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Can't Hold It Down



Big Brass Is Reluctant To Make Korean Truce

imperialist politicians and profes- week. . .' sional militarists fear that once 300 PER WEEK actual fighting ends the troops will demand to be sent home and

parent stalemate. to continuation of the Korean war. Therefore, the program of

Washington and London . . . is Casualties then might be held to

neither to resume full-scale war around 300 a week. Youths in Washington and the Pentagon nor to get out. . . Casualties on Korea, about 500,000 of them, seem ever more reluctant to that basis will be accepted by might be segregated some way, achieve a truce in Korea. The U.S. at a rate of around 300 a left to do a job.

American mothers and fathers opposition at home will increase and wives will be asked to against the staggering arma- "accept" "around 300" casualties ments budget. These are the a week indefinitely. And it won't reasons, rather than alleged be considered war. No, explains, Chinese stalling, why cease fire U.S. News, "Korea, in effect, is negotiations have reached an ap- being turned into a training ground. . . At a cost in casualties "War, not peace, is the pro- of about 300 American youths gram for Korea," states the each week, this country is able to Jan. 18 U.S. News and World train half a million men at a Report. But the American people, not to speak of the people of the whole world, are bitterly opposed Korea now is close to half a mil-

The scheme, then, is to keep a assurance that the pot won't boil the warmakers is to carry on a huge army of half a million over at any time - fits in with "simmering war," with casualties troops in Korea in readiness for domestic politics in an election tacular level, until the political a more favorable time. Thus, the subdued, it will be possible, the atmosphere is more favorable for U.S. News adds the cynical note: Democratic and Republican poli-"Hope of politicians seems to be ticians hope, to keep Korea and "The political decision out of that voters will forget the war. the whole question of war and

JUSTICE DOUGLAS HITS WITCH-HUNT, ASIA POLICY

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas has written a bitter description of the current witch hunt in the U.S. and its connection with the reactionary military program

of U.S. imperialism against the? Fear," appeared in the New York on world affairs, intolerance for tween surrender or renewal of all-Times Sunday Magazine section new or different approaches. . . out war. There is the alternative audience remained glued to their

Times carried a front page story minorities have been suppressed. by its chief political writer, But there probably has not been Arthur Krock, asserting that a period of greater intolerance Douglas was out of the running than we witness today." as a presidential possibility. To appreciate the Krock alleges that Douglas wrote atmosphere in the U.S., Douglas Truman from India last August says one should go abroad for a stating that he was not interested while (as he did in several trips in the Democratic Party nomina- to Asia). "When he returns to tion. No word of Douglas' alleged America after a few months he letter ever reached the press until probably will be shocked. . . He the day following his anti-witch will be shocked at the arrogance hunt, anti-Asian policy article and intolerance of great segments was printed!

MARKED UNRELIABLE

caused Big Business to mark him flected in many of our attitudes down in its books as unreliable. toward Asia. . . In his story Krock wrote that and developed a fever over this fear through repression." (Douglas') article," and that the news that a man with such dangerous thoughts was out of the running "should restore their sion stems from U.S. foreign political health."

because it is a sober, public planning. The military, in fact, criticism by an important judicial determined our approach to the personage of Big Business' reck- Asians and their problems. That less drive toward all-out war in has been a great tragedy in Asia. Asia and toward a police state And the tragedy to us at home

The article begins: "There is an ominous trend in this nation

Asian revolution. This article, We are developing tolerance only

There have been eras of in-The very next day the N. Y. tolerance when the views of

of the American press, at the arrogance and intolerance of many leaders in public office, at Douglas' article certainly the arrogance and intolerance re-

"This is alarming to one who Democratic bigwigs who had been loves his country. It means that considering Douglas as a replace- the philosophy of strength ment for Truman on the presi- through free speech is being dential ticket "got goose flesh forsaken for the philosophy of

THE MILITARY MIND

In Douglas' opinion the represpolicy: "The military approach Douglas' article is significant conditioned our thinking and our PLANT-WIDE STRIKE has been about as great."

Here is a picture of the state (Continued on page 2)

ng" war is now being openly projected. The N. Y. Herald Tribune states the case editorially on Jan. 23: "It is at least possible that the United States has been too eager for a 'peace' or 'truce' by which we have actually less to gain than we have imagined. entitled "The Black Silence of for the orthodox point of view There is a third alternative be-

> Whose patient endurance? Not the Herald Tribune's but that of tions. the half million troops, who will (Continued on page 3)

gated" troops at the front and use the "simmering" war as justification for keeping the troops in Korea. They also want, the people at home will "forget" that American youth are killing and being killed in a U.S. imperialist invasion of a colonial nation 6,000 miles away. It will

PATIENT ENDURANCE" of patient endurance. . ."

The Big Brass hope to build an

peace out of the elections. That s precisely what Truman propos-Message and what the Big Money backers of Gen. Eisenhower want.

The strategy of the "simmer-

Negroes Defy Ku Klux Klan at NAACP Parley

Time for Action

On Jan. 8, Socialist Workers Party chairman Farrell Dobbs wrote the steering committee of the civil rights assembly called by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for Washington on Feb. 17-18, urging them to "transform the character of this gathering into a mass mobilization that will express the determination of the American people to halt the growing racist terror." (See The Militant, Jan. 14.)

This letter has gone unanswered. Indeed, recent press releases of the NAACP disclose that instead of broadening the scheduled civil rights assembly it has been narrowed and is now being referred to as a "leadership conference." Even more disheartening to those who seek an effective program of action against racial terror is the complete silence of NAACP leaders on their own proposal for a nation-wide work stoppage to protest the murder of Harry T. and Harriet Moore.

The NAACP Board of Directors endorsed the proposal that secretary Walter White confer with labor leaders on the calling of a national one-day stop work protest demonofficial word since, a number of questions inevitably arise:

Has anything been done to further the proposal since it was adopted by the leaders of the NAACP? Has Walter Los Angeles branch of the Social-White conferred with the AFL and CIO leaders? If he has, ist Workers Party is conducting Wilkins, administrator of the Iron Curtain between the "segre- how have they responded? Have they been sympathetic a vigorous campaign in support NAACP, told the audience that to the proposal or have they rejected it? If the silence of the city-wide mass meeting Moore was killed because he the folks at home. They want to is not because the NAACP leaders haven't advanced the sponsored by the NAACP, AFL, fought the doctrine of white proposal but because of the hesitancy of the labor leaders CIO, Anti-Defamation League then all union members have a right to know. They could and other organizations to protest for the time being, to keep then exert pressure from the ranks to persuade the top the Florida bombing terror which casualties down to a point where union officials of the necessity for action. union officials of the necessity for action.

> The NAACP has organized protest mass meetings his wife Harriet. throughout the country which have aroused enthusiastic support. Labor papers and union spokesmen in their great | Thursday, February 21, at the majority have condemned the frightful Jim Crow terror. Shrine Auditorium with Walter But words alone are not enough. As Farrell Dobbs wrote, Association for the Advancement noon by the Florida Peace Ofit is time for the kind of militant action "that will send of Colored People, as the main

"simmering war," with casualties troops in Korea in readiness for domestic politics in an election kept, if possible, at an unspecture extension of the war at year. By keeping the war a bit Clarke Predicts Workers Victory In Coming International Showdown

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 19 — George Clarke, editor of for an overflow attendance and the Marxist magazine, Fourth International, made a great for a militant program to combat ed in his State of the Union hit here with an audience of auto workers, unemployed the Jim Crow terror." and students who gathered to

> showed such a thirst for information on the world crisis of capitalism that Clarke extended his speech to try to quench their desires. Even after the conclusion of his speech, which had the close attention of everyone, the

Every reader of the Militant should hear Clarke's analysis of

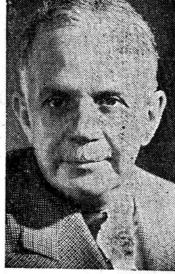
chairs for another hour to hear

the speaker's answers to ques-

hear his speech on the "Ap- the world scene. They will be speak in Flint.

> ers Party hall here to listen to George Clarke, in the Detroit appearance of his national tour. A lively discussion period followed the speech. More literature was sold at this meeting than at any meeting in the past two years. (See Clarke Tour Schedule

on Page 2)



WALTER WHITE

Unions, NAACP In L.A. Plan Joint

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22 - The

The mass meeting will be held speaker.

PLEDGES SUPPORT

Myra Tanner Weiss, chairman of the Los Angeles SWP, pledged all-out support to the joint mass meeting. "The Socialist Workers Party," she declared, "is prepared to wage a vigorous campaign

A preliminary mass meeting attended by 2500 people here last proaching International Show- richly rewarded with a greater Sunday heard NAACP attorney insight into the prospects of Franklin Williams tell the story The response was shown by the victory for the working class of of the Florida outrage. Williams repeated applause which greeted the world. This was the opinion is the attorney who defended Clarke's analysis. The audience of everyone who heard Clarke three Negro youth framed in Groveland, Florida on a charge of 'rape." He won a Supreme Court DETROIT, Jan. 20-A capacity reversal of their conviction but audience filled the Socialist Work- two were shot in cold blood by Sheriff McCall while being conducted to court, Harry T. Moore protested this inhuman deed. Six weeks later he was murdered.

The Los Angeles SWP is asking the unions to support the NAACP proposal for a protest work stoppage by holding a citywide stop-work demonstration.

Conference in Jacksonville Pledges to Fight Spreading Racial Terrorism in South

By George Lavan

Meeting in defiance of a giant Ku Klux Klan rally of robed racial terrorists in nearby Tallahassee, over 150 delegates representing approximately 10,000 members of

the National Association for D the Advancement of Colored People in 15 Southern states held an emergency conference in Jacksonville, Florida, Jan. 19 and 20. Declaring they would not be intimidated and while the Klan rally hurled curses and threats at them, the conference delegates nonored the memory of murdered NAACP leader Harry T. Moore and resolved to carry on the work for which he gave his life.

Plans were mapped at the conerence to combat the wave of racist terror and to carry on the fight for equal rights.

MOORE GETS AWARD

The emergency conference culminated in a mass meeting attended by 1,200 people. Roy supremacy. A message from Walter White, NAACP secretary, declared that "the bomb has replaced the lyncher's rope" and that violence in the South was the murder of Harry T. Moore and no longer directed primarily the Grand Dragon of the Florida against the Negro but that now "Jews, Catholics, trade unionists" and others were targets of leader barked that the murdered the bigots. Wilkins also answered | Harry T. Moore, "wasn't just a White, secretary of the National a radio broadcast of that after- Negro. He was a Communist and ficers Association which had One of the delegates to the the NAACP as a "racial hate organization."

A dramatic moment of the conferring of the Jefferson Award 6. It was Moore's demand for the to Harry T. Moore. The Jefferson indictment of McCall that led to Award is conferred annually by the Christmas night lynch-bombthe Council Against Intolerance ing of Moore and his wife. in America to persons selected for their "furtherance of the remained inactive on the Moore principles of democracy."

The race - hate Tallahassee gathering of the Ku Klux Klan into the North. Latest Florida was not the only attempted in-

Our Program to **Stop Terrorism**

page by all the unions to protest the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore. 2. Formation of defense

guards to protect lives and homes against violence that the authorities wink at and fail to punish. 3. A mass march on Wash-

ment that the people will tolerate no more stalling. 4. Mass demonstrations in every community to express the anger, determination and concern shared by every enemy

of racism.

ington to show the govern-

timidation of the NAACP. The preceding week a Conference of Florida sheriffs brazenly invited, KKK to address its Daytona Beach convention. There the KKK a trouble maker in this state." McCall of Lake County. McCall shot two handcuffed Negro ference was the posthumous con- prisoners, killing one, last Nov.

> As Florida police and the FBI case, the terror continued to spread throughout the South and (Continued on page 2)

N.Y. DOCKMEN ROOKED STATE LABOR BOARD

By Frank Faber

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 - East Coast dock workers have been taken for a ride by a New York State "fact-

the waterfront here last fall for added in criticism that "a mere a period of 25 days.

endum by Joseph Ryan, lifetime One of the major recom-president of the AFL Interna-mendations of the "fact-finders"

Handwriting and other ex-

Ryan's agreement. Having disposed of the central down their throats. issue in dispute to the complete These college professors, Truman and his gang of satisfaction of Ryan and the ship- priests, ward heelers and profestables and things to come."

board's decision whitewashing the tatives of "the public."

glance at the report seems to in-The strike broke out in protest dicate that the board went far against an agreement signed afield," in suggesting that Ryan's

ional Longshoremen's Associa- was that the union "establish a tion. The strike committee ac- fact-finding board of three public cused Ryan of fraud and demand- members, at least temporarily, to wide strike action had been taken food to feed strikebreakers in the was the next 45 days to prepare ed that the agreement be event of a walkout. Steel union and mobilize our forces for a renegotiated. The 3-man board component units and make recomupheld the charge of fraud but mendations to the ILA," until a ruled the agreement valid be- permanent "arbiter" is estab-

If there is anything the injam Ryan's fraudulent agreement

Steel Locals Resist Provocations

By Cy Thomas

Tension is mounting in the steel by the local union. convinced that the only way they that has been under discussion can win their demands is through the exercise of their economic

The arrogant steel barons have continued their stalling tactics by MORE SHUTDOWNS demanding a three-week delay in

In Baltimore, 5,000 members of iron out the dispute. the CIO United Steelworkers Union shut down the four mills of the Bethlehem Steel Company's time dispute. This is the first pitch when it was discovered that

In Youngstown, Local 1331 for over a year. The men went back to work after giving the company seven days in which to work out an acceptable plan.

A dispute over the question of the presentation of their case to incentive rates led to a walkout the Wage Stabilization Board. In last Monday of 13,000 workers at the meantime they have carried the huge Aliquippa plant of Jones on a policy of provocation in the and Laughlin Steel Corporation. plants that is meeting with The one-day strike led to a comdetermined resistance on the part plete shutdown. The men went back to work upon the assurance of the company that it will meet with union representatives to

In Gary's mammoth steel center

officials of half a dozen Gary fight." centers of this country as more shut down Republic Steel in a locals representing 35,000 steeland more steelworkers become dispute over an incentive plan workers issued a sharp protest against WSB permitting the would strike Feb. 22 unless the dispute was settled.

STRIKE MEETING

Orval Kincaid, Gary subdistrict director, was authorized to call a meeting next week of the Gary strike strategy board. Steel union representatives in the Gary district are opposed to any extension, HATCHET MEN beyond the Feb. 22 deadline. "We will fight it out on the

Point that "unauthorized" plant- ing in cars of meat and other the Youngstown steelworkers to their just demands.

Truman's "Defense Mobilizer"

Charles E. Wilson has been cause it was only a "little" fraud. stumping the country for the procorporations to stall the steel fit hungry corporations preach perts had been called in, the surgent longshoremen should wage case and warning they ing the disastrous effect a steel board report states, "and had learn from this dispute it is to wage increase will have on the determined to its satisfaction that steer clear of mealy - mouthed economy. Truman himself used in three locals there were "arbiters" and "fact-finders" and his State of the Union message evidences of fraud." However, to rely on their own strength and to Congress to strike a blow at because the "irregularities" dis- organization. The Corsi board the steel wage demands by warn- covered were judged insufficient was set up for one purpose and ing that wages must be kept to "have changed the final result" one purpose alone: to get the "stabilized" while prices and the board upheld the validity of men back to work and then profits run wild.

mobilizers and stabilizers are out owners, the "fact-finders" re- sional social workers who have picket line," they said if no to do a hatchet job for the commended a whole series of the towering gall to palm themsatisfactory agreement is reached. corporations. The steelworkers union reforms in a 114-page selves off as impartial represen-In the strategic Youngstown are showing their displeasure district seven important locals with the way their demands are attorney Peter Johnson charare the most blatant fraud of have joined in issuing a special being treated by the corporaedition of a newspaper in sup- tions and their stooges in gov- platitudes, promises, income abashed scoundrel who can de-Sparrows Point plant in an over- strike sentiment reached a fever port of the union's 22 demands. ernment. By their actions they The paper is titled: 22 in 52 or are serving notice that they are time in the history of Sparrows U.S. Steel Corporation was mov- Fight. The lead article calls upon ready and willing to fight for Ryan who gleefully hailed the and self-proclaimed represent

finding" board set up by Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi to "study" the causes of the insurgent strike that tied up phony agreement but quickly

after a phony membership refer- cesspool be fumigated. One of the major recom-

report which strike committee tatives of the "public" interest acterized as "sophomoric with all. Ryan, at least, is an unceive no one. But beware of the This opinion was confirmed by "impartial" arbiters, fact-finders

Truman's New War Budget By John G. Wright By John

On Jan. 16 Truman in his "Economic Report" demanded of the American people that they foot a staggering bill of \$85.4 billion in payment for the "State of War" message

to Congress issued a week earlier. Only twice before, during the peak years of World War II, budget called for "armed serhave the American people been by this "Garrison State" budget \$50 billion, or more than four of Truman, Pentagon and Wall

Gone are all pretenses of maintaining a "balanced" budget, as Truman so falsely claimed he would last year. Deficit government spending is this time openly earmarked for what this demaadmitted. And it is topped by a gogue labels as "major national demand for billions more in security programs." This means taxes. Veterans' programs and that some \$68 billion will go social services have been sliced directly to pay for "the military in order to raise all the higher expenditures for arms here and expenditures for arms here and security and foreign relations" abroad. The living and working (read: financing the arms prostandards of American workers gram abroad), plus the expenare thus to be subjected to a the dollar; and on the other, by a cost. hugely expanded "guns not butter" program.

In the pre-Korea days the vices'" expenditures of \$12.3 billion. This time Truman demanded times as much. The actual increase is far higher, incredible though this may seem.

According to Truman's own doctored estimates, 80 cents out of each budget - dollar are ditures for more A-Bombs, Hell-



reduced), all other "non-defense" are thus to be subjected to a ditures for more A-Bombs, Hell-two-pronged onslaught: on the Bombs and other "fantastic likewise contains other hidden (The Brass Hats had previously RUNNING IN RED one flank, by inflation fed by weapons," plus the interest on expenditures for war. Actually demanded \$60 billion more than deficit government spending and what all this costs and what the not 15% of the total budget, as the sums Congress appropriated, by the resulting debasement of previous arms programs have Truman falsely claimed, but ap- but that was "refused.") Now Excluding the cost of "vet-"ron-defense" expenses, includ- \$50 billion more, raising the total

will go, as last year, for war or entire annual national income. war-connected expenses, past and | With the current budget, the

The world has never before selves economically not on the balling of expenditures for but right across this threshold. most doubled (leaping from \$12.3 themselves employed in defense doubled, soaring to \$45 billion.

And now-still another demand for even higher arms expenditures. And here we come to the this mushrooming of arms prosecond "hidden" feature of Truman's "Garrison State Economy." expenditures (likewise slashed), Of the huge sums already aplisted by Truman, amount to less propriated by Congress for the by deficit government spending, than \$14 billion dollars! And this military, there are some 90 to past, current and projected. erans' programs" (drastically ing social services, welfare, projected arms expenditures to

American people will find them-

seen in "peacetime" such snow- threshold of the Garrison State 'military services" as those By October last 'year "checks which the American people from the government" already computed on the basis of receipts have suffered in the 18 months supplied about one-fourth of the through Jan. 21, shows a total of since Korea. In the first six "national income" (U.S. News, months from June to Decem- Oct. 5, 1951). By the beginning ber 1950, arms expenditures al- of this year, 51/2 million found billion in June to \$22 billion in industries, while the ranks of the Dec. 1950). By December of last unemployed began to increase by year they had again more than scores of thousands in all consumer-goods industries, from auto and house appliances to leather and textiles. More ominous than duction amid a slump in the "light" industry, is the tremendous impetus imparted to inflation

The Treasury has been running deeply into the red for many onths now on the basis of last "covered" by the shadiest of manipulations. To illustrate, for Feb. 4. the six months through Dec. 1951 the Treasury has run at a deficit of \$7.5 billion. And here is how, "without borrowing," this deficit has been "covered." First, the Treasury has "reduced" its "working balance" — for a total of \$3.1 billion. This is a bookkeeping device pure and simple, which cannot be repeated again. This money must be paid back. but it does not appear that way on the books.

Second, the Treasury appropriated the "net surplus" from old-age pension fund and other "government trust' accounts" to the tune of \$1.7 billion. In place of money, these "trust accounts" now have more IOU's, otherwise known as government bonds, certificates and the like. Finally, the Treasury simply added another \$2.7 billion to the "publiclyheld debt," that is, lifted still higher the huge national debt the Treasury Department June 29 and Dec. 29, 1951.)

One does not have to be a financial expert to understand that such tricks "cover" up nothing but a progressive debasement of the country's monetary standard. It is equally selfevident that by "admitting" a \$14.4 billion deficit for his projected and much larger budget, Truman was lying. Last year's roughly \$20 billion, if not more, suspect. . .

to Canada, whose dollar is now at

The N. Y. Times, mouthpiece of the most influential capitalist circles, which has hitherto backed the fiscal measures as well as the previous budgets of the Truganda slogans of a "war to end 23, those "members of Congress man administration, lauded, Jan. who have expressed their determination" to "whittle down" the Wilson took us into the war to on to call "for a re-examination proposed budget; and then went

Defenses against inflation are indeed needed "all along the Though Wayne had not held an line," in the first instance by .W.W. card for many years be- organized labor, the poor farmers supported its principles to the ready paid through the nose for days." his devoted wife Lena (Lena of labor as the editors of the N.Y. child. He will be sadly missed by for a successful struggle against the twin scourges of inflation and of the arms program - these further savage inroads on labor's living standards - is to break with the capitalist two-party system and with its bi-partisan foreign policy which seeks to unload on the American workers the frightful cost of Wall Street's

Two Speeches

LEON TROTSKY "Europe and America" 35 cents Order from

\$16,810 or 93% of the national Sixteen branches are now over the top with a score of 100% or

better. A. Dalton from Toledo wrote early in the week: "Am enclosing a check for \$35 - our pledge in full and I hope on time. Our wonderful sympathizers came through with flying colors; otherwise this would have been impossible." Today Comrade Dalton sent another \$5: "This makes our fund total to date \$60. We hope to raise this a little higher." Six branches have yet to com-

By Reba Aubrey

Fund Campaign Manager

Payments to the \$18,000 Organ-

ization and Press fund this week

totaled \$686. The scoreboard,

plete their quotas - Boston, New York, Youngstown, San Francisco, Pittsburgh and Allentown. With two weeks remaining before the deadline, we anticipate payyear's arms expenditures. But ments that will put these branches these deficits have thus far been in the 100% category when the final scoreboard is computed on

Sally Conti of Boston assures us "that now the campaign is extended, I'm quite sure we'll make

Harry Gold, director of New York Local's campaign, says: You can count on New York being 100% by the deadline."

M. Jones of Youngstown hopespaid on their \$250 pledge. "to be able to send the balance A. G., a friend in Los Angeles, of our quota in the Organization sent in a \$3 contribution for the and Press fund in a few days." fund.

A check for \$315 from San Sam K., a veteran of the radical Francisco shot their score to 77%. movement and an Old Guard Our group of friends in the Trotskyist from 1928, came into South hit 172% with another \$15,our office Saturday to contribute which gives them a total of \$430\$1 to help in the campaign.

\$18,000 FUND SCOREBOARD

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Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent	
Cleveland	\$ 300	\$ 379	126	
Toledo	50	60	120	
Connecticut	75	87	116	
Milwaukee	250	275	110	
Akron	150	152	101	
Buffalo	1,000	1,000	100	
Chicago	1,000	1,000	100	
Detroit	1,500	1,500	100	
Flint	350	350	100	
Los Angeles	2,600	2,600	100	
Newark	500	500	100	
Oakland	150	150	100	
Philadelphia	400	400	100	
St. Louis	100	100	100	
St. Paul-Minneapolis	1,000	1,000	100	
Seattle	400	400	100	
Boston	550	530	96,	
New York	5,000	4,468	90	
Youngstown	350	295	84	
San Francisco	1,000	770	77	
Pittsburgh	50	35	.70	
Allentown	75	45	60	
General	1,150	714	62	
Total through Ja	n. 21 \$18,000	\$16,810	93	

Negro Delegates Defy Ku Kluxers

to North Carolina was revealed by a statement of the sheriff of Columbus County that his deputies are afraid to approach

night-riding mobs. In connection the new half-million dollar head- to substitute dynamite for flogatrocity was a beating and shoot- with this the Grand Dragon of quarters of the AFL meat work- gings or desecration of churches ing of a 26 year old Negro taxi the Associated Carolinas Klans ers union in Chicago. The blast and synagogues. The next outdriver in Winter Garden, not far boasted that many "state highway, racked the area and damaged the break could come in the North from the scene of the Moore patrolmen, sheriff's deputies and building. Chicago police quickly or the South.' murders. The spread of terrorism constables" are members of his adopted the tactics of the Florida

houses at night. Rural house- the terror bombings to the North Chicago, police immediately point- correspondent of the N. Y. Post, holders are jittery and armed be- and against labor unions, was ed the finger of accusation at the writes from Florida: ". . . the cause of a wave of floggings by seen in the Jan. 20 bombing of CIO.

TUNISIAN MASSES RISE AGAINST FRENCH RULERS

Emulating the British in Egypt, the French colonial despots, backed by Washington, are shooting down Tunisians in cold blood. On Jan. 14, ten Tunisian war veterans

were wounded. On Jan. 17, three demonstrators were killed and 30 by the Treaty of Bardo (which wounded. On Jan. 21, three were of Tunis), the French Resident to go unchecked, can spread 500), last March a Negro was French assault upon the Tunisian million. people: "Armored cars and troops surrounded the Arab section of the capital, while police in the the "French Union," leaving European section searched defense and foreign affairs in Tunisians for weapons," reported French hands. It thus does not by the insurgent people.

Tunisia into another Indo-China started on Jan. 18 when the French arrested 20 leaders and 500 militants of the Tunisian na-("New Constitution" Party). The was also seized.

DEMAND AUTONOMY

The "crime" of these Tunisian ers by mass demonstrations. nationalists consists in their leader, Habib Bourghiba's demand that the French live up to their promise to grant Tunisia, seized 71 years ago, internal autonomy cabinet. They ended by support-- a freely - elected Tunisian parliament and a government without any French "representatives," i.e., dictators.

Although the French "guaranteed" the country's autonomy

ATTENTION!

Minnesota Readers GEORGE CLARKE.

debates Senator Fay Child, Editor of the Maynard News on "Editorial Roundup" Sunday, Feb. 3

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at 423 Springfield Ave.

organization.

SPREAD OF TERROR

killed and 20 wounded. Rein- Generals rule arbitrarily over throughout the country. Others dragged from his bed and forcements from Algeria have this North African "protectorate," are now becoming aware of the murdered by a white mob, and a been rushed in to stiffen this with a population of over 3 1/3 The Neo-Destour Party asks for an independent constitutional and terrorists are imitative. Un- highway. In addition to this a monarchy in the framework of

town south of Tunis, captured for an "improved" protectorate. But the French bourgeoisie re-The events which are turning jects even this modest request.

APPEAL TO UN

After months of fruitless negotiations with the French by tionalist Neo - Destour Party, Habib Bourghiba and Tunisian Cabinet Ministers, an appeal by his little home at Arden, near? prisoners were thrown into con- two of these ministers was made Tunisia." The nationalist weekly In vain! Thereupon the Tunisian masses, encouraged by Iranian

The French "Socialists" began by threatening, because of Tunisia, to withdraw their support from Edgar Faure's newly formed ian workers answered by calling and other work. He joined the for democracy," Walden pointed I.W.W. in 1911, and at once bean "indefinite" general strike. In their struggle against French came known through his splendid out with complete accuracy that The cause for which the Tunis- the harvest fields and elsewhere. ians, Algerians and Moroccans struggle today is the same for fought free speech fight in which the American people fought Kansas City. In 1915, when the against the British 180 years ago: The right of self-determination, formed, he did fine organizing the right to be free.

police. In Florida, police officials declared the bombings "pointed strongly to the conclusion that

punishment. In the past few major arrest has been made." months there have been 15 actual or attempted bombings in Miami made in the Moore bombings or justice. in the wave of floggings in the

The Militant has warned that danger. Alex Miller, southern city lead terrorists in other areas have recently occurred there.

EPIDEMIC OF VIOLENCE

In an article entitled, "Fla. Violence Spreads to Other A foretaste of the spread of Communists were involved." In States," Charles Abrams, special wave of dynamitings and racist Bombing and racist terrorism terrorism that started last May spread and will continue to has flared into an epidemic of spread so long as the terrorists violence that threatens to engulf have reason to believe that they the entire Southeast, a survey are immune from arrest or revealed today. Not a single

The Negro people and other targets of the terrorists can put alone. No major arrests have no reliance on the Southern police been made. No arrests have been to bring the perpetrators to An idea of the reign of terror

in this area can be formed from the fact that in Winter Garden, year before another Negro was director of the Anti-Defamation "taken for a ride" by white men League, states: "Racial bigots who threw his body onto the punished bombing attacks in one number of beatings of Negroes

the Associated Press. On Jan. 22, openly agitate for real indefighting was in progress in a pendence, being ready to settle town south of Their contract. Militant, Dies at Age of 62

Editor: Wayne Walden, long an active member and worker for the Industrial Workers of the World, died on January 9 at Wilmington, Delaware. He was buried near

and Egyptian struggle against He was 62 years old at the time heart attack.

Wayne Walden, born in Texas, ing Faure. Meanwhile the Tunis- boy, but shifted to cow-punching imperialism the mass organiza- singing voice at street meetings imperialism the mass organiza- in the Northwest. He soon be- prevent peace, and to make the of the nation's inflationary dedeserve the fullest support and came an effective speaker, and sympathy of American workers. an intelligent and construction gangs, Agricultural ization of the I.W.W. (400) was

Wilmington. Some fellow-workers in 1916 and 1917, he became centration camps "somewhere in to the United Nations in Paris. went down from New York to active in anarcho-syndicalism as pay a last tribute to this old well as the I.W.W. itself. Already fighter for industrial freedom, a capable writer, he joined Harry colonialism, supported their lead- of his death, which resulted from ist Aron Baron in editing an

> was brought up in Colorado dur-Western Federation of Miners. He worked in the mines as a an intelligent and courageous job Walden took part in the hard- passed.

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Anarchist paper, "Alarm." Walden, like Frank Little and many others, believed in direct ing the fighting days of the old and militant opposition to the Wilson War.

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fore his death, he believed in and and the city poor who have alend. In his last years, his prin- the war program of American cipal companionship was that of imperialism. When such enemies Fusco), also an old-time rebel. Times become concerned, it is daughter, Eleanor, and a grand- rouse itself. The first condition all his old friends and fellow-

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Justice Douglas Hits Witch-Hunt **And Asia Policy**

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of civil liberties as it appears to the liberal jurist: "Fear has many manifestations. The Communist threat inside the country has been magnified and exalted far beyond its realities. Irresponsible talk by irresponsible people has fanned (and the interest charges on it). the blames of fear. Accusations (Source: "Daily Statement" of have been loosely made. Character assassinations have become common. Suspicion has taken the place of good will. . .

FEAR AND SUSPICION

"Suspicion grows until only the orthodox idea is the safe one. Suspicion grows until only the orthodox view, or who once havshow, been piling up deficits of are unorthodox are suspect. copies of 'The Road to Peace.' that size. So the new and much Everyone who does not follow We were very pleased at the Socialist Workers Party. One pigger budget is bound to run the military policymakers is amount of literature sold, and

The resulting boost to inflation and the bar. Those accused of to buy it, for it had a story about expressed agreement with the of the dollar is no secret to all presumed innocent, of course, trying to tell a lady not to buy ton and for the building of the financial sharks. The mere until found guilty - have dif- found a surprise when she said a publication of Truman's budget ficulty getting reputable lawyers Negro has been killed and if this sufficed to cause the dollar's for- to defend them. Lawyers have paper has a story about it I issue were sold the following day eign exchange rate to drop in talked with me about it. Many want to read it. Many were readrelation to other relatively stable are worried. Some could not ing the paper inside. currencies, such as the Canadian volunteer their services, for if dollar. A Scripps-Howard finan- they did they would lose clients this Sunday also and sold 13 cial writer does not hesitate to and their firms would suffer. speak of "the flight of the Amer- Others could not volunteer be- there even earlier she would have ican dollar" i.e. of U.S. capital, cause if they did they would be sold her whole bundle. Barney

> defend. This is a dark tragedy. "Fear has driven more and folds of the orthodox. Fear has mounted - fear of losing one's gle pamphlet there." job, fear of being investigated, fear of being pilloried. This fear did a bang-up job on the campus has stereotyped our thinking, nar- with the issue featuring the story rowed the range of free public of Dr. Forrest O. Wiggins, disdiscussion, and driven many thoughtful people to despair. This Minnesota teaching staff for his fear has even entered universities, great citadels of our spiritual strength, and corrupted them. We have the spectacle of university officials lending themselves to one of the worst witch hunts we have seen since early

In a plea to alter the disastrous gins prominently featured, and war policy of the U.S. in Asia Donald sold nine additional copies Douglas says: "There are those at a small student meeting at He is also survived by a time for the labor movement to toward Asia will lead to disaster who think that our present policy one of the other colleges. believe that in Asia we are fast "at the AFL Labor Temple. becoming the symbol of what the Senator Humphrey was speaking people of Asia fear and hate. . ." (See Editorial p. 3)

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among subscribers

issue. "Last Sunday," Bea writes, to a mass meeting of the NAACP ing been a Communist, has been on the Harry T. Moore case and many comments were made about the party and another in helping "Fear even strikes at lawyers the paper as people told others to sell the paper. Many workers Harry T. Moore in it. One man

Edie went to a union meeting papers. She said if she had got dubbed 'subversive' by their com- has been working on a project munity and put in the same since the last subscription drive, category as those they would and continually revisits his subscribers and sells them literature and tickets to our meetings. He nore men and women in all walks has had some very excellent of life either to silence or to the results. Last week he sold 15 more copies of the Negro Strug-

missed from the University of political views. Literature Agent Helen S. reports a total of 218 copies sold with scores as follows: Wally sold 61; Ray, 55; Charlie, 45; Doris, 35; and Larry, 22. One of the salesmen appeared on television holding up The Militant with the story about Wig-

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total of 50; George R. sold 34; Fred E., 32; and Jack J. and gram of The Militant and the person was interested in joining slogan for a march on Washing defense guards. "Another 24 copies of this

at a Moore memorial meeting at the Walker Memorial Baptist Church, by John K. John K. also had an interesting experience last Friday at an ALP club meeting where he was selling Militants. He was asked inside by one of the members and as he entered he heard the chairman say, The important thing before us now is the Moore Case as you can see by the headline in The Militant.' Johnny also sold two copies of 'The Road to Peace.'"

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The "Dirty War"

The French people have named French imperialism's aggression against the Indo-Chinese people the "Dirty War." This expresses the loathing of the French workers and farmers for France's five-year assault of flame and murder, carried out with American arms and money, in Indo-China.

For its bestial work of slaughter, rape and robbery in Southeast Asia, the French capitalist government has relied primarily on mercenaries. The French people have forced through a law prohibiting the use of conscripted or drafted French youth for colonial duty. Only paid "volunteers" — the fascist and criminal elements of France, North African professional colonial troops, plus former Nazi SS men and others of the Foreign Legion — have been turned loose on the Indo-Chinese. These are the types who would — for a cash payment — cut a throat in an alley or bayonet women and children in Indo-China with equal relish.

Popular revulsion in France to this war is so great that one French government after another has toppled. The French rulers have come to the U.S. with appeals for direct American intervention with air, naval and land forces. There is evidence that Washington has secretly committed this country to feed such forces into Indo-China if the French can't hold on - and they can't.

There is grave danger that the American imperialists are going to use American forces - draftees, for the most part - for the filthy chore that the French people would permit only to hired mercenaries and fascist volunteers. Conscripted American youth, already being used in the U.S. BIG BRASS FEAR KOREA TRUCE U.S.'s own "Dirty War" in Korea, face the prospect of being sent to fight France's "Dirty War."

What contempt the American people will bring down upon them from the rest of the world if they permit their sons, dragooned against their will into the armed forces, to take over the role assigned for the past five years exclusively to the lowest French mercenaries.

Let the People Decide!

On Jan. 23 the Wall Street Journal, influential daily of U.S. financiers and speculators, front-paged a scoop by its Washington correspondent to the effect that "top strategists of the Pentagon and the State Department" have committed themselves to Paris for all-out "aid" in Indo-China. Since U.S. munitions and equipment have for be a signal for the U.S. soldiers "blessing," the Nov. 27, 1951, months been flowing to this area, this decision can only to start a huge "Bring Us Back Wall Street Journal found that mean the sending of American boys to die in Indo-China as they still are dying in Korea.

"If things go this far, Congress will complain," cynically comments Wall Street Journal's staff correspondent, "but probably that's all, Administration bigwigs figure. The President will consult with his henchmen on Capitol Hill (and maybe even some key Republicans) as things get worse in Indo-China, but he's not expected to ask Congress to voté on whether we'd throw in planes, ships — or even [infantry] troops."

It is plain enough what is being plotted: Truman, plus the five-star generals, plus the pin-striped diplomats, may be very hard to resist pres, part of the world from more of such labor's leadership followed a bold, men of the Wisconsin over the "Cardinal Spellman, who made are plotting another Korea. A quarter of a million American youth were killed and wounded in Korea in what is called a "police action." The American people were not consulted. Now the warmakers plan another bloodletting under a similar pretext.

The American people are awakening to the truth that the teeming millions of Asians, from Korea through Indo-China, Malaya and the Philippines, into Iran, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and the rest of the Middle East, are today fighting the same battle for independence as our colonial predecessors did against the British in 1776.

The Indo-Chinese have fought the French to a standstill for the last five years. These heroic fighters for freedom from colonial slavery merit the support of every foe of tyranny. The American people, with labor in the forefront, should demand that every issue of war or peace be decided by our whole people in a national referendum. Let the People Decide!

Douglas Changes His Tune

Elsewhere in the paper we report an important article by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas decrying the destruction of civil liberties in the U.S. and the catastrophic course of U.S. militarism in Asia. Only a few years ago Douglas spoke very different words to a CIO con-

In 1948 Douglas, in a speech widely circulated by the CIO, told American labor that Marxism had been disproved by the development of liberal capitalism in the in opposition to the British in 1766, when Stamp U.S. He claimed that the "idea of class was foreign to us in this country" where a "human welfare state" had come into being. He urged American labor to disabuse the workers of other countries whose minds were encumbered with Marxist prejudices. American labor, declared Douglas, must become "a missionary of the American way of life" bearing the glad tidings that the U.S. was going to spread its "human welfare state" to the whole world.

In little more than four years reactionary U.S. imperialism has shed its "liberal" trappings and Justice Douglas after several trips abroad is forced to cry out: "From Asia one sees an America that is losing its humanity, its idealism, and its Christian character." And from the Supreme Court bench, in a powerless minority, he now sees "the black silence of fear" destroying the liberties of the American people.

The development of U.S. imperialism and its mad rush toward war confirms the truth of Marxism and explodes the illusion of Douglas and other liberals about the nature gripes. Not only the most oppressed sections of and future of capitalism.

Italian Workers in Critical Plight By Charles Hanley By Charles Hanley Tradon the title "Itelian Perspectives." Pierre Frederix, Italy's projected rearmament will have to be much more limited than Mussolini's efforts because Of the War Bases

a special correspondent of a leading French capitalist daily, Le Monde, published in December 1951 a series of articles surveying the existing

highly critical one. In the official statistics some are very meager; and the agricultural workers in the south get work. In fact only 600,000 re- the workers' ability to do so. ceive unemployed insurance benothers get paid for participating in various government schemes (vocational training, public works in the south, government-financed construction work). In some regions, certain landlords are 1951), parading in the streets of obliged to employ jobless agricul- Reggio with the tractors they had tural workers. The 600,000 who made. These occupations led to these get insurance receive it for only compromise solutions. Remaining subtle. De Gasperi, the Prime 180 days yearly.

INDUSTRY CONVERTED

After World War II the era of nilitary production closed for the ime being. Italian industry which get them back by yielding some had developed under Mussolini had to be converted entirely to After a few months, when busipeace production. But there were not many possibilities for export, arise again without any fundaand the buying power of the mental solution. The workers are Italian people was too small to thus caught in a vicious circle absorb all these goods. The in- because the extension of this industrialists therefore wanted to cipient offensive against capitalreduce the volume of their ism runs counter to the Stalinist life, but they cannot cure it of production and to fire thousands line of conciliation.

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soil and slowly drained by "around

300" battle casualties a week,

disease and frost-bite, being

'trained" for full-scale slaughter

with the number of casualties

that the Americans will "accept"

and "forget," is the fear that

don't believe in this war and

truce were reached. "He said it!

been swung into line.

get them home.

Italian situation, which is a The workers resisted, and continue to resist this trend with the utmost energy. Several fac-1,800,000 unemployed are listed; tories have been occupied since many, however, are not inscribed 1947. The Stalinist - led unions on the official lists. Italian never declared that they were unemployed insurance benefits seizing the plants; they merely stated they wanted to prove the inability of the capitalists to nothing when they are out of maintain production as against Thus, the workers of the big efits. Five hundred thousand Ansaldo docks in Genoa occupied them for 70 days in 1950 and began building a 25,000 - ton vessel. The workers of one factory in Reggio (Emilia) occupied it for one year (until October solated, they failed to deal decisive blows to Italian capital-

> Those capitalists whose factories are temporarily occupied unwise to provoke a civil war concessions to the workers. ness is bad, the same conflicts

"Korea has been a blessing,"

Van Fleet opined. "There had to

be a Korea either here or some

in good shape. Our factories now

In the same sense as Van Fleet

Home" movement, such as swept peace could be a curse - at least 383; South Korean, 301,864; 15

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mering" war going in

"Operation Killer."

PEACE A "CURSE"

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ticians figure the home folks have to be a Korea to put our defenses

cessation of actual fighting will finds the Korean carnage a

the armed forces at the end of for capitalism. "It is under-

Moreover, they would get plenty sacrifice civilian standards for

the last war. The troops in Korea standable that peace in Korea, or 8,698.

to keep a "simmering" war going, arms again. . ."

No small part of the decision are turning out more and more



DE GASPERI

factory occupations is Minister, knows that they fall far short of abolishing Italian capitalism as long as they are isolated; and that it would be against millions of socialist workers. This administration tries to avoid the use of force against the working class. (These tactics would, of course, change in the face of a general assault.)

The economy of Italian capitalism is incurably sick. The clever bourgeois doctors can prolong its its mortal sickness. As for the The Government's reaction to Marshall Plan, it has been a flop.

for an \$83 billion war budget.

pears, more of the "blessing" of

945 military casualties, according

to an Associated Press survey

released in Paris on Jan. 16.

clude so - called "non - combat"

casualties due to sickness, frost-

than two million Korean civilians

the United States has to finance Italy's imports of supplementary raw materials. Rearmament will ot absorb the greater part of Italy's unemployed. Socialism remains the only alternative.

Despite this incurable condition, Italy has one of Europe's most stable governments; with Alcide de Gasperi as Prime Minister since December 1945. He formed his seventh cabinet in July 1951. His Christian Democrat party has held a virtual monopoly of political power since the general elections of April 1948. In June 1946, the Christian Democrats obtained 35 percent of the popular vote; in April 1948, 48.5 percent.

munist Party.

THE VATICAN

A. Van Fleet, Eighth Army com- | income taxes on wage-earners. be kept indefinitely on a foreign mander in Korea and head of The present stalemate and coninuation of the Korean war fits every priest is a Christianin with Truman's latest demand Democratic propagandist, every Thus, we are to have, it ap-

"Is there a crisis inside the the Korean war which has cost Italian Christian Democracy?" the combined U.S., South Korean asks Frederix. And in answer, and UN forces a total of 414,- he says: "I believe so." Afraid that this crisis might eventually rock the party, one of the prominent leaders (who belongs U.S. losses - which do not in- to the center) told Frederix: "The Christian Democracy is the last chance of democracy. If it fails, bite, etc. - were listed as 104,- in our country, the road will be open not to Bolshevism, but to a UN member nations at least nationalist clericalism." In other words: a Catholic dictatorship.

Pierre Frederix explains that the 35 percent of 1946 constitutes the party's real base while the other 13.5 percent rallied to the Christian Democratic camp after big anti-communist campaign n which the American - financed and Vatican - sponsored Catholic Action movement exploited the Gottwald coup in Prague (Czechoslovakia) to corral many Italian petty bourgeois. The activity of Catholic Action was certainly one of the factors that helped to make the Christian Democratic Party the ruling party of the Italian capitalist class. Catholic Action, with 2,500,000 members, is as large as the Italian Com-

The Vatican is the most reacionary anti-labor and anti-socialist center in Italy. It is only natural that the biggest political organization of Italian capitalism should be directed by the agents of the Holy See, and that, owing to the Vatican's direct support, this party should become extremely influential. Virtually church a political organizing

But would the Italian workers permit this? The Christian ome so strong a party, had not then Secretary of Defense George of European defense will be more ariven from their homes by the ment's strategic position and C. Marshall expressed fear of a cifficult and much more costly. . " U.S. "scorched earth" policy. alienated many dissatisfied middle letdown" in war sentiment if a The scheme to keep a "sim- If the American people want class elements who would readily Korea is to save themselves and the rest ally themselves to labor, provided ing a truce in Korea. It was ex- with Truman's demand for in- be withdrawn from Korea at resist any neo-fascist onslaughts including Formosa, where heren- role in Washington's war program or clerico-nationalist tyranny.

Inasmuch as Truman proposed to send a top-ranking militarist, Gen. Mark W. Clark, as first U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, the Roman Catholic Church-State's world

headquarters, it was only proper nis top-ranking priest, Francis Cardinal Spellman, to inspect the far-flung military bases of U.S. mperialism in the Far East. Middle East and Europe.

These two events are the latest encreachments of the Catholic hierarchy — a totalitarian machine owing allegiance to a supreme and "infallible" Emperor in Rome - on the government and institutions of the American

What is significant is not that Truman dared to nominate a general as an official U.S. representative to the Vatican, but that he dared to nominate anyone. This country has never sent an ambassador to the Vatican, not even when it ruled substantial territories. To do so has always been considered a violation of the American democratic tradition of separation of church and state.

CLARK DECLINES

Tremendous opposition from the American people, less than 18 per cent of whom are Catholics, has induced Gen. Clark to decline the nomination. But Truman says he intends to name someone else and seek the approval of Congress. That he would so defy the ights and traditions of the American people is a measure of the owerful influence the Catholic nierarchy wields in Washington.

This influence is vividly demontrated by Cardinal Spellman's our, extending through Japan Korea, Formosa, and the Philipines to Rome and Paris. He was reated all along the way like the ighest figure of a powerful poliical state. The full facilities of the U.S. armed forces were placed at his disposal and the chief U.S. military spokesmen were at his beck and call.

PELLMAN "BRIEFED"

In Korea, this priest travelled s the official guest of the United tates Eighth Army Commander, James A. Van Fleet. An Associated Press dispatch from Seoul on Dec. 26 reports that Spellman city and "traveled by light plane, helicopter, jeep and staff car." comed aboard the battleship of support from home. That is arms, . . In short, if there is peace blown up by bombs, burned alive the anti-socialist policies of Stal- Wisconsin by Vice Admiral of the cease-fire negotiations, the United States as the prime mover guns, etc., and the ten million weakened the Italian labor move- the United States Seventh Fleet."

VISITS HIS FRIEND home' but the country must do the American people. The sickly whatever in the generals and is not too late: The Italian work- toured the ship before retiring so." (United Press, July 2, 1951.) capitalist economy needs bigger admirals who have been negotiat- ers are not beaten into sub- for the night in the captain's tween church and state has be-The war profiteers, capitalist and bigger doses of war spending, ing at Panmunjom. Instead, they mission. Their organizations are cabin." The U.S. Navy and Air come flimsy indeed when an politicians and Big Brass have Last August, the breaking off of will demand with all the power all intact. There is no doubt Force were put at his disposal to agent of the Vatican like Spellmother impelling reason for fear- the truce negotiations coincided they possess that the U.S. forces about their determination to travel throughout the Far East, man can play such an influential

that Pope Pius XII should send friend the Butcher - Dictator Chiang Kai-shek.

On his return, Spellman archly eported he found Chiang optimistic - very much so for man who thought himself an ally in 1945 only to find that his indications of the far reaching country has dwindled to the encreachments of the Catholic island of Formosa." Spellman would like the U.S. to stretch Chiang's rule back to China again.

Spellman travelled everywhere, spreading holy oil on the troubled waters of imperialism, landing



SPELLMAN

finally in Rome and Paris. At Rome he combined the inspection of U.S. troops with a visit to the Pope for a report and further instructions. He wound up, symolically, with a visit to SHAPE, Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers in Europe, where ie lunched with Eisenhower. Then he was "'briefed' on the organization and development of Western defenses by Brig. Gen. Anhony D. Biddle and by Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, General Eisenhower's chief of staff." (N. Y. Times, Jan. 19.)

But while Spellman was 6,000 niles away looking after "his" military outposts in the Far East. he did not fail to keep an eye on his base in Washington. There returned with Van Fleet to that Truman, under much heat because of the tax scandals, was getting set to fire the Catholic Subsequently, reported the AP on Attorney General Howard Mc-Other "blessings" are the more Democrats would never have be- Dec. 29, the Cardinal was "wel- Grath. Then to the surprise of everyone, Truman suddenly changed his mind and put Mcwhy, back last July 2 at the start in Korea the position of the by napalm, strafed by machine, inism and reformism considerably Harold H. Martin, commander of Grath in charge of "investigating" government graft and corruption. According to Washington columnist Robert S. Allen, in The dispatch further tells us the Jan. 9 N. Y. Post, one of the that "the Cardinal addressed the "rescuers" of McGrath was sure to bring the boys back and more military funds out of "blessings," they will put no faith consistent, pro-socialist course. It public address system" and "then a long-distance plea from Tokyo." The "wall of separation" be-

joyed a discussion with his good abroad and witch-hunt at home.

Sam Adams and the American Revolution: 12-

pressed on Jan. 19 by Gen. James creased arms spending and higher once.

UNITY AND REVOLUTION

By Harry Frankel

With the Boston Tea Party of Dec. 16, 1773, the radical wing of the opposition became the dominant force in the colonies. Sam Adams' twenty-year fight for a revolutionary policy had ome to a victorious climax. From that point on, the so-called "moderates," "conservatives" and vacillators of all kinds were compelled to either go along with the Revolution, or go over to the Tories, as some of them had already, and as many more now did.

John C. Miller, historian of the American Revolution, has written that "Americans were more united in 1766 than in 1776." From this he'draws the conclusion that the revolution would have been easier ten years earlier than when it actually flamed into open warfare.

It is true that there was a more general unity Act repeal was being forced, than there was ten years later when the chips were down and the crisis came. As a matter of fact, the process that went on during those years was largely a process of disunification of the nation.

Professor Miller doesn't understand that this polarization of forces, replacing the previously more unified movement, was the very process which prepared the Revolution and made it pos-

A Law of Revolution

Great social upheavals always go through this process of disunification, of polarization. It is part of the very nature of revolutions.

The reason for this law of revolution is easy to comprehend. We know that popular rebellions are not produced by scheming "conspirators," but come about because the old society is rotten, decaying, decomposing. When a society is in that shape, naturally there is widespread opposition to the existing order of things. Everyone has the population, but also better-off groupings, and even parts of the ruling class, are discontented,

have grievances, and would like to see changes

That is why, when the movement against a dying social order begins, it is supported by "everyone," it is very popular, in a word, "unified." As an instance, in the great French Revolution of 1789, the very nobility against which the Revolution was directed, even parts of the court nobility close to the king, started out in the camp of the opposition.

This state of affairs can't last too long if the revolution is to move forward. Although most of society appears to be united in demanding changes, questions soon arise: What kind of changes? How much are these changes worth to us, and are we willing to fight to get them? These questions divide the opposition.

The most oppressed portions of the population favor a complete overturn of the social order, and a new society, more equalitarian, both politically and economically. They are willing to fight for these changes. But the other layers, the middle groupings and the discontented portions of the ruling class, who only want a few minor changes which would leave their privileged positions untouched, draw back from this revolutionary program.

This division of the opposition movement into two wings, variously called "right and left," "radicals and conservatives," "revolutionaries and reformists," is basic to all revolutions.

In the French Revolution, there was a party division along these lines between more thoroughgoing revolutionists in the Jacobin wing, and the "moderates" of the Girondin grouping. In the Russian Revolution of 1917, the revolutionists rallied around Lenin's party, the Bolsheviks, and the compromisers around the Menshevik and Social-Revolutionary parties.

In the American Revolution, the radicals were led by Sam Adams, in such organizations as the Committees of Correspondence, the Sons of Liberty or Liberty Boys, the Committees of Mechanics in the various cities, etc. The conservative oppositionists rallied around Merchant's Committees, Chambers of Commerce, etc.

It must be noted that the compromisers, the reformers, don't simply stand pat. As the revolutionary movement grows, the choice is put squarely before them: With the revolution, or against it? Large sections of the in-betweeners, fearing that the new society will be constructed to their disadvantage, desert the insurgent masses altogether, and go back to the camp of the old so-

That is what happened to most of the so-called "moderates" in the American Revolution. They went back to the British-Tory camp, deciding, in Hamlet's words: "rather bear those ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of." The Adams radicals, no suckers for "unity-shouters," wisely helped them along. They preferred to sacrifice "unity" for the sake of the revolution, rather than the revolution for the sake of

The Coercive Acts of the British

The Boston Tea Party brought the polarization of right and left wings to a climax, and, as we have noted, the radicals commanded by far the biggest popular following. The British themselves helped the radicals by their tyrannical actions.

The British Ministry replied to the Boston Tea Party with a series of coercive decrees which became known as the Intolerable Acts. The most important of these was the Boston Port Bill, which closed the city to commerce with the outside world. Sam Adams' answer to the Intolerable Acts was twofold: He moved to convene the First Continental Congress, through which he hoped to weld the 13 colonies into a single bloc committed to revolution, and he proposed the Solemn League and Covenant, which was a sweeping non-intercourse-with-Britain program.

This new boycott was based on the experience of the previous boycott movement, which had collapsed when the merchants deserted it. Sam Adams had good reason to distrust what he called "mercantile avarice." He included in the Solemn League and Covenant of 1774, a provision that "this effectual plan has been originated and thus far carried through by the two venerable orders of men styled Mechanics and Husbandmen (workingmen and farmers), the strength of every

community.' Adams adopted a far sharper tone towards the merchants, who were the center of the compromise movement, than he ever before had. He said of the non-importation agreement that it didn't matter whether "'messieurs les marchands' ('Messers Merchants') will be graciously pleased to come into it." If no one would buy imported goods from them, it would do them no good to trade with Britain.

A good example of the temper of the radicals towards the merchant-compromisers is to be found in this letter written to Sam Adams by his lieutenant Dr. Joseph Warren, while Adams was away at the Salem meeting of the General Court (Legislature):

"If the timidity of some and the treachery of others do not ruin us, I think we shall be saved. fear New York will not assist us with very good grace; but she may perhaps be ashamed to desert us: at least, if her MERCHANTS offer to sell us, her MECHANICS will forbid the

The Radical Temper of the People

Clearly, Adams and his associates didn't fear a split with the compromisers. They held their course regardless. The Solemn League and Covenant was carried over the opposition of the merchants, and when the conservatives tried to censure a committee of Adams for its conduct in this dispute, a great meeting of the people at the Old South Church upheld the radicals by vote of four to one.

When Adams set out for the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia he was backed by a solid revolutionary movement in New England, representing the bulk of the population.

This was a far cry from the situation at the time of the Stamp Act Congress of Sept. 1765. That gathering had been called by the erratic James Otis, and Massachusetts had sent as delegates, besides Otis, one "moderate" and one extreme right wing Tory. In contrast with the coming Continental Congress, which was to adopt much of the radical program, the Stamp Act Congress had contained only a tiny radical minority, led by Chris Gadsden South Carolina radical.

Sam Adams had not even been present. Things had come a long way since that day. And Sam Adams, Professor Miller to the contrary notwithstanding, found the situation far more favorable to the Revolution.

(Next Week: National Battleground - The Continental Congress)

A Great Socialist Fighter

By Tom Conlan

Back in 1948, we recall, the labor and Negro leaders were pleading with the Democratic policymakers to select Eisenhower as the party banner-bearer. "Give us anyone but Truman," was their cry. This year the Republicans beat the Democrats to the draw, and the General is one of the four main contenders for the party nomi-

One of the most independent thinkers in the Negro press, Roscoe Dunjee of the Oklahoma Black Dispatch, commented on the Eisenhower candidacy in an editorial last week. "The best way to prevent this writer," he said, "from casting his ballot for General Eisenhower is to permit him to occupy the position of the Sphinx, which will enshroud him in utter silence. On the other hand, we might be inclined to support the Eisenhower candidacy if we knew what his position is on many urgent questions, including civil rights and colonialism. . . . We certainly do not want to vote for a president who endorses second class citizenship for subject peoples."

We agree with Roscoe Dunjee that he and the rest of the voters must have answers to the questions on Eisenhower's position on these important questions, and we refer him to the following sources of information:

1. Eisenhower on civil rights: In April 1948 the General testified on this point before the Senate armed services committee and what he said is a matter of record. Ben Gill, former Republican congressman from Texas and the candidate's campaign manager there, has dug up that record and is circulating it to prove that Ike should be acceptable to the South.

This should be enough in itself, but we'll repeat the quotation that came right from the horse's mouth at the Senate hearings lest there be any doubt that Eisenhower takes his stand with all the other opponents of civil rights leg-

After a lot of the usual double-talk about the fact that race prejudice is a problem, the Gen-

"I do not mean to say that I have any final answer to the problem, and I believe that the human race may finally grow up to the point where it will not be a problem.

Today Franz Mehring, as man, thinker and

writer, is known to few; and his true worth as

a revolutionary socialist fighter to fewer still.

Yet the world has known few historians and

publicists who are his peers; Germany can boast

of few authors whose pen is bolder, more skilled

and truthful. As thinker and teacher Mehring

takes his place alongside such creative forces

as Rosa Luxemburg, the great Russian Marxist

scholar Ryazanov, and Heinrich Heine, poet-pub-

and nonentities alike, hated him. And oh, how he

enjoyed this hatred, correctly accepting it as the

most satisfying public praise a revolutionist could

receive. They hated him because he walked out

of their world forever, rejecting their falsely

luxurious, unawakened, meaningless little lives,

with its pitiful maxims palmed off as "ethics."

He chose instead to work with, fight alongside

and live with and for the workers under their

Franz Mehring was born into the semi-feudal-

istic, semi-capitalist universe of the Germany

of a century ago. His father was of the Prussian

officer caste; on his mother's side he could count

direct descent from the Pomeranian barons.

among the noblest Teutons of them all, i.e., the

Honors likewise came easily to him. He early

gained the title of "Doctor of Philosophy," a

dog's license, as Lenin called it, that never

really suited Franz. He was associated with and

served as editor of many prominent bourgeois

publications of his day (Berliner Tage, Frank-

He wrote a biased history of the German

working class, for which honors were again heap-

ed upon him. But Mehring was honest, one of

the tiny minority in his class who truly love

truth, do not fear it but seek it. When Mehring

found out that the miseducators of his childhood.

and youth had in reality trained him to be not a

learned man but a mere peddler of lies, he broke

irrevocably with these poisoners of the human

mind, corrupters of the human spirit. Franz

Mehring turned his back on capitalism and chose

Mehring rewrote the history of the great Ger-

man working class, telling the truth in volumes

which remain unsurpassed to this day among

general historical writings. To the title "First

Historian of Labor," Mehring also added a far greater calling, that of member of the revolution-

ary socialist movement. At the age of 45, when

Marxism as his life's profession.

Mehring's contemporaries, capitalist celebrities

licist-revolutionist.

glorious Socialist banner.

worst breed extant.

furter Zeitung, etc.).

"But I do believe that if we attempt merely by passing a lot of laws to force someone to like someone else, we are just going to get into

Eisenhower was not being asked his opinion on "a lot of laws to force someone to like someone else." He was being asked about segregato a national FEPC bill with teeth in it.

2. Eisenhower on human rights: On September 21, 1948, speaking to the Sales Executives Club in New York City, the General indulged in more double-talk, this time on "human rights." After stating that some people incorrectly counterpose property rights to human rights in the United States, he made it clear which he con-

"The right to property is only one of the human rights, and when that falls all else falls with it,"

3. Eisenhower and unemployment: At the same Sales Executives Club meeting mentioned above the General had this to say about unem-

'We have been criticized for our large numbers of unemployed during the early nineteen thirties. That was held up as condemnation of the capitalistic system. But those men were not working in the salt mines, and they were not under the whin and bayonet. You businessmen can prove to the world that a free democracy can, and shall, continue to exist on this con-

Neither Eisenhower nor his businessmen friends did or could attempt to show the world, however, that a "free democracy" or full employment "can and shall continue to exist on this continent." To maintain the capitalist system it has been necessary to curtail democratic rights steadily. And few persons will be found, even among the Sales Executives Club, who will deny that only the war economy keeps this country from sinking quickly into one of two alternatives: a major depression with unemployment that would make the thirties look like a period of relative prosperity; or global war with men working "under the whip and bayonet.'

Eisenhower is no Sphinx, Mister Dunjee. He's a full-fledged, unvarnished, typical capitalist candidate, with nothing to recommend him to you

every miseducator of the workers and the youth,

teaching them what a long way these scoundrels

are from the truth, further removed than the

constellation of Andromeda is from our planet.

burg and Karl Liebknecht, as member of the

Spartacus Bund, this immortal band of anti-

imperialist, anti-war, pro-Socialist fighters who

barehanded defied the Kaiser's Hohenzollern Ger-

The years of persecution, Kaiser's jails, where

he was clapped although aged and mortally ill,

brought him to his grave. Thirty-three years ago,

on January 29, 1919, Franz Mehring died at the

The current temporary and episodic "eclipse"

raging since Lenin died in 1924 and that has been

loosed by the forces of imperialism here and

abroad, abetted and aided by the Stalinist

oligarchy. But the time is not too distant when

the natural order of things shall be restored.

And with the re-entry of mankind - through

the victory of labor - into its mainstream of

progress, Franz Mehring will take his rightful

place among the few figures of our times whom

the free, the truly free, youth, women and men of

the future shall remember and honor.

World War I found him alongside Rosa Luxem-

Social Democratic Party.

THE MILITANT

Seattle Machinists Support tion in the armed forces. His answer makes it clear that his position on civil rights is no different from that of Senator Taft who last week in Virginia repeated his opposition to Federal abolition of segregation in southern schools and to a national FEPC bill with teeth in it.

Briggs Votes Mass Action For Jobless

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By Everett Kennedy

DETROIT, Jan. 21 - More than 500 members of Briggs UAW-CIO Local 212 voted overwhelmingly yesterday to back up the union fight for full 40 hour pay unemployment compensation with mass pressure on the state legislature in Lansing, Michigan. The Briggs membership meet-

ing called for a conference of officers of all CIO unions in Michigan to convene in Lansing backed by a mass caravan of auto workers from all parts of the state to converge on the state capitol to demonstrate their support of the union program.

Ken Morris, Reutherite president of Local 212, in concluding a detailed account of recent activities of the union on the unemployment problem, proposed a conference of union officers similar to that recently held in Washington by the UAW. He nailed the fact that measures had been introduced in both state and federal legislatures to increase unemployment compensation payments to workers deprived of their jobs because of the dislocations of the war program.

MAZEY PROPOSAL

The proposal to back up the uggested conference with a mass most individuals of his former circle were sighturnout of auto workers was then added, "We didn't get and said: "I can't see anything made by Ernie Mazey, militant favorable action on FEPC but wrong with the amendment. If ing over and regretting their misspent lives, this of long standing in the local we did make a good impression." mass caravans of auto workers man of courage joined the then universally hated union. Speaking in support of Hindson was followed to the to Lansing will help us get full Year after year, Mehring labored like a galleyhis proposal, Mazey pointed out microphone by Charlie Smith, unemployment compensation for slave, chained to his writing table, following each that the most serious shortcoming former chairman of the FEPC our membership, I am for it." successive fad in bourgeois theory, history, in the union fight on unemploy- committee and active Negro literature in order to expose it; on rare occasions ment was the failure to involve militant. Smith spoke for all out tion was quickly called and an in order to extract the single pearl from among these heaps of garbage. Above all, he exposed

ence to the one-man grand stand periences in FEPC work and play of Walter Reuther, that "all reminded the membership: "We how seriously the Local 212 ofthe fancy talk and plans offered have never gained anything ficials attempt to carry through on material shortages, machine worthwhile except so far as we the mandate of the membership. tool bottle necks, etc., coupled were prepared to fight for it." There is no question but that this with futile pleas to Big Business's "Let's back up our union," Smith large local union with its past Director of Mobilization C. E. concluded, "let's show them in tradition of taking leadership in Wilson, won't bring results.

"An all out fight," Mazey for an answer." many. On Mehring's 70th birthday, Feb. 27, declared, "involving the whole The membership again express- auto workers. However, with or 1916, in the very midst of this heroic action, membership of our union can win ed its attitude with warm ap- without the leadership of Local POW GAG Rosa Luxemburg wrote him: "We have, after all, taken away from the German bourgeoisie the lemployment compensation. Once sensing that continued opposition action proposals will inevitably not defeat the Mazev increase as the unemployed lemman bourgeoisie the lemployment compensation. Once sensing that continued opposition action proposals will inevitably was made up mostly of World Grande, Mark Litchman, Lyle way of Spirit, Talent and Character: you, Franz see the corporation owners and proposal, Pat Caruso, vice-presi- problem their agents in government move dent of the local took the floor critical. When the October Revolution erupted in Czarist in a hurry to solve their produc-Russia, Mehring took his stand alongside Lenin, tion 'bottle necks.'"

Trotsky and the whole galaxy of Bolshevik Titans. Mehring bore most proudly of all his a strong plea for effective mass membership in the Communist International, then action. "Let's throw our full the pioneer revolutionary socialist movement of strength into this fight. Let us Lenin and Trotsky. He died, without getting his demonstrate several hundred thousand strong that we will dearest wish, which was to attend the first world gathering of this historic body. It honored him accept nothing less for our mem- ers attended a mass meeting, held involved.

FEPC EXPERIENCE Mazey's remarks were greeted

with enthusiastic applause. Art Hindson, right hand man of the Morris administration, then rose projected World War III. of Mehring's name and works is one of the by- to speak against the mass action products of the monstrous reaction that has been proposal. not pressure, with the legislature especially that section of his method harmonizes wholly, Hog- loyalty program, too." They fore the Supreme Court on in Lansing," Hindson said. He remarks dealing with the policy lund pointed out, with the sup- agreed that it was pretty bad, January 25. Roberts will be reprecalled a visit he made as of the Social Democratic party. port of the monarchy by the and that our soldiers should have resented by Attorney Frederic W. representative of the Local 212 These "socialists" had set up a ruling Social Democrats.

FEPC committee to the Lansing Central Negotiations Committee Agents of the "socialist" gov-periences with the folks at home. Who are receiving the aid of number of representatives for tract was then announced with- police to arrest Hoglund on the less vociferous after the argu- Union and the Americans for their gentlemanly conduct and out the slightest consultation of spot. But the police refused.

By Emmett Moore

of a runoff.

Challenges Witch Hunters



Daniel Roberts, Chairman of Seattle Socialist Workers Party, attempting to file on Dec. 26, 1951 as candidate for Mayor. The City Comptroller accepted the fee but stopped the filing papers. when Roberts refused to sign a "loyalty oath" imposed by a local witch-hunters' law. The SWP is fighting this law as a nullification of free elections.

support to the Mazey amend- overwhelming "Yes" vote fol-Mazey stated, in obvious refer- ment. He reviewed his own ex- lowed.

With these remarks the ques-

It now remains to be seen just Lansing that we won't take 'NO' similar actions, could rally wide support among Detroit and Flint becomes even more

He concluded his remarks with Swedish Trotskyists Lash Anti-Labor has in store for American prison-Policy of Stockholm 'Socialist' Gov't

at Stockholm toward the end of by this action the Social Demo-

SWEDEN - Some 1,000 work- the various Stockholm workers

1951 by the Swedish Trotskyists, crats have done away with the allowed to go home. The AP whose leader Evald Hoglund traditional democracy inside the dispatch stated that the army discussed the present-day situa- trade unions. Their dictatorial authorities are worried over the statement that "free speech tion of world capitalism and its action reveals clearly how the communist indoctrination of the Social Democrats really deal with POW's. Hoglund's speech was heard the trade unions and the coun-"We must use logic, attentively by the audience, try's political life generally. This I asked. "That is part of the

legislature during which the to "negotiate" wage contracts for ernment among the audience be- All in all, the conservative- several other lawyers affiliated delegation was commended by a all the crafts and trades. A con- came hysterical and ordered the minded workers were a good deal with the American Civil Liberties

Lessons of Flint Chevrolet Elections

International Association of Machinists, voted on January 14 to endorse the legal fight waged by Daniel Roberts, SWP

Roberts Discusses Civil Rights With **Union Members**

By Daniel Roberts Candidate for Mayor

SEATTLE, Jan. 20 - The Seattle branch of the SWP is happy to report that a key AFL local - Machinists Lodge #79 on the grounds of belief deprives - went on record in favor of my the voters of the right to vote

The whole experience with the Machinists was very gratifying the people whom they shall vote and instructive. In the first place, tor. we were able to determine the impact that our fight for free speech is making on the worker Stalinists. We learned that Stalinist members of the local supported from the floor the resoution endorsing my case.

DISCUSS ISSUES

The opposition to the resolution ame from the conservatives. I met a few of them outside of the call after I had presented my case to the local and discussed the issue with them for about half an hour. They began the ROBERTS' STATEMENT discussion very belligerently but were much more doubtful at the

"You ought to be shipped off to Russia," one of them led off. versives to speak. I think we all right, to get rid of those crooks in Washington, but we will have to wait until the emergency is over. Otherwise Russia will take the country

But another machinist member lisagreed with the misguided worker. "Roberts is cutting it pretty fine," he said, "but I'll have to go along with him. Twenty minutes ago, we took a the Seattle Branch of the Indevote to tell the Wage Stabilization Board to go to hell. We are going against the government right there. You spoke for that," he said, "so you will have to go along with Roberts, too."

War II veterans. In order to Mercer, Roy Everett, Al Whitish, illustrate how far the witchhunt had gone I cited the thought- Lodge No. 289, Erna Harris control treatment that the army and Dorothy Fiske. released. A recent Associated in the mimeographed newspaper, Press dispatch reported that Bias, which they edit. POW's will have to give a pledge not to discuss certain aspects of their experiences when they has been filed with the Washing-The speaker pointed out that return to the States. If they don't

"What do you think of that?" the right to discuss their ex- Post and Kenneth A. MacDonald,

candidate for mayor, to have the state "loyalty oath" for candi-dates for public office declared unconstitutional. The Hope Lodge is one of the largest union locals in Seattle, and its opinions command a great deal of respect in state labor circles.

"The so called 'loyalty oath' is in reality a test of a person's beliefs and provides the basis for ruling off candidates on the grounds of their beliefs," the resolution adopted by the machinists said, and added:

"An exclusion (of a candidate) for whatever political tendency they please and makes it possible for the legislature to dictate to

A full account of the Machinist local's action was printed in the Seattle Times and was included in all local news broadcasts on January 18.

Local 589 of the Shipscalers, AFL, passed a resolution condemning loyalty oaths for candi-dates for public office, after hearing Roberts explain his case. Seven other union locals have granted Roberts the opportunity to explain the issue, but have not yet taken action in the case.

"We are going after union support," Roberts said. "Loyalty oaths for candidates are only one aspect of a widespread system of curbs on traditional American "This is no time to allow sub- freedoms. The labor movement is the ultimate target of the whole need a revolution in this country, witch-hunt. That is why it is a matter of vital self-interest to the unions to get into the fight against such repressive legisla-

Other organizational endorsements for the Roberts case have come from Seattle chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union and Americans for Democratic Action - both prominent liberal organizations — and from pendent Socialist League. Prominent persons in the community supporting the case include Reverend Fred Shorter, Ray C. Roberts (executive secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation), Professor Max Savelle, Harry past president of Machinist

Erna Harris and Dorothy Fiske are giving publicity to the case

An appeal from Superior Court Judge Howard Jones' decision ton State Supreme Court. Judge Jones ruled in favor of the "loyalty oath" on January 5. dismissing Daniel Roberts' plea with is a shopworn phrase."

SUPREME COURT APPEAL

The appeal will be argued be-

Notes from the News

BIG "COMMUNIST" PLOT NIPPED. . . All the penny candy vending machines in Wheeling, W. Va., were confiscated by vigilant police after it was discovered that along with chewing gum balls some of the machines now and then dispensed "subversive" prizes. These prizes were postage-stamp size emblems of 16 different countries - including Soviet Russia. On one side was a hammer and sickle and on the other side appeared the subtle propaganda: "USSR, population 211,000,000, Capital Moscow." City Manager Plummer, ordering the machines confiscated, declared: "This is a terrible thing to expose our

RIGHT ATTITUDE FOR JOB. . . The Mutual Security Agency (formerly the Marshall Plan ECA) has chosen Allen W. Rucker as a special adviser. Rucker is founder of the Tool Owners Union, which was officially described several years ago by the N. Y. State Dept. of Labor as a "fascistic" organization.

TRUTH IRRELEVANT. . . Lilly Wachter, German woman who returned from Korea and made speeches accusing the U.N. forces of atrocities. was sentenced to eight months imprisonment and a 15,000 mark fine by a U.S. army court. The charge was "insulting the American troops." The court refused to permit her to call asso-

ciates who had been in Korea with her as witnesses, "because," said the prosecutor, "we do not care whether what she says is true or not. Under the Occupation law she had no right to

NEPOTISTS. . . According to the dictionary nepotism is "bestowal of patronage by reason of relationship rather than of merit." The latest payroll records of the House of Representatives with the regional office group show that 70 Congressmen have at least one headed by Terrell Thompson to show that 70 Congressmen have at least one employe in their office bearing the same last support each other in the event BLOW TO OPPOSITION name as the Congressman. Records do not indicate the exact relationship. There is no law preventing a Representative from hiring his wife under her maiden name. Senate payroll records which recently split from the national opposition caucus. But, dissatisfaction the Walker ad- difference between Walker and Undoubtedly other opposition are not made public.

PRISONERS OF JIM CROW. . . Representatives formation. Although many mem- Reuther. The hatred of Chevrolet Among the many demands are to carry through some of his group in Chevrolet. They can of Negro and white organizations, several of them from Georgia, appeared before the Georgia claim to be against Reuther's grows with each passing day. In ployment compensation, industry- weakness of the administration perience in time to prepare for Pardon and Appeals Board to urge freeing of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two sons. They were victims of a Jim Crow frameup case four years ago. Despite conclusive evidence that they acted in self-defense they were sentenced to the electric chair. Following a nation-wide protest paper, the Searchlight. The For the past two weeks, elec- but not until it adopted the Ford Thompson slate. On the Thompson the sentence was changed to life imprisonment. Thompson group, supporters of tion of district committeemen has program did it have any concrete son slate were two regional staff but common acceptance of the program will put all groups in ple to free the Ingrams.

anti-Reuther ranks.

FLINT, Jan. 15 - The elec-

policies their action accomplished spite of this vast reservoir of wide bargaining, etc. for Reuther what he had been anti-Reuther sentiment the However, there was an ex- ing by the attitude of the Negro the local unions. In the remain-

tion of standing committees in meeting. The membership was posts before. The Chevrolet time to absorb the full impact of action and voted accordingly. UAW-CIO Chevrolet Local 659 fairly evenly divided between the workers are striking at those these ideas. It has been demonresulted in defeat for the anti- three groups. After the loss of closest to them in the bargaining strated many times in the past

came known that the Reuther caucus to thwart the Reutherites periodic manifestations of this of ideas embodied in a program. membership behind it. By forceful forces had reached agreement from gaining control of all comprotest movement aided the de- attempted to oppose the program. prevented a split in its own group. velopment of the Thompson group The realistic nature of the By these means it could have in Chevrolet. It also explains why proposals brought them to accept given direction to the protest Loss of the standing commit- even the Reutherites pretend to them, at least in words. This is a movement by proving that while The election exposed the true tees is a blow to the anti-Reuther be anything but supporters of major contribution of Walker to Reuther merely talks, the opposicharacter of the Thompson group caucus in Chevrolet and to the Reuther. In response to this the Chevrolet local. The points of tion is prepared to act. Walker caucus and had paraded it would be a grave error to think ministration presented the mem- his opponents would become ap- groups are faced with a similar in the local as an anti-Reuther this marks a trend back to bership with the Ford program. parent if Walker had attempted problem to that of the Walker bers of the Thompson caucus workers for Reuther's policies a wage increase, increased unem- demands. This was a serious benefit from the Chevrolet ex-

unable to do for almost three Walker group was unable to tended period during which the workers. years, namely, to take over the capitalize on it. Actually, it be- local leadership floundered about. administration of the local union came the victim of this sentiment. It denounced Reuther vigorously ers in the meeting voted for the portunities are less favorable demonstrated that both are much disclose the depth of the dis- ship. The raising of these pro- with Carter, who led the fight the local to the test of action.

Requirer caucus neaded by Coburn Walker. This result was not entirely unexpected after it became known that the Reuther Cancel Name of the Constitution of the Constit

which was revealed in the meet- the June elections for officers in

A majority of the Negro work- implement its program. The op-

closer to Reuther than to the content by the repudiation of grammatic issues caught on with for an FEPC ordinance in the experienced committeemen for the leading militants immediately. city. The Negro workers showed Approximately 500 attended the workers who have never held But the rank and file hasn't had their appreciation for this positive

CONVINCE BY ACTION

ing months the opposition must without the standing committees