hour general strike to aid the hour general strike to aid the

large Briggs Local 212 and the troit, \$500 per month. Motor Unit of Local 600, biggest local union in the country, have unanimously passed resolutions condemning Truman's use of the condemning Truman's use of the to collect food, clothing and months.

The threshold the collect food, clothing and months are the collect food clothing a Taft-Hartley Act and calling for miners and fight the Slave Labor

"FURTHER MEASURES"

The Briggs Local resolution be poured into the mine areas. goes on record "condemning the against the mineworkers by Presi- avan is being organized to bring International Union, UAW-CIO, miners. and the National CIO to take the lead in organizing a national conference of all labor organizations to consider further measures to aid the miners, including a nationwide 24-hour general strike if further actions are taken against the miners and their union."

response has greeted delegations roariously. of striking mine workers from Ohio and West Virginia who have visited Detroit, Flint and other be followed by every union in the cities and made desperate appeals land.

being heard before Federal Judge the visiting UMW delegates who

to collect food, clothing and mon-United labor action to back the ey. President Tommy Thompson went on Detroit's largest radio station to plead for all-out support for the miners. He urged that carloads of food and clothing tions - its attitude to the two

its Second National Convention

in Chicago last week end but its

decisions on major policy ques-

old capitalist parties and to the

Stalinists - puts a big question

mark over its continued existence.

Once again, as so often in Ameri-

can history, the third capitalist

party is proving to be a grave-

of radical workers and intellec-

The measure of this betrayal

and the key to the party's future

dependence and a capitulation to the two parties it was founded

to supplant. The Progressive

Party will run no candidates ex-

cept "where the old parties

(cand dates) offer the voters no

real choice and where victory

or balance-of-power vote for our

candidate will help unite . . . the

On the other hand, the Wal-

laceites will join "progressive

movements to defeat reactionaries." It will participate in old party primaries. It will abstain

in those contests where it does

not find a deserving candidate on

ticket and where the party is too

v:to Marcantonio. Under this

port will be the exception rather

patience of the Wallaceite lead-

of the pre-cold war days.

OLD CRITERION GONE

than the rule.

progressive forces."

use of the Taft-Hartley Act other locals and a city-wide cardent Truman" and urging "the relief supplies to the hungry

yard for the hopes of thousands Everywhere the miners have spoken they have brought with tuals. is contained in the convention's decision on the 1950 elections. In effect, this decision represents an abandonment of the party's in-

The labor solidarity being shown by the auto workers should

Bohannan Is Candidate Of SWP for Congress

NEWARK, March 1 — The Socialist Workers Party here announced today that William E. Bohannan will be its candidate for Congress from New Jersey's 11th District in the Democratic or Republican

In a statement to the press and Farmers Government." accepting the nomination, Bohannan declared:

Wallace has echoed Truman on dealing with political problems this point. I shall campaign for issued by Pioneer Publishers. Congress on the slogan of socialism and liberty versus capitalism, H-Bomb politics, witch - hunts, government strikebreaking and brazen runarounds on civil

Bohannan also called attention to the fact that Rep. Addonizio, the Fair Deal Democratic incumbent in the 11th District, "voted in favor of the toothless and useless FEPC bill prepared by the GOP and passed in the House last week. I regard this as a betraval of his c'vil rights promises and will be untiring in my efforts to expose it as such to the voters in this district."

THE WAR QUESTION

rights."

"The justified fear that the H-Bomb will make the entire planet uninhabitable" is one of the chief issues in the 1950 campaign, he said. He pledged that if elected he would introduce into Congress a bill to take the warmaking powers out of the hands of Congress and the White House and turn them over to the people, "letting them decide by referendum vote the crucial issues of war or peace."

Finally, denouncing Truman as "a specialist in radical-sounding speeches who is actually the biggest strikebreaker in American history," Bohannan stressed to promote sentiment for a new warn that persons who threaten that it is planning to commit - now knows it." party. "Not a party of Big Busi- self-destruction should be closely world-murder and suicide. ness like the Democratic and watched and even put away where they can't harm themselves or Republican, nor a party of 'proothers. gressive capitalism' and cohabitation with Stalinism like the then, to a ruling class, possessed

We Regret

that lack of space prevented publication in this issue of Li Fu-jen's second article on the Chinese revolution. It will appear next week.

more sections of the labor movement are rallying to aid the miners' magnificent struggle.

A powerful wave of sympathy and support for the miners is sweeping Detroit and other Michisweeping Detroit and other MichiSome UAW locals have world.

Add come to Detroit on a "shoestring." Thousands of dollars were voted from local treasuries to send to the mining areas for relief.

MONTHLY DONATIONS
Some UAW locals have world.

The idea has been picked up by

them a spirit of militancy and defiance of the corporations and their government agents. Their slogans — "We're with this to the end!", "No Contract-No Work!" and the "Truman-Taft-Hartley Overwhelming and enthusiastic Law" - have been welcomed up-

the 1950 elections. weak to put up its own. The

Petitions to put the name of Progressive Party, but an Indethe party and its candidate on the ballot have already been collected the unions, democratically run to be placed on the re-election of and will be filed later this week. by its members, and striving for the establishment of a Workers formula, the Truman Democrat

This will be Bohannan's third campaign for Congress. He also "The Republican Party has ran in 1946 and 1948 on the raised the slogan of liberty versus Socialist Workers ticket. He is the socialism. Truman has said 'me author of A Letter to American too' to this slogan, and Henry Negroes, a popular pamphlet



WILLIAM E. BOHANNAN

By Joseph Keller

What shall our attitude be,

tion, which threatens not only to

system, but to annihilate humanity

at the same time? Should we not

more concern than that of men-

tally-sick individuals? Can we

afford to wait and see if it's just

non-communist progressives, and

"Life" Offers Only H-Bomb Death

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spective of American capitalism ism" is "implacably determined Life magazine, which reaches perialist capitalism under the gime that is driving for war, but of incalculable means of destructions of millions weekly. It devotes domination of Wall Street. Not American capitalism which sees a tremendous spread to the sub- that Stalin is going to start any no future for itself but decline destroy itself and its own social ject: The need for the U. S. to war against the U. S. Life com- and decay. It is beset by internal prepare to make super-atomic - plains that "it is conceivable" that contradictions, hurtling ever regard this threat with infinitely the Soviet Union.

"AGE OF OBLITERATION"

tion," is the opening line of its outcome is calculably certain." That is the problem that faces two-page, center-spread editorial, If Stalin doesn't want war, if

jus today in the threat of the which summarizes the purpose of the prefers to wait until the

That this is the actual per- claims, because "Soviet Commun- outstrip capitalism? is brought home with terrible to destroy the free world" - that tion: It is not the unstable, impact in the Feb. 27 issue of is, the world of monopoly, im- economically weak Stalinist rethat is, Hell-Bomb — War against the Kremlin "will not choose closer to economic crisis, loaded final decision," but wait until the "forces of anti-Communism are

It's a common belief that peo- American capitalist class to pro- this dramatic and powerful piece capitalist world is "rotten and ple who talk about committing duce - and to use - the Hell- of propaganda. It acknowledges weak," then what are the Amerisnieide, seldom attempt it. But Bomb. This American plutocracy, that the war, whose preparation can rulers so frantic about? Don't the records of coroners and which has reached greater opu- it urges, "means the obliteration they have faith in their own morgues wholly disprove this, lence and power than any ruling of society as most humankind - system? Do they believe that, that he would use the campaign Specialists in mental diseases class in history, has indicated Communist and non-Communist given a long period of peace, the Soviet Union may become so But this war is inevitable, Life strong economically that it will

Here is the nub of the quesshooting war as the method of down with the overhead of a ruined capitalist world. It is "This is the age of oblitera- so rotted and weak . . . that the driven to preserve itself by destroying the Soviet Union and

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Trumanites, Republicans whom the Wallace tes cannot sup-

By Albert Parker

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criterion it violated in many tion platform promises, joined to It was passed by 240-177. cases even then — has now been adopt a "voluntary" bill that will HELPS TAFT completely thrown out of the give the FEPC no powers whatwindow. The candidate has only ever to stop discriminatory prac-

to be a "progressive" (whatever tices in employment. that means) or merely the opentitled to support. In this move against the McConnell (R., Pa.)

O. John Rogge, one of the ments by 221-178. party's top leaders, expressed this When the House reconvened the next day, it was confronted with stated that the House action will issue itself should be made the impatience most clearly by his appeal to ADA'ers and others to the choice of voting to adopt the greatly strengthen his chances of touchstone for judging the worth come on over and make us toothless bill as amended, or putting it over in the other of every candidate who runs for respectable." He rejoiced over the voting it down, or sending it back chamber. appearance of a Chicago Repu- to committee. A caucus meeting The Trumanites' support of bleaded again: "Come on over, by the NAACP and CIO,

take charge of your own pro- by virtually all the Trumanites, crats spoke in favor of enforce- their re-election on the ground except a handful led by Powell. ment powers for the FEPC, they that "such an FEPC is better

With these few exceptions, all the accepted and adopted an FEPC Effective Fair Employment Northern Democrats voted against without them. This was in line forces in Britain today. From all Practices Commission legislation a motion to return the emasculat- with Truman's recent promise The 1948 criterion of the party was knifed to death in the House ed bill to committee, and then that he would not administer any try rallied even more strongly to support only those candidates of Representatives on Feb. 24 as voted in favor of the bill which FEPC law in such a way as to on the old party tickets who op- both Northern Democrats and only the night before they had deprive any employer of the posed Truman's foreign policy - Republicans, betraying their elec- denounced as utterly worthless. "right" to run his business "as

The McConnell amendment, ponent of a "reactionary" to be the Truman Democrats had voted crimination and not to order its after the Trumanites voted abolition anywhere, was sup- against the McConnell amendment measure in the Senate, correctly broadcast to every voter. The

olican who came to the conven- of FEPC supporters agreed to the amended bill emphasized the New Leader of course will not fon looking for votes, and he follow the final course, supported fact that there was actually little say it again, now that the Trudifference between them and the manites have switched their line. But this agreement was flouted GOP. While the Northern Demo- and it will of course call for

he thought best."

SAY IT AGAIN

Workers of the World, Unite!

THE MILITANT

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The Social Democratic New which gives the FEPC only the Leader of Feb. 25 printed a front On the previous night most of power to investigate job dis- page editorial, evidently written was reflected the growing im- and Dixiecrat amendments to the ported by the Southern Demo- but before they had changed their original administration (Powell) crats who realized that it turned line and helped to adopt it. "Such ers to get back into bed with their bill. But a coalition of Republicans the FEPC into "little more than an FEPC is worse than no FEPC "left wing" Democratic cronies and Southern Democrats succeedof the pre-cold war days.

"left wing" Democratic cronies and Southern Democrats succeedthe NAACP put it. Taft, who has of all those who voted for the introduced a similar "voluntary" McConnell betraval should be election.'

You can say that again. The than no FEPC at all." But the Socialist Workers Party and its candidates will say it again and again throughout the 1950 cam-Trumanite doublecross.

|See Page 3 for an article analyzing the meaning and consequences of the FEPC sell-out.]

SWP Opens 1950 Campaign in Mich.

DETROIT, Feb. 26 - The Michigan branches of the Socialist Workers Party, meeting in convention today, unanimously voted to immediately initiate a petition drive to place the SWP on the ballot in the 1950 elections. A minimum of 10,500 signatures from at least ten counties are required.

It was also learned this week that Norman Thomas' Socialist Party has definitely decided not to nominate its own candidates in Michigan

Some UAW locals have voted a regular monthly donation for the duration of the mine strike. Local aid and collecting food and clothing for miners' relief. In addition to voting substantial financial contributions the local 659 and Buick Local 599 in Flint have each voted \$1,000 per the local 659 and Buick Local 590 in Flint have each voted \$1,000 per the local 659 and Buick Local 500 Decay to the local 659 and Buick Local 500 per the local 659 and Buick Local 500 Decay to the local 650 and Buick Local 500 per the local 650 and Buick Local 500 Decay to the local 650 and Buick Lo

By John G. Wright

The British workers, determined to prevent the Tories from returning to power, rallied in record numbers behind the candidates of the Labor Party. At the same time,

however, the false policies of the Laborite leadership deprived the British workers of the support of large sections of the middle class. The sharply reduced Laborite majority has provoked a political crisis in the country. These were the outstanding features of the Feb. 23 general elections.

After 41/2 years in power, the Attlee government went into the general elections, confident of at least a comfortable margin of victory. It emerged with a narrow parliamentary majority of seven seats, with one seat still to be decided in a by-election in March.

The Tories, who in the elections five years ago were reduced to the status of a minority party, were able to stage a strong comeback and are now in a position where they may be able to overthrow the Labor cabinet and force new elections.

The Liberal Party which was educed in 1945 to a splinter party was able to register virtually no gains. The British Stalinists, who were able to capture two seats five years ago, made a miserable showing and elected

NEW CORRELATION

The relationship of forces on he parliamentary plane appears

S	eats in	Popul
Pa	rlament	vote
Labor	315	13,331,6
Tories	296	12,476,6
Liberals	9	2,618,8
Independents	3	205,7

behind the Labor Party than in the Tories alone who stood to 1945. In proletarian areas, it is conceded universally, the vote gain thereby. was "extraordinarily strong for labor." The workers have once again shown that they want the cies, instead of attracting the capitalist system abolished and middle classes to the side of the socialism instituted.



PRICE: FIVE CENTS

CLEMENT ATTLEE

What made the comeback of the Tories possible and what slashed deeply into the crushing majority held by the Laborites in the old Parliament was a shift that took place in rural and urban middleclass areas where the vote was "unexpectedly high" for the

WHY IT HAPPENED

It was not the policy or the cunning of Churchill's party that brought the Tories these imlar portant gains; they were the beneficiaries of policies followed 82 by Attlee and the rest of the top 382 statesmen" deliberately "toned down" on the socialist aspects of the Labor Party's program. By Behind these bare statistics their "fair - shares - for - all" campaign to win over the middle overboard the basic planks in their own program - and it was

> Again it was overwhelmingly demonstrated that reformist poli-

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CURRAN RUNS TO TAFT

A union leader has to be really bankrupt to go grovelling for help to labor's arch-enemy, Senator Robert A. Taft, co-author of the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Act. But that's what Joseph Curran, president of the CIO National Mari- tried to violently silence militants

in the union.

time Union, did last week. Curran made a bid for Taft's aid in retaining the union hiring fusal to review a lower federal ley closed-shop ban.

Curran's appeal to Taft accompaign until they have awakened panied a complaint that the Senthe voters to the enormity of the ator had failed to "make clear" his position on the question when he testified recently at a Senate subcommittee hearing. Taft had said he was not against the union hiring hall - if it admitted nonunion workers.

SNIVELLING PLEA

hall and tried to assure Taft that the Taft-Hartley law against the union control of hiring, which the miners to help out his political shipowners have fought with im- ally Curran. So Curran went from placable hatred, is really in the "labor's friend" to its open eneinterests of the shipowners. He my. said he thought Taft himself would oppose turning over the NMU membership and mobilize hall to "finks, Communists and questionable elements."

Curran also recalled for Taft the praise the government had hall, which has been virtually out- given to maritime union leaders lawed by the Supreme Court's re- and the operation of the hiring halls during the war. That's when court's ruling that held the hiring Curran, then a stooge of the prohall in violation of the Taft-Hart- war Stalinists, tried to pervert the

hiring hall into an agency to eliminate militant union men from the ships. That was to aid the ship owners and the very government which is now trying to destroy the union hiring hall.

Curran first ran to Truman to

get help, because Truman is supposed to be such a big "friend of labor." Aside from the fact that it was Truman's Supreme Court, The NMU president then ap- dominated by his appointees, who pealed to Taft to make a "fur- put the blocks to the hiring hall, ther study" of the union hiring Truman has been too busy using

He'll do anything but go to the them for a real fight. The one program that can save the hiring Of course, it's precisely to finks hall - militant union action - is company-men that Taft what he shuns most. He can mowould like to turn the hall over. bilize his goons to beat up op-But Curran threw in "Commun- position members and assault ists" in the hopes of scaring the their caucus meetings. But when daylights out of Taft, as well as it comes to defending the vital reminding him how Curran has hiring hall, he runs to - a Taft.

(Cont. from page 1) gressive party." This was no idle

phrase; it can only be construed

as Rogge's preparation to join his

'non - communist progressive'

friends in their own party (i.e.,

the Democratic Party) if they

under was made even more ex-

plicit by Henry Wallace himself.

"The rallying point can be the

Progressive Party, not the Pro-

gressive Party of today, with its

narrow range of support, but a

new broader, forward - looking

party. . ." What party could that

be except the one which includes

in its fold the labor bureaucrats

the New Deal liberals and the

"Talented Tenth" of the Negro

movement, namely the Democratic

himself on foreign policy is

steadily narrowing. He sees more

policy of a deal with Stalin. "We

lace said, "are no longer alone . . .

Party?

This tendency to get out from

European Notebook -

An Italian Liberal's View of Leon Trotsky

Trotsky, the political figure and USSR if the international work- are nothing but the "contradicthat his works are now enjoying Stalinist bureaucracy.

have been widely distributed; it charge - interminably repeated to the principles and the banner is difficult to find a big bookshop by all the philistines — that he of revolutionary Marxism. in whose windows his name does who had himself "suppressed" not uppear! And a more concrete the Mensheviks and Social-Revo- erpose in Trotsky's life and work sign of the present interest in lutionaries in Russia, later on the "intolerance" of the Trot-Trotsky and Trotskyism in Italy protested against the "sup-skyist political line, to his is the publication of a book ression" of his own faction. "liberalism" — that is to say, GAP IS REDUCED devoted to a study of his ideas: Where Giusti sees only "the iron his attachment to workers' demo-Il Pensiero di Trotsky, written logic of all dictatorships," Trot- cracy as the only effective means by a liberal professor, Wolf sky understood and explained of educating the working class Giusti, a former member of the dozens of times the iron logic of in the true building of socialism. resistance and the Action Party. the class struggle. Giusti possesses some of the qualities of the classic liberal be judged by abstract or "moral" "contradiction" in his own per-

his sources. He tries to be imreads the works of the writers he discusses. Here is one writer who has not been influenced by the tons of Stalinist slander thrown at the subject of his book - a quality so rare today that it fully deserves to be commended. WEAKNESSES IN BOOK

Unfortunately, Giusti's good qualities stop at this point. It is an astonishing fact, first of all, that he is ignorant of most of Trotsky's works, namely, all the polemical writings of the period of the Left Opposition and of Trotsky's struggle for the building of the Fourth International. This ignorance is enough to completely befog his vision.

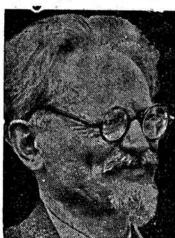
The struggle for industrial planning led by this same Left Opposition in Russia; the struggle against the Stalinist leadership as an organizer of defeats for the international proletariat; the sociological analysis of the degeneration of the USSR as an expression of the usurpation of pewer by a bureaucrat'c caste escape him completely.

Giusti is thus led to repeat a legend reiterated over and over again in "historical" text-books and one which the Yugoslav CP leaders today themselves have so the legend that depicts Trotsky as "counterposing the program of world revolution to the plan of ment of Admiral Kolchak. economic development of Russia. The same legend finds its logical conclusion in counterposing the "utopianism" of Trotsky.

However, the historic truth is plain enough: The struggle for the industrialization of Russia and the struggle for a guiding world proletariat to win victories two inseparable sides of one and the same fundamental goal of power in Russia, while strengthen- tribute to Wall Street. ing nationally and internationally the specific weight and class- peace, then? What hope is there in peace.

Don't Wait for the

partial. Above all, he carefully "out of fanatical sectarianism"; ists in this historic drama.



LEON TROTSKY

policy sacrificed the interests of tradictions in Stalin's personality vention took the lead in squelching | Seen in that light, Rogge's the Russian proletariat to the in- are nothing but a mirror of the terests of the imperialist war social contradictions of the waged by the Russian and West- Thermidorian layer of the Russian ern hourgeoisie. He did not perhaving its own interests — these secute the Social-Revolutionaries Despite all the weaknesses of

Stalinism, usurping the banner an idea that is in the air.

After a lag of 20 years, Italian at the expense of crushing the of communism, was trampling on public opinion is today discover- Russian proletariat and continu- all the principles of Lenin and fail to heed his plea. ing the literary qualities of ous defeats of the world revolu- murdering the best fighters for Trotsky the writer and, in pass- tion, that is, by creating a world those principles. The "contradicing, is paying a certain amount situation that would lead in- tions" that Giusti finds in these of attention to the ideas of evitably to the downfall of the two stages of Trotsky's activity revolutionary leader. This ex- ing class did not succeed in tions" between the rising and plains the undeniable "vogue" winning new victories despite the declining phases of the Russian revolution, through both of which Elsewhere Giusti tries in vain Trotsky remained "fanatically" Four or five of his main works to reproach Trotsky with the but none the less lucidly devoted

It is utterly false to count-It is just as false to present Trot-Political organizations cannot sky as a tragic victim of this academic school that have prac- standards, but only by the role sonality. The defeat of Trotsky temporary writers. He makes no tion of history. Trotsky did not didn't he explain this himself! prejudgements at all. He checks fight against the Mensheviks on was not to be explained by the the eve of the October Revolution personal qualities of the protagon-

It was an expression of an A charge in the relationship of the class forces on the national Stalinist bureaucracy to Plan! power. Another change, in the opposite direction, will make it crumble and at the same time will demonstrate the "realism" of Trotskyist principles to the hypnotized admirers of accomolished facts.

In fact, as Trotsky already indicated in his biography of Stalin, t is rather in Stalin's personality that future historians will discover "tragic contradictions." movement, Stalin was able to achieve this "conquest" only by drowning this movement in blood he fought them because their and in infamy. But even the con- Stalinist floor leaders at the con- otherwise be understood. bureaucracy.

system; he was compelled to fight standing of how great was the them because they had organized figure and historic role of Leon and carried out the assassination Trotsky. He knows also that the Constituent Assembly and and indirectly inspired by Trot- white man's charity. The next counter - revolutionary government of Admiral Kolchak.

| Counter - revolutionary govern| Counter - revo And it was by no means in the appearing in the communist camp that the workers place portraits name of abstract moral principles of Eastern Europe, dominated by of Frederick Douglass, Harriet the repressions which the Left optimistic prediction on this sub- walls of their factories will be lowed the speaker's address. Opposition suffered in Russia; ject, we permit ourselves to con- the day when the walls of capitalwhat he denounced to the interna-, clude, not without satisfaction, ism begin to fall," William Gorwhat he denounced to the interna-tional proletariat was this, that that this is decidedly the case of man stated in concluding his ad-

line of the Communist Interna-tional that would enable the "LIFE" OFFERS ONLY H-BOMB in other countries — these were DEATH AS CAPITALIST FUTURE

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consciousness of the proletariat. to stop the insane drive to H-

pose" to change. It is "worse than Trotsky: to safeguard workers' forcing the whole world to pay idle" to hope for any "lasting What prospect can there be for America and the USSR to live

What triumphed with Stalin bomb annihilation? According to out is "that the prospect of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tub- Abolitionist movement, striving to if they wanted to promote any was not "realism in defending Life - and it speaks for a power- mutual obliteration will sink in Russian national interests" but ful sector of the American ruling upon and affect the guiding minds the political counter - revolution class — there is very little. It does of Soviet Communism." In short, which industrialized the country not expect the "Communist pur- if Stalin realizes that American capitalism is ready to destroy itself and the world, maybe the Kremlin will submit. Maybe it will fear suicide more than the American capitalist class does.

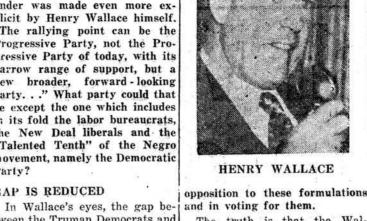
> talism. It is not the totalitarian will destroy the whole system gue forces the Housing Authority the earth with obliteration. It is democracy" (everywhere except ple who live in the area, this is the capitalists of America who, at home) was the lesson drawn by another facet added to the history in effect, say they are ready to Allen Willis in his talk on of the Negro people." destroy the world unless they get

> A ruling class that offers the maniac which must be put away come forward, like bleached militant fight. They closed the

of saving the world from this marks. . their own Workers and Farmers capitalist society. Government and replacing suicidal

agreement" between capitalist

The sole razor-thin hope it holds



tween the Truman Democrats and The truth is that the Wallaceites remain apologists for the which prohibits the teaching or Kremlin. Despite all the rumors supporters in those circles for his and the furor that preceded the ditional pardons and restore civil convention, the deal patched up rights to all persons convicted in the Progressive Party," Wal- between them and the Stalinists under these provisions. . . Reinfavors the State Department, as state all those dismissed because tically disappeared among con- they play in the objective evolu- in Russia — how many times even such stalwarts of the cold noted above, and the Stalinists. of political opinions or associawar as Senators McMahon and Not one solitary word of criticism tions." Tydings, question the policy of of the Kremlin's "cold war" force and urge an alternative." against Yugoslavia, let alone any not evade this statement which He revealed that he had written call for the defense of Yugoslavia, obviously provides for the defense a "warm letter of congratulation" found its way into the policy of the 18 Trotskyists convicted altered relation of social forces. to McMahon when he made his statement. And that's exactly the under the Smith Act in Minproposal for the U. S. to put up way the Stalinists wanted it. neapolis and James Kutcher; so \$50 billion in credits if the Soviet They would have swallowed a they limited themselves to keepand international levels brought Union would accept the Baruch hundred times sharper bone than ing any specific mention of the the implied criticism of their Trotskyists out of the party pro-Wallace confined himself to policy towards Israel and on other gram. It remains to be seen declaring that the U. S. and the questions but they would have whether the Progressive Party as Soviet Union are "the two big split the party rather than accept such, and not merely some of its brutes of the world." The policy a resolution in defense of Yugo- members, will take more positive

statement adopted by the con- slavia. vention was even milder, stating | Confronted with their first acid for the defense of Trotskyists. that both these countries "have test, the great Wallaceite "cham- The Stalinists, on their part, will made mistakes" and that the pions of peace" caved in. Thereby undoubtedly continue their dis-Progressives "are not apologists they demonstrated that they are runtion of the struggle for demofor Russia." These statements prepared to sacrifice Yugoslavia cratic rights by insisting on their were a gesture in the direction to Stalin's tender mercies if he fraudulent claim that the 18 Min-Setting out to win the leadership of those Wallaceites who are makes that a mandatory condineapolis victims were convicted of the international communist preparing to move over into the tion for a deal with Washington. not for "the advocacy of ideas" State Department camp, but their The events at the convention and but for "acts" aimed at "overvalue as a "disavowal" of Stalin- the ambiguous policy statement, throwing the government by force ism was demonstrated when the silent about Yugoslavia, cannot and violence."

BRANCHES CELEBRATE having its own interests — these because he was convinced of the superiorities of a one-party Trotsky's revolutionary doctrine system; he was convinced of the superiorities of a one-party system; he was convinced of the s

By Dickson Woods

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26 — "The Negro history cause their leaders participated promising future. For doesn't he movement has established that Negro history is the comin the midst of the civil war in say that "the ideology directly mon property of the Negro people, not the object of the constituent Assembly and and indicated that were and more and indicated the constituent of the constituent Assembly and and indicated that were and indicated the saving in the Soviet Union substantial swindle is created, on the campuses, 29 Militants, 3 worth saving in the Soviet Union substantial swindle is created, on the campuses, 29 Militants, 3 worth saving in the Soviet Union the Constituent Assembly and and indicated that it is also the best way of the campuses, 29 Militants, 3 worth saving in the Soviet Union the Constituent Assembly and and indicated the campuses, 29 Militants, 3 worth saving in the Soviet Union the Constituent Assembly and and indicated the campuses are constituent as a substantial swindle is created, on the campuses are constituent as a substantial swindle is created.

ings and discussion marked the Harlem in many years. annual Negro History Celebratalist historians and all others Hands," who betray the Negro struggle today by distorting and misreroad to the emancipation of the abolish the capitalist system. American working class, black and white, he declared.

This does not appear to Life's civil rights and the entire Negro noted that these advances were "FEPC, the Negro Question and Irving Beinin scathingly ex-

world nothing more than H-bomb participating in a period of great war," he noted, "the Communist incineration has exhausted all its doubt, great confusion and in- Party was absolutely against any than bankrupt; it is a murderous periods, the old ills of society better their conditions through a where it can do humanity no skeletons in the arid waste of Southern branches of their party, the government purge and copied some desert, demanding burial," and declared that anyone who it with a vengeance," he added. There is only one force capable Willis said in his opening re- brought this pressing problem

raving, irrational monster. It is "The masses - the peoples of 'war effort'." the revolutionary workers and the entire world - are seeking farmers of the world, and of the new ideals and values in the light pictures spotlighting various organized might alone is capable natural that the Negro question, history of the Negro people. their political agents, setting up the leadership of every section of Skin Is Branded."

port to the various 'heresies' now American working class. The day tion, they will not stop where those leaders would like them to. Two hours of questions and that Trotsky protested against Russia"? Without venturing an Tuhman and John Brown on the discussion by the audience fol-

> dress on "The Meaning of Negro tory Week, held here last Sunday, So too the great ideas of Marx- us a live picture of the European vide a decisive test of the gov-History Today" last Friday night. was the biggest meeting held by ism and Communism, which the scene; a real addition to the ernment's loyalty program." Two evenings of public meet- the Socialist Workers Party in Stalinists falsely claim to re- paper!"

The main speech of the meet- to the anti-Communist and anti- either by readers themselves or man, John Brown and Wendell overthrow the slave system, and other program than that of "pro-Phillips, the history of the Negro compared it with its continuator, gressive capitalism." They took people from the slave revolts to the modern revolutionary socialist that as well without comment or Radical Reconstruction point the movement that is working to reply.

A. W. Jenkins, president of the Lenox-Fifth Ave. Tenants League The run - about that BOTH outlined the advances achieved capitalist parties give FEPC, by colored people in the past. He editors as a commentary on the stark madness of American capi- socialism is the only weapon that and that when "the Tenants Lea- Copy Govt. Purge, Stalin, the Kremlin despot, who of unemployment, discrimination, has sunk so low that he threatens black ghettos and wars "to save and give consideration to the peo-

Socialism" on Saturday evening, posed the perfidious role of the "We are witnessing and are Communist Party. "During the forward was a disrupter of the

The hall was decorated with drivers union), said, "Before Wall United States in particular. Their of these experiences. It is quite phases and great names in the reaucrats can enter another world Stanley tells us that Seattle is of wrenching the H-Bomb from among other things, should begin Among the banners lining the ion leaders to take orders from and briefing for a campaign on the hand of American capitalism. to preoccupy the minds of men length of the hall, one noted, the State Department and not renewals. After the campaign They alone can bring permanent with new significance," he con- 'Civil Rights Now!' and another from labor's rank and file. This "we plan to set ourselves a peace - the longed-for "freedom tinued. The fear of mass action, was Karl Marx's dictum: "Labor is being done without much of an minimum quota to keep up each from fear" - by taking the the only means to a fundamental In a White Skin Cannot Free argument on the part of the trade month." power from the capitalists and solution, is behind the policy of Itself While Labor In a Black union tops."

summary. "Because the capitalist present signed interest cards.

inists BEFORE the convention drink. to betray Yugoslavia by ignoring it in the basic document of the convention.

Wallaceites Move to Right

civil liberties, was less favorable to the hilt what the Trotskyists that until they think their ideas to the Stalinists. They had before said about it at its inception in out to the end, until, that is to them the precedent of the Bill of 1948. As a splinter capitalist say, they arrive at the conclusions Rights Conference last summer party it has proved neither an of consistent revolutionary Marxwhere their adamant refusal to effective alternative to the two ism, of Trotskyism. There is no defend the rights of the Trot- old parties nor an arena for other way. skyists had led to an open split with their liberal allies. They could not risk such a scandal at the Progressive Party convention.

Hence the compromise in the policy statement which reads: "End prosecutions under the provisions of the Smith Act advocacy of ideas. Grant uncon

The Stalinists knew they could action than writing a resolution

GLUED TOGETHER

The Stalinists have succeeded gluing together the broken pieces of their People's Front. questions, such as developments tween Yugoslavia and the Kremlin, new negotiations between Truman and Stalin.

terests of the American workers are secondary or non-existent in

present, were not worthy of their The meeting, chaired by John defense at the Progressive Party feature would be a "Workers tion by the Bay Area Local of the Andrews, was opened by a rendi- convention. They let pass with- Question Box" that would "carry Socialist Workers Party. Gorman tion of a song and the reading of out a single word of rebuttal the an answer each week to a quesattacked the Stalinists, the capi- Richard Wright's poem, "Black charlatan attack of the demagogue tion asked by a Militant customer." Wallace who committed the party The questions could be sent in

> Such is the true nature of this branch office of the GPU: They

Labor Chieftains

ing here this afternoon in the 15 copies of this pamphlet and 2 Minnesota SWP headquarters, as Militants." part of his national tour on "Labor and Civil Rights."

ment witch-hunt is to set a pat- paign in behalf of The Militant pretensions to rule. It is more security — and, as in all such attempts of the Negro people to tern for the trade union bureaucrats to follow," Comrade Dunne calls to make sure Militant readstated. "Murray & Co. have copied

> Enlarging on his subject, the speaker, a former organizer of Local 544-CIO (Minneapolis truck Street and the Washington buwar, they must get the trade un- finishing up with the map work

A generous collection was ly question period, and the audi- copies. "Last week we again sold "Why are we terrorized as taken to cover the expenses of ence contributed generously to a a total of 75 Militants," Marianne capitalism with a sane, planned Negroes?" Willis asked in his the meeting. A number of those collection. Following the meeting, reports. "Sixty were sold at a supper was served.

timid criticism of "the conduct of would split at the drop of a hat if radicalized, anti-capitalist workers the Cominform countries toward it even appeared that the Wal- and intellectuals. Those who re-Yugoslavia" - and that was the laceites were running afoul of the mained have had to drink the only remark of its kind at the reactionary policies of the Krem- bitter dregs of disintegration, convention - reeked with hypo- lin but they swallow all attacks defeat and now even of the becrisy. He was covering up with a on the principles of the working trayal of the independent Third little lip-service the deal he and class movement without a mur- Party aims avowed at the foundothers had made with the Stal- mur, as if it were their favorite ing convention.

ANALYSIS CONFIRMED

Their courage and devotion in standing firm amidst the raging anti-red hysteria was deserving The Second Convention of the of a better leadership and a better The second part of the deal, on Progressive Party has confirmed program. But they will never get

THE MILITANT ARMY

New York Local Goes Over the Top In Sub Campaign

The New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party went final score was 114%

their goal of 300. High scorer was

Brooklyn came second with 14 Our answer is that in the Third with 13.

of their goal of 80 points.

rally at the social held during the cracy. City Convention of the New York Literature Agent Bert Deck re-

s now making regular sales at labor movement to the struggle four factories, two campuses, two for socialism. housing projects, two street corners and two union meetings, armies of German imperialism How long it will last, is another Special sales at other promising were hurled out of the USSR, the matter. That depends on many points help keep the nickels need to end Stalinism and to rolling in that add up to a small cleanse the labor movement of its in the "cold war," relations be- but encouraging profit for the deadly influence has appeared Literature Department.

"Helen and Ruth have been out But for the time being twice in the last week," Bert Stalin's American hacks as the International and 3 pamphlets; defending the Soviet people from change in Washington's attitude at factory gates about 20 Mili- ourselves from another world war. towards the Kremlin. The in- tants, the majority to Chrysler workers on strike.

The new feature, "European this game. They were not in- Notebook," has struck a responterested even in discussing how sive chord in Los Angeles, acto create a genuine anti-Wall cording to Bert. "Everyone here

Bert suggests that another good

ing was delivered by Harrison Socialist program of "saving by members of the Militant Army presenting Negro history. The Johnson. He paid tribute to the capitalism from itself." In effect, who sometimes get questions of words and deeds of Nat Turner, struggles of the pre-Civil War he told the Stalinists to get out unusual interest while sub-getting and selling the paper. What do our readers think of this sugcestion? The Detroit comrades, slugging away at present in a campaign against any further increases in

street car fare, are managing at the same time to keep up sales of literature. They have met with good response on the picket lines of the Chrysler strike. "The Youth Group had another fine sale," Detroit's Literature Agent Howard Mason writes.

"They sold 22 Militants, 5 FI's and 3 copies of the Negro Strug-MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 26 - V. gle pamphlet. At a meeting where R. Dunne addressed a large meet- DuBois spoke, two comrades sold Detroit is now planning elec-

tion activities but decided to take "The main object of the govern- three weeks for an energetic cam-The emphasis will be on friendly ers don't overlook sending in that renewal blank when their sub

New Haven is likewise starting renewal work this week, according to Literature Agent N. S.

And Literature Agent Marianne

The Seattle comrades are doing The talk was followed by a live- unusually well with sales of single

campus. In addition we sell about 15 each week on newsstands." In view of these encouraging sales, the Seattle comrades decided to increase their bundle by onethird.

Our thanks to J. M. of Boston over the top in its campaign for for a \$5 contribution. "I want to for subscriptions to send birthday congratulations to The Militant. The Comrade Cannon," he writes. "I've saved every one of his Figuring two points magnificent speeches that I've for every six months had the honor of reading. Also subscription, the my best wishes to Laura Grey, New York comrades the greatest living cartoonist in made 41 points over the world. Long may she continue her wonderful work!"

J. M. asks us why we don't still Jane of Brooklyn. emphasize our defense of the She accounted for Soviet Union against imperialist 26 points. Julius of attack as we did during the war.

points and Lucille of Downtown struggle for our main goal, world socialism, we do continue to Brooklyn Branch took top defend the remnants of the ecohonors in the city, scoring 125% nomic and social gains achieved by the Bolshevik revolution. But The Youth Branch hit an even the greatest danger to these gains punching through to at present comes from inside the success in a last minute sales USSR, from the Stalinist bureau-

Outweighing by far even this ? in importance is the fact that the Stalinist bureaucracy is also the ports that the Los Angeles Local greatest obstacle within the world

That is why, since the invading uppermost in our press, as in the period before the armed attack.

In the final analysis this is not

ACLU Will File Brief Supporting James Kutcher

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long years, if not decades, of war, uprisings, brief interludes of truce, new wars and new uprisings. A young revolutionary party must base itself on this perspective. History will provide it with enough opportunities and possibilities to test itself, to accumulate experience and to mature. The swifter the ranks of the vanguard are fused the more the epoch of bloody convulsions will be shortened, the less destruction will our planet suffer. But the great historical problem will not be solved in any case until a revolutionary party stands at the head of the proletariat."

-Leon Trotsky, Manifesto on the War, 1940

LENIN

The Way to Aid the Miners

We hail the labor solidarity shown by Briggs Local 212, Ford Local 600, Chevrolet Local 659, Buick Local 599, Budd Local 306 and the many other local unions of the CIO and AFL which are responding so eagerly and generously to the appeals of the miners for relief to carry on their magnificent strike struggle,

We are equally in hearty accord with the proposal of Briggs Local 212, which calls for a "national conference of all labor organizations to consider further measures to aid the miners, including a nation-wide 24-hour general strike."

The employing class and its government have chosen to use the occasion of the miners' struggle to wage a ferocious attack not only on the miners but on the whole labor movement. They are seeking to strengthen the Taft-Hartley Act at the expense of the miners and in preparation for its further use against other unions which dare to fight for their rights. The corporations had hoped that the miners union would stand isolated and alone, that they could pick it off first, and then proceed against the less formidable unions.

This struggle has presented the labor movement with a magnificent opportunity to come to grips with Taft-Hartleyism. If the entire labor movement got together in defense of the miners against the Taft-Hartley Law, it could strike this law a damaging, if not fatal blow.

Before the Taft-Hartley Act was passed, The Militant and the Socialist Workers Party had urged organized labor to meet it with a united Congress of Labor and a national 24-hour strike. Many local unions at that time supported this proposal, but the top union leaders opposed it and tried to halt Taft-Hartley with tele-

After it was passed, these same union leaders sought to "live with" the Slave Labor Law or placed reliance on Truman to get it repealed. Truman, instead, has used it as a terrible weapon against labor, personally invoking its injunction features eight times and now for the third time against the miners.

We said when it was passed that this law will eventually undermine and destroy labor if allowed to operate. We repeat this warning now. And we repeat with redoubled urgency our call to the labor movement to get together now in a national conference of all unions, to launch a national counter-offensive against Taft-Hartley, including a national 24-hour general strike. This is the one sure way to bring victory to the miners; it is the one effective method to smash the Taft-Hartley Law.

What the Liberals Don't Understand

No better statement on the legal issues involved in the Kutcher case has appeared in the daily press than the splendid editorial published by the Washington Post, reprinted on Page 4 of this Militant. It is a rare occasion when a civil liberties case of this type gets such a fair and unbiased presentation in the general press. But there is one aspect of the case of the legless veteran that appears to have stumped the editors of the Washington Post.

They can't figure out why the government went after James Kutcher to begin with and why it has persisted in carrying through its victimization of him. "One cannot help wondering, anyway, why the United States goes to so much trouble to punish James Kutcher" the editorial states. His punishment "serves no national interest," no interest, in fact, "save vindictiveness."

Kutcher himself answered this question most accurately in his speech last December in New York City. To one liberal who had called the Truman administration's action against Kutcher "fatuous" and a "blunder," Kutcher replied that he was not victimized by "accident or miscalculation. The whole procedure was carefully thought out in advance, it was premeditated, and it was consistent with the entire operation of the purge.

"...the purpose of the purge is to terrorize and intimidate dissident political opinion, especially revolutionary socialist opinion. The special circumstances in my case [Kutcher lost both legs in action in Italy], instead of deterring the government in this aim, only made it a more dramatic demonstration of what they wanted to achieve.

"We have called my case a test case. The government and the evil forces behind this inquisition regard it in the same light. If they can get away with my discharge, then they have really made the purge stick. This may seem fatuous from the point of view of those who don't want thought-control in this country; but it's not at all fatuous from the viewpoint of those who do want thought-control."

The Kutcher case is part of the whole drive toward thought-control which stems from the reactionary politics of the Truman administration. The liberals agree with this politics, which they falsely label "progressive," although they are shocked by its evil consequences, especially where civil rights are concerned. Their bewilderment, therefore, reflects their own weakness, their own inability or unwillingness to see the connection between the purge and the politics from which it flows. They detest the disease, but accept

Another Blow at Bill of Rights

The U.S. Supreme Court has hacked another gaping hole in the legal foundation of constitutional liberties, the Bill of Rights. By a 5 to 3 vote on Feb. 20, the court upheld the power of federal agents to search private premises and seize property without a warrant, if such search and seizure are conducted incidental to an arrest. This overrides previous Supreme Court decisions.

This decision, in effect, nullifies the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, which states: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

The new ruling was issued in the case of a stamp dealer accused of altering cancelled stamps. Federal officials arrested him with a warrant, but searched his room and seized a number of stamps without a warrant.

In a sharply dissenting opinion, Justice Felix Frankfurter called the ruling a "mockery" of the Fourth Amendment. He said that "arrest under warrant for a minor trumped-up charge has been familiar practice in the past, is a commonplace in the police state of today, and too well known in this country." The ruling would permit federal officials to invade private homes at will and seize property without a warrant "merely because of the legality" of an arrest on phony

Frankfurter also made an unprecedented attack on the political character of the court's ruling. He expressed the fear that it might give "fair ground for the belief that law is the expression of chance for instance, of unexpected changes in the court's composition. . . " This clearly referred to the fact that it was Truman's appointees on the court who put this ruling over. Thus Frankfurter indicated how the court has been molded to fit the purpose of Truman's witch-hunt and how little it can be depended on to uphold civil liberties. Instead, it has given a virtually free hand to agencies like the FBI, which is already engaged in illegal wiretapping, to break into anybody's home, search it and seize anything they like, provided they also cook up a "legal" ar-

Capitalist Propaganda and British Election

cicians in the United States have But the perversity of this intimidated — into retreat and Party only received some 461/2 % of the total popular vote cast, WORKING CLASS SOLID and therefore its mandate was rejected by the people.

To grasp the shallowness and hypocrisy of this whole line of capitalist propaganda, it is necessary only to examine the statistics more closely and to make a few pertinent comparisons. If the popular vote is a criterion, it is in order first of all to note that while Labor did, to be sure, receive only 461/9% in 1950, it did not receive more than 47.9% of the total vote in 1945, when the papers all spoke of a Labor landslide. That is, it did not receive a majority mandate according to percentages of the vote even at that time. But in the flush of the 1945 events, it its mandate.

DEWEY'S STATEMENT

ing to note the comment of sharper light. Thomas Dewey, erstwhile Repu-

they call a plurality when a a socialist society.

Any manifestation of independent statistics - and they will not

greeted the close election victory manipulation of the popular vote indecision. They will demand that of the Labor Party in Great is even more crass when we regard the majority in the House of Com-Britain with striking unanimity the actual absolute figures. The mons be used to carry out the as a smashing defeat for social- Tories, to be sure, increased their mandate for a firm anti-capitalis ism. This peculiarly perverse in- total vote from nearly 10 million policy, for a working class soluterpretation is followed up by in 1945 to close to 12½ million in tion of the crisis in the economy virtual demands that the Labor 1950. But the total Labor vote Of course the capitalist press Party cease and desist from ruling also rose from 11,900,000 in 1945 does have something to gloat that country. In any case, the to 13,331,000 in 1950; that is, a about, and that is the fact that Laborites are urged to respect gain of about 11/2 million in votes. the bulk of the middle class vote the "will of the majority" and This constitutes the biggest popu- did return to the Tory fold. But refrain strictly from any further lar vote ever registered for any this, as we have shown, was no nationalization measures and single party in British history. due to any reduction in the desire from applying anything at all And that is what the capitalist and determination of the working that smacks of socialism. For, apologists in America attempt to class to achieve socialism. It was their argument runs, the Labor put over as a defeat for social-

other, deeper aspects of this pic- LABORITE "STRATEGY" ture. Although details are still scanty, it is evident from all reports that the vote for Labor in to win the middle class by the working class districts thru- minimizing the "socialist" ele out the country was unprecedent- ments in the Labor Party pro ed, majorities often running to gram. (This strategy was merely 85 and 90% of the total. On the the electoral expression of the other hand, the vote for the Tories Attlee government's whole course in most middle class areas was since 1945 - that is, compromis also unusually high. This in- with capitalism, class-collabora dicates an extreme degree of class tion, half-way measures to solve polarization and social tension.

When we recall that capitalism had bankrupted the country in the course of several decades that included two world wars, and that the reformist Labor government really suffered a crushing defeat did not occur to any of the of 1945 took over a bankrupt eco- in the elections. Instead of at capitalist "thinkers" to challenge nomy in which its methods of ap- tracting the middle class, the plying a "socialist" policy were indecisive and irresolute policy of reduced to a "fair share for all" of the resulting impoverishment, them and drove them into Chur In this connection it is interest- the election can be seen in a much | chill's hands. The only way to with

mit him to join in with this un- which it had expected a swift taining capitalism.

cheek, to dub the same thing as a a mandate for socialism. They they were premature in celebrat "minority of the popular vote" will not be intimidated by the ing the defeat of British social in the case of a Labor party. capitalist press and its phony ism.

The capitalist press and poli- labor power must be undermined. quietly allow their leaders to be

due, instead, to the Laborite leadership's strategy, which wa masterminded by their organiza But it is important to consider tional expert, Herbert Morrison

The essence of this strategy was the insoluble crisis of British eco nomy within the framework o capitalism.)

This strategy, to put it mildly did not work; this was wha the Laborite leadership repelled and keep the support of the It was to be expected that the middle class is by showing them blican candidate for President, dissatisfied middle class would that you mean business - either whose personal pride did not per- turn away from Labor, from about building socialism or main-

animity of his fellow capitalists. solution in 1945. But neither could Whatever they may have He is quoted to have remarked: the working class be regarded as thought about the Morr son-Attlee 'It's a curious thing that Mr. satisfied with and reconciled to strategy of "moderation" before Attlee won by the same margin the grim austerity which has re- the election, the rank and file President Truman did in 1948, mained its share even with a gov- have row been able to observe in Yet it was regarded as a defeat eriment of its "own." On the con-action that appeasement does no for the Labor party. Actually Mr. trary, within the trade union pay, and they are less likely than Truman got about the same per- movement the working masses in the past to tolerate its concentage of the popular vote as have been increasingly expressing tinued practice by their leaders Mr. Attlee did." Dewey's com- an active opposition to the lead- They know that it was their own ment is sufficient to unmask the ers' policy of solving the problem splendid turnout and display of whole capitalist line on this score of inflation, for instance, by the solidarity that resulted in a Labor usual capitalist method of the majority in the House; they They know that absolute ma- wage freeze. The tremendous know also that it was the proven jerities have been rare enough turnout for the Labor Party can- inadequacy of their leaders in parliamentary elections. But not therefore be regarded as policies that resulted in the while it would not occur to the anything else but a greater majority being so slim. When press lackeys to challenge what determination than ever to achieve these two aspects of the election experience have been assimilated capitalist party is involved, they The workers of Britain, we can by the British workers, the are quite prepared, tongue in be sure, will consider the vote as capitalist propagandists will fine

TORIES FROM RETURNING

(Continued from Page 1) workers, drive them inexorably

into the arms of the capitalists. Attlee, Bevin and Co. never understood -and never will just what it was that produced the Labor landslide in 1945, ir which the leftward shift of urbar and rural petty bourgeoisie played so prominent a role. Five years ago, they marched to the polls convinced they could no longer continue to exist under the capitalist rulers; they wanted the workers to take the fate of the country into their own hands and they expected a new social system to be installed and were prepared to back it to the hilt.

The conservative N. Y. Times correspondents reported at the time: "The middle classes revolted. This 'nation of shopkeepers' voted for socialization. Even the rural population abandoned . . . its feudal inheritance."

MIDDLE CLASS ROLE But their hopes were quickly

dashed. Under the guise of introducing socialism "gradually," the Laborite leadership used their long tenure in office only to institute a number of structural reforms, carried out in amicable collaboration with the capitalists. The capitalist system was stabilized and preserved intact. The middle classes began to vacillate and to move away from the working class. They became easy targets for Tory demagogues who were placed in a position where they could promise to do everything the Laborite leadership did and do it more "efficiently" and

cheaper.' The middle classes are capable f tearing themselves loose from the capitalist rulers and throwing in their lot with that of the workers - provided a resolute course toward revolutionary secialism is followed. This was demonstrated in the 1945 elections. Failing such a course, they fall easy prey for capitalist demagogues. That is one of the To Outlaw Stalinists main lessons of the recent general elections.

With a resolute leadership, lutionary socialist program, even Party in that country.

the present narrow labor majority | British workers will not yield so 'n Parliament would suffice to make up for the stupidities and treacheries of the past, to regain he ground lost, win back the support of the middle classes and deal a death blow to bankrupt British capitalism. The Tories, if they had this same advantage would unquestionably follow the most resolute course in the in-

terests of their own class.

But the tragedy is that the British workers are saddled with a leadership that forgets nothing and learns nothing and is coward y to boot. The Attlees and the Bevins are now obviously pre pared to soft pedal even on their own meager and wretched pro gram of reforms. From all in dications, it will be the defeated Tories who will assume the political offensive and will be per mitted to pose as "victors," while the Laborite misleaders, despit the overwhelming backing of the working class, will continue to helplessly mark time or beat panicky retreat all along the

TORIES BLOCKED

But victory is far from assured as yet to the Tories. The very gains they have made point up the blind-alley in which they and their system have arrived. They still cannot rule in their own name the mass opposition of the British workers, the decisive section o' the population, remains an insurmountable obstacle in their

The country is now split into two host le camps. The bourgeoisdemocratic parliamentary system is, and for an indeterminate period ahead will continue to be. in the throes of crisis.

This political crisis must unfold under the conditions of sharply accentuated class struggle. The

Australia Government

The new Liberal-Country party coaiition government of Australia has announced it will push legisdetermined to follow a bold revo- lation to outlaw the Communist

readily and easily as their officia 'eaders. Their pressure on the leaders will mount. They will also become more insistent in their mmediate economic demands.

CLASS STRUGGLE

The process of political dif ferentiation inside the Labor Party will be greatly speeded u as the political crisis inside th country intensifies. Ahead lies period of the most favorable con ditions for the crystallization of genuine left wing and for the emergence of a resolute revolu tionary socialist leadership, that will challenge the policies of the

ttlee leadership. Years ago, in dealing with the political alignments in Britain the Labor Party on the one side and the Tories on the other, Trotsky wrote: "We are dealing here not with the rivalry between two parties, but with the destinies of wo classes."

Britain is now heading for that tage in her history when the lass struggle will break out riolently into the open.

Cochran's Tour

New Haven

Following is the schedule for Bert Cochran's national tour on The Outlook for Labor":

Boston		,	10-11
Lynn		"	12
Worcester		"	13
Buffalo .		"	16-17
Flint		"	18-19
Detroit		**	20-2E
Toledo		"	26
Milwaukee .		,,	28
Chicago		"	29-31
Minneapolis-St.	Paul	Apr.	1-4
Seattle		"	5-8
San Francisco-C	akland	1 "	9-15
Los Angeles		"	15-20
St. Louis		**	22
Cleveland		79	23-24
Akron		"	25
Youngstown		"	26-27
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CAUSE AND EFFECT OF THE FEPC BETRAYAL

The "voluntary" FEPC bill passed by the House of Representaives has no penalties whatever for violation. On the surface it seems that this is merely another kick in the teeth for the Negro people. That is true. They have been kicked again and kicked hard. But a careful examination of the events and related circumstances will show that this FEPC flasco is a landmark-one definitive stage n the remorseless progress of the class struggle in America towards a shattering climax. This climax may be delayed; we offer no time-table. But the signs of inexorable development are there to

First of all, the events themselves. On Feb. 15 President Truman, in a very special interview with Arthur Krock of the N. Y. Times, stated that he would not administer any FEPC in such a way that it would deprive any "citizen of the right to run his own business. . . as he thought best."

The President spoke the literal truth, only he did not go far enough. The truth is that no capitalist administration, Democratic or Republican, could effectively administer a bill to end discrimination in employment, and least of all in the South. The Southern system rests upon the super-exploitation and humiliation of the Negroes. The planters, the merchants in the small towns, hold the Vegro sharecroppers in a grip of iron, only the more easily to cheat them, and by this means to cheat the poor whites also. Hundreds of thousands of white-collar jobs are the exclusive preserve of

Where is the administration which can enforce anti-discrimination laws in Southern industry? How? It would have to control the Southern state governments, the local municipalities, the local heriffs, local juries and the local press. Every soul knows that. as the Times says, "Southerners fear the FEPC as the measure which would go farthest toward disrupting their social and economic patterns." The President says that he will not do it. Perhaps those ho will not believe the Marxists will believe him.

The Trumanites Expose Themselves

Obviously his Feb. 15 statement was an invitation for the House to do exactly what it did - pass a bill which relieved the administration of any pretences of having to administer anything. As a campaign slogan, the FEPC did well in 1948. It may perhaps do better in 1950. That is all. But while Roosevelt, that great demoerat, never said a word against the Southerft system, Truman has been forced first to denounce it and then to show quite openly prerisely why he does not propose to touch it. So much for the admin-

But besides the administration and Congress there is the Amercan people. Both parties in 1948 had declared themselves in favor of "civil rights." Many millions of the population were serious about "civil rights." Hence the character of the session, in the words of the Times, "one of the longest and most turbulent. . . of the House in years." And as a result of the conflict between the people and their "representatives," the real attitudes of all participants are being clarified.

Less than a week before the worthless FEPC bill was passed the Democratic Party held its Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner at \$100 a plate. More than 100 Negro guests attended. And this, more than anything else, accounts for the extreme boldness and cynicism of the administration and Congress. The Negro leadership is trading its pirthright for a mess of pottage and paying \$100 a plate for the ness. If the majority of these grovelling lick-spittles had spectacuarly refused to eat with those who were kicking them in the face. they would have ruined the intestinal and political digestions of the Democratic Party magnates for a long time to come. But the Demoeratic Party is confidently trading jobs and status for a few in order to maintain its grip on the many. The Negro people as a whole should note these Judases and prepare for them another repast - the hard, dry bread of retribution.

Degrading Bevavior of Negro Leaders

The cynicism and brutality of Congress and the administration are exposing another type of Negro leader — the board of the NAACP. At its meeting last month, the NAACP board refused to cooperate with the American Legion in its war against "communism because the American Legion maintains Jim Crow posts in many parts of the country. To refuse to cooperate with the fascist-minded American Legion is praiseworthy. But what institutions in the world maintain so many Jim Crow posts as the American government and Congress? They teach the American Legion Jim Crow, not vice versa.

The NAACP board, having been instructed to lead a mobilization to Washington against the hypocrisies of Jim Crow Truman, turned the thing on its head and laid the mobilization at the feet of Truman, where it was in the proper position to receive the latest attention of the Presidential boot. Though the NAACP board can expose the Stalinists (now trying to infiltrate and take over the organization) as being interested in nothing else but Moscow's policy, t has nothing of its own with which to fight them. Its policy of hanging on to Truman and the Democratic Party is now an exploded pubble. And that is why the NAACP is in its biggest crisis despite the readiness of the Negro masses to fight for their rights as never

The degrading spectacle presented by the Negro leadership is not passing unnoticed. Writing in the Feb. 23 Pittsburgh Courier, Columnist Joseph D. Bibb notes that since the civil rights issue "has een handled so contemptuously by both Republicans and Democrats, it begins to appear just how ineffectual the colored political bigvigs are. . . 'Pollyannas' who cheerfully point to progress, fail to note the contributions that the colored votes are making toward the continuance of political factions in office. The whole set up is proving putrid and disgusting." His entire article is devoted to this. It has been said before but rarely with such passion and violence. The only way of struggle, Bibb ends, is the way of "crusade and conflict." And this was written before the final blow-up of FEPC.

The Negro struggle is not taking place in a vacuum. P. L. Prattis, another Courier columnist, writes in this same issue, not as a Negro but as a simple American citizen, about the H-Bomb. Thinking about its possibilities of destruction stops you dead in your bedroom slippers. Whatever conclusions you may have reached about almost anything, you are compelled to ask yourself whether you had better not think through everything again. The old values seem to lose their essence. The props are knocked out from under your convictions.'

And a little later he adds: "Inasmuch as we seemed to have cast aside all sense of morality in our erstwhile preparations for a third world war in which we would have held the advantage of the most atom bombs, this writer thinks that the emergence of the hydrogen bomb may be all to the good. Our fears will prove more important than our conscience. We don't all want to get killed. In the past we could select the ones to be killed. In the future, we will be selected." Here once again, it is an American Negro who, trained by centuries of living with lies and hypocrisy, brushes aside as nonsense the moral and democratic pretensions of the American capitalist system and its perpetual wars for democracy.

Bibb and Prattis are not revolutionaries. They are merely journalists reflecting Negro opinion. But who can doubt that they express, even if only partially, the effect on the people at large of the shameless dishonesty of the rulers of the country at home, and the perils into which these same rulers have led the country on a world scale? And who can doubt that the FEPC betrayal is another landmark in that harsh but necessary education that is preparing the masses for the role they have to play in building a better world?

The collected papers and addresses of Woodrow Wilson as President show that he never mentioned the Negro question once. It was the mass upheaval of the March on Washington Committee that extracted (with groans) a few words from the teeth which Franklin Roosevelt had kept tightly clenched on the Negro question for eight years. We can be sure that the forces which have compelled Truman and his followers to expose themselves will continue until, with their own hands and in their own way, they obliterate from the American scene this Jim Crow curse of three hundred years.

Some very grave defects of the loyalty program are revealed in the civil suit filed here in the Federal District Court in behalf of James Kutcher. The suit challenges the loyalty program as unconstitutional and contrary to proper judicial procedure. In addition, it attacks the constitutionality of Section 9-A of the Hatch Act forbidding Federal employees "to have membership in any political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of Government in the United States."

Mr. Kutcher, a Purple Heart veteran who lost both legs at the Battle of San Pietro in Italy in 1943, was dismissed on loyalty charges from his job as a clerk in the Newark office of the Veterans-Administration in 1948. The finding of disloyalty with respect to Mr. Kutcher was based on his admitted membership in the Socialist Workers Party, an organization designated "subversive" by the Attorney General. The Socialist Workers Party is an anti-Stalin splinter group reflecting the Trotskyist deviation from what is now orthodox communism. It is a legal political party, polled about 13,000 votes in the 1948 national election and advocates production for use, socialization of all industry and creation of a workers' and farmers' government. It resolutely denies that it seeks to achieve these ends by violence or any other unconstitutional means.

Yet the Attorney General put the party on his blacklist without publishing his reasons and without granting it a hearing.

Moreover, he held the party to be an organization within the purview of Section 9-A of the Hatch Act and membership in it to entail, therefore, mandatory removal from the Government. Thus Mr. Kutcher is the victim of a dual arbitrariness. The organization to which he belongs has been arbitrarily held to advocate puted to Mr. Kutcher through the mere fact of derman case denounced as invalid and repugnant to American law. As a result, Mr. Kutcher has been severely punished not only by the loss of his job and a blacklisting that may close all other avenues of employment to him but also by an official finding that he is "disloyal" to the country in whose service he was grievously wounded.

One cannot help wondering, anyway, why the United States goes to so much trouble to punish their new contract proposals, strung by such a clause. James Kutcher. The loyalty program is supposed claim company mouthpieces in to protect the national security. But the national full-page ads. These fail to men- turned down a Blue Cross Hossecurity needs no protection from a legless file tion that under the old agree- pital suggestion that Chrysler clerk working in the Newark branch office of the Veterans Administration. The punishment of dermined union strength and thus to deduct insurance back pay-Mr. Kutcher serves no national interest. It serves brought on the present situation. ments from workers' pay checks. no interest save vindictiveness. And Mr. Kutcher is made the target of this vindictiveness solely Chrysler's offer is a good way to would not have cost the company because he entertains certain unorthodox and unpopular political opinions.

It would be worth while, quite apart from con- cents an hour for a pension plan for the men who make the comstitutional and legal questions, to reckon the cost that is controlled lock, stock and pany's profits." of a loyalty program that can produce such re- barrel by them, without even the Fighting against these selfish sults. Among these costs are the vesting of ab- guarantee of a special fund set tycoons, the UAW has stuck to its solute discretion in a single political appointee, aside for old age payments. The goal of a 10c. hourly wage inthe Attorney General, to proscribe voluntary as- union has proved that this kind crease or a pension plan, and sociations of American citizens; the stigmatiza- of fund would make it possible for a decent contract including tion of individuals as disloyal by a star-chamber for the company to cut off pension seniority defense, a union shop, administrative tribunal ignoring the elements of payments during depression years, more vacation pay, and wiping due process of law; the restriction of the right of advocacy guaranteed by the First Amendment, at least as far as Government employees are concerned. Is the security of the United States really safeguarded by the sacrifice of such cherished safeguards of individual liberty?

"Fame Is the Spur"

Out of Labor Party-governed England has come a film remarkable for exposing a Labor Party leader's degeneration into a servant of bosses and kings. Fame Is The Spur is worth a top place on your movie-list.

Its title comes from a poem by John Milton, which calls the quest for fame "That last infirmity of the noble mind." As the picture unfolds, each step away from principle is dictated by this yearning for prestige.

Hamer Radshaw begins his career as a poor boy in a small English town. We see him listening with awe to his grandfather's story of Peterloo, where in 1815 the British cavalry trampled and murdered unarmed men and women who had gathered to protest an injustice. A saber dropped by one of the dragoons has a place of honor in the Radshaw house as the symbol of struggle against oppression.

Hamer and his chum, Arnold Ryerson, hear a socialist speak on a street corner. Hamer is fascinated by the orator's ability to sway the listeners; Arnold, by the idea of working class organization. As Hamer becomes the "labor statesman," Arnold remains the honest, principled rank-and-filer.

Michael Redgrave gives a superb performance as Radshaw, developing every facet of the contradictory forces in his youth, and the gradual triumph of personal ambition. Hugh Burden is excellent as Ryerson, though his role is much less satisfying. The authors have warm sympathy for the masses, and draw the class line precisely, but they never indicate any faith in the power of the Ryersons to achieve their aims.

Hamer Radshaw wins a seat in Parliament in the difficult days of the 1890's, when Labor Party meetings are small. He rises steadily, yet seeks to rise faster still. Asked by Ryerson to express the Labor Party's solidarity with the striking miners in Wales, Radshaw tries to use the meeting to make a name for himself as an orator. He flourishes the saber of Peterloo and inflames the hungry workers into an assault on the mine. Unprepared and unled, the attack is disastrous. A cavalry officer kills a miner; the rest of the workers drift away in despair.

Hastily denying all responsibility for the tragedy, Radshaw scurries back home. He will have no more to do with militant struggle. The saber is mounted in a handsome sheath.

Now Radshaw becomes a full-fledged "labor statesman." At the request of the mine owners in the First World War, Radshaw goes to Wales to try to talk the strikers into "national unity" with the bosses. The scene in which the strikers repudiate Radshaw is the most powerful attack on all

"I've been fighting all my life for the workers,"

"And now you think it's time they fight for you!" a striker answers bitterly.

"But this is your war," Radshaw argues.

"Tell that to Ryerson. . . he's in jail!" says one miner, as they walk out.

Radshaw fails, but his attempt solidifies his growing friendship with "important people" -Lords and Ladies and industrialists. Then his newly established respectability is threatened by his wife's fight for women's rights. The suffragettes are "agitators" and "rowdies," he tells her. When she is slapped and dragged from a meeting for interrupting his speech, he clears his throat briefly and proceeds.

With the Labor Party the biggest single party in the House in the depression years, Radshaw arranges his final sell-out. He maneuvers a coalition with the Tories and Liberals, to balance the budget by cutting the dole. Tossing the unemployed to the lions of capitalism wins Radshaw the final reword. . . a title from the king.

But his triumph is his emotional undoing. Radreferences to how far he has come since boyhood. Memories overwhelm him. He is hated by the workers he once meant to help; Ryerson has broken with him; his wife is gone, her death hastened by a hunger-strike in prison. Now a senile man of wealth, Radshaw dissolves in tears. At a meeting here at the Broad He takes down the saber of Waterloo to look at Wood Hotel, sponsored jointly by who works for the government it once more. The sword is rusted in its sheath, the CIO Council and the Kutcher and who does not.

Fame Is The Spur is said to be patterned on the life of Ramsay MacDonald. It is just as correctly the story of trade union misleaders and was indeed labor's battle. Re- of Last of the Conquerors, chaired political opportunists the world over.

THE MILITANT

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Also this past week, auto barons

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DETROIT, Feb. 26 — With newspaper propaganda and union-busting contract demands, the Chrysler Corporation is trying to beat down the auto workers now in their second month of strike.

"Union representatives are lines at will and violates seniority stretching out negotiations" with rights, the union would be ham ment, the millionaire owners un- agree, after the strike is settled,

"If the union wants pensions, Compliance with the suggestion get them," state company ads. one cent. Refusal to comply has Chrysler has offered only three been called "a callous disregard certainly "a good way" - but out company "security" clauses. not for workers.

union's hard-won rights is proposed by company negotiators who have introduced new requests. and prevent policy cancellation. One of these is a legal blackjack to terrorize workers with a harsher "company security" clause than now obtains. This would penalize workers for "unauthorized strikes." Militants think such a penalty clause could housebreak the union. While the company speeds up production



MICHAEL REDGRAVE as Hamer Radshaw in the film, Fame Is the Spur, reviewed on this page.

CHARLES SWETT

SWP Asks Labor To Prevent Boost In Detroit Fare

DETROIT, Feb. 26 - The cam-Aid is being furnished from strike paign of the Detroit Branch of Meanwhile, destruction of the funds to needy, while \$200,000 has the Socialist Workers Party to legless veteran. been contributed to workers to stop the proposed fare increase pay Blue Cross Hospital insurance of the Detroit Street R. R. won a dried affair. The Board's verdict greatest number. Anything less is In the meantime, the union still was announced that the proposed fact that it could not question the and acuteness of the suffering permits free entrance to plants increase in DSR fares may be Attorney General's "subversive" of the underprivileged around the to powerhouse, maintenance and delayed for several weeks. Be- listing and was required automat- world — and this in an age of office help, as well as Chrysler fore the issuance of the SWP ically to fire anyone connected great technological achievement executives. Dissatisfaction with handbill, the DSR Commissioners with an organization arbitrarily this policy as well as the lack of had urged that the hike be put placed on the Truman administraunion membership meetings into effect immediately:

The SWP had distributed thou- THE CHARGES mounts daily. Chrysler 7, one of sands of handbills throughout the city condemning the proposed incity to them. As a result, these crease, calling for reduction in fares and offering a program designed to put the burden of Resentment against this "show transportation finances on the shoulders of the employers, big strategy broke into the open at real estate interests and coupon-Dodge flying squadron session. clippers. The leaflet further Here a motion was passed asking demanded a public hearing which the local strike committee to previously had been denied. So hot was the response that Mayor bership meeting. Reasons for the Cobo was forced to announce he request were to permit workers would call a Common Council United States Senate from the However, any negative action hearing on the fare increase.

All over town, enthusiasm greeted the party's message. The ers Party" and that he had "con- make me more determined to see standard answer of the capitalist The company remains adamant politicans to every DSR crisis has tion, The Militant." He was also more than political footballs." been and remains higher fares, charged with speaking at and atcessions. Many unionists feel the poorer service and increased in- tending various meetings sponsorcorporation is relying on Truman debtedness to millionaire bond- ed by the SWP in Washington loyal" by a hand-picked loyalty to break the coal strike. Accord- holders. They continue to cover state in 1946 and 1948. to break the coal strike. Accord- holders. They continue to cover state in 1946 and 1948. ing to these unionists, the com- up their own responsibility by pany hopes that a busted coal a redbaiting, union-busting camstrike would weaken the morale paign against the DSR workers of auto workers, and permit a and their unions which are seekstrike settlement favorable to ing higher wages and better working conditions.

GOOD RECEPTION

The Trotskyist working class A number wrote in expressing Particular enthusiasm was expressed by the DSR operators who said the handbill answered a long-felt need.

The Stalinists, acting through the Progressive Party, have in Warehousemen's Union, bolted this stituted court action against the program of action for the masses They make no effort to encourment to take action but desire merely to gain publicity for themselves. Court action as part of a genuine mass campaign would help but cannot achieve much Their raiding now shows that ments and because they have unless it is accompanied by ?

unions and their membership. every effort to encourage the rank and file to demand of the union officials that they take action. If the auto union officials

"Loyalty" Board Fires Trotskyist On Alaska Job

The long, vindictive arm of Truman's witch-hunt "loyalty" purge has reached all the way up to frozen Alaska to victimize Charles R. Swett, a laborer on the govern-

ment's Alaska Railroad, because 9of his membership in the Socialist | why should I! Isn't it my privi-Workers Party. Swett's political lege as a free man, to conduct views are publicly known, since he myself in accordance with the high ran for U. S. Senate from the est ideals that I know? Or has it State of Washington on the SWP ticket in 1946.

Swett was ordered "removed three-man Auxiliary Loyalty have set themselves up as 'guar-Board No. 4 of the Department of dians of the public welfare' and Interior. He was charged with who seem to be the determinant States" solely on the grounds of not think, write or speak? Where his belonging to the SWP, which does the sanctity of the individual had been placed on the Attorney enter the picture? Where does lib-General's "subversive" blacklist erty end and regimentation bewithout a hearing or even specific | gin? charges. This is similar to the famous case of James Kutcher, the

The "hearing" was a cut-andtion's blacklist.

of the Interior in Washington. He was given 14 days to reply to charges in writing and to ask for es to castigate me for this, so be

the memorandum were that Swett ed a criminal for trying to think had been "a candidate for the his way out of this social mire! State of Washington in 1946 on that you may take will only serve the ticket of the Socialist Work- to deepen my convictions and tributed articles to the publica- that justice and equality become

informed the Interior Department denied "compensation paid from witch-hunters:

the allegations made in your let- make a further appeal to a highter of Nov. 16, 1949! After all, er board.

boiled down to the fact that by failing to abide by the will of those in power I must suffer the mmediately" from his job, after consequences? Must I bow before hearing on Feb. 14 before the the dictates of a select few who possible disloyalty to the United factor in what one shall or shall

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HIS CONVICTIONS

"Always I have sought to bring about the greatest good for the round here last week when it was determined in advance by the anathema to me. The deepness - has convinced me that there must be the equivalent progress in the social and economic spheres of our daily living. Anything which stands in the way of this The original notice of possible must be considered parasitical in removal action was contained in nature and dealt with accordinga "personal and confidential" me- ly. The real enemy of the people morandum, dated Nov. 16, 1949, is made up of those who seek to sent to Swett by the Office of stem the tide of history by mainthe Secretary of the Department taining the status quo regardless.

"Today, as always, I stand on my convictions. If any man wishit! Things have reached a sorry Among the "charges" cited in pass when a man must be stamp-

For holding these views, Charles Swett was branded "dis-In a letter requesting a hearing the Alaska Railroad, "an agency on the charges, Swett scathingly of the Federal Government," and funds appropriated by Congress." "I most certainly do not deny He was given until March 1 to

answer hit the nail on the head for the working people of Detroit RED-BAITERS BOLT CIO approval and offering suggestions. In the auto plants the LONGSHOREMEN FOR AFL

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19 - A red-baiting opposition group formed a few months ago in the CIO Warehouse Union, Local 6 of the International Longshoremen and

hand, began raiding operations.

the primary division in the local. fornia Labor School. Top posts were not contested. they were not primarily interest- been surrounded by a constant ed in "getting union democracy" bombardment of anti-communist or even in getting rid of Com- hysteria by the press, the radio The Trotskyists are bending munist Party domination. If they and the Murray bureaucrats really wanted to do this, the within the CIO, support was logical thing to do would have given to a group which the membeen to stay in the union and bership now sees has all the evils

present a program. Their "shopping around" for fight, no increase could be put from the union membership, was entirely. over and real progress could be the first open indication of the THE BECK VARIETY real nature of the right-wing group. A group of 18 of them had been meeting with Teamster lines!

In its early stages, the revolting group was supported by lower all along the West Coast various people and political ten- than those of the CIO. In San dencies for various reasons, united Francisco they are the same as loosely only on the idea of oppos- the CIO (\$1.471/2 base pay) but ing the Stalinist oppression and their wage raises and conditions ing labor organizations and raiding of the union treasury. have been granted only after Another speaker told how a churches will demand action to The Murray supporters dropped being won by the CIO. woman in Detroit who had sold protect Negro home-owners and away only when it was seen that ganizing for the Teamsters. where our agents will make life It will also take all the legal Elements from the Association of Blacklist in Private Jobs miserable for her. Woe is her. We steps necessary to force the Hous- Catholic Trade Unionists were know how to take care of traitors" ing Commission to discontinue its also whooping up "anti-Commun- say they are going to challenge These sinister developments policy of racial segregation in ist" hysteria while offering in the courts a decision by the

Several speakers said that mass first organized, the Stalinists have were "affiliated with or symattended the meeting of the mobilizations and action would be been in the leadership and the pathetic to principles" of organnecessary if these steps did not membership has been looking for izations on the "subversive" list. James Waterman also spoke, bring relief from the menace of a way to present criticism with- The licenses were sought for out being pounced on by an or- private employment.

week to the lush payroll of the ganized pack of bloodhounds. The properly conducted and tightly Desertion to the rival union organized and they have wanted won every seat on the S. F. ex- rather than liberal donations to ecutive board, which represents the Peoples' World and the Cali-

> Because of their deep resentof any red-baiting group.

They see they have supported would be willing to lead a serious new affiliation, with no authority a group which rejects the union

All this right wing had to offer is an exchange of bureaucrats went to Tim Flynn, CIO regional the Stalinist for the Dave Beck director, to find out what they variety - which typically, as in could expect from the CIO and Oakland, puts a local in receiverit was also understood that they ship for voting to respect picket

> The CIO contract expires June 1 and the AFL group says it will call for an NLRB election then. AFL warehouse wages are

U. S. Coast Guard Uses

Three marine radio operators U. S. Coast Guard to deny them From the time the local was radio officer licenses because they

The Korean Police State

By Charles Hanley

Since the outbreak of the "cold war" we've heard a lot about what the Stalinists have done to the North Korean peoples. But little has been reported in the American press about the kind of "democracy" that American imperialism has instituted in its zone of South Korea. That deficiency has been partially remedied by dispatches in the Feb. 1 and Feb. 2 N. Y. Times, from its correspondent in Korea, Walter Sullivan.

Sullivan's description of the South Korean regime under the U. S.-supported President Syngman Rhee reveals a police state as reactionary as Franco's, without free political parties, free unions or freedom of speech. Concentration camps, torture and murder are the chief methods of

Rhee does not believe in the free organizing of political parties and his Home Minister warned, according to the controlled Korean press, that "the torturing of Communists by the police is not to be criticized." According to Sullivan, "Torture appears to be an accepted practice." For instance, a professor of botany at Seoul Normal College was beaten to death at Inchou police station. Many prominent people are "dying under police and army torture," he reports.

The official figure of political prisoners is 40,-000. There are several "re-education" (concentration) camps. The "Government Information Office" (Ministry of Propaganda) does not permit the Korean press to publish accounts of parliamentary speeches against the government's inhuman cruelty. But let us quote a passage from Sullivan's Feb. 1 dispatch:

"On Jan. 17 several Assemblymen brought their grievances against the police into the open an action that today demands courage. One referred to what critics of the police call 'the human' flesh distribution case' that occurred last September at Mokpo, seaport at the southwest cor-

"Escaped and recaptured prisoners allegedly were shot on the doorsteps of various citizens and left there, apparently as an object lesson.

"'Assemblyman Kang Sun Myung discovered one of the prisoners on his doorstep,' the speaker said. 'But everybody was so scared of the police that none of them could speak up publicly.'

"A pro-government speaker declared: 'What is FEPC and support the poll tax, from individuals and groups. At the idea of calling this case the "human flesh distribution case" without asking what kind of people these dead are? They are the most vicious Communists. . .

1,000 American "advisers" are helping the South Korean government to strengthen "democracy." The result is noteworthy indeed. "The opposition press has largely been eliminated through closures." And 15 opposition members of the National Assembly are in jail. "Dr. Philip C. that now determines in actuality Meat Cutters. Jessup, United States Ambassador-at-large, during his visit here earlier this month." Sullivan pruserved. Opinion, however, is divided as to just what should be done and to what degree the sit-

"Some even regard the United States as re- ed at the Greater King Solomon Speakers at this meeting made stay where he is, come hell or sponsible. They lay blame on Washington for di- Baptist Church here today in open calls for violence to preserve high water. viding the country at the Thirty-eighth Parallel an emergency meeting called by lily white neighborhoods. Since and this, they say, has led to the present state NAACP leaders to counteract the courts cannot be used to bar hearing before the Housing Comof affairs and the need for martial law."

The South Korean administration is dominated Negro forces, KKK elements, hoods, one speaker said, "We have they and a committee representby the same reactionary and brutal officials who segregationists, etc. were the terror of the Korean people-under Japanese rule. The workers and peasants are as op- again been cross burnings in pressed as they were under the Mikado. Dr. Jes- Detroit. One was burned on Feb. her home to a Negro had been whites who want to sell their the right wing leaders were orsup apparently couldn't help noticing the Koreans' 10 on the property of Mr. and hatred against Syngman Rhee's hangmen-state Mrs. James Waterman, Negroes and its close resemblance to the Kuomintang re- who had recently bought their gime of Chiang Kai-shek in China. His concern own home. One week later an expresses Washington's fear lest its Korean puppet suffer a similar fate.

American labor ought to call for the withdrawal ciation, Unit 5," held a meeting of all American troops and "advisers" from Korea. The Korean workers and farmers must get a chance to overthrow the bloodstained police tyranny of Syngman Rhee, the agent of imperial- campaign of terror against white ism, and to create their own united, free republic. people who sell their homes to giving details about the burning the Jim Crow attacks.

Kutcher Addresses 20 Meetings in But his triumph is his emotional undoing. Radshaw begins his acceptance speech with his usual Philadelphia on Civil Rights Fight PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25 - Henry F. Shepherd,

president of the local CIO Council, announced last night leaflets were posted on the walls that his organization supports the fight of James Kutcher.

Kutcher can happen to us."

Rev. Luther E. Cunningham, Bill of Rights. "It is not the in America. The disloyal are the local NAACP. Dixiecrats, those who oppose the racial discrimination," he said.

dividuals for ideas and in estab- their contributions. lishing guilt by association. He Among the latest to endorse the

Civil Rights Committee, Shepherd | William Gardner Smith, Pitts-

pointed out that the Kutcher case burgh Courier reporter and author calling the witch-hunt after World the meeting and emphasized that proposed increase, but offer no AFL Teamsters, and charter in members have wanted their strikes War I when he himself was the Negroes, who know only too framed, Shepherd said "We must well what it means to have their alert labor. What happened to rights trampled on and taken age the organized labor move- came after the right-wing group their dues used for a strike fund away, must support Kutcher's fight for his rights.

pastor of St. Paul's Baptist one of the highlights of Kutch-Church, condemned the "loyalty" er's two-weeks stay in Philaprogram and called for a new delphia. He spoke at 20 meetings, including union locals, church militant struggle involving the James Kutchers who are disloyal congregations, veteran groups and

those who uphold lynch law and the Sunday morning meeting at the Wesley AME Zion Church, a George Novack, national secre- collection of \$10.47 was taken up. ary of KCRC, branded the FBI The Textile Workers Joint Board for its role in hounding in- and Dyers Local 208 have sent in

pointed out that it is the FBI case is Local 195 of Amalgamated made toward putting the burden

dently but clearly states, "indicated publicly that he was not entirely happy with what he had ob-DETROIT, Feb. 26 - A grimly Negroes, and Negroes who buy of the cross in front of his home

uation is justified by the threat of communism. determined audience of 500 gather- them.

In the recent period there have organization calling itself the "Greater Detroit Neighbors Assoat Sportsman's Hall with the obvious intent of organizing a "Neighbors Association."

renewed activities by rabid anti- Negroes from these neighbor- mission and the Mayor, at which to use other means."

"tracked down" to Columbus, O., homes to Negroes.

assistant field secretary who had

and voicing his determination to THEJR SUPPORTERS The NAACP will demand a

were described at today's protest public housing, which serves to nothing themselves. rally by Herbert Hill, NAACP encourage the KKK elements.