West Coast, where the Stalinist People's World has editorially called on the labor and liberal movements to oppose support to the fight of the leg-

Some people are apt to wonder to this case of outrageous injustice. That's why I'd like to duces this evidence, it is obviously inform your readers of an in- necessary to place a big question lays after the Bill of Rights Conference) that shows where they of which were carried by The really stand.

The Stewards Council of Sperry Local 450 of the UE, which the Stalinists no longer control and which has gone formally on record in support of Kutcher, had approved a resolution for presentation to the coming UE national convention. The resolution asked the convention to aid James Kutcher and "the other victims of President Truman's loyalty purge."

A leading Stalinist in the local challenged the author of this resolution (who is not a member of the SWP) to a lunch-hour debate on the Kutcher case, and the debate was held. The Stalinist went all-out in

attacking Kutcher and the Trotskyists who, he claimed, were fomenters of war, fascists, agents of Wall Street and finger men for the FBI."

The author of the resolution who is also a member of the local

executive board, had an easy time answering him and proving to all who were present that the Stalinists are interested only in civil rights for themselves.

So don't let anyone be fooled by what the Stalinists did at the conference. The reason they didn't reveal their real position there was that they were afraid of the effects such a position would have on the liberals. But they haven't changed their position and are still doing everything they can to sabotage Kutcher's defense in the labor movement.

S. W. New York

Says Gorkin Must On GPU Assassin

Editor: Julian Gorkin has made the sensational claim that he is able to establish the true identity of 'Jacson - Mornard," the GPU assassin of Leon Trotsky. He has thus far failed to substantiate this claim with any factual or documentary evidence. Yet Gorkin also claims that he has such proof in his possession. just what their real attitude is What then is he waiting for? Hatil and unless Gorkin pro-

claims and "revelations.

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Moses is talking, and he is saying, "If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams" and he says, "Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them," then "Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams" because "the Lord your God" is testing you, to learn if you really love him and fear him and

"And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death," Moses continues, because he is trying "to thrust thee out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in." Even if this prophet or dreamer should be "thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend. . . thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die. . . And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among

Furthermore, Moses says, extending the scope of this heresy-hunt, if you should hear that certain men have withdrawn to build their own city in which they propose to "serve other gods, which ye have not known; Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you; Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all, that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword. And thou shalt gather all of the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and

all the spoil thereof every whit, for the Lord thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again." If you do this, Moses promises, then "the Lord may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers."

Now, it may be said that the comparison is unof the sword or the atom bomb. It's true that modern' methods are somewhat different. All they do to the twentieth century "prophets and dreamers of dreams" is stigmatize them as "subversive" or "disloyal" and deprive them of their livelihood if they happen to be working for the Driven from Home government or in plants with government contracts or as teachers in the public schools or even as clergymen in the churches. For the modern heresy-hunters have learned that you can wipe out "wicked" and dissident thoughts just as effectively by pinning a yellow badge on a man and driving him out of his job as you can by using the less refined methods recommended by

But while I grant the difference in method, I discriminately into streets and must insist that not all the differences are to dwellings. They have burned to the favor of the Washington policemen-of-the- the ground two houses and have minds For one thing, Moses ordered the witchhunters of his time, before acting, to "enquire" and "make search" and "ask diligently" and be certain that there really was an "abomination." the arrest of two young Negro Which is more than can be said for the FBI police veterans charged with robbing a spy system which assassinates the characters of white native and kidnapping his many innocent people on the basis of hearsay wife. Gangs of lynchers im-

and rumor and malicious gossip.

And for another thing, Moses, with all his faults, at least escaped the sin of hypocrisy. He by the removal of their intended did not call himself a liberal or the Biblical equivalent of a Fair Dealer; he did not preach the virtues of democracy while he was practicing the vices of dictatorship. Which again is more than you can say about the would-be architects of the police state in Washington, D. C.

The Moses administration was more barbarous than the Truman administration, but it is a difference in degree and not in kind. The principles guiding them are essentially the same.

'Fair Deal' Beneficiaries

* By Henry Johnson

In his Mid-Year Economic Report, President Truman did not go out of his way to deal with the question of wages, especially wage raises. He mumbled a few words to the effect that he didn't think it was a good idea to cut wages now, and let it go at that.

My first impression was that the "Fair Dealer" must obviously be too harassed these days to bother with such trifles as the incomes and living standards of a score odd million American families now struggling at or below subsistence

But on second thought I reminded myself that one of the first acts of his leaders in the 81st Congress was to take care of Truman and his family. They sure did a handsome job. Truman's salary was hiked from \$75,000 to \$100,000, plus a tax-free allotment of another \$50,000 to add to the \$40,000 he already has for "entertainment and travel." On top of this, he has one good yacht, one swanky private plane, several cars, chauffeurs and a roof over his head, all free and clear.

And to prove that your President takes time out to think of other families than his own he has just jammed through the House a bill hiking the salaries of all his Cabinet officers and 236 other heads and assistant heads of departments and agencies. Most of these salary boosts range from 50% to 100%, with the total cost being estimated at \$1,250,000 a year.

Take the case of Attorney General Tom Clark. This intimate friend of Truman has had to scrape by on \$15,000 a year. That's less than \$50 a day for such a dirty messy job as drafting blacklists and supervising witch-hunts. For a skilled man like Clark, pay like this for work like that must have been like taking bread and butter out of the mouths of his family.

The next time Clark gets another veteran, like James Kutcher, fired from his job, the victim

should feel really impressed because like all the other Cabinet members Clark will be collecting \$25,000 per annum.

His under-secretaries and those of other department-heads will likewise be in a much better mood to turn in a fair day's work. Their "takehome" has been upped to 20,000 smackeroos, whereas previously most of them got only half as much.

The only one seemingly slighted in this big bondage. and busy White House family was J. Edgar Hoover, himself. This high executive who super- was illustrated in the resolution vises some ten thousand employees and spends 48 million dollars of your tax-money and mine Although supporting the Marshall (and who is going to spend a lot more installing Plan, the resolution also urged bigger FBI stoolpigeon networks) - this busiest the State Department to "adopt of busy men was originally scheduled to scrape and pursue the policy of disconalong on \$15,000 a year.

This oversight, however, was quickly noticed by Marshall Plan aid when they some eagle-eyed Congressmen who immediately boosted the FBI chief's salary to a more substantial \$17,500 mark. J. Edgar Hoover will now be able to sleep more soundly while his spies prowl around keeping innocent people awake greatest opposition of any ques-

Truman's concern for his own and other families' welfare is contagious. Some Congressmen, inspired by the example he was setting, tried to hike their own salaries up to \$20,000 a year. Besides, they argued, how does it look for "servants" (meaning Cabinet officers) to get bigger pay than do the "masters" (meaning the Hon. Representatives)? But their colleagues decided

If you and your family find that you will have to wait a good deal longer before Mr. Truman and his highly paid entourage get around to dealing with such problems as wages or unemployment, it might console you to remember that and the other proposed amendthe "Fair Deal," like charity, apparently begins at home, and what is more, stays there too.

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Brass Hats Refuse to Change fair. After all, the Truman administration is not asking you to kill anybody or stone him with stones just because he harbors "abominable" thoughts, and they are not yet asking for the utter destruction of any city by either the edge Segregation Policy in Army

400 Fla. Negroes

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in the central portion of this Jim Crow state, has been the scene of unbridled Ku Klux terror for several days.

Motor caravans have repeatedly raided the Negro quarter of this little town, pumping bullets inthreatened to reduce the entire community to ashes.

The orgy was touched off by mediately converged on the loca! jail but found themselves foiled victims to a different jail. The would-be lynchers then proceded to unleash their reign of terror. Two other Negroes are allegedly involved.

The entire Negro population of Groveland, some 400 in number. has been reportedly removed in trucks at night to neighboring communities and towns. State and local authorities have issued repeated assurances that they have the situation "well in hand."

Bus Strike in New York



A bus terminal is picketed by a contingent of 3,300 members of the CIO Transport Workers Union, out on strike against two privately-owned bus companies in New York City. The strike began when four mechanics were arbitrarily fired. The union is now demanding a new contract, the major issue in the unfolding struggle. This contract is long overdue and the companies have been stalling. Mayor O'Dwyer, whose tenure in office has been marked by a series of strikebreaking efforts, is again running true to form. On July 20 he issued an ultimatum demanding that all bus workers return at once to work while the issue of a new contract is submitted to arbitration. The union has called a meeting where

By Albert Parker

The Army refuses to change its Jim Crow segregation policy toward Negro soldiers in any way, and within the next week or two it is going to flatly say so to the

President's Fahy Committee on? Equality of Treatment and Op- ministration took the trouble to portunity in the Armed Services, according to the July 16 N. Y. Truman had paid his lip-service Times, which evidently has a to "equality," and that was good pipeline to the committee.

It goes back to a year ago this anyhow. month, shortly after the 1948 But he was elected, and on a Democratic National Convention, strong civil rights program, and when Truman was making a des- Negroes began asking what was perate bid for the Negro vote. happening on his two executive strike any blows against segrega- began to meet and make inquiries orders. One of them promised carrying out the directive on that Negroes would get "equal "equality." treatment" and "equal opportunity" in the armed forces. The other doing a thing. On April 6 of this set up a committee to make rec- year the newly-appointed Secre-

Bradley, Army chief of staff, May what they intended to do made a speech at Fort Knox on about enforcing "racial equality." July 27, 1948, in which he said: On May 11 the Air Force re-"The Army is not out to make plied that it was going to do any social reforms. The Army away with separate Negro units will put men of different races in and integrate Negroes throughdifferent companies. It will out the service. The Army and hange that policy when the na- Navy also sent replies. Johnson ion as a whole changes it."

Truman's two executive orders, others, and he gave them until especially since nobody in the ad- the beginning of June to try

enough. Besides, few people ex-This story has a long history. Pected Truman to get elected

Eager to get votes but not to orders. So the Fahy committee tion, Truman issued two executive as to how the armed forces were

Apparently, they had not been ommendations on the first. Nei- tary of Defense Louis Johnson ther of them said anything about sent a memorandum to the three service branches, asking them to Quick as a flash, Gen. Omar inform him by the beginning of

said he was satisfied with the Air That was a dead giveaway on Force answer, but not with the

THE ARMY'S STAND

On June 7 he accepted the Navy's reply and again rejected the Army's, setting a new dead-line of June 20. Then the date was advanced to July 11, and now it is supposed to have been pushed up to Aug. 1. Nobody can accuse Johnson of being "unreasonable" or "hasty."

But now, before the new deadline has come, the Army has let the Fahy committee know that instead of making any basic changes, it is determined "to conform to local opinion on racial matters," as the Times dispatch

Actually, of course, the Army brass hats have not even been doing that? They have been conforming in the South to Southern "local opinion" (that is, main-The call for a march on Wash- taining segregation) and in the

> "The Fahy committee is far from optimistic," according to bers decline to list the points of dispute with the Army, members have indicated that talks to date have not been promising."

STRANGE PROCEDURE

Soldiers and veterans are apt o find the whole affair very puzzling. In the Army, they were told, you obey commands, you carry out orders, you do what your senior officer tells you to do, and you don't ask questions.

Yet here are the top brass in the Army and they are not obey-"Consequently, we defend the ing the commands of their senior those of Commander-in-Chief

Instead, they are stalling for all they are worth, complaining that the end of segregation would [Three days later, the July 17 produce a flood of Negro enlist-Worker printed a report on the ments and the lowering of "effi-Does this mean that insubordination (which radicals are always accused of fomenting in the armtop Army echelons?

NOT STRANGE AFTER ALL

or veteran can tell you if he stops to think it over, it means that the whole "racial equality" program, including the executive orders and the memorandums and counter-memorandums, is a fraud from top to bottom. If the brass hats act this way, it is because they know that the program was never seriously conceived or in-

has to do is give a "direct order" on Congress.

NAACP Plans Mass Conference Civil Rights in Washington

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The dilemma of the NAACP as presented, and later adopted. tinuing aid to countries receiving engage in military action to suppress movements for colonial freedom."

This resolution elicited the tion brought to the floor of the convention. The second of two amendments, both of which sought condemnation of the Marthis clause by one enumerating those countries which maintain their rule over colonials by other than purely military means, to all of whom aid would be denied It mentioned Great Britain France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Portugal and Italy. This, ment, were defeated, but approximately a third of the delegates voted for them.

Absent also in the sessions devoted to international affairs was any reference to the imperialist role played by the United States, and the struggles of native peoples under its domination, such as the Puerto Ricans.

Another glaring weakness of the conference was the failure of policies in the hands of the membership. The majority of the vocated passage of one resolution which would have made the convention the highest authority of the Association.

Discussion showed a fairly widespread desire on the part of individual delegates for greater democracy, but the resolution was lost by a large majority. There were signs, however, that this strength in the months to come

It must be noted, also, that ANTI-DEPRESSION FORMULA - The U. S. while speaker after speaker delegates, shied sharply away from drawing the logical con-

policy of reward your friends and | resolution: "We pledge our sup- | be earned by officials who are defeat your enemies. The burden port to the attempt of the Long- 'non-partisan' when the issue is

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against it.

This ineffective approach was, however, as already indicated, far outstripped by the later action of the delegates.

On the positive side, the conback for a special session for the express and exclusive purpose of passing civil rights laws:"

Emphasized mass action as the best means for exerting pressure

Arranged for the setting up of an emergency civil liberties committee, whose task it is to initiate a "national civil liberties "culminate in a mass conference in Washington . . . when Congress is in session."

The resolution said further that it shall be the aim of the committee "to produce the greatest allies in the labor movement, among the church, civic, fraternal hensive civil rights program."

FOR ENDING PURGE

The delegates also condemned the President's loyalty order as resulting in "police inquisition, with the following remarks: star'- chamber proceedings and grave injustice," and stated STALINIST PROVOCATION further: "We oppose wholethe courts and to continue giving munist Party into it.

ssistance to individuals affected."

The convention furthermore

of his speech was that Negroes shoremen's Union to equalize drawn between bigotry and disshould seek to re-elect those wages in Hawaii compared with crimination on the one side and senators who voted "right" on the mainland. We also warn the the American ideal on the the one key question of the people that any attempt by the other... He is the true subversive Barkley ruling on closure and government to deport the Presi- and deserves to be branded as government to deport the Presi- and deserves to be branded as defeat those senators who voted dent of the Longshoremen's Union such." now while the strike is on would be a direct interference by the out in front in its understanding government on the employers' of and condemnation of the witchside of a labor dispute."

was a working conference, deal- example. ing with the many disabilities ference called upon President minorities, correctly relating favor of passage of civil rights forming to

The NAACP showed itself far hunt and the loyalty order. Labor On the whole, the conference leaders could well follow their

visited upon Negroes and other ington as a demonstration in North they have also been conthese inequities to government- legislation should be widely sup- ion" (maintaining segregation), condoned Jim Crow-segregation. ported. A mighty demonstration and that is what they intend to in the nation's capital will be the keep on doing. clearest kind of an indication to wavering congressmen that Ne-

initiate a "national civil liberties pronth," which will be timed to "culminate in a mass conference FOR REGENTS WITCH-HUNT

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heartedly the President's loyalty afternoon a provocation by the and the other organizations at program, the Mundt-Ferguson spokesman for the Communist the hearing listed as 'subversive' bills and their counterparts in Party who has said, in effect, if their splinter outfits were unthe states such as the Ober bill in that it's perfectly all right for touched." Here is a perfect ex-Maryland. We call upon the you to declare the Socialist Work- ample of how the Stalinists President to revoke the loyalty ers Party subversive and deprive accuse their opponents of the order forthwith. We further our members of their right to crimes committed by the Stalin-

"Now the Socialist Workers congressional committee be given rights of their political op-

to an unrestrained witch - hunt outpouring of Negroes and their tely seeking to confuse the peo- that will make a shambles of the.

organizations, fraternities, sorori- Communist Party by linking our rights of members of every or- officer, first of all those of Secties, national groups and citizens organization with groups inimical ganization to employment in the retary Johnson, and second of all from every walk of life to the to democracy, to the labor move- schools, including members of the Communist Party, despite the Truman as represented by the Congress shall feel the wrath and the so-called Socialist Workers Stalinists' contemptible policy Fahy committee. where our rights are concerned, and despite our fundamental opcharacterization with an appeal position to the Communist Party."

> "hearings," charging that the ciency" and "morale," and ap-Trotskyists "spent more time at. parently defying their superiors. tacking the Communist Party than the bills" and "left the definite inference that they would "You have heard here this be pleased to see the Communists ed forces) has seized hold of the

> > AN ANNUAL PROBE

have still not received any bill of particulars against which they every witness appearing before a of refusing to defend the civil teachers some time in September.

"We believe that if democracy will be followed in the witchreaffirmed the NAACP's tradi- means anything, it means you hunt. Among other things, they ing Negroes into the belief that tional support of organized labor, should defend the rights of those provide for a complete check, to even if Truman has done nothing called for repeal of the Taft- with whom you don't agree. We be made every year, on the poli- to push the civil rights program Hartley law, and took an ex- say that if you cause the dis- t cal beliefs and associations of in Congress, at least he is doing and increasingly vituperative from a single public school, be-

Notes from the News

STRANGE AFTERMATH - The Stalinists mourned the death of Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy as "a staunch Roosevelt New Deal progressive. . . even after FDR died." The funeral services for Murphy were scheduled to be given by Father Coughlin, the fascist priest.

COURT OK'S JIM CROW - The Court of Ap-

peals in Albany has ruled, in a 4-to-3 decision,

that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has the right to bar Negroes from its Stuyvesant Town housing project although the project was made possible by tax exemptions and other help from the state. A STEADY. PROFESSION - At least 100,000 former Nazi officers and soldiers are now serving with foreign armies in Russia, Egypt, French

North Africa, Indonesia and various Arab coun-

tries, according to high-ranking former German

staff officers in Frankfort. Thousands of them

are also battling with the French imperialists

against the people of Indo-China. PUZZLING QUESTION - Overheard at the Bill of Rights Conference: "What I can't understand is if the Trotskyites are 'fascists,' as the Communist Party calls them, then why are they defending the Communist Party defendants on trial? What kind of fascists would support the civil rights of the Communist Party"?

TIMELY DEMAND - The CIO Packinghouse Workers Union is asking for a 30-hour week at 40-hours pay in its negotiations with Swift & Co.

TWO LABOR LEADERS DIE - A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, died on July 16, at the age of 76. Whitney attracted national attention in 1946 when as leader of the national rail strike he denounced Truman's strikebreaking actions and vowed to oppose Truman's election, only to back the latter in 1948. Three days later Van A. Bittner, vicepresident of the CIO Steel Workers, died in Pitts-

burgh of a heart ailment at the age of 64. He was a one-time lieutenant of John L. Lewis who broke with the miners' chieftain in order to line THE DEMOCRACY ISSUE up with Philip Murray.

STALINIST JOURNALISM — As last week's the delegates to take a single Militant story on the UAW convention reported, step to democratize the Associa-Claude Bland, a leading member of the anti-tion by placing real control of Reuther, anti-Stalinist "Committee for a Militant and Progressive UAW," declined nomination for the UAW presidency because, among other things Resolutions Committee rejected "the majority of this convention retains confidence the various resolutions that had in the present leadership." The July 15 Daily been presented by branches seek-Worker, deliberately distorting Bland's remarks, ing to achieve this end. But makes it appear that he said his group "retains minority of the committee adconfidence in the present leadership."

NEW ENGLAND UNEMPLOYMENT HIGH-EST — Almost half of the 98 biggest production centers in the U. S. had unemployment totalling 7% or more in mid-May, and the total reached 23% in some areas, according to one government agency. New England was hardest hit.

FEINBERG ACT HIT - Repeal of the Feinberg Act was unanimously urged by a special educational conference, sponsored by the New York fight is only in its initial stage University summer session students and faculty and that it will gain considerable at Chautauqua Institute.

Steel Corporation, which says it won't pay high- pointed to the failure of Demoer wages and pensions to steel workers because crats and Republicans alike to that would cause depression, raked in net profits carry out campaign promises on in the first quarter of 1949 at an annual rate of civil rights and labor legislation, \$256 million - more than 25% higher than its the leadership, as well as the 1948 all-time profits grab.

BIGGEST BOSS - The government today is clusions to this well established the largest single business enterprise in the fact, and breathed not a word world. In conformity with its size it is, naturally, about the need for a new party also the largest single employer. A recent survey of labor and the minorities. by Professor Solomon Fabricant of New York Roy Wilkins, acting national University estimates that last year one out of secretary, in his keynote address University estimates that last year one out of secretary, in his keynote address every eight or nine workers in this country was contented himself merely with attack against Harry Bridges cause of their political beliefs, of the New York state public pend on the White House and not employed by one government agency or another, advocating the outworn Gompers and the longshoremen. Said the you will have opened the door school system.

AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW Governor Hastie, in his address, made the government's respon- groes and labor are united, know the Times. "Although its memsib lity doubly clear. Said he: what they want and are ready to 'Nothing but contempt should fight for their rights.

ple as to the real issues involved public school system. here and the program of the end that both the President and ment, and the cause of peace demand of the people for the Party and the Workers Party." speedy enactment of a compre- She coupled this slanderous for the recognition of the civil rights of "those who have a stake in democracy."

Dobbs answered this slander

pledge the full resources of the employment in the public schools, Association to aid and assist in and that what's wrong with your every way in challenging the outrageous procedure is that you constitutionality of this order in shouldn't have dragged the Com-

The accused organizations, who The House Un-American Ac- Party is fundamentally opposed could defend themselves, were ivities Committee was branded to the policies and practices of allowed two weeks for the filing 'a serious menace to the prin- the Communist Party. But we of briefs. The Regents are exciples of freedom," and Congress do not follow their blindly fac- pected to hand down their deciwas called upon to see to it that tional, utterly indefensible policy sion on the "subversive" list for

On the contrary, as any soldier All that Truman or Johnson

to the brass hats, and they will either have to carry it out or resign from their soft jobs. And as Today the Board of Regents long as they don't issue such an adopted the regulations which order, then the entire rigamarole is just another means of deceiv-