away from Stalinism. The growrio, one of its ex-members.

Yugoslav CP paper Borba, Barrio able but are of prime quality. . ty in particular.

stand has caused a revolution in mass of unorganized, are quite the thinking of the majority of ready to accept a communism in Spanish communists, both those the image Tito has given it. . . who reject and those who still ac- As recently as June 2, the cept the party's present policy, American Daily Worker defended del Barrio writes that communists the exclusion of the Yugoslavs of all countries have been enrich- from the coming world "peace" ed by the ideological and political congress on the ground that to explanations made by Yugoslavia admit them would be like asking in countering the Soviet cam- "the Franco government to ap-

#### FRANCO'S MOVES

"The fact is," del Barrio writes, "that 'Titoism' is an addition to Franco and other representatives Marxism. 'Titoists' are Marxists, of reaction, has carefully refrainand their movement is a march of events, and these events are new ones, and accordingly require elucidation. The Yugoslavs his anti-Yugoslav campaign. are finding explanations in the light of Marxism."

sade against Yugoslavia. Franco himself recently declared in a that Tito was more dangerous than Stalin. The Madrid press carries editorials and comments full of the most fantastic and re-Yugoslavia. Moreover, Franco has invited ex-King Peter of Serbia to come to Madrid and has placed at his disposal a broadcasting station so that he can speak by radio to the Yugoslavs.

#### WHAT MADRID FEARS

The disintegration of the Spanmotives behind this campaign, according to J. M. Creach, correspondent in Madrid for the French newspaper Monde. In an article published May 18, he writes:

"The breaking of the Spanish tions under its control. Communist chiefs in Paris that work against Rogge personally dependence. henceforth it will be difficult for without any delay. them to induce their ranks to execute directives serving the Krem- a "paid lobbyist" for Yugoslavia,

"The passive opposition of the of the Yugoslavs at a press con-

County jury on trumped-up?

ing." The case against nine other

defendants was dismissed earlier

unionists and their leaders in re-

ing a guilty verdict. After de-

dent attempt to stampede them

moned into court.

PRESSURE ON JURORS

in the trial.

cent years.

Joseph Blackowicz and Donald reach one.

County, a sparsely populated you to return."

not easily pressured into return- would be discharged.

ing discontent with the Kremlin's working class to Franco's regime policies was dramatized by the remains considerable. Madrid is open letter addressed to the cen- asking whether the breakaway tral committee of the Spanish of a large fraction of the Span-Communist Party by Jose del Bar- ish CP from Moscow will not place at the disposal of the workers In his letter, published in the cadres which may not be sizevoices his dissatisfaction with the It is doubtful whether this naattitude of the Soviet CP towards tional communism will ever manworkers' and communist parties age to attract workers affiliated in general, and the Yugoslav par- to the anarchist CNT. But it is believed that socialist sympathiz-Declaring that Yugoslavia's ers, especially among the great

point the delegates from Spain."

The world Stalinist press, which is so ready to couple Tito with ed from informing its readers of these declarations by Franco and

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Organizations and individuals are sending greetings for a souvenir journal to be issued in connection with the dance at the Hotel Capitol, 51st St. and 8th Ave. Tickets are available at the KCRC office, 19 W. 10th St., and at the hotel banquet department.

Proceeds will be used to back the fight for justice for James' Kutcher, legless veteran purged from his clerk's job with the Newark VA because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

## Del Barrio's statements cast further light upon Franco's crufurther light upon Franco's crureada against Viscoslavia Franco himself recently declared in a statement to a Mexican paper that Tito was more dangerous At Stalinist 'Peace' Meeting

Deepening of the rift between the Stalinists and non-Stalinists in the American Progressive Party and its actionary accusations against youth movement was foreshadowed by the dispute over

Yugoslavia that broke out at a?

er and a vice-president of the ing for a new war."

Bitterly denouncing Rogge as Robeson defended the exclusion

ed a verdict, the reply was, "We

At this point it would have

been normal judicial procedure

tant case-no jury could render

a more intelligent verdict ... I am

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UNIONISTS CONVICTED

**BELL AIRCRAFT TRIAI** 

BUFFALO, June 1 — County Judge John S. Marsh

vesterday sentenced five unionists to a term of six months

in the penitentiary following a conviction by a Niagara

charges of "conspiracy" and "riot- into a guilty verdict. When the

Gerber and sub-Regional Director a verdict." It should be noted

Edward F. Gray were convicted that the jury did not report mere

the other three, Joseph Ippolito, but that it was "impossible" to

The trial, which lasted more for the judge to discharge the

than three weeks and heard over jury. However, Judge Marsh chose

100 witnesses, is one of the to do otherwise. "It is important

crassest examples of anti-labor for you to reach a verdict," he

justice meted out to striking warned them. "This is an impor-

farming community with few in- The jurors obviously took this

without reaching a decision, it re- ception to the judge's instructions

Judge Marsh." He thereupon, on a fair, sound and proper verdict."

Fried, were convicted for "riot- JUDGE'S STATEMENT

meeting held in London last week ference by parroting the Kremby the executive committee of the lin line that "Yugoslavia has tied Stalinist-dominated World Con- herself to the capitalist camp, gress of the Defenders of Peace. which, at the behest of the du-O. John Rogge, Wallaceite lead- Ponts and Wall Street, is prepar-

Congress executive committee, in- Rogge has not tried to hide his ish CP is one of the principal troduced a resolution calling for relationship with the Yugoslavs; reinstatement of the Yugoslav he couldn't, even if he wanted to, Peace Committee. The Yugoslavs because he is registered with the were expelled last summer, in Department of Justice as counsel line with the Kremlin's policy of for the Yugoslav delegation to the CP into less and less disciplined While the executive committee ence in New York early last uncompromisingly opposed to the held in Paris this summer. But tempt to discredit his motives and Spanish regime. The underground the hatchetmen of Stalinism, led steer attention away from the sub-CP has even had to inform the delegate from the U.S., went to slav struggle for equality and in-

### CP's DOUBLE STANDARD

The hypocrisy and cynicism of their personal attacks on Rogge is underlined by the fact that the Stalinists themselves have retained and "paid" him as counsel in a large number of celebrated trials in this country, notably the cases of the Trenton Six, Harold Christoffel and the 28 Post Office victims of the "loyalty" purge.

In those cases the Stalinists never questioned Rogge's motives although he and his law firm were paid for their services, as they are today by the Yugoslavs. On the contrary, they had nothing but praise for his "courage" ing" in connection with the Bell clerk asked if the jury had reach- and "idealism"—before he decided to challenge their campaign

UAW Regional Director Martin have not. It is impossible to reach against Yugoslavia. When he submitted his resolution on Yugoslavia to the execuon the "conspiracy" charge while difficulty in reaching a verdict tive committee in London, Rogge says he told his fellow-members: "A peace movement or group must not become identified with the foreign policy of any particular country. I have in mind spe-

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# Labor, Vets Back Kutcher Benefit New York CITY - The Supreme Court Refuses Jewish National Workers Alliance, the Bronx County Council of the American Veterans Committee, and AFL Painters Local 490 this week joined the many labor and liberal groups supporting the June 16 benefit

The Future Belongs to the Youth



## line with the Kremlin's policy of driving them out of all organizations under its control. While the wrenting approximately a press conference of the second of the second or the secon CP into less and less disciplined regional fragments has resulted in the slipping away from Mosit in effect rejected it by refering the slipping away from Mosit in effect rejected it by refering the slipping away from Mosit in effect rejected it by refering it to a later session to be less and less disciplined did not act on Rogge's proposal, month. But apparently it was still news in Europe and the Stalinists made the most of it in an attention of Marxist elements ring it to a later session to be less disciplined did not act on Rogge's proposal, month. But apparently it was still news in Europe and the Stalinists made the most of it in an attention of Marxist elements.

Central Committee of the Spanish by Paul Robeson, Rogge's fellow ject of the justness of the Yugofive-year no-reopening contract gates conference, whose decisions and Fisher Body plants; Local not be kept separate in class union locals, it was reported on June 5 by T. A. Johnstone, director of the UAW's GM Depart- this time. Far from it. The largest

This was not unexpected news, since the contract had been pre-

#### What Capitalism Gives N.Y. Workers

One out of every four workers covered by the New York State Unemployment Insurance Law was unemployed sometime during the "benefit year" ending June 2, the State Labor Department reports. The number of those who totally exhausted their benefits of \$10 to \$26 weekly is expected to reach 260,000 in the final tabulation. This tops the previous "exhaustion" high of 247,717 in 1941-42, when the benefit period was only 13 weeks compared to 26 weeks now. Unemployment in New York City, the report adds, "has been on the upgrade for the last two months and is still rising."

with General Motors has been in the past have almost always 595 in Linden, N.J., representing rooms, dining rooms and other ratified by a majority of GM been followed by virtually unani- 2,500 members; and Locals 1005 mous consent from the locals.

turns on the vote results. Out of in 1937. 117 locals, he said, 65 had voted MAIN COMPLAINT approval, while 8 had voted to reject the contract. Returns from Johnstone.

the vote in favor of approving the ously bad working conditions in

Among the locals which are reported to have rejected the con-

and 1045, representing some 4,700 But there was no unanimity members in the Cleveland area.

Johnstone gave incomplete re- tract, won by the sit-down strike case.

44 locals were not reported by was inspired principally by the refused a seat on a Southern five-year clause, which prevents Railway dining car except at a The vote by units, however, does the GM workers from making any segregated curtained-off table. not disclose the full extent of the new demands until 1955, while Implicit in this court ruling is the opposition. In many locals, the permitting the company to speed- suggestion that if Congress almajority for ratification was nar- up workers and raise man-hour tered the Interstate Commerce row. The meetings were frequent- output without restraint. There Act to specifically permit such ly prolonged battles, with the was strong resentment also segregation, then the railroad Reuther machine forced to bring against Reuther's failure to gain companies can continue their Jim all its pressure to bear to swing any improvement in the notori- Crow practices. GM plants.

664 in North Tarrytown, N.Y., ship's fear of a long strike.

## 3 Rulings Leave "Separate But Equal" Doctrine Intact

Truman's Supreme Court, ruling in three test cases on June 5, refused to declare segregation of Negroes in the use of public facilities to be unconstitutional. It thereby

continued to uphold its 54-year-? old "separate but equal" doctrine and every other sphere of life, that has meant, in practice, inferior and discriminatory treat- get the opportunity to go to uniment for the Negro people.

This point must be stressed press and even some misguided have materially affected most Ne-Negro leaders have hailed the court's decisions in the McLaurin, Sweatt and Henderson cases as a ban on segregation."

The court ruled that the state of Texas must admit Heman Marion Sweatt, a Negro student, to the all-white University of Texas Law School, instead of forcing him to attend a new segregated Negro law school. The decision was made on the grounds that the education offered the appellant in the Negro school was not "substantially equal to that which he would receive if admitted to the University of Texas Law School."

#### BASIC ISSUE DUCKED

rule on the constitutional question of "separate but equal" treatment. Thus, Texas can still deny Negroes access to "white" universities if it provides them segregated schools deemed "equal" in the education offered.

Similarly, the court held that G. W. McLaurin, a University of The CIO United Auto Workers viously approved by the GM dele- with 3,000 members in Chevrolet Oklahoma graduate student, could university facilities, on grounds that "such restrictions impair and inhibit his ability to The Toledo Chevrolet local won study." But the court maintained and most bitter opposition ever first union contract ever wrested its "traditional reluctance to exregistered against a proposed GM from GM, in the historic strike tend constitutional interpretations contract met the latest pact. This of the spring of 1935. Its victory to situations or facts which are is the significant news about the helped lay the foundation stone not before the court"-meaning for the first national GM con- its ruling applied only to this one

In the third case, the court held that a section of the Interstate Commerce Act had been violated Opposition to the new contract when Elmer W. Henderson was

The court's ruling in the three cases does not affect in the slight-The Reuther machine made no est the pattern of Jim Crow serious attempt to defend the conserious attempt to defend the con- segregation in public school systract are Toledo Chevrolet Local tract as such. It pushed the pact tems, buses and street cars, 14, with 1,200 members; Local over by playing on the member- theaters, hotels and restaurants, hospitals and clinics, residences

particularly in the South. Only a tiny number of Negro people ever versities and eat in Pullman diners, anyway, so a broader defrom the start, for the capitalist cision on these cases would not

#### REAL ATTITUDE

Even the slight concession represented in these rulings was a result of the tremendous pressure of the Negro people. No doubt the Truman administration will now try to use these decisions to cover up the Democratic Party's knifing of FEPC and the promised civil rights program.

On the very day the Supreme Court made its gesture in the university and railway cases, it revealed its real attitude toward segregation when it refused to hear an appeal against a Court of Appeals ruling that upheld the Metropolitan Life Insurance Com-However, the court pointedly pany's refusal to permit Negroes declared that it did not "need" to in its Stuyvesant Town housing project, which was built in part by New York City public funds.

Hit Nail on Head



WILLIAM E. BOHANNAN

## **SWP Candidate Predicted What**

William E. Bohannan, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Congress from the 11th District in New Jersey, accurately predicted he main line that the Supreme Court would follow in the Sweatt. McLaurin and Henderson cases more than two months ago.

Writing in the April 3 Militant. he SWP candidate explained that the Supreme Court "is just another department of the capitalist government, and its entire past record proves that it is just as devoted to Jim Crow as any other

"What they can do in these cases is rule that the plaintiffs did not get 'equal' facilities, order the Southern states to provide it go at that, maintaining the system of segregation intact. Judging by their past decisions, In its drive for more foreign that is what they will probably

By refusing to rule on the pernicious "separate but equal" docmeasure passed. Truman didn't trine, which the NAACP lawyers go fishing down in Florida, as he had asked it to do, the court did when FEPC and other meassystem of segregation. While it State, Secretary of Defense and Chief of Staff, and all his lieuobvious implication of its decisions was that if the South would do so, it could freely continue imposing the basic pattern of segregation on Negroes.

## War Spending to Increase, Acheson Admits

going to ask you to return to the jury room having in mind the im-The odds were against the de- portance of the case and the A heavier and heavier burden fendants from the beginning. numerous issues involving the 13 of war spending and debt on the They faced an obviously biased defendants... I don't feel the people of the United States and going to be bled white to help fijudge, and were tried in Niagara court is unreasonable in asking Western Europe was demanded dustrial workers, which had been to mean that they had to return a whipped into an anti-strike frenzy verdict, which under the circum- program of "peace" through "development of military strength." MORE TAXES AHEAD by the local press and by agents of stances of the case, clearly would

the Bell Corporation and Niagara be "guilty." Significantly enough, This program was proclaimed County officials during the many the judge did not instruct the weeks of militant struggle by the jury that if they could not arrive calling on Congress to approsador" for the Marshall Plan, at a verdict, they could report a priate another \$1,222,500,000 for warned the European people that icance" was explained by the June er to "cope with emergencies" by In spite of all this, the jury was disagreement, in which case they At this point defense attorney jugating colonial peoples. liberating more than two days Charles McDonnough took the ex-

Testifying on the foreign arms upon." program before the Senate Formained deadlocked until sum- and moved that the court instruct the jury that they "could report ices Committees, Acheson replied rope as well as America that the action as deemed necessary." But important facts about the war According to the Buffalo Eve- a disagreement." In flagrant dis- to a question on whether the promise of "welfare" and "higher under a collective defense an athing News of May 25, "rumors regard of the defense attorney's country could look forward to living standards" is to be spelled tack on say, France, which would American people was indicated of a deadlock were heard? and request, the judge merely replied: "informal word was conveyed to "I have told the jury to bring in ture:

his own motion, summoned the In fact, he had virtually jammed answer would be that in the im- tion and militarism. jury to the courtroom in an evi- down the throat of the jury the mediate future it might be in- The administration also re- impinges upon Congress' power termine whether an 'armed atcreased ... we have to put more, vealed that the recent conference to declare war."

nance the war preparations, when last week by Truman and Ach- he said "our European partners anced collective forces" combin- come involved, but Truman also eson. That is the first fruit prom- are progressively devoting more ing the armed forces of the west- demanded that Congress remove ised by what Acheson called a funds to their defense budgets." ern capitalist countries into one the present limitations on his

At the same time, W. Averill perhaps revolutionary signifiby the Truman administration in Harriman, U.S. "special ambasarming American imperialism's "sacrifices will have to be made 4 N.Y. Times as "a deeper comallies in the cold war and in sub- to support the level of military mitment to mutual aid against protection that has been decided aggression than that of the At-

eign Relations and Armed Serv- made clear to the people of Eu- tack each partner shall 'take such lower arms spending in the fu- out in more taxes, diversion of have most of her strength on the at two points in the hearings. more labor and raw materials into ground, would bring the U.S. un-"I think that the most honest arms production, scarcity, infla- der powerful moral compulsion to Johnson was asked by Senator

people of Western Europe are go far beyond even the agree-

this a development "of great and cance.

This "revolutionary signiflantic Treaty Itself. The treaty Thus, the administration has provides that in the event of atsend in air and naval forces. This

war in which any of the 11 other This is the program of "bal- Atlantic Pact partners may bemilitary machine. Acheson called power to send or sell arms and military equipment to other countries without specific Congressional approval. Truman asked for virtually unlimited personal powsending arms to any country he

> making powers. That the administration and Congress are concealing the most aims and preparations from the

amount to giving Truman war-

Secretary of Defense Louis Connally, "Who's going to detack,' which would call all these gram,

would answer such a question only in a closed meeting.

When Acheson was asked for department. . . a breakdown of the countries which would get the \$75 million in arms requested for countries "close to China," Acheson said it was a "secret fund" which he better Jim Crow facilities, and let would discuss only in a "closed session" of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

sees fit at any time. This would arms appropriations, the Truman do." administration showed how it acts when it really wants some measure passed. Truman didn't ures of social welfare were being debated. He, his Secretary of tenants in Congress, were mobilized on the scene, aggressively demanding action on the war pro-

## rather than less, effort into the of the imperialist military al- Not only is the Truman admin- treaty countries to defense acliance has resulted in American istration committing the country tion, had been committed?" Johndefense field." Acheson also indicated that the commitments to go to war that to plunge automatically into any son clammed up and said he

## Socialist Party Convention Rejects Norman Thomas' Proposals

decisively rejected the Norman maries." Thomas leadership's proposal to

ported by a majority of the Na- work of party members belong- toward which the resolution makes | Since no one had asked him about | A major contributing element was | maintain the prestige and morale | will be further lowered by the beaten by a coalition composed of for Democratic Action. Chairman Darlington Hoopes of posal was accompanied by certain propaganda to the number of peo- asco in the 1952 campaign than in opposition to the capitalist parties. ful effect on their own local ac-Reading, and of the "third posi- provisions that leave open the ple who might be convinced by it.) previous ones. tion" group, led by Irving Bar- question of whether or not the SP shop of New York.

clared that the SP's participation traditional. in national campaigns was necessary for " our political survival as an entity which attracts terpreted as encouraging "a fu- last decade and a half. some measure of journalistic and tile running of candidates as a popular attention, and for the edu- ritual." It adds: "The national cational opportunity it brings."

stances to endorse, enter into a offices."

By George Breitman
In an unexpected move, the naIn an unexpe

will actually continue to engage

convention should decide on pres-The victorious resolution also idential campaigns, state bodies

The Thomas resolution, sup- the office involved, and to the in terms of votes polled," a view 1952.

Their resolution, which the con- in election campaigns in some of tion, it represented an overwhelm- as politically. The delegates the labor bureaucrats and the effect of inertia on the reaction a conglomeration of reforms such The Hoopes-Barshop resolution complete control of the party as the spokesman for American cause they want an independent an organization that is notable for Thomas) then what need is there concedes that it is not to be in- leadership and apparatus for the socialism" but they themselves party were shocked by the blat-

DEFEAT FOR THOMAS

tempted to prejudice the decision mitted. coalition with, campaign for, or In practice, these provisions by demonstratively abstaining The convention decision came by the Reading Local, which is tional Secretary Harry Fleisch- isolation.

tivity and in effect become a left dividual party members, whether should be limited "to those lo- he be prevailed on to accept the the two other main groups. wing of the Democratic Party. or not a Socialist is running for calities where we can be effective SP presidential nomination in

chine which has had more or less their "faith in Norman Thomas who have remained members be- inevitably plays a large part in Deal (and that is all it is to Thomas himself used every utive Committee elected in Detroit tion. They reacted instinctively problems of the SP are far from tionary re-evaluation of its en- For the Hoopes-Barshop leadermeans at his disposal to try to has only three supporters of the against it and in favor of the tra- solved and its future remains as tire political program, then the ship's support of unity with the aid down the line that "No local, in consultation with the National get his position adopted. His Thomas policy, including Thomas ditional policy. state or national committee shall Executive Committee on state of supporters in such states as himself, eight opponents of that Another important factor was fore. It seems certain that the up again and again in one form their readiness under certain con-

tional convention of the Socialist Party meeting in Detroit June 2-4, from the beginning of the pre- he is the party's only nationally great within the party that he of local administrations. The same ban on support of old convention discussion taken the known spokesman, gave notice would be able to get a large The leaders of the local party "realistic" politics. abandon independent electoral ac- party candidates applies to in- view that SP electoral activity that under no circumstances could plurality, if not majority, over machines, like Hoopes, strongly

bined to upset these predictions. they regard them as necessary to The public prestige of the party cratic Party. tional Executive Committee, was ing to the CIO and AFL political clear concessions. (Barshop's this, it obviously constituted his undoubtedly the sincere desire of of the local apparatus. When knowledge that its only national voted down by 70 to 37. It was committees and the Americans position would favor changing the way of telling the convention that the majority of the rank and file these people voted against the spokesman favors going over into criterion for deciding on cam- it had better go along with his to continue to function as an in- Thomas policy, it was mainly be- the Democratic Party. supporters of the former NEC This explicit rejection of the paigns from the number of people position or put itself in the posi- depedent party espousing social- cause they felt that in the long But an even more critical quesminority, headed by National main points in the Thomas pro- who might be reached by election tion of risking an even worse fi- ism, no matter how reformist, in run his policy would have a harm- tion facing the new majority of the time being list, and the time being list,

The more opportunist members tivity. Despite these and other weaknesses in the convention resoluThomas organizationally as well out one by one to take jobs with be wrong to underestimate the posal: If socialism is nothing but didn't seem to display much faith ancy of the Thomas proposal, of its membership. either in his policies or his supporters. The New National Exection its pro-capitalist party orientation.

Despite the progressive aspects to this question through a revolution.

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be permitted under any circum- fices, and so down to the lowest Michigan and New Jersey at- policy, and two who are not com- the virtually unanimous stand party will lose some more of its or another and the party will sink ditions to embrace the most reacagainst the Thomas position taken already small membership; Na- into further demoralization and tionary features of the Thomas

gage in what they call more Democratic Federation. All wings

favor the running of national elec- had been getting friendlier will the SDF, which is already func-But a number of factors com- tion campaigns primarily because become more cool and reserved. tioning as a wing of the Demo-

escape for long, is the one that and independent candidates?

uncertain and unpromising as be- Thomas proposal is going to crop SDF demonstrated in practice

of the SP had voted enthusiastic-Certain union bureaucrats who ally last year for merger with

But the SDF leaders, bureaucratically disregarding the wishes of a membership referendum, drew back at the last minute and the time being. If it had not been for this unforeseen development. unity of the two Social Democratic groups could have been effected this year, with the Thomas vention adopted by 64 to 42, de- the areas where they have been ing defeat for the Thomas ma- adopted a resolution expressing State Department. Most of those of many members—a factor which as are promised by Truman's Fair proposal receiving an easy majority in the merged organization.

> The eagerness of ALL the SP provides a truer index to their

#### Next Week:

Vivienne Goonwardene, member of a Ceylon trade union delegation that recently visited Yugoslavia, has just written a series of articles on her impressions of conditions in that country. The first will appear next week.

Ernest Germain's column, European Notebook, which appears regularly on this page. arrived too late to be translated in time for this issue. It will resume next week with a revealing report on a strike movement that broke out in Stalinist - controlled Hungary a few weeks ago.

Also: articles on the ILGWU, NAACP, California farm labor, Bolivia, etc.



The nation's top brass are shown before the Senate Armed Services Committee urging extension of the draft law. While Defense Secretary Louis Johnson adds his approval, Gen. Omar Bradley (1.), Gen. J. Lawton Collins and Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey listen with great interest.

# Our Readers

### To Oscar Coover Editor:

finding myself.

# Eight-Week Camp standing. Twice I wrote him. First, I tried to get some under-

well as at other times.

from the adult camp for the chil- car. dren's sleeping accommodations; and one for play and workshop, the internal situation. More im-A playground with swings, see- portant, he said he had thought saws, monkey-bars, sand box and I was a member of the party, and wading pool, plus a roped-off sec- enclosed an application card with tion of the pond, is exclusively re- the necessary endorsements, ad-

fied teachers and counsellors will was contacted by comrades cominsure the best care and lots of ing through the South and learnfun for the young campers. Arts ed to understand and became and crafts, nature studies, music, part of the party. dancing, swimming and other After that I had the pleasure sports and games will be part of of meeting Oscar once again. expenses, including laundry.

from New York and Philadelphia put to the best possible use. Os-

plan to send the child for a week, help in setting me right. a month or the entire eight week mation and reservations to Moun- with us as a guide and inspiratain Spring Camp, RD 1, Wash- tion. ington, N. J.

of experience in workers' move- from readers and friends of The ments and isolation, when I re- Militant and Socialist Workers The letters you printed to the turned home I began moving rap- Party branches to the \$10,000 memory of Oscar Coover were all idly away from the party and So- fund totaled \$1,348—the biggest feel that none owes him the Socialism to anyone who appear- June 6, which is 48% of the goal leep debt of personal gratitude ed at all interested, but less and to be reached by July 15.

However, when I felt my confuwrite to Oscar for clarification. Twelve years ago, when I was He, I felt, was a person who people with any political understanding of the trade union movement. He very patiently explained to me that people only learn about unionism in the union movement, a lesson which I did not very well learn at that time.

are ready for an eight-week va- to write to him when I again cation season for boys and girls sensed my confusion. That was from 5 to 10 years of age at the time the Shachtmanites were Mountain Spring Camp at Wash- starting their campaign to take ington, New Jersey. The super- over our party, to make it a devised children's camp will open bating society for intellectuals. July 5 and close Aug. 30. Children The one thing I did do. was to with parents can be accommodat- read our paper (it was the Soed at the adult camp for the July cialist Appeal then) very care-4 and Labor Day weekends as fully. I noticed that something had happened to it. It was not as Two large, completely screened well written as it had been. So I and floored tents are set apart wrote another long letter to Os-

He answered and told me about vising me to rejoin. I did and Full time supervision by quali- from then on, from time to time

gan camp. There I met him again.

## Letters from READER GIVES THE MILITANT FUND \$252 IN MEMORY OF OSCAR COOVER

By Reba Aubrey

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ter way of using it than to con- | C. Z. of New York renewed his to him and feel that he would \$3, and \$2 respectively. have been pleased if the money Among the SWP branches, was used for the paper spreading Pittsburgh still stands alone in the the ideas to which he dedicated 100% spotlight. Flint is just \$22 tion my name because I would rather have it under his."

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A close associate and comrade This and other contributions of Oscar Coover sent in \$252 with from readers, who want to make sion on certain questions, I would the following note: "Upon receiv- sure The Militant continues to aping an insurance payment of pear regularly, jumped the "Gen-\$252, I could not think of any bet- eral" quota from 17% to 57%.

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## Getting Truman "Off the Hook"

"Fair Deal Democrats are toasting Chief Justice Vinson and his associates with fervor. They believe that the court Tby its decisions in the Sweatt, McLaurin and Henderson segregation cases has taken the Truman administration off the hook on civil rights for the present. They say they are not now obliged to make a sacrificial effort to pass the compulsory FEPC law and thus prolong the session [of Congress] when they want to be campaigning." So writes Washington columnist Doris Fleeson in the June 7 N. Y. Post in a report on "the immediate political effects" of the court's decisions.

The political effects — taking the Trumanites "off the hook on civil rights" were of course the paramount consideration behind the court's action. It's all part of a fancy maneuver to make the Negro people think they are getting, or about to get, some real concessions. But in essence it is only another gesture a gesture to give the appearance of basic action against segregation, while in reality withholding the substance of such

The shysters on the bench no longer dare to uphold segregation openly. At the same time they have no intention of fundamentally upsetting or undermining the Jim Crow system which the ruling class has fostered and profited from for so

many decades. So they got around the dilemma by tossing the Negroes a few crumbs as a result of which a few Negroes may have a better chance of getting into a "white" university or a seat in a dining car down South. And at the same time they turned a deaf ear to the NAACP's plea that they outlaw the court's "separate but equal" doctrine the main constitutional prop of segrega-

No wonder that when the court decisions were announced, Chief Justice Vinson, according to one commentator, "looked like a genial cat who had swallowed a particularly juicy canary." Vinson (and Truman) had every reason to be satisfied with themselves. It was a case of two birds being killed without any stones.

The fight against segregation will have to continue. And it will make faster progress if all deceptive claims about the "benevolent" attitude of the capitalist government and all its institutions are vigorously challenged and effectively exposed. The Negro people are going to remain the victims of segregation until doomsday if they make the mistake of depending on Truman and the courts. Only the militant, independent action of the Negroes and their labor and liberal allies will overturn the Jim Crow system that has been left untouched by the latest court decisions.

## "Democracy" -- Mac Arthur Style

In the name of preserving "Japan's democratic institutions," Gen. Douglas MacArthur on June 6 sent the following order to Premier Shigeru Yoshida: "I direct that your Government take the necessary administrative measures to remove and exclude the following persons ... from public service and render them subject to the prohibitions, restrictions and liabilities of my directives on Jan. 4, 1946, and their implementing ordin-

There followed the names of the 24 members of the Central Committee of the Japanese Communist Party, including seven elected members of Parliament.

What first strikes the eye about this order to preserve "democracy" is that it calls for "administrative measures" to deprive persons of their civil rights and subject them to punishment and restrictions which the occupation authorities originally decreed for "war criminals." That is, these persons are to be convicted and penalized without trial by jury.

MacArthur's order covers not only appointive government jobs - in which sense he is merely imitating Truman's "loyalty" purge of government workers in this country - but all "public service," which includes elective offices.

Hence he establishes the policy that elected officials may be removed from public office by mere executive decree. Not the democratic will of the electorate is to determine who sits in Parliament, but the Japanese Premier acting under MacArthur's supervision. Whenever Mac-Arthur doesn't like persons elected by the Japanese people, he just orders the Japanese government to kick them out.

But the real irony and hypocrisy of MacArthur's order lies in those words "I direct" and "my directives." Here is a foreign military ruler, backed by armed forces, handing out arrogant orders to the head of the Japanese government as though the latter were an office boy.

To speak of preserving "Japan's democratic institutions" in such an order from such a person under such conditions, is a piece of depraved cynicism. The fact that a Gen. MacArthur is even in Japan and issuing any kind of order at all tells us the true nature of the "democratic institutions" there.

So long as the U.S. armed forces and occupation authority remain, the Japanese people must be considered a subject nation ruled by a foreign military dictatorship. Democracy for them will just begin when they are freed of the foreign woke and can decide their own fate.

## Revive the Scottsboro Fight

The publication of Scottsboro Boy, the book by Haywood Patterson and Earl Conrad (reviewed in last week's Militant), has revived interest in the 19-year old Scottsboro case and in action to win pardons for the two victims of that frameup who are still wanted by the Alabama

authorities. I. F. Stone, crusading columnist of the N. Y. Daily Compass who helped get Scottsboro Boy published, has called for the formation of a national committee that will work to win pardons for Haywood Patterson, a fugitive, and Clarence Norris, wanted for violation of parole; and for "the cleanup of the prisons and prison camps in which human beings, black and white, are driven like doomed creatures on slops of food the pigs turn away from."

The Militant hails Stone's proposal and urges the widest possible support for such a campaign by the labor, liberal and Negro movements. Stone has gone to Alabama to investigate the situation. His initial reports from there indicate that there is little chance for action in Alabama unless the pardon campaign for Patterson and Norris receives the backing of a powerful mass movement such as saved the lives of the Scottsboro boys at the beginning of the case.

Militant mass action is the only effective method for fighting capitalist injustice. This was proved positively when the Scottsboro victims were saved from the electric chair in the early 30's; and it was demonstrated negatively in the mid-30's when the then existing Scottsboro defense movement, abandoning the method of mass action, made a deal to withdraw the case from the courts in return for a promise, later broken, that the governor of Alabama would pardon the remaining prisoners. A new defense movement should be guided by the dearly paidfor lesson of that experience.

The labor and Negro movements are much stronger today than they were at the start of the Scottsboro case; their duty toward the remaining defendants, who were subjected to indescribable suffering for so many years because of the stupidity and timidity of the official defense movement, is correspondingly greater. Rank and file militants should see to it that their organizations fulfill their obligation to conduct unceasing activity to insure unconditional freedom for the last of the Scottsboro boys.

# GE Vote in Cleveland Follows National Trend

CLEVELAND, JUNE 3 - Over they allowed to participate in this attackers and it is still no CIO and the Stalinist- led independent United Electrical Work- offices.

The results showed nearly a CIO, but following the pattern in the rest of the country this was by no means an overwhelming victory.

The five major General Electric 23 separate bargaining units. Twelve of these units were won by the IUE; four by the UE; and in the remaining seven, the results were indecisive, requiring run-off vote.

The principal factor which disinguished the election campaign ere from that conducted in most parts of the country was the almost complete absence of redbaiting. The incumbent officers of Local 707 were elected a year ago in a straight trade union campaign against the previous Stalinst leadership. In that election campaign, which they won by wo-to-one majority, they refrained from all red-baiting, rejecting the "anti-Communist" label and referred to themselves as "non-Communist." This was done con sciously and deliberately to distinguish themselves from the red baiters.

The events and pressures of the last year and a half have not fundamentally altered the attitude of the local leaders on the question of red-baiting. The IUE-CIO, under the leadership of Local 707 President David Fitzmaurice. conducted a clean, hard - hitting campaign on the fundamental trade union issues involved.

#### STALINIST COMPLAINT

The Stalinist UE leaders, recognizing the effectiveness of such a campaign, issued a leaflet, reproaching Fitzmaurice for not red-baiting them, since this was the issue on which they were thrown out of the CIO and on which the IUE International was conducting the campaign. They intimated that Fitzmaurice should stick to the main issue.

Throughout the GE campaign, the IUE locals were deluged with bundles of slick - printed folders and leaflets from the Washington office of the IUE. Some of these were on trade union issues but most of them were hysterical redwhite-and-blue red - baiting material. Only in the last days of the campaign did the local IUE

3,000 General Electric employees, some of the election campaign known who they were. members of Amalgamated Local activities. The IUE leaders un-707, went to the polls here last doubtedly were under a great week to choose between the IUE- from their International as well as the regional and local CIO

wo-to-one majority voting for the District Director of the goonstewards meetings which were direct incitements to acts of plants in Cleveland were split into physical violence against UE Thiel's home plant, the largest leaders and supporters.

#### REPERCUSSIONS

Though Donovan had no apparent effect upon the official program and propaganda of the IUE leadership, his speeches had repercussions which probably cost the IUE the biggest unit of Local 707.

John Theil, UE business agent and a worker from the East 45th Street Euclid Lamp Works, was election. Theil could not identify right.

It is a practical certainty that the IUE local leadership had deal of pressure on this matter nothing whatever to do with it Fitzmaurice issued a statement to the newspapers, deploring physical attacks on individuals Particularly flagrant were the and offering a \$25 reward for activities of Bill Donovan, ACTU | their apprehension. This was not adequate, however. The apridden CIO Steel Workers. Don- parently casual handling of the ovan made speeches at IUE Thiel beating by the IUE leaders and the widespread knowledge of filled with red-baiting and were Donovan's incitements to violence combined to defeat the IUE in single bargaining unit in yesterday's election here. The IUE victory here was by

no means conclusive and the IUE-UE struggle was not settled by yesterday's election. The outcome of this struggle will depend upon the future evolution of the local IUE leadership, who will have to resist the heavy pressures of the local ACTU - CIO officials, the Stalinists and the company, to beaten up three days before the keep from being pushed to the

## **'ROYAL QUESTION' UNSETTLED** DESPITE BELGIAN ELECTION

By Charles Hanley

When the three main Belgian parties failed to reach an agreement following the inconclusive referendum on the "royal question," Prince-Regent Charles dissolved Parliament, and new elections were

held on June 4. the popular vote, the Social

Christian (Catholic) Party won Parliament, can now pass a vote a small over-all majority in Par- ending the Regency. But a mere liament. It now has 108 represen- parliamentary decision is not inists. But this was no great working class - which certainly Leopoldist victory. In the March has not become weaker since 12 referendum the Leopoldists 1949. The reactionaries have algot a majority of 57%; on June 4 the only party pledged to un- mistaken in thinking they could conditional support of Leopold got proceed without difficulty in atonly 48%.

The Catholics gained 165,000 more votes than in the 1949 parliamentary election, picking up three additional seats. But the La Lutte Ouvriere, summed the Socialists gained 330,000 and 11 new seats over last year. There will be only 20 Liberal representatives and seven Stalinists (there were 23 Stalinists in 1946).

### STILL UNSETTLED

officials from other unions whom months and because Belgian labor, interests."

in two big political strikes demonstrated its willingness to Although polling only 48% of fight the pro-fascist king's return

The Leopoldists, in control of tatives, compared with a total of enough to obtain acceptance of 104 Socialists, Liberals and Stal- Leopold's return from the Belgian ready learned that they were tacking the unions, lowering wages and gradually suppressing

> The Belgian Trotskyist paper, situation up aptly in its preelection issue:

democratic rights.

"The June 4 elections will take place under the menace of an absolute clerical majority getting control of the government... But concentrated on the Catholics the working class. Whatever the

## FRENCH YOUTH DEFY CP, GO AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR YUGOSLAV BRIGADE

PARIS - The central bureau of the national committee to initiate the sending of youth work brigades to Yugoslavia, which was organized April 9 and publishes a paper, The Brigade, held a press conference May 16 that was attended by a dozen French and foreign journalists. At this conference the bureau members described the activities and aims of the committee and replied to numerous questions from representatives of the press.

First tracing the circumstances leading to the creation of the National Initiating Committee, a Bureau member stated: "We have the sole aim of making known the truth about a country which is reviled today by its admirers of yesterday; it has no other supporters than the youth whose only weapon is their good faith. Our project has aroused in certain circles, and especially in the leadership of the French Communist party, strong indignation, recrimination, and even threats."

#### Over 1,500 Already Enrolled

The speakers then reviewed the different aspects of the campaign now being bitterly conducted by the Cominform partisans in France against the youths' departure to Yugoslavia, and declared: We do not intend to permit ourselves to be moved by the accusations, the injuries and even the threats. On the contrary, we have decided to go forward to the end with our efforts, to reply to all the accusations directed against us and to justify the action we are undertaking in the eyes of world public opinion

The campaign to send youth brigades to Yugoslavia this coming summer is enjoying great success, the speakers said. Over 1,500 youth have already enrolled to leave, although the campaign began only a month ago. Among these youth, despite Cominform pressure, are many brigadiers of the years 1947 and 1948. These veteran brigadiers compose half of the Central Bureau.

Replying to the journalists' questions, the speakers underlined that the National Initiating Committee was independent of all political parties, of all cultural groups, of all states and especially the Yugoslav state. Its resources, they said, come solely from the distribution of their paper, The Brigade, which is steadily growing, subsistence from the youth who enroll, income from various cultural and educational activities, as well as from a subscription list devised to permit less privileged youth to make the trip.

#### How the Committee Functions

To the question about discrimination of a political, religious or philosophical character on the part of the committee for recruiting the youth, the speakers replied that all youth without distinction of beliefs can participate in the work brigades in Yugoslavia, except for fascists and those who have displayed hostility towards socialism in general. These latter cannot be permitted to enter the brigade for the recruiting is conducted on the local levels by committees which have an effective control over candidates that they know.

Committees already exist in 47 departments of France; there are 7 departmental committees and numerous others are being constituted. Replying to another question, the speakers stated that numerous youth of North Africa and other colonial regions have already enrolled in the brigade as well as emigre foreign workers. The National Initiating Committee is already in contact with similar committees in England, Holland and other countries, and got some of these contacts from the Peoples Youth of Yugoslavia.

#### Will Make the Truth Known

To the inquiry whether it was correct, as the French Communist Party press states, that the 1950 brigade will be employed on military projects in Yugoslavia, the speakers replied that was a pure calumny and that the young people will actually participate in the building of the University City of New Belgrade.

After announcing that the departures will occur between July the elections are not definitive in 1 and Sept. 15 and that the extent of the stay in Yugoslavia will A polarization of forces took themselves; everything will de- be one month, with 15 days' free travelling within the country, the place. The anti-labor vote was pend finally on the militancy of speakers concluded with these words:

"Since the end of the war it has become a tradition for prodistribute any of this material, and the anti-Leopoldist vote result of the election will be, we gressive youth of different countries to be invited to each of the and then only a couple of the mainly on the Socialist Party, must work for a total mobiliza- popular democracies to participate in the build with the Liberals and Stalinists tion of labor. . . No reactionary The 1950 brigade to Yugoslavia will have a special character owing The correct behavior of the the real losers. The SP made gains government will be able to resist to the intense campaign of denigration led by the leaders of certain local IUE leadership was partly because its anti-Leopoldist policy for long a working class deter- organizations; they will answer the questions confronting numerous cancelled by the right-wing CIO became somewhat bolder in recent mined to fight in defense of its young people and upon their return will make known the truth about Yugoslavia to all the workers of France.'

## Why Crisis Persists in Buffer Countries

nism in nower.

It would be even more correct to say that this experience began with the Red Army's entry into these countries, the strangling of the spontaneous revolutionary particular. mass movements following that entry, and the bureaucratic way in which the Stalinist apparatus patterns in place of the economcontrol over the masses.

### "JOYS" OF STALINISM

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content of the masses toward Bulgarian CP, who remained in tries and particularly in the case we must draw these two printries of Eastern Europe arises garding passive resistance of the he had belonged since the occupa

Stalinist crisis in these countries, party. the most important events are the installed itself through tortuous purges carried out in the Com- periencing a purge of similar munist Parties, together with the c and political apparatus of the trials of many top leaders. In Al- fied campaign is under way bourgeoisie, while maintaining its bania: Koxi Dodge, secretary of against Gomulka. Spychaski and retary, suffered the same fate. In These peoples have made ac- Poland: Gomulka, secretary of quaintance with the Stalinist the Party, expelled. In Rumania: WHERE IT HITS HARDEST 'revolution" and the joyous re- Patrascanu, member of the Political Bureau, expelled. In Czechothrough the introduction of piece- slovakia, Wilhelm Novy, expelled, which represented a force before work, growing inequality of and Milan Reimann a "suicide"- the war, which had close ties with wages, increased working hours, both members of the Central the masses in their countries tight military discipline in the Committee. Numerous other lead- such as the Bulgarian and Czech factories, constant political sur- ing figures in these parties have veillance and herding into the met with the same fate, while parties and the trade unions where hundreds of second-rank milino collective elaboration of policy tants, caught in the net of the is permitted and even any dis- purge, have ended up in prisons

MOST POPULAR PURGED On the other hand, since Belmasses on the diabolical plots grade's break with the Cominhatched by the most prominent form, about 5,300 individuals, Communist, Party chiefs in ca- mostly worker and peasant CP hoots with the imperialists. All members, have crossed over into these admirable "socialist" forms, Yugoslavia, coming from Albania methods and stage effects cannot (1,418), Hungary (1,930), Bulfail to enrapture the advanced garia (1,031) and Rumania (942). proletariat of Prague, Leipzig, (Tanjug Bulletin, Paris, Jan. 30.)

termine just how great is the dis- greatest popular following in the is happening in the buffer coun- zones, from which, in our opinion, ries will be printed next week.)

If mass disillusionment with these regimes, which are loath- the country during the war (like of Yugoslavia, that Communist cipal conclusions: the Communist Parties in the some caricatures of the prole- Kostov) and who led the party Parties, once in power, tend to capitalist countries comes from tarian dictatorship, since the far- in struggle before as well as dur- balk, even to put up resistance— the Kremlin and its control will be an indirect, negative experience cical plebiscites in which 99.999% ing the war—such as Dobri Ter- at least in certain of its leading come more pronounced to the dewith Stalinism during a period of the votes favor the govern- pechev, Yuugov, Chankov, Taola, circles-against the crass, out- gree that the Communist Parties filled with revolutionary oppor- ment are worthless. On the oth- Dragoicheva-are all in disgrace. right exploitation (economic and become more involved with the tunities, the disillusionment of er hand, the complaints published Terpechev has been expelled from the masses in the buffer coun- in the press of these countries re- the CP Political Bureau to which the Kremlin bureaucracy. from direct experience with Stal- population and the severe meas- tion. K. Dobrey was removed from ures taken to combat this indicate the list of candidates to the Pothe obstacles facing the Stalin- litical Bureau. At the last plenum ist apparatus in its efforts at of the Central Committee eight "socialist" re-education of the members, elected by the Fifth masses, and of the proletariat in Congress of the party in 1948, were expelled. The purge reached From the viewpoint of the down into the very base of the

Czechoslovakia is currently exscope, while in Poland an intensithe party, condemned and hung. Zenon Liszka, who were expelled In Bulgaria: Kostov, party sec- last November from the party's central committee.

Generally speaking, the purge is more sweeping in those CP's Communist Parties and, to a certain degree, the Polish Workers Party. (Both the Czech and Polish CP's include an important number of former Social Democrats compelled to merge with the Stal inists.)

Moreover the purge is primarily aimed at the leaders most closely connected with the wartime struggles led by these ing a new phenomenon which opens up new perspectives on the In Bulgaria, hardest hit by the evolution of Stalinism as a whole. It is naturally difficult to de- purges, the members with the Experience shows, both by what crisis of Stalinism in the buffer (The third article in this se-

otherwise) of these countries by responsibilities of state power and

sistance in the very top circles of with the masses. On the other the CP's and especially among hand, it will be difficult for them the leaders closest to the party to stay in power and ignore the rank and file and to the masses of the country can be regarded as before the hardening of a bureacthe bureaucratically distorted echo racy comparable to the one in the of the resistance of the masses USSR and capable of crushing all themselves to the Kremlin's pol- opposition. Even in such an evenicies in the buffer zone. The more closely a Communist Party is would be inevitable. linked with the masses, the greater is the resistance to "Russianification" and the more vio- sofar as they retain the slightest lent becomes the reaction of the autonomy as political organisms, Kremlin, transmitted through its with machines directly managed trusted agents in these countries. and controlled by itself.

The Kremlin, mindful of the STABILIZATION EXCLUDED danger and favored by the present relationship of forces, does not remain with arms folded; it reacts by smashing these parties and replacing them by mere machines of functionaries directly managed and controlled by the GPU. That is the meaning of the struggle waged in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Poland-the three buffer countries where the CP represented, and still represents, a real force

### CASE OF YUGOSLAVIA

The same process was under way in Yugoslavia, and if it failed, that is due for one thing to the greater homogeneity and parties. These facts are highly capacity of the opposition ensignificant for understanding the countered by the Kremlin-accrisis of Stalinism in the buffer tually a solid front of opposition the buffer countries and in the countries. We are here witness- by the whole Yugoslav party and leadership.

Such is the dynamic of the olutionary role of Stalinism.

These manifestations of re- and seek to avoid losing contact reactions of the masses at least tuality, friction with the Kremlin

(2) The Kremlin will strive to replace the Communist Parties, in

The collision of these two tend-

encies is responsible for the crisis on the level of the Communist Parties. Its outcome depends on the evolution of the whole international situation. In any case, despite the relatively unfavorable conditions at present for the emergence of a new 'Titoism,' i.e., an organized and victorious opposition, in any other country of the buffer zone, the possibility of the Kremlin's achieving a stabilization of the buffer regions and crushing all opposition under its iron heel is excluded. The most probable variant is that of a long, convulsive unfolding of the crisis in the buffer zone, one trial after another, one purge after another. Through this crisis, the masses in world at large will arrive at an understanding of the counter-rev-

Not only was the Minneapolis precedent used in the recent trial and conviction of 11 Communist Party leaders, but the CP's record in the Minneapolis case and its continued opposition to civil rights for Trotskyists have alienated potential labor and liberal support for the defense of the convicted Stalinists.

This was one of the key issues that threatened to split the Wallaceites and the Stalinists at the Progressive Party convention in February.

The Stalinists are now trying desperately to "explain" away their actions in the Minneapolis case. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a member of the CP National Committee, attempts this unsavory chore in a recent CP pamphlet, The Plot to Gag America, which deals primarily with the Smith

Her "explanation" is that "while disassociating ourselves from these defendants (the Minneapolis 18) and their acts and views, we Communists joined in the protest made by many labor organizations and progressive individuals at the time .... The statement that the Communists did not oppose the Smith Act at that time and before is obviously untrue."

Her sole "evidence" is a quotation from an article on the Smith Act by Milton Howard, published in the Daily Worker on Aug. 16, 1941, before the trial and conviction of the Trotskyists. But the issue is what the Stalinists wrote during and after the trial.

The Daily Worker ran scores of venomous attacks on the labor and liberal defense of the 18. A number of these were quoted verbatim by Irving Abramson, eastern regional director of the CIO, in a letter he sent the Worker on May 16, 1949, but which it did not dare to publish.

Abramson quoted, for instance, the June 6, 1944, Daily Worker, which said editorially: "Those informed of what the Trotskyites are doing would no more associate their names with their defense than they would go on behalf of the seditionists now on trial in Washington. . . Labor has complained only because more of their kind. . . were not put behind bars.'

This was written after labor and liberal organizations representing more than five million members had voted support for the Minneapolis vic-

On June 12, 1944, the Daily Worker injected a touch of lynch spirit; "Any labor leader who defends them [the 18] ought to be made to answer to his membership. . . It is time to put a swift, stop to that sort of thing."

For those who fail to swallow the blatant lie about the Stalinists opposing the use of the Smith Act against the Trotskyists, Miss Flynn inserts a couple of other lies. Anyway, she says, the Trotskyists were not convicted "under the thought-control section" of the Smith Act but for "overt acts of an anti-war character."

Actually, the Minneapolis 18 were acquitted of all charges of "overt" acts, which were brought under an old Civil War "sedition" law. They were convicted under the Smith Act on a count, almost identical with that in the later Stalinist case, which stated that the 18 "did advocate, abet, advise and teach the duty" of "overthrowing and destroying the Government by force and violence."

We don't have to go back to the Minneapolis case, however, to know where the Stalinists stand on civil rights for their working class political opponents. Right now they continue to refuse to defend civil rights for members of the Socialist Workers Party, including James Kutcher, the legless veteran purged from the VA.

The pamphlet by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn shows that under pressure and exposure the Stalinists have slightly changed their words, but they haven't changed their tune. They remain vicious, if more concealed, opponents of civil rights for Trotskyists. Thereby they continue to give the chief pretext to union leaders and liberals to refuse to defend the civil rights of victimized Stalin-

## The NAACP Convention: II

A basic weakness of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it is commonly agreed, is its lack of the internal democracy necessary for effective utilization of its strength as the largest and most authoritative mass organization devoted to the struggle for full equality for Negroes in the United States.

Delegates to the 41st annual conference of the NAACP in Boston June 20-24 will have to deal with various manifestations of this problem.

At last year's conference in Los Angeles the delegates took an extraordinary action. They passed a resolution calling for mass action as the most effective means of winning civil rights legislation and rejected reliance on "friends" in Congress and on the President.

Not even depending on the NAACP national leadership, the delegates themselves arranged for the setting up of an emergency civil liberties committee to initiate a national campaign to culminate in a mobilization on Washington.

Leaving no doubt as to the militant character proposed for this mobilization, the resolution stated that the aim of the committee should be "to produce the greatest outpouring of Negroes and their allies in the labor movement, among the church, civic, fraternal organizations, fraternities, sororities, national groups and citizens from every walk of life to the end that both the President and Congress shall feel the wrath and demand of the people for the speedy enactment of a comprehensive civil rights program." (My emphasis - J.B.)

The resolution was remarkable in more ways than one. It reflected forcefully the deep-going antagonism the Negro masses feel for the rulers of this country who perpetuate the system of legal discrimination while demagogically demanding loyalty to "democracy." It also showed the desire and readiness of the Negro people for mass action to express their wrath and demands.

And particularly significant for the struggle for democratization of the NAACP itself, in adopting such a policy and action resolution the delegates were asserting an authority which the undemocratic constitution and structure of the organization reserves for the national board of di-

Resolutions aimed at placing control of Association policies directly in the hands of the membership, by making the convention rather than the board of directors the highest authority of the organization, were defeated.

In the Washington mobilization held in January, the NAACP succeeded in organizing a broad united front for the struggle for civil rights legislation, but instead of the militant force last year's convention called for, the gathering in the nation's capital was simply an enlarged lobbying session. Minority political parties were arbitrarily banned while the delegates were compelled to listen politely to more promises from representatives of the Democratic and Republican

Unimpressed by this type of "mass action," the House then proceeded to throw out the Powell FEPC bill the mobilization wanted and pass the McConnell substitute, a useless "voluntary" meas-

Delegates to the Boston convention should reject the weak policy substituted for the militant mass action outlined last year, and reaffirm the of the teachers and begged them position taken at that time. But they must also to be "disciplined," he warned the take steps to democratize the NAACP and make board: . the leadership responsible to them if they wish WHAT IS NEXT STEP? to see the will of the membership carried out.

Delegates should defeat a proposal already submitted which would substitute bi-annual conferences for the yearly gathering now held, and should oppose, as the New York State conference has already done, the dangerous tendency to set to our democratic procedures. It up rival branches in a city or area where a branch is not for the Board of Educaexists, in order to circumvent policy differences.

The NAACP cannot improve its internal democracy or external effectiveness by taking a leaf from the book of reactionary CIO and AFL bureaucrats who purge and expel their critics and set up rival unions when they cannot win acceptance of their policies by the ranks.

The next article in this series will deal with the most important problem facing the delegates at the forthcoming convention - political action.

## THE MILITANT

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### Beginning of Japan Purge



U. S. military police move in on a demonstration outside the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. Eight were arrested after trying to seize notes of a Japanese plainclothesman copying down statements of a Stalinist speaker. A few days later MacArthur began

## N. Y. TEACHERS RESIST PRESSURE AND THREATS

By Ruth Johnson

NEW YORK, June 5 - The city high school teachers, who for seven long weeks have stopped all extra-curricular work, are standing firm in their unique strike for a \$600

annual wage increase. Threats, altimatums, red-baiting, suspen- Examiner to hear the appeals. sion of eight members, and even The rules require that hearings the outlawing of one of their be held by the Commissioner of unions, have all failed to intimidate the teachers.

Using the CIO's bureaucratic xpulsion of the United Public Workers as an excuse for opposing the Teachers Union in New York, a UPW affiliate, the Board of Education now arrogantly declares that it is "under no ebligation" to deal with "any organizations." It flatly asserts that it will bargain only with such unions as it considers "in the best interests of the teachers."

The action was so raw that one board member, Charles J. Bensley, felt compelled to protest. While he assailed the militancy

fact that the resolution before us is alien to our fundamental American rights and does violence tion to say to our teachers who shall or shall not represent them. We who believe in democracy should not weaken it by employing undemocratic proce-

"If the privilege of representation by the Teachers Union is denied now, what then is the next of their need are already known. egical step? Conceivably, any They refuse to resume supervision nember of the Board of Educa- of the social, athletic and club tion who finds himself in disagree- activities, which is unpaid work ment on any issue with any conducted after school hours, teachers' organization, may then until their increase is won. introduce a similar resolution on the grounds that such organization is disruptive."

about neither democratic procedures nor legality. It ignores even needed now is the additional help its own rules in the vicious attack of the labor movement. on the Teachers Union.

FICK MORGAN MAN

pointed an outsider as Trial will be secure in the future.

Education and the courts. A bill which would have legalized outside examiners was rejected by the last State Legislature. Nevertheless, the Board contends it is free to create any posts it chooses and hire any assistants it wants.

The man appointed to the new job is Theodore W Kiendl, partner in the corporation law firm headed by John W. Davis, one - time Democratic candidate for President. The firm is an affiliate of he Morgan interests. While this wealthy city pleads

overty as the reason for rejectng the teachers' wage demand, it s paying the wealthy Kiendl Board has also found funds for higher). They are also deprived

In the 1950-51 budget which the Jansen is given a fat \$7,500 yearly and accident insurance or miniincrease; school principals get \$1,000 to \$2,000 annual increases; the teachers are offered meager \$150 to \$200 annual raises, plus a "fact-finding board" to "study the situation.

LABOR SHOULD ACT

The teachers reject this miserly offer, and point out that the facts

The mass demonstrations in April gave the teachers' strike The Board, however, worries nation-wide publicity and tremendous moral support. What is

> The CIO and AFL have so far watched in silence, letting the O'Dwyer machine slash away at

## Starvation Amidst Plenty--Farm Labor in California

## Misery Stalks Central Valley Fresno Strikers While Growers Profits Soar Face Evictions,

By Fred Johnson

In the heart of California, the Golden State and traditionally the land of promise, there lies the great Central Valley, 500 miles long and 50 miles wide. Once a desolation called on Governor Earl Warren of swamps and deserts, it has by

transformed into the richest agriultural area in the world.

It embraces 18 counties and 83 modern towns and cities and supports a population of 1,500,000 people. Its ranches, orchards, vineyards and dairies annually give forth a crop worth \$650,000,000.

The profits gleaned from its unlimited bounty support one of the richest, most powerful aristocracies in the nation. Yet, for the 200,000 farm laborers who produce the wealth of its major industry, the valley remains a desolation of broken promises, hunger and despair.

PROFITS AND MISERY

From the beginning of its development, California's agriculture has been dominated by large-scale operations. The small family-worked farm has been the exception rather than the rule. Spanish land grants, large-scale land speculation, federal handouts to the railroads and the necessity for large capital investments to develop the land have combined to produce a pattern of land holdings resembling the feudal latifundia in size.

The methods of operation and the social consequences are, however, classically capitalist. The ranches of the central valley are operated on a factory basis. Workers are hired at piece work or hourly rates for short, intensive periods of work. The most modern methods and machinery are used. The output of the land is fabulously high and so are the profits.

The workers enjoy none of the traditional advantages of country life, not even those of the "hired \$1,800 a month to act as Trial hand." They must provide their Examiner, sitting in judgment on own transportation to work and the underpaid employees. The buy their food at city prices (or of the gains which the city industrial workers have made. They Board approved last week, Super- enjoy no seniority, unemployment intendent of Schools William insurance, old age benefits, health mum wage.

The hourly rates even for have their way. highly skilled workers such as irrigators, tractor drivers, etc., run about 80c. per hour. For the cause of seasonal unemployment.

A family is regarded as a working unit. In order to survive the long periods of unemployment. every member of the family must thousands of students at City Hall work when work is to be had Nothing "extra" is paid the worker for support of children or aged. Everyone must contribute

> Class on Socialism Held in Newark Every Wed. Eve

NEWARK - A class on "So-After suspending eight teachers the teachers' rights. If the City cialism - What It Is and How or refusing to say whether they of New York is allowed to outlaw to Get It" is held every Wedneswere or were not members of the the Teachers' Union and tear up day evening at 8:30 P. M. at Communist Party, the Board ap- the rule-books, no civic employee Socialist Workers Party headquarters, 423 Springfield Ave.

irrigation and drainage been his or her share to the coffers of the corporation farmers or starve. Last winter the number of absolutely destitute workers and striking farm workers. their families was most conservatively estimated at 15,000. News stories telling of the rates of 55 to 65 cents per hour. starvation deaths of 28 children in this rich food producing area

shocked the nation.

A rash of articles, features and editorials (most of them sympathetic to the workers) appeared FACING EVICTION both locally and nationally. A congressional investigation was launched from Washington. The largest chain of newspapers in the valley did a series of articles on the subject. An appeal was made to Governor Warren for a special investigation. He responded and the investigation is now

WAVE OF STRUGGLE

With all of this the families in the valley continued their difficult existence through the winter with little or no aid, and now as the working season gets under way, the most optimistic observers predict that there will be less jobs, lower wages, and a more difficult winter next year. Along with the working season

and the dire predictions comes the county, but they refused to news that the workers in the intervene. It also appealed to the valley are beginning a new wave Fresno County Chamber of Comof struggles to better their conditions themselves. The cotton existed. choppers in Fresno county are on strike against wages of 55 to 65 | HELP NEEDED cents per hour. They are asking 85 cents.

profits are king, and from the settle the matter peaceably." standpoint of profits this is the best of all possible worlds.

tion could wish for no more ment if they are not to be starved "favorable" labor situation than back to work. The National Farm that which prevails in California's Labor Union is appealing for Central Valley, The conditions in funds. You can help by sending this industry are a mirror of contributions to the Farm Labor what the rest of the working Relief Committee, Room 7. Labor class can expect if the capitalists Temple, 2219 Fresno Street,

# **Appeal for Aid**

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FRESNO, Calif. - The AFL National Farm Labor Union has to bring pressure on the large cotton growers in the West Side of Fresno County to halt wholesale evictions of hundreds of

The union has been on strike several weeks against wage It has demanded 85 cents.

William Swearingen, Fresno County organizer for the AFL National Farm Labor Union,

"The Murietta Farms Company, Giffen holding, has served eviction notices on 40 Mexican-American families involving some 175 men, women and children. This is in one camp alone. We expect similar action to follow in other camps on the Giffen properties.'

He said that the workers who are striking against the 65-cent chopping wage have resided in the Giffen Camp the year round. We are notifying the Governor that this is a most cruel and heartless action. The growers are now feeling the impact of the strike and now intend to force people to work under threat of eviction."

The union originally appealed to the Board of Supervisors of merce, but was told "no strikes"

"These eviction notices are positive proof that there is an There is no lack of sympathy effective strike on," Swearingen for the workers even among the said, "and, further, the responsmall farmers and townspeople sibility for the strike falls directly of the Valley. But for the large in the hands of the growers and farming interests who dominate certain county agencies who reits economy and its officials, fused to meet with the union and

The 3,200 strikers are facing dire want and need immediate The industrial barons of the na- material aid from the labor move-Fresno, California.

## field workers they are frequently much lower. Piece rates are so like the second of th worker can make a decent daily wage. Even then life is hard be-

By Joseph Hansen

If your copy of The Militant is arriving unusually late, we ask you not to blame us. The fault's not ours. Don't blame the mail man either. Things have been

pretty rough for him too since ? June 1. And don't blame the other And the head of the Post Office. workers in the Post Office. who is a Truman man naturally, Packages and letters and circulars passes it on down the line in the and newspapers are gummed up way of curtailment of services worse than ever and no more hope that went into effect June 1. of extra help. Blame Congress and the Pen-

dergast politician who's having he White House remodelled.

CAUSE OF DELAY

Here's the cause of the delay getting your paper. Wall Street vants to get on with the preparamore dollars by the billion which Congress gladly appropriates, a good part of it out of the taxes deducted from your wages.

But Congress is also economythe country is well on the road to by the Veterans Administration. the economy axe on everything in sight that's got anything to do

That includes the Post Office since they're engaged in delivering mail and not atom bombs. If it was handling atom bombs you can be sure the Post Office would

Office. This is on top of forcing until the ballots are counted. the Post Office to carry all mail the government gets it free too.) on time?

That's why the Post Office is now snafued and your mail arrives with that aged-in-the-mail-bag The Militant is especially hard

hit. Used to be we could deliver the paper to the Post Office as soon as it came off the press. Then it kind of worked its way tions for another war. That means along the under-manned, overworked belt line. Now the Post Office says we can't deliver at night. Not being a big powerful newspaper we've got to hold over and deliver it next day.

The big ones, naturally, don't have any trouble like that. They get a special dispensation (no extra charge of course) and can deliver any time. After all, it's THEIR government isn't it?

LET CONGRESSMAN KNOW Ordinarily we don't ask any of

our readers to write their Congressman as we expect that they're going to vote against him anyway. In this case, however, if you feel a slow burn about the be doing right well in the way of delay in your mail and want to appropriations. But not letters or work off some of the heat, drop a note to your Congressman letting So Congress took a big whack him know before election what out of the funds to run the Post he would otherwise not discover

If we're living in the richest of Congressmen to their con- and most efficient country in the faculty members and authorizes stituents free of charge. (Rest of world, why can't we get our mail

## 5 UNIONISTS CONVICTED Rogge Barred BELL AIRCRAFT TRIAL As Speaker

(Continued from Page 1) "guilty" verdict which it subse- refused to understand the nature cifically the United States and the quently brought out.

TO BE APPEALED

and it is hoped that the local labor movement will organize widespread support for them throughout the whole country. This is es- involve the entire Buffalo labor bar Rogge from delivering a pecially important in view of the movement. This only led to the speech he was scheduled to make fact that more indictments are inevitable capitulation by the at a public rally in London on pending. Those unionists previous- strike leaders. They thought that June 1. This means that Rogge is ly convicted on civil and criminal this in turn would lessen the now definitely on the Stalinist the bitter 18 week long strike appease the government authorstill have their cases on appeal. ities. During the strike, the Bell Air-

the state from the local sheriff should contain a guarantee that sonally participated in the "inand his deputized hooligans up to the company would drop all pend-formal" conferences over "conand including Governor Dewey, ing prosecutions and that all troversial issues," held prior to of admitted membership in the who advised District Attorney strikers would return without disand use their "unlimited author- stead, the UAW leaders signed an ity" against the strikers.

Bell pickets, followed by indiscriminate arrests of strikers and timize. their leaders and the setting of bail totaling more than one quar- company the green light to fire its criticisms of the non-Stalin- stitutional in a civil suit filed ment of the 'loyalty' purge proter of a million dollars.

AN OBJECT LESSON

stand as an object lesson to those running their course without let- gressive Party further and fur- lister, Director of Labor Educaunion officials, especially the top up.

| UAW leaders in this region, who of the sharp class cleavage which Soviet Union. Neither American the Bell strike engendered and the capitalism nor Russian communmassive array of governmental ism is to be imposed on any other The verdict is being appealed terror which the company could marshal on its behalf.

The union leaders contented Stalinists would refuse to adopt themselves with half measures such a resolution. But they did and shrank from a campaign to contempt charges arising out of vengefulness of the company and blacklist.

whole governmental apparatus of insisted the strike settlement Miller and his aides to go ahead crimination or victimizations. Inagreement under which an arbi-There then began a reign of tration board was given the power the Wallaceite movement. Since their signatures a statement terror and violence against the to decide the fate of 22 militants then, the Communist Party Na- calling for support of Kutcher and cstablishment of a 'subversive whom the company sought to vic-

fate of others is still pending and last week is additional proof of Court at Washington, D. C. The Bell Aircraft convictions tions inspired by the company are ing the two wings of the Proment are: Prof. Frank McCal-freedoms.

(Continued from Page 1) country."

It was to be expected that the more than that. They decided to

The significance of this new development, especially for the future of the Progressive Party, the Progressive Party in Chicago.

Those conferences worked out a

tional Committee has reconsid- the Kutcher Civil Rights Commitered its endorsement of many tee, who have challenged the Tru-Of these 22, the board gave the aspects of that deal and sharpened man "loyalty" purge as unconthe civil and criminal prosecu- the growing strains that are pull-

### CHICAGO EDUCATORS AID KUTCHER CHICAGO, June 6 - Seven | Watson, Chairman of the Depart- | the arbitrary firing of James prominent members of the Roose- ment of Political Science; Prof. Kutcher from his job as a filing

for "disloyalty" from his Vet- Lerner. erans Administration job because

The seven faculty members have signed and are circulating

"SERIOUS INVASION"

Their statement says:

"We, the undersigned members of the faculty of Roosevelt Coldeal which postponed a split in among the rest of the faculty for lege, are disturbed by the state of in the Federal courts which is civil liberties today. The arbitrary list' on the say-so of one man former Attorney-General Clark - and the consequent developsix as "poor security risks." The ists. What happened in London recently in the U. S. District gram based on this list, constitutes a serious invasion of our traditional democratic rights and

Original signers of the state-"We therefore join those who tion Division; Prof. George H. have raised their voices against their signatures to be added.

velt College faculty here today Otto Wirth, Chairman, Cultural clerk with the Veterans Adminded. Don't laugh. They really initiated a movement among their Studies Courses; Prof. Helmut ministration in Newark, N. J. The militants correctly warned will be better understood if it is colleagues to support the civil Hirsch; Prof. Emery W. Balduf, James Kutcher should have had money into the war machine that craft Corporation mobilized the that this was a false course. They recalled that only four months rights defense campaign of James Dean of Student Services; Prof. the public hearing for which he ago both Rogge and Robeson per- Kutcher, the legless veteran fired Charles A. Orr and Prof. Abba P. asked and which was denied him bankruptcy, they start swinging

"We endorse the efforts of James Kutcher and the Kutcher with the welfare of the people. Civil Rights Committee in their endeavor to right the wrong he has suffered - especially his suit now pending. We have read the statement of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee accompanying its appeal for funds, and we urge everyone to give his fullest consideration and support."

This statement has been mimeographed with a form included which can be signed by other