his membership in the Socialist? case and the SWP. The followthe West Coast to win support for his fight against the witch-

Dear Sir:

condemnation of I. F. Stone's in the July 11 Compass, I do not know what disgusted me most: his hypocrisy toward my case and distortion of my political views, his slanders against the Socialist Workers Party, or his refusal to defend the civil rights of political opponents of the Communist Party. Let me explain

Mr. Fast feigns agreement with Mr. Stone that my discharge "is thoroughly disgusting and revolting example of the operation of our loyalty act." He then goes on to say: "When questioned

Successful Rally For Legless Vet In Los Angeles

By Lois Saunders

LOS ANGELES, July 24 -Recognition of the need for united action to combat the government attack on civil liberties keynoted the unusually successful Kutcher banquet held here yester-

Purpose of the banquet was to make known to labor and liberal circles in Los Angeles the facts regarding the legless veteran's fight for reinstatement in his job with the Veterans Administration and to help raise money to carry his case to the Supreme Court, if

A spirited plea for funds made by Leonard Levy, business manager of the Amalgamated Retail Clerks local, resulted in a collection of \$298. Further funds to implement the fight were obtained through greetings from unions, business houses and individuals printed in a special souvenir program entitled "Civil Rights at the Crossroads."

ALL ARE MENACED

Each speaker emphasized that an attack upon the civil liberties of one is an attack upon the liberties of all, and that the loyalty oaths, "subversive" list and "un-American" investigations are all significant signposts leading' directly to government by decree, dictatorship and finally

"James Kutcher is the symbol of the fight for civil liberties in America," declared Anthony Ramuglia, international representative of the CIO United Textile (Continued on Page 2)

Workers Party, today sent the on his beliefs, Kutcher said quite N. Y. Daily Compass a letter frankly that he supported the answering Howard Fast's lies in overthrow of the government by that paper about the Kutcher force and violence." This is a complete fabrication. I have never ing is the full text of the letter said anything of the sort. On the by Kutcher, who is now touring contrary, at Loyalty Board hearings and in the press, I have repeatedly stated that neither I nor the Socialist Workers Party advocate violence to achieve Socialism and that the only time I When I read Howard Fast's ever practiced force and violence was under the orders given me support of everyone's civil rights in the Army by the U. S. Govern-

SAME LINE AS CLARK

This is not a mere slip of the pen by Mr. Fast. In the first place, this same false accusation of preaching violent overthrow of the government is Attorney General Clark's pretext for political blacklisting of the SWP and other organizations and for ordering my discharge. By putting this position in my mouth, Mr. Fast not only lies about my views but aids the loyalty purgers in excluding me from my job.

In the second place, Mr. Fast's falsification coincides with the standard slanders spread by the Stallinists to prevent support for my fight. My case has been before the public for about a year. Not once during that time has the behalf, although hundreds of behalf, although hundreds of liberal and labor groups have Stall for Time in made their stand known.

THE CP IN ACTION

Moreover, the Communist Party has persistently tried to sabotage instances Lpersonally encountered time in the current Ford negotiaon my present West Coast tour. tions. First the contract which While I was in Seattle, the June expired July 15 was extended on 24 Daily People's World, the West a day-to-day basis. Now he has Booby Trap."

I. F. Stone, this CP organ warns time. "misguided liberals and progressives" that everything con- deeply concerned about the wage fraud and deceit." It says my that the problems of speedup, case "hasn't the remotest con- working conditions and the sonection with the defense of civil called "company security" clauses rights" or the struggle against in the contract are of equal im-Truman's loyalty purge. It up by declaring: "To talk of 'civil liberties' for a Kutcher is to talk of 'civil liberties' for a Ward Warren or a Louis Budenz" (who help the witch - hunters

Five days later I presented my case to 2,500 members at a the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union in San Francisco. During my speech I called for defense of the CP leaders on trial in New York and also for the defense of Harry Bridges. (Local 10 is Bridges' own local). When a motion was made for a contribution to my

while I am their victim).

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Support Gladly Given for Defense of Carl Skoglund

The Civil Rights Defense Committee reports an en-

loyalty to labor and his political opinions, this 65-year-old Minne- try, including Tom Mooney. The have indefinitely postponed negosota union leader is threatened persecution of Skoglund also rewith expulsion from this country minds me of the murder in Salt where he has lived for 38 years. The CRDC has launched a cam- a man known as the IWW poet Finding Board appointed by Trupaign to raise \$1,000 to cover the costs of the first steps in his antideportation fight.

"HARD TO UNDERSTAND"

A woman supporter writes from California: "I'm in a hospital with a broken hip but I've friends to help me and my State Insurance so that I can spare a AID FROM STRIKER five to help your man against unfair treatment."

those who are even suspected of I believe." being left wing are harassed and

Lake City by the copper trust of who was also from Sweden."

the main points in the autobiography he is working on "will be to give credit for the great achievements of capitalism in this, ceived so many of the best from Europe.

A. "token contribution" to Skoglund's defense fund has been sent Another contributor writes to the Committee from a friend from Delaware: "It is hard to un- who has been on a picket line in derstand why, in this land where Hollywood for nearly three years justice is supposed to prevail, — "the longest lockout in history, Murray Reuther leadership has tive Board that they will not be MCS officers to participate in

The Board of Immigration Appersecuted while far more dan- peals in Washington is now congerous forces are permited to se-sidering a brief submitted by cure a stranglehold on all our in-stitutions. Few seem to know, or deportation proceedings. Their the speedup issue. Despite the care, what fascism is doing to our decision is expected to be handed many difficulties thrown in the down in several weeks. It is very way of the rank and file by the A 90-year old rebel from Leon- likely that Skoglund's case will CIO bureaucrats on the top, ardsville, Kansas, W. H. Sikes, have to be carried into the fed- these militant workers may still comes to the defense of the 65- eral courts. Contributions for his inject themselves into the strugyear-old youngster, comparing fight should be sent to the Civil gle and demand that a new fight

Mr. Sikes states that one of

tions of labor leaders in this coun- 10th St., New York 11, N. Y. | round economic demands.

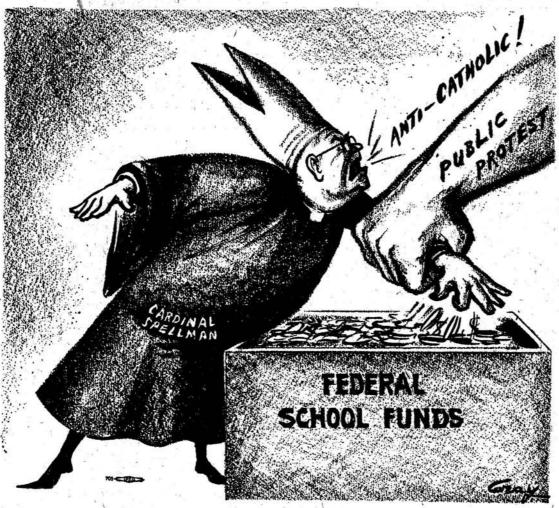
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Ford Negotiations

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DETROIT - UAW President my defense. Here are two such Walter Reuther is stalling for Coast Stalinist paper, published called for a strike vote under the a lengthy editorial on my case Michigan Bonine-Trippe law, a headed: "Look Out For This law which the UAW ignored in the past. This will consume at More crudely than Mr. Fast to least an additional three weeks

The Ford workers are not only nected with my case "reeks of and pension demands, but feel portance.

STRESS OTHER DEMANDS

The national Ford Council, meeting prior to the recent strike over speedup, adopted a resolution that these matters must be given equal consideration with the wage and pension demands. regular meeting of Local 10 of The 24-day strike over speedup shows how crucial the Ford workers consider this question of working conditions.

This was reflected again in the Milwaukee convention of the auto union, where, on the initiative of the Ford delegation, the convention called for the elimination of company security clauses—under which company speedup has been pushed - from all future union contracts.

Meanwhile, the bankruptcy of the one-at-a-time union wage strategy is again evidenced. The leading CIO unions do not have a common wage strategy and each division is floundering around on ts own. UAW negotiations with the Chrysler Corporation are as their blarney about militancy, tiations with the General Electric Corporation.

In the meantime, the Factman in the steel wage controversy is beginning its hearings and will make its recommendations by the end of August.

country to the fact that we reremain free to even turn down or resign. wage round.

The Ford rank and file upset predictions once before when they

Daily Worker or any prominent figure connected with the Communist Party said a word in my ON ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

By Ruth Johnson

Cardinal Spellman last week unloosed an insulting planted in the press sensational state at home. and arrogant attack against Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, accusing her of "bias," "anti-Catholicism" and "discrimination unworthy of an American mother." His letter made

newspaper headlines in a dispute? over the Barden Bill for federal aid to education.

The capitalist press expressed surprise over such venomous denunciation of a woman whose reputation is one of tolerance. But the Cardinal's attack was not based on her personal attitude. It was only an extension of the slander campaign carried on by the Catholic hierarchy against political aims of their organiza-

bigotry." Why? Because the bill, which would give \$300,000,000 of federal aid yearly to schools throughout the country for construction and equipment, specifies that, only public schools are eligible.

This is in keeping with the First Amendment to the Constitution, which declares that "Congress shall make no law respecting any establishment of religion." It is in line with a Supreme Court decision of 1947, which ruled that tax funds cannot be used for to set up its buildings or to pay its teachers.

The dispute has nothing to do with Catholicism as a religion. Catholic and other religious schools are still free to operate, with whatever funds their own

that has been going on for months supporters make available. Cathafford to pay tuition to the church. But Spellman is not satisfied to

keep the status quo. He demands a cash reward for the services the Catholic Church gives to capitalism. It is not an interest in people's souls which moves anyone who dares to oppose the the Pope to brandish the club of excommunication over the heads When the Barden Bill was first listening to Communist doctrine. presented, Spellman assailed its He is concerned with safeguardauthor as "a new apostle of ing the worldly assets of the church, one of the biggest financial enterprises in the world today. In the same way it is not concern over religious training of children that infuriates Spellman in the current dispute; he is determined to get his hands into the public treasury.

Cardinal Spellman showed in the cemetery strike of the Catholic workers last winter that he thinks and acts like any other profit-hungry boss. He looks at the Barden Bill as a desirable source of income for the hierarchy. support of any parochial school, If they could build parochial schools with government funds, and keep all tuition as total enriched out of money paid by

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New Arms Bill Unties Hands Of Warmakers

State Department Aims War of Nerves

The formula of "artificial alarm" is obviously being intensively applied in connection with the Truman administration's new arms bill.

The hearings in both the House and the Senate have been limited to two weeks.

over issued a special announcement that it will permit discussion of "details" of its proposed program "only in closed sessions of Senate and House committees." Everything will not only be done

items purporting to disclose large-scale "Soviet war prepara- NO LIMIT TO SCOPE tions," mysterious "mass move-

new, since their parents cannot gress secret intelligence reports designate. which indicate Russia is arming

Truman, Brass Hats Demand At American People Sweeping Peacetime Powers

The ink had hardly dried on Truman's signature to the North Atlantic Pact when his administration began trying to jam through Congress still another "pact"

the "Foreign Military Assistance" Atlantic Treaty, Truman's "arms non-combatant functions." The administration has more- bill" goes far beyond this.

at top speed, but strictly hush- measure represents still another any other form of financial giant step to plunge this country assistance." The sole items specicontent with this, the into another world war. By the fically excluded are atom bombs "rush - them and hush - them" same token, it brings closer the same token, it brings closer the establishment of a military police and merchant vessels. In this monstrous bil

'Truman's "arms bill" truly enments of troops," and the like. compasses our entire planet, em- representatives or group of the On July 26 the United Press powering him to extend any time people of any country, however issued a release claiming that the he pleases "military assistance" olic children can still attend public State Department had completed not alone to any country but also 'nation' by the President for the schools - as most of them do preparations "to lay before Con- any "foreign group" he may

American troops and military personnel may be sent anywhere

Hawaiian Strike in Danger



Longshoremen's and Warehouse- Hawaii's Legislature and demandprofit, the Church would be vastly men's Unions are shown demon- ed power to seize the islands' strating at the docks, where they docks, take over operation of the taxpayers of all denominations, have been striking for a wage pineapple and sugar plantations while, Gov. Ingram M. Stainback striking workers.

Hawaiian members of CIO | has called a special session o

Act of 1949." Ostensibly designed by presidential order under the to implement militarily the North cover of "the performance of

There is virtually no limit to Never in this country's history, the scope of this "assistance." either in peace or war, has any In addition to arms and munipiece of legislation been proposed tions, the bill authorizes allocavesting such sweeping powers in tion and shipment of all types a single individual as this bill of supplies and equipment, does. In this sense, the proposed including "provision of funds or

> In this monstrous bill the term "nation" is defined as meaning "any foreign government or country, or group thereof; or any constituted, designated as a purposes of this act."

With such a definition of "nation" and with the proposed powers vested in Truman, the Congressional "control" of foreign policy would become largely neaningless.

The butcher Franco could beome a beneficiary to such "aid" without the formality of Senate approval. So could Chiang Kaik or any other counter-revoutionary clique in China or else-

where in the Orient. Washington would have a free and in aiding the West-European imperialists in suppressing colonial movements for independence. It could start re-arming Germany at any time it saw fit. It could move with equal ease against the revolutionary masses anywhere in Western Europe.

Since all that is needed for Truman to act is the request of any "nation," his hands are completely untied to transform the 'cold war" into open military hostilities whenever the Big Brass deems the circumstances propitious.

STRENGTHENS BIG BRASS

The dictatorial powers granted to the President under the proposed set-up hardly require If they could secure the estab- increase for two months. Mean- and issue injunctions against the additional comment. But it must not be overlooked that vast new powers will likewise accrue to the military gang who are already deeply intrenched in the government and who will play an increasingly dominant role in the diversion of supplies and funds and the allocation of "arms

Public attention is now being

What is more, the actual expenditures can easily go far beyond the fixed formal figures because the administration is free to place only "token charges" on shipments that it designates as "surplus equipment."

NO PEACE PACT Testifying in May on the North

Atlantic Pact before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Farrell Dobbs, national chairman ished (speaking way over the 5-1 of the Socialist Workers Party, opposed and denounced it as a pact not for peace but part and parcel of a deliberate conspiracy - an "unprecedented military the Truman administration is

dragging this country." This bitter truth is being con-

sequence of the unanswered vilifi- firmed to the hilt. Truman's cation, the amendment was de- "arms bill" is additional unassailable proof of it.

The Civil Rights Defense Committee reports an encouraging response to its appeal for funds to help stop the deportation of Carl Skoglund. Solely because of his levelty to labor and his political to labor and hi

By W. Manning SAN FRANCISCO, July 26 -

tion of the National Union of These recommendations, which Marine Cooks and Stewards, a unmay very well offer the unions a ion of 6,000 members. This was round economic demands will union led by Stalinists since the become the "pattern" for the tive Board which demanded that

> Trotskyists by President Hugh bers. secession from the CIO.

then for all practical purposes last session of the CIO Execu- secession from the national or- ing out of the CIO. ganization, the substitute reso-Ford, Chrysler, Steel and other the leadership of these unions lution called for opposition to efexpel any union because it insists these recommondations. This is While adopting a resolution on the right of self-determinathe sorry pass to which the serving notice to the CIO Execution, and authorized the national brought the fight for a fourth dictated to, the convention, amidst any movements to preserve the lions of industrial workers in that vicious lies and red-baiting of autonomous rights for CIO mem-

> have a referendum vote for or ceived unanimous support. How- cause of the difference in politithe next CIO convention to fight cession was introduced by a few of the dissident CIO unions and vigorously for autonomy and delegates because of indications the National CIO and AFL _ and against secession. democratic rights and declare at that leaving the CIO was being none of whom represent the real the same time their opposition to treated lightly and that even se- interests of American workers,

cession was being considered. The original resolution on auto- This tendency was evidenced sified raids of both the CIO and "to the many persecu- Rights Defense Committee, 19 W. be waged for labor's fourth nomy presented by the Stalinist when Stalinist spokesmen, in a AFL ruling cliques, should we

"within the framework of the ference," prepared the member-CIO and do all within our power ship for a possible withdrawal by examination of the practices reto return it to its democratic minimizing the dangers of such a garding democratic rights within deliberately focused on the The probable course the Stalinist- founding principles." Sent back move, and minimizing the nu- the MCS. It criticized the MCS secondary issue of the amount of led CIO unions will take in the to committee at the instigation of merical strength of the national leaders for failing to oppose Murfight against the national CIO the leadership "for more drastic CIO in relation to that of the ray's moves against the autonomy initial sum may be, it is only bureaucracy was indicated last action," the resolution was re- "dissident" unions. Bryson told of CIO Councils in 1946, and noted the first installment on expendiweek in the 3rd Biennial Conventurned in vague form with the the pre-convention conference that while Murray and Co. last tures for which there is - and section on remaining within the that the entire CIO was only year had committed the CIO to can be - no limit set in advance.

leadership proposed to remain week-long "Pre-Convention Con- secede."

three million members, and that support of Truman without a rank of these, one million were in and file referendum, Bryson and "left-wing" unions, and generally Co. had committed the MCS to Highly ambiguous in regard to made light of the dangers of be- support of the millionaire Wallace

Dealing with these tendencies erendum. workers, while the corporations comply with national CIO policy forts by the top CIO leaders to of the leadership, the amendment lin discussion of this amendment of the leadership, the amendment lin discussion of this amendment line leadership, the amendment line leadership is a leadership to the leadership in to the autonomy resolution

> would split us off from the milorganization who, given time and Bryson, voted down a proposal to The resolution on autonomy re- the Murrays in their place. Bewe would be subject to the inten-

also without a rank and file ref-

ment, Bryson rose and said he would answer its criticisms. Instead, he launched into a lying, "A secession from the CIO red-baiting tirade against Trotskyism and against the two delegates who introduced the amendapproached correctly, will put ment. By the time he was finminute debate limit), the deleagainst instructing delegates to ever, an amendment against se- cal views between the officials gates were thoroughly confused

> A request for a point of special privilege to answer Bryson's slander was denied. As a con-(Continued on Page 4)

Press Comment on Bill Of Rights Conference

rights and leader of the fight the 18 Trotskyists. against the witch-hunt. But the

Stalinists had to abandon this supported by Paul J. Kern, chair- that the SWP also advocated suppose at the Bill of Rights Con- man of the conference, and Pro- port for the CP victims of the ference when they were con- fessor Thomas Emerson of the witch-hunt. fronted with a demand that the Yale Law School. It correctly conference support the civil rights quoted Dobbs as saying: "Either of the Trotskyist as well as the this conference is going to vote Stalinist victims of the Smith to defend the civil rights of Act. They had to take off the everyone or prove on the record resolution by such non-Trotmask and reveal themselves as that so far as the Communist skyists as Professor Emerson and die-hard opponents of civil liber- Party is concerned you would Paul Kern, printing only a few ties for their political opponents rather wreck a cause than sup- generalities and leaving out their in the working class movement port those with whom you do not strongest and most concrete and as objective allies of the agree." It also reported Paul arguments against the Stalinist Truman administration's assault Robeson's demagogic and malicion the Trotskyists.

All the reporters, commentators essence of the matter, and although they aproached the facts from the viewpoint of how best to use them for their own political purposes, the facts themselves were widely disseminated to the public.

TIMES' COVERAGE

Of the daily press, the N. Y. Times printed the greatest number of dispatches on the conference. On July 16 it reported that SWP chairman Farrell Dobbs had made public letters he had received from several of the conference sponsors "supporting the although less fully. view that the civil rights of all

an article about the close of the over its only controversial issue and the arguments offered by the supporters and opponents of

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F. S. of Minnesota.

The Communist Party has been | the resolution calling on Truman | resolution. It crookedly gave the posing as a defender of civil to restore the civil liberties of impression that the SWP was

It noted that the resolution was ous comparison of the SWP with proved from the record of the the Ku Klux Klan and his and editorial writers got the characterization of the Trotskyists as "allies of fascism" and of speech, the Daily Worker re-"enemies of the working class."

REPEATS LIES

It reduced to three short

sentences the statements for the

position. Even after Emerson had

Minneapolis trial that it was

peacetime case involving freedom

peated the lie that the Trot-

skyists had been convicted "dur-

HANDLE FOR REACTION

ing the war for attempting to The next day the Times editors undermine the morale of the gleefully seized hold of Robeson's armed forces." arguments to show that for the It also repeated the boner made Stalinists, civil rights for minoriby the Stalinists at the conties "are apparently valid only ference, by admitting that their when the minorities conform to spokesman "pointed out Prothe party line." This was fol- secutor McGohey at Foley Square lowed by a few hoorays for the argued along the lines of equat-'American way."

ing the 12 to the case of Trot-Similar coverage of the con-skyites." This was an unconscious ference was given by most of admission of the fact that the the other metropolitan papers, Stalinists, by supporting the conviction of the 18 SWP members

The World Telegram also ran under the Smith Act, had helped groups should be considered." an editorial illustrating how the prepare the precedent which is This story also mentioned the Stalinist policy plays into the now being used against them in fact that Henry Wallace had hands of the reactionaries and the trial of the Stalinist leaders. pledged his support to the cam- red-baiters. Proclaiming the con- In an editorial the next day the paign for the restoration of civil ference as "a large flop," it sug-rights for the 18 SWP defendants gested that the Stalinists send although the Trotskyists had been convicted in the Minneapolis the Kremlin a memo saying: defeated at the conference, "they

"The Trotskyites made it quite did maintain confusion in the The next day the Times briefly embarrassing. In the middle of minds of some of the delegates reported that at the first session all our hullabaloo demanding as to their real character." It also Dobbs was booed when he made more freedom of speech, they sought to weasel out of the dishis first attempt to get the floor wanted in on the act. Naturally ruptive and rule-or-ruin role they in order to answer a number of we didn't let them. We know how had played at the conference by slanderous statements by the you feel about those people. But solemnly assuring that "The Com-Stalinist, Benjamin J. Davis, Jr. it was awkward for it to get out munists do not make it a condi-On July 18 the Times carried that we really didn't want free tion for unity against reaction speech for everybody, only for us, that liberals conference, featuring the debate until we can destroy it and set views. . " up the Soviet system here."

The Daily Compass and the National Guardian, Wallaceite apers, gave short reports on the press satisfaction that the condispute at the conference, the Guardian referring to the resolution on the SWP as a "hot cargo" issue. Neither made any editorial

STALINIST REPORTING

With the exception of The Militant, however, the most space issues, to let the conference die given to the controversy was in after its two-day sessions inthe Daily Worker. This was in marked contrast to their treat- manent movement. ment of the same controversy at the effects of their unpopular

position. On July 14 the Worker's entire editorial column was devoted to

on the conference to discussion of the debate over the resolution on the Trotskyists. It completely omitted reporting what the SWP delegates said in favor of this

Florida Terrorists Burn Down Negro Homes



Flames cut into the darkness as three Negro homes burn to the ground at Groveland, Fla. This was only a small part of the reign of Jim Crow terror by an armed mob which lasted several days and resulted in driving all 400 Negro inhabitants out of Groveland. The houses were set afire in reprisal for an alleged attack on a couple by four Negroes. Three Negroes were arrested on this charge, and are in danger of death by legal lynching. A fourth Negro was caught by deputy sheriffs in Lake County and shot to death in cold blood although he was unarmed. The record will read he was "killed resisting arrest," but the truth is that he was

James Kutcher Answers **Howard Fast's Slanders**

(Continued from Page 1)

defense committee, a well-known Stalinist committeeman opposed it with the usual lies that the Trotskyists are stool-pigeons, etc. I am glad to say that he sat down to a chorus of boos and all But 12 out of the 2,500 longshoremen present voted to support my

In the light of these facts it is possible to judge Mr. Fast's attempts to explain why the Stalinist - dominated Civil Rights Congress rejected an amendment supporting my case. He gives two flimsy alibis: one, that the proper procedure was not followed, and, two, that mine is only one case among many and to record specific support for it would water down the intent of the central resolution."

However, despite the wide public controversy around my case and the CP attitude toward it, the Bill of Rights Conference accept their held in New York two weeks later under similar auspices likewise failed to take any specific The editorial professed to exstand in support of my case. A split took place there between the supporters of defense for all ference "marked another important advance" in the struggle victims of the witch-hunt and the against the witch-hunt. But it did Stalinists who insist on denying not explain why if this was so, defense to political groups opthe Stalinists suddenly decided in posed to their policies.

FAST'S REAL ATTITUDE

The real reasons for this manifested on the controversial attitude toward my case are not to be found in Mr. Fast's mealymouthed apologies but in his

is that the Trotskyists have every- of the witch-hunters, regardless where been the most uncompromising foes of the fascists. Many European Trotskyist leaders paid with their lives for their fight against Hitler, Mussolini from Stalin's Moscow Trials of the Old Bolsheviks which were exposed as frameups by the John Dewey Commission of Inquiry

as long ago as 1938. Fast tries to justify the CP line by claiming that the Minneapolis "is not a case of civil liberties." None seriously concerned with civil liberties outside the CP holds such a view. That is why labor and liberal organizations representing over five million members backed the defense of

WE DEFEND CP's RIGHTS

The Minneapolis case was the first peacetime prosecution under the Smith Act. The defendants were railroaded to prison solely because of their socialist political opinions. The Communist Manifesto was introduced as evidence against them. Now the Department of Justice is using the conviction of the 18 as the principal precedent in the current, trial of the 12 CP leaders.

There are very deep dif ferences between the Socialist Workers Party to which I belong avowed refusal to support the and the Communist Party for restoration of civil rights to the whom Mr. Fast speaks: These the conference of the Civil Rights of the other papers mentioned Congress held in June, and Farrell Dobbs' challenge for an Act. His main argument is the other things, by our respective showed that the Stalinist leaders impartial Commission of Inquiry long-exploded Stalinist libel that positions on the struggle for were seriously concerned about to investigate and render a verdict the Trotskyists "have acted as civil rights. Wherever I have had agents of fascism." As every the chance. I have stated the need | informed person knows, the truth | for a united defense of all victims

bodied in the loyalty oath concept

has seeped down to where now

in Los Angeles even persons who

garbage are compelled to swear

fealty to the government in order

Kojima stressed the fact that

during the war in their opposi-

tion to forceful evacuation made

cans demanded to decide our case

Act, now being tried in New

York, "did not have the good

sense to speak out against the

same persecution when it was

used against the Trotskvites some

He stated further that the so-

loyalty program at all but "obvi-

CONFORMITY PROGRAM

liberal."

-- but we didn't get it."

to keep their jobs.

of political differences; and so has my party. I have publicly opposed all persecutions of members and followers of the Communist Party, despite my opposiand Franco. It was not Trotsky, tion to their policies. Apart from but Stalin, who made a pact with the Communist Party, represen-Hitler. Fast's only "proof" of tatives of many widely varying his slanderous accusations comes political and labor groups have rallied behind my fight for justice.

The Communist Party, on the other hand, has crippled its own defense and discredited itself in the eyes of public opinion by its shameful conduct on the issue of trial of the 18 Trotskyists in 1941 civil rights. Mr. Fast provides further evidence that the Stalinists, who shout so loudly about assaults on their rights, are unwilling to join in protecting the civil liberties of their left-wing political opponents. That is why i cannot refrain from characterizing Mr. Fast's letter as "a thoroughly disgusting and revolting example of the operation" of the Communist Party.

> "I AM EAGER TO APPEAR" Farrell Dobbs, SWP national chairman, in his reply to Mr. as a conscienceless slanderer.

World Events

Trotskyists Gain In Dutch Elections

In Holland's municipal elections ast month the Revolutionary Communist Party (Dutch section swinging club. of the Fourth International) presented candidates in six of the largest cities. The results marked considerable headway for the Dutch Trotskvists in the electoral field, particularly in the chief city of Amsterdam. There terdam they were given 960 votes, a slight gain. They averaged 200 people. votes in the other cities.

The Trotskyists carried on a vigorous campaign, centering heir propaganda on a demand for the immediate and uncondiionai evacuation of Indonesia. Posters carrying this slogan were eized by the "socialist" Mayor of Amsterdam and resulted in a court case undertaken against this action by the RCP.

The Stalinists lost considerably in the elections. In one of the northern cities, all of the CP members of the Municipal Council resigned from the Stalinist Party.

Algerian Leader **Protests Against** Atlantic Pact

Messali Hadj, leader of the People's Party of Algeria, which said he follows attentively. He is semi-legal under the present asked the correspondent to convey French administration although it his best wishes to all friends is the country's strongest organ- of the Trotskyist paper. ization, recently visited Paris by special permission. He had to British Trotskyists attend a hearing at the French Court of Appeals. The Algerian leader otherwise is still banned from the capital of France by a decree of Petain's Vichy government which the present "socialist" Minister of the Interior, Jules Moch, is very zealous to execute.

In an interview with the Trotskyist La Verite, Messali was very bitter about the "socialist" figures who serve to dress up and carry out French imperialist policy today. He told of an open letter he wrote to "socialist" Fast, demanded that Fast submit President Vincent Augiol on the his alleged evidence against me latter's recent visit to Algeria. In and my party to an impartial it he explained that Algerians, Commission of Inquiry to be fighting against the regime opheaded by I. F. Stone. I am pressing them, cannot participate eager to appear before such a in the celebrations to honor the body. Unless Mr. Fast does like- President of the so-called "French wise, he publicly exposes himself Union" (the new post-war name for the French empire). The JAMES KUTCHER Algerian people, Messali wrote,

"are convinced that the Fourth Republic over which you preside is not any different from its predecessor, symbolized by the old colonial helmet and the

In Algeria itself, the PPA leader said, the regime of the "socialist" Governor Naegelen is strictly a police regime. It has practically the right of life and death over every Algerian. The "Algerian Assembly" is nothing they got 2,200 votes, double what more than a fiction, part of the they received in 1946. In Rot- methodical propaganda to falsify the real condition of the Algerian

Messali voiced particularly strong protest against the enforced inclusion of Algeria in the North Atlantic Pact. He told the interviewer that the French Government, by means of this pact, has two aims: "To sanction the French domination of Algeria by means of international agreements; to guarantee the continued presence of the French in Algeria by means of the clause relating to 'internal aggression.' It is evident that France intends to utilize this clause against any eventual movement for Algerian national liberation. Obviously, the Algerian people cannot range themselves on the side of their oppressors."

Messali closed the interview by stating his great pleasure always in reading La Verite, which he

Enter Labor Party

At a national conference held last month the Revolutionary Communist Party of Great Britain (Trotskyist) decided by a substantial majority to dissolve the organization and called on its members and sympathizers to enter the Labor Party in order to "carry on the fight for the overthrow of the capitalist system and for a socialist Britain." A majority of RCP members were already affiliated to the Labor Party by virtue of their union nembership.

In the concluding issue of Socialist Appeal, the RCP states the reasons for this step. The statenent begins by saying plainly hat the economic and political eforms introduced by the Labor Government have not basically indermined the capitalist structure of the country. It stresses the dissatisfaction among wide sections of the working class with the policy of the Labor Party and notes that this is reflected "however, not by seeking for a new or more revoluorganization - the Labor Party. Philadelphia also reports good They see no alternative in small

"The perspective for socialists," of Colored People G.L.C. At one meeting, 25 pamph- the statement continues, "must therefore be to join the ranks of est in Albert Park- James E. Boulton of the Mil- the politically conscious workers er's article on the waukee branch sent in an order inside the Labor Party and try to vital issues facing for 100 copies of the July 11 Mili- orientate 'its policy along truly the gathering which tant "containing the article on the socialist lines." It then gives a was featured in the degeneration of the Socialist Par- criticism of the Labor Government's actions and warns that the "We are preparing our own coming depression must bring a

> To prevent such an attack, a bold policy is required, including colonial and foreign soil, and for

The statement concludes: "We same manner as the Fabian Society and other organizations. Grace Carlson, reporting for But this is not possible owing to the 1946 decision of the Labor Party regarding organizations seeking affiliation. We have therefore dissolved our organization and will fight as individual members, within the framework of the constitution of the Labor Party, for the policy outlined above."

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warning the conference delegates that defense of the Trotskyists' rights would weaken the defense of civil liberties in general. On July 18 it gave almost two full columns of its lengthy report HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN LOS ANGELES

(Continued from Page 1) Workers, who was master of to establish fascism."

NO EXPLANATION

the midst of the conference, where

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reaction. He declared:

WITCH-HUNT'S REASON

"The capitalist system at the present time is practically in collapse, and they intend to hold fight of the minorities was stress- He made the point that the on to their privileges; they intend ed by Loren Miller, lawyer for the present victims of the Smith Gag to do this at the expense of the NAACP, and Masamori Kojima, vast majority of the population editor of the Japanese-American of the United States as well as weekly, the Crossroads. of the world. If they can keep the people divided on racial lines, on religious lines, citizen against alien, trade unionist against non- to Mr. Kutcher's eternal credit trade unionist, if they can in- that he is not one of those who timidate and terrorize people has taken refuge in denial of his from taking a position on public views." He pointed out further

questions, then, they will be able | how the insidious doctrine em-

Stating that the purpose of the As Kutcher rose to tell his Taft-Hartley Law was "to destroy story to the 325 people present, the trade union movement," and sweep the streets and collect he was given a standing ovation. that the "subversive" list was In a simple, direct manner, he designed to intimidate those not explained how he had been fired members of unions, he added: from his job as clerk because of "There are certain people here in his socialist views and his mem- the United States who know that the Japanese on the West Coast bership in the Socialist Workers their days are numbered and that the people are going to move into Leo Gallagher, noted labor at- a new social order. And so they torney, made a stirring appeal have given orders to their agency, for support of Kutcher so as to the state, to destroy every ordefeat the mounting drive of ganization which might in some way prevent them from maintaining their control over the people.

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call backs on the paper, and sev- sell door to door." eral delegates came back and called loyalty program is not a gave money to the sales-people, Minneapolis, writes that the copies free.

ously merely a conformative proeral Tom Clark, who was largely responsible for the deportation of the Japanese from the West lost The Militant in the shuffle. copies of the July 25 issue which Coast during the war, and who has a "meager reputation as a Among the many organizations which expressed their solidarity sells papers rather than hawk- ical opponents. with Kutcher's fight through ing them.

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The delegates to the Los An- sales. "Our street meetings have left-wing groupings outside that geles conference of the National surprised everyone by their suc- party." Association for the Advancement cess," writes Literature Agent

Deck, Literature statement and appeal to the SP capitalist attack upon the social Agent of the Los membership," he says, "to be dis- services and living standards of Angeles Local of tributed at their one yearly gath- the workers. the Socialist Work- ering that attracts a crowd, the State Picnic, August 28." "Before the conference open- St. Paul ordered 25 extra copies further extension of nationaliza-

the same demand that Kutcher ed," he reports; "Ruth and Sarah of the July 18th Militant and 25 tion to cover all industry and is making today. "A public hear- went to the Watts area and sold extra copies of each issue for the land without compensation, overing is what we Japanese-Ameri- 75 Militants in an afternoon there. following three weeks. "We want all socialist planning conducted "During the conference proper to make a distribution to Wal- by boards democratically elected we sold another 480 Militants, laceites, liberals, etc., of this im- by workers' and technicians' com-A. L. Wirin, attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, The Standbook of The Standboo The Struggle for Negro Equal- is very good - especially Far- foreign policy, calling for the ity, 50; A Practical Program to | rell Dobbs' answer to Fast's let- | withdrawal of British troops from

> the summer weather to step up Europe. "We outsold the Stalinists by our literature work," she continfar," continues Comrade Deck. ues. "Two comrades went out on would prefer to have the right "In fact, quite often they would a trade union distribution last to enter the Labor Party as an give up after trying to compete Friday evening and tomorrow eve- organized body, affiliated in the with us for a while. We got many ning three comrades are going to

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> But since they all paid for it, we tells about prominent liberals reare sure they will take time to jecting the Stalinist line on civil read it carefully. We find that liberties and protesting the Stalthe personal approach is what inist refusal to defend their polit-

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TROTSKY

"Stalinism. . . is not an abstraction of 'dictatorship,' but an immense bureaucratic reaction against the proletarian dictatorship in a backward and isolated country. The October Revolution abolished privileges, waged war against social inequality, replaced the bureaucracy with self-government of the toilers, abolished secret diplomacy, strove to render all social relationships completely transparent. Stalinism reestablished the most offensive forms of privileges, imbued inequality with a provocative character, strangled self-activity under police absolutism, transformed administration into a monopoly of the Kremlin oligarchy and regenerated the fetishism of power in forms that absolute monarchy dared not dream of." - Leon Trotsky, Their Morals and Ours, 1938.



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Arms and the "Fair Deal"

The housing bill, passed by Congress and signed by Truman amid loud fanfare. has been acclaimed as a great victory for the "Fair Deal." Actually, the outstanding feature of this bill is its utter ina-

Assuming all its provisions are fully carried out, there will be 810,000 lowrent units built in the next six years, or an average of 135,000 units per year. Meanwhile, the need is for much more. For example, the CIO Economic Outlook estimates that existing shortages and new needs require a minimum of 1,300,-000 units a year.

In other words, this bill provides for barely one-tenth of what is actually needed - or not enough to cover the number of dwellings normally lost each year through fire, disrepair, obsolescence and so on. Truman, however, is elated. The housing problem has been "settled" so far as he is concerned.

On the question of unemployed relief and social security, it all came down to a face-saving gesture. Truman made a recommendation for increased federal participation in general relief to the unemployed and for extending and liberalizing the social security insurance program. The House Ways and Means Committee rejected it out of hand. The Senate will not even bother considering such matters until next year. Neither the House nor the Senate has passed a single measure to cope with growing jobless-

Not that Truman has been keeping quiet. On the contrary, he hasn't been so loud and insistent in quite a while. What is at stake is the multi-billion dollar arms program to implement the North Atlantic War Pact. When it comes to such issues, the "Fair Dealer" obviously cedes to none in determination and aggressiveness.

Truman and his colleagues are resolved at all costs to jam the first installment of this arms program through Congress. In this glaring contrast you have the gist of the "Fair Deal." It is a demagogic screen for Wall Street's war drive to dominate the world.

Vatican's Thought-Control Decree

On July 13 the Vatican issued a decree automatically excommunicating a n y member of the Catholic Church who joins, or so much as "shows favor" to, the Communist Party. If any measure was ever intended to make a mockery of freedom of thought and freedom of speech, this is certainly it.

Reading, publishing, disseminating, let alone writing for, the CP press likewise come under this sweeping ban. This is specifically stated in the text of the July 13 decree of the "Supreme Congregation of the Holy Office."

It was spelled out by Edwin B. Broderick, one of the priests on the staff of St. Patrick's cathedral in New York City, who during a solemn mass on July 24 publicly prohibited the reading of the Daily Worker and other CP publications "for information, professional reasons or

Cardinal Spellman later confirmed that even those Catholics, such as journalists, teachers, lawyers and the like, who for professional reasons have to follow the Stalinist press, would have to obtain special permission from the "diocesan authorities."

The cloak of religion which the Catholic hierarchy invariably uses to cover tup its arch-reactionary politics can hardly obscure the basic issues that are at stake

views, the Pope and his minions are seeking to deal a death-blow to the most elementary and most precious of all civil rights. The red-baiters and the witchhunters, for all their brazenness, have not dared as yet to go to such extremes as the Holy See.

Far from defending their religious

Mussolini and Hitler and the Japanese Mikado tried to outlaw freedom of thought and of speech by means of "temporal powers." They brought into play naked physical terror-the jail, the whip, the executioner's block - in order to enforce all the thought-control decrees they had written into their respective

It has remained for the Vatican to attempt exactly the same thing by means of "spiritual powers." What the fascists and the Japanese militarists tried to impose through the use of brute force, the Pope and his hand-picked "Princes of the Church" seek to achieve by means of ideological terror.

The Vatican's dictate, invoked in the name and under the guise of religion, is more insidious and no less dangerous than the fascist onslaughts against civil liberties. Let all the super-patriots who are condemning thought-control in Eastern Europe speak up loudly now to tell us what they think about this effort to impose thought-control on a world-wide

Tory "Socialism" and "Socialist Toryism"

The American capitalist press, as part of its anti-Socialist propaganda, gave considerable play to the publication last week of the Conservative Party's official program for the coming general election in Britain and Winston Churchill's fiery speeches endorsing it.

The British capitalist press, according to dispatches from London, took a much more sober view toward the Tory program. Brushing aside Churchill's rhetoric, Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express concluded that "plainly, the Tory chiefs see the problem very much as the socialists do." The liberal Manchester Guardian, reaching a similar conclusion, titled its editorial "Tory Socialism."

Unquestionably the newspapers in Britain are far more perspicacious than our own red-baiting press. Even a cursory examination of the Tory program cannot fail to disclose that Mr. Churchill and his colleagues do not intend to make very many changes in the "socialist" measures adopted by the Labor Par-

The reasons are obvious, British capitalism cannot afford to take a different

course from that adopted in its behalf by the Laborites. The economic position of British capitalism in world affairs does not permit it, nor can the working class of Britain be persuaded to accept anything less than the sops granted in recent years.

From this point of view it is quite apt to characterize the Conservative program as "Tory socialism." This characterization is at the same time an illuminating commentary on the pro-capitalist policy of the Labor Party. So far as basic policy is concerned, there are more similarities than differences between the two major British parties. If the one is characterized by "Tory socialism," then the other may be no less aptly called "socialist Toryism."

The real difference between them is that the Labor Party has a representative mass character, which inevitably germinates socialist revolt. It is this latent revolutionary power stored up in the Labor Party ranks, and not the program of Attlee and Co., that Churchill and his friends fear.

Excellent Biography of Debs

THE BENDING CROSS, A Biography of Eugene Victor Debs, by Ray Ginger. Rutgers University Press. 1949. 516 pp., \$5.

By George Breitman

This is an excellent book, unquestionably the best ever written about Debs. The author evidently had only one axe to grind, and that was to present all the important

HIS MISTAKES

Debs did not have an adequate

or realistic understanding of the

legeneration of the party.

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were sometimes needed to achieve

But while the author's evalua-

facts in the Debs story as fairly? as he could and as fully as his position to conciliation with the space permitted. When you finish conservative Gompers bureaut, you can feel with justification cracy in the AFL and its strugthat you know what forces shaped gle against imperialist war and Debs, why his ideas developed rom pure and simple unionism broke with the right wing and through reformism to revolutionary socialism, what problems the revolutionary movement of his time had to contend with. what contributions he made to the struggle for socialism, what his legacy is for the present generation.

Briefly but vividly we get a icture of Debs' family, of his birth in Terre Haute in 1855 around the time the American ndustrial working class was orn, the humanitarian influence nis father exerted on him, his lecision to quit high school at 14 so he could help his family, his first job on the railroads at 50 cents a day. He became a locomotive fireman, got acquainted with hard work and unemployment, cried when his high school class was graduated without him studied at night, and after five years was compelled to leave the railroads because of his mother's anxiety over his health and hazardous working conditions.

HIS UNION RECORD

Working as a grocery billing clerk, he learned of the Brother hood of Locomotive Firemen was then more of a fraternal order than a union, became the local secretary and later national secretary-treasure and editor of its magazine. He taught himself how to speak, became active in the Democratic Party, was elected City Clerk and member of the State Legislature got married. But above every thing else, he threw his energy, time and money into the job of organizing the workers in his own and other unions and was soon recognized as one of the ablest labor leaders in the coun

Young Eugene Debs started out with conservative, class - collaborationist ideas, but experience taught him some truths about he class struggle. He began to recognize the need for strikes and militant activities if the workers were to gain anything. and he learned the weaknesses of craft unionism. Under his leadership the rail unions were federated together into a joint council for mutual aid and action, but the federation collapsed beause of the selfish and shortsighted policies of the union bureaucrats. Dissatisfied with these policies, Debs withdrew the unanimous pleas of its conat a higher salary.

When the depression of 1893 rought a new wave of militancy, Debs and a few others organized the American Railway Union, which was open to the rail workby the thousands, won an inspir-

ministration (which Debs had for independence). helped elect) broke the great Pullman strike of 1894 by injail, Debs was soon collaborating eloped into the Socialist Party. tively as their instrument of rule.

The rest of the story, containng some of the brightest pages in U. S. history, is better known campaigns headed by Debs, during which the socialist movement for the first time became a real political force in this country; Debs' undeviating opposition to the first world war; his Canton speech, conviction under the Espionage Act and prison sentence. But these are only the high points, and the author has surounded them with serious research, scores of anecdotes and reminiscences of Debs' associates that throw new light on the man and his relation to the movement.

Thus the Socialist Party is shown as the kind of organization t really was during the first two decades of the century - a loose federation of conflicting groups, divided mainly between the revolutionary proletarian wing and the opportunist middle class elements. Debs, it is amply proved, was closer to the left wing, and generally sided with it on specific issues (for example, in its advocacy of industrial unionism to organize the unorganized, its op-

social-patriotism). But he never he failed to line up with the left wing for a struggle to win the leadership of the party.

EUGENE V. DEBS

responsibilities of revolutionary leadership. Disgusted and repelled by the selfishness and necessary to warn that that is not true in all cases. He is wrong, careerism of both union and party for example, when he says that bureaucrats, he held himself aloof Debs, by helping to establish the from most factional fights, and Industrial Workers of the World while he occasionally expressed his own views in magazine (which the author regards as a articles intended for the rank "dual union"), delayed rather and file, he refused except on very than promoted the campaign for industrial unionism because it rare occasions to even attend isolated revolutionary forces from party conventions, where policy was adopted and the leadership the majority of the organized chosen. As a result the left wing workers in the AFL. But the was deprived of the full influence IWW was more a new movement Debs could have wielded and the to organize the unorganized right wing found it easier to unskilled workers whom the AFL ignered, than a dual union. And gain control and put over policies which eventually led to the Debs, for his part, continued to support the AFL in all its strikes Debs never had any trouble and organizing campaigns. finding the right side to support

The AFL represented only a in the class struggle, but his small fraction of the working grasp of Marxism was incomplete class, mainly skilled craftsmen, and he tended to oversimplify and had little or nothing to do mportant problems. Thus he was with the fields the IWW tried to pending execution of Social Revoa life-long opponent of Jim Crow organize. Under the circumstances and, as the author notes, "He it would have been extremely arms against the Soviet governalways insisted on absolute shortsighted to take the position ment. But this move was not at equality. But he failed to accept that industrial unionism could all inconsistent with support of come only through the AFL. The the Soviet government, in which successful organization of the there were also differences as to this equality." This led him to mass industries by the CIO, which the best means of combatting the reject the correct policy for was a split from the AFL 30 years anti-Soviet terrorists. mobilizing the Negro people in later, serves to confirm Debs' he revolutionary struggle against view on this question, rather than printed an unsigned article, that of his critics.

the author commits such mistakes of the interview) that he and thus to arrive at independent conclusions.

VIEW OF BOLSHEVIKS

Many stories have been told about Debs' attitude to the Russian Revolution and the split in the American Socialist Party which followed it, and most of them are inaccurate. The author has tracked down most of these stories and given us the probably definitive study of where Debs really stood on these questions. Debs, as is well known, hailed

the Russian Revolution and proudly claimed to be a Bolshevik himself at his trial in 1918. The Social Democrats and Norman Thomas "socialists" would have us believe that afterwards he repudiated this stand and became, like themselves, an enemy of the first workers' state. The evidence indicates that this is simply untrue. He reproached the 1920 convention of the SP (which had nominated him for the presidency) because it opposed the concept of the dictatorship of the proletariat. Later, in prison, he ecame disturbed by stories about revolutionary violence and repressions in Russia, but after talking them over with Lincoln Steffens he expressed himself as completely reassured.

The basis of the Social Demo cratic legend rests on two ineidents: 1. He sent a telegram to Lenin protesting against the imlutionaries who had taken up

2. The Christian Science Monitor quoting Debs as having told a In all fairness, however, it communist interviewer (who had tion in this case is correct, it is should be added that even where been alone with him at the time

There is good reason to believe,

'law and order."

in evaluation as this, he always opposed to communism and "dicpresents the facts fully and makes tatorship, regardless of the class it possible for the reader to judge by which it is practiced." Debs for himself the merits of the said that "some of the interview disputes in which Debs engaged is true, and some is not," but the Social Democrats continue to refer to it as if it were an authorized statement. The fact is that to the end of his life he continued to call for recognition of the Soviet regime.

> On the split in the party, which took place while he was in prison, Debs played pretty much the same role as he had played in the pre-war factional fights. He was distressed by the split" and repeatedly called for reunification. He disapproved many of the SP's policies, but he also disapproved many of the new Communist Party's sectarian, unrealistic and inflexible tactics. He sent greetings to the conventions of both organizations. It was not until almost a year after he left Atlanta that he decided to remain a member of the SP for what were chiefly sentimental reasons. But he continued to collaborate with the Communist Party and its campaigns on behalf of class war prisoners until he died. He was a member of the National Committee of the International Labor Defense and contributed to its magazine, the Labor Defender.

HIS PLACE IN HISTORY

Politically his career can be summed up as that of a pioneer revolutionary militant, who alone among the well-known leaders of his time bore aloft the banner of revolutionary politics and industrial unionism. He never wavered in the face of the class enemy, and in this sense his grasp of "theory" was better and

sounder and more Marxist than that of all the "theoreticians" like Hillquit and Berger, who at bottom were nothing but reform-

His main mistake, in our pointon, was his tolerant personal attitude toward these reformists, which enabled them to exploit his great popularity and retain control of the party. Because of the general backwardnes of the American socialist movement, which had not yet learned the principles of building a revolutionary combat party, he tended to play the role of a left centrist in the movement. But his shortcomings will be more than compensated for in the eyes of history, as they were in the eyes of his own generation, by his contributions as organizer, agitator and inspirer of the first great. socialist upsurge of the American

lip-service to public opinion by Indonesia would encourage the re- fore the Dutch troops withdrew tude of those contributions (which supply such funds to the Dutch and Malaya and precipitate the publican capital. At one stroke at least partly acquainted with, loss of imperialist influence on the Republican leaders thus re- and which I tried to summarize moved the chief opponent of their in last year's review of Debs capitulationist policy and gave Writings and Speeches, to which the Dutch proof of their willing- the present biography is a worthy ness to collaborate as a junior companion volume). But I cannot partner on the basis of capitalist close without calling attention to something which the biography But the murder of Tan Malak- well illustrates - namely, the ka does not mean the death of total nature of Debs' commitment his ideas, which expressed the to the socialist goal, which led deepest aspirations and needs of him to give to the movement not the Indonesian masses - com- merely his talent, time and money, plete independence, the withdraw- but literally everything he had. al of all foreign troops, the over- This is surely not the least of But the Dutch were stubborn turn of a class of parasites and Debs' examples to be emulated by those who aspire to continue obstacle in the way of Indonesia's the work he began.

Next week we shall deal with comments on this biography and The Indonesian bourgeoisie can- Debs by people who are not fit not solve its problems by firing to shine Debs' shoes - the Social Democrat Sidney Hook's review in the N. Y. Times and the Stalquences of such a struggle, which of a new leadership based on Tan inist David Carpenter's review. in the Daily Worker.

Indonesia Republicans Make Deal With Dutch

By Charles Hanley World public opinion strongly government itself). Nevertheless, from his post in the BLF, despite the Dutch imperialists appear to have obtained the major part of vention delegates that he remain their objective - namely, keeping Indonesia within the Dutch

empire. Guerrilla warfare continues against the Dutch in many parts of Indonesia, but the Republican leaders (headed by President Suers of all crafts, attracted them karno and Premier Hatta) have capitulated to the imperialists, ing strike victory from James J. have been released from deten-Hill's Great Northern, and grew tion, and are now negotiating a so rapidly that it threatened to Dutch-directed deal with the Feddisplace all the other rail unions. eralist leaders (who remained This promising movement was puppets of the Dutch even when mashed when the Cleveland ad- the Republicans were fighting

Under this deal, the Republicans and Federalists will unite ary mobilization and upsurge, junctions and federal troops and forces to set up a United States which the Indonesian bourgeoisie sent Debs and his colleagues to of Indonesia, which will remain jail for "contempt." No longer a part of the Dutch empire and to Democrat when he came out of which the Dutch imperialists will it. Rather than risk the conseturn over "sovereignty" and "conwith socialists and helped to form trol," once they are assured that the organization that later dev- it will be able to function effec-

TOKEN "INDEPENDENCE"

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donesian masses compels the perialists, but also to Sukarno and Dutch to grant greater conces- Hatta, who fear a proletarian sions to the Indonesian bourge- revolution more than a Dutch ondemned the renewal of full- oisie than they did before the war. victory. scale warfare by the Dutch im- But it was a victory they could perialists against the Indonesian people last December. The UN discussed this outrage at length, and the U. S. government paid linearying to public opinion by bellious partisans in Indo-China in June from Jogjakarta, the Re-most Militant readers are already the Asiatic continent.

The capitalist politicians of the Indonesian Republic would have been glad to get rid of Dutch domination. They would have preferred a more discreet arrangement and indirect collaboration with American imperialism, which would have been less visible to the population and more profitable to their own class interests.

TAN MALAKKA'S MURDER

out of desperation - after all, profiteers now becoming the main what would Holland be without Indonesia to exploit? And to drive further development, and active the Dutch out of the country solidarity with the other Asiatic would require a mass revolutionthey knew they could not control might well conclude with the Malakka's program. masses deciding to put an end to native as well as foreign capitalist exploitation, they have decided to come to terms with the

Dutch. Against the background these latest developments, it is - especially the five presidential can colonies in the French "Un- easier to understand the murder of Tan Malakka by the Repubboast a token "independence" and lican militia last May. Tan Maa government staffed by Indone- lakka, the leader of a revolutionsians, but will be utterly depend- ary socialist party that was inent on the decision of the Dutch dependent of Moscow, was the imperialists in the fields of for- chief representative of the policy eign policy, trade, fiscal policy of struggle for the complete independence of Indonesia. This The Dutch have won a victory, meant he represented a powerful

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This feature of our national political life received fresh confirmation at the recent annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Los Angeles. Despite its serious shortcomings and although it does not have a radical, farsighted leadership, the pressing needs of the Negro struggle compelled this gathering of the principal organization of the Negro masses to assert views and sponsor highly progressive proposals on key issues of the day. While conservatism and redbaiting reigned over recent conventions of the leading unions, resistance to red-baiting and notes of militancy marked the NAACP conference.

Two important actions were taken by the 500 delegates. One was the demand upon Truman to summon a special session of Congress "for the express and exclusive purpose of passing civil rights laws." This not only expresses the deep disillusionment of the Negroes in Truman's preelection promises but their dissatisfaction with the policy of reliance on the Democratic administration pursued by the NAACP national officers. These officers had to deny that they behaved as stooges for the Democratic Party.

No less significant were the proposals for mass action in this resolution. The resolution called for the proclamation of "a national civil liberties month" to be climaxed by a mass conference of the heat on Congress and gain civil rights legisla-

conference was its forthright condemnation of the red-scare and its determination to defend all victims of the witch-hunters. By word and by of working class parties, the loyalty purge, etc., are all integral parts of a single pattern of reaction and are directly connected with the reign of terror against the Negro masses and their fight for equality.

Socialized Medicine VII— **British Difficulties**

By Grace Carlson

As any real Marxist could have told the British Labor Party leaders, the path of true socialism can never run smooth through capitalist fields. As with its nationalized industries, Britain's National Health Service has had rough going!

Many of the criticisms of the National Health Service, which went into effect on July 5, 1948, have been completely reactionary. Such are the attacks made by the right-wing leaders of the British Medical Association and the even more right-wing heads of the Fellowship for Freedom in Medicine. Theirs are the familiar charges of all supporters of free enterprise in medicine: "too much government"; "wasteful extravagance"; "bureaucratic rule over doctors"; "England is becoming a nation of hypochondriacs," etc., etc.

But the British people are very undisturbed at the dire prediction that they are on the road to becoming hypochondriacs - too many years of tragically inadequate medical, surgical and dental care lie behind them. Now they are flocking in to the doctors, dentists and opticians to have repairs made. No one can tell British workers who have suffered for years with rotten teeth. neglected eyes and diseased bodies that they are only imagining these difficulties! And the British workers are not concerned about "too much government in medicine." They want more government subsidies for medicine - an increase in medical facilities and medical aid.

The Socialist Medical Association sees a need for a great increase in the number of doctors -15,000 more as quickly as possible and many thousands more later on if a real program of preventive medicine is to be undertaken.

Forty thousand more nurses are needed in Britain to care for the increasing number of patients who are now receiving very necessary hos-

to the Stalipist policy of denying rights for the

Trotskyists. These were young people from or-

ganizations friendly to or dominated by the Com-

munist Party, yet under relentless pressure they

from the American Labor Party - and, as he

took pains to explain, from the Marcantonio

wing, not the dissident supporters of Connolly.

We discussed the need for united action to defend

all victims of government persecution. I gave

He sought me out after lunch, to tell me he

had read the articles on civil liberties, and agreed

with us completely although he "still didn't like"

the Trotskyists in general." I saw him vote

against the resolution designed to bar support

of the Socialist Workers Party, and shake his

Nearby, a young girl had been carrying on a

debate for over two hours. She knew nothing

about the Trotskyists or their program, she

frankly admitted. "But that isn't the point," she

insisted. "If you don't support them, the gov-

ernment will use their cases against the rest

Her opponent was repeating all the vile slan-

ders hurled by the Stalinist hatchet-men. "What

The first of these I spoke to was a delegate

stood firm for a principled position.

him a copy of The Militant.

head in dismay when it passed.

Thus, for all the bureaucratism and compromise still present in its leading circles, the NAACP has put forward proposals and set examples that organized labor ought to support and follow. If the unions should take up the proposed mass civil rights conference and the NAACP leaders proceed to realize it, the tremendous outpouring of the people that would respond to this call would do far more to advance the cause of freedom and the movement for civil rights than a million telegrams and postcards to all the do-nothing politicians in Washington.

pital care under the National Health Service. This is despite the fact that Britain now has 35,000 more nurses than in 1938.

Some 100,000 more hospital beds are needed to take care of the rapid increase in patients demanding free hospitalization. It was recently estimated that 33,000 patients were waiting for admission to London's hospitals alone.

In the 1949-50 budget, no provisions were made for increasing the number of hospital beds or for training more medical workers. Instead, the Sir Stafford Cripps "austerity" budget slashed \$38,-000,000 from the hospital budget. Meantime, under the free enterprise system, hundreds of millions of dollars were budgeted to pay Britain's druggists, dentists, opticians and optometrists, who have been reaping a golden harvest under the National Health Service.

Despite all of the readily observable defects of their nationalized medicine, British workers do not want to go back to private medicine. John to the original traditions of our McPherrin, editor of the American Druggist, nation. To change these traditestifies to this fact in the latest issue of his tions . . . would be harmful, I magazine, in which he records the results of five weeks of interviewing Britons. He admits that the National Health Service is popular with the British, but thinks that it is bad for them. He calls Britain, "Welfare Island" and mourns over the "depressing effect" that the National Health Service has had upon the "spirit of the people." He also wails over the cost of the British medical system to British taxpayers.

Editor McPherrin is completely unconcerned about the cost of Britain's war program to these same taxpayers. Disarmingly listed as defense needs, Britain's war program for 1949-50 will cost three times as much as the whole nationalized

Rank and File Reactions

By Ruth Johnson

about Spain? They're fascists," and so on. But Listening and talking to some of the rank and file delegates to the Bill of Rights Conference "I don't know if what you say is so or not," in New York, I was impressed by their resistance

the first girl insisted: "But we're talking about civil rights here, and that's the only thing I'm There was one young trade unionist who want-

ed to know all about the background of the Stalinist policy. "I believe in defending everybody's civil rights." he said. "So I voted against that resolution. Then the way they called you fascists made me think some more.

"Maybe I don't know everything about fascists, but I do know they never defend the rights of the Communist Party like you do. In the National Maritime Union I SAW the Trotskyists lead the fight against Curran when he wanted to kick out the Communists.

"Then the people I was arguing with mentioned a lot of things I couldn't answer, about Spain and a lot of stuff. But if they're so wrong about calling you fascists, I want to know what you've got to say about the rest of it.

"I'm going to do some reading and studying up so I can go back and take them on again." He was from the Civil Rights Congress "front" that the Stalinists have controlled as thoroughly as their own party. Something tells me that the reaction of this delegate and others to the Stalinist line at the Congress, will have a good

many repercussions for a long time to come.

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month" to be climaxed by a mass conference of Negroes and their allies in Washington while Congress is in session. This emphasis on a mass demonstration as the most effective way to put the heat on Congress and gain civil rights legislathe heat on Congress and gain civil rights legislation indicates that the Negro people, fed up with the double-crosses and delays of the capitalist politicians, are ready for decisive action. The other outstanding aspect of the NAACP conference was its forthright condemnation of

deed the delegates clearly recognized that the attacks upon organized labor, the persecutions THE CARDINAL'S ATTACK ON ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

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funds for other religious institutions? Moreover, this precedent would

case of The Nation, liberal magazine banned from the New York trol over a large slice of a schools for publishing articles by Paul Blanshard that exposed the gram. Either they will get what growth of the Catholic Church's temporal power, would be fol- federal aid to education. owed by similar outrages of church censorship.

Mrs. Roosevelt's articles in her column, "My Day," were far more innocuous and restrained than the Blanshard articles in The Nation, but for Spellman it was enough that she dared to speak out at all. Her strongest statement was: "Sometimes I think church organizations are foolish people to believe they are not contends; it is only rejection of interested mainly in the spiritual the maneuvers by a vast financial side of the church, but that they have a decided interest also in temporal affairs."

Aside from that single sally, she spoke only of "broad, general

These were the comments that Spellman called attacks upon Cathelicism. In hypocritical fury, he implied that she wanted to subject Catholic children to hunger and disease, although the Barden Bill deals only with construction and operation of school

Representative Steed of Oklaapart for the fraud it is:

ave been written by anyone deal about both of them. except a man who holds no regard for God's justice or truth. . . It is the best example of the 'smear' that I have ever noted."

the Catholic hierarchy in their his outbursts was the statement of how much political power the

with - Spellman, and the newshim for the U.S. Senate.

Since Roosevelt openly em-

ally by giving it diplomatic lishment of church schools with recognition, the political ambipublic funds, what would stop tions of the hierarchy have exthem from demanding public panded enormously. Their opposition to such measures as the Barden Bill is apparently sufficient to doom it in the present greatly increase their already Congress. Their arrogance is so dangerous influence on public unbounded that they have even school boards of education. The rejected a so-called "compromise" bill which would give them con-\$35,000,000 school health prothey demand or there will be no

> Their attempts to dictate to Congress and to intimidate even opponents as prominent as Mrs. Roosevelt can be answered only by firm resistance of all labor and iberal forces. And for this it is necessary first of all to expose the fraudulent nature of their outcries about "anti-Catholicism." Opposition to clerical interference and domination in public affairs is not anti-religious, as Spellman power to promote its selfish economic and political interests at the expense of the American

British Dock Strike Ended



Canadian Seaman Union leaders asked the British dockers to return, although the Canadian strike continues. Shown above are a few of the troops employed by the British Labor government as strikebreakers on the docks.

The hard-fought British dock strike came to an end when

principles": "The separation of church and state is extremely important to any of us who hold to the original traditions of our least the original traditions of our least to the original traditions of our l nation. To change these traditions . . . would be harmful, I think, to our whole attitude of tolerance in the religious area." A Propaganda Episode

The press, radio, and newsreels have now carried to the world the statement by Jackie Robinson, Negro ballplayer, that Negroes in the United States will be loyal in the coming war. He made this statement before the House Un - American Activities noma, ripped Spellman's letter Committee which had invited him to testify. The whole episode is "I have never in all my ex- another incident in the propaperience read a more clever bit ganda war between Russia and of propaganda. It could never the United States. It tells a great

For years Paul Robeson, the actor and singer, has been a notorious follower of the Stalinist line; and in the recent period But most of the Congressmen he has missed no opportunity at cringe in silence, afraid to risk home and abroad to boost Stalinexposure to Spellman's vitupera- ist Russia and denounce Amerition and to the antagonism of can imperialism. The climax of constituencies. The case of former at a Stalinist conference in Paris Governor Lehman of New York that it was "unthinkable" that is for them a horrible example Negroes would fight against the Soviet Union.

The American bourgeoisie was Lehman spoke out against the startled. Robeson's reputation is banning of The Nation, and was world-wide and this statement no subjected to a vicious whispering doubt has traveled far. Furthercampaign. He publicly defended more the letters to the press and Mrs. Roosevelt in the dispute the general hysteria showed that many people believed there was a papers report that the Democratic | great deal of truth in what Robe-Party machine is suddenly be- son said. Why should Negroes coming "cold" about nominating fight for a country which denies them their elementary rights?

The House Un-American Combraced the Vatican as a political mittee invited various Negro

leaders to testify - Dr. Charles | wide preparation for war: Né-S. Johnson, President of Fisk groes who stand out are taken mere threat of government perse-University, a distinguished scholar over by one side or the other cution. The action of the House and public figure, Lester Granger, and become pawns in the game. Executive Secretary of the Urban Negroes, however, were persecu- animous. League, etc. etc., and Jackie Robinson. The committee did not into existence; they have fought these measures would mark a want the other Negroes. It did for their rights before the Un-signal success for the forces of not even come to listen to them. American Committee was born. reaction. They have been moving

Jackie Robinson was the person the committee wanted. Because of their own barbarous motives. his popularity Jackie was a reasonably good counter to Robeson. A mass of people turnradio and newsreels got down to work. Robeson did his job for Stalinism and Robinson did his

members of the committee.

job for American imperialism Where do the Negro masses come in? Nowhere. Drowned out. Robeson's first concern is to his patrons, the Stalinist bureaucrats. When during the war the American Communist Party lined up with the capitalists to crush and disrupt the Negroes' struggle for their rights, Robeson uttered no protest. He did it yesterday, he will do it tomorrow.

Robinson made a brave attempt to denounce Jim Crow and to say a word for the Negro cause. But the total effect of what he said was to give the House Committee just what it wanted - an opportunity to tell the Negro masses not to listen to Robeson: and at the same time to give some comfort to the disturbed petty-

The committee has shouted itself hoarse and sweats day and night to ferret out and persecute 'subversives." Repeatedly it has been pointed out that the grossest violations of American democracy are committed against American Negroes and that the committee should devote part of its time to enters their heads. The committee's serious entry into the Negro question is to demonstrate Negro loyalty. Whereupon we may be sure it is now finished with the

A LESSON IN POLITICS

The use of Jackie Robinson by the committee teaches a great lesson in politics. The committee never did anything for Robinson. If Jackie Robinson is where he is, it is as a result of agitation by the Negro masses and the labor movement. For years they hammered away until they broke down some of the barriers in But as soon as he is established, up comes the committee to use him against the very masses who adopted by the convention vague- automatic grant of specific mili-Siegel is state chairman of the fought so hard to put him where

ted before the Soviet Union came At one time Lester Granger was An important part of the strug- more and more brazenly to violate talking to no more than two gle is to expose and denounce the elementary democratic rights these politicans, white and black, of the American people as a

who traffick in Negro misery for prelude to abolishing them al-

the House and Senate moved last week to sneak arch-reactionary legislation through Congress and push this country along the road oward the establishment of a police state.

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On July 22, the Eastland subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee reported out favorably a new Mundt Bill patterned after the nctorious Mundt - Nixon Bill which died in the Senate last

The new Mundt thought-control measure requires, like its predecessor, that "communist" organizations must register with the government and supply it with their membership lists. It also would make it a felony, punishable by 10 years in prison and \$10,-000 fine, to "knowingly" commit "an act which would substantially contribute" to establishment of "totalitarian dictatorship" in

In addition to the old provisions of the Mundt-Nixon bill, there is a new "anti-spy" clause obviously intended to capitalize on the spy-scare around the Copion and Hiss cases. The old bill was vigorously opposed by many prominent labor and liberal organizations. The new Mundt Bill is scheduled to come up before the Senate on Monday, Aug. 1.

CONCENTRATION CAMPS

On July 26 the House Judicial Committee reported out favorably the Hobbs Bill which would 'withhold bail" from all "undesirable aliens" whom the authorities seek to deport. It would in effect establish concentration-camps for tens of thousands of aliens while, at the same time, intimidating and terrorizing other scores of thousands of foreign-born by the committee was reported as un-

The passage of either or both

CIO SPLIT HINTED AT MARINE **COOKS AND STEWARDS PARLEY**

CIVIL RIGHTS FIGHT

tion, the Stalinists brought in a went on record to demand overcivil rights resolution mentioning time for Saturday in addition to the attacks on the Communist the present Sunday overtime, and Party. A minority resolution pro- two days off in port with pay for posed that the convention also go every week spent at sea. While on record protesting the placing this will relieve the unemployof the IWW on the "subversive" ment problem somewhat, the list; the persecution of Vern feeling has been growing that the Smith (expelled member of the fight for actual reduced hours CP) by the Tenney Un-American aboard ship to be achieved by tify before that body; and the fought for in conjunction with efgovernment purge of James Kut- forts of the Deck and Engine De-

ing for this minority resolution, perative. said the discussion on his propo- In conclusion, a word about the sals in committee was reminiscent membership of this union. Neof the witch-hunt in the national groes and whites work together CIO convention, but this time and fight together against the against Trotskyists and other op-ponents of the CP. He explained through the 93-day strike in the that the reason is that Stalinists latter part of 1948. They know support only their own tendency the value of fraternal ties with and not their opponents.

To prove the truth of this international. If the leadership charge, Kiernan cited the experi- plans an adventuristic withdrawence of Warren K. Billings, who | al from the national organization was imprisoned for years with of industrial workers instead of Tom Mooney on a labor frame- remaining to fight the bureauup. Billings came to the support crats in control, the rank and file of Vern Smith when he was at- of this union will be heard from. tacked by the Tenney Committee. As a result, the Stalinist People's SP Schedules World withdrew Billings' ad for his watch repair shop from the Two Referendums paper, and CP members were told that they would be expelled if Thomas Socialist Party will hold they patronized Billings' shop. a referendum of its members on Billings, claimed the CP leaders, the calling of a joint convention had become an "enemy of the next spring with the Social working class," the same slander Democratic Federation for the they use against all working class opponents to their perfidy.

UNEMPLOYMENT ACUTE

Although this minority resolution was defeated, the large number of delegates who declined paseball. This gave Jackie the to vote at all on it, showed that chance to demonstrate his ability. many have begun to seriously it," while expressing the view question the Stalinist slanders.

The political action resolution ly praised the Progressive Party, tary appropriations to our Allies." but it also left the way open for (The third position is favored by

|foreign policy resolution proposed feated, though many delegates re- the ironing out of all disagreements in the UN.

The MCS membership has faced an acute unemployment problem On the last day of the conven- for some time. The convention Committee for his refusal to tes- increased manning scale, and cher, Trotskyist legless veteran. partments to achieve the Four-Delegate Jim Kiernan, speak- Watch System, will become im-

the labor movement, national and

purpose of merging the two groups. Before then, in September, it will hold a referendum on the following proposals: (1) to approve the North Atlantic Pact; (2) to disapprove it; (3) to "neither approve nor condemn that under the pact the U. S.

Notes from the News

CIO STAND ON EDUCATION DISPUTE -The pressure of the Catholic hierarchy is keeping the House Labor Committee from taking action on the Barden Bill, providing federal aid to education but barring the use of federal funds for parochial schools. The national CIO leaders announce they have "taken no position on whether funds should be used, in the aid program, for parochial or other types of non-public schools." Instead, taking a line favorable to the Catholic hierarchy's campaign, they say "the issue should be left up to the individual states to determine their own policy on these matters."

PAPAL HONORS FOR STRIKEBREAKER -Judge James C. Connell of Cleveland, who helped to break the CIO strike at Fawick Airflex Company in Cleveland last spring by issuing one of the worst anti-labor court orders in American history, has now been knighted by Pope Pius XII "for meritorious public service benefiting religion and the Holy See." The rank of Knight of St. Gregory will be conferred on Connell at a ceremony on Sept. 4.

DAILY WORKER RETRACTS - When the Daily Worker kept referring to Paul Silver, a

leader of the Committee for a Militant and Demo cratic UAW, as a "Trotskyite," Silver threatened to sue. The Daily Werker apologized and withdrew the characterization in its July 25 issue not once but twice.

"LOYAL" BUT IMPATIENT - The Socialist Call announces that William Gausmann has resigned from the Socialist Party National Executive Committee to become head of the ECA Labor Information Division in Great Britain. "I hope that when I return to these shores, some several years hence, I'll find the SP a dynamic left-wing of American labor's political life," said Gausmann. "I am convinced that means lining up with the Democratic Party." The Call article containing this statement designates Gausmann as "a loyal SPer."

ALP FIGHT - New York City Councilman Eugene P. Connolly has filed a \$100,000 slander suit against Ewart Guinier, his Stalinist-supported opponent for the American Labor Party nomination for Manhattan Borough President. Connolly says Guinier called him "an anti-Negro, anti - Marcantonio, anti - Wallace, pro O'Dwyer fined \$100 and given a six-months Committee, which is mobilizing renegade from ALP policies."

ST. PAUL, July 25 - Milton Siegel, field representative of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers and one of the leaders in last year's South St. Paul meat strike, was taken to Dakota County Jail last? Wednesday to begin serving a six-month term for "contempt"

Term for 'Contempt' of Court Order

Strike Leader Begins Six-Month

Siegel's "crime" was that he down against mass picketing in front of the Swift & Co. plant in the early days of the nationwide meat strike in March, 1948.

Armed with a court order, Sheriff Norman Dieter demanded that Siegel get himself and the union pickets out of the way so that scabs could get into the plant. Siegel replied that he was not going to do so.

May, 1948, Siegel was found guilty of "criminal contempt."

The conviction was appealed to the state supreme court, and exposing and demanding prosecu-Siegel was freed on bail. The tion of the authors of these court recently turned down the crimes. But such a thought never resisted a court injunction handed appeal on the ground that it was not filed "properly." Last week Judge Charles Hall

denied a motion asking suspension of the jail sentence, and ordered Siegel to jail. In addition Hall Negro question. said that after 30 days of the term have been served, Siegel can again ask for suspension of sentence or modification of the remainder. Because of the policies followed

by the union in South St. Paul, One of the unusual aspects of which is one of the world's the case is that Siegel was biggest meat packing centers, the arrested after that on a court strike there was one of the most action brought by Swift & Co., effective in the whole packingone of the parties in the strike house workers' struggle. Howdispute. This action clearly show- ever, the strike ended without the ed whose interest the injunction union winning its wage demands served as well as what side the after the National Guard had been called out to protect scabs When the case came to trial in in several states.

> Minnesota Kutcher Civil Rights he is. Committee, which is mobilizing Thus Negro persecution be-support for the legless veteran. comes a football in the world-Democrats and Republicans. The mittee.)