time industry under the provi-? measures in defense of the hiring provisions of that law.

of the AFL and CIO, the program enemies of maritime unionism. The program of action does not

Swedish Socialist Group Declares in Favor of 4th Int'l

ranks of the Swedish Left So- seamen could more effectively be cialist Party has formally come dragooned into Wall Street's cold out in favor of the world Trotsky- war under the commands of the ist movement. In a resolution de- union brass hats than under the claring in favor of the Fourth International, it is stated:

is only one International which position within any of the unions. kept the revolutionary spirit alive This pact is directed solely against during the (last) imperialist war militants and critics and not and which has given examples of against cannibal unionism and individual and collective courage jurisdictional raiding. that can be denied by no historians, not even those of the bour- after a perfunctory denunciation geoisie, nor by any of those peo-ple who claim monopoly of anti-of the National Association of Into, Rob SWP fascist struggle. . .

International take no responsibili- fully determined to destroy trade ty whatsoever for any of the gov- unionism in the maritime inernments existing today. They dustry," the conferees warn the feel responsible only to the work- shipowners and the government ing class with whom they are of the "chaos" that would prevail ideologically fused. Leninism- if the bureaucrats should lose Trotskyism showed the way to their dictatorial power over the the victory of the revolution in 1917-21, even if the Stalinist bureaucracy later usurped the frameup of bracketing the Social-fruits of this victory. The strugist Workers Party with the Comreaucracy later usurped the gle against the capitalist system and for the victory of the revolubecause only this struggle can in trying to destroy our union tion and socialism will continue prevent the outbreak of the third hiring practises." That this is not

sions of the Taft-Hartley Law. contain a single concrete proposal The decision brazenly flaunted for meeting attempts to smash the contempt of the shipowners the hiring hall. In effect, it limits and their government for the con- itself to an appeal to Congress ference of representatives of sev- to pass the Magnuson - Lesinski en seafaring unions who had met amendment to the Taft - Hartley in Washington only one week ago, Law, exempting the seafaring presumably to plan concerted unions from the closed shop

The conference, as is now re-Adopted by the officials of the vealed by its statement, had no CIO, National Maritime Union, intention of drafting a fighting the AFL Seafarers International program. Lundeberg and Curran Union, the independent Marine had three entirely different ob-Firemen's Union, the deck en- jectives in mind which transformgineer and radio officers unions ed the conference into a conspiracy of bureaucrats against of the conference was not cal- the rank and file of the seamen culated to inspire fear among the rather than a powerful phalanx in defense of their interests.

THREE OBJECTIVES

First: an attempt to persuade the shipowners that under bureaucratic control the union hiring nall would not be a shield for the militants on the ships but repressive weapon against the militants.

A dissident tendency in the the State Department that the open shop.

"History has proved that there by the bureaucrats against op-

In its very second paragraph "The partisans of the Fourth merce, shipowners . . . [who] are merce, shipowners . . . [who] are

seamen. They begin with the doubl

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DID THAT \$125-BILLION GO TO 'DISARM' U.S.?

Not satisfied with the more than \$125-billion they've milked from the American people since the end of the war and the 13-billion they're getting for the fiscal year 1951,

the professional militarists and 3ly unlimited access to the federal of free man's ideas and ideals."

who as president of Columbia American imperialism (and its University commands one of the military caste). chief beachheads of militarism in education, has opened a new drive by the military with the objective of winning unconditional surrender of the public trough.

almost all of the monstrous war tion year, not a politically expebudget submitted by Truman, dient time to slash the already Eisenhower made an address at meager sums for social welfare resembling a safe was carted from his university in which he stated and to boost taxes, the only way near a window in the Militant that "America has already dis-to boost military funds in the armed to the extent - in some directions even beyond the extent ances. - that I, with deep concern for her present safety, could possi-

huilding the H-Bomb and spend- tinction of free man's ideas" by ing on militarism an average \$25- the extinction of man. billion annually for five years is "disarming," how much will it take to "arm" the military to

their own satisfaction? "NO LIMIT" AIM

Eisenhower indicated the "No Limit" aim of the militarists when he complained that present U. S. imperialist war preparations are "for defense only" and that House Un-American Committee, "hardly a dollar" is added to the then controlled by the Republicans, military budget "without long as a "dead duck." Today, when and public debate." The generals the Democrats are in control, it ed right to siphon the treasury the richest duck in history. without discussion by Congress, let alone the American people

who foot the bill. This, of course, is no different than their attitude on the question asked for — and again received THE NEW "BIBLE" of war and peace. They are itching to try out their new annihilation weapons and they don't want the people to have a say as to when, or if, humanity is to be plied promise to do away with the IX," which contains the names of was holding a hearing on a bill to the undying shame of the AFL witch-hunt. blasted and radioactivized off the hated inquisition committee. But

Big Brass are demanding virtual- which would be certain extinction Meaning, far better obliterate all Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, life than permit a world without

Eisenhower has embarrassed posed military budget is "suffi- fessional touch. The intruders did As Congress prepared to grant ment" being a Congressional elecpresent state of government fin-

But Eisenhower recently de- pried open the lock, but abandoned cried social welfare measures. their work when they found The workers won't need them if If stockpiling atom bombs, the Eisenhowers prevent the "ex-

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Second: an attempt to persuade

Third: a mutual assistance pact

munist Party and of accusing both of being "actively engaged

Burglars Break

NEW YORK, March 30 - Bur-

stamps and some minor equip-

ripped open with what appears to

be a crow-bar. The door to the

Militant business office was

smashed in two. Several filing

cabinets in the morgue of

the editorial office were badly

From all appearances it was a

burglary job such as are frequent

in the office - building and loft

area in this city. The police in-

vestigator said it had a pro-

not appear to be interested in

anything but cash or valuables.

A heavy metal filing cabinet

business office to the center of

the room. There the burglars

nothing of monetary value. They

failed to notice the key hanging

from a chain on the cabinet.

damaged.

ment of cash value.

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The Modern Oliver Twist

members of the Harvard University faculty today anglars broke into the national head- nounced their opposition to the government's "loyalty"

quarters building of the Socialist purge of the legless veteran, Workers Party and The Militant Workers Party and The Militant James Kutcher. Kutcher was fired H. Stuart Hughes; F. O. Matthiesat 116 University Place here early from his job as a clerk in the sen; Howard Mumford Jones; this morning and stole several Newark VA because of his mem-hundred dollars in cash and bership in the Socialist Workers White; Albert J. Guerard; Alice Party and has challenged the gov-ernment's "loyalty" program as William C. Greene; Clarence H. All desks and files were searched and papers and literature scat- unconstitutional in a civil suit Haring; Jacob Fine; Arthur M. tered around wildly, but nothing filed in the U. S. District Court Schlesinger. at Washington, D. C. was found missing except money,

Considerable property damage was sustained. The thieves syste-was sustained. The thieves syste-was find their way into a sustained their way into a sustaine matically jimmied their way into Schlesinger Jr., professor of his- all the locked offices, smashing tory and Pulitzer prize winner; cess of law. People are being fired advocates its repeal, is he then The metal-plated doors which DeWolfe Howe, professor of law; give entrance from the stairway Sidney B. Fay, emeritus professor character. to the offices on each floor were of history; Pitirim A. Sorokin;

High Court Upholds Dennis Conviction

The U. S. Supreme Court, by a 5-2 verdict on March 27. upheld the contempt - of - Congress conviction of Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, who had been convicted for refusal to answer a subpoena to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee. The court denied his appeal that he did not get a fair trial because the jury included federal employees who would

afraid to acquit him. Justice Hugo L. Black, who dissented, stated that under "prevailing pattern of loyalty investigations" government employees have "good reason to fear that an honest vote to acquit a Communist . . . might be considered a 'disloyal' act which could easily cost them their job."

60 HARVARD PROFESSORS HIT FIRING OF KUTCHER

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 29 — Sixty prominent House Un-American Activities warns that unemployment "has have used up all their unemploy-

The signers of the Harvard "administrative agencies have ers." statement included Kirtley F. been and are dealing with gov-Mather, president-elect of the ernment employees in procedures William Ernest Hocking, emeritus from jobs and are being forced to performing 'an act which would professor of philosophy; Mark suffer various indignities, not the substantially contribute to the

nerve of independent thinking.

"As members of a university the state of civil liberties today. In such matters we think that administrative agencies, using proand freedom of thought. Because and liberties." we are concerned with both these freedoms, we protest their denial previously opposed the bill at the in the case of James Kutcher." hearings.

"FRIGHTENING TRENDS"

cases. All over the country both prominent and unknown men are at the present time receiving the same type of arbitrary treatment that Dr. Edward Condon was subjected to last year. Most of these cases do not even become 'cases' but proceed behind our backs. Nevertheless they create a frightening atmosphere that cuts the

Jobless Ranks Keep Growing; Action Needed

ADA and **ACLU** Condemn Mundt. **Police-State Bill**

Workers of the World, Unite!

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tion and the American Civil Liberties Union last week expressed their "complete and unalterable" opposition to the Mundt - Nixon police - state bill. servative figures — has produced that unemployment has now They are among the growing number of labor and liberal organizations which have publicly condemned the bill as a threat to all civil liberties and an attempt

control on the American people. Arthur Garfield Hays, general counsel of the ACLU, and Renjamin C. Sigal, chairman of the Washington chapter of the the Washington chapter of the ADA, spoke against the bill on distributed to the Federation's who are being cast off into per-March 28 at hearings before the 107 unions, for the first time manent disemployment and who Committee, the notorious witch- reached proportions which call ment compensation allowances. hunt body that was just voted a for action" and "if allowed to in- In the March 27 N. Y. Times, A. big supplemental appropriation crease it will be too late to stem H. Raskin calls attention to this with the support of the Tru-

the favorable vote of several Their statement declared that leading Democratic "Fair Deal-

WHAT IT PROSCRIBES

least of which is impugnment of establishment of a totalitarian defended in terms of individual criminal to publish 'Das Kapital' labor-market areas.' or to put it in a library?'

He said that the bill would vou didn't like." Today, he said, "the Communists are condemned. . . What of tomorrow? May the Congress of some future day conclude that other political faiths are equally 'un-American' and 'subversive' and must, therecommunity we are concerned with fore, be subjected to restraints and penalties?"

are liberal supporters of the Tru- ed Paper Workers. cedures which lend themselves to man administration, declared the arbitrary action, should be sub- bill "seriously curtails rights of ject to control both by public cri- free speech and thought" and had only 385 production workers to a retirement and pension fund. ticism and by judicial review. We that while the ADA is "un- when the strike began last July think that doctrines of 'guilt by alterably opposed to Communism, 5, threatened to shut down for provided that there shall be no

CIO and AFL spokesmen had

Truman Continues to Ignore Plight of Increasing Millions

By Art Preis

Truman's "Welfare State" is displaying in ever more Americans for Democratic Acism - mass unemployment. The growing number of jobless - almost five million accord-D

> calls for action everywhere but in reached "a level only 2-million the White House. Even the fossilized AFL top a depression year. At the present bureaucrats, who blithely dismiss- rate in which new job-seekers are ed the situation a few weeks ago flooding into the market and as "not alarming," now admit workers over 45 are being "ra-

to impose totalitarian thought- that the unemployment statistics tionalized" out of jobs, the 1937 are "disturbing" and that it is level will be reached and passed "imperative" that measures be within the next 12 months. taken to halt the trend.

The drain on unemployment employment:

The House hearing is on the compensation funds, the lengthen-Nixon bill, the counterpart of the ing relief lines and growing pres- ous parts of the country exhaust-Senate's Mundt bill. The latter sure for more relief expenditures, ed their insurance rights last year was recently approved by the the steady stream of young work- and 800,000 of these wound up Senate Judiciary Committee with ers pushing into an already over- the year still out of work." In crowded labor market are facts New York State alone this year, that not even the capitalist press Raskin reports, 160,000 have alcan ignore. Business Week of ready drawn all their unemploy-

map gives you some idea of the surance rolls. general worsening of the labor This is the situation, he emmarket. It shows 'very substan- phasizes, "at a time when detial' (12% or over) unemploy- mand for steel, automobiles and dictatorship?' If Mrs. Roosevelt ment in 43 of 163 national labor other products was at near-record again invites Paul Robeson to market areas; 'substantial' (7% levels." But what worries the of-"These are general trends appear on her television program, to 11.9%) unemployment in 83 ficials and economists most "is about which we are already is she to be indictable under this of the 163 areas. That adds up to the evidence that employment opaware; but civil rights have to be section?" He also asked, "Is it a serious situation in 126 of 163 portunities are not increasing

ing to the government's own con- It makes the startling point less than the total during 1937,'

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

One of the gravest features of The current Labor's Monthly the present unemployment is the most tragic phase of current un-

"Two million workers in vari-March 25 features a lengthy ana- ment compensation checks. Maslysis called "Unemployment sachusetts and Rhole Island are Shows Up All Over." It declares: calling for federal finances to "bail out their depleted job insurance funds" and "one-fifth of "The nation's unemployment Oregon's labor force is on the in-

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"destroy any new minority political party which espoused things by didn't like" Today ha **DISASTROUS TERMS**

NEWARK, March 27 - A 91/2-month strike at the Continental Paper Company in Ridgefield Park, N. J., ended last week with a settlement that marked a terrible setback for the strikers, belong-

The company, which did a ten million dollar business although it one-half in the form of payments

association' are inconsistent with we are equally opposed to any good about a month ago. This genuine freedom of association denial of the basic civil rights threat led to intervention by international and state CIO lead- not more than six months. ers and a settlement even more The company demanded - and the union agreed — that Anthony THE WORST ASPECT

Adamo, the regional director in It has been a long time since charge of the strike, be with-

gress to reconsider. The FBI is local's independence, the company sions. The union accepted this de-The Truman administration and mand too at Sayre's recommenda-

The spokesman for ADA, who ing to Local 299 of the CIO Unit- scheme, under which the workers had received some \$325,000 during a year, one-half in cash and

Besides this, the settlement collective bargaining or contract discussions for at least three and

Finally, it was agreed that the damaging to labor's rights than case of an employee, whose disthe one at Bell Aircraft in Buf- missal without reason had been the immediate cause of the strike, will be arbitrated.

drawn from all future relations ed such humiliating and dangerwith Continental, and that the local president, Ernest Fritz, rethe House counterpart of the right to fire anyone in these de- al Science Foundation bill, which sign from his post. (Unlike the the company will be able to do To justify the granting of this Mundt-Ferguson police-state bill, partments, without informing would make the FBI policeman, situation at Bell, the company did just about as it wishes for six money, the committee's chairman, which has already been reported them of the specific reasons and prosecutor, judge and jury in dewithout granting them the right ciding on the "loyalty" of all of being "subversive;" their only see what this will mean in terms "crime" was that they led mili- of worsened working conditions. This goes so far in openly tant activities on the picket line.) To top things off, the workers will have a "responsible" administrator hanging over them to try In addition to this blow at the to prevent any militant resistance.

But the worst thing about the settlement, it is agreed by unionists in this area, is that it has granted a form of recognition to the company's "right" to dictate who can and who cannot lead the

This stipulation, invading the union's right to choose its own representatives, is a warning siga Republican congressman de- step at a time, by stages. That's The settlement sent the work- nal of the kind of treatment the why they are a little embarrassed ers back to the plant at the same employers in this country have when the House invites unfavor- hourly pay scale in effect before in store for the unions wherever able public reaction by its ten- the strike, but minus the benefits and whenever they have the pow-

Trumanites Vote Funds to Witch-Hunt Body cluding Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., mitee is now holding hearings on key government agencies the added amendments to the Nation-By John F. Petrone

In 1948 Truman referred to the voted in favor.

In 1949 the witch-hunt committee asked for - and received -\$200,000, the biggest appropriation it ever got. Last week it - a supplementary appropriation of \$150,000.

Eisenhower knows what an- on March 23, only 12 members of duals."

John S. Wood (D., Ga.) gave the to the Senate. House a report on some of its gaged in subversive activities."

other war will cost in terms of the House of Representatives Despite the emphasis Wood put human survival, but he said: "Far voted against. This meant that on these "achievements," they Secretaries of State, Defense, not compatible with our form of better to risk a war of possible the overwhelming majority of the don't represent the major activity Army, Navy, Air Force and government." annihilation than grasp a peace Trumanite "Fair Dealers," in- of his committee. For the com- Treasury and the heads of other In another field, the House has dency to rush and overdo things. of a "share of production" pay er to put it into effect.

dexing the names of more than ering the government to penalize, real right to a review at all. 1,000,000 people throughout the discriminate against and even world "who are known to be en- outlaw any working class organization in the country.

Meanwhile, there were other It is also bringing up to date rights in other congressional ganizations. An AFL representathe present time where it will discussions, appoint an adminits "Bible" of "subversive ac- committees. The House Post Of- tive urged that it be changed to have to take the rap in case there istrator who would have the pow-Truman's remark was an im- tivities" in the U. S. — "Appendix fice and Civil Service Committee provide for impartial review. But is a mass upheaval against the er of veto over the local's deci- union. "several thousand organizations" which had been introduced at the leadership, he did not speak

Louis Johnson.

It is a foregone conclusion that to a hearing or review, except by Foundation employees. and admirals want the unrestrict- is not only the liveliest but also activities. Its staff, he said, is the House committee will act fa- the official who fires them. And row busy carding, filing and in- vorably on this measure empow- that, of course, would mean no transforming the FBI into an VETO POWER

NEW POWERS FOR FBI

alarming moves against civil cism from labor and veterans or- want to be put in a position at who participated in the settlement in the vote on the appropriation and "more than 250,000 indivi- request of Secretary of Defense against the bill itself, which even the FBI want to do the thing one tion. This measure would give the nounced as "arbitrary power. . .

American version of the Gestapo that even the FBI has asked Con-This aspect of the bill has willing enough to serve as a poli-demanded that Harry Sayre, indrawn a certain amount of criti- tical police agency, but it doesn't ternational president of the union

European Notebook —

Royal Question In Belgium

In Belgium, as in Italy, Yugoslavia and Greece, the upsurge of the masses toward the end of Nazi occupation listen to Bert Cochran, trade union shook to its foundations the traditional props of the

Following the 1949 elections,

dum ("popular consultation")

this question and put an end to

This referendum took place on

March 12 and gave a slim ma-

King's return while in Flanders

the partisans of his return con-

Then the reformist leaders, the

'royal question" once and for all

but who preferred to let slip this

exceptional opportunity, began to

take fright. The working masses

enormous pressure to bear upon

them. Three days after the

popular consultation" strikes

broke out spontaneously in all the

industrial centers, embracing in a

few days more than 200,000 work

ers. The bourgeoisie, wishing to

press its test of strength to the

framework of bourgeois demo-

cracy, the Socialist leaders decided

to place themselves at the head

Party conference, held on March

"by every means possible" the

strike on March 24

against Leopold III.

of the Republic.

fective and help assure victory,

labor organizations against

pold III, the revolutionary mili-

lishment of a workers' govern-

stituted the large majority.

monarchy. Prior to the war King 9 Leopold III showed strong au- legislation in order to "reduce thoritarian learnings. He threat- cests," in a word, a frontal assault ened the old Socialist leader Van- on the workers' living standards. dervelde with the establishment The relationship of forces had of an extra-parliamentary regime changed. The bourgeoisie no in the event that the Socialist longer needed "Socialist" minist-Party provoked a ministerial ers; they had already rendered the State Department's foreign crisis at a "delicate" moment in their services and now there was the international situation. He nothing left for them to do except gave behind-the-scene protection to get out. to semi-fascist journalists and TEST OF STRENGTH politicians who wanted to utilize the Nazi occupation of Belgium in order to destroy bourgeois democracy completely.

He had contacts and interviews with Hitler. Prior to his forced ministers from two bourgeois pardeparture from the country, he left a "political testament" in which he expressed all his mistaust of "the regime of parties." In a word, his political attitude to the fore again. The government faithfully reflected that of the proposed and the Parliament most reactionary circles in the adopted the project of a referen-

AFTER THE WAR

When Leopold III was liberated Leopold's "incapacity to rule." by the American armies from his far from arduous "captivity" in Saint-Wolfgang, Austria, the country rose up in arms to prevent his return. The workers threatened to go out immediately on a general strike to settle the issue once and for all. At Charleroi a powerful demonstration of 10,000, led by a small group of Trotskyists, took up the slogan of the Republic launched by the Belgian section of the Fourth International. The bourgeoisie, without a strong state apparatus, without sizable financial reserves, caught unawares and isolated from public opinion, hesitated to impose "its" king upon the coun-

A special ministerial committee -- the minutes of its deliberations have just been published! - came to the conclusion that in case of trouble they had no means of enforcing law and order. That is why the capitalists accepted a compremise solution which the reformist and Stalinist leaders zealously offered them: The King would not be deposed from the throne; he would simply be declared in a state of "incapacity to rule owing to the enemy (!)' and the regency under Prince Charles, brother of Leopold III, would be proclaimed immediately. This was decided upon after several stormy sessions of Parliament in 1945.

PRODUCTION, PROFITS UP

Five years have passed. During of the working class struggles these five years the Belgian bour- against Leopold III. The Socialist geoisie, benefitting from the accumulated superprofits from the 19, decided unanimously to oppose Congo colony; and from a favorable trade balance with the U. S.; return of Leopold III. The next Professors Retreat and from a productive apparatus day there was a congress held by which had suffered little, if any, damage in the war, proceeded at had been set up in all the prin- Editor: top speed to produce, to export, cipal industrial centers; here it to sell and to coin profits. In 1948 was decided to proclaim a general the Belgian-Luxembourg economic union stood fourth among figures of its exports, which surthe largest number of American general strike of July 14, 1948. cars, nylon stockings and neon All the class-conscious workers, backwards.

thanks to the "wise" policy of course of events, are to be found vote of 1,154 to 136 with 33 the reformist and Stalinist lead- in the front ranks of the struggle abstentions, for two resolutions ers who guaranteed "social peace" and who told the workers that it REVOLUTIONARY PROGRAM was necessary "above all else to produce right now and make demands later." The constant rise to organize resistance against the a struggle against one particular in prices was accompanied by a to organize resistance against threat of the dictatorial state. To limited social reforms, such as social security and higher family allowances, were supposed to recompense the workers for the

drop in real wages. The consequences of this policy, foreseen long in advance by the revolutionary socialists, were not long in disclosing themselves. A productive apparatus in full expansion ran up against a shrinking domestic market owing to the declining buying power of wages. The monopoly enjoyed by Belgian industry in foreign markets during the first postwar years in the absence of French, German and Italian exports, was soon broken by many competitors. A grave crisis started to unfold. Unemployment fluctuated between 100,000 and 200,000 and then between 250,000 and 300,000, a level at which it has remained for more

production, the bourgeoisie next and social questions by the aboli- of such commitments to that turned to that of productivity and rationalization. It was found recessary to speed up work, slash ment based on the committees and wages and expenditures for social under their control.

Cochran Talks on Labor's Outlook At Detroit Rally Outlook At Detroit Rally Outlook At Detroit Rally Outlook Cont. from page 1) Strangely "friendly" attitude of its members and supporters, is Pacific. The condition for Lunch that has been characteristic.

DETROIT. March 26-A steady downpour of rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of a near capacity audience, made up mostly of auto workers, who gathered here to chairman of the Socialist Work ers Party.

Speaking on "The Outlook for American Labor in 1950-Modern Strike Strategy and Prospects for an Aggressive Labor Leadership,' Cochran scored the present labor leaders who are busy promoting policy and the domestic witchhunt while ignoring the economic and political problems of the

He compared the present labor bureaucrats with the Social Demowhich marked a shift to the right cratic labor leaders in Europe beby the middle classes, a governfore and after World War I, sayment was formed exclusively of ing that the latter were farseeing leaders compared to the Murrays, ties - Catholic and Liberal. But Greens and Reuthers. He branded the bourgeoisie demanded a more as unrealistic and unrealizable decisive test of strength. The the present leaders' strategy of "royal question" was then brought seeking reforms by hog-tying the labor movement to the imperialist plans of the State Department.

Cochran declared that the fuwhereby the people could pass on ture radicalization of the masses seeking a solution to their economic and political problems will sweep these leaders away just as the march of events swallowed jority of 57.5% in favor of Leopold's return. In Wallonia and up the old Social Democratic Brussels the majority opposed the leaders. He noted that all bureaucracies appear solid and immovable, but that they crumble and can be replaced by a new leadership which springs from same ones who according to their the ranks of labor itself. own admissions had been in a position in 1945 to settle the

A lively question and discussion period followed, and informal discussion was carried over to a social period after the meeting. of the big cities began to bring SWP members took advantage of Comrade Cochran's presence to discuss important local problems

> Following is the schedule for Bert Cochran's national tour on

very end, began to threaten the "The Gutlook for Labor"				u1 011
	Socialist Party with repressions	Seattle	Apr.	5-8
	Bombs were exploded in front of	San Francisco-Oakland	"	9-12
	"People's Homes." Socialist pro-	Los Angeles	"	15-20
	ragandists were attacked by		"	22
	gangs of reactionary rowdies. The		"	23-24
	reactionary press unleashed an		"	25
	anti-parliamentary, openly semi-		"	26-27
	fascist campaign, attacking or-	Pittsburgh	"	28
	ganized labor as a "mob."	New York	"	30
	Fearful of being excluded for	,,	May	1
	many years from the exercise of	Philadelphia	"	2-3
	their lucrative functions in the		"	6

that such a situation "would also of his slave labor statute. allow the Communist Party, Trotskvites and splinter groups to continue their wrecking tactics in the maritime industry.'

CHING'S STATEMENT

come a screening center to purge dictatorships. insurgent militants. In his letter to the Senate sub-committee on government mediator, Cyrus Chings, clearly indicated that govpoint. He wrote:

"Employers in the maritime union hiring halls as either the industry. They express criticvogue in such halls, desire to gaining but wish to resort to Co. union hiring halls as their source

of manpower.'

(Cont. from page 1)
They were buttressed also by the vintage. The record of the SWP, cracy in the Sailors Union of the the equitable and efficient manner strangely "friendly" attitude of its members and supporters, is Pacific. The condition for Lun- that has been characteristic of from the next paragraph. It the arch-enemy of organized labor, unblemished and unparalleled in deberg's participation in the it in the past ... opens with a description of the Senator Taft, who apparently is its intransigeant defense of the Washington Conference is conevils of a return to the fink-hall prepared to except the maritime union hiring hall throughout the tained in point 3 of the joint days. But it concludes by saying unions from some of the fetters years, in war as in peace, against

Under such conditions, with the facit support and connivance of the shipowners, Lundeberg and Curran were able to center their CONVENIENT BRAND The real meaning is trans- main attack against internal opparent: the shipowner's blacklist position. The attack itself is a the word "Trotskyite" is a coninferior to the bureaucrat's tissue of lies, misrepresentation venient brand to place on all their blacklist; the hiring hall under and distortion, a smokescreen for opponents, a device to silence Curran-Lundeberg control can be- the consolidation of bureaucratic them or drive them out of the

ists is historically true in the of the Socialist Workers Party the Magnuson-Lesinski Bill, the sense that they were ready to was intended to put an end to the capitulate to the government's double talk around New York plans to undermine the hiring hall among non-conforming Communernment, shipowners and union in the Thirties and during the bureaucrats see eye to eye on this war. But the finger that points of the late Leon Trotsky confused at them points also at Curran the public who viewed them as who was their willing and docile industry . . . regard well run tool in all those years. In the one designs on violent revolution and seafaring union the Stalinists overthrowing the Government essential or significantly im- still control today, the Pacific The reference was intended to portant for industrial stability in | Coast Marine Cooks and Stewards | include also the 'Shachtmanites,' (MC&S), their policy of making the 'Cannonites' and the nonisms of some of the practises in the hiring hall "respectable" is Stalin Communists who are memessentially similar in all respects bers of the Socialist Party and climinate them primarily by bar- to that of Lundeberg-Curran and those associated with the Lawren

On the other hand, the facts show that the accusation against 'Trotskyite" is intended as a Added weight was given Ching's "the Socialist Workers Party weapon against his opposition in emarks by the failure of any known as Trotskyites" is a lie Seattle gathered around the mportant section of the ship- concocted out of the whole cloth, Mahoney Defense Committee owners to testify at the hearings. a frameup of the Moscow Trial which is fighting for union demo

Italian Police Against Strikers

all its enemies, government, shipowners, Stalinists and now the fakers who are trying to convert

private job trust.

For Curran as for Lundeberg, union. The NMU Pilot gives the The charge against the Stalin- game away: "The use of the name ists whose allegiance to the party 'liberals' or socialists with no son-Keith-Drummond coalition."

For Lundeberg, the designation

statement:

"That we unanimously agree not to use the anti-labor provithe hiring hall into their own against each other, and each union agrees it will give no aid and essence of the Union Hiring Hall comfort to any group or individuals of any other union using the Taft-Hartley Act in litigation against a union. Such cases shall

of the union involved." SEATTLE OPPOSITION

This statement is intended solate the Seattle opposition and to bar any support to it. It is based on the patent falsehood that the Mahoney Committee has had recourse to the Taft-Hartley Law Not a single fact substantiates it. Denied recourse to democratic pelled seamen, including the entire crew of the Island Mail, who were legally excluded, in many cases in collusion with the shipowners, have had recourse to the courts to regain their union membership without which they are deprived of a livelihood. But in not one case was this litigation based on the Taft-Hartley Law.

On the contrary, the Mahoney Committee declares in its statement to the Magnuson Committee (published in the Seattle paper, The Defender, March 21) that The present system of employment for seamen through the Union Hiring Halls is the most satisfactory, as far as seamen are concerned, of all employment systems that have been tried."

The statement goes on to point out that certain abuses have appeared even under this system which it insists must be correct ed. "The union officials elected to administer this system of hiring are invested with great power They are held in check and forced to administer it honestly by th constant vigilance of the seamen who are served by this system o employment. But because of the ower invested in them they [the officials] are able, under certain ircumstances, to use their conrol of hiring against the membership of the union. If they car manage to expel a man from the union, they can deprive him of his right to earn a livelihood Through expulsions and threats o expulsions in the Sailors Unior of the Pacific, the officials of this union are gradually freeing themselves from the proper controls that must be exercised by the membership if the Union Hiring Hall is to continue to operate in

"Any legislation designed to legalize the present system of hiring," the statement concludes, "must guarantee that the seamen who use the facilities of the sions of the Taft-Hartley Act hiring hall shall have control over its administration. That is the system. That is why it has proved so successful."

Thus far, apparently through be regarded as internal matters and Magnuson, the Mahoney Committee declaration has not seen the light of day in the Washington hearings.

RAIDING TO CONTINUE

The agreement between the unions in Washington not to use the Taft-Hartley Law against one another is in no sense a guarantee against jurisdictional raiding. In fact, indirectly the agreement procedures in the union, the exert even sanctioned the use of the law against the west coast longshoremen's union (ILWU) and the MC&S, which were excluded from the conference. It said nothing about the recent charges against the MC&S made under the "right to work" clause of the Taft-Hartley Act before an NLRB hearing by a Lundeberg dammy nion (the Pacific Stewards

The long knives of Hall-Lunleberg cannibal unionism have not been sheathed. On the contrary, they are being whetted for use when the hiring hall situation is cleared up. Dave Beck, teamsters czar, has already announced his intention to raid the ILWIU and form "one maritime union" in "cooperation with the non-Communist employers." The independent Marine Firemen's union is deliberately being squeez. ed out of agreements by Lundeberg with all new ship operators on the west coast. The scabbing of the SIU in the Union Oil strike on the West Coast, where they raided NMU ships truck in sympathy, and against Isbrandtsen line ships struck by the CIO engineers for a union hiring hall, remained unmentioned and unprotested at the conference at least so far as its public pronouncements are con-

PERVERT ASPIRATIONS

Once again, the aspirations of he rank and file seamen for genuine unity of all maritime unions have been perverted by their cynical bureaucratic leaders. Today, for the first time, Curran of the CIO and Malone of the independent firemen, are united with Hall and Lundeberg of the AFL - to guarantee "stable" 'responsible" hiring halls to the shipowners, to persecute militants and radicals, to crush all opposition to their sell-outs and dictatorships. Tomorrow, Hall and Lundeberg will unite with the shipowners to carve up their present allies and their unions.

The rank and file seamen will face rough weather until they regain the helm of the unions and the hiring halls from the hands of bureaucrats and shipowners.

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Letters from Our Readers

to enforce arbitrary powers to declare almost any strike illegal.

An injured worker is carried away after being brutally attacked by Rome police during a 12-

hour nationwide general strike called by the General Confederation of Labor. At right, helm-

eted troops round up strikers. The demonstration was called against the government's attempts

the committees of action which On Calif. Oath Fight

The article in The Militant dealing with the rejection of a rew loyalty oath by University Thus the "royal question" has of California professors has anthe world powers in the absolute gone far beyond the scarcely im- other side. At the beginning both posing personality of Leopold the professors and their academic passed those of France, India, III. It has become a test of colleagues showed plenty of spunk Germany, Japan, Argentina and strength — the direct and extra- in resisting efforts by the govother major countries. An un- parliamentary strength - be- ernment to control their thoughts precedented boom filled the cof- tween the organized working class and their teaching, but under the fers of the capitalists with and the bourgeoisie, unquestion- pressure of the Board of Regents fabulous profits. Of all the ably the most important test in and the State of California which capitals of Europe, Brussels had Western Europe since the Italian threatens to fire them, their spines are slowly but surely bending

all the revolutionary militants A mail referendum conducted The entire boom flourished who had clearly foreseen the by the Academic Senate saw a which would bar members of the Communist Party or "subversives" from teaching at the University. They are supporting every The struggle against the reacmeasure by the Socialist Party tionary loyalty oath has become form of the oath. The two resolurender this struggle more ef- tions are:

1. All members will subscribe they advocate: election of rank to the constitutional oath of and file committees in the fac- loyalty sworn by officers of public tories; linking up immediate trust in the State of California economic demands with the strug- as prescribed in Article XX, Secgle against Leopold III; forma- tion 3 of the Constitution of the tion of workers' militia to defend State of California.

"All future letters of acceptance gangster attacks of reaction; of salary and position will conseparation of church and state to tain a statement that the person put an end to the intelerable poli-concerned accepts such position tical influences of the church subject to the University's policies hierarchy; abolition of the Senate, embodied in the regent's resoluwhich is elected indirectly and tion of Oct. 11, 1940 and June 24, where the Catholic Party holds the majority abolition of the the majority abolition of the specific party holds the majority abolition of the specific party holds the majority abolition of the specific party holds to of the press-Scimitar, who is the majority; abolition of the Communist Party from employmonarchy and the proclamation ment in the university.

"2. No person whose commit-Fighting in the front ranks of ments or obligations to any orworking class resistance to Leo- ganization, communist or other, working class counter - offensive university. Proved members of Having attacked the problem of aimed at solving all the political the Communist Party by reason

> bers of the faculty." The southern section of the organized in the AFL and a hand- jure the prospects for unity be- involved.

proposal to the Board of Regents | man's division of the National | who still retain faith in the old | tinued to insist on talking, the members of the Communist Party in the signing of teaching contracts. Further they add that they 'will, not tolerate subversive activity by any of their members.

John Francis Neylan, head of the special regents committee dealing with so-called "Communist matters" indicated his satisfaction with the capitulation and stated. "By an overwhelming vote the faculty has joined the regents in declaring Communists unfit for employment."

We can well sympathize with the plight of students trying to learn anything from such a mess of unprincipled professors. Al Lynn,

May Call Memphis "Labor Holiday"

learning the need for united mass on March 19, when the party vinced. "There are some people action to protect themselves and leadership forced the Young Pro- here who are trying to cause win their just demands. At a re- gressives to call off a picket line trouble - they're just the people cent mass meeting of over 700 in in protest against the banning of you never see ready to do peti-Memphis, the workers voted over- Paul Robeson from Mrs. Roosewhelmingly to call a "labor holi- velt's television program on NBC. the rebellious youth were followday" of all CIO workers if the

not settled satisfactorily. This strike has been under a real enthusiasm, preparing leafvicious attack by the city police lets, placards, and enlisting supa hero of the liberals in Memphis because of his liberal editorial policy, has spearheaded an attack against the strikers which has completely distorted the facts and demonstrably prevent impartial issues in their struggle. CIO tants are seeking to create condi-scholarship and the free pursuit workers, who formerly considered

cotting his paper.

that they repeal the requirement Maritime Unions. When large cor- parties. "Even worse, it would Stalinist hacks began to yell and university's policy of excluding between their wages and condimembers were told to go back to unity of the party and of the tions and those of organized work- their communities and enlist the YPA."

the CIO!" through the National Labor Relations Board without any real actions." effort on their own part. But the difficulties of organizing in a typical Southern city have taught them much, and today they are preparing themselves for that time when they will all strike to-

> Lee Ryan, St. Louis, Mo.

Wallaceite Crisis Los Angeles, Calif. Seen in N.Y. Dispute

gressive Party, already evident at

and YPA youth pitched in with cause a split among us." were angry about it.

academic section submitted a ful of workers in the Inland Boat- tween the party and the masses

of the special oath and permit its porations began coming into Mem- threaten the unity existing in the interrupt them: "Sit down! If we members to demonstrate their phis to take advantage of "cheap Progressive movement itself." loyalty by taking the standard and docile" labor and Memphis Instead of undertaking demon- vention, there would be no Pro-

ers, their battlecry became: "Join support of other groups. They were urged to concentrate on ex- agreed to accept the orders of At first they thought that John tensive petition campaigns, and on the party leaders, but many of L. Lewis could organize them by sending postcards of protest to them did so very reluctantly. The spending money in the right Mr. Charles Denny of NBC and crisis in the Progressive moveplaces, or that it could be done Mrs. Roosevelt. "The YPA must ment was not solved at the Chiremember to be responsible in its cago convention; apparently it This did not go over well with the most practical activities.

the youth. They pointed out they had 300 people ready to picket, which certainly would make an impressive picket line. Did we just sit around talking when Peekskill happened? one inquired. There were expressions of discontent over "wasting time with petitions and postcards that end up in somebody's wastebasket." There were demands that the leadership reconsider and come out with a militant program of lack - namely, information. The political crisis in the Pro- action.

the Chicago convention, came to the leaders then began to snipe at good. I would like to see more More and more workers are the fore clearly here in New York the youth who had not been con- of them or others like it. tion work." Another hinted that The State Executive of the ing the Hearst line, "trying to American Snuff Co. strike was YPA had proposed a picket line isolate the Progressives and But the clearest indication of

what was bothering the Profound no trace of a picket line, one who said that the unity of they were bewildered. Told to the movement was in danger: report to a meeting at the Hotel "We know the accusation current Capitol, where they would get an that the Progressive is always "explanation," they went but they ready to attack the United States and that it never attacks the This is the line they were Soviet Union. Some leaders of tions favorable for unleashing a of truth will be employed by the him their friend, are now boy- handed by the party leadeship: our party feel that since Paul Of course, the Progressive leaders Robeson says he stands behind Memphis workers have gotten agree on picketing, but it would the Soviet Union. . " He was a rapid union and political educa- be wrong for the YPA to run interrupted by hissing and booing, tion of capitalism and the estab- party are not acceptable as mem- tion since 1939. At that time there such a demonstration on their but he had made his point so were only a few skilled workers own, for such a move would in- everyone understood what was

When some YPA members con-

had acted this way at the concath, and by submitting to the workers learned the difference strations on their own, the YPA gressive Party. Let's keep the In the end, the YPA members

will be breaking out over even

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"Lincoln's significance lies in his not hesitating before the most severe means, once they were found to be necessary, in achieving a great historic aim posed by the development of a young nation. The question lies not even in which of the warring camps caused or itself suffered the greatest number of victims. History has different yardsticks for the cruelty of the Northerners and the cruelty of the Southerners in the Civil War. A slave-owner who through cunning and violence shackles a slave in chains, and a slave who through cunning or violence breaks the chains - let not the contemptible eunuchs tell us that they are equals before a court of morality!" - Leon Trotsky, Their Morals and Ours, 1938



LENIN

Political Court Decisions

The U.S. Court of Appeals approval, by 2-1 vote, of Truman's "loyalty" purge and "subversive" blacklist of organizations give's judicial sanction to government by decree and, in effect, nullifies government by constitution. If the rulings in the Dorothy Bailey and International Workers Order cases stand, it will mean the end of constitutional liberties in America.

In the case of Dorothy Bailey, fired from her government job as "disloyal" without even the opportunity to hear the "evidence" against her or confront her accusers, the courts said that the President "may remove from government service any person of whose loyalty he is not completely convinced without assigning any reason and without giving the employee any explanatory notice.'

In the IWO case, the court held that the President, through the Attorney General's office, can brand any organization as "subversive" and "disloyal" and those labels may be attached to anyone in any way associated with such organizations, also without evidence or hearings.

It is obvious that this gives the President enormous punitive powers against any individuals and organizations he chooses to label "disloyal." And these powers may be exercised by mere decree, without trial by jury, proof, confrontation of witnesses or any other safeguards provided by the Bill of Rights.

But the court went much further in supporting its rulings. It openly based its findings not on the law, but on politic-'al considerations. It stated that "it so happens that we are presently in an adversary position to a government whose most successful method of contest is the infiltration of a government service by its sympathizers. . . in so far as the circumstances imposed hardship upon the individual, the exigencies of government . . . under current conditions must prevail, as they always must when a similar clash arises."

This can mean but one thing: The President can set aside the Constitution any time he feels that the "exigencies of government" - that is, political considerations - warrant it. The constitutional rights of citizens may be blasted at will by presidential fiat.

Here is the most positive proof that the court rendered a purely political decision. And it is such a decision as can lay the basis for dictatorship and the police-state. Once again we have evidence that the courts are not impartial agencies, but instruments of political struggle. They are not guardians of constitutional rights, but bulwarks of the ruling interests and their political policies.

The Vatican is a chief beneficiary of

Italian capitalism and its exploitation of

the Italian workers. It controls many of

in Italian industries; it is the biggest

landowner in the country.

Italy's banks; it has huge investments

Paralleling its bloody attacks on the

workers, the Vatican-dominated regime

of De Gasperi has been shooting down

starving peasants who have engaged in

land seizures. De Gasperi has taken care

to write a section in his proposed land-

reform bill which specifically exempts

from division the more than a million

acres owned by the Roman Catholic hier-

The Pope's occasional references to

"social justice" and the plight of the

poor are a hypocritical cover for material

self-interest. His cries against "atheistic

communism" conceal a concern for the

capitalist profit system to which the Vati-

The Pope on Strikes

Italy's Christian Democratic regime, headed by the former Vatican functionary De Gasperi, has unleashed a ferocious police and army assault on the nation-wide strike movement protesting the government's moves to pass laws illegalizing strikes and suppressing labor organizations. A tremendous armed force. with tanks and machine guns, has been wounding and killing demonstrating workers. In one day, more than 7,000 arrests were made.

This brutal and murderous attack has received the blessings of Pope Pius XII. He has publicly backed the Italian government's actions and denounced the workers' defense of their elementary rights. His address on March 26 in Rome linked "political strikes" to "atheistic" forces and to "universal moral decadence." He called the strikes in progress "revolts against the constituted authorities."

But religious sentiments and an aversion to sin are not what really motivate the Pope's pronouncement against strikes and specifically the present strikes in Italy. He has not thrown his weight behind the anti-labor outrages in Italy out of pious concern for moral abstractions. More material - and sordid - considerations are involved.

The Yugoslavs and the WFTU

As the purge of Stalinist-led unions continues inside the CIO, it becomes easier and easier for the Stalinists to accuse the CIO leadership of disrupting the unity and solidarity of the labor movement for reactionary political purposes - and to substantiate these charges.

But the Stalinist indignation over such practices is 100% hypocritical. For they themselves engage in precisely the same kind of bureaucratic and divisive reprisals against their opponents in the unions, wherever they are able to get away with it, in this country and abroad.

The latest example comes in a dispatch from Belgrade, reporting that the central committee of the Yugoslav trade unions had issued an appeal to all members of the Stalinist-controlled World Federation of Trade Unions, protesting against the exclusion of the Yugoslav, Duro Salaj, from the WFTU secretariat on March 14.

In effect, the appeal charged, this meant the exclusion of the Yugoslav unions from the WFTU because Salaj, their chairman, represented them on the central committee of the WFTU.

Why are the Yugoslav representatives being driven out of the WFTU? For essentially the same reason that the Stalinists are driven out of the CIO. The

can is inextricably linked. That is why the Vatican remains, despite the Pope's social demagogy, a world "powerhouse of reaction," which every-

where opposes progressive change and blesses the most reactionary and bestial forms of capitalist rule - Franco's fascist dictatorship, the pro-Nazi king of Belgium, the police-terror regime of De

archy.

WFTU leaders, committed to support of the Kremlin's reactionary foreign policy, cannot tolerate the presence of anyone who objects to their policy, just as the CIO leaders, committed to support of the State Department's reactionary foreign policy cannot tolerate the presence of anyone who objects to their policy.

In both cases, splits and expulsions are ruthlessly ordered and executed, bureaucracy runs rampant, the very remnants of democracy are swept away. In both cases, the real interests of the labor movement — working class unity and solidarity —

are subordinated, subverted or ignored. The methods and objectives of the labor lieutenants of the Kremlin are not fundamentally different from those of the labor lieutenants of capitalism. Their main disagreement arises over what brand of misleadership to saddle on the working class. Militant unionists must reject them both and continue the struggle for a new kind of labor leadership in this country and throughout the world a leadership that will be independent of all varieties of exploiters and oppressors - a leadership that will be dependent only on the interests and aspirations of

the working people.

The Yugoslav Elections THE STATE OF CIVIL And Workers Democracy LIBERTIES IN INDIA

By John G. Wright

Belgrade has officially reported that 93.2% of those who voted in the March 19 elections cast their votes for the single slate of candidates offered by the Tito regime. No opposing parties or candidates were permitted to run but the oppositional elements were allowed to cast votes against the official slate.

This opposition has apparently een cut down to half its size of five years ago when in a similar single-slate election the Tito regime polled just under 89% of the votes. The main existing centers of opposition appear to be in strongly Catholic Croatia where in some districts, it is officially admitted, as many as onefifth of the votes were cast against he slate.

Belgrade has hailed the results as a major victory for the regime. And in a limited sense this is true. The major issue in the of ficial campaign was the struggle against the Kremlin and the Cominform bloc.

STRONG SUPPORT

The Yugoslav leaders conducted highly effective propaganda in this connection and made some of their sharpest exposures and criticisms to-date of the Kremlin, its policies and its role. In the struggle against the Kremlin and its puppets as well as against intervention by Western imperial ists, the Tito regime unquestion ably has the overwhelming sup port of the people, and this found ts reflection in the election results.

It is also evident that the regime generally enjoys great popularity and support in the country. It is stronger today than at the time of the break with the Cominform in June 1948.

But the sweeping claims of Belgrade concerning the "democratic character" of its regime are not borne out either by the election results or by the nature of these lections.

During the campaign Tito tional parties or candidates could their own organization. and would only be pro-capitalist nd counter-revolutionary in char-

of course, wholly justifiable and ganization."

the government and its powers. | ing it with entirely new state such elements, let alone outlaw-

But what about those elements and groups who take their posipro-socialist bases, but who disagree with this or that official policy? The socialist movement can never benefit from their suppression and their inability to as well as the bureaucratic tendencies that play into the hands of capitalism, stand to benefit from this.

THE PROPER CONTRAST

The Yugoslav leaders make a big point of contrasting their issues at home and abroad con-Stalin. Let us grant that their elections are not such outright days of Lenin and Trotsky.

From the standpoint of revolu- the policies? ionary socialism, we here come Tito regime and also of its elec- genuine organs of proletarian tions. Instead of a bastardized power? version of the capitalist parliamentary machinery and state provide clear and forthright structure (first set up by Stalin enswers on these all-important in the USSR under his "demo- questions to all the workers who cratic Constitution" and later sympathize with and support imitated by Belgrade), the Soviet Yugoslavia against the Kremlin state under Lenin and Trotsky and against the Western imscrapped this altogether, replac- perialists.

Belgrade possesses more than forms. The real power was placed ample means for dealing with in the hands of the mass organizations of the Russian working class, its democratically elected Soviets, its freely functioning trade unions, its revolutionary tion firmly on anti-capitalist and party, where the freest play was allowed to divergent tendencies and views even at the height of

the Civil War. Far more pertinent than all the statistics of a plebiscite such voice their views. Only the forces as the one recently conducted in of capitalist counter - revolution, Yugoslavia, are answers to such questions as these:

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

How much democracy is there inside the Yugoslav Communist Party? How free are its members to discuss and decide all the vital elections with those held under fronting the Yugoslav working class and the world proletariat?

To what extent are the Yugofrauds as Stalin's. But the true slav trade unions under the thumb contrast that should be made is of the bureaucratic leadership? between their regime and the one Or have the mass of the workers set up in the Soviet Union in the themselves the final say apout determining the leadership and

And finally, where are the to the really basic criticism of the democratically elected Soviets, the

The Tito regime will have to

SP EXPRESSES REGRETS OVER SDF UNITY DELAY

The March 17 Call printed an article by Harry Fleischman, national secretary of the Socialist Party, expressing the SP's regrets that the Social Democratic Federation

leadership had voted to postpone consideration of the proposal to before the SDF leadership had nerge the two organizations.

justified the exclusion of all other the SDF National Executive Com- not only that the two organizaparties and candidates save those mittee decision went counter to tions hold simultaneous convenof the "Popular Front" on the the wishes of a majority of the tions but also "that each organground that "if any one wishes SDF members, as expressed in a ization allow dual membership to present another program it recent referendum. But of course should the simultaneous convenmust be a program opposed to he did not chide the SDF leaders tions find agreement on controsocialism." In other words, the for displaying a rather curious versial issues impossible at this contention is made that opposi- attitude toward democracy in time."

Instead he gave them a friendly little lecture on the great "psy- was not considered at the SDF chological boost unity would give committee meeting, although This begs the question because to Socialists throughout the has precedents in that a viceoppositional elements and critics world" and on the "large number chairman of the SDF, Dr. Wilcan by no means be limited to of socialists not now affiliated liam Van Essen, is also a member such types. The proscription of with either organization who of the Socialist Party." counter revolutionary parties is, would have joined a united or- In spite of these rude rebuffs,

entirely within the province of He also revealed that shortly

WALLACEITES CONSIDER DEAL WITH DEMOCRATS IN N. J.

NEWARK, March 27 - It is possible that the Progressive Party may work out a deal with the Democrats which will result in the withdrawal of one of the three Detroit, June 2-4. The main ques-Wallaceite candidates for Con-

accord with their 1950 election policy, filed candidates in only the ord, 6th and 12th districts, alallot in all 14 districts.

All three of the seats which hey decided to contest are now held by Republicans. In one of these districts, the 12th, a very Starving Jobless close race is expected between the two major parties. In 1948
the Wallaceite, Katharine Van the Wallaceite, Katharine Van Orden, got over 5,000 votes, or more than the margin by which the incumbent Republican, Robert W. Kean, defeated the Democrat. Harry Dudkin.

According to yesterday's Newark Star Ledger, "The attempt [by the Democrats] to persuade Mrs. Van Orden to withdraw from the November elections has gone so far as asking Rep. Marcantonio of New York to intervene with Mrs. Van Orden. . . Marcantonio has made no promise but has indicated to at least one New Jersey contact that he might talk to Progressive Party leaders about the Van Orden candidacy.' The article also said that William Boyle, Democratic national

committee chairman, "is re-

cortedly aware of the attempt

to get Mrs. Van Orden to with-

HER STATEMENT

The candidate's own statement said that she intended to remain anyone in the central valley is in the race, but it was not a flat hungry." rejection of a deal: "If I withdraw - and there are no present ina lot of things."

things." But the recent Pro- ers.

gress from New Jersey this year. gressive convention made As was previously reported in Lossible for the Wallaceites to The Militant, the Wallaceites, in give their support to almost any candidate of the old parties.

If the proposed deal doesn't go through, it won't be because the though they ran seven in 1948 Wallaceites have any principled and have the forces to get on the objections to it but because they haven't been offered enough in exchange.

By Al Lynn

LOS ANGELES, March 23 Gov. Earl Warren has established a special committee on farm labor problems, which he called a "com plex and very troublesome social problem." Militant readers may remember the ten babies who starved to death in San Joaquin Valley last fall.

In the State Senate a resolution was proposed by Jess R. Dorsey (R), requesting federal aid for unemployed farm workers, especially in the heavily hit San Joaquin Valley. Its author denied that there was any starvation among the farm workers but cited "a lack of food."

State Senator Earl Desmond free foodstuffs to the needy in the same areas where they are produced since "it might drive prices down." Besides, said Desmond "I don't personally know that

The figures printed last week on California employment were dications that I'm going to take incompletely identified. The 681, this action - it would depend on | 000 now working in the state include only manufacturing em-The statement did not amplify ployees and not agricultural, selfwhat she means by "a lot of employed or government work-

turned down action on merger, Fleischman noted the fact that the NEC of the SP had proposed

But, Fleischman sadly reports "It appears that this proposal

Fleischman expressed gratification at the SDF decision to join with the SP in organizing a 'Socialist Bureau" which will 'serve as a united center" for American Social Democrats, and cromised the SP's cooperation in this undertaking.

Since simultaneous conventions were out of the question, the SP place of its own convention tion to be settled there will be the party's attitude toward the proposal of its NEC, calling for the abandonment of independent electoral activity as a step toward becoming a left wing of the Democratic Party through such transmission belts as the ADA and the New York Liberal Party. [According to Fleischman, the

SDF decision against unity was by a vote of 10 to 2. The figure given in the March 13 Militant - 11 to 0 - was based on a report printed in the March 4 vew Leader.]

Calif. Alien Land Law Ruled Unconstitutional

LOS ANGELES - Superior Court Judge Thurmond Clarke nas ruled the 37-year old California Alien Land Law unconstitutional in the Masaoka brothers case. Five brothers, Americans of apanese descent, sought to make mother, who was born in Japan and has lived here since 1905 a gift forbidden under the law. constitutionally protected civil rights to acquire, own and enjoy real property," thus violating the (D) was opposed to distributing expected to appeal the judge's 3, N. Y. ruling to the State Suprem Court.

SEATTLE

Hear BERT COCHRAN speak on

The Outlook for American Labor in 1950 April 7 Washington Hall

153 - 14th Ave. (near Yesler)

By Joseph Keller

A few months ago, when India's Prime Minister Nehru paid a visit to this country, he was asked some questions about the state of civil liberties under his government. Nehru gave no satisfactory answers. Since then there have arrived in this country four large well-documented pamphlets on civil liberties in India that provide clear picture of the conditions Nehru was apparently anxious

ference held in Madras last July 16-17 and contain reports of the proceedings and discussions that took place there. Among other things, they reveal the following: Under the notorious slogan of "opposition to Communism," the

The pamphlets are products of the Indian Civil Liberties Con-

Congress Party, the ruling party in the land, has issued decrees which "legitimately" deprive the trade unions, the peasant organizations and political opponents of every civil right,

Savage attacks are launched against peasants who dare to ask for their lawful share of the crop from the landowners. Workers who organize and strike are mercilessly beaten; their leaders are jailed; their unions outlawed and replaced by the government-run trade union, the INTUC.

A "detention" law empowers any police officer to hold for three months anyone he may "reasonably expect" to "create a disturbance." Under this statute, tens of thousands of men and women have been imprisoned without trial, starved, maltreated, and often kept in jail indefinitely, in arrogant disregard of even this "legal"

The system of collective fines, instituted by the British, has peen revived by the Nehru regime. Poverty-stricken villagers are forced to pay for the alleged "crimes" of individuals, driving whole communities into debt and the clutches of money-lenders.

Like Conditions Under British Rule

Shocking police brutality and flouting of the law by local magistrates have brought protests even from many members of the Congress Party in the Provincial Assemblies. In many cases, the detention laws have been turned against dissident members of the Congress Party, to keep them obedient to the Nehru leadership.

Human life is held as cheaply by the Indian police as it was by the imperialist rulers. In Pandalapaka, for instance, textile vorkers went on strike after the management rejected a government arbitration decision. Strike leaders were arrested and beaten in prison; one old man was so badly beaten that he died the following

At Kodali, special police fired on an unarmed crowd at a cattle show because they were "noisy." An old man fell with a bullet in his thigh. Two were killed, one a lad of 17; and 20 people were

In West Bengal, a student demonstration against the Security Bill was attacked with lathi charges, tear gas and guns. An ambulance worker, sitting in his jeep some distance away, was killed by a police bullet; authorities alibied later that the victim "had lost his life by rushing recklessly into the line of fire.

"I find no words to describe the atrocities of the police," a Congress member of the legislature declared in describing another outrage at Telaprolu. "They made people sit in lines and then beat them with lathis and tamarind canes. Serious wounds were inflicted on 50 people." In the same area, a workers' settlement was razed to the ground by goondas paid by the local employers. The police ignored the crime.

A farm worker was attacked by hirelings of the zamindar (landlord and rent-collector) in Bora Kamalpur Union. Peasants who surrounded the zamindar's, house to protest were driven off with brick-bats. By the time the police arrived, the peasants had dispersed. Yet the police preferred charges of robbery and housebreaking against the peasants, raided their homes, imposed arbitrary curfews, arrested over 100 peasants for going outdoors to get water, wounded many and killed several. The zamindar, of course, went scot-free.

The Atrocities of the Police

In East Bengal, a peaceful demonstration of 200 women appealed to the government for better treatment of those jailed under the "security" decrees. As the procession, joined by a few young men, moved down the street, police attacked the marchers. The toll: Four women and three men slain, an unknown number injured. The Bengal government proclaimed that the police had "opened fire in self defense," although no policeman was killed or seriously hurt.

In Bombay, a 70-year old woman, Bhani Hatha, was killed as she stood on her veranda watching demonstrators in a sweeper's strike. The police fire which murdered her also wounded a child and many of the strikers.

Teachers attempting to secure improvements in their pitiful wages "got lathis instead of relief from the government," another finally announced the date and report says. "As the lathi charge started, some policemen were seen pushing, dragging and slapping the girls. Two of the girls who received lathi blows fainted on the street. An aged teacher fell on the ground with a wound on her head." Twenty students and three teachers were arrested. Radhey Shyam, Assembly leader of the Congress Party, protested: "It was a scene familiar in the pre-Congress regime. The processionists were non-violent and they were lathi-charged mercilessly."

Corruption, Violence, Mass Jailings

As opposition to the pro-landlord, pro-capitalist rule of the Congress Party grows, the government uses similar violence to prevent the election of Socialist Party candidates. "In Gorakhpur, a [Socialist] Party worker, Rishidev, lost his life as a result of injuries received from Congress agents. Patwaris, constables and police officers brought the voters, under compulsion, and made them vote for the Congress."

At Kilsagar, Congress workers seized 350 ballots and destroyed 192 of them. The authorities winked.

The old princely rulers work hand-in-glove with the Congress Party. Another Socialist Party report states: "The Raja of Oudh stationed himself at one of the polling booths with a revolver in hand. Backed by 50 goondas, he challenged anyone to vote for the Socialists. In spite of this, the polling for the [Socialist] party candidate was brisk. So the goondas started assaulting the people. Then the polling was peremptorily stopped and the injured voters emoved to the hospital."

It is difficult to get complete figures on the number of trade union and political leaders imprisoned by Nehru, but the actual scope gift of a home to their widowed may be gauged by the admission of the Congress Party of one province - Madras. According to a statement made in the Provincial Legislature, 9,983 members of the Communist and Socialist parties in Madras alone had been "detained" as of Jan. 31, 1949. The judge ruled that the law "is The number has increased greatly since then. The All-Indian Trade directed against persons of Jap- Union Congress reports that throughout India 25,000 of its members mese ancestry solely because of have been detained for their trade union activities. Included are race" and "seeks to impair the "all the prominent leaders of the Central Executive of the AITUC, such as the president, secretaries, etc."

This is only part of the information presented at the Indian Civil Liberties Conference at Madras. The four pamphlets are now avail-14th Amendment. The state is able through Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York

Thompson Faces Reutherite | Safety Council Reports In Ford Local 600 Run-Off

Tommy Thompson, incumbent

president of UAW Ford Local Reutherite-ACTU candidate, Carl

Job Death Toll

More than 15,000 workers were killed in on-the-job accidents and 600, received the highest vote in the loss of production from all the local election last week, but industrial accidents was equinot a majority. He will face the valent to the removal of 1,000,000 workers from the labor force in Stellato, who ran second, in a 1949. These were the appalling run-off election. The Stalinist- tolls of industrial death and supported candidate ran a poor losses which were reported in the third, but made the run-off convention of the Greater N. Y. Safety Council held last week.

The March 17 N. Y. World-Telegram and Sun reports the results of a United Press survey of 'secret' and semi-secret weapons now ready or in the world's laboratories" - meaning, in U. S.

Truman's H-Bomb will continue to "top all terror weapons." But the trouble with the H-Romb is that "it is actually so powerful there are only a handful of targets large enough to warrant it: New York, London, Moscow, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and a few other places with more than 1.000,000 population.

Washington regards as sheer waste the use of a bomb that could wipe out New York's eight million people in the blink of an eye on some picayune spot where there are less than a million men, women and children congregated. So the economy-minded capitalist politicians and militarists have devised more efficient means of mopping up the smaller and less dense areas of population. These, rated in order of their deadly efficiency, are:

1. "Germ bombs, to spread plague and panic in big cities" and to spread disease among live stock and destroy plant life. Those who don't die of disease in world-wide epidemics spread through biological warfare, will die of starvation because of germ-blasted animals and crops.

2. "Atom bomb, also useful against large concentrations of troops and ships unless they fight in small units." Even the improved atom bomb, whose crude forebears wiped out two sizable Japanese cities with one blast apiece, is now rated third in efficiency.

3. "Radioactive clouds, to lay waste agricultural areas and cities" - just so you won't think you will be safer in the suburbs or out in the

4. "'Sound bombs,' a misleading term for use of prolonged high-pitched noises which some scientists think will break civilian morale as diabolically as anything yet conceived." The insance capitalist rulers figure to drive everybody else crazy before finishing them off with atomic radia-

Finally, (5.) "Poison gas, of which there are new heavy types not dissipated by high winds and for which there is no known antidote." They no longer talk about poison gas being "too horrible' for "humane" warfare.

We are also informed that "guided missiles can carry most of the foregoing death and destruction over ever-increasing distances into the cities and towns and even little villages."

These weapons, you will note, are not designed for use against opposing military forces. The: are primarily weapons of civilian annihilation On the basis of this survey, the World-Telegram concludes that the "fighting front will be safes! when next war looses horrors."

Will the future recruiting posters read: "Join the Army - Escape H-Bomb, Germs, A-Bombs Radio-Active Clouds, Sound-Bombs and Poisor

Maybe. But if the workers of America don' take the power away from the capitalist ruler and halt the war plans, there may not be anybody alive to recruit.

High Court and Jim Crow

By William E. Bohannan

According to some reports in the press, the Truman administration is not even going to bring up the FEPC bill in the Senate until May. As everyone knows, the later it is brought up, the harder it will be to overcome a filibuster by the opponents of the bill.

Meanwhile, attention is going to be shifted for a while to the U. S. Supreme Court which is scheduled to hear a number of appeals against segregation early in April. At that time the NAACP will present to the court its arguments in three cases challenging the "separate but equal" doctrine which has served as the foundation-stone for segregation in the South for a great many

One of the cases concerns Heman Marion Sweatt, who was denied admission to the University of Texas Law School and told to attend a good-for-nothing Jim Crow school; another concerns G. W. McLaurin, who was forced to sit outside the regular classrooms in the University of Oklahoma graduate school; and the third concerns Elmer W. Henderson, who was refused : dining car seat alongside of whites on a South-

Many Negroes, disheartened by the runaround they have been getting in Congress, are placing a great deal of hope in the Supreme Court action on these cases. They hope that the court will reverse its 1896 decision in the Plessy case, which ruled that segregation was legal so long as Negroes got "separate but equal" facilities. They hope that the court will outlaw segregation even if Congress won't.

I don't want to seem like a wet-blanket. Hope is a good thing, especially when it is backed up by mass action. But a hope of that kind is one thing, and an empty illusion is another. It i necessary to bear in mind what the Supreme Court is. It is just another department of the capitalist government, and its entire past record proves that it is just as devoted to Jim Crow : any other department.

The Supreme Court has a reputation for liberal ism, but this reputation is undeserved. Ever when it ruled a few years ago that restrictive covenants cannot be enforced by the courts, i went out of its way to add that the covenant themselves are still legal. Since then the cour has acquired Southern Democrat Tom Clark, who cannot be described as anything but an enemy of the Negro struggle for equality.

But, some people ask, if the court doesn't intend to throw out the "separate but equal" doctrine then why do its members bother to hear the appeal in these three cases? The main reason I would say, is because they have their reputation for liberalism to sustain. But it doesn't follow that they will knock out segregation. What the Stalinists voted it down in they can do in these cases is rule that the plaintiffs did not get "equal" facilities, order the Southern states to provide better Jim Crow facilities, and let it go at that, maintaining the system of segregation intact.

Judging by their past decisions, that is what they will probably do. In any case, we have no circles against Stalinist disrup with the office altogether by reason to sit back and relax now. In the future, tion of the struggle against the amending the Taft-Hartley Act. like in the past, we will not get anything without

Case of Seretse

By Albert Parker

The prosperity and power of Western capitalism used to rest on its colonies, especially Asia. But since Asia is being torn out of their exploiting hands by mass uprisings and revolutions, the colonial center of attraction has moved to Africa. It is no secret that Britain, in particular, looks fondly forward to recovering its former proud position by the super-exploitation of this vast area for another fifty or a hundred years.

But this great expectation is doomed to disappointment. There has been a notable growth of nationalist sentiment throughout the British colonies in Africa since the end of the war; labor organizations are being built and courageous strikes have broken out despite cruel repressions. In other words, Africa is going the way of Asia - a little more tardily, perhaps, but just as surely. The case of Seretse Khama is both an example and a symbol of this trend.

Seretse, 27-year old chief of Bechuanaland, a small British "protectorate" surrounded by the Union of South Africa, Rhodesia and Southwest Africa, had married a white typist while he was studying in England and had returned with her to rule over his tribe. The South African authorities were outraged at this affront to their official white supremacy doctrines, and fearful of the effects it might have inside South Africa and neighboring countries. They tried to get his uncle to stir up a rebellion against Seretse over this marriage. But the subchieftains refused to be taken in, and recognized Seretse's right to rule.

A few weeks ago Seretse was called to London for a conference. There a British government

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THEIR MORALS AND OURS

By Leon Trotsky

All the "moralistic" arguments of anti-Marxists - from the hoary charge that Lenin and the Bolsheviks were "amoral" to the current accusation that the guiding Marxist maxim is that "the end justifies the means" - are answered in this classic work. After taking them up one by one, Trotsky counterposes to the capitalist moralism and sycophants the highest morality of all - that of the socialist revolution.

Order from

PIONEER PUBLISHERS 116 University Place New York 3, N. Y. official offered him a bride to abdicate. When he refused, they announced that Seretse had been exiled from Bechuanaland for five years. The imperialists have often done things like this, and usually got away with it without difficulty. But not in this case - despite the tiny size of Bechuanaland and the fact that they already had Seretse in their power.

In the first place, Seretse resisted, appealing for help. In the second place, his tribe resisted too. The sub-chiefs, pledging to continue the fight man administration which, with against the ban, informed British authorities that the Congressional election camthey would pay no further taxes without their chief's authority. When the British high commissioner called them to a meeting where he would "explain" his government's action, they announced a boycott and he had to call it off.

In addition, the Pittsburgh Courier reports, "Tension mounted everywhere, as black legislators in Ceylon, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, Kenya, Tanganyika and the West Indies denounced the government, and high colored officials whose positions and future depend upon standing in well with the powers-that-be, risked everything in loud tongue-lashings of the London regime. In England Dr. Arthur Lewis, West Indian professor of economics at Manchester University, ex pressed his protest by resigning from the Colonia Economic and Development Council.

Members of the British Labor Party protested some because they were angered by the govern ment's trickery, others because they realized that the government was playing into the hands of the Tory opposition. Churchill, whose life has been spent in upholding the empire and repressing colon al aspirations for freedom, seized hold o the cheap opportunity to pose as a liberal, jus' as he had seized hold of the "peace" issue during the election campaign. Many conservative British papers followed Churchill's suit; their real made-work and relief, and govmotivation was expressed by the Daily Mail which complained: "By their stupidity, they [the government] may inflame Bechuanaland. The thing is bad." Bad, that is, from the imperialist stand point.

In the end the British government had to back down. It did so with poor grace, by agreeing to let Seretse return to his native land until the birth of his child, which is expected in the summer. It appears that, barring unforeseen developments, the British government will try to le people forget about the hornet's nest it stirred up

Yes, things have changed in Africa too. The VFW Spokesman Demands reaction of the tribes in Bechuanaland is only **Thought-Control Penalties** a tiny forecast of the explosions to come. For the masses of Africa, like the rest of the colonia peoples, are being "inflamed," if we may use a representative of the Veterans the Daily Mail word - inflamed by the desire of Foreign Wars not only enfor freedom from imperialist exploitation and dorsed the Mundt-Nixon policedespotism. And that desire will not be quenched, state bill but asked for "approwhether the imperialists act "stupidly" or priate penalties" for those who author of many books on labor wielder of more anti-strike in- Detroit to stand their ground and of the highly touted capitalist "wisely," until the Africans have achieved their embrace Communist Party prin-

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Compromise Stand On Civil Rights **At Queens Parley**

The Long Island Conference on Civil Rights was held here today under the auspices of the local ALP, NAACP and various other liberal and labor organizations. The Stalinists, who had previously defeated in panel session a proposal to defend Trotskyists and other victims of the witch-hunt, permitted a compromise resolution to be passed unanimously in the plenary session. This included the proviso that "all organizations convicted under the Smith Act be pardoned" without specifying the organizations convicted.

In the most heavily attended panel session - "Right to Think" - under the chairmanship of Prof. Oscar Shaftel of Queens College, a YPA delegate proposed that the panel and conference go on record to demand the immediate repeal of the Smith Act and the granting of presidential pardons to the 11 Communist Party leaders and 18 Socialist Workers Party leaders "whose conviction under the Smith 'Gag' Act was used as a legal precedent for Foley Square."

Prof. Shaftel demanded that this proposal, in the form of a resolution, be withdrawn and that general statement of opposition to the Smith Act be substituted instead. Referring to the N. Y. Bill of Rights Conference of last summer, Shaftel declared that it had been "almost sabotaged by just such a dispute over the same minor issue.

The YPA delegate pointed out hat what Prof. Shaftel had labelled a "minor issue" touched the very heart of the struggle for civil rights which is indivisible and permits of no double standard."

MADE MORE CAUTIOUS

Although this proposal received onsiderable support, including a umber of prominent active NAACP members and the Naional Guardian representative, panel, only to take a more cauticus course later for fear of repercussions from the floor.

The results of this conference witch-hunt has compelled the openly exposing their hand on the civil rights issue.

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in a conservative way, and avoid

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Their solution to the problem

is "to set up committees to find

new jobs" for the unemployed in

the most hard-hit communities.

If the full extent of unemploy-

Testifying at a House hearing,

the AFL leaders don't say.

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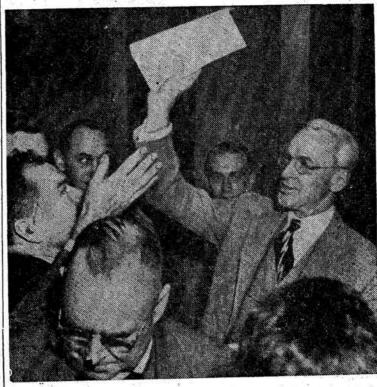
NEW JOBS - HOW?

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DEMANDS UNION ACTION NOW

High Level Redbaiting



Chairman Millard Tydings of the Senate foreign relations subcommittee probing alleged Communist infiltration in the State Department examines a list of 81 individuals labeled bad security risks by Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R. Wis.). So far McCarthy hasn't proved anything but that the Republicans know how to witchhunt as well as the Democrats.

Truman Prepares for Shift On Repeal of Taft-Hartley

To distract attention from the fact that he has abandoned even the pretense of a fight for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, Truman is attempting a diversionary maneu- unstated sum for insurance had apart. Union leaders, on the other

ver. With great hullabaloo, he has? proposed to Congress that it ported favorably on it — it will chnoxious features of the Slave any better for labor. It will Labor Law, the independent Of- merely eliminate a source of fric- fifth of the 30c. originally asked. fice of General Counsel of the tion between two independently NLRB, and transfer his functions operating agencies with divided likely be watered down further for new Chrysler and GM agreeto the board itself.

The union leaders had focussed attention on this aspect of the law when they called on Truman to dismiss Robert E. Denham, the virulently anti-labor NLRB General Counsel appointed by the President.

Truman ignored organized labor's pleas, although he can fire Denham any time he pleases. indicate that widespread resent- Now he comes forward with the ment in liberal and Wallaceite proposition that Congress do away Of course, even if Congress Stalinists to think twice before carries out his proposal - the

House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Branch has re-

RISING MASS UNEMPLOYMENT

be shown that there are closer to 7-million than 5-million unemployed today. Several hundred thousand college and high school of Truman's big campaign issues eye-witnesses to the slaying of refused to allow this piece of evigraduates will be hitting the labor market in June. Each year a labor. Meanwhile, Denham will

This means that within two liquidating Denham's office. years — even if no major collapse ELECTION STRATEGY posed to put much accent on the of the capitalist economy occurs - there will be at least 10-million unemployed. That's a major catastrophe right in the midst of Trumanite union leaders as a the "unprecedented prosperity" of "great victory." They will play which Senator McMahon boasted it up to the skies, and offer this on March 25 at a \$25-a-plate Jef- "great victory" as a substitute ferson-Jackson Day dinner in for a genuine showdown fight Hartford, where he glorified the against the Taft-Hartley Law Truman administration and its itself. "welfare state" blessings.

tion before election to the true WHAT IS NEEDED

conditions under his "Welfare If the catastrophe that the AFL State." And though millions of leaders foresee is not to hit the American workers while they jobs or working only part time, have little or no protection, then the Trumanite union leaders are it will require a lot more action than the union leaders propose. It is far too late for the "conservative way" the AFL chiefs advo- ing" veneer. The AFL leaders who are "disturbed" and call for "action" in cate. Labor's Monthly Survey say they

It is time to mobilize organized labor for a full-scale drive for the 30-hour week at 40-hours pay. It is time to force the government to initiate large-scale public works on socially beneficial pro-

How "new jobs" are to be created, ness. without government expenditures, needed now and which the "un- the name. precedented prosperity" of the Now they are preparing even American capitalist "Welfare to accept the name, provided Tru-

Harold Laski, British Laborite, Dead at 56

March 24 at the age of 56.

act. The infamous act with all its powers will remain intact.

HIS REAL ATTITUDE

Had Truman wished to show oppose the Taft-Hartley Act and he could have done would have been to give Denham the gate. eal anti-labor attitude.

Now, before the Congressional elections, he is making a move the Taft-Hartley Act, but will Pohl for the murder of Ernest 9-

If Congress does not approve to show how he "fought" for total of more than two million remain and Truman's opponents new job-seekers enter the market. will get the blame for not

If Congress acts favorably, this wil be touted by Truman and the

It will become the basis for shifting the struggle away from a fight for Taft-Hartley repeal, to moves to amend and patch up For Jim Crow Act the Taft-Hartley Act to make it appear less odious. This is the strategy, in short, of retaining the Taft-Hartley Act but prettying it up with a thin "liberaliz-

Ever since the union leaders worked for Truman's election in 1948 on his promise to fight for unconditional repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, they have supinely jects-housing, hospitals, schools, agreed to one qualifying cometc.—to give jobs to the unem- promise after another. First, they ployed at union pay. It is time for agreed to the "single package" a demand, backed by nation-wide deal, the repeal of the Taftlabor action, for unemployment Hartley Act only if another insurance equal to union wages restrictive labor act was passed for the entire duration of jobless- simultaneously. They ended up by supporting a substitute for

This is the program that is the Taft-Hartley Act that contained all of its main features but

State" must be forced to provide. man gives them some little meaningless amendments that will enable them to say it's "really not the same" act. And, of course it will enable them also to justify Harold J. Laski, one-time their continued support of Trudents put together.

Fighting Spirit Remains High in Chrysler Ranks

DETROIT, March 28 — From all press reports, the Reuther leadership is engaged in discussing some kind of settlement in the 63-day old Chrysler strike that would

forget virtually all contract needs ? and back down on even the UAW leaders in signing the meager 10c. an hour asked for recent Ford agreement is havpensions and insurance.

clusion is buttressed by the fol- per worker into a fund, but now 1. At a Chrysler Local 7 meet- agreement that the company need ing last Wednesday, President Joe not do this. The "clarification" has Hattley was given a tremendous seriously undermined the contract

ovation when he exclaimed: and 31c. pension-insurance de-We've been out a few weeks, and mands on GM as well. (The GM we'll stay out a few weeks longer contract expires May 29.) until we get a decent contract 2. At a mass meeting of 20,-

000 workers on March 7, Reuther prought down the house every time he used fighting language. 3. Solidarity persists on all

token picket lines. Workers here resent proposals to arbitrate away contract demands or to give them up for miserly concessions.

NEW UNION FIGURE

The most recent action of the figure is little more than half the the original demands, or they will eliminate one of the hundreds of not make the Taft-Hartley Act 10c. per hour request when the not be able "to sell the program strike was called, and about one- to the workers."

Even the latest union plan will powers set up to administer the with a clause making it possible ments with the Ford settlement; gress passes a better old-age pentain pensions at \$100 a month good faith in his promise to including government payments "mutual aid" offer to bring unity

fight for its abolishment, the least of sickness or death of workers. - material unity now, and direct

ing repercussions in retreat at But the ranks of the auto work- Chrysler. Auto union heads had ers remain determined to get a announced last September that meaningful settlement. This con- Ford agreed to put 83/4c. an hour explain through a "clarified"

BOSSES' STRATEGY

Union militants feel the auto barons - resting on bulging money bags - are taking advantage of Reuther's weak oneat - a - time strategy. Industrial tycoons bleed auto workers onesection-at-a-time, maneuver union leaders to give up the bulk of the membership's demands, and prepare the road for a later crushng of a demoralized union.

Only this can be in the minds union negotiators was to call upon of the corporation heads who con-Chrysler for a pension and in-tinue the Chrysler strike after surance fund of \$53,140,000. This union leaders have given up 80% was after a company offer of of their original demands, and \$50,000,000 for pensions plus an negotiators are only two cents been rejected. But the new union rand, cannot give up any more of

Militants are demanding: A common contract termination date for the corporation to reduce the immediate breaking off of GM fund when, as is expected, Con- negotiations and bringing GM workers out in a mutual offensivesion law. The fund would main- defensive alliance with Chrysler; and acceptance of Lewis' loan and - and provide a cushion in case of auto workers with coal miners Thus the spineless conduct of alliance in all future battles.

make this gesture to gratify the union leaders who were most responsible for his election further indicates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible for his election further limitates his leaders who were most responsible fo indicates his low regard and contempt for them, as well as his KILLERS OF NEGRO VET

AKRON, March 24 - Fears for the future safety of hat will in no wise change the Negro citizens of Akron rose this week when the Summit punitive and repressive nature of County Grand Jury failed to indict Policemen Wilcox and

arouse a lot of contreversy in Fenner, 26-year old Negro vet- was eight to ten feet from the Congress and make it appear that eran who was shot to death by cruiser when he was shot and was Truman is "doing something" to two bullets fired though the wind- clutching a length of stick one weaken the harsh features of the shield of the police cruiser man- inch in diameter. A stick an-

he was "in fear of harm to himself" when he fired two bullets into Fenner's back and stomach. Although police claim that Fenner beat on the windshield of their cruiser with some kind of a weapon, they were unable to produce the alleged weapon after an in-

Witnesses stated that Fenner

Detroit Mayor Hit

of the NAACP last week demanded the reinstatement of Rev. ner. The two bullets. . . are silent Robert Bradby, who was fired and damnable testimony to the from the Detroit Housing Commission by Mayor Cobo because he opposed the policy of Jim Crow segregation in public housing pro-

When the present mayor met with the Mayor's Interracial Committee for the first time last week, Cobo criticized the committee for allowing "misunderstanding" to of the evidence in the Fenner murflourish in the Negro community der. "It will take mass support about his program and the dismissal of Bradby.

It is believed that Cobo may be planning to remove from the committee the president of the Detroit NAACP, Edward M. Turner. Cobo was particularly caustic about reports in the Negro press that the NAACP is raising a fund to Freedom of Trade? combat the administration's sham housing and slum clearance proopposition to this program is agitation," said Cobo.

chairman of the British Labor man, the greatest presidential the NAACP meeting when he said at a recent convention. Party executive committee and strikebreaker in history and the it is time for the Negroes of

ned by Wilcox and Pohl on Feb. 9. swering this description had been The report of the Grand Jury found at the scene and turned over the proposal, this will become one rejected evidence presented by 15 to the NAACP. The Grand Jury Fenner, confirming that the dence, however, because it was shooting was unjustifiable homo- embarrassing to the police. Wilcide. Instead, the Grand Jury ac- cox and Pohl had earlier claimed cepted the story of Wilcox that that Fenner attacked the cruiser with an ax.

The young Negro veteran was suffering from a mental illness at the time of his death and had been receiving medical treatment from the VA.

"It is not our function to either praise or censure police methods tensive search of the scene of the used when an emergency of this kind is presented," the jury report said. "He [the policeman] is on the firing line and he gets only one guess.'

Commenting editorially on the jury findings the Akron Informer, local Negro weekly, said: "Robert Wilcox, the trigger-

happy policeman has been cleared . . . Wilcox did not budge to get out of his cruiser to subdue Fennewly approved Akron police methods of subduing mentally sick veterans who have become so on far-flung battle fronts fighting for the rights of such as Robert Wilcox.'

The Akron NAACP is petitioning Gov. Frank Lausche to order the setting up of a new grand jury panel here and a rehearing to win a victory in this strugglenot just the efforts of a few men.' said Attorney W. Howard Fort, chairman of the legal redress committee, in a report to NAACP members at the Second Baptist Church tonight.

"We are losing our export narket and foreign competition gram. "Ninety per cent of the (Japanese) in the domestic market, will result in a sharp contraction of our output." So Rev. Bradby got a big hand at moaned the Textile manufacturers

It seems as if just a "little bit" and socialism, died in London on junctions than all the other presi- fight for their constitutional competition is too much for the American cut-throats.