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· C. Marshall. Johnson's letter of resignation and his own "nominat.on" of Marshall as his successor in the post are merely a flimsy that he would request at once cover for this drastic move. On the political plane Marshall's authorizing a five-star general to

dent Truman has kicked out Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, naming in his place the five-star General George

: prointment does not represent a capitulation by the Truman adninistrat on to the Republican.opin top-level personnel represents brazen violation. /a strengthening of it. As a matter of fact, Johnson's departure was hastened by his behind-the-scenes men, especially the press, are maneuvers against avowed ad- deliberately slurring over, as ministration policy. Conservative Truman did, this aspect of Marcapitalist dailies do not hesitate shall's nomination. But every to hint at Johnson's complicity in serious worker, every defender of Gen. MacArthur's statement on elementary democratic rights and Formosa and the public advocacy civil liberties, will understand of "preventive war" by prominent that it strengthens the danger of figures in the Defense Depart- military dictatorship.

seats of power, that is bound to result from Marshall's assumption of the office of Secretary of

Never before in this country's history has a military figure been appointed to a comparable Cabinet post in control of the armed forces. Not only by tradition but by federal statute only a civilian is qualified to hold this post.

WHAT LAW SAYS

the regular component of the

the Fifth Minnesota District. The

action was taken at a state con-

vention held in the party's head-

SWP candidate for vice-president

"I am entering the race for

representative in Congress from

the Fifth District as an anti-war

candidate. All of the candidates of

the Republican and Democratic

Parties support the criminal

destruction of life and property in

Korea today; tomorrow, they will

applaud the extension of imperial-

"I will raise my voice in defense

of the right of the Korean people

to defend themselves against for-

eign aggressors. In line with the

Socialist Workers Party election

platform, I will support the demo-

cratic rights of the peoples of

Asia, Europe and other con-

tinents, as well as the civil liber-

ties of the American people which

Wall Street's agents in Wash-

are now being trampled upon by

ist war to wider areas.

in 1948, declared:

press, Grace Carlson, who was November.

GRACE CARLSON NOMINATED

FOR CONGRESS BY MINN. SWP

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 9 — Grace Carlson, Minnesota

organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, today was named the party's candidate for representative in Congress from

In a statement released to the the SWP on the ballot in

With a flick of the pen, Truman has thrown all this into discard by blandly announcing special legislation from Congress assume a position from which both tradition and law bar him. The most reactionary Congress in modern times, which has already pesition. Instead of reversing of- ripped the Constitution to shreds, ficial foreign policy, this change will hardly balk at this latest

Needless to add, the most authoritative capitalist spokes-

"Freeing" Koreans
- Jim Crowed Here
Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, director of the UN division of the UN division of the UN division of the UN division of the AFI trusteeship, told the AFL Sleeping Car Porters convention that American Negro tion that American Negro soldiers were "fighting valiantly" in Korea in order that Koreans might enjoy "that freedom and equality which these same Negro GIs have these same Negro GIs have the same N these same Negro GIs have never experienced in full at

Leaving aside the matter of just what the Koreans will get out of the war, the questions Negroes want answered are these: When are they going to get some of that freedom and equality for themselves? Must they wait until, say, the Koreans, come over to help them?

The most significant and far-reaching political aspect of Marshall's appointment lies elsewhere. It is the tremendous strengthening of the military caste, already so intrenched in the

With his Sept. 9 speech President Truman formally announced the conversion of this country's economy into least pretends to preserve the war production. While cautious in his wording, he made it right of trial by jury, habeas cor-

nevertheless plain that it would Dmean harder and harder work, less civilian goods and necessities, sharp leap in prices, came in the and imprisonment. The Kilgore increasingly higher taxes, with shape of new credit restrictions the wage freeze and the job which hit hardest at installment freeze in the offing.

To dispel any doubts about the When Congress passed the not butter" program, Truman before other restrictions, regula-Unification Act, it specifically emphasized at the very outset tons and controls are imposed, provided that the "Secretary of that it would last "for many years each biting more deeply than Defense shall be appointed from to come." The current plans, he previous ones into mass living civilian life" and further barred explained, call for war expenfrom office any "person who has ditures by next June "at the rate the Truman administration is to within ten years been on active of at least \$30 billion a year," cuty as a commissioned officer in adding that in the following year "we shall probably have to spend armed services." This was done more." The bigger the war precisely to safeguard against the budget, all the more drastic must obvious powers that would accrue be the slash in living standards. to the military caste once it became intrenched in such an office. to come.

Chester Johnson was named as

campaign manager by the con-

vention; and plans were made for

the petition campaign to place

The first slash in civilian cononger and longer hours, less and sumption, apart from the recent guards against arbitrary arrest buying, the building of new homes and the purchases of home equiplong-range nature of this "guns ment. It is only a question of time standards. The obvious scheme of space out the successive blows.

WHO WILL PROFIT

But there is one section of the population — and it is an insignificant minority of monopolists who will profit fabulously from the war preparations as they invariably have in the past. With record-smashing profits, Truman excusable" price rises and postfair excess profits tax."

nomic Stabilization Agency) that will run the entire "defense" setup is to be completely under the control of the billionaire corporations. Although some key appointments are still to be made, the "dollar-a-year men" - that is, top executives of the biggest corporations, banks and that Wall Street plunderbund - are once

again to be firmly in the saddle. One of Truman's first actions after his speech was to appoint William Henry Harrison, president of the International Telephone and Telegraph, one of the world's largest monopolies, as head of the National Production Authority. This agency, while formally under the jurisdiction of the Commerce Department, has sweeping powers over all civilian production, can arbitrarily allocate any materials designated as critical, order cut-backs of civilian goods or "plan" expansion in vital

Within the War Department

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Why Trumanites **Prefer 'Preventive**

Detention' Camps By Art Preis

The Nazi-like Kilgore bill, which was introduced by six "Fair Deal" Senators, is proof enough that whatever the Trumanites have against the so-called "Red Registration" bills, like Senator McCarran's, it is not that these bills violate constitutional rights.

McCarran's police-state bill at pus, public hearings, confrontation of accusers, and other safeconcentration-camp bill, which Truman called an "improvement" over McCarran's, denies all these

Under this "Fair Deal" bill, whenever the President and Congress declare a state of "internal security emergency," the Attorney General can throw into a concentration camp anyone he "suspects" "might" engage in "espionage or sabotage" or merely have "knowledge" of same.

NO EVIDENCE NEEDED

A "detainee" tossed into a concentration camp because he "might" commit some crime some time in the future could be released only by appeal to an ad ministration board. But the Atthe corporations chalking up torney-General is required to show only "reasonable grounds" merely wagged a finger at "in-excusable" price rises and post-have to present any "evidence" poned to a future date "a just and that he claims may "endanger internal security" if disclosed. The The elaborate system of agencies "detainee's linar appearance "Grandle U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals — "findings" "detainee's" final appeal is to the but it could not reverse "findings of fact" by the administration board.

Even the N.Y. Times, which supports the Kilgore bill, admits this proposal for preventive arrest represents a startling depar- made the following boast: ture from American tradition." "I, myself, have sponsored How startling can be seen from legislation to put all Communists the provisions of the Constitution and would-be spies and saboteurs and its Bill of Rights which de- in detention camps during times clares that "the trial of all crimes, of invasion or other national except in cases of impeachment, emergency. In my judgment that shall be by jury;" that no person would in a practical manner really shall "be held to answer for a meet the Communist threat to capital or other infamous crime our internal security. I hope my unless on a presentiment or in- bill will pass." dictment of a Grand Jury," nor be "deprived of life, liberty, or propand that "the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public logic of what you propose? trial, by an impartial jury; to be ed with the witnesses against camps in Germany. It now ap- on Aug. 29. The noose was tight-3him; to have compulsory process pears that you didn't oppose con- ened when the Senate took up ing measures that have been defor obtaining witnesses in his fa-

vor," etc. The Kilgore "preventive arrest" itself, the Military Traffic Service, bill is indeed a departure from whose budget already runs to half American tradition - its origin a billion a year, is headed by E. is to be found only in the notor-(Continued on page 4)



So They Decided to Use Both

Letter to Senator ehman of New York

By Joseph Hansen

In your speech at the New York State Democratic Convention ac

Have you completely forgotten recent history? Does your mental

centration camps in principle. You Swastika

A FAMILIAR RING

I seem to recognize too a bill. familiar ring in the excuses you offer for concentration camps in hat concentration camps "would in a practical manner really meet the Communist threat to our internal security?"

tories as ingenious means of who constitutes a "Communist of trade unions and widened still further until no one could feel himself safe.

Do you have any guarantee that the standards of admission to concentration camps under the Amercriminating than they were in spire, or agree with any other per- (from Minnesota) wants to de-Germany, once the monstrous system you propose gathers example, can you assure the Jews

On your return to Washington a few days after your notorious weren't defending civil liberties. or public housing laws - all be-

You merely thought, as you ex- wrist or sewing a yellow star on SWP Candidate for U. S. Senator plained in your acceptance speech, his sleeve? For greater con- put it, the McCarran section is that this provision "would not sistency in your votes, you should harm Communists at all, because study more closely the Nazi they could and would evade it."

JUST AS LOGICAL

like measure. Registration is just one who wants to keep Buchenas logical as "detention." And why walds and Dachaus out of isn't it just as logical to make America will try to make sure liberties. The sole difference arose the "registree" easily identifiable you get the crushing rebuke you by tattooing a number on his deserve at the polls.

camp legislation.

I don't expect you to draw back single Senator - NOT ONE -But your feeble objections did from the fatal course you have spoke or voted against policenot stop passage of this fascist- taken. But I do expect that every-

DEBATE IN SENATE WAS LIKE A LYNCHING BEE

The Democrats and Republicans tied a rope around informed of the nature and cause that you were loud in your the neck of the Bill of Rights when the House of Repreof the accusation; to be confront- denunciations of concentration sentatives passed the Wood-Mundt-Nixon police-state bill

> the McCarran registration bill, nounced in Congress and elseonly opposed them under the and the congressional lynching where as "substantially contribbee moved toward its climax when uting" to totalitarianism. the Trumanite Senators brought in the Kilgore concentration camp

The Wood bill is bad enough; the McCarran bill is even worse. America. Didn't the Nazis argue They both set up a board of three or five persons empowered in conjunction with the Attorney General to designate any organization as "communist" or "communregister their officers and mem-

> The main difference between vision barring members of regwould substantially contribute to tions." the establishment within the

foreign organization, or foreign

McCARRANITES BOLD As in the House debate, so in

the Senate the sponsors of the registration bill were on the offensive, and they did not refrain from trying to bulldoze and intimidate their fellow Senators. When Lehman (D, N.Y.) showed that under the bill's vague pro-Those concentration camps led ist-front" and to order them to visions, even the CIO United Auto Workers, despite its anti-combers; both set heavy prison sen- munist leadership, could be cited disposing of "would-be spies and tences and fines for non-compli- as a "communist-front," McCarran demanded to know:

"Is the Senator from New York them is that the McCarran bill trying to defend Communist-front does not contain the Wood pro- organizations?" When Douglas (D, Ill.) and Humphrey (D, istered organizations from jobs in Minn.) interjected a few words, 'defense plants"; but it contains, McCarran growled: "Is the Senunlike the Wood bill, a provision ator from Illinois trying to defend making it "unlawful for any per- the Communist-front organizason knowingly to combine, con- tions now? . . . now the Senator son to perform any act which fend Communist-front organiza-

trol of which is to be vested in against them too) and conciliatives or high purposes" of the a vote of 354 to 20. Under this provision people McCarranites). They repeatedly cating FEPC, compulsory health which, as was to be expected, em-

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'Fair Dealers' **Back Merged** Gestapo Bills

The American people stand closer today to loss of all their democratic rights and liberties than at any time since Britain's King George III ruled nis land.

With Democrats and Repubicans joining in an overwhelming wave of reaction, the Senate on Sept. 12 voted 70 to 7 to scrap the Bill of Rights, set up a militarypolice state and toss political dissenters into concentration camps in true Nazi style.

Most of the Trumanite "Fair Dealers" - who had offered the Kilgore concentration - camp bill as a "substitute" for the Mc-Carran omnibus anti-"subversives" measure, which they had called "dangerous, burdensome and repressive" — wound up by voting to add the Kilgore plan to the McCarran. All but seven voted for the final combined Mc-Carran-Kilgore bill.

Even these seven — Senators Lehman, Graham, Green, Keauver, Leahy, Murray and Taylor - did not oppose the establishment of a police state. They sponsored and voted for the original Kilgore bill to give the Attorney General power, during a state of "internal security emergency," to throw persons who might" be spies or saboteurs into concentration camps and "detain" them there indefinitely without trial. They opposed the combined bill because, as Lehman "unworkable."

Thus, the outstanding political models of your own concentration fact about the whole debate and action in the Senate is that not a voice was raised in real defense of the people's constitutional only over what kind of policestate bill would be most "effec-

> Never in the entire history of the Senate has there been such a unanimous display of fraud and hypocrisy. Senator Paul Douglas, speaking for the supporters of the Kilgore bill, charged that under the McCarran bill innocent people would be "smeared," patriotic organizations could be labeled Communist' "fronts" and "loyal" persons and groups could be punished for exercising their right to oppose domestic and international policies with which they sincerely disagreed. So, he voted for this "smear" bill with the Kilgore bill added.

On the other hand, Senator Homer Ferguson, one of the promoters of the McCarran bill, called the Kilgore bill "the first blueprint of a dictatorship in the U. S." and a "thought - control bill." McCarran himself called it "unconstitutional" and "not workable under any accepted standard of Americanism which includes the preservation of the fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights." They voted to combine this "dictatorship" bill with their own.

Thus, both sides voted for measures they themselves had

The scheme for combining both police-state bills into one was proposed by Majority Leader Scott Lucas, Truman's chief sen-

The registration and concen-The Trumanite opponents of the tration-camp bill has been sent to momentum? What immunity, for United States of a totalitarian McCarran bill were frightened a joint conference committee of dictatorship the direction and con- (they know the bill could be used the House and Senate for "ironing out." The House has already or exercised by or under the con- tory (Douglas went out of his shown its sentiments by passing trol of any foreign government, way several times to stress that the Wood bill, similar in basic he was not attacking the "mo- features to the McCarran bill, by

Congress has the police-state could be sent to prison for advo- made principled concessions, knife poised at the throat of the Bill of Rights. Only mass inis the Republican candidate for Bianchi expected to lead the fight as a "personal friend" of Marcan- es in Harlem. You guessed it! "Communist" to register. You insurance, price or rent control, boldened rather than restrained tervention by the people can stay

ALP Makes Deal with Republicans torial District, which is in Mar-|year at the head of a coalition with the not-so-rare privilege of to gas chambers and soap fac-

By Gladys Barker SWP Candidate for Lt. Governor cantonio's territory. of New York

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 - Last week I said in The Militant that the American Labor Party was running Dr. W.E.B. DuBois for Senator from New York "merely to utilize his prestige" to promote "another dirty deal with the capitalist parties."

did last year."

Within a few days this was

borne out to the hilt. State Senator in the 22nd Sena- against Marcantonio again this tonio and enjoyed all that goes They're both Republicans.

GRACE CARLSON

Marcantonio was purring like publicans. an alley cat with a fish head fresh friend who resents the gang-up" against Marcantonio.

nio's re-election.

In return, naturally, Marcanto-I added that the ALP chiefs nio and his machine, which in- that he and Marcantonio are birds want "to prove to the Democrats cludes the Stalinists, pledged to of a feather. that it doesn't pay not to make do their best to put Bianchi in deals with the ALP. In other the State Senate. The Stalinist BIRDS OF A FEATHER words, their policy has no more sheet, the Daily Worker, feels resemblance to independent labor that this opportunity to help put that the double-cross may have political action this year than it another Republican in office is a been hatched in the smoke-filled great victory.

Last Friday, Marcantonio, the ALP endorsement. In 1946 and in tangelo. This political leg man of drawal of two more of their "in- boast, you voted against the "con-ALP candidate for Congress, 1948 Bianchi headed the fight the bankers and Big Businessmen dependent" candidates. In their centration camp" bill as finally came into the judicial convention against Marcantonio and did his announced great indignation over place went the names of John A. passed in the Senate. You were of his party with none other than best to take Marcantonio's place the Bianchi-Marcantonio deal. Ross, Jr. and Philip Watson, can- against the provision forcing any William J. Bianchi in tow. Bianchi on the Congressional payroll. Maybe because in 1948 he rated didates for Municipal Court judge one arbitrarily designated as a

of Democrats, Liberals and Re- climbing into the ALP bed.

the coalition and discovered what publicans. he had no doubt known all along,

Tammany, of course, suspects rooms of the Republican com-Only a few months ago, Bianchi mand. Tammany's candidate

The big difference between However, the coalition double- ALP politics in 1948 and 1950 saboteurs." And the Nazi idea of ance.

out of the garbage can. He and crossed him and the designation thus boils down to this, as the nounced Bianchi as "a personal went to James G. Donovan, a record shows: In 1948 the ALP threat" took in the Jews, members Tammany wardheeler in need of a backed Democrats. In 1950, when soft berth. So, in accordance with the Democrats decided deals were Bianchi told the gathering he the ethics of these political cut- out for the time being, the ALP was going to plug for Marcanto- throats, Bianchi double-crossed opened negotiations with the Re-All the noise about "independ-

ent" candidates this year turns out to be one-tenth spite politics and nine-tenths pressure for continuation of the old rotten deals with the completely corrupt capitalist political machines. Just to remove any lingering

doubt as to the ease with which in America, including yourself? they can be had, the ALP heads swore that he would not accept against Bianchi is Alfred E. San- yesterday announced the with-

Solidarity Wins To the Memory of Oscar Coover Rice-Stix Strike By Farrell Dobbs National Chairman, Socialist Workers Party By Farrell Dobbs National Chairman, Socialist Workers Party In Record Time

By Ed Johnson

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 10 — Rice-Stix Warehouse workers, members of Local 688, Warehouse and Distribution Workers. International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL, by

These conditions forced them to

cognition, but refused to do any-

thing about wages and conditions,

In a small unorganized town of

18,000 people it was easy for the

When pickets first appeared in

front of the Rice-Stix Warehouse

their leaders to go to work. The

leaders of the warehouse workers

that if they did not reach an

workers, the warehouse workers

line. The picket line was with-

lrawn for about 10 days, but after

fruitless negotiations was started

This time workers from the

ng, which created a greater

warehouse workers. The first

but not to pass the line at noon

When workers saw the line at

warehouse union, came out and

morning the line was still there

The Blytheville workers got

Workers from the warehouse

cost us a few bucks, but it is

likely to save us hundreds later,

noon, nearly all, including office SWP Candidate

RESPECT PICKET LINE

in St. Louis.

showing their solidarity with? workers from the Rice-Stix Shirt only 10% of them were making. factory in Blytheville, Ark., members of the CIO Amalgamated organize. After an NLRB election, Clothing Workers, won in one the company granted them reand a half days a strike which the Blytheville workers had been carrying on for months and so they struck. seemed to be losing.

The Blytheville workers had been receiving wages of 65c and bosses to get scabs. They had little difficulty in keeping the 75c. When the new minimum wage factory running. But a solid core of 75c began to operate, producof workers remained out. After tion schedules were raised and those workers who could not meet seeing how difficult it would be, the new schedule were paid only probably impossible, to win the 65c. Those who could were paid strike in Blytheville alone, they 75c. In order to get vacations, it asked the Amalgamated in St. was necessary for workers to Louis to picket the company's make production records which largest warehouse, which is located

Hansen Demands Senate Reject O'Dwyer as Envoy met with directors of the Rice-Stix Warehouse and advised them

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 - Joseph agreement with the Blytheville Hansen, Socialist Workers candidate for U. S. Senate, today condemned William O'Dwyer's nomination as Ambassador to Mexico and asked to be heard by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which is now considering objections to the proposed appointment.

The text of Hansen's request to Blytheville plant did the picketthe Senate committee follows:

As candidate of the Socialist sympathy for them among the Workers Party for Senator from New York. I ask you to reject morning leaders of the warehouse appointment of O'Dwyer as workers advised them to go in, Ambassador to Mexico.

O'Dwyer solemnly pledged while if it was still up. running for office of Mayor of New York that he would retain the five-cent subway fare. In of- workers most of whom are in the fice he carried out the demands fice he carried out the demands warehouse union, came out and of the Wall Street real estate and would not go back. The next would not go back the next hard would not go back the next would not go back. financial interests and doubled subway fares, thus increasing the and practically all the workers cost of living for millions of New stayed out.

their demands that day. O'Dwyer's campaign promises proved worthless. The character of the man obviously makes him told me, "The company never day, Mrs. Clyde Turner, U. S. unfit to hold public office.

Yorkers least able to afford it.

As Mayor, O'Dwyer broke out that solid for members of ist (Militant) Workers Party, Editor: numerous strikes. His police de- another union and a plant several hailed the recently launched partment became notorious for hundred miles away, but we sure brutality to Negroes and Puerto out their water off in a hurry." Ricans. He was instrumental in "I saw non-union workers who delphia NAACP to stop police extending Jim Crow housing in are always knocking the union brutality directed against the local New York. Under his administra- outside." "Staying out may have Negro community. tion, thought control was imposed on New York public schools. In

It is clear that O'Dwyer can be on a strike we'll be 100%." trusted to faithfully represent the selfish interests of American im- End Payroll Taxes, perialism in Mexico; but by no stretch of the imagination can he Make the Rich Pay be considered a representative of the American people, who hold the warmest friendship for the people of Mexico.

When may I appear to oppose awarding this political flunkey of Big Business the high-paying post Workers Party's 1950 Election years. of Ambassador to Mexico?

National Chairman, Socialist Workers Party

When you die, it has been said, all you can clutch in your hand is that which you have given away during your lifetime. Thinking of his last hours from this point of

view, we know that our beloved from our midst a richly endowed than just a member of the party.

self — to eat a little higher up ed with. on the hog whenever he could; to It was common knowledge that

Beyond the necessities of life fice. and a few modest indulgences he had little craving for purely maa little better place for his having in the presence of greatness.

out until they were advised by vation or qualification, in the eral. struggle for the socialist emanci-

pation of humanity.
All of us cherished the com-

passed since our dear comrade that your life has real meaning- live.

comrade, Oscar Coover, passed can already see that he was more He was a tradition. He left an He asked very little for him- indelible stamp on those he work-

ing the ink in the National Of-

terial things. He was too big a Oscar so intensely human. Yet man to chain himself to such a you could not work with him, small-minded perspective. He laugh with him, share his love of wanted to live a purposeful, con- life and his great compassion for structive life and leave the world humanity without feeling yourself Yes, Oscar Coover was a great

man. Not because of any flaming manifesto he wrote, for he was He found in the Socialist Work- not a writer. Not because of any ers Party the fruitful, gratifying soul-stirring speech he made, for life he sought. Throughout his he was not an orator. Not because long years in the party he gave of his skilled generalship of the in St. Louis, the workers stayed everything he had, without reser- movement, for he was not a gen-

Greatness in the complete sense is measured on a broader gauge. Oscar's greatness lay in the fact radeship of Oscar, whom we af- that he was the living, walking fectionately called the Cat, but personification of the great rank we did not realize how deeply he and file that is going to transform had crept into our hearts until the world and make it a better word reached us of his imminent place to live. He symbolized their When that bitter news came their selfless devotion to the ever it may be.

quarter of the party. To his dy- was he a genius. He was just a socialism by joining the Socialist ness ing hand was returned the love good man, with many strengths Workers Party. New you need he had so generously given dur- and some weaknesses too. He was only serve the party, like he did, the marrow of his bones. I'll take

mal human need to feel that you tained the most purposeful, con-twice on Sunday. Now that a few weeks have are doing something important, structive life you could possibly



courage, tenacity, resourcefulness, own role in the movement, what- tell you about some of the quali-Like him, you have stepped into years which, to my way of thinking of concern for him from every He was not a perfect man, nor the vanguard in the struggle for ing, gave him the stamp of great-

I say to you who have the nor- ual ability, and you will have at-

ties I found in him during those

He was an organization man to to the best of your own individ- an organization man over a prima donna every day in the week and

Prima donnas usually have special, often exceptional, talents. was taken from us, we can begin I say to you, look into the mirror I knew Oscar intimately and But they gravely impair their to understand more fully his im- of Oscar Coover's life. There you worked with him closely for al- value to the movement through portant role in the movement. We will find justification for your most seventeen years. I want to their petty vanities, corroding

Politicians Regarded As Most Expendable A Birmingham newspaper asked cross-section of the local population who should have

city. Everybody put politicians at the bottom of the list. Lawvers Guild Backs Intervention in Korea

The executive board of the National Lawyers Guild, at its porting the intervention in Kopolicy as contributing to the war. remained true to the cause for might suspect and whose political ideas might in his eyes make them spies.'

> Nazi General Gets Post With West German Govt.

The West German government has picked as its military adviser Lt. Gen. Count Gerhard Schwerin. He is a Nazi general, who commanded tanks in Africa and Russia during the last war. His appointment was approved by the U. S., British, and French occupa-

J. Parnell Thomas Freed, Says He Was Too Vigilant

J. Parnell Thomas, ex - congressional witch-hunter convicted tried to learn better and didn't or robbing the government, was repeat his mistake too many freed on parole after nine months | times. in jail. "I have paid a high price for vigilance (against subversives)," he complained.

Withdraw All Troops From Foreign Soil "Take the war-making powers

people vote by referendum on all down. You see each man just as he juestions of peace or war. Down is, in all the stark reality. Having with the war-making alliances thus seen the Cat, we loved him woven into the Atlantic Pact. An all the more, and every right guy end to military and economic aid in that prison was his friend. to blood-stained tyrants like the CP ask you to sign their be forever blinded, they cannot Chiang Kai-shek, Bao Dai and qualities was his unshakable faith Syngman Rhee. Withdraw all in the ultimate socialist victory. roops from foreign soil. Let the He never stopped pitching for so-Korean people decide their own cialism, not even on his death bed. way from the blood-hungry fate. For the complete independ- He planted the socialist seed ence of the colonial peoples. No ington. Save humanity while there confidence whatever in the United Nations, dominated by despots at your trade union locals, your and designed to spread the illusion that peace is possible under capitalism. Full solidarity with Write - not your congressman, the revolutionary struggles of who is one of the crocodiles seek- workers and farmers in all lands - those dominated by American imperialism as well as those other cities, your union leaders. dominated by reactionary Stalin-And begin today. Future ages will ism. Defend Yugoslavia against not forgive us if we neglect this the Kremlin and Western imperialism. For the Socialist United States of the World." - From the Cambridge, Mass. SWP 1950 Election Platform.

HE NEVER SHIRKED

Real organization men, like Oscar, do not claim a monopoly over cialism will triumph, or when I any department of work, nor do hear them in all their ignorance they shirk any task as beneath inexcusably blaming the workers their dignity. They do whatever for the mistakes and treachery of job the party assigns to them, their leaders - when I hear that they do it the best they can and I cannot help but think, Oh, you they do it with a genuine revolu- of little faith! How can you be so tionary will.

Another quality of Oscar's was of men like Oscar? that he always pitched, day in and day out, in good times and bad, no HE NEVER WAVERED matter how big or small the task.

Oscar slept. He was usually last might. out of the party headquarters at He saw World War II, which night and first in the next morn- cost him a prison term; a new ing. During the 1934 Minneapolis revolutionary upsurge of the drivers strike, he worked days at workers that was crippled by the electrical trade and spent his Stalinism; and then the cold war nights helping out on the picket with reaction again rearing its lines or at the strike headquar- ugly head.

ters. Here at the camp he put Not once throughout this storters. Here at the camp he put the last poker player to bed and my period did Oscar waver. He woke up the cook in the morning, knew how to stand firmly against

ing, noon and night. He lived by the working class. John Reed's powerful book, Ten sower of the socialist seed to reap Days That Shook the World, who the golden harvest of his cultivasaid, "There are two classes, don't tion. But he did live to see the you see, the proletariat and the first four months of the 1950's, on one side is on the other."

SENSE OF HUMOR

the Cat a good man for the long heard the mighty rumble of colpull was his sense of humor. You onial revolt in Asia. Above the can stand a lot of tension and you can shoulder a good many dis- gerously hot, he heard the revoluappointments if you know how to laugh now and then. Some of his working class. He could close his stories, often told by him, have become legendary. I want to re- the knowledge that the socialist call one of his lesser known stories that illustrates both his militancy and his sense of humor.

Years ago, when the stage THE STANDARDS HE SET hands were fighting to build their union in Minneapolis, Oscar was priority for limited shelter space working as a stage hand in a loin case of a bomb attack on the cal theater. At Christmas-time the workers by handing out throughout the years. scrawny turkeys, while his wife passed around cheap neckties. Oscar and another worker decided to bronze plaque dedicating this dinspike that business once and for ing hall to his memory. This ha-

They tied a necktie on one of the turkey carcasses and loaded of man's socialist future. And a double-barrelled shotgun as over it will always preside the props for an unscheduled act. warm, kindly, comradely spirit of Then, during a change in scenery the Cat. while the show was on, they stepped out in front of the curtain, day of world socialism comes, the tossed the turkey into the air citizens of the socialist society and blew it to smithereens with will build their own monument to the shotgun. The owner got the him. That monument will be the point.

Oscar's sense of humor was only part of his warmness. He the child of goodness, and Oscar always thought of his comrades as something more than mere cogs in a machine. He remembered that they were human and sometimes grew tired; or were off their feed, or fell into personal difficulties. He was one of the first to notice when something was amiss with a comrade and he was always quick to offer his

peg a phony a mile off and he wanted no truck with that breed But he was endlessly patient and understanding with sincere people. Oscar never condemned a person for making a mistake, no matter how serious, provided he

He had an uncanny ability to

IN PRISON

Those of us who were in prison with Oscar were probably privileged to know him best. In prison you react strongly to men, for or against. Hemmed in as you are by walls and bars through endless days, there is little room for away from Washington; let the subterfuge. All the barriers are Among the greatest of Oscar's

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jealousies and personal indulgen- among those who helped to ease his last days in the hospital.

When I sometimes hear people whose feet are scarcely wet in the movement express doubt that sofaint of heart before the example

Oscar came into the movement no matter how hard or dangerous. in 1916. That's 34 years ago, a He kept branch books; distrib- long time in a man's life span. uted Militants; presided over the What a gauntlet of jubilant hopes food table at socials where he and cruel disappointments Oscar sliced the ham so thin you could ran during those 34 years. He almost read a newspaper head- witnessed World War I; the line through it; he helped defend great socialist revolution of 1917 picket lines; and went unflinch- in Russia; a postwar wave of reingly to prison when the capitalist action in America; and endless begovernment attacked his party trayals of the working class by for opposing the last world war. treacherous Stalinism, against It was always a mystery when which he fought with all his

Oscar was a working class war- capitalism in fair weather and rior in every fiber of his being, foul. He was a man for the long He was against capitalism morn-pull. He knew how to believe in

the creed of the Red soldier in It was not given to this great bourgeoisie. . . And whoever isn't which promise to be the stormiest. decade of war and revolution in all history.

He saw the Yugoslavs break to One of the things that made the left from the Kremlin. He din of the cold war, grown dantionary stirring of the world eyes for the last time warmed by victory for which he gave so much is drawing nearer.

We carry on where Oscar left off, striving as best we can to measure up to the high standards he set by his own example, imbued the owner, who wanted to pay with the same revolutionary op-scab wages, tried to butter up timism that fortified him so well

Today we have paused in our labors to install this beautiful ven of relaxed living and good comradeship is a sort of foretaste

Then, when the great gettin' up timeless, all-pervading tinkle of human laughter. For laughter is embodied in his warm-hearted person that which is the very best in the human race.

(From a speech delivered at the Oscar Coover Memorial Meeting held at Mountain Spring Camp.)

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enjoy a nip now and then in good Oscar was sometimes a bit overfellowship; to have plenty of zealous in husbanding the party's Edgeworth tobacco for his fami- resources. As a result some peoliar curved-stem pipe, without ple believed the rumor once cirwhich no portrait of him would be culated in jest that he was water-

would refuse to go through the

there was a spontaneous outpour- movement. ing his lifetime, to comfort and right as rain. cheer him in his last precious

NAACP in Phila.

Letters from Our Readers

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 11 -Pleads for Action to In a statement to the press to-Put A-Bomb Under thought our people would come Senatorial candidate of the Social- Trade Union Control

energetic campaign of the Phila-"Police brutality is not new in the setting of the sun. But while most ardent supporters of Wall It also denounced the Kilgore the cities of America," Mrs. the morning was still young, the Street during the second imperial- bill, which its president, Thomas

NAACP are not permitting it to floating somewhere in space, millions of helpless, unarmed peo- Attorney General, his staff, progo by unchallenged. The continuing series of protest meetings where they were born. against the police brutalities Thousands of others met a "Repeal all payroll taxes, against Oscar Williams, the Smith Abolish all sales taxes. No taxes sisters, and the most recent on incomes under \$5,000 a year. A victim, Joshua Mason, have 100% tax on incomes over \$25,000 brought out into the open the a year. Tax the rich, not the ugly facts of police terror pracpoor." - From the Socialist ticed in Philadelphia for many

"The NAACP and the Negro community should push forward the anti-brutality campaign to enlist the support of civic and labor organizations, for a united campaign that will not cease until, in every instance, police officers guilty of brutality are dismissed, and the officials that condone such practices are removed from office.

"The NAACP should ask every candidate for public office to upon rats. declare himself on this specific issue. Broad platitudes about favoring civil rights are not weapon that murdered and from the monster in the Whiteenough. For my party, its guber- maimed them was the atom bomb. House, and place it in the control natorial candidate and myself, I pledge that we will assist the munist Party urge us to sign a must act quickly! There is no NAACP campaign to the fullest

"The program of the Socialist Workers Party calls for full equality for the Negro people, which is a vital part of the struggle of all working people against | Communist Party and its Daily | suffering. They cannot allow the the system that breeds race Worker also gloated and rejoiced baby in the cradle to be burned hatred. Only the establishment of a Socialist America democratically controlled and governed by workers and farmers can bring about "peace" petition, just ask them a allow the old man sitting on his such full equality."

Five years ago, on a beautiful of other helpless cities. Ask them summer morning the people of a to deny that they APPLAUDED quarterly meeting in Chicago last certain city arose as usual and every crime of American imperial- week, adopted a resolution supbegan a new day that seemed like ism during its march of mass any other. Of course most of them murder around the globe. Ask rea, while criticizing U. S. foreign

their bodies covered with terrible burns, eyes melted from their heads, skin hanging in strips from their faces, destined to suffer agonies until they died of enter the wards of hospitals to live for a while and endure the tortures of hell - while "our" bombing upon them and brazenly published articles in the capital-"learned" from the condition of trusts him to keep his word. these helpless victims - as if they were writing of experiments

But five years ago, when the atom bomb. capitalists and their vile press all'

over that same atrocity. And so when the agents from few questions. Ask them to show

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for Aug. 7, 1945. Ask them to deny that their hands, now holding the Stockholm petition, are also stained with the blood of the people of Hiroshima and dozens expected to be alive and well at them to deny that they were the him to be an enemy of the people. are solid and if they ever force us Turner said, "but what is new is sky was still blue and the sun ist war. Ask them to deny that I. Emerson, said would provide that the victims and our local was still shining, thousands were the capitalists would never have "a dragnet by which to incarcerate reduced to atoms, their bodies DARED commit such atrocities on all manner of people whom the denied even a grave on the earth ple if the Third International had fessional informers and others which it was founded by Lenin. much worse fate, and found them- Ask them WHY the Third Inselves crawling on the ground, ternational betrayed the cause of socialism. Ask them these questions, and listen carefully to their repliés.

These agents of the Communist Party do not mean a word they pain and thirst. Others lived to say - they appeal to you against Wall Street today; they will sell you out to Wall Street tomorrow. Do not trust them for a moment: degenerate scientists coolly do not sign their hypocritical studied the effects of the atomic petition that merely pleads with tion officials in Germany. the capitalist to change his favorite drink from human blood ist press, telling what they had to something milder - and then

But that doesn't mean that we should allow Wall Street to destroy the world. The American That city was Hiroshima, that workers must take action - they day was Aug. 6, 1945, and the must take the atom bomb away And now the agents of the Com- of the trade unions. And they petition calling on the capitalists time to lose. Wall Street must to outlaw that same atom bomb. not be allowed to drop another

The American workers cannot. gloated and rejoiced over the must not, refuse to act to save all martyrdom of Hiroshima, the mankind from death or even worse to death; they cannot allow the little girl playing in the street to doorstep to be flaved alive. The atom bomb must be taken

> capitalist and his agents in Washis still time. Discuss the subject churches, your visits with neighbors and friends.

ing to devour mankind-write to your labor press, your friends in duty to the entire world.

Belle Montague,

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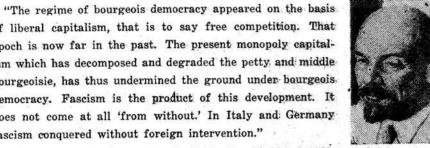
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of liberal capitalism, that is to say free competition. That epoch is now far in the past. The present monopoly capitalism which has decomposed and degraded the petty and middle bourgeoisie, has thus undermined the ground under bourgeois. democracy. Fascism is the product of this development. It does not come at all 'from without.' In Italy and Germany fascism conquered without foreign intervention."

-Leon Trotsky, interview in London Daily Herald, March 1939.



LENIN

Their Silence Bids Assent

Newspapers last week featured pictures of AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray laughing and smirking at the side of a grinning Truman, with whom they and other union leaders were dining. We don't know the cause of their mirth — unless it was the great "joke" Truman was pulling on the American people by attacking the Mc-Carran bill as a menace to the Bill of Rights while his chief lieutenants in the Senate were pushing the Kilgore bill to turn this country into a concentrationcamp state.

We wonder whether they'll show elation if the joke turns out to be on themif they, like their counterparts in Germany, wind up in "preventive detention" camps? Wherever capitalist governments have established concentration camps, the labor leaders have ended in

At their dinner with Truman, the union leaders are reported to have pledged support for his war mobilization program. Did this include support for the Kilgore bill to imprison people without trial who "might" commit a crime? If they even discussed the Kilgore bill, they didn't say so. Perhaps they considered it bad manners to raise so unpleasant a topic at a good fellowship feast with "The Boss."

Let us-for the moment-put the most charitable interpretation on their silence. Let us concede-just for now-that pressure of social engagements left them little time to form a judgment on the Kilgore bill. Still, they did have something to say about the Wood Bill passed by the House. They called it a police-state bill. By their own admission, anyone who voted for it favored a police state.

Does that mean the AFL and CIO: leaders will no longer support Democrats who voted for the Wood bill? If they did, the CIO and AFL would have to abandon a large percentage of the candidates they are supporting in the coming elections. Only 17 Democrats voted against this police-state measure.

And if support of a police state is a criterion for opposing any candidateand what better criterion is there?then how many candidates would these union leaders have left in the Democratic Party if they struck from their slates Lehman and other "Fair Deal" supporters of the Kilgore bill, the most totalitarian measure ever offered in Congress?

Taken with their public silence on the Kilgore bill, their latest demonstration of political good-will toward Truman-leader of those who pushed the bill-is a token that these union leaders are ready to surrender the most cherished rights of the American people to preserve their unholy alliance with the Truman administration and the Democratic Party. They breathe fire and brimstone against policestatism-in the Soviet Union. But give it a Trumanite "Fair Deal" label and they'll embrace it here.

Democracy Gets in Their Way

When Congress last spring passed the bill killing federal rent controls at the end of the year, it added a provision that the localities could decide for themselves whether or not to retain rent control for an additional six months. The joker in even this provision is that this decision could either be made through a referendum or left up to "the local legislative body."

What this has meant in practice was demonstrated recently in the city of Detroit where the Common Council voted by 5 to 2 against placing the rent control extension issue on the ballot this November. Thus five individuals, representing the interests of the rich and serving the real estate lobby and the rent sharks, arbitrarily deprived the vast majority of the Detroit's citizens of any say whatever on an issue that affects them so vitally.

This high-handed action was enthusiastically acclaimed as "the only proper course" by the Detroit Free Press in an editorial on Sept. 8. "Since there obviously are more tenants than landlords, any general balloting would go in favor of the renters," coolly argue these "democratic" editors.

It is not often that capitalist editors are so outspoken and defend so openly the interests of the minority ruling class. They applaud the brazen suppression of "majority view in this matter." Why? Because, if you please, the majority is bound not to be "impartial" — "since the majority has a personal financial inter-

Who has a better right to protect any and all of its interests, including its "financial interest," if not the majority? But when it comes to defending the "personal financial interests" of the tiny minority of rent hogs or the rest of the wealthy minority in this country, these hypocritical Detroit editors, like others of their brotherhood, line up each time against the most elementary democratic procedures, lauding each and every violation of the majority's rights and inter-

"The only proper course" for the people of Detroit and of other localities is to demand that they themselves decide on such issues as rent control along with every other issue affecting the vital interests of the majority.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow-traveler

Another brick was added to the structure of America's "internal security" when Nevada's gambling casinos joined the "loyalty" oath parade last week, Every joint in Reno swung into line after the managements of two big clubs ordered their employees to sign non-Communist oaths. Among the 105 employees of the Cal-Neva Casino who had to sign was the nude model who poses in a champagne glass. One can see at a glance the possibilities for subversion here.

But no sooner was this avenue for "communist infiltration" closed off by the "loyalty" oath than the red menace was found to have penetrated an even more vulnerable place-Hollywood.

Ever-alert guardians of "Americanism" at Monogram Studio were aghast to discover that "Hiawatha"-that 95year-old classic by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow-has been subtly injecting "communist" poison into every generation of American school children for nearly a century.

Monogram had been working six months on a film script based on Longfellow's poem dealing with the life and exploits of the 15th century Onondaga Indian chief. Then, to their horror, the studio executives realized they were spreading nothing but "communist" propaganda. Hiawatha's efforts as a peacemaker among the warring Indian tribes, through formation of the confederation of Five Nations, said a studio spokesman, might be regarded as a message for peace and "help Communist designs." Shuddering, they withdrew the picture from production.

But now that we know where the danger lurks, we can take prompt action. Doesn't that "communist" best-seller, the Old Testament, have a part about "beating swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks" and don't they speak of a certain central character in the New Testament as the "Prince of Peace?" Where won't these "communists" penetrate next?

Good decent Americans should sleep better at nights knowing that the "communists" won't be able to undermine American institutions like the gambling and girlie joints so easily and that the story of Hiawatha (now we know why its author insisted on calling him a "noble REDskin") was really written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow-traveler.

The Yugoslav Position On the War in Korea

By Fred Hart

question. The Tito regime has not oined with the imperialist powers n their war against North Korea but is continuing the position of neutrality it has maintained from the beginning of the conflict. Kardelj's statement concludes by

creak of the war in Korea, the Yugoslav Delegation (to the UN) ndeavored to have the operations brought to an end, to have both sides heard and to find forms of egotiations which would prevent continuation of the war and emove the danger of its spreading. . . The Yugoslav Government considers that it can best serve the cause of peace by continuing to adhere strictly to such a policy, On that basis it would have been onsistently refusing to give sup-Korea and endeavoring to find vays of containing and liquidating the Korean war in the peediest possible way. It goes without saying that the Yugoslav government will continue to offer moral and political aid to the Koean people in their struggle for mification and general indepen-

PALSE POSITION

Although the Yugoslav leaders ave not aligned themselves with the imperialist powers, their "plague - on - both - your - houses" tated for the first time, is bound Yugoslavia's prestige among the nsurgent peoples of Asia. It will courageous stand of recognizing the Ho Chi Minh government in Indo-China in the teeth of imperialist opposition. One can well magine the reaction of an anti-Stalinist Korean Communist engaged in a life-and-death strugle on the battlefront. In all probability he would say Kardeli:

"I would subscribe to your statement that 'those (the Soviet pursue an aggressive, hegemonistic and anti-socialist policy towards Socialist Yugoslavia cannot pursue another, that is, a peaceloving, democratic, socialist policy. of genuine equality and brotherhood among all peoples in other parts of the world.'

it is one of the great dangers we and all other movements for Korea. Among the latest to issue So far as the Western Europea fact that we are fighting to unify among the peasants, to place the power in the hands of People's Committees against the murder-

Arms Program Is Put in Hands of **Big Corporations**

(Continued from Page 1) G. Plowman, vice-president of the

U. S. Steel Corporation. The top "policy" man in overall charge of the program is W. Stuart Symington former corporation executive.

These appointments are only a foretaste of what is to come as swarms of corporation executives await the "call" from Washing-

Ironically enough, Truman himself first came into prominence because of the scathing report issued in 1942 by a Senate committee he headed which exposed the "outrageous" contracts secured under the World War II agency - the OPM. This agency, charged the Truman Senate Committee, was controlled "by persons holding important positions with large companies who were willing and anxious to serve on a dollar per year, or without compensation

Condemning the profiteering the giant corporations, the Truman report declared: "All important procurement contracts must be approved by these (dollar-a-year) men, which means that contracts must conform to panies, this means that the defense program in all its ramifications must obtain the approval of the large companies."

In 1950 Truman in the office of President is perpetrating and adtices which he helped expose and denounce as Senator in 1942. His own report of eight years ago

ous resistance of a foreign im- | murdered our brothers by the perialist army and the feudal- hundreds and filled the jails with ster Edvard Kardelj's Sept. 8 capitalist dictatorship of Syng- the fighters for freedom? Should statement on Korea, now available, reveals how flagrantly the this struggle and permit our counists who broke up even the mild capitalist press has distorted try to become an American colony 1945 coalition government to come Yugoslavia's position on this because Stalin is trying to exploit the war for his own antiocialist aims?

Stalin is trying to subvert our aspirations for freedom. Others, But that is a danger we will face "Immediately following the out- later on. Now we confront armed intervention. That is the gun aimed at our head today, and we must knock it away first before ve can deal with Stalin's poison "Tito says that because of

Stalin's influence in our struggle, t will not lead to independence. On the same basis you would have had to deny support to Mao Tse-tung and now to Ho Chi Minh. false to have supported your port to any hegemonic policy in Partisan struggles in Yugoslavia during the last war. Does not the danger also exist, in the event of a Russian assault on Yugoslavia, that the imperialists would attempt to exploit that conflict to subvert your independence? Should we on that account withhold our support?

"In any case, are we not in a better position as a people in arms, fighting for our own land and our own people's property, to ward off the danger of Stalinist hegemony? We have learned from your experiences with Stalinism, as contrasted to the tragic events position on Korea, now officially in other Eastern European counin our country. Can you have Yugoslav descent?

"You reproach us for not having sought 'other ways of struggle for independence and liberation.' entrusted our fate to the tender Rhee, who smashed our unions, interests and still survive.

to our assistance? Or should we depend on the UN which has turned down even your mediation "Many of us are aware that proposals? In saying that the war has exposed our people and country 'to terrible suffering and to perhaps the majority, have the the ravages of war,' you speak same illusions you had about not like Lenin but like Plekhanov Scalinism only a few years ago. who became forever notorious among Marxists for his statement that the Russian workers should not have taken up arms in the 1905 revolution.

"You also reproach us for not knowing that the war 'would seriously threaten world peace, inspire all the forces of aggression, start the war machines of the big powers running and correspondingly sharpen all international antagonism.' That same reproach could be turned against the Russian workers in the 1917 revolution.

"Why did you make your stand against Stalin? Did that not harpen the international antagonisms' and 'threaten world peace'? If the workers and oppressed colonial peoples followed such advice there would never be any revolutionary struggles and nobody would ever achieve

"We appreciate your difficulties, caught between two ruthless powers. But you will not find the way out of them by turning your backs on our struggles. On the contrary, such a position can only strengthen Stalinism by withdrawing your support from the tries, that your victory over Stalin anti-Stalinist forces, or those who to cause considerable damage to derived precisely from such will be anti-Stalinist tomorrow. revolutionary factors as now exist Or if on the other hand we go down in defeat, imperialism will go a long way in nullifying their forgotten these lessons so quickly be further strengthened, better or are you saying that the class able to deal with you alone when struggle favors only those of they stand on the charred bodies of the defeated people of Asia.

> "It is important that Yugoslavia survive. But it is no less important that Korea, China and Please be specific. Should we have Indo-China survive with the right to determine their own fate. You democratic mercies of Syngman cannot sacrifice us for your own

statement that 'those (the Soviet bureaucracy) who continue to the source of the soviet bureaucracy) who continue to the source of the source IS NOT JUST A 'RISK'

By John G. Wright

Capitalist authorities in this country and abroad keep harping on the "risk" of inflation in connection with the

liberation must face and over- such a warning is the Board of countries are concerned, their come. But does that change the Governors of the International economies are scarcely in a condi-Monetary Fund - an institution, tion to absorb painlessly the shock cur country, to divide the land by the way, which was ostensibly of inflation which their own ininflation.

> managing director of the International Monetary Fund, issued a valuation. Their currencies are alfense spending" could touch off tems undermined. a world-wide wave of inflation, 'accompanied by international fied before the outbreak of the Ko-

ean crisis. ry double-talk in all these warn-World-wide inflation is not someflation strike?

to take their effect so far as the possibly take? Camille Gutt talk-American economy is concerned, ed of a "hard program," of "inthe Kremlin has not officially creased taxation, investment and launched its own expanded arms credit restriction. . . reduction of program, and yet in the ten weeks government and private expendisince Korea there has been a tures," and so on. In plain lanthumping hike in prices. As of guage, a ruthless reduction in Sept. 1 the Bureau of Labor European living standards. That commodities shows a rise of al- emn warning!" last week, just as terms of basic commodities, the side chat last Saturday. purchasing power of the strongest world currency - the U.S. to talk to the American workers dollar - has already declined by of "sacrifices" still in the offing,

On the world markets the prices dress themselves to the masses of such basic raw materials as whose living standards still rewool, rubber, cotton and non-fer- main far below prewar levels and rous metals have recorded even who are not at all in the mood for more spectacular leaps. Rubber more "austerity," i.e., the pulling has almost doubled in price; cot- in of belts on their war-exhausted ton has jumped by one-third bodies. they represent the largest com- while wool has experienced an World-wide inflation cannot be even steeper rise. Lead is up by averted; it has already started. It 40%; tin is up 30%; hides by is bound to increase in proportion more than 25%, with proportion- as the world-wide arms preparaal increases in the other commodi- tions are stepped up. The effects

ding to all the "outrageous" prac- in this country and elsewhere has cial repercussions cannot be long scale that is bound in "peacetime" assume forms sharper than any reads today like a self-condemna- to dwarf all previous wartime ex- hitherto experienced in modern

set up to avert such calamities as creased arms spending is sure to aggravate even more. Last Sep-Commenting on the report re- tember these same countries were leased last week, Camille Gutt, able to temporarily stabilize their economies through currency de-'most solemn warning" that "de- ready debased; their fiscal sys-

Without a single major exception these European countries are nancial chaos." It is noteworthy now operating on deficit budgets that this IMF report was prepar- suffering from unfavorable trade balances and the resulting "shortages" of hard currencies. As the There is more than the custom- scramble for raw materials on the world markets intensifies and as ings about inflation "risks." their own "defense expenditures" multiply, their budget deficits thing in the unforeseeable future. must balloon, their unfavorable The first wave started rolling trade balance must increase and since the end of June. The only their dollar "shortages" grow questions now in doubt are: how more acute. For the bankrupt capfast will the successive inflation- italist countries of Europe "antiary waves come and how quickly inflationary measures" are thus and deeply will the scourge of in- already a question of life and death.

The military orders have still! But what measures can they Standards' general index of basic was the gist of Gutt's "most solmost 22%. In other words, in it was the gist of Truman's fire-But whereas Truman was able

and the enormous war profits of more than one-fifth since Korea. the European capitalists must ad-

of inflation will be felt hardest And all this has happened be- and most swiftly by the debilitfore the insatiable war machine ated European economies. The soreally started chewing up raw delayed, either. The class struggle materials and necessities on a on the old continent is bound to

"MYSTERIOUS" POWER OF NORTH KOREANS

No one with even a slight knowledge of military science would have considered it remarkable if American forces had quickly halted and even cracked the North Korean army. What is considered "miraculous" by most military analysts is that the Koreans have been able to continue the offensive and, since the middle of August, to reduce the U.S. beachhead by a third.

The official explanation for the amazing power of the Korean drive - the alleged "overwhelming superiority" in numerical strength and weapons - is strictly a fiction. Not even in the number of trained soldiers does the Korean army enjoy more than a slight superiority, let alone the three-to-one advantage which is considered by U.S. military experts themselves the minimum for a sustained offensive.

The "U.N. defenders. . . probably now number, including South Koreans, almost 150,000 men," reports Hanson W. Baldwin, wellinformed military analyst in the Sept. 10 N.Y. Times. "Yet, if our intelligence guesses were correct the enemy probably had no more than 170,000 men in or near the front line, which gave him only a limited superiority. . . " Moreover, "by last week the U.N. forces superiority in tanks was estimated at five to one," the same issue of the Times admits.

Virtually All Industry Destroyed

As for air power, the U.S. is bombing Korea on a scale comparable to the air attack on Germany - but without opposition. There is every reason to believe the North Korean charges that U.S. bombings have already wiped out virtually all industry and rail transport in Korea and laid waste a large part of its cities, towns, villages and fields and killed untold thousands of civilians. The U.S. air command publicly boasted two weeks ago that more than 60% of Korean rail transport had been destroyed and Maj. Gen. Emmett O'Donnell, commanding the Far East Air Forces Bomber Command, said that B-29 bombings had wrecked so many North Korean industrial plants "that worthwhile targets were hard to find." (United Press, Sept. 14.)

The question that has the military specialists in the Pentagon burning the midnight oil, that is being raised by all informed press commentators on the Korean war, is: What is the mysterious source of power for this Korean army, composed largely of backward peasants, which by ordinary military standards should have been shattered weeks ago?

There is no mystery to it. The answer is simple: The power of this army is the Korean people.

Without the active support of the Korean populace - who are responding to the social and land reform program of the North Korean regime and are aroused to implacable hatred of the U.S. invaders by the ruthless bombings - the advance of the Korean army is inconceivable.

Frank Robertson, Korea correspondent of the Christian Science. Monitor, wrote in the Sept. 8 issue that "it is time to examine the reasons an army possessing far superior equipment and enjoying the tremendous advantage of unrivaled air power continues to lose . . it is certainly not that the United Nations forces in Korea are

overwhelmed by weight of numbers.' His explanation - an explanation that recurs ever more freuently in the reports from Korea - is that the North Koreans have "made full and most effective use of their intimate knowledge of guerrilla warfare. . . guerrilla activities are integrated so closely with their general plan as to become a most important part of

that plan. But it is an axiom of military science that irregular guerrilla fighters, who operate behind an enemy's lines, can be nothing but a minor and temporary annovance unless they are operating among a friendly and cooperating populace. They must have food, shelter, replenishment of arms and manpower, protection from exposure to the enemy whose troops control the territory. This is possible only where the people themselves support the guerrillas.

The people in Korea are the eyes and ears of the North Korean army; they are its transport system. And whenever they have the chance, they rise up in mass actions behind the U.S. forces.

Not Imagination That's Lacking

When motor and rail transport were destroyed, "human and animal supply trains. . . would crawl through the mountain defiles and along the ridges to the front lines" and "the North Koreans "That is undoubtedly true, and vast military expenditures and preparations touched off generally are turning to the manpower of the masses to bring up supplies to the front," reported the N.Y. Times last week. At the same time, writes Robert P. Martin, Overseas News Agency correspondent in Korea, although "fighting in supposedly 'friendly' territory against a theoretical alien invader," the U.S. command finds it "difficult, sometimes impossible, to get intelligence on enemy troop movements." Moreover, the Army has failed to build air strips although "there is plenty of labor in South Korea, but no one apparently had imagination enough to use this manpower."

The explanation for this alleged "lack of imagination" is that, far from being able to utilize the South Korean workers and peasants, the American command is concerned only with trying to keep them from falling on the U.S. rear. Thus, Tokyo news dispatches reported on Sept. 9 that 30,000 of the civilian population of Massan, near the supply port of Pusan, were being evacuated because it was rumored that 100 guerrillas had "infiltrated" the city. The evacuation was "a precaution sometimes taken. . . to prevent possible infiltration by the Communists and local uprisings behind the lines. . . a technique reportedly used with considerable success by the invaders as they made their push down the Korean west coast," reported Lindesay Parrott of the N.Y. Times.

MacArthur claims to have rehabilitated five divisions of Syngman Rhee's South Korean army. Why aren't they being used as guerrillas behind the North Korean lines to mobilize the South Koreans against the "communist invaders?" Perhaps the answer lies in Hanson Baldwin's complaint that "there were apparently a number of inexplicable retreats, and even one report of a platoonsized South Korean unit going over to the enemy" on the northern

Nothing throws more light on the real nature of U.S. intervention in Korea than the fact that the people America is supposedly "defending from invasion" are supporting the "invaders" and look on their "defenders" as foreign invaders and destroyers to be driven

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For more than three years we have been warning and fighting against the transformation of this country into a police state. On some occasions critics have declared that we were exaggerating the danger, oversimplifying the issues, sensationalizing the facts — that things were not as bad as we contended, and not likely to become appreciably worse for a long time to come.

But we think that our warnings have been fully confirmed by the events of the last few weeks in Washington. We don't know in what form the House and the Senate will combine the Wood-Mundt-Nixon and McCarran-Kilgore bills they have already adopted, or what Truman will do when the amalgamated bill is sent to him for signature, but it doesn't matter - the fact is that this country is already on the verge of becoming a police state. And even if it doesn't happen in the present session of Congress, the political situation is such that it can happen in

Looking back, we can trace the beginning of the end of capitalist democracy as we have known it in this country to 1947, in the middle of whic Congress passed the Taft-Hartley Act and at the end of which Truman initiated his "loyalty" purge and "subversive" blacklist. Of course there had been plenty of repressive legislation and executive action before then - the Smith Act of 1940, the Voorhis Act of 1940, the Smith-Connally Act of 1943, etc. - and these had helped to create the atmosphere and the precedents for their successors. But repressive as these measures were, they were also by and large exceptional; they were administered in an experimental and even tentative fashion; the ruling class was still cautious and uncertain about the necessity or advisability of applying them on a mass scale.

But beginning with 1947, and increasingly since then, the trend that had been foreshadowed by the earlier legislation began to harden. The ruling class had come to the conclusion that it could no longer afford democracy and that a component part of its campaign to dominate the world was the regimentation of the U.S. itself. The trend toward a police state began to assume a pattern into which the major parts of domestic policy were consciously fitted. The Taft-Hartley Act was designed to housebreak and intimidate the labor movement; the "loyalty" purge to silence and victimize dissident political opinion.

The McCarran-Kilgore and Wood bills are direct continuations of the reactionary laws and executive orders set into motion in 1947, but they go far beyond them and the enactment of either

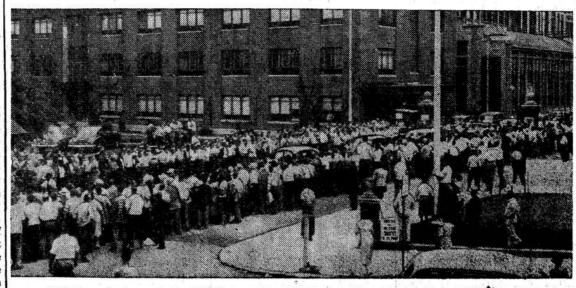
would signify a qualitative change in the sphere of democratic liberties: the Bill of Rights, in reality, would be dead. We don't mean that we would have fascism overnight. No, independent and revolutionary political organizations would still exist and even function, opposition newspapers would still be published and anti-war meetings would still be legally permissible, at least for a while. (Even Hitler did not and could not execute his entire program at one stroke.) But opposition activity would be at such a disadvantage and conducted at such a risk that freedom of speech, press and assembly, even if they remained on the books, would be abrogated in practice. When a man will have to risk being thrown out of his job and into jail (under the Wood bill) or into a concentration camp (under the McCarran-Kilgore bill) every time he utters an independent political view or takes an anticapitalist political step, then the American variety of capitalist democracy will have ended, and been replaced by a military-police regime closely resembling those of several Latin-American dictatorships. That is what the mere enactment of these bills would mean, even if they were not enforced at once or on a mass scale; the decisive thing is that they would give the ruling class the legislative and judicial power to enforce them whenever it found it most convenient.

· These truths have to be recognized and spoken if the American people are going to be mobilized for victorious defense of their democratic rights. but they are no reason for either gloom, panic or pessimism. If it is foolish to deny that reaction is in the saddle today, it is a hundred times more The ruling class knows that; the very fact that its instinctive militancy, rebelliousness and power despite Taft-Hartley restrictions. The party that put over the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798 was repudiated, driven out of office and forced to dissolve itself as soon as the masses got wise to their game; the same fate is being prepared for gate "educational talks" were ing, attended by over 15,000 work- foremen could leave the plants. the two parties bearing responsibility for the present police-state bills. Repression can affect but cannot abolish the class struggle, by means of which the Bill of Rights was won in the first place, and by means of which it can and will be preserved or reinstated. Despotism has the floor today, but the final word will be spoken by the

THE MILITANT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1950

GE Workers on Strike in Lynn



Striking members of the CIO International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers are out on strike at the Lynn, Mass. plant of General Electric, putting pressure on the corporation to meet the contract demands of GE workers. When mediation began, IUE officials called off a scheduled walkout, but the workers in many GE plants went out just the same.

foolish to deny that the American working class it is trying to ride is far from tamed or broken. The ruling class knows that; the very fact that it feels driven to adopt such repressive measures is proof that it harbors deep-seated fears of the working class, which continues to display signs of the instinctive military repellions and nower that it harbors deep-seated fears of the working class, which continues to display signs of the instinctive military repellions and nower that it harbors deep-seated fears of the working class, which continues to display signs of the working class, which continues to display signs of the working class, which continues to display signs of the working class, which continues to display signs of the working class, which continues to display signs of the working class, which continues to display signs of the working class, which continues to display signs of the working class, which continues to display signs of the working class, which continues to display signs of the working class, which continues to display signs of the working class, which continues to display signs of the working class, which continues to display signs of the working class, which continues to display signs of the working class of the working cl

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General Electric Co. At the conclusion of these talks the Lynn workers returned to their jobs with no retaliation on the part of management. In Everett, the GE plant gate

meeting was scheduled for 1 P.M. As the Everett workers punched cut to attend the meeting, it was suggested by their foremen that they need not return that day. No official company announcement was given. At 1:30 P.M. upon return to their jobs the workers found that their clock cards had been removed from the racks and that they were effectively locked cut. Negotiations with management failing, the workers immediately held another meeting and passed a "no contract-no work" resolution. Picket lines were organized around the by second and third shift workers.

LYNN, Mass., Sept. 10 - On was held to explain the action of GE management, and union ofthe morning of Aug. 29, plant the Everett workers. At this meet- ficials, it was agreed that the given by the business agent of ers, it was voted almost unan-Local 201, CIO International imously to support the action of workers at the River Works the Union of Electrical Workers, to the Everett workers. Picket lines hungry, unshaven, unwashed scab-

> police rushed the scab to the local were allowed to leave. lock - up before the remaining pickets could mete out their own UE ATTITUDE unishment.

all plants.

FOREMEN RESTRAINED

At 11 the same night, a newly employed guard ran down a picket captain who attempted to stop IUE leaders to catapult themim. For the next day, not one

foreman left the plant. The Local 201 navy, a 35-foot obster boat patrolling the waters of the Saugus River off the River Works wharf, successfully boarded a boat hired to smuggle food to the beseiged foremen and seized same on Sept. 1. Pickets were arrested and temporarily charged with "piracy." Coast Guard and local police could find no legal pretext for holding these On Aug. 30, a mass meeting of men and they were later released.

Allertonst and West Lynn works | negotiation between local police

Under the eyes of nearly 2,000 the River Works employees of the were immediately thrown around bing foremen were convoyed from the plant by local police. Although On Aug. 31, a foreman leaving there was a good deal of justified the River Works plant ran down name-calling by pickets, the foreand injured five IUE pickets. The men (nearly scared to death)

Under the "rule or ruin" leadership of the Stalinist - controlled UE, many misguided workers were told that this was a phony strike and only a move by local selves into national fame. In spite of UE instructions to boycott and heckle IUE pickets, by the third day of the strike a fair majority of UE members, including a few Stalinists, had joined their fellowworkers on the picket lines.

Apparently this strike is not as popular as the one in 1946. The picket lines have shown an almost constant falling off, partly because of poor leadership and lack of support from other IUE locals. The local leadership has thus far refused to enlarge the strike com- fighting for its life, branded aspect of the entire fight, at least mittee, composed of officers and Cobo's actions as a lockout, and so far as the future of the Ameriexecutive board members, to include members of the rank and to sign the Hutchinson "yellow- is the sinister policy of AFL and file. All positive action has come dog" affidavits. The UPW estab- CIO officials, who under the from a rapidly developing left- lished picket lines at the Public pretext of fighting a "subversive"

Detroit Workers Aid UPW, Foil Union-Busters

By Howard Mason

DETROIT, Sept. 11 — The sanitation workers of the United Public Workers Union, aided by the magnificent solidarity of the AFL and CIO rank and file, have success-

fully repulsed a vicious assault upon their union by the laborhating city officials, headed by from the union officials will go Mayor Cobo and aided, monstrously enough, by leaders of the AFL and CIO who were in an most shameful. unholy alliance with the city administration in its attempt to mash this union.

sanitation workers broke what strikers as a "subversive element was in effect a lockout against seeking to control public service them by the city authorities, in the interests of a foreign returned to work without victimization and received assurance that their demands for a wage increase will be seriously considered. Under the circumstances the ray, national executive secretary outcome can be considered as a of the CIO Government and Civic

belong to the UPW (a union ex- Municipal Workers, assured Cobo pelled from the CIO on the charge that they would work for restoraof "Communist" leadership) held tion of collections of garbage in a two hour demonstration in front of City Hall for a 20 cent an hour Over the UAW radio, another wage increase.

STATE LAW INVOKED

The notoriously anti-labor Mayor Cobo immediately invoked the Hutchinson Act, a state law that forbids strikes against the leaders of the union immediately intended to have the men work an additional two hours the same day to make up for the time spent at the demonstration.

Cobo insisted it was a strike, and announced that those workers city unions, who resisted the who wished to regain their jobs urgings of their leaders to cross would have to sign a statement the UPW picket lines, and thereby that they had not knowingly crippled Cobo's union - busting violated the Hutchinson law, and that the signers would then be ed, support began mounting. 'screened." This move was ob- Among the telegrams backing the viously aimed at the militants, to strikers sent to Mayor Cobo were victimize and drive out of their those of UAW Locals 600 and 22. jobs those who acted as spokesmen for the demands of the men.

The UPW, realizing it was called upon its members to refuse wing opposition within the IUE. Works stations throughout the organization, joined forces with It is felt, locally, that the UE city, and sent out an appeal for an anti-labor city administration will accept a minimum contract aid from the labor movement of in an attempt to smash a union to embarrass and further disrupt Detroit. In a leaflet passed out to engaged in a struggle to protect trial, and without even having to the weakened IUE position. It is workers marching in the Labor the conditions of its members. possible that a "back-to-work" Day parade, the UPW, 90% of Such a policy can wreck not only movement will be started if noth- whose members are Negroes, the struggles of any militant ing positive results from IUE-GE pointed out that the attitude of unions whom the official labor negotiations through the Media- the city government was "re- leaders view as "leftist," but also t'on Board, due to begin this miniscent of the plantation over- the organized labor movement

The response they received into the annals of the Detroit labor movement as one of the

Frank X. Martell, president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor, AFL, told After a week of struggle, the Cobo that he had branded the power," and had asked all AFL unions to "turn a deaf ear" to their requests for support.

Not to be outdone, Milton Mur-Employees Organizing Commit-The struggle began a week and tee, flew to Detroit from Washhalf ago when 1,000 members of ington, and, together with Earl he Sanitation Division who Harris, business agent of the AFL order to "speed up wage talks." CIO official explained that Cobo had promised to try to raise wages in November.

In an attempt to keep his hands clean of the outright scabbing being practised by Martell, Murray and others, UAW President, city. Cobo fired the 1,500 sanita- Walter Reuther, told the press tion workers who were not at that "no officer or representative work that day, although the of the international UAW has consulted with Mayor Cobo on the explained that they were not on Sanitation Workers strike or has strike, and, as a matter of fact, otherwise commented on it." A hands-off attitude!

The successful struggle of the UPW is a tribute to their rank and file, and even more, to the rank and file of the AFL and CIO attempt. As the lockout progress-

SUICIDAL POLICY

Perhaps the most important

Hitler Did It Too

By J. Blake

There are plenty of differences between the United States of 1950 and the Germany of 1933, but the similarity between the Senate's concentration camp bill and the Nazi decrees abrogating civil rights is startling enough to make Americans sit up and take notice.

On Feb. 28, 1933, at the behest of Chancellor Hitler, President von Hindenburg signed the emergency decree turning Germany into a huge concentration camp. To "prevent communistic acts of violence which endanger the state," the German constitutional provisions against despotic rule were suspended.

"Consequently," this decree declared, "restrictions of personal liberty, of the right of free expression of opinion, including freedom of the press, of association, and of assembly, interference with letters, mail, telegraph, and telephone secrets, orders to search houses and to confiscate as well roperty beyond existing legal limits are permissible."

The legal authority for the decree, it asserted, was Article 48, Section 2 of the Weimar Constitution, which empowered the President of the Reich to abrogate the constitutional guarantees protecting the fundamental liberties of German citizens if and when public security and order were disturbed to such a degree that peace could not be restored otherwise.

The burning of the Reichstag building the day before by Nazis who blamed the Communists served as the government's pretext. Rule by virtual martial law continued, of course, even though the charges against the Communist leaders in the Reichstag fire trial in the fall of 1933 were so flimsy that a German court acquitted the major defendants.

Now the Senate has adopted the proposal of the Trumanite Senators to give the Attorney General similar power to wipe out civil rights in the United States any time the President and Congress see fit to declare "an internal security emergency."

Under this bill the administration would have power to throw anyone into a concentration camp without jury trial or bail and detain him there indefinitely. All the Attorney General would have . to do is charge the individual interned with being a "danger to national security," claiming possession of "reasonable grounds" to "suspect" he "might be" engaged in "espionage or sabo-

SCENE: The U.S. Senate, debating the merits

CHARACTERS: Senator Ferguson (R. Mich.).

Mr. FERGUSON. I should like to ask the Sen-

Mr. DOUGLAS. In the case of danger to the

Mr. FERGUSON. It provides for punishment,

Mr. DOUGLAS. No; it does not. It provides

for detention. There is no criminal punishment

in the major provisions of title 2. We did not

accuse the Japanese or the conscientious objec-

tors during World War II of any crime. But we

Mr. FERGUSON. What is the difference be-

ator whether what is provided for under the in-

ternment section of the Kilgore bill is a crime.

Mr. DOUGLAS. No; it is not a crime.

of the McCarran and Kilgore police state bills,

defender of the McCarran bill; Senator Douglas

(D, Ill.), defender of the Kilgore bill.

Mr. FERGUSON. What is it?

security of the United States -

detained a great many of them.

does it not?

If his "evidence" came from the FBI or other government agents or if revelation of such information was deemed "dangerous to national security," the Attorney General would not have to reveal it. Under the Kilgore bill, not even an order from a federal judge could release the victim.

Section 7 of the Prussian decree of Feb. 10, 1936 making the Gestapo an executive organ of the public prosecutor's office similarly provided that "no order or affair of the Gestapo is subject to control by the administrative tribunals." In other words, Gestapo evidence or "proof" against an accused person did not have to be revealed in hearings, nor were Gestapo actions Everett plant and quickly joined reversible by the courts.

The same decree turned the concentration camps over to the Gestapo, giving them the legal employees of the River Works, That afternoon, after much authority to take anyone into "protective custody' for as long as they pleased - even if a criminal eady absolved the accused of guilt

trial in the proposed "Fair Deal" law includes of espionage or sabotage.

Other "reasonable grounds" for incarceration in an American concentration camp would in- the backers of the McCarran bill, charge him with any crime. clude membership in the Communist Party, And the rug was constantly be- THE "BURDEN" "having knowledge of, or giving or receiving instructions in" sabotage or espionage "in the service of" the Communist Party, a foreign government or party, or "other parties" that seek legislation and executive action the United States" to prosecute "the overthrow of the government by force or every bit as arbitrary as they

The Nazi emergency decree also stated that its object was to "prevent communistic acts of violence which endanger the state." On March 23, 1933 the Fuehrer said in his first Reichstag Ferguson (R, Mich.) reminded dite the whole procedure, whereas address as Chancellor of the Reich:

"Theoretical equality in the eyes of the law cannot be extended to toleration on an equal basis registration of "every organiza- procedure." of those who scorn the laws on principle, or indeed to surrendering the nation's freedom to them which engages in political activon the basis of democratic doctrine. But the government will accord equality in the eyes of the law mitting: "I certainly have no crito all those who take their stand on the line ticism of that law." adopted by the nation and behind the national interests and who do not deny their support to the Government."

Sounds ominously familiar?

A Great Deal of Difference

or if he had already served his sentence in prison. "Reasonable grounds" for interment without DEBATE IN SENATE WAS "an investigation . . . made in the past, which serves to indicate probable complicity" in an act

(Continued from Page 1) ing pulled from under them by ran bill was.

tion subject to foreign control

TRUMAN'S PRECEDENT Douglas denounced the McCar-

with being a Communist front, an legislature to keep watch." organization, however noble its aims, has its effectiveness impaired and its reputation ruined." Yet tions.' . . . Some of the organizabut on the whole I think that listing was a good thing."

torney General lists "subversive" organizations "without their havto their credit.

the Trumanites had were quickly during the last war. wiped out after they introduced taining a person is not to accuse him of a crime the Kilgore bill, which would per- moved to a close, each side acand is not punishment for a crime as is imprison- mit the Attorney General after cused the other of seeking to dethe declaration of an "emergen- stroy civil liberties. In this one From Congressional Record, cy" by the President and Congress respect, each side was telling the

Under the McCarran bill, Kilthe fact that they had supported gore explained, "the burden is on the alleged subversives, whereas under his bill "the burden is upon rightfully pointed out the McCar- the man charged with being a about the registration provisions, he boasted, "would tend to expehis Act of 1940 which required the bill would tend to slow up the

Douglas, trying to show a difference between this proposal and ity" and made him crawl into ad- the Nazi method of sending their political opponents to concentration camps, could find only this: "Congress is going to be able to inspect the detention centers. It is not like the German system, in bill precisely because of this ran bill because "Once charged which there was no agency of the "it would give the FBI a legisla-

EMBARRASSING SUBJECT

The McCarranites were given a in the same speech he said: "I field day; they were able to weep have always felt that probably it crocodile tears about thoughtis a good thing that the Attorney control, subversion of the consti-General has prepared his list of tutional guarantee of trial by so-called 'subversive organiza- jury, etc. Ferguson slyly made reference to the fact that the Sotions may be improperly listed, viet Constitution of 1936 contains an "elaborate bill of rights" but negates those rights by its pro-To which Ferguson said he vision that "no person may be wanted to know why the support- placed under arrest except by the perhaps futile enforcement burers of Truman's "loyalty" purge decision of the court or with the procedure, under which the At- sanction of a State attorney."

And he added: "That is exactly what this (Kilgore) internment of the Kilgore bill, complained ing the right of defense, hearing provision does. It permits a peror appeal," should object to the son to be imprisoned upon the discourse mcCarran provision which would sanction of a State attorney. It they involve giving "subversives" McCarran provision which would sanction of a State attorney. It do the same thing, only under the does not even say by the deci- jury trials, right of bail and apsupervision of a board and the sion of the court." Douglas quick- peal to higher courts "including authority of a law. The Truman- ly tried to change the subject by the Supreme Court." ites could not show any differ- pointing approvingly as "preceence, certainly not any difference dent" to the U.S. government's incarceration of Japanese-Amer-Whatever debating advantages icans, including 70,000 citizens,

And so, as the Senate debate

Thus when Lehman complained should not be "detained." That, be boasted. "would tend to expensive the registration provisions. The boasted with being the registration provisions. The boasted would tend to expensive the registration provisions. Ferguson (R, Mich.) reminded him about the reactionary Voorhis Act of 1940 which required the bill would tend to slow up the Preventive Detention?

rulers in India, Hitler, Mussolini, Franco and Stalin.

But the Times likes the Kilgore tive basis for speedy and effective police action against the most likely enemies of our country when and if the emergency comes."

"INEFFECTIVE"

All the Trumanite opponents of the McCarran bill find its chief year. defect to be "ineffectiveness." By this term, Attorney General Mc-Grath explained, he meant that its "net result. . . will be meager in contrast with the staggering and den which could be placed on the Department of Justice." Similarly Senator Paul Douglas, a sponsor

They want a "more effective" way of handling political dissidents - namely, throwing anyone they want to silence into a concentration camp without having to produce "evidence" or "proof" 'clumsy" procedure of the courts and trial by jury.

tice and FBI are particularly anx- tration is using the Kilgore bill trial.

lious to get rid of such "clumsy" las an answer to the Republicans ious "preventive detention" de- procedures not only because it's and anti-administration Democrees like those of the British hard work getting "proof," but crats who charge that Truman it's not easy to convince Amer- has been "coddling" the "reds." ican juries, even hand-picked ones. FURTHER STEP

In the first Smith Act case, the 1941 Minneapolis trial of 28 leaders and members of the Socialist Roosevelt had almost every per-Workers Party and Minneapolis son of Japanese descent in the truck drivers Local 544, the jury country - men, women and chilcompletely acquitted 10, threw out dren, including native-born citithe most serious charge against zens - driven from their homes, the others and almost brought in farms and businesses and "detainan acquittal for them too. It took ed" for years in isolated concenmonths to get a conviction in the tration camps. Since the war, trial of the Stalinist leaders last there has been great criticism of

in terms of locking up tens and signed to give specific legal sanchundreds of thousands as "sub- tion to procedures which the govversives." FBI Chief J. Edgar ernment has already put in prac-Hoover says he has a list of 12,000 tice, but has dared to use only alleged Communist Party mem- against a racial minority whose bers to begin with. The House country of origin was at war with Un-American Activities Commit- the U.S. tee claims to have a list of "sub- Truman did not even need a

in the words of Senator Kilgore, es of "suspected disloyalty" or as the aim is to take "swift, direct, "bad security risks" without pubsives." For that, the Trumanites accusers or even obtain a statemust take a leaf from the book ment of specific accusations. of Hitler and Stalin - "preventive detention."

One of the aims of the Trumanites in offering the Kilgore But Truman wants to carry the bill was to block the McCarran "loyalty" purge procedure further. of a crime or go through the bill which the FBI doesn't like be- He wants to penalize all so-called cause it requires the government "subversives" with loss of their to offer proof to juries. At the freedom - by arbitrary arrest Truman's Department of Jus- same time, the Truman adminis- and indefinite "detention" without

Right after Pearl Harbor,

this on constitutional and legal The administration is thinking grounds. The Kilgore bill is de-

versives" numbering a million! law to victimize thousands of gov-Obviously, the government ernment workers, like the legless can't bother with evidence and veteran James Kutcher, who were proofs and fair jury trials when, fired or forced to resign on chargeffective action against subver- lic hearings, the right to confront

In the case of the "loyalty" purge, the penalty was loss of livelihood and public opprobrium.

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Mr. FERGUSON. What is the difference? Mr. DOUGLAS. The worst part of imprison-

ment is the blot upon the name which comes from conviction for a crime. Defamation of character

is worse than detention. That is something which it seems to be very difficult for certain persons to understand. Defamation is really more injurious than is detention.

Mr. FERGUSON. Let us keep to the subject. What is the difference between detention and imprisonment? Mr. DOUGLAS. There is a great deal of difference. In the first place, there is physically a

difference. The internment camps and relocation centers have not been the same as Alcatraz. Mr. FERGUSON. What about cases of false imprisonment, where a person is detained and

considered to be imprisoned. Mr. DOUGLAS. Detention is one form of imprisonment, but it is not the exclusive characteristic of imprisonment. Imprisonment would involve a very different type of detention, and, in addition, would involve a defamation and a stigma upon the character which detention does not leave. . . I would say the difference is that imprisonment is meted out to those who commit crimes while detention is the holding of a group of people, some of whom we have reason to believe would commit a crime if not held. But de-

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