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"Stalinism... is not an abstraction of 'dictatorship,' but an immense bureaucratic reaction against the proletarian dictatorship in a backward and isolated country.



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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."

recommendation for increased federal participation in general relief to the unemployed and for extending and liberalizing the social security insurance program.

Vatican's Thought-Control Decree

On July 13 the Vatican issued a decree automatically excommunicating a member of the Catholic Church who joins, or so much as "shows favor" to, the Communist Party.

Far from defending their religious views, the Pope and his minions are seeking to deal a death-blow to the most elementary and most precious of all civil rights.

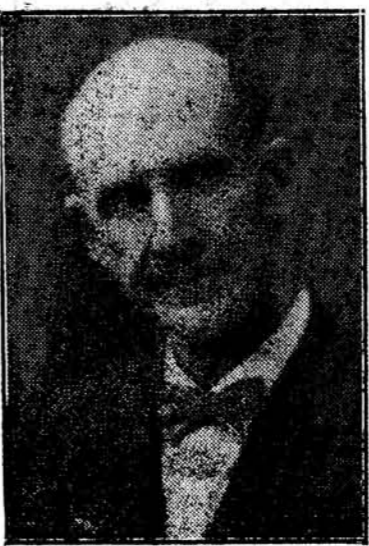
Tory "Socialism" and "Socialist Toryism"

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.

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.

Excellent Biography of Debs

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



EUGENE V. DEBS

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 facts in the Debs story as fairly as he could and as fully as his space permitted.

By George Breitman... position to conciliation with the conservative Gompers bureaucracy in the AFL and its struggle against imperialist war and social-patriotism. But he never broke with the right wing and he failed to line up with the left wing for a struggle to win the leadership of the party.

the author commits such mistakes in evaluation as this, he always presents the facts fully and makes it possible for the reader to judge for himself the merits of the disputes in which Debs engaged and thus to arrive at independent conclusions.

Indonesia Republicans Make Deal With Dutch

By Charles Hanley... World public opinion strongly condemned the renewal of full-scale warfare by the Dutch imperialists against the Indonesian people last December.

donesian masses compels the Dutch to grant greater concessions to the Indonesian bourgeoisie than they did before the war. But it was a victory they could not have won without the support of U. S. imperialism and its British and French partners who feared that the independence of Indonesia would encourage the rebellious partisans in Indo-China and Malaya and precipitate the loss of Asiatic influence on the Pacific continent.

TOKEN "INDEPENDENCE"

Indonesia's position in the Dutch empire will then closely resemble that of the North African colonies in the French "Union." That is, it will be able to boast a token "independence" and a government staffed by Indonesians, but will be utterly dependent on the decision of the Dutch imperialists in the fields of foreign policy, trade, fiscal policy and armed forces.

Against the background of these latest developments, it is easier to understand the murder of Tan Malakka by the Republican militia last May. Tan Malakka, the leader of a revolutionary socialist party that was independent of Moscow, was the chief representative of the policy of struggle for the complete independence of Indonesia.

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