By John G. Wright

After a lapse of 17 months the Communist Information Bureau met once more amid greatest secrecy "somewhere in Rumania" to take up as the first and main point

on its agenda Stalin's struggle to crush dissident Yugoslavia in blood. All the other Cominform to win over Catholic workers, the plan to organize city and village in the defense of peace," etc. all these are intended as mere trimmings and a smokescreen for the conduct of Stalin's warfare against Yugoslavia.

It should be recalled that the the imperialist war threat serves line but also to mask Stalin's own ruthless preparations to destroy physically the Tito regime, the Yugoslav Communist Party and

Phila. Convention Founds IUE-CIO **Electrical Union**

NOV. 30 - The atmosphere and actions of the founding convention of the CIO International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, which opened repel rather than attract militant workers. "Anti-Communism," redbaiting, bureaucratic methods and crude demagogy are no substitute, in the opinion of most workers, for a militant program that will win them better conditions.

True enough, CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey, whom Philip Murray hand-picked to head the new organization until permanent officers are elected about such trifles as organizing Fri., Nov. 25, immediately followsome time next year, promised the delegates that IUE-CIO will do a better job on wages and pensions than the Stalinist-led United Electrical workers which the CIO expelled several weeks

even introduced an "economic report" proposing a campaign for fourth-round wage inability to pay of the various com- Spies."

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A cursory comparison of the text of the current Cominform declarations - on the danger of declaration with the one adopted war, the intensification of "the in June 1948 shows how far struggle to unmask the right- Stalin has moved in preparing wing Socialists," the orientation politically for this onslaught. A brief 17 months ago Tito himself was labelled merely as an "ad-'committees all over the world venturer" and his followers accused of a whole gamut of political deviations, including "Trotskyism" and nationalism. Today they are all "assassins and hireling spies.'

Last time the Tito regime was raising of the war-danger, more charged with pursuing a "hateful accurately, using the actual war- policy" toward the Soviet Union danger as a screen, has been one and of "conspiring" to sell out of Stalin's favorite methods of Yugoslavia to Anglo-American struggle against all his political imperialism. This time Yugoslavia opponents. In the present instance is denounced as "an anti-communist police state of a fascist not only to whip waverers into type" and an "American center of espionage and anti-communist propaganda."

Last time the Cominform prescribed as the cure a purge of to subjugate Yugoslavia herself, the Yugoslav party leadership and an honest "confession of mistakes." This time it demands nothing short of a violent overthrow of this "police, fascist-type state" and orders Stalinists everywhere "to give utmost assistance" to achieve this goal. This can only mean a reiteration by Stalin him-self that he will stop at nothing and that Stalinist leaderships everywhere must do likewise.

From the first dispatches, the only ones available at this writing, the Yugoslav government is Nov. 27 in Philadelphia, can only evidently the only one whose overthrow is being openly demand-Cominform auspices. For ex- the membership, Curran moved in ever of Franco's Spain. As for tiating an agreement with those membership into submission. whom it branded only yesterday

last two Cominform declarations. painlessly liquidated by the "healthy" forces inside the Yugocreases as well as pensions like slav party itself. No such confithose obtained by the steel and dence is now expressed. On the auto unions. But the Carey report | contrary, the report on this topic was hedged around with qualifi- is eloquently entitled "The Yugoing statements, such as the union | slav Communist Party Which Is "will take into account the in the Hands of Murderers and

panies" and will not "resort to No less eloquent is the fact 'Alice in Wonderland' tactics and that there was no representative or spokesman of the "patriotic Besides, who will take seriously and revolutionary" Yugoslav this talk of fourth - round wage elements present at this conraises when the major CIO ference. The official explanation (Continued on page 2)

MINERS DEMONSTRATE THEIR IRON SOLIDARITY

DEC. 1 — Eleven hours after the country's 400,000 soft coal miners began their fourth strike this year, the United Mine Workers Policy Committee, on the advice of

John L. Lewis, today instructed the members to resume work on the report of his "fact-finding" Monday, Dec. 5, but on a 3-day board in the steel case. That re-

of harassment and pressure on the steel workers, but for all inthe recalcitrant mine owners, dustrial workers. It recommended while conserving the resources a standard for pensions far below and fighting strength of the that provided in the old United miners. In a further move that Mine Workers contract, let alone enraged the arrogant operators, UMW Policy Committee authorized the negotiation of individual contracts to split the

operators' front. With iron solidarity and discidown the pits.

strike this year "just before time be eliminated.

This propaganda, designed to less. They know their enemies. them not only of new concessions but of vital past gains.

mine owners a potent weapon in ican labor movement.

port declared against any gen-This continues the UMW tactic eral wage increases not only for the new pension demand.

NEED SOLID BACKING

The fact that the CIO leaders Murray, Reuther, etc. - have accepted the wage freeze-pension formula of Truman's steel board pline, the miners had renewed has strengthened the operators their strike for higher wages and and government in their insistence pension royalties. No formal call that the miners drop their wage was needed. Precisely at the time and pension demands. In fact, set for ending the three-week the mine companies have countruce, the mine workers shut tered the UMW demands with their own demand that the pay-During the period of the truce, ments out of the UMW welfare the capitalist newspapers had fund be "regulated" - that is, spread reports of alleged "disaf-| that benefits be cut - and that fection," reflecting Big Business the "able and willing" clause and government hopes that some wihch leaves the miners conminers might balk at a fourth tractually free to strike at any

If the mine owners thought to test the UMW's solidarity and undermine the miners' morale determination to fight, they have and divide them, has proved fruit- received their answer. The miners are still no pushover, despite the They know that the rich coal great sacrifices they have been operators and the Truman ad- forced to make so far this year by increasing their wages and ministration are conspiring to and the depletion of their reweaken their union and deprive sources. What is needed to assure them of speedy victory is the solid backing, morally and Truman has already given the materially, of the whole Amer-

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Curran Goons and Cops Terrorize NMU Ranks

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 - Members of the CIO National Maritime Union in the Port of New York were given a demonstration last week of the kind of regime Presied and covertly organized under dent Joseph Curran is seeking to establish in the union. Having lost the support of civil rights, calling for defense

ample, there is no mention what a gang of imported gorillas to men, detectives, mounted cops, from the hall by the cops. Known "capture" the union hall with the Greece, the Kremlin, after liqui- aid of the New York Police Dedating the Greek guerrilla strug- partment and loosed a reign of gle, is obviously too busy nego- terror designed to intimidate the

The Curran putsch took place as "monarcho-fascists", to bother in the early morning hours on for their overthrow. Yugoslavia ing the Thanksgiving holiday. - there is Stalin's "main enemy"! Members arriving at the shipping We come now to another highly hall Friday morning found all significant difference between the entrances sealed with the exception of one narrow doorway at deviation" would be speedily and ed the entire block: foot patrol- away; they were forcibly ejected

his civil rights.

prowl cars, motorcycles, etc. To get into the hall, members street and were permitted to enter only one at a time. Inside the door were stationed a gang of thugs and a fingerman surrounded by cops. As each member entered he was forced to sur-

tion." Those suspected of opposition In June 1948, the Cominform ex- the front of the building. A large to the Curran machine were pressed confidence that the Titoist concentration of police surround- fingered and their books taken

N. Y. CIO Council Aids Kutcher;

Mass Meeting to Be Held Dec. 15

at its meeting this week approved the resolution submitted

by its Executive Board endorsing the case of James Kutcher.

In a letter sent Nov. 22 President Michael J. Quill and Secre-

tary-Treasurer Morris Iushewitz urged all affiliates of the

Council to act immediately in giving moral and financial aid

to the legless veteran in fighting his dismissal and defending

condemned as an outrageous violation of free speech and the

right to hold public and private employment, regardless of

political beliefs." It requests the Veterans Administration

to restore Kutcher's job and calls upon the President to grant

Kutcher's request for a public hearing at which his party can

pressive support to the mass meeting to welcome James

Kutcher home from his national speaking tour scheduled

for Thursday evening, Dec. 15 at the Capitol Hotel, 51st St.

Baldwin, Carl Holderman, Benjamin F. McLaurin, Professor

Thomas I. Emerson, Norman Thomas and George Novack.

Tickets can be secured by writing to the Kutcher Civil Rights

This action by the New York City CIO Council adds im-

Speakers at the meeting will include I. F. Stone, Roger

defend itself against the charges of subversiveness.

Committee, 19 West 10th St., New York 11, N. Y.

The resolution notes that "Kutcher's persecution has been

for the purpose of "identifica-

render his union book, ostensibly and order."

Many were not involved in the 1941. them cutside the hall.

DEPRIVED OF LIVELIHOOD

is to deprive him of a livelihood. With the exception of a very few unorganized shipping companies fascists. all men are hired through the union hiring hall. A seaman who has his book taken is denied access to the hiring hall and is of the Stal nists, were left stunned Civil Rights Mobilization and therefore deprived of the opportunity to get a job.

The union constitution provides that no member's book can be taken unless charges are preferred, a trial is held, and the "solely by reason of their ex- terson's letter. Part of his answer membership votes to expel. Members who had their books taken opinions" and offering his suphave instituted court action to protect their right to work in the industry. Because of the fundamental issues involved, the American Civil Liberties Union has to say that he was tired of services we could get no help from (Continued on page 4)

back room for "questioning," were compelled to line up on the their books taken, beaten up and thrown out the back door. These the Smith Act. beatings occurred with cops swarming all over the hall. They conveniently turned their backs, West Side Manhattan YPA inexcept in a single instance when troduced an amendment to the the screams of one victim impelled resolution, asking for the defense the screams of one victim impelled resolution, asking for the defense them to break into the room to of all labor and progressive victorial NAACP Sec'y Hits make a show of preserving "law tims of the Smith Act and sup-

> an and the cops took over, it is leaders of the Socialist Workers estimated that approximately 100 Party who were tried and conmen had their books taken away. victed under the Smith Act in dispute but had remained neutral The introduction of this amendin the internal struggle. Their ment produced a hysterical Trotprotests were in vain. Once they skyist-baiting attack by the Stal were fingered as suspect by a inist forces at the convention. Curran hatchet-man, their book | The entire arsenal of slanders was taken and the cops shoved about Trotsky t "sabotage of the

A Negro delegate took the floor for decent treatment in the armed

Judge Voids Witch-Hunting Law in N.Y.

chairman put the question.

delegates. Their effort to hold a

meeting was broken up by an or-

who moved in on the group shout-

Crow caucus" plus other lies.

was no important differences

manifested at the convention.

which adopted a program in gen-

eral line with Henry Wallace's

Stalinist Line on

Minneapolis Trial

of the Stalinist betrayal of the

Negro struggle during the war

and the Stalinist attitude toward

the Minneapolis trial of the 18

On Nov. 14 William L. Patter-

son, national executive secretary

of the Stalinist - controlled Civil

Rights Congress, sent the NAACP

a letter offering the CRC's "sup-

port" and "cooperation" to the

"We of the NAACP remember

on the home front and fighting

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100 YPA DELEGATES BACK CIVIL RIGHTS FOR SWP

CLEVELAND, Nov. 28 - Approximately 100 delegates at the second national convention of the Young Progressives of America (Wallaceite youth), which closed here yesterday, voted in favor the real issue was civil rights

groes.)

NAACP.

port of the 18 Trotskyist leaders who were the first to be convicted under the Smith Act.

The amendment was defeated, with about 300 delegates voting against it, and another 150 abstaining. (Representation was based on one delegate for ten

A resolution was introduced on of the eleven Communist Party leaders convicted at Foley Square, oppositionists were taken to a for defense of their lawyers who were sentenced to prison for "contempt," and for repeal of

Expressing support for the resolution, a delegate from the port for the campaign to win In the first few days after Cur- presidential pardon for the 18

war effort" was thrown at the delegates. It was even charged that "Trotskist doctors in Spain" To take a seamen's union book during the civil war had amputated the legs of Loyalist soldiers as a means of helping the

WALLACE'S LETTER

The delegates, including many momentarily when they were read asking why the CRC had not Henry Wallace's letter to Farrell been included in the list of or-Dobbs last year, condemning the ganizations invited by the NAACP Minneapolis trial because the to participate as co-sponsors. On defendants had been convicted pression of political views and said: port to the efforts to get a presidential pardon to restore the civil rights of the 18.

discussing Trotskyism, although

Civil Rights Defense Must Not Relax The witch-hunt against

academic freedom in New York State public education received a judicial set-back on and only three people had gained the floor to discuss it, and the Nov. 28 when State Supreme Court Justice Harry E. Schirick, After the amendment was voted in a test case, ruled that the Feindown, a call for a civil rights berg Law violates the state and federal constitutions. caucus was answered by 20-odd

This law, which Justice Schirick branded a "resort to witchganized group of Stalinist hacks hunting" and a "dragnet which may enmesh anyone who agitates ing charges that it was a "Jim for a change of government," was jammed through the state legisla-(Five of the group were Ne- ture early this year. It directs the State Board of Regents to com-Aside from this issue, there pile a list of "subversive" organzations, membership in which would constitute "prima facie evidence of disqualification for appointment to or retention in any office or position in the public schools of the state."

Justice Schirick's courageous and honest ruling, made in the face of heavy pressure and threats from reactionary organizations and politicians, is the third judicial blow in recent months against the thought-control laws enacted by state legislatures from coast Stalinist - dominated organiza- to coast. Maryland's "Omnibus tions were not invited to par- Anti-Subversive" law and New ticipate in the NAACP-initiated Jersey's "loyalty oath" law for Civil Rights Mobilization because political candidates have been similarly declared unconstitution-

NO RELAXATION

In all three cases, however, Trotskyists, according to Roy there is grave danger that the Wilkins, acting secretary of the rulings of individual judges may be reversed. State officials are pressing for speedy action by appeals courts to uphold these laws. This means there can be no relaxation in the fight against them.

Teachers unions, civil rights groups and minority political organizations, including the Socialst Workers Party, actively fought the Feinberg Law. At a Board of Regents hearing, SWP Nov. 22 Wilk'ns answered Pat-National Chairman F. Dobbs was a principal speaker against the Board's proposed blacklist, based on the list of "subversive" organthat during the war when Negro izations issued by former Attor-Americans were fighting for jobs ney General Tom Clark as part of Truman's "loyalty" purge of government employées.

> Issuing a permanent injunction estraining the Board of Regents from enforcing the Feinberg Law, Justice Schirick declared that the law violated "due process." It is, he said, "a legislative finding of guilt of advocating the overthrow of the government by unlawful means without a judicial trial and without any of the forms and guards provided for the security of the individual by our traditional judicial forms."

"GUILT BY ASSOCIATION" He found that the law "fails to

meet the minimum standards of fairness required by any administrative procedure." In finding a teacher "guilty" for mere membership in an organization, he said, "no proof of the doctrines and program of the organization need be offered," according to the law. "As to the individual, no proof of illegal purpose is required. . . This is 'guilt by association' with a vengeance." This phase of Justice Schirick's

opinion calls into question not disease called capitalist ex only the Feinberg Law, but the whole procedure of the Truman administration's "loyalty" purge. spearheaded the fight for far. It should encourage defenders of health benefits and pensions, so fight on behalf of James Kutcher. the legless veteran fired from the VA for membership in the SWP, hunt and political purges.

The Chronic Crisis in Coal--and Its Solution other industry. A miner who | tions of instability and chaos at | repeatedly, year after year, to get | That means the mines must be

won the highest industrial wage scales, welfare benefits and pensions in the country. No one can gainsay the fact that the United of the '20s and '30s.

the miners have attained neither the incomes of decency and The UMW then ordered a general cut down the number of softhealth nor genuine security. The three-day week to equalize and coal miners from 700.000 to 350.average income of the miners this year will be about \$2,800, a decline of \$800 from last year, or about \$1,000 below the officially recognized minimum decency and health standard for an average family.

It is because conditions in the reduce their income that they were forced to strike. They hope other benefits to make up for the losses they have been sustaining through the periods of unemploy- miners' basic problem of inment and part-time work that are security arising from a cut-

lay-offs of longer periods.

living standards of its member- decline in the markets for coal, ship far above the abysmal levels resulted this past spring in tremendous coal stockpiles. Large But the fact also remains that numbers of miners were laid off and more, by the introduction of or reduced to part-time work. spread the available work.

This, however, could be only a temporary expedient. If it spread ber two decades ago. the work, it also spread the poverty. Moreover, declining production meant less royalties in the health and welfare fund. The industry threatened to materially higher wage scales and bigger royalties to maintain their takehome pay and welfare fund.

> NEW MINE DEVELOPMENTS But even this cannot solve the

magnificent strike battles, have live in minimum decency if he some 8,000 operators in the coal creased productivity. But they has only one, two or three days industry. They are in bitter comof work a week and intermittent petition. To realize a continuous The lion's share of increased growth in their profits, they have production goes to swell the mine Mine Workers has elevated the cutput, combined with a sharp prices - with labor costs first under the knife.

Over the past 20 years, by rationalizing the industry more mechanization, the operators have 000. These 350,000 can produce more coal than twice their num-

Two years ago, coal production was close to 650 million tons. This sources for their own private year the markets could absorb gain. They raise production or less than 450 million tons. Even lower it in terms of their own miners therefore had to fight for if the miners had not struck or pocket-books. They are indifinstituted their own three-day ferent to the welfare of the men week to equalize the work, the who risk their lives to extract and operators would have curtailed process the coal. production and employment any-

have not been able to keep pace. man-hour output means a reduction in the labor force or parttime work that cuts the take home pay.

There can be no solution to this problem so long as the coal resources of this country are controlled by a few thousand private owners whose sole aim is to ransack these nature - given re-

The coal industry needs to be organized and coordinated accord-Under the present capitalist ing to a national plan. No effeccontrol and operation of the tive plan can be based on the mines, the miners are bound to profit interests of the mine ownplaguing the coal industry to a throat capitalistic industry that get the dirty end of the stick. ers. These parasites must be of nationalization under workers' and all other victims of the witchgreater degree than almost any for decades has maintained condi- They have been forced to strike eliminated from the industry.

The coal miners, by their earns \$1.91 an hour still cannot the miners' expense. There are some of the benefit of their in- nationalized, with private profit eliminated. The coal industry must be operated under the control of the miners themselves through their own organization A big increase in man-hour to cut costs in relation to their owners' profits. Every rise in and democratically-elected committees. By eliminating the tremendous profits of the mine owners, by introducing safe and efficient techniques of mining or a national planned basis, the overhead of the industry can be drastically reduced, prices to consumers cut and wages raised. Increases in labor productivity will mear not lay-offs and unemployment, but a shorter work-week with no reductions in take-home pay or welfare benefits.

> The coal industry is sick with ploitation. Indispensable to a cure is nationalization under the miners' control. As they have reaching social demands like civil liberties to intensify their the miners can again point the way for all American labor by boldly championing the program

SCOREBOARD FOR SWP FUND

Class Struggle Flares Anew in France, Italy

served to point up the precarious character of the "stabilization" achieved under the Marshall Plan in Western Europe. One was the 24-hour general strike in France. The other was the resurgence of land seizures by the poor peasants

Both these events, it must be noted, are reported as taking place without the initiative of the Stalinists. Their significance is thus doubly emphasized by the

It should be remembered that the widespread social unrest and instability in Europe following World War II was in the main attributed by the Western powers to the machinations of the Kremlin. While the Marshall Plan was in part designed to patch up the dilapidated economies, the U. S. State Department did not rely on economic measures alone. It intervened directly in a political sense as well, primarily in the French unions and in the Italian elections of 1948.

SPLIT THE UNIONS

In France, through the agency the FBI, the State Department devaluation of the currencies. In the course of the adventuristic Force" leadership had to do some-

from the cabinet, the American by Leon Jouhaux, to part company with the Stalinists and to form their own "Workers Force Federation." The maneuver resulted in a considerable weakenng of the trade union strength of the French workers. The relative social calm that has followed since has been interpreted

'grand strategy." Certainly the Stalinist leadership in France has lost appreciable ground in the trade unions as vell as politically. But this was andoubtedly due as much to the treacherous class collaborationist policies pursued by Thorez and Company while they were in the postwar coalition governments, as to their later adventurism. Their impotent adventures only served to make Stalinist treachery plain to larger masses of workers. The calm could not, however, last very long in view of the uninterrupted decline of living standards that resulted from the economic of paid AFL and CIO func- "stab:lization" measures. It was tionaries working in cahoots with disrupted entirely by the recent

cause serious splits inside such

TWO FACTORS,

been introduced.

The Cominform's directive to

Capitalist journalists have gen-

nortant. After all, they add noth-

"strike waves" organized by the thing about this deteriorating Stalinist leadership of the CGT situation among the workers. At n 1947, when the CP was ousted first it brought pressure upon the "Socialist" ministers in the "labor statesmen" convinced the successive anti-Stalinist coalition old line reformist leaders, headed cabinets. The "Socialist" ministers, in turn, could not consequently agree fully to the capitalist stabilization measures. When the French bourgeoisie started to get tough with the reformist ministers, the Jouhaux trade union leadership decided upon demonstrative strike action as its only way out.

The general strike call for Nov. 24 was thus issued originally by the "Workers Force Federation." The Stalinist CGT, whose own strike calls had been receiving less and less response, was quick to join. The Catholic trade unions although their leadership opposed participate with the other unions. Thus, what the Stalinists, with been able to attain in the postwar period, came into being: the first genuine French general strike action in 12 years.

The action itself was merely warning of things to come, if a substantial upward adjustment in wages is not forthcoming. The Stalinist CGT, although reduced in size, still appeared as the strongest trade union force. By comparison the reformist unions evealed relative weakness. But the universal response to the strike call showed the power of united action sentiment among the French workers.

It proves beyond doubt that talk of stabilization in France in a social sense is a complete quely. It warns that to guard delusion. The class struggle, in remains that Stalin is in dire need "of decisive importance." It adds nor conjured away by the State

In Italy the last elections, in

which the Vatican, with the open backing of Washington, brought victory to the Christian Demosupposed to have been a decisive turning point in stabilizing social conditions. Here, too, undoubtedly the Stalinists have suffered a considerable decline. But the needs of the masses make

Land hunger has characterized having broader and broader the Italian peasantry for decades. repercussions in one country after | The fall of Mussolini in 1943 and another. Anxiety and fear of the turbulent postwar years witnounting opposition, alarm lest nessed a widespread movement for the Yugoslav experience be re- the seizure of the landed estates peated in other countries - these by the impoverished peasants. are clearly discernible in the This was curbed only by the class to whom the peasants naturally looked for leadership. The Stal-

erally tended to dismiss the new them instead a parliamentary, Cominform decisions as unim- legal solution of the problem. The Catholic De Gasperi, who ing new to the already existing won the last elections, vied with situation. This is true only in a Togliatti in promises to the most general way. Actually, at peasantry. But as usual, perleast two important factors have formance lagged far behind promises. The land seizure move-In the first place, the Comin- ment again arose sporadically. form has now issued what The Stalinists, discredited and amounts to a formal declaration their following dejected by their of war upon Yugoslavia. These reformist tactics, could not gain are not just empty words but more than local leadership here

orders issued by the Kremlin. and there of these peasant out-Actions must of necessity follow bursts. orders. Such actions, at least for |. Last week however, the press the next period, will take place reported that land seizures have under the banner and sanction once again taken on the aspect of of the Cominform. The struggle a large scale movement, paris now pointed officially to the ticularly in Sicily and southern phase of direct or indirect physical Italy. From isolated dispatches it assaults on Yugoslavia. What still becomes clear that the leadership

form and timing of these assaults. taken, not so much by the Stal-In the second place, the Comininists, as by local Catholic priests, form declarations bring important who find themselves in constant additional evidence that the in- conflict with the Vatican hierarternational crisis of Stalinism is chy. Here too, it is evident that unfolding with surprising speed the class struggle supercedes the

AFL Leaders Off for London



Shown aboard the Ile de France just before sailing for England are three top AFL leaders (l. to r.), ILGWU President David Dubinsky, AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and AFL President William Green. At the London conference to set up a new international labor body, AFL and CIO leaders joined in forcing the European unions to invite the priest-controlled Catholic unions

the general strike, voted on a local scale nearly everywhere to participate with the other mions. Kutcher Rallies Support Thus, what the Stalinists, with all their machinations have never been able to attain in the postwar line Buffalo, Pittsburgh

BUFFALO, Nov. 28 - Speaking in the Statler Hotel last Saturday night before well over 100 persons, who com- on their quota. "We had a very prised the largest civil rights audience of its type here in

Buffalo for many years, James 5-Kutcher completed the last lap Louis L. Jaffee, dean of the UB of his nation-wide tour.

The gathering, composed of rom smoky Lackawanna, students from the University of Buffalo campus, and noted labor and liberal figures of the city, roundly applauded Kutcher's excellent es and the political persecution which he has suffered at the hands of the Justice Department. was unanimously passed, and copies of it were dispatched to President Truman, the Attorney General, the press and the national Kutcher Committee.

The chairman of the meeting, Barton Bean, member of the University of Buffalo teaching staff and outstanding local liberal, said that he spoke in two capacities when he supported Kutcher: as an individual and as a member of the Erie County Civil Liberties Committee, a branch of the Amercan Civil Liberties Union.

stated that the Kutcher case is part and parcel of a general hysteria that is sweeping the world," arrested.

collaborationist tactics of the CP, ney and Tim Smith, president of entire steward body of Local 610 M. Tanner telegraphed \$100 for inist leader Togliatti promised necessity to fight unceasingly for member tell his story. He was board. without "due process of the law." the case in Pittsburgh.

> secretary of the Buffalo Kutcher of the American Civil Liberties campaign go by without con-Committee, pointed out the neces- Union held a luncheon for Kut- tributing every single dollar that sity for funds to carry on the cher at which he presented the is- he could possibly spare. He sent fight, and a collection of over \$80 sues in his case. The members in \$7 to be credited to the "Genwas taken.

ward F. Gray of the UAW; Dr. UE-CIO.

Law School; Rabbi Joseph L. Fink; Dr. Jacob L. Hyman of the Negro and white steelworkers ACLU; Richard Lipsitz, CIO attorney; and Ted Wierzbic, president of the 4,000-member Westinghouse local union.

Following the meeting several persons expressed the desire to speech flaying the "loyalty" purg- join the Kutcher Committee in its continued activities in this area.

The following day James Kutcher briefly addressed a small A resolution supporting his fight but enthusiastic meeting of Westinghouse Local 1581, IUE-CIO, where a spontaneous collection, started by members in the rear of the hall, brought in over \$21. As Kutcher left the hall the unionists broke into applause, and there were cries of "Attaboy, Jim," and "Keep up the fight!"

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 25 - The campaign on the Kutcher case in the legless vet and the workers a way." Robert A. Hoffman, chairman in the local Kutcher Civil Rights of the Erie County Liberal Party, Committee tendered him a welcoming reception in the evening. Monday morning Kutcher ap-

Both Attorney Clarence Malo- At 4 P.M. Kutcher talked to the line. Bethlehem Steel Local 2603, USA- which had been especially con-CIO, stressed, as Negroes, the vened to hear the victimized SWP ing us in time for this scorecivil liberties, and Mr. Maloney personally introduced to each one emphasized the fact that the At- of the stewards and given assur- stacles - widespread unemploytorney General had labeled the ance of their continued interest ment and illness - Reading what little we have accomplished Socialist Workers Party and oth- and support. This local has been Branch could not take on the to want to continue this necessary er organizations "subversive" among the foremost backers of additional obligation of fulfilling

present donated \$25 toward his eral" quota. The sponsoring committee of fight. Later that afternoon he the meeting comprised a score of spoke to a gathering of the Woprominent Buffalonians, among men's International League for whom were attorney David Dia- Peace and Freedom. He concluded mond, who was active in the de- his activities on Thursday by fense of the Bell Aircraft strik- making an appeal for support to ers; Sub-Regional Director Ed- the executive board of Local 601,

assaults on Yugoslavia. What still becomes clear that the leadership remains unknown are only the of this vast movement has been CHOICE GIFTS OFFERED AT **ACEWR DEC. 9-10 BAZAAR**

NEW YORK - Many beautiful things have been collected by friends and members of the American Committee and on a rapidly expanding scale. machinations of the big powers. for European Workers Relief for their Fourth Annual

Bazaar to be held on Dec. 9 and ? 10. Everything to be sold at this Xmas Bazaar, which opens on Fri- will be served from five o'clock donated and will be sold at bargain prices.

taffeta raincoat that retails for rey overalls, toys, games, lamplady's wrist watch, French perfumes such as Chanel No. 5, Weil

many other items. The prices will be so reasonable that everyone will be able to find something within the range of his purse. Those Christmas shopping for children will find many interesting toys as well as chil-

day, Dec. 9, at 6 P. M., has been until eight for the convenience of those working at the counters and any shoppers who care to stay From the department stores and on for the auction Saturday the Madison Avenue shops, the evening. There is no admission Bazaar has received many choice charge to the bazaar. All of the donations, including a navy blue proceeds of this affair will be used to send food, clothing and \$55, an electric toaster, leather medicine to European families cigarette cases and bookends, a who fought against fascism. In great variety of men's ties, all the last year, the ACEWR has kinds and prices of costume received many letters from these jewelry, lingerie, children's cordu- militants describing the difficulties they encounter in their shades and lamps, including a tall daily existence. The chief sufferbrass one, blouses, sweater, books, ing is caused by undermined records, an electric refrigerator, health - the result in most cases bric-a-brac, hats, alarm clocks, of imprisonment in Hitler's concentration camps. Some of the people on the committee's lists and Schiaparelli, linen table sets, are aging fast because of their handmade leather belts and lowered vitality. To them, the ACEWR sends food packages as jewelry, imported chocolates, and often as possible.

On Saturday afternoon, a dinner

The continued existence of the ACEWR depends on the success of the annual Christmas bazaars. So everyone is urged to do his Xmas shopping early - on Dec. 9 and 10 at 130 West 23rd St.

Flint First to Complete Quota in Fund Campaign

Flint

New Haven

New Britain

Morgantown

New York

Chicago

Cleveland

Pittsburgh

Allentown

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Youngstown

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San Francisco-Oakland

By Reba Aubrey Fund Campaign Manager

Only four more weeks to go in he Socialist Workers Party campaign to raise a \$12,000 Party Building Fund. Through Nov. 29 party branches and friends have contributed \$6,351 - 53% of the national quota. The campaign nationally is dragging 16% behind schedule, which means a concerted effort by everyone is required to finish the campaign IN FULL AND ON TIME by Dec. 31.

Flint Branch went over the top by 102%. These comrades set a steady pace and completed their quota without being fagged. Comrade Genora writes: "We chalenge the other branches to take the spotlight away from us now - we've had it long enough and we socialists believe in sharing and sharing alike!"

New Haven still holds second place with 80%.

St. Paul-Minneapolis came back from sixth to third place on the scoreboard with a \$100 payment inspiring meeting on Nov. 19,' reports Grace Carlson, "to honor the 21st Anniversary of The Militant. Part of the \$100 is the profit of the affair that the Twin Cities branches realized on this affair.' A payment of \$27 from the St Louis comrades held them in ourth place.

For three weeks Boston Branch has held fifth place. "We hope to wrap it up within the next couple of weeks," says Comrade Dennis. Comrade Cathy, Fund Director for New York Local, reports that New York, by strenuous efforts, has put itself almost on schedule with 63%.

A \$91 payment came in from the Chicago comrades, to boost them to 60%. "The comrades are very confident," says Comrade Gus, "that we shall be able to go over the top and on time, if not sooner. Our slogan here is, 'Over the top before we stop."

Comrade Almeda sent in \$50 this steel center was given a big for Cleveland, stating: "We have lift by Jimmy Kutcher's five-day some unemployment in the branch visit here. On Nov. 19 the CIO and fund collections are lagging. sponsored a press conference for But, 'where there's a will, there's

With a \$131 payment, Detroit Branch moved from 35% to 47%. "This doesn't yet bring us up to schedule," writes M. Baker, "but peared before two student groups at present many of our comrades and likened the "loyalty" purges at the Pennsylvania State College are laid off and this has slowed to the administration of the Es- for Women. That afternoon he down their payments." However, pionage Act of World War I, un- made a broadcast over Station the Detroit comrades have assured der which not German spies, but WLOA, discussing his case with us that unemployment will not Socialists and labor leaders, were Robert Kirkwood, business agent prevent them from fulfilling of UE Local 610 (independent). their quota by the campaign dead-

Because of insurmountable oba quota in this campaign. How- ganizer, The Militant." William Kitt, hard-working Tuesday the Pittsburgh chapter ever, a comrade could not see the

Militant readers and friends of the party are contributing their

"Peace in Greece" **Body Hears Truth** From SWP Speaker

DETROIT, Nov. 27 - A poorly attended conference called by the Michigan Council for Peace in Greece was held here today. The meeting was sponsored by people comnonly referred to as "Stalinistfronts." However, a representative of the Socialist Workers Party was given the floor during discussion.

He explained that the plight of Greece today was the result of Stalin - Roosevelt - Churchill deals at Yalta and Teheran. and that a solution for the oppressed masses of Greece could only be found by a complete break with reliance on British, American or Stalinist policies. SWP literature was sold and a leaflet on the Greek events was distributed.

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A.C.D. of Los Angeles explain-

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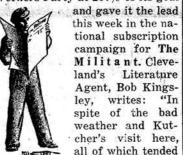
Anonymous: Los Angeles, \$5; Ft. friends for their contributions to Wayne, Ind., \$1.30; New York the Party Building Fund.

THE MILITANT ARM

Cleveland in Lead In Sub Campaign With 267% of Goal

Point, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$.92;

A total of 40 points put the Cleveland branch of the Socialist Workers Party at 267% of its goal



this week in the nacampaign for The land's Literature Agent, Bob Kingsley, writes: "In spite of the bad weather and Kut- good will to men'." cher's visit here,

otal number of Militant subscriptions for the month, the comrades are inspired enough in activity of pushing our best or-

Boston shot up from sixth place last week to second with a score of 240%. In addition to subgetting, Literature Agent Rena Breshi reports continued sales of ndividual copies. "Josephine Joyce is our champion sales girl. She sold 15 copies two weeks ago and 11 copies last week."

St. Paul managed to keep its narrow lead over Minneapolis last week but had to hit the 200% mark to do it. Some going! And take a look at the points Minneapolis has rolled up, - 144, the highest in the country, topping even Los Angeles. The energetic Seattle comrades

hit 200% this week! That's a remarkable score in view of the fact that Seattle had just completed a local sub campaign when the national campaign opened. "Seattle is driving into another literature selling campaign," reports Literature Agent Marianne Stanley. "We are planning to sell at all conceivable meetings, unions and on the campus in connection with the tour of Vincent R. Dunne."

With a score of 180%, the Milwaukee comrades are within striking distance of the 200% mark also. "The Milwaukee Militant Task Force has been cruising ahead at a steady rate," writes Literature Agent Fred Martin. 'Comrades Shirley and Frank are leading with nine points each. Betsy and Jim are steaming close behind with six points each." Fred reports, "We got good results from such preferred prospects as former election petition signers; lists of union members in newspapers and from appropriate 'Letters to the Editor' writers."

Besides their excellent record in sub-getting which has won them a score to date of 128%, the Pittsburgh comrades have made progress on the University campus. Recently \$5 worth of pamphlets were sold there, the best seller being Socialism on Trial. In addition to the pamph-

lets, four copies of Fourth International, the monthly magazine of American Trotskyism, were sold.

New Britain jumped from the zero column to 100% this week. Literature Agent Dottie Saunders says that two of the new subscribers have almost 60 years seniority between them at an tional subscription auto plant. "They were more than glad to subscribe to a newspaper that fights for the working man.' Another old subscriber took out a sub for a shopmate "as a Christmas gift to show him how to really get 'peace on earth and

San Francisco too made a big all of which tended spurt, jumping from 31% to to cut down on the 94%. They found neighborhood visiting rather slow at the first area selected but on a second try in a different place netted encouraging results. Advance distributions help, writes Literature Agent D. Woods. "They make it easier for the sub-getter to approach the prospective subscriber. He immediately knows who we are and has had a chance to read the paper and judge it."

> The Flint comrades continue to roll along right on schedule. Although a plant shutdown has created obstacles, "we expect to go over the top all right," reports Literature Agent D. Seymour.

> The Los Angeles comrades, according to Al Lynn, are finding the best results among contacts and former readers of the paper who for one reason or other failed to renew. "The sub drive has given a very desirable impetus to contacting.'

> Although Akron got off to a slow, start, Literature Agent Doris Hilson writes that "we should attain our goal by the end of the month." Since most of the branches

> cannot get their subs in to us in time for the deadline of this issue, we will run the final scoreboard in the campaign next week.

> > Goal Points %

New Britain 10 Toledo San Francisco 35 Flint Allentown St. Louis Worcester Los Angeles 250 Akron Philadelphia Detroit Newark Morgantown 10 Youngstown 20 16

Oakland Buffalo General

Branch

1,050 Total

By Paul G. Stevens Two major events last week

generally as a victory for this capitalist apologists themselves.

engineered a split in the General | In order to justify its existence Confederation of Labor (CGT). at all, the reformist "Workers

COMINFORM ISSUES CALL FOR OVERTHROW OF TITO is that they have all been either against "the penetration of hostile France as elsewhere, can neither jailed or executed. But the fact agents into the party milieu" is be stage-managed by Stalinists

of some plausible Yugoslav figure- for good measure that these Department and its "labor statesheads at the head of these alleged same "hostile agents" are "the elements and up till now he hasn't bitterest splitters in the ranks of ITALIAN DEVELOPMENTS been able to find any! Un- the working class and democratic questionably it will be part of movements." It omits to explain the Cominform's job to manu- just how "fascists, spies and facture both a "native" Yugoslav murderers" could possibly gain a movement and also to find suitable mass following big enough to crats of De Gasperi, were also

"native" figureheads to lead it. Even more embarrassing to the movements. Kremlin than its inability to find Yugoslav puppets has been the Stalinist parties everywhere to spread of Titoist "heresies," and "increase revolutionary vigilance dissident views into other Stal- to the utmost" is, of course, a inist parties. The Cominform signal for still bigger and more stabilization no less illusory here takes cognizance of this develop- ruthless purges. But it also means than in France. ment very cautiously and obli- that the Yugoslav experience is

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"Marx taught that no social system departs from the arena of history before exhausting its creative potentialities. The Communist Manifesto excoriates capitalism for retarding the development of the productive forces. During that period, however, as well as in the following decades, this retardation was only relative in nature. . . Only in the last twenty years, despite the most modern conquests of science and technology, has the epoch begun of out-and-out stagnation and even decline of world economy. Mankind is beginning to expend its accumulated capital, while the next war threatens to destroy the very foundations of civilization for many years to come."

-L. Trotsky, Ninety Years of the Communist Manifesto, 1938 LENIN

Another Service for Imperialism

The provision for admitting the Christian (Roman Catholic) unions into the new "non-Communist" world trade union organization being set up in London is sufficient to indicate the kind of "free unionism" the CIO and AFL leaders are sponsoring in competition with the Stalinist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions.

Wherever these so-called Christian unions have operated they are regarded by the bulk of workers as company unions. They are not free organizations in any sense of the term, being adjuncts of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in its struggle to destroy independent unionism and impose the authority and program of the Vatican on labor. Even in overwhelmingly Catholic countries like Italy, these priest-ridden unions have been largely scorned and rejected by the workers.

At the so-called Free World Labor Conference where the new world body is being established, the admission of the Roman Catholic unions was opposed by the delegations of the European unions led by Social Democrats. They correctly pointed out the Catholic unions are part of a Catholic International, directed from Rome, which aims to bring all labor under the authoritarian rule of the Vatican.

It was the delegates of the American CIO and AFL - with such non-Catholics as Walter Reuther and David Dubinsky putting the heat on the Socialist unions - who forced acceptance of a proposal to admit the Catholic unions on condition that they disaffiliate from their own International "within two years."

They Will Rearm Germany

Louis Johnson, Secretary of Defense, and Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both issued public assurances in the city of Frankfort to the effect that there is "no intention" to rearm Germany.

Both cited Truman as authorizing this "flat denial." Secretary Johnson hypocritically implied that this question was therefore settled once and for all "with no hedging, no dodging," Gen. Bradley thought it better to qualify his denial with the conjecture that the situation might change, "who can tell what the situation will be in a thousand years?"

The N. Y. Times editorially pretends to take these diplomatic assurances at their face value and assumes that they will suffice to "reassure those in the West who continue to fear Germany as much and possibly more than Soviet Russia." Of course, add the editors, hastily, this doesn't mean that "the issue is closed for all eternity."

Many leading British publications were franker; they pointed out editorially that it was impossible to keep Germany disarmed "forever."

What do these denials mean in the face of the North Atlantic pact, the foreign arms aid, and Washington's drive to turn Western Europe into a huge military

No one raved and ranted more loudly against "communism" at the recent CIO convention than Emil Rieve, Textile Workers Union president. We can understand his eagerness to direct attention to a scapegoat when we examine what he has to offer the workers in his union.

On Nov. 26, the TWUA-CIO leaders announced that for the third time since February 1948 they have waived the union's contractual right to present new wage demands for 90,000 workers in the New England and Middle Atlantic woolen and worsted mills. They aren't even going to ask for the picayune pensions that CIO unions have won in other industries.

The excuse used for this policy is simply that the companies would oppose wage increases and pensions and that these could not be won without a strike. Besides, the textile millionaires might find pensions "too great a burden" and anyway "the industry lacks pension plans to serve as a guide." Also, the union is conducting a Southern organizing drive and doesn't want to push any program that might lead to a strike - though

The action of Dubinsky and Reuther in opposing their own political co-thinkers and supporting the admission of Catholic unions was not dictated by any considerations of principle, least of all independent trade unionism. They acted to carry out a line laid down by the U.S. State De-

American imperialism has used two props in Europe, the reformist Social Democratic organizations and the Roman Catholic political organizations. At first, the American overlords leaned more heavily on the Social Democrats. Now, the Wall Street-Washington Axis is utilizing the Catholic forces against the Social Democrats and as the political base for the most reactionary type of capitalist rule in West Europe.

So completely are the CIO and AFL leaders the creatures of the State Department that they have complied even in this ultra-reactionary policy. It is clear evidence of how far to the right they have moved and how willing they are to sacrifice the needs of the European workers to the "cold war" maneuvers of Wash-

First the State Department used the Social Democrats to split and divide the Stalinist-led unions. Now it uses the Catholic unions against the Social-Democrats. Tomorrow American imperialism will try to crush them all under military dictatorship. That is the kind of "free unionism" for which the policies of the American union leaders are paving the

deliberately manufactured.

to "defend the peace."

Denials are now in order because this

is indeed a very big pill for the people to

swallow, not only in Europe but in this

country as well. For one thing, it will

bring the danger of war so much closer

home. It will not be easy to peddle the

rearmament of Germany as a measure

Denials are now in order because of

the concessions and new powers already

granted to the Bonn regime and the in-

dustrialists who backed Hitler. The eco-

nomic basis for the revival of German

military power, independently of when

Washington openly sponsors it, is already

being laid. This alone is stirring discon-

tent and alarm in Europe. Hence the

cynical denials which should fool nobody.

Washington of its intent to turn the Ger-

man masses into cannon fodder. The

hurt an organizing campaign is some-

The Kremlin, for its part, is accusing

The new policy is also designed original denials that the Marshall "aid" plan was a prelude to the arms pact. The arming of Germany is the unavoidable supplement to the rearmament of Western Europe. It must follow not after a "thousand years" nor in the course of eternity, but when the first famain reasons why it split from with all other political organiza- were until the Shachtmanites vorable opportunity presents itself or is

tion to support Roosevelt.

Declining steadily in membership and influence, the SP has been trying desperately for some years to effect a merger. The referendum.

politics by way of the ADA, PAC, NEC MINORITY

By George Breitman

The Socialist Party leader-

ship's proposal that the party

discontinue its independent elec-

toral activity was long overdue.

It will merely confirm in a formal

sense what had already become

a fact several years ago-namely,

that the SP no longer plays any

kind of independent, let alone

socialist, role in American politics.

The new policy, preparing the

way for the SP's submergence

into the swamp of capitalist

LEPL and Liberal Party, was

nade inevitable by the Thomas

eadership's support of the last

war and its promise to support

the next one, by its avowed sup-

port of the Marshall Plan and its

shamefaced support of the At-

antic Pact — the chief milestones

n its development since it ex-

As Norman Thomas and Co.

now recognize, the same policies

can be promoted just as effec-

tively and far more economically

within the camp of capitalist

olitics. What is the use in having

SP candidates run against Fair

Deal Democrats when on essential

ssues they have no differences

hampers the careerist elements in

the SP who are looking for soft

berths with the trade union

bureaucrats and the U.S. State

From the viewpoint of the SP

leadership the proposal is logical

and consistent in every respect.

They have been complaining for

quite some time that the capital-

ist parties have "stolen the

socialist program," by which

they mean the reform measures

on social security, housing, etc.

incorporated in the Fair Deal

If all the "socialist program"

amounts to is such reform meas-

ures - and that really is all it

means to the Norman Thomases

no valid reason for the SP not to

already have their program, try

to clean them up a little and take

hem over, etc. This very per-

spective is hinted at in the SP

last week's Militant), which

speaks of "the basic conversion

of one of the major parties" to

a socialist program as "con-

then obviously there can be

THEIR PROGRAM STOLEN

Department?

platform.

especially when doing so

pelled the Trotskyists in 1937.

Five of the 13 members of the SP National Executive Committee voted against the majority proposal and for the continuation of the existing policy. But the minority lacks the political arguments as well as the influence to carry their position at the convention. Their own resolution mildly points out that socialists who go into the Democratic Party true sense of the term," but, 'will give up their own socialism rather than convert others" and that efforts to win control of the Democratic machine and use it as vehicle of social change are bound'to end in failure.

But the over-all effect of their arguments is necessarily feeble because they either share or do not combat the pro-capitalist fantasy: policies (on war, the Atlantic Pact, etc.) which are the theoretical foundation for the majority's clusion that is fully consistent which as everyone knows is possible only on the SDF's

fundamental re-evaluation of political premises of the leadership. There is no doubt that individuals and groups in the SP. and especially in the YPSL, will undertake such a fight because they really want a socialist party bottom of the liquidationist move majority resolution (reprinted in of the Thomas leadership.

PARALLEL MOVE

to promote the unification of the the process of assuming a new the SP crossed over the dividing SP with the Social Democratic role on the political scene. The line from party to Federation, a proposition on new policy signifies the trans- sect." which both groups are voting by formation of the SP into a referendum this month. The SDF | propaganda and educational group "FARTY" AND "MASS PARTY" has never made any bones about and its renunciation of the role its s u p p o r t of capitalist of a party, that is, of a distinctive are not the same thing and no the provincial organization of politicians: in fact, one of the political organization competing one ever "pretended" that they the partisans: Cesare Masserini

the SP in 1936 was its determina- tions on every possible field for deliberately set out to. confuse a left wing. With such a perthe support of the masses.

Future of the Socialist Party

the Shachtmanites, which con- revolutionary Marxist SWP and chief obstacle has been the SDF's sisted of changing their name the reformist Social Democracy. coolness because the SP main- from Workers Party to Indetained its 48-year old tradition of pendent Socialist League. The properly be called a party, even running its own candidates. The Shachtmanites did not propose, if it does not have a mass follownew proposal will tend to in- as the SP leaders do, to become ing, when it has a distinctive crease the chances for an af- the left wing of the Democratic political role to fulfill, a distincfirmative decision in the SDF Party; they assigned themselves tive political banner to unfurl: the role of "loyal socialist wing" when it acts, or tries to act, not of a future Labor Party whose merely as the wing of another of capitalist politics, the other formation they regard as "the supreme task of the times" and all other movements for the lead- Marxism and reformism — has a which they expect will be led by ership of the masses. The question positive side. For one thing, it the present labor bureaucracy, of size is relevant with regard serves to clear the way for the Nevertheless, just as much as the to a mass party, but the decisive SP leadership today, the ISL thing about a party is the quesrenounced the idea of the in- tion of program, of the direction dependent revolutionary party.

In fact, the Shachtmanites not to being a political party in the swept away by their own enthusiasm over the belated burial of the Workers Party, they belligerently demanded that all SWP and the SP do the same. Their argument on this score is worth repeating as an example of unrestrained petty bourgeois

"To continue to pretend that deceive themselves but to stand electoral proposal. How can they in the way of the formation of argue successfully against a con-the real party of the American workers [a Labor Party] and to with premises they are willing to impede the progress of the ideas accept? Furthermore, the mino- of socialism in such a party." In rity NEC members are themselves other words, the refusal of the advocates of unity with the SDF, SWP to change its name or concept of its role is impeding the formation of a Labor Party, To fight effectively in the SP changing their name and abandonagainst the new proposal requires ing the traditional Marxist concept of the party, are contributand struggle against the over-all ing in some mysterious fashior

to the building of a Labor Party! The new Shachtmanite position on the role of the revolutionary party is more than ludicrous, however; it is also reactionary. Like the SP leadership, they gauge go into the capitalist parties that in fact as well as in name. In the the question merely by the course of this fight, they will be criterion of size. Thus they denied compelled to consider the ques- that the SP was a party in 1949 tion of program, which is at the while admitting that it used to be singled out as especially noteone. Even with this gauge, they are careful not to get too specific to indicate, for example, just how big or influential an organ-Whether or not the name of the ization must be before it can Socialist Party is retained after qualify for the role of party, or, the merger with the SDF, it is for another example, precisely clear that the organization is in when, according to their estimate,

But a party and a mass party Alfredo Filippone, secretary of

In this respect, the SP proposal some more of their past ideas that they should abandon the parallels "the most striking deci- and for justifying their "neutrasion" of this year's convention of lity" in the struggle between the

A political organization can in which it is trying to move and of course the activities it only voted to "relinquish all claim engages in to achieve its goal, its tested ability to resist hostile

mental concept. The history of the last half-century has taught ability to carry it out. us, at a terrible expense, that socialism is impossible without the leadership of the revoluoverboard by the Shachtmanites that will compensate for their they are parties is not only to steady loss of membership while trying to build a party.

For them the "supreme task' is the formation of a Labor Party which they are certain will be re and in which they will operate as clarity is always a good thing.

the two as a cover for renouncing spective it is perfectly natural whole theory of the independent nonsense, just as it is natural that the perspective of the SP leaders should persuade them to abandon the practice of independent electoral activity.

POSITIVE SIDE

The defection of these two organizations - one into the camp movement but as a challenger to into the no-man's land between authentic revolutionary party, the SWP, which still lacks a mass following but guarantees that it will overcome this lack by its tenacious adherence to Marxism, This is not merely a matter of class pressure, its historicallyterminology; it involves a funda- justified conception of its own role and its confidence in its

By demonstrating that the Shachtmanites have no greater other organizations such as the an independent vanguard party in aim than serving as the left wing of a reformist labor party, the tionary masses. This precious ISL convention decision has alconcept has now been thrown ready helped to clear up the question that bothered many in their effort to find a shortcut workers - which is the Trotskyist party, the SWP or the Shachtmanites? Similarly, the SP proposal to enter the capitalist parties and support capitalist candidates will clarify the quesformist in character and led by the tion — which is the real socialist labor lieutenants of capitalism, party, the SWP or the SP? And

formation of a Labor Party, while the Shachtmanites, by **GROWTH OF DISSIDENTS**

ROME - For the last few months the Italian Communist Party has been in the throes of a crisis precipitated by the bankruptcy of the policies imposed by the leadership

- a mixture of opportunism and adventurism - and by the repercussions of the Yugoslav events. Among the latest manifestations of this crisis two may be

worthy: 1. There has been a split virtually from top to bottom in the CP. This federation, located some 100 kilometers north of Rome comprises one of the principal industrial regions of Italy.

Among those who have broken with the CP are: Communardo Morelli, former mayor of the city of Terni who resigned from his post upon leaving the party; leader of the trade union commission of the chief steel mill in

when he broke with the party. In an open letter addressed to party militants, Morelli has subimposed on the party since 1944 by "conceited and incapable functionaries" at the top. He accuses them of leading the Italian prolethe Yugoslav CP by the Cominform because "Tito has given tivities." land to the peasants and handed over to the workers committees the factories destroyed by the Germans and since then rebuilt."

L'Unità, central organ of the Italian CP itself.

Italian CP, carried a front page article by the leader of the party apparatus, Pietro Secchia. It is permeated with alarmism and panic. After stating that the "traitors of the Tito gang" are sending "agents in large numbers" into Italy who pose as "genuine communists," as communists "independent of Moscow and as authentic revolutionists," Secchia declares that these agents have succeeded in infiltrating the adical parties in order to organize a great number of trips by partisans and intellectuals into Yugo-

VEILED ALLUSION Frightened by the rise of the

pronounced each day, this bureaucrat goes on as follows: "All the the area, and other prominent comrades and all the organizamilitants. An important section tions must be more vigilant than of the rank and file who formed ever before. It is necessary to unthe workers' core for the CP here mask and denounce the activities appear to have followed Morelli of Titoist agents, who with their work of disorganization and provocation are lending a firm jected to criticism the entire policy agents. . . We know that the enemy is working might and main to introduce its agents into the ranks of the democratic parties from the top bodies down to the tariat once again on the same ranks. Among the former there road of defeat as the one followed are corrupted individuals whose prior to the rise of fascism by the aim is to provoke splits (!) leadership of the labor move-| inside democratic movements and ment. The same open letter con- parties by affirming political demns the excommunication of positions and thus theoretically disguising their wrecking ac-These last remarks are a thinly

veiled allusion to the discussions which appear to have broken out 2. The November 22 issue of among the leadership of the

A Factual Account of Japan Under U.S. Rule of his former generals were being | collaborating with the Japanese By Charles Hanley

T. A. Bisson, a specialist on

Japanese questions, is not a revolutionist. However, his recent book "Prospects for Democracy in Japan" (Macmillan Co., New York, 1949), dealing with the evolution of that country under American occupation, confirms about the effects of imperialist policy after World War II.

The proclaimed aims of Amercan imperialism after Japan's surrender in August 1945, were the destruction of the big family trusts ("Zaibatsu"), of the extreme concentrations of capital and power, of the military, political and economic machine which had been the most dangerous competitor of American imperialhand, the conservation of the nonarchy and support of the traditional pillars of Japanese capitalism, in order to prevent the social revolution.

GOVERNMENT TACTICS

The Japanese bourgeoisie (and the state bureaucracy) faced an impressive popular upsurge which developed very quickly, surpassing all expectations - after many years of autocracy, militarism liberal election law of 1946 so many. and thought - control. Needing American protection against the masses, they were ready to humiliate themselves, to pay lipservice to "democracy," to sacrifice their military leaders, to make all sorts of painful concessions to the conquerors. They had to buy time, to safeguard their basic positions and the possibility of a subsequent

hanged by his new American bourgeoisie, and seeking - not too successfully - to transform friends.

the constitution was "democratiz- bulwark of Asia (a policy which ed" in 1946; but the big capital- has been considerably intensified ists and landowners and the old since the collapse of nationalist state bureaucracy remained in China). command. The Zaibatsu did not what we Trotskyists have said disappear; they went "underground" and continued to determine the policy of the bourgeois parties.

CAPITALISTS GET BOLDER

ords. In 1947, when the economic strengthened by a mass influx, million. The Farmers' Union bers and influence. Important strike movements developed. The Japanese bourgeoisie became occupation authorities.

tactics. The ruling class gained lew courage and abolished the the same reasons) as in Gerthat the conservative parties them up to that point.

of the state improved slightly. Bankruptcy was averted thanks over the country by American troops. When the underpaid gov- and the peasantry. The participation of Emperor ernment workers went on strike Hirchito in the Japanese policy for decent wages, the governand during World War II was government employees, a follow-General MacArthur - while some engaged in the anti-red drive, war Japan.

"Purges" had to be carried out, Japan into the anti-communist

"REFORM" ERA ENDS A consistent anti-red policy

being impossible without giving firmer support to Japanese capitalism, the 1945 policy of destroying the Zaibatsu was ren-But there was a force rising dered obsolete. The era of timid against the trusts and the land- reforms was closed. In 1948, the U. S. "Draper Mission" recomsituation deteriorated under a mended a new policy which has government which did nothing to in practice been adopted by Macstop the inflationary spiraling of Arthur and the State Departprices, the Japanese unions were ment. It provides for the strengthening of Japanese capiism in Asia. And, on the other growing to a membership of five talism and of the conservative state bureaucracy; the Japanese reached one million. The Com- trusts are not to be abolished, munist Party also grew in num- but simply integrated in the economic system of American imperialism. In 1945, Wall Street wanted to crush Japanese comfrightened. So did the American petition; in 1949 it finds itself obliged to accept Japanese capital-The strikes were partly defeated ism as an important junior because of adventurous Stalinist partner. This evolution is fundamentally the same (and for much

> In their struggle for a better would find it easier to keep con- standard of living and for a free trol of the government without labor movement, against the police the aid of the Social Democratic state of their Zaibatsu exploiters leaders who had collaborated with and the semi-feudal landlords, the Japanese workers and peasants In 1948, the financial situation cannot be successful while the occupation troops remain in their country. Occupation spells active to a tax-collection effort aided all American support for the Japanese reactionaries against labor

Bisson does not ask for the withdrawal of American troops of aggression and pillage before ment imposed a strike ban on all from Japan — at least not in his book. But there can be no beyond doubt. Yet Hirohito re- ing "advice" by MacArthur's other logical conclusion from his mained on his throne by grace of headquarters. MacArthur openly analysis of developments in postHear the Legless Veteran JAMES KUTCHER

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Stalinist scoundrels omit to add that they stronghold? They mean as little as the are playing exactly the same game. Handy Weapon for Bureaucrats how a fighting policy that wins gains can

> thing we can't fathom. Every excuse is used for not fighting for the workers. But they skip over the two big reasons why they should fight: 1. Wages of textile workers are among the lowest in any industry. 2. The textile manufacturers are making handsome profits and can afford to pay higher

wages and pensions. On the latter point, we have the Textile Workers Union's own news release of Nov. 26 citing Rieve's speech at the Massachusetts CIO convention in Boston. "He declared that despite their 'moaningand groaning,' nearly all textile firms in New England made a profit during the first 'and worse' half of the year."

Red-baiting and purge laws in the unions are inspired by the government witch-hunt. But they are also handy weapons for a union official like Rieve to have around when workers start wondering out loud what he's doing about winning them better conditions.

By Joseph Keller

In the name of its special brand of "morality," the Vatican has ordered Catholic jurists - where they can get away with it - to ignore, evade, misinterpret, misapply and violate governmental laws that are in conflict with the dogmas and decrees of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and its

In the name of this same "Christian morality," Catholic judges and lawyers are mandated, under threat of spiritual penalty, to deny to appellants before the courts their rights under law if these rights do not conform with the "justice" ordained from the Vatican.

In the name of a "higher morality," every Catholic is instructed, in effect, to violate an oath of public office where that oath requires decisions and actions not in line with the pronouncements from St. Peter's.

That is the essence of the Nov. 7 speech by Pope Pius XII to guide Catholic lawyers throughout the world in solving the "harrowing problem of applying unjust laws" - said "unjust laws" being any the Vatican opposes.

The Pope laid down four principles to guide Catholic jurists. 1. A Catholic judge "cannot shirk responsibility for his decisions and place the blame on the law and its authors." 2. The judge "can never pass a sentence which would oblige those affected by it to perform an intrinsically immoral act, that is, an act which in itself is contrary to the law of God and the church." 3. "Under no circumstance can a judge acknowledge and approve an unjust law."

The fourth principle leaves a loophole for Catholic judges to hold onto their jobs. "However, the application of an unjust law does not always mean acknowledgment and approval of it. In this case the judge may — sometimes even must allow the unjust law to run its course if this is the only way to avoid a greater evil."

That "greater evil" is among other things, the loss of Catholic control or influence in the judi-

ciary. Thus, a judge can pass sentence under an "unjust law" in order to keep his post and "preserve for the people an honest judiciary and to avoid a much worse fate to the church and the

The capitalist press in this country, which is trying to put the best interpretation on this papal pronouncement, claims it is really designed for Catholic jurists in Russian-dominated countries. However, the Pope declared himself specifically on the question of divorce - a question on which the laws in this country are as much at variance with Catholic angma as in Hungary or Rumania.

"The Catholic judge cannot pronounce, unless for motives of great moment, a decision of civil divorce in a marriage valid before God and the church," stated the Pope. The Church, of course, recognizes no divorce that it does not sanction, including divorce of Protestants. However, explained a statement of the National Catholic Welfare Council in this country, a Catholic judge may transgress these "fundamental norms" for "reason sufficiently weighty," such as, "if the judge were in danger of losing his office. . . or even if serious antagonism and loss of prestige

The implied threat of sin and its penalties weighs on the devout Catholic in all spheres of government who fails to conform to the dictation of the hierarchy. He must oppose the laws the people want if the Church disapproves them; he must seek to break down the wall of separation between church and state, as the Catholic dogma prescribes; he must deny freedom of speech and press and assembly to those with political views which the Vatican has stigmatized. If he cannot do it openly, he must do it secretly, behind a cloak of pious hypocrisy and that peculiarly twisted and opportunistic "morality" that the authoritarian Catholic hierarchy, controlled from Rome, seeks to impose on the world as a bulwark against

New York M-Day in

By Ruth Johnson

Behind Washington's hypocritical chatter of peace can be heard the rumbling of artillery as it rolls into line for the assault on the Soviet Union. Preparations go on relentlessly, no matter what words flow from the glib mouth of the poli-

Writing for the N. Y. World-Telegram, Nov. 23, Roger Stuart reported that the plans are ready for war on a moment's notice. His article, "How N. Y. Area Will Jump if World War III Bugle Blows," also tells who will do the jumping and who will call the tune.

The M-Day scheme is ready even to the names of the men picked to rule the vast military machine. The Wall Street tycoons will work hand-inhand with the top brass. Monopoly capitalism will be given dictatorial control over the country, and over the lives of their workers who are thrown into the gigantic army of American im-

"In New York it's 2 p.m. on M-Day. President Truman's mobilization order has been flashed to the six Army commanders," writes Stuart in an article okayed by the Defense Department.

"New York's 77th Infantry - the Statue of Liberty Division - starts moving." The big boys put away their silk hats, and reach into their desk drawers for their officers' caps.

"Major General Julius Ochs Adler, commanding the 77th, has anticipated M-Day. . . A batch of new orders spring from his desk." Julius Ochs Adler is the immensely wealthy, powerful Vice-President and General Manager of the N. Y. Times, the most authoritative newspaper of Big Business.

"At the office of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., 26 Broadway, preparations are made to fulfill previously established defense commitments. The organization, however, will lose one of its executives — Lt. Col. Winthrop Rockefeller, who already will have reported for duty on Gen. Adler's

to the training camp with the help of another capitalist, "Col. W. S. Carr, who until an hour or two ago, was general manager of the New York, New Haven and Hartford." He will be in charge of the "Second Transportation Railway Service."

If you reach the 1441st Signal Regional Office, you'll be under the command of Col. Ralph L. Hart, presently District Manager of Western qualifications he has for driving the men in his the Peoria St. assault on Negroes action on the side of the hoodlums Electric Co., whose workers can tell you what

You won't even escape from landlords in this millionaire-run army. "A real estate broker in Long Island City becomes Lt. Col. Ira H. R. Genet, commanding the 1490th Signal Photo Center in Long Island City.'

The wealthy playboys will shine forth in Brooks-tailored uniforms and give you orders. "Out of this [M-day] reservoir of specialists comes Col. Van Ness Phillips of the Dongan Hills Country Club, Staten Island, to command the 1524th

Signal Section (training)." In case this doesn't sound democratic to you, another New York officer is qualified to pour out propaganda by the ream. The army will reach into "the offices of Elser & Cothran, public relations counsellors at 521 Fifth Ave. One partner is Col. Ben J. Cothran, commander of the committee was if it had no victims, nor was the labor moveradicals," while he termed the had gone to the Presto Restauorder to help the Soviet Union. the 305th Infantry Regiment of the 77th."

If you're not impressed with your prospects by this thorough preparation for M-day, you have one course open right now. . . Join us in the fight for a workers' government that will prevent World War III.

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Bridges' Lawyer Victimized



Repeating the tactics of intimidation used at the Foley Square trial of the 11 Communist Party leaders, the judge at the perjury trial of Harry Bridges (left) has sentenced the chief defense lawyer, Vincent Hallinan, (right) to six months in jail for "contempt of court." Sentence will begin after the case goes to jury.

Chicago Conference Demands You will be herded from the induction center Action to Stop Mob Violence

CHICAGO - A Conference to End Mob Violence, sponsored by the Chicago Urban League, last week called for If the pension finally negotiated the removal of Police Commissioner Prendergast and the

impeachement of Mayor Kennelly. 9-This action was proposed as an | that a Chicago bank had offered answer to the series of mob at- to buy the house for a high figtacks on Negroes, climaxed by ure. He also charged that police and their friends as the police was not the result of individual stood by.

ence. Steel, packing and long- cials. shore were among unions repre- PROGRAM ADOPTED

A representative of the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations proposals to break down the conwas invited to explain the role of spiracy of silence by the Chicago that body in the crisis. He said press on mob activities; to launch the committee had no power to a program of education to be clirecommend the removal of preju- maxed by "End Mob Violence diced police officials and advised Week;" and to take legal action "interested parties" to stay away against officials derelict in their from scenes of tension lest they duty. lead to violence.

power even to recommend, or how ment appealed to for aid. One Stalinists "the worst bunch of rant, operated by Anthony RepDuring the war years the dishelp the hoodlums.

A confèrence speaker put his

prejudice, but a conscious policy Nearly 200 attended the confer- enforced by the highest city offi-

The program presented to the conference for action included

No proposal was made to or-He did not explain what good ganize the physical defense of mob demagogy about being the "true victims of mob violence could be speaker proposed that hoodlums defended if "interested parties" be "educated" in the way unionmust stay away while the police ists take care of scabs, but this such talk carries little conviction was not acted on.

finger on one of the true sources gram of legal action and gradual in his industry for the third time him to court in line with the of the mob outbreaks when he re- education. But from comments since February 1948. yealed that pressure was being around the hall it was clear that exerted to foreclose the mortgage the Negro people are looking for knew that the CIO leaders set on the Peoria St. house, that its a more militant and effective proinsurance has been cancelled, and gram against race terrorism.

Flint GM Conference Called by Buick 599

bership meeting last Sunday, means assured — we can be standards. Only this can halt the call a conference of all GM locals certain that GM workers will have ten-year retreat of the GM workin Fliat on Dec. 17. The purpose paid heavily for its in terms of a ers under the inroads of a powerof the conference is to let the locals air their views on the the swamp of phony Reuther milicoming GM negotiations and on methods for preventing a repetiwas imposed on the Ford work- the most pressing minimum needs

Reflecting the universal resentment against the undemocratic and unconstitutional setup in the UAW's GM Council, Local 599 voted to have representation at the Flint conference on a per capita tax basis.

The conference can become a opposition to the policies of the Reuther administration. The Ford negotiations and from the promise anything to keep the ranks quiet through the spring local union elections.

REUTHER'S STRATEGY

The big publicity campaign which the International is conducting on the union shop question indicates that they intende to win the union shop (an insignificant gain in GM, which is that to hide their failure to win any improvement in the contract.

Phila. Convention **Founds New CIO**

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unions like steel, auto, textile and units. clothing have already capitulated to the wage-freeze recommendaing in Carey's "economic report" and speeches to the delegates hinted at a program of militant action that would win any "fourth round" demand. Emile Rieve, president of the

Textile Workers Union, sought to give the convention a line of local press. the trade union movement." But The conference adopted the pro- had just agreed to a wage freeze state civil rights code and took

Everybody at the convention up the new union not to win better conditions but to enforce the Murray machine's "national policy" on foreign affairs and domestic politics. In an hour-long tirade, Murray made it clear to the convention that the only issue Dunne Opens Tour the CIO leadership had in mind was "Communism."

TRUMAN'S OK

Nor will it be any reassurance to workers in the industry that Truman and his top cabinet officials have put their OK on the new organization. Truman sent his blessings in a message expressing confidence that the new union will shun "subversive activity" and conduct itself as a "loyal" body.

Will Carey and the CIO leaders risk the charge of being "subversive" and "disloyal" by conducting any kind of real strug-"organizers." In the SIU, for the SIU officialdom further di- as many as 20 muscle men and trial was prepared to behead the gle for higher wages in opposition opposition. However, none of the to the administration's policies? 14 opposition officials appeared, Although Carey is on record as he said nothing about Truman's It is apparent that Curran attempt now to set up the versive" unions.

One of Carey's big pitches at the convention was his threat to go over to the CIO union. He damned legalistic" and said, "It's high time delegates and local officers took steps to defy irresponsible actions of irresponsible and ignorant judges." Carey doesn't act so defiant when it comes to the "legalism" of the Taft-Hartley Act.

There is no question that the majority of electrical workers would prefer to remain with the C10, if they had some assurance it would help them win better wages and working conditions. But they are getting little encouragement on this score from the top CIO leaders.

FLINT, Nov. 27 — At its mem- some slight improvement over must give the union equal rights the Ford plan - which is by no with management in setting work

There is only one road out of leadership. tancy. That is to set clearly betion of the rotten settlement that fore the rank and file workers include the long delayed wage inwhich must be satisfied.

First and foremost, there is ditions in GM shops intolerable. A new contract with GM must have as a minimum a return to the steward system, scrapping ference embarks on a program of of the infamous section 117 (com- this kind, it will mark a milestone clause), an end to the unmpire since Reuther consolidated his sounding board for the militant system, and a protection against power.

wage increase and contract gains. ful corporation and a timid union

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In second place stands pensions and economic demands which must crease which Reuther promises so glibly and the 30 hour week at 40 hours pay needed to prepare the contract which is making con- for the coming depression. If the union shop can be won in addition, that's so much gravy.

If the Flint auto workers conpany security and no-strike in the development of the UAW

Reuther strategy in GM has already been made clear from the DETROIT NAACP WANTS meeting of the GM Council held recently. Reuther is willing to 1000 FOR TRIP TO D. C.

DETROIT - The Detroit Branch of the NAACP is calling for more than 1,000 people from this city alone to participate in the nation-wide mobilization in Washing-

ton Jan. 15-17 to exert mass 9pressure upon Congress for the not guilty. (There has been only rights legislation.

The NAACP's plans for a militant drive against Jim Crow over 90% organized) and use reach from the local level to the said Gloster B. Current, national director of branches, at a Detroit militant and vigorous prosecution membership meeting on Nov. 18.

An important part of this campaign was the Detroit branch's for the NAACP and make it once call upon Governor Williams for again the biggest branch in the a special session of the State Legislature to pass a state FEPC law and to abolish segregation in the Michigan National Guard

The audience responded enthusiastically to these plans and to tion of the Truman administra-tion as put forth in his steel or the progress of the branch's tion as put forth in his steel on the progress of the branch's board's report? Moreover, noth- fight against restaurant discrimination, which was launched early in October.

Dillard's report centered around the case of Mrs. Jessie Dillard, that such a campaign would 'inher daughter and three other terfere with the war effort.' As teen-aged girls, which has received considerable publicity in the Germany they dropped the Negro

reactionaries that ever afflicted pas at 3603 Woodward Ave., and were refused service by him on ed very much like the worst of Oct. 10. They filed charges the Negro-hating southerners. coming from a union leader who against him for violating the NAACP policy.

Reppas told a lily-white jury and a Jim Crow judge that he had been home with a serious cold, and not even in his restaurant, on the day in question. Naturally, the restaurant owner was found a minority, do so as a secondary

At Seattle Meeting

SEATTLE, Nov. 29 - Vincent R. Dunne opened his national tour in this city tonight with a successful meeting held at Swedish asserted devotion to civil rights. Hall, which was well filled.

He spoke on the urgent need

Dunne discussed the Taft-Hartley Law and showed how this open attack on the unions was linked up with government 'loyalty" purge and the witchhunts inside the unions. \$21 was denated in the collection.

Dunne's tour schedule follows: San Francisco-Oakland - Dec.

Los Angeles — Dec. 10-13. St. Louis - Dec. 17. Chicago — Dec. 18-25 Toledo — Dec. 27. Detroit - Dec. 28-31. Flint - Dec. 29-30. Detroit — Dec. 31-Jan. 2. Cleveland - Jan. 3-4. Akron - Jan. 5. Youngstown — Jan. 6-7. Pittsburgh — Jan. 8. Morgantown — Jan. 9. Buffalo — Jan. 12. Rochester — Jan. 13. Buffalo - Jan. 14. Boston - Jan. 15-16. Lynn - Jan. 17. Worcester - Jan. 18 New Britain - Jan. 19. New Haven - Jan. 20. New York - Jan. 21. Philadelphia - Jan. 22-23. Allentown - Jan. 24. Reading — Jan. 25. New York — Jan. 26.

Newark - Jan. 27.

immediate enactment of civil one conviction under the state anti-discrimination law since it went into effect six years ago.) The NAACP intends to carry forward the fight against this very steps of the nation's capital, type of discrimination. Dillard's

report ended on the note that a of this campaign could win the mass support of the Negro people

country, as it was in the early

Hit Stalinist Line

(Continued from Page 1) the organizations on the extreme

Left. They abandoned the fight for Negro rights on the ground soon as Russia was attacked by question and concentrated all Mrs. Dillard and the children effort in support of the war in ciples of the extreme Left sound-

"American Negroes, and especially the NAACP, cannot forget this. It seems to us to prove conclusively (even if there were not mountains of additional proof) that the organizations of the extreme Left, when they campaign for civil rights, or in behalf of consideration, activity upon which is certain to be weighted, shaped, angled, or abandoned in accordance with the Communist Party 'line.'

"We can have no truck with such unity.

CP AND TRIAL OF 18 "We are wary, too, of your

We recall clearly that when the Minneapolis truck drivers were for all workers to join in the indicted, tried and convicted under defense of civil rights in the face the Smith Act, neither the Civil of Wall Street's drive against the Rights Congress nor its predelabor movement, as part of the cessor, nor the Communist Party preparations for the next world or its associates made any move to assist them. The Civil Rights Congress did not provide tens of thousands of dollars in bail. The Stalinist organizations across the country were not circulating petitions, invading meetings and denlanding the passage of resolutions, nor were they conducting picket lines.

> "This line of action-or, better, inaction - indicated to any thinking person that the Stalinist groups are for civil rights for some people, but not for all. The Minneapolis men were not Stalinists, therefore not a hand was lifted to aid them. If the Smith Act is a monstrous piece of legislation when used against the 11 Communist leaders, it was no less monstrous, no less an instrument for the suppression of civil liberties when used against the Minneapolis men.

"We reject such a 'part-time' concept of civil liberties."

Among other reasons cited by Wilkins for the NAACP decision not to invite the CRC were "the campaign of slander in the Daily Worker" against all those who did not accept the Stalinist "unity" policy in the Scottsboro case, and the attacks on the NAACP made by the Stalinists in connection with the case of the Trenton Six.,

Divide-and-Rule System Of the SIU Bureaucrats

gins breathing down the necks of Weisberger, who wrote the article, the union bureaucrats the labor "volunteer organizers" is a perskates seek to divert attention fumed phrase designating the from their crimes by dragging a "permitmen" who crashed the big red herring across their trail. picket line to sail Union Oil Com-This technique has become stand- pany ships after CIO National ard practice in the fraternity of Maritime Union men had walked labor fakers. So, when members off in support of the Oil Worktional Union and Sailors Union union books. - Trotskyism.

smokescreen in previous articles to disclose how John Mahoney, veteran SUP member, was example, almost half the memillegally expelled for raising a bership are permitmen. The last "point of information" question- membership figures recorded in faring union which maintains a ing the right of the officials to the Seafarers Log, Feb. 27, 1948, break, the Canadian Seamen's shows a total of 20,069 members, Union strike. We told how SIU divided as follows: Book mem-President Harry Lundeberg sent bers, 11,003; Permitmen, 8,637; Puerto Rican members out of the Vice-President Warner gave his intends to use his cops and goons designations of "loyal" and "submen through a picket line to man Trip Cards, 429. the strikebound ships of the Union Oil Company on the Pacific the union. He can get a job only, Coast. We cited known cases of when no book member wants it. raiding and strikebreaking by He is limited to one trip or sixty SIU-SUP officials. The only days on a ship and then has to answer thus far has been a front get off. He pays all dues, assesspage editorial in the SIU Seafar- ments and "contributions." His ers Log with a lot of drivel about permit can be taken away at any Trotsky and the Kronstadt time without charges or trial.

It would be instructive to exoperations. One of the "crimes" the Organizers." of which John Mahoney was ac-Company's ships."

unionism practiced by the officials union fighters are expelled while system the bureaucrats pit one outright force as well as more jobs. of the AFL Seafarers Interna- strikebreakers are rewarded with section of the membership subtle forms of intimidation. In of the Pacific, the latter retorted | The practice of using permitmen | weeded out to make room for Curran has the shipowners on with an hysterical attack on to do the dirty work for the SIU- those who have demonstrated his side. Opposition officials have SUP officials has been reduced to their loyalty to the officials. We penetrated the redbaiting a system. There is nothing mokescreen in previous articles "voluntary" about these so-called

A permitman has no rights in

And, according to the rules: "Any permit men desirous of amine one of the methods used becoming a Union member shall by the SIU-SUP officials in be allowed membership only subconducting their strikebreaking ject to the recommendations of law a seaman can pay off in any the Curran caucus at the recent

Some are kept on the permit cused in a six-page diatribe list for years. Others are "allowagainst Trotskyism in the Nov. 4 ed membership" after a few days they pay off a ship there, they shipowner representatives at a Log, is that of making a motion or weeks. It all depends on the are subject to charges, fine or ex- union meeting was a not too at a Seattle membership meeting officials. If there is a dirty job pulsion. "to non-concur with the issuing to be done the permitmen are of probationary books to per- given the choice of following

Whenever the membership be- President Paul Hall and Morris oppose or criticize the officials to breaking strikes, the permit man follows orders - or else.

The "volunteer organizers" who crashed the Oil Workers picket line were recruited from this the victims of Curran's purge. group. And when an old-time nember, a veteran of the 1934

tween boom men and permit men, vides the membership along color lines. The SIU is the only sea-Jim Crow hiring hall in the Port union. Twenty-nine Puerto Rican

took their case to court. adopted prohibiting any member Office. from paying off a ship in that The "loyalty" pledge cards were American territory. According to the same as those circulated by collaboration. can members have their wives and fuse to sign are put on the list families in that country. But if of "suspects." The presence of

And the hard-bitten bureau- to "vote right." crats of the SIU-SUP have the The same technique is being mitmen who had served as volun- orders or losing their permits. cast-iron gall to point the finger used on all the ships coming into teer organizers on the Union Oil Loss of their permit means virtual at the Trotskyists as "enemies of New York harbor. This object elimination from the industry. democratic unionism." lesson in blackjack democracy is

CURRAN'S GOONS AND COPS

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been barred from the ships. The Curran officials accompanied by

of New York. Recently a drive Washington, one of the large proceedings. has been initiated to drive the passenger liners, for example, permit men had their permits flanked by officials of the United meeting on Dec. 1 to railroad taken away without reason. With States Line. At the same time, through the trial committee no recourse within the union they yellow-colored pledge cards were verdict against the opposition of defy court injunctions which the The Oct. 7 Seafarers Log gloats join with the officers" in driving beating of oppositionists was a ing to block transfer of funds that the judge threw the case out all so-called "communists" from prelude to that meeting. Curran and properties when UE locals of court because as permitmen the union. The cards were printed dare not face the membership they had no rights in the union. in duplicate, numbered and sign- without his outside support. Once urged that the IUE "not get too The SIU hall in Puerto Rico has ed, one to be kept by the member having embarked on this course, been shut down and a measure and one turned in to the National the Curran machine can continue

American port. Many Puerto Ri- NMU convention. Those who resubtle hint to the crew members

anot lost on the crew. Despite the made its legal staff available to enormous pressure, the open threats of physical violence and Every union bureaucrat plays the implied threat of shipowner upon the fear of the worker for reprisal, resistance has been trike, objects to this practice he his job. With large scale unem- manifested by a militant minority began to question the raiding, ers strike. According to the code is branded an enemy of the union ployment in the shipping industry, while the large majority has strikebreaking policy of cannibal of cannibal unionism, veteran and expelled. Through the permit Curran's terror campaign utilizes "abstained" in fear of losing their

The Curran putsch took place against another. Old timers are addition to his goons and cops on the very day in which the opposition officials in the Port of New York had been notified to appear before a hand-picked trial In addition to the division be- larger ships have been boarded by committee. With the stage thus set for a "hanging," the mock having previously challenged the opposed to Truman's "subversive" At a meeting called on the S.S. constitutionality of the entire list and "loyalty" purge order,

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