move came one week before the. set by the CIO United Steelwork- gency provisions to halt a strike. ers of America in its fight for a They reasoned that, because the other demands.

It is rumored that, if Truman union to "continue bargaining." wage increases which a federal If the union is forced to bargain agency, the Wage Stabilization after being deprived of its strike Board, has labeled 'fair and weapon, it will be placed in a very equitable.' unfavorable position.

April 2 reports: "Top Administra- halt a strike by a method seemtion officials, it was understood, ingly aimed against the comwere shying away from using the

Illinois Election Law 1030 Protest **Movement Grows**

Committee Against Law 1030" continues to grow in size and activity. Two prominent citizens, Directors of the American Civil their New Years Day strike dead-I. S. Dorfman, of the Board of Liberties Union and Myrna S. "cooling-off" procedure under the Bordelon, former head of the Taft-Hartley Act. CIO Community Services Committee, have joined in the fight against this vicious law.

H.B. 1030, passed by the last Illinois legislature and signed by liberal Democratic Governor Adlai Stevenson, makes it a during which time a fact finding criminal offense to solicit sig-natures outside your county of the dispute and brought in recomresidence to place a statewide candidate on the ballot.

grown steadily since the Social- union would then be free to ist Workers Party filed suit in strike. federal court against Gov. Stevenson and other law enforcing of- DELAY 99 DAYS ficials to have the law declared

law has been announced jointly Act. The controversy has been by the Citizens Committee and heard by a board, exactly as proagainst Law 1030. Scheduled for However, unlike the Taft-Hartley PAC Hall, 708 E. 47th St. Wide present faces the threat of govpublicity has been given the SWP ernment intervention to prevent a fight against Law 1030 in news- strike. Thus the union finds itself papers throughout the State.

expiration of the strike deadline Taft Hartley Act's national emerwage increase, union shop and CIO Steelworkers had agreed to other demands. quests for strike postponements, does seize the plants, he will put it would seem unfair for the Gov-

"Thus, the officials reason, it The Wall Street Journal for would be more appropriate to

AIMED AT STEEL WORKERS

Two important points are con-

ained in this description of what is going on in Washington. First, it is made clear that, if the plants are seized by the government, it will be aimed at the steelworkers and their strike plans, although the seizure would be "seemingly aimed against the companies Second, it becomes plain that the rigamarole through which the steelworkers have been led since line is far worse even than the

If the Taft-Hartley Act had been used against the union by Truman last January 1, the procedure would have been as follows: An injunction would have prevented a strike for 80 days, mendations for a settlement. Had no settlement been arrived a Protest against the law has during this 80 day period, the

In contrast with this, here is unconstitutional on the grounds it what has actually happened since violates the 14th Amendment and January 1. The union has been the Federal Civil Rights Act. forced to delay its strike for 99 A dance to raise funds for the days so far, as against the 80 fight against this undemocratic days provided in the Taft Hartley two Campus Committees vided in the Taft-Hartley Act. entertainers, it will be held at the would now be free to strike to 1st Congressional District CIO- win its demands, the union at

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Civil Disobedience Against Jim Crow Laws in S. Africa

By Albert Parker

In the southern part of the United States whites form over two-thirds of the population; in the Union of South Africa they represent only one-fifth. That is why the

white ruling class of South Africa,? in order to keep in power, has a campaign against racist oppres-Jim Crow system (called apartheid) which is even more oppressive and totalitarian than the one the actor who played in the film in the U.S. And that is why the Cry, the Beloved Country, made situation in South Africa is so in that country, says:

(see last week's Militant) was a rich man in South Africa, that stimulated by differences among is if I were black . . the whites. The fascistic Nationalist government of Premier Daniel Malan has a slight majority in Parliament. But it did not get a majority of the popular votes in to carry a series of from 17 to 20 the last election, representation passes. If a Negro is found withbeing weighted in favor of the out one of these passes he can be less - populated rural provinces where the Nationalists are are absolutely no laws to protect strongest. And from the size of the natives. the anti - Nationalist demonstrations that have been taking place support of at least half of the whites. (These opposition parties also favor white supremacy but feel that Malan is going too far and thereby inviting a revolt that done to Negroes in the United will end the rule of the whites).

ROOT OF CRISIS

But the real root of the social crisis in South Africa is the oppression of over 8 million Africans, one million Colored (sometimes called mulattoes) and 300,united rebellion against their common oppressors that is growing among them. Although these three groups have been played common cause against Malan's the outbreak of the constitutional-political dispute among the whites they had agreed to start

sion on April 6. Conditions in South Africa are so intolerable that Canada Lee,

"I would rather be the poorest

A FEW EXAMPLES

"Let me give vou a few examples. In South Africa you have arrested and put in jail. There

"Further, after you go to jail the following morning you are in the cities, it appears that the rented out to a Boer farmer. opposition to Malan still has the These farmers use a shambok, what we would call a bull whip to get work out of you.

"You read in the Negro press about the injustices which are States. I've been through our South and know what they are that happen in South Africa are beyond our understanding. There they cut a Negro's ears off, they even castrate them, for things we ers have been talking about. would consider minor offenses." 000 Indians, and the spirit of (Horace Cayton's column, March 29 Pittsburgh Courier).

Pass laws, police terror and forced labor are only a part of the picture. The Group Areas off against one another in the (Ghetto) Act segregates the nonpast, today they are making Europeans totally, herding them reactionary laws, and even before the only contact they have with By 1948, 88% oof the land had been allotted to the whites, while

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Workers of the World, Unite!

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Truman's Withdrawal Puts by the Wage Stabilization Board into effect at once. However, judging by past experience, Truman may once more yield to the pressure of the steel industry, and, after a seizure, instruct the union no "continue hergaining." The wage increase recommended leaders consider is directed against unions. "Further, they say, if there is a strike, it will occur because the union insists on getting—and the union insists on getting—and the union insists on getting—and the union to "continue hergaining." The wage increase recommended leaders consider is directed against unions. "Further, they say, if there is a strike, it will occur because the union insists on getting—and the union insist on getting—and the union insist

WHAT BIG BUSINESS SEEKS IN KOREA WAR

The United States is fighting in Korea to defend the 'ideals" of the open shop, affirms the giant McGraw-Hill publishing corporation in a full-page ad in the March 31 N.Y. Times. This revealing admission of Wall Street's aims in the invasion and destruction of Korea is embodied in a public appeal to the steel profiteers to "resist to the limit" the Wage Stabilization Board's recommendation of a union shop agreement.

McGraw-Hill, biggest producer of business and trade ournals, including the magazine Business Week, calls on the steel industry to "resolutely resist" the union shop 'out of a decent regard for those ideals of our country which we are now fighting in Korea to protect."

Millions of Americans, including the drafted GIs shipped thousands of miles away against their will, have been insistently asking, "Why are U.S. troops fighting and dying in Korea?" Now they have an answer close to the truth from an authoritative voice of the American capitalist ruling class.

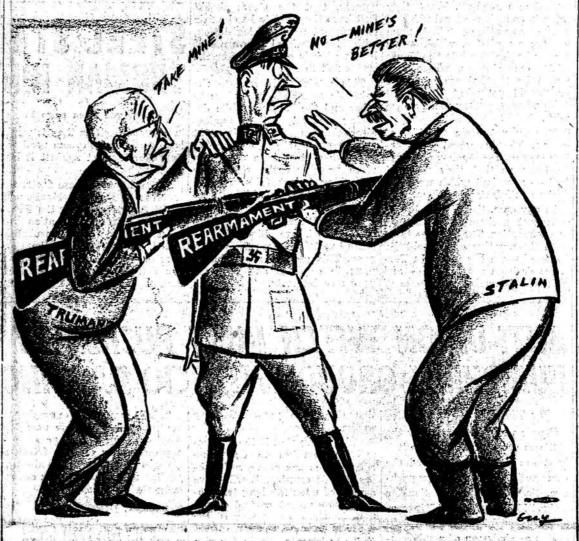
More than half a million American youth have already suffered as battle and non-battle casualties in Korea, while most of Korea and millions of its people have been wiped out, not to defend democracy, nor to "halt aggression." American boys are dying in Korea to defend the "right" of war profiteers and union-hating corporations to exploit labor, at home and abroad, without let or hindrance. The sons of union men are facing death in Korea so that their fathers shall not have the right of union security. To preserve their profits system, their privileges and their rule, the U.S. capitalists carry out a simultaneous aggression against the masses in Korea and the workers in America. guise of preserving "democracy" at home, they seek to May 9 and featuring prominent provisions, under which the union subdue the Asian revolution and to restore unrestricted domination and exploitation of the colonial peoples by foreign, especially American, capitalists.

They do not cease to press relentlessly for their open shop "ideals" even while they appeal for labor's support and sacrifice to conduct their Korean war and to prepare new "police actions" all over the world. What is the sense of a war, they say in effect, if THEY don't benefit from it, at labor's expense.

The steel barons, for whom the Korea war has provided their most fabulous profits, proclaim they will never accept the WSB's recommendation of a union shop as a matter of holy "principle." Their office boys in Congress, such as Sen. Maybank (D., S.C.), chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, threaten to enact legislation to limit Roetzl in Common Pleas court for began to spread through the very effective. Very few trains making it virtually impossible WSE jurisdiction to wages only. "This would bar the board alleged violation of an injunction Goodrich and Goodyear plants, and trucks have passed the picket for minority parties to get on from recommending a union shop - as was done in the steel dispute," the Associated Press commented with satis-

Can a ruling class whose primary "ideal" is the open shop exploitation of American labor have a more exalted or democratic aim for the Korean people? Can an imperialisra which boasts of its "Operation Killer" against a people fighting for their national independence have a nobler The present constitutional crisis sharecropper in Mississippi than aim for the American workers than the slavery of the

Their Bid to German Militarism



Under the guise of "halting aggression in Korea," they demand that labor give up its rights at home. Under the

By L. Cooper

Workers (Local 5) president the picketing at any time. "contempt" of a strikebreaking Akron was electrifying. Office workers.

rent strike of Local 5 office again.

RELEASED ON BAIL

A city-wide walkout was at Goodrich stayed out. averted when the union leaders were released on bail pending an appeal to a higher court. Through-

labor," put on a big act of their month-old strike. They re-

At about 2 p. m. the nine union leaders were out on bail. Never-

BOOST TO MORALE

who was elected as a "friend of for the office workers during office employes since 1944.

Then, at 10:00 a. m. this morning during the first days of the strike hiring until after the states have rubber workers in this city staged he threw the book at the union until persuaded to do so by the "every opportunity" to handle it. a walkout protest against the leaders although not a scrap of union leadership's insistence that This is appearement of the action of an injunction judge in evidence was introduced to prove otherwise the union would be Dixiecrats who walked out of the sentencing CIO United Rubber that they were near the scene of faced with a law-suit. The protest 1948 convention because it prowalkout over the jailing of their George Bass and eight leading As they were taken off to jail leaders has been a great boost to law. unionists to 10 days in jail for the response of the workers in the morale of the striking office

The jail sentence and fine of Goodrich plants were reinforced tracks and street entrances to the \$250 each was imposed by Judge and a spontaneous stoppage plant has made the office strike county where they live, thus forbidding picketing of train and No one went to work at the 12 line. In retaliation, the company the ballot. Even the ADA afstreet entrances at the B. F. noon shift at Goodrich and those has laid off or put on part time filiate in Illinois, which endorses Goodrich plants during the cur- who came out did not go back in some 80% of the more than 12,000 production workers.

The strike has been in effect since Feb. 26, when the company theless the six to midnight shift informed its employees that it would no longer recognize Local 5 on Ku Klux elements trying to as a bargaining unit for the office maintain the Jim Crow school Production workers at Goodrich workers. Local 5 office workers system in Cairo, Illinois. This out the trial last week the judge, have displayed great sympathy unit has been representing the

Embarrassed By Democrats' Shift to Right

By George Breitman

Truman's announcement that he will not run again puts his labor and Negro supporters on the spot because it means that the Democratic presidential candidate will be even more openly conservative than Truman. What are the labor and Negro movements going to do in 1952? Tag along behind a Democratic candidate who will give them even fewer concessions than Truman did, and who stands a good chance of being beaten anyhow? Or break with the capitalist parties altogether and begin to build an independent Labor Party?

All of the leading contenders for the Democratic nomination, without exception, openly stand to the right of the platform that Truman espoused (demagogically) in 1948. Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois is the present favorite of the Fair Deal wing of the party; Americans for Democratic Action, papers like he N. Y. Post and a number of abor leaders are already in his

But Stevenson is openly opposed to the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, which Truman and the Democratic Party (including enson) promised to repeal in

APPEASES DIXIECRATS Stevenson favors a "states"

rights" approach to the Fair Em ployment Practices Committee issue - opposing any federal AKRON, March 28 - Angry pretending to give a "fair trial." fused to cross the picket lines action against discrimination in mised to enact a federal FEPC

> Stevenson signed Illinois Law 1030, which provides imprisonworkers' picket lines at the The picketing of the railroad ment for citizens collecting nominating petitions outside the Stevenson, condemns this reactionary law.

Stevenson has been strongly criticized by some NAACP officials for refusing to crack down situation culminated in the bombing of homes of Negroes active in the anti-segregation movement.

Stevenson also stalled on the anti-Negro riot in Cicero last summer, not sending in the National Guard to disperse the mob until it had achieved its purpose of wrecking an apartment building as a warning to landlords who might be thinking of renting to Negroes.

Yet Stevenson is the most "liberal" candidate who has a

WHY TRUMAN WITHDREW No matter whom they choose

the Democrats face an uphill battle. There were plenty of poli-

2. The Dixiecrats, far stronger

and better organized than in 1948, hold the threat of a split over the party unless they get

Washington Afraid of Election in Germany

By Art Preis

capitalist Germany, free to rearm, replied: A re-united, independent Germany "can only be set up on the basis of free elections."

No sooner was this U.S. reply made public than all sectors of the capitalist press began to raise a hue and cry that Washington was like. . . But the vicious things stepping into a "trap." This "trap," it appears, is that the Kremlin may very well agree to the "free elections" the U.S. lead-

> We are now being treated to a demonstration by the U.S. political and military leaders of the Germany they have been charging to Stalin. While they yell,

The March 30 N. Y. Times notes When Stalin sent his note offer- that "many Western observers be- tical commentator for the ining a deal to set up a united lieve that the Soviet Union may fluential Republican N. Y. Herald- has had a chance to prove the but neutral, the United States in they do, the Allied proposals even more openly and frankly, will ratify the accomplished only regard German unity as a concert with Britain and France could boomerang." It seems, ac- On March 20; he wrote: "We facts. . . cording to the Times, that Wash- should take a very careful look, tegration in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, will become the head of a united Germany.

"While the Communists cer-Democratic party once the East Soviet government could not, be- of the U.S. very type of duplicity regarding German vote were added to the cause of the very nature of the already exists in West Germany. elections." This would be a Street Journal flatly concedes away. "Free elections!", the U.S. rulers don't want "free elections" in be a victory for the Socialists. . " "there is not now a popular "trapped by a policy conflict of into "reserves" or ghettos so that Germany or a re-united Germany The "results of a free election," majority in Western Germany for their own creation." They claim pendence, an end to occupation, ceptable to them. For reasons exat all. That's why, according to warns the Times, "might well be rearmament within the Atlantic they are for a united Germany the March 23 Wall Street Journal, abrogation of the Adenauer com- Alliance." Washington is really free of Stalin's domination. But restricted trade . . . new arma- Dixiecrats on Page 2, Truman was Stalin's offer has "Truman's mitments to the Western defense concerned "to avert an all-Ger- their actual policy "is based on ments industries and no limita- not acceptable to them. And defense and diplomatic advisers program and a policy of German man election during the next the division of Germany and the tions on civil industry . . . (and) neither is the Fair Deal platform

Walter Lippmann, chief poli- before the Adenauer government into a Western European federaington favors "free elections" in too, at the idea of all-German keep stalling. "The showdown can German unity at this point. . " Germany only if assured in ad- elections as the preliminary to no doubt be postponed for a vance that the Christian Demo- everything else . . . we would while," he wrote on April 1, "and cratic (Catholic) Party will win, find ourselves in an impossible it is essential that it should be so

sixteen months - that is to say, incorporation of the Western half

In a revealing article by Joseph

has signed up with the West and tion, starting notably with the Schuman plan and the European agree to free elections and that if Tribune, has admitted the facts theory that the West Germans army . . . the policy makers can chance to get the Democratic threat to their western com-His advice to Washington is to munity . . . the U.S. cannot favor CONCESSIONS OFFERED

Stalin has no revolutionary tical reasons why Truman decided and that Adenauer, who favors predicament if our proposals were that we may catch our breath and aims for Germany. He has no not to run, among others: coalition with the U.S. and in accepted and the ideas had to be have time to reflect." The show- aggressive designs on it. The down" is obviously that point truth is that he is willing to make tremely unpopular among the where Washington will be forced far-reaching concessions to Ger- American people. Even if his to reveal its true game - its man capitalism, whatever the GOP opponent kept quiet about On March 27, he warned even real opposition to the "free elec- evil consequences for the Ger- Korea, Truman would lose votes tainly would not win a free Ger- more urgently. "We should be tions" it claims it wants in Ger- man workers, provided Germany from millions who hold him to man election, neither would Dr. very careful not to entrap our many and its intention to force does not join the U.S. against blame for this "unnecessary" war. Konrad . Adenauer's Christian selves in the notion that the Germany into military support the Soviet Union. Even the most The next Democratic candidate rabidly anti-Soviet papers con- will also lose votes on this score. cede that the Kremlin is ready strong Adenauer opposition which Soviet state, agree to all-German E. Evans, the March 31 Wall to give a tremendous amount

The Kremlin leaders "can offer the Germans reunification, inde- a candidate and a platform actheir own armed forces, un-plained in the article about the

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Dixiecrat Power Grows Inside Democratic Party

By John F. Petrone

Dixiecrats have achieved their , sure that he would not be reelected. But it does not follow from this that the Dixiecrat movement therefore has lost its reason for existence, or that it will not be as important a factor in this year's election as it was expected to be before Truman bowed out.

While many of the Dixiecrat leaders have a personal hatred of Truman, that is not the reason why the Southern politicians, oil and power interests are spending big money on the Dixiecrat movement. They were opposed to Truman as a symbol - and despite all the hullaballoo to the contrary, not primarily as a symbol of civil rights. For whatever they have been saying to arouse the white supremacist prejudices of their followers, they know that Truman's association with civil rights has been purely a verbal one and that he never did and never intended to threaten the Jim Crow system in this country.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Traditionally, the Democratic Party has been a coalition of the big city machines, labor leaders minority groups and the "Solid South," with the latter having decisive influence because of its ability to always deliver the vote and the seniority system in Congress. But in the last two decades the unions have grown tremendously and the Negro movement has become more articulate and militant. To keep their support Roosevelt, and after him Truman, had to grant them certain concessions, even though of a minor character.

It was this, policy, dictated by ANTI-UNION WITCH HUNT PUSHED BY the changed relationship of forces inside the Democratic Party, that Truman symbolized to the Dixie-HUMPHREY GROUP WITH CIO BACKING crats. They still have the power, because of their strength in Congress, to veto any legislation they don't like. Their basic interests have not been harmed in any way. But they are afraid of the future. They fear that even TALK about civil rights has an unsettling effect on the Negro labor force in the South and they want the same kind of power inside the Democratic Party their ancestors had in the days of slavery, even if it means the loss of labor and Negro votes.

Their feud with Truman, then, came down to this: He was concerned with the national interests of the Democratic Party (not the interests of labor or minority groups), while they are concerned fers us the Humphrey commit- CIO News has been lauding the eir own narrow, sectional interests, which they place above "Under the chairmanship of Sen. even a national Democratic vic- Humphrey (D. Minn), the sincere tory in the elections.

1948 EXPERIENCE

In 1948, the Dixiecrats were poorly organized and unprepared. When they bolted the convention, they did not even take with them the man they had run for the Democratic nomination, Senator Richard Russell of Georgia. Decisive states like Texas would not go along. The States' Rights ticket carried only South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, with a total of 39 electoral

Truman tried to welcome them back into the fold after his election, foregoing reprisals in patronage and showing that he

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was willing to let bygones be the convention far more than any Truman's withdrawal from the bygones. This soft attitude only Fair Deal or semi-Fair Deal presidential race means that the convinced the Dixiecrats that they keynote speech that may be had nothing to lose by trying delivered. The Truman wing of first objective, which was to make again, and during the last four the party will still strive to conyears they have been making ciliate the labor and Negro leadtheir preparations.

> talk about Dixiecrats and South- if they want to avoid a much ern Democrats (those who did not bigger walkout than took place bolt). But since then the distinc- four years ago. tion has virtually disappeared. The Democratic Party in the BEGIN CONCILIATING South is "solid" again - and this time on the basis of the Dixiecrat long before the convention. Truof the 531 electoral votes.

WHAT THEY WANT

of Represeentatives, where they states fail to act. would be the balance of power and could get what they want principle of FEPC (a gesture to from whomever they made a deal labor and the Negroes while de-

tion may make enough concessions time when it will be agreed in Taft Hartley Act against it last to them so that they will not some way that the states are

In any case, the Dixiecrats will macists). this will determine the course of your own interests.

By Thomas Raymond

People who are alarmed by the

McCarran and McCarthy witch

hunt are now being offered the

same article in a brand new pack-

age. So-called "liberal" Senator

Hubert H. Humphrey of Minneso-

ta has opened hearings in Wash-

ington as chairman of a sub-com-

mittee on Labor and Labor-Man-

agement Relations, to discuss pro-

posals for legislation against.

The CIO News of March 24 of-

"communist dominated" unions.

and orderly hearings were in

striking contrast to the proceed-

ings going on before another Sen-

ate committee only a short dis-

tance away. The latter, run by

Sen. McCarran (D. Nev.), made

a mockery of fundamental demo-

"Humphrey's committee, on the

other hand, managed to restore

the dignity of purpose and integ-

rity that has been lacking from

many congressional investigations

What is the so-called "problem"

to which Humphrey and his com-

mittee address themselves? It

arises from this: that when eight

unions were expelled from the

CIO in 1949 as "communist-dom-

inated" they didn't fold up and

die, but continue to exist with a

large membership (300,000 is Sen.

Humphrey's estimate) and with

The Humphrey committee open-

ed its activities last fall with a

"questionnaire" sent out to labor

leaders and others asking their

advice on what to do about "com-

munist-dominated" unions. Philip

Murray of the CIO and William

Green of the AFL both answered

that in their opinion no legisla-

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cratic principles. . . .

in recent months."

WHAT IS PROBLEM?

many union contracts.

ers, but they will have to offer In 1948 it was still possible to concessions to the Dixiecrats too

Conciliation has already begun,

program. Texas is with them, man's withdrawal was one sign. So in Florida, Georgia, and ap- Another was the statement on the parently majorities of the North FEPC issue made by Gov. Adlai Carolina and Virginia machines. Stevenson one day after Tru-Together, they represent over 100 man's announcement. Stevenson, favored by the Trumanites and liberals, is also an old friend and protege of the Dixiecrats leader, That is not enough to elect their James Byrnes. The Illinois govown presidential choice, Russell ernor struck a theme which may again. But they don't have any be adopted at the convention such hopes anyhow. What they namely, that the states should want is enough electoral votes to first have the right to handle fair prevent any other candidate from employment practices legislation, getting a majority, which would with the federal government throw the decision into the House keeping hands off until after the

This retains adherence to the laying federal action against bolt — a variant which would be not going to act (a substantial just as satisfactory to them.

represent a formidable force at | So the Dixiecrats are sitting the convention. They will go there pretty, and are likely to be

tion should be passed. Murray

"We believe that if the govern-

ment undertakes to determine

what unions can represent work-

ers in this country, it will have

embarked upon the long trail to-

ward government control of un-

ions. In the dictatorships of the

world, unions exist at the suffer-

ance of the state. We, in America

do not want to take a single step

Despite this verbal stand, how-

ever, the CIO is cooperating with

the Humphrey committee. The

for acceptance of its recommenda-

tions. Some CIO International

Unions, most particularly the In-

ternational United Electrical

Workers, headed by CIO Secre-

tary James Carey, have been

making recommendations to the

Humphrey committee of exactly

that witch hunt type which Mur-

ray specifically rejected in his re-

ply to the committee's buestion-

The IUE sent the Humphrey

Committee a thought-control plan

through Benjamin C. Sigal, its

chief counsel, who is also legal

representative of the CIO Gas,

Coke and Chemical Workers. Si-

gal proposes that a tri-partite

committee be established by the

Defense Department, which would

determine whether a union is

"communist-dominated" or not.

It would direct government agen-

cies to cancel and refuse all con-

tracts to companies dealing with

a union it found to be "commun-

The IUE and other CIO forces

which favor repressive legisla-

tion against unions which are

charged with "communist-domin-

ation" have been joined by Secre-

tary of Labor Tobin, supposed

"liberal" and darling of the labor

movement who testified before

the Humphrey Committee. Tobin

made the same proposal as did

the IUE; that is, that unions

found to be "communist-domin-

ated" be deprived of all bargain-

ing rights even if they represent

a majority of the workers in the

plant. Tobin was for it, he said,

despite the fact that:

... State ...

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ist-dominated."

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in that direction."

wrote:

tee as the answer to McCarran: committee and preparing the way

WSB Fails to Settle Fight



Members of the Wage Stabilization Board, shown after their ecommendation in the steel dispute. The public members of the WSB whittled the demands of the steel union down to the lowest possible minimum before arriving at a recommendation, which the steel companies then refused to accept.

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In the light of these facts, the emarks of David J. MacDonald, USW Sec'y.-Treas. at the Penn- be called "friendly." sylvania CIO Convention on March 27 are totally unsubstanwith the prestige of undoubtedly sitting prettier before the year is tiated. MacDonald told the Conhaving been a big factor in Tru- gone. This goes to show that it vention that the union is in a mans decision not to run - and pays to organize and fight for "particularly fortunate position" because it has a "rather friendly

"There may be some employers

not reconciled to trade unionism

who will take advantage of such

a provision by making frivolous

charges of communist-domination

against unions engaged in organ-

Thus we find that Humphrey.

type of legislation as that propos-

Attorney-General's "subversive"

Humphrey has already commit-

proposals, many of them as bad

or worse than the McCarran pro-

posals. This was revealed in a

ong interview in the Dec. 28

U.S. News and World Report en-

titled "Fighting Communism in

Unions." Humphrey, pressed

throughout this interview by the

editors of U.S. News stated the

from the CIO in 1949 for "com-

munist-domination" . . . "perhaps

ought to be listed" on the Attor-

ney-General's official list of "sub-

2. "I say that this is a possi-

bility - . . . a union which can

be clearly proven to be. . . essen-

tially a Communist-front organ-

ization could be excluded from

the privileges of collective bar-

gaining." This is the same as the

dominated" unions be deprived of

bargaining rights, Humphrey answered: "Correct. That is one

4. Humphrey next expressed

the "feeling" that these proposals

might be incorporated as amend-

ments to the Taft-Hartley Law.

When the editors of U.S. News

seemed alarmed that this might

precipitate a fight on the whole

Taft - Hartley Law, Humphrey

hastened to assure them that

such a fight would be prevented.

When pressed further as to

whether the union leaders would

favor such amendments to the

Taft-Hartley Law, he hedged for

a moment, finally answered: "I

don't think there is any doubt

In this interview, well in ad-

vance of the opening of Washing-

ton hearings, Humphrey, who has

been bragging about his "caution"

and "open - mindedness" put his

weight behind a program identical

with the McCarran proposal in

most respects. He further promis-

ed that he would deliver this Mc-

Carran-type program with the

support of the labor movement,

which is something that Mc-

Carran can never promise.

about that."

HUMPHREY INTERVIEW

versive organizations."

McCarran bill.

of the possibilities."

list, etc.

following:

izing their employees."

NO REAL DIFFERENCE

gentleman in the White House. junction "woud have been issued against the Steelworkers." In the light of events, the "gentleman in the White House" can hardly

Further information which has become available about the deliberations of the Wage Stabilization Board show that the Truman-appointed public members were also anything but "friendly" to the union. The so-called 'public members" favored a total package of 17.6c while the union neld out for demands in the neighborhood of 30c and the steel ompanies wanted a settlement of 14.1c. Thus the public members, during the negotiations favored a low figure far closer to the companies than to the union.

WHITTLE DEMANDS

Only 3.5c an hour separated the public members from forming a majority of the board with the steel company supporters. However, the industry members refused to move across that gap of 31/2c, showing that the steel companies were prepared to precipi-Tobin, the IUE and the liberals, tate a strike. The Christian while protesting fiercely against Science Monitor describes the 'McCarranism" favor the same subsequent events in these words: Thereafter, the public members ed by McCarran. The McCarran tried to whittle down labor to the committee proposes to deprive unlowest possible figure, according ions of collective bargaining dominated," to fire employees be- end with a bit more than the for. longing to organizations on the public members had figured on.

It must also be recognized that the final recommendations of the WSB, while conceding some new ed himself to a whole series of gains to the steelworkers, didn't "give" them anything that other unions have not already won, and ceilings of the WSB rules.

Such concessions as have been 1952 campaign. gained by the steel union have come only from the militant and determined attitude of the ranks of the union, and the vigorous and well-backed strike threats of the union. It was this attitude 1. The eight unions expelled himself from the open knifewielding of Economic Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson, and forced Wilson to resign from his post.

Truman is ready to continue his campaign against the struggle of the steel workers, a struggle which began last December when he said he would "use whatever laws there are on the books to prevent a strike."

However, if the steelworkers continue their present attitude of adamant pressure up to and in-3. When asked whether he was cluding a strike if that become proposing that the "communist- necessary, they will win.

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Truman Puts Union Leaders On the Spot

(Continued from page 1) that Truman recommends be used

The dilemma facing the next Democratic candidate is that he will need the help of the Dixie-

in the loss of millions of labor and Negro votes. 3. It is well known that Tru-

man wanted Eisenhower, the leading Republican contender, to accept the Democratic nomination. This put Truman in an almost impossible position to campaign against Eisenhower, and

biggest buildup by the press ever given to any candidate in modern things" is the way many middle class voters (of both parties) will estimate the situation.

LABOR NEEDS OWN PARTY

hitting pro-labor and pro-civil that county. . . After my mother's unless they strike effectively at became a Democrat. . . his weakest point - his militarist training and background. But how can any Democrat run on an antimilitarist program and at the overseas, I returned and went to of a position of nuisance value, same time remain committed to work in the coal mines. Of course the Democratic contenders are there and I joined the union . . . committed to it lock, stock and and I was getting along fine, and there and get to be top man, gunbarrel)? The labor movement, in alli-

farmers, youth and lower middle got so mad that I quit mining and classes, could change this situation overnight by forming an independent Labor Party running its own candidates on a militantly to the University of Chicago, and make me number one.' anti-capitalist, anti-war, anti-Jim I got a master's degree, and then Crow platform. The way to beat I got a doctor's degree, and I felt good strategy; it worked out very Eisenhower is by arousing the highly educated. Then I moved well that everybody else got shot enthusiasm and participation of out in Du Page County, and be- off - I helped shoot them off, the masses of the people, and that cause of that college education too - no use lying about it: I can be done only by raising a which I had obtained, I almost did. The result of it was I landed fundamental challenge to the became a Republican... on top. (Laughter) Now I have reactionary program he stands "I will be frank about it. At got the job and I am going to rights if they are "communist- to the story, but came out in the reactionary program he stands

independence, cut all ties to the increasingly reactionary capitalist parties, and form a party of its own. This is what the Socialist Workers Party has long advocated, and what its candidates, led by Farrell Dobbs for President didn't exceed the wage-freeze and Grace Carlson for Vice Presi-

The traditional policy of the abor and Negro leaders never looked so bankrupt as it does today. Rejecting a Labor Party perspective, they let Truman do their political thinking and which forced Truman to dissociate looked to him for salvation. Result: They have been outmaneuvered by the Dixiecrats, and are presented with the accomplished fact of a shift to the right by the Democratic Party and the certainty of a candidate who will be less satisfactory from their point of view than Truman was in 1948, and with much less chance of winning.

Little wonder that they don't know what to say or do, are sitting tight, keeping hands off the pre-convention scramble and Kutcher, who can't go house to

The labor and Negro movements could learn a lesson from the copies of the paper and eight Dixiecrats, who got what they copies of the new Harry T. Moore wanted by fighting for their own interests resolutely and aggressively, not flinching even at a pamphlet in the first few days split with the Democratic Party. It is about time for the labor and Negro movements to insist that same qualities in fighting for the copies, and we expect some of man. They were all the same political interests of the workers and minority groups.

people and their allies, whether three." or not it is taken in time to affect the 1952 election results.

ruined to make the world safe for Militant to new readers.

The American Way of Life

How to Become a Federal Judge

A few months ago, Joseph Samuel Perry was chosen as a federal judge in Illinois after being nominated by Senator Paul Douglas, Attorney General McGrath and

President Truman. In the course get ahead is hard work, ability, the Republicans. personal integrity and a capacity to strive for lofty ideals:

"I thought in place of giving a lecture on some philosophical landed in the legislature, by the the next Democratic candidate question, I would explain how I explain why he is campaigning the younger lawyers - and I am Eisenhower, who has had the of the avenues that you might law. follow. . .

"To start out with, if you want

times, will be a really formidable to be appointed to that office in candidate. Equally important, he Illinois, you have almost got to like he might be elected U.S. will be the main beneficiary of be a Democrat. Now there are the pro-war psychology that both some states where you could be capitalist parties are responsible a Republican, but not in Illinois. MacDonald said that if the oc- for selling to large sections of the If you went to Minnesota you course. The Democratic conven- until some indefinite but remote have faced had Truman used the cupant of the White House were population. "If we are in for a could be a Republican and get long period of war or war appointed; that is, if you were a preparations, we might as well dangerous Republican, one who have a military man running might defeat some Democrat that wanted to get elected.

"I started out by being born a Republican in Winston County, with my good friend, Scott Lucas, Alabama, where they have never and so Scott wasn't mad at me. elected a Democrat in all history, Without the kind of hard- and even Roosevelt did not carry

"A STEP FORWARD"

"After I enlisted and served Truman's foreign policy (and all by that time the unions had got I kept my friendships and learned along came John Lewis and he came down there and called a ance with the Negro people, strike, and he got me mad and I of them, and said, 'Listen here, if went to college.

"So that was another step forward. I came up here and went and get me on the list, but don't

first out there I talked around stick."

crats to beat an opponent like of a speech to the Chicago Bar doing some work, and so on -Eisenhower and that he can get Association, Judge Perry told how there wasn't a Democratic Party their help only by making con- he made it. We quote from his - but they didn't need me. After cessions to them that would result speech for the benefit of any I got converted to the Democratic readers who want to become Party again, or got saved again, judges too and in order to con- so to speak, I proceeded to vince skeptical people that in this organize the Democratic Party great democracy all it takes to out there and make it tough for

"The result of that was that we finally got the framework of a party, and sooner or later I aid of Henry Horner and a few will also find it embarrassing to got to be federal judge. Some of other good Democrats, and I kept working along and served my against a man who was the No. 1 not too old — might be interest- term there, and then I got out of choice of his own party leaders. ed and might want to know one politics and just began to practice

ON DOUGLAS' NOSE

"And then I gambled; I rolled the dice. I saw a man who looked Senator, so I put all my money on the nose and I backed Paul Douglas, and the result of it was I had his support. But of course I-was a little cautious about that matter. Meanwhile I had preserved my friendship - I did not recently make it but I had preserved my friendship, increased it a little bit, political friendship,

"I will be perfectly frank with you folks, since we are talking confidentially. I tried to get this rights demagogy that proved so death, which occurred when I was job seven years ago, and I found effective in winning mass sup- four, my father moved down into out it took two Senators in place port in 1948, the Democrats will a Democratic county and there of one. The result of it was I got find it hard to beat Eisenhower I got educated, and of course I out of politics, so they didn't need me. So I decided if I wanted to shoot at that job I had better get back in politics.

"So I got myself in a little bit too, in some places or other, and by experience that if you get up everybody is shooting at you. So I went to the Senators, each one you are going to back me, for heaven's sake, don't make me number one. Be sure to back me

"It turned out that was pretty

THE MILITANT ARMY

dent, will continue to stress in the campaign this week. "Here are Thomas speaking. John, Ann, Tom



minds.

refused to renew have changed their

"In addition we have begun house-to-house work for homedelivery subs (25c. for six weeks), with encouraging results. In a litle over an hour one night, four people sold 13, and on another night two sold six. Jimmy honing forlornly for the best. house, sold 14 copies the first time on the street, and nine pamphlet the second time. We sold over 25 copies of the after it arrived.

"We find that the 25c. subs are almost as easy to sell as single them to result in six month subs. Our salesmen and women report dispensable step for the working with five subs and Ruth with

Literature Agent Ethel Swanbuild their own party and take neighborhoods, and good results the destiny of this country into are expected this Sunday when their own hands if they want to everyone will be out to visit old save it from being regimented and subscribers and to introduce The

Newark reports the first results week included a sale at a Franco of their Militant subscription Protest Meeting with Norman the results of the L., and Leo sold eight papers, last two Sundays," one copy of Fourth International, they write. "Twelve and one "Road to Peace" pamphsubs all together: 10 let. On Sunday Johnny sold 10 for six months, and papers at the Community Church, two for one year, and Carmen and Elaine sold 14 Four of them are Militants at the New School on new subs, and half Wednesday. Work in the projects of the others are is going well. Joyce sold another from people who subscription there this week.

> Cleveland Literature Agent last year but now Jean Simon writes, "Last Sunday we went to an IWO protest meeting here and sold seven conies of The Militant and seven copies of 'The Road to Peace.' This was despite the fact that a member of the police subversive squad stood outside, inhibiting people going into the meeting, and despite the fact that so many of them were older people who do not read English very well."

W. S., of Lakewood, Ohio, writes that he recently dropped into the Cleveland Public Library to read the out of town papers. "Well, they were all alike," he writes, "All of them beating the old drum for big business, mouthing their darn propaganda, and throwing sand in the eyes of the working except The Militant. I found The Militant very intelligent. It was the most fearless and direct in attacking the problems of today.

"I especially enjoyed reading lean Blake's articles on 'The Negro Struggle.' They are great and I would like to read more of her work. I've copied some of the articles and shown them to my friends."

> THEIR MORALS AND OURS By Leon Trotsky

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son orders 650 extra Militants Class - conscious workers who this week in preparation for New understand this will rally around York's subscription campaign. An the Socialist Workers Party and enthusiastic conference of active its candidates in their efforts to workers held last Saturday laid teach the workers that they must out plans for work in some new

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Smith Act Menace Widened

Another step toward establishing thought-control in the United States was completed last week when six persons were convicted in Baltimore on charges of violating the Smith Act.

The trial followed the same pattern as the previous political frameup proceedings against the Communist Party, except in one respect: The judge took it on himself to give the jury a new interpretation of the Smith Act, ruling French have made "thousands of that mere membership in the Communist Party constitutes a crime under the Act.

Up to now, the government has been under the obligation to prove that Smith Act defendants actually and individually committed the offense charged - namely, that they "conspired to advocate" the overthrow of the government by force and violence.

If the new interpretation is allowed to stand, then the witch hunt would get a new impetus and speed, for the government would no longer have to show anything but membership in the Communist Party or any other organization arbitrarily accused of violating the Smith Act.

Part of the blame for the acceleration of the witch hunt rests on the labor movement, especially those sections who understand the menace of the Smith Act and have called for its repeal.

The government pays no attention to their denunciations of the Smith Act because it sees that they have failed completely up to this time to come to the defense of the Smith Act victims. It will continue to ignore their appeals and protests until they show that they mean business, which they can do only by demonstrating their willingness to aid the victims of thought-control as well as opposing the law that is used for this purpose.

Today the victims are members of the Communist Party, tomorrow it will be members of other organization's on the government's "subversive" blacklist, and the day after it will be members of organizations that will be added to the blacklist by the police-statesmen in Washington. The labor movement must act as well as talk against the witch hunt if it hopes to escape the noose itself.

Role of the Wage Board

Industrialists, congressmen and the corporation press are demanding the Wage Stabilization Board's head or at least amputation of its already stunted powers to recommend concessions to unions. This attack on the board and more especially its public members - is the Big Business'response to the Board's recommendations in the steel

The four industry members on the board, who had opposed every concession, opined the decision "seriously impaired the ability of the board to effectuate wage stabilization." Thy found the board "no longer serves a useful

The congressional agents of the profiteers promptly moved to narrow down the board's powers. Sen. Dirksen introduced a proposed amendment to the Defense Production Act to abolish the present board and set up a new one which would be permitted only to fix "minimum wage limits" as a "guidance" to industry and union negotiators and would not be allowed to consider such "fringe" issues as vacations and union shop. The House Rules Committee promptly approved a resolution, introduced by Rep. Allen,

calling for an "investigation" of the WSB. Typical of the press comment, was the editorial in the March 26 N.Y. Herald-Tribune charging "supineness" to the public members of the WSB. Their "finding no common ground with the industry members reveals the essential weakness of such tripartite agencies," claims the

Such fierce threats and attacks might make it appear that the WSB public members went out of their way to favor labor in the steel case. The opposite is true. They did all in their power to chisel down the steel workers' demands and to stall and delay effective union action,

The public members themselves pointed out that "steel is really catching up to increases already granted. . . in major segments of American industry." According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, hourly average wages in all major industries rose 8 cents an hour in 1951; but in steel, not one cent. The N.Y. Times of March 23 pointed out that automobile, rubber and electrical workers had already "won all the benefits urged for the steel workers" and on as "one begins to wonder whom, the "fringe" issues "most other basic industries have been one can trust, what innocent apahead of steel.'

Moreover, we have the March 27 Associated Press testimony that "the public members tried to whittle down labor to the lowest possible figure." Murray Kempton, N.Y. Post columnist, revealed on April 1 how Nathan Feinsinger, WSB chairman and public member, "haggled the CIO down." Kempton also reported that "not long ago, Feinsinger could boast that the WSB had been able to cut the average wage increase rate in half since its in-

Here we have the real role of the WSB in the steel case and all others. But the arrogant and greedy industrialists, having used the WSB for all it was worth to cut down the steel union's demands, then turned on the board and refused to accept its decision. This, too, is part of a calculated maneuver.

Twice before, in 1946 and 1949, the steel corporations used the government tri-partite machinery to whittle down the union's demands and, then, forced the union to strike to get these reduced demands. Now, once more, as A. H. Raskin, labor reporter of the N.Y. Times observed the steelworkers have been jockeyed into the position where they may have to strike not for their original and just demands, but "to help the industry win a price rise that the union does not feel the companies should get."

Arabs, Asians Aroused Over Tunis

By John G. Wright

The French colonial enslavers, who have for months now been shooting down Tunisians in cold blood amid wholesale arrests and repressions, have decided to resort to all-out military terror in an attempt to crush the insurgent Tunisian people. In a complaint to the UN, 12 Arab-Asian nations have charged that the French have violated their own treaty obligations and deprived Tunisia of "its legitimate sovereign rights . . . and the right of self-government and self-deter-

These charges, along with others to the effect that the arrests" and have been guilty of 'atrocities against old men, women and children," are absolutely. irrefutable. It is equally incontestable that the American imperialists have been, as they continue to be, the tacit supporters and accomplices of the French in these crimes against the Tunisian

FINANCED BY U.S.

In Tunisia, as in Indo-China the bankrupt French imperialists could not have moved without the

payers' money-which they con- naked brutality of French im- | Minister of Social Affairs-t tinue to receive.

The French reign of terror in army, greatly reinforced, was invested with "full police powers." Premier Mohammed Chenik and three other members of his Cabinet were arrested and spirited away to an isolated oasis. The nominal ruler of the country capitulated to the ultimatum to ap-Eddine Baccouche as Premier.

The French High Command has invoked the death penalty for "attempts against internal and external security;" instituted a curfew; banned "all processions, parades or meetings in public places;" and imposed a complete news blackout. The heavily censored foreign dispatches from Tunis report that the General Strike of the Tunisian trade unions has "proved unsuccessful." That a general strike was actually held at all under these conditions is by itself a token of the a similar effort today. fighting spirit of the Tunisian

perialism. In its March 28 edito- plead Tunisia's case before the rial entitled "George the Third UN. They were in Paris when Tunisia reached its climax on Stuff," the N.Y. World-Telegram Chenik was deposed. But they March 26 when a state of siege and Sun characterizes the French managed in the meantime to eswas proclaimed, and the French conduct as "arrogant and stupid," points out that "independence stranded there because of the U.S. movements can't be snuffed out "refusal to grant them visas" to by martial law and arbitrary ar- fly to New York, reported a rests-as the British learned at United Press dispatch on March Yorktown in 1781," and concludes 31. that the French government should "be informed" that "while allied with France to support colonial imperialism."

U.S. BLOCKS PROTEST

But the whole point is that the French have the full backing of the American imperialists in Tunisia. It was Washington protection, heavy U.S. investments and air bases in North Africa, that blocked the efforts of the Arab-Asian bloc to bring the the natives. This is a modest re-Tunisian issue up for discussion at the Paris sessions of the UN. It is Washington that is blocking

One of the reasons Premier Chenik was deposed by the French Even the Scripps-Howard press was his sending two ministershas felt impelled to express some Salah Ben Youssef, Minister of billions of dollars-American tax- hypocritical indignation over the Justice and Mohammed Badra.

bear the penalties."

WILL DEFY LAWS

cattle or limiting livestock." The

Indians and Colored are urged to

concentrate their campaign on

ning Council summed up the aims

"All people, irrespective of the

tions which will restore human

dignity, equality and freedom to

There is speculation that the

the civil disobedience campaign

as a pretext to drown it in blood

declare martial law and get rid of

the opposition among the whites

by setting up a full-fledged

permanent military dictatorship

Despite this possibility, April 6, if

in the nation's history that the

be working together and fighting

regime. That is one more reason

why American workers and Ne-

solidarity with their exploited

brothers and sisters in South

Africa and extend every possible

support to the civil disobedience

campaign which foreshadows the

end of imperialist and racist rule

on a world-wide scale.

every South African."

MAY BE SHOWDOWN

cape to Cairo. They are now

not even asking for independence we are allied with France against for their country, which the point the French puppet Sallah Communist aggression we are not French grabbed in 1881. All they ask is for internal autonomy, constitutional monarchy within the framework of the "French Union," leaving defense and foreign affairs in French hands.

MINORITY RULE

What the Tunisian demands amount to is that the local administrations, which are entirely in French hands, be handed over to quest. But the French capitalists dare not let go of their absolute control of local administrations for fear that the economic stranglehold they now have on the country's resources will be looser

The extent of French domina-

interview with the deposed Premier Chenik, Homer Bigart, correspondent of the N.Y. Herald-Tribune, quotes Chenik as charging that one of the reasons for The African National Congress his removal and arrest by the will concentrate on defying the French was his refusal to sign Pass Laws in the urban areas, 63 decrees which "involved for and in mobilizing the people in the most part expropriations of

Moreover any concessions the French may yield in Tunis are bound to have repercussions in the rest of North Africa whose people are also determined to rid themselves of colonial rule.

The Tunisian people, are fighting for the very same principles as those expressed in the American Declaration of Independence for which the American people fought the British 180 years ago. French society.'

The Tunisians, like the other North African people, like the national groups they may belong are shooting down with the aid to and irrespective of the color of American dollars and muniof their skin, are entitled to live tions, have the right to be free, a full and free life on the basis the right to choose their own of the fullest equality. Full government. In this just struggle democratic rights with a direct they are entitled to unconditional say in the affairs of the government are the inalienable rights of labor and of every sincere deevery man - a right which must be realized now if the country is to be saved from social chaos and the save be saved from social chaos and not a gun, not a man to the tyranny and from the evils arising French colonial despots! out of the existing denial of the franchise to vast masses of the

population on grounds of race and color. The struggle which the na-**Washington Fears** tional organizations of the non-European people are conducting A Free Election is not directed against any race or national group. It is against the unjust laws which keep in perpetual subjection and misery In Germany vast sections of the population. It is for the creation of condi-

(Continued from page 1)
the biggest and tastiest bait of

all for Germans - eastern territories now held by Poland, writes R. H. Shackford, Scripps-Howard staff writer, from Paris Malan government may seize on on March 24.

Why can't U.S. capitalism the U.S. capitalists, diplomats and militarists don't want an inde- The Reporter, pendent, united Germany as a France's NATO quota at the trade competitor. They view Ger- Lisbon conference this year many only as a military base and mounted to 1,400 billion francs a springboard for attack on the for rearmament, not counting ex-Soviet Union. Gen. Eisenhower penditures for the Indo-Chinese has stated this clearly.

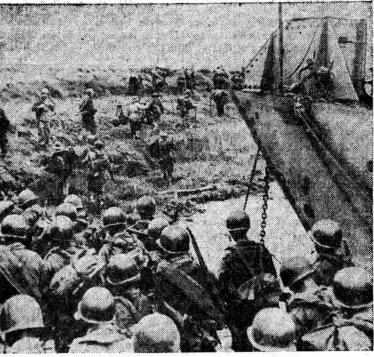
BASE FOR WAR

There is "little hope" for fulfilling the plans for a permanent BURDEN ON WORKERS U.S.-dominated Western military ever happens in the beginning, and economic alliance against the such united action will bring victory. If Malan resorts to the pointed out in his NATO report sword, he will die by the sword. The Jim Crow United States many can be counted on the side government recently showed its of the free nations" - meaning than in any western country. solidarity with the Jim Crow the capitalist nations. Germany South African government when is indispensable for such a milithe U.S. delegates to the United tary alliance, he observes, be-Nations General Assembly in cause it provides the "industrial same writer, nearly all the Social Paris refused to vote on a resolution to condemn the Malan of Europe," Eisenhower asserts, strategic importance." groes should proclaim their

> great strategic importance" only if Washington is preparing for National Assembly. war. Then, of course, the Washington war-makers want to stay as far as possible from "free elections" in Germany. They can have no time for democracy and Plain Dealer put its finger on the the rights of the German people real reason when it said: "While when, as Scripps-Howard Foreign French officials vehemently Editor Ludwell Denny wrote on denied previously that they were March 31, they "are racing to get remaining in Indo-China for any Western Germany tied into the material reason, they did find that Allied economic and defense colony a valuable asset for a long system" before the German peo- time. It was so valuable, in fact, ple have a chance to decide other- that they saw fit after the war

But Western Germany is of

Invasion in Indo-China



An amphibious landing in the swampy country around Tonkin, Indo-China is made by invading French troops as the well-named "dirty war" against insurgent nationalist population continues. The efforts of French imperialists to quell the revolt have been unsuccessful, despite the use of planes to bomb and strafe the Vietminh opponents of French rule. Chief result of war has been drain on French living standards.

The extent of French domination of Tunisia is strikingly revealed by the fact that 5,000 French colonists and "societes d'exploitation" monopolize two million hectares of the total arable area of 2,934,000 hectares. The French are evidently determined to extend and not to restrict their economic domination of Tunisia. In a March 29 interview with the deposed Pre-

By Charles Hanley

The "dirty war" in Indo-China is at the heart of the economic and political crisis which has toppled one French cabinet after another - each one moving steadily to the right as the French capitalist?

War and rearmament have become the axis of French social and political life. The March 8 liberal British New Statesman and Nation observes: "Few people in France view with anything but cynical pessimism the obligation of governments to deal with the problems that really matter, the cost of living, bad housing and the appalling inequalities

HAS DRAINED FRANCE

backs of the working class.

The war in Indo-China, says the New Statesman, "has drained the wealth and man-power of France, stirred up bitterness which may never die down, and imperilled French democracy. In the last few weeks, sheer insupport of American organized ability to sustain the burden seems finally to have convinced aid valued at 500 million dollars outcome to the war and that the need more help to push the war on the best terms possible."

"But," the New Statesman adds, "the lesson has been learned too late. For the war against the Viet Minh has now become part of U.S. global strategy against and general staff admit they Communism; and France is ex- cannot hope to "pacify" that pected to play her part as an strategic Far-Eastern country obedient ally. She must continue in this hopeless enterprise until rice, coal, etc., and at the same physically bankrupt, morally defeated and wholly dependent on American favours, or risk the consequences of punitive action by the U.S. . ."

France, in the Pentagon scheme for a European army, is slated France tighten the screws on the to be the main bastion of the masses, raise taxes and slash the military organization in Europe. The French bourgeois journalist, of the workers. ccept Stalin's offer? Because Jean-Jacques Servan Schreiber, writing in the April 1 issue of discloses that war. The latter has cost 350 billion francs in 1951; the cost in 1952 is estimated at 500 billion.

French capitalism wants the masses to pay for the war - as Soviet Union, Gen. Eisenhower capitalism does everywhere - by higher taxes and prices. "In- first and at most use our fleet and of April 1, "unless Western Ger- flation," says Servan Schreiber, our planes. But this was true also "is a worse problem in France And the worst effects of this mounting inflation are felt by the working people. According to the sinews" and stands at "the heart ists, the Popular Republicans (Catholics), and most Radical Western Germany is of great Socialists (Conservative Liberals) would like to see "an end to the blood-letting." Yet they all voted for war credits in the French

> Capitalist France is not waging war in Indo-China for any "idealistic" reasons. This is no "crusade." The Jan. 7 Cleveland to go back on their wartime

class seeks to unload the burden promise of independence conof war and rearmament on the tained in the Declaration of Brazzaville. In recent months they have talked of communism as the reason for their remaining but the fact is that the threat of communism did not arise until Paris failed to carry out its

FLIMSY PRETEXT

The "crusade against communism" has now become the flimsy pretext for continuing the "dirty war" in hopeless defense of colonialism. "After six years of war against Ho Chi Minh's Viet Minh," reports the March 4 Christian Science Monitor, "the French have failed to force a battle of decision — and instead of winning territory they are losing more bit by bit.

"Even though 115 ships have discharged United States military commitment must be liquidated against the guerrillas to a conclusion."

More and more there comes the insistent pressure to supplement U.S. military aid with American troops. The French government with its rich supply of rubber, time carry through its NATO rearmament commitment without much greater assistance from Washington. On the other hand, General Eisenhower, speaking for Washington, demands that already low standard of living

AMERICAN TROOPS

The Pentagon and State Departvictory of the revolutionary movement for national independence in Indo-China. They are already hinting that it might be necessary to bolster the French forces and are preparing the ground for landing American troops in that war-torn country. "These officials," reports the Jan. 24 Wall Street Journal, "say at present they will not send ground troops. They will send only ammunition of the first statements about Korea. And on that occasion we went from aid to war and by 'decision' of these same people."

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MASS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AGAINST

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the non-white 80% of the people have only 12% of the land. The Group Areas Act meant further of property for the Africans, and now even amount of livestock they are allowed has been limited. Whites cannot marry non-whites, and the penalty for sexual relations in mixed marriages is five years' imprisonment. The Suppression of Communism Act strikes at the civil liberties of the people as much as the American Smith and McCarran Acts put together.

CALL FOR ACTION

The civil disobedience campaign scheduled for April 6 will these conditions, led by the Joint Planning Council of the African National Congress and the South

Action Council, representing the manner and will be prepared Colored.

The campaign calls for "mas national action, based on noncooperation, against certain specified unjust and racially discriminatory laws of the Union government. . . Union - wide gatherings and demonstrations on the rural areas "not to cooperate Tunisian land." April 6, 1952, will register the with the authorities in culling protest of the African people against 300 years of European oppression and exploitation and will be a prelude to the strug-

It is the view of the Council that "the mass action should take the form of committing breaches

defying apartheid regulations in trains, post offices, railway stations, etc., and the Group Areas Act. A campaign to collect one million shillings to finance the struggle was started last Decem-A statement by the Joint Plan-

of certain selected laws and regulations which are undemocratic, be a mass demonstration against unjust, racially discriminatory and repugnant to the natural rights of man. Rather than submit of the movement as follows: to these unjust laws, those taking African Indian Congress and sup- part in the action will defy them

ported by the Cape Franchise deliberately and in an organized MacARTHUR'S SIDEKICK

By Fred Arens

SHANGHAI CONSPIRACY by Charles A. Willoughby. E. P. Dutton & Co., 1952, 315 pp., \$3.75.

This book by Gen. MacArthur's Chief of Intelligence ostensibly deals with a Soviet espionage network that operated in Japan and China under the direction of Richard Sorge. The author attempts to

the decisive forces that changed the course of events in Asia.

It is apparent that the book is intended to be more than a routine spy-expose. The author's real purpose is to discredit the Chinese revolution and smear every voice opposed to American imperialism in Asia. Willoughby tries to picture the people's revolution against Chiang Kai-shek as a vast push-button intrigue originating n the Kremlin.

In addition to providing ammunition for those who clamor for a full-scale war against the Asian peoples, this book bolsters the current conspiracy against democratic rights in this country by the witch hunters.

It is rife with such remarks loughby regrets that "guilt by as- the United States.

build up this network as one of sociation has been frowned on." He speaks wistfully of "the quality of Japanese civil justice" and 'Nazi efficiency and thorough national coverage." He suggests that it would be wise to investigate subversive influences in "the labor front, educational institutions, the motion picture industry the newspaper world, certain facets of the federal government, scientific and research circles, the administration of welfare and re-

He speaks of refugees from fascism as "usually subversive riff-raff with not the slightest pretense to civic responsibility." the demonstrations are carried He calls for "public exposure" of out, will, as Canada Lee says, be many organizations in order to "a great day for South Africa," drive sympathizers away. "Shang- because it will be the first time hai Conspiracy" is a call to intensify the witch hunt and speed three major oppressed groups will the drive to war. The basic theme of this book is indeed conspiracy: together for their rights. Whatpearing friend may suddenly be that of American imperialism discovered as an enemy." Wil- against the peoples of Asia and

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Campaign for Socialism Sell 'The Militant!

It is almost four years since Truman issued an executive order which many Negro leaders hailed as signifying the end of Jim Crow in the armed forces. But the great majority of Negroes in the U.S. Army are still segregated, and military officials are still setting up new Jim Crow

Claude A. Barnett, director of the Associated Negro Press, recently returned from a visit to Europe, visiting or trying to visit U.S. military installations. "If what I saw in Europe is true throughout the continent, then integration of Negroes and whites in the American army is a farce," he said.

Another newspaperman, Collins C. George of the Pittsburgh Courier, writing from Berlin, found that out of many thousands of U.S. soldiers in that city there were only one Negro officer and 68 Negro enlisted men — all segregated.

Barnett wrote for explanation of continued military Jim Crow to Gen. Thomas T. Hardy, commander in chief of U.S. troops in Europe, and to Gen. Eisenhower, head of NATO. Segregation is Army policy, Handy replied. The only Negroes not assigned to units "designated as Negro" (less than 2,000) are those with "primary qualifications which cannot be used in Negro units," he stated, and any change in this respect "must stem from the Department of the Army."

Eisenhower, replying through a subordinate, refused to make a statement on the question, telling Barnett that his duties do not cover "internal matters" of the national military forces making up NATO and advising him to write the Pentagon rather than SHAPE. Eisenhower evidently believes in a form of "state's rights" on the question of Jim Crow and practices it in his own command. (A great babbler about "human relations," Eisenhower in 1948 disclaimed support of legislation "to force someone to like someone else," which is his interpretation of anti-Jim Crow

So Barnett wrote to Secretary of the Army Frank Pace Jr. in Washington. From Pace's as-

a Negro member of this committee, John S. Sengstacke, publisher of the Chicago Defender and an ardent Trumanite. Sengstacke revealed that the committee's chairman had become a federal judge last year and other members don't even know if it is still a functioning body.

"Declaring a policy is one thing," he said, "but seeing that the policy is put into active effect is what is needed." Apparently nobody is taking care of that little detail.

Meanwhile, James L. Hicks, correspondent of Roybal is a delegate to the Nathe Negro Newspaper Publishers, was making a tour of military installation in the U.S. Finding segregation still rampant, he went to the Pentagon and was told that commanding generals at trict in Los Angeles. posts and camps have no authority to end segregation; that Pentagon policy "does not yet include an Army-wide abolition of segregated units;" and that the continued establishment of all-Negro units is a part of present Army policy

The Army brass hats also told Hicks: "Scientific research is being applied to both the military and social aspects of the problem." They did not say how long they expected this "scientific research" to continue. After all, like 1948, when the end of Jim Crow was promised, this is an election year. Which means that White House and Pentagon policy will remain: Keep on kidding the Negroes and not offending the Dixie-

The Big Steal

The steel monopolists have been shrieking at the top of their lungs how poor they are. They are too poor, they claim, to pay the steelworkers a few cents more an hour, without a whopping boost in steel prices. We would like to point out that in addition to pocketing fantastic profits, these profiteers have in recent mouths grabbed several billion dollars through the "fast amortization" scheme for plant expansion, or the "fast tax-dollar" as it has become known in the trade.

The way this scheme works is that the trusts announce a plant expansion project and then immediately file with the Defense Production Administration for a "certificate of necessity." Thereupon they are entitled to deduct the full costs of this plant expansion from their taxes for a period of five years.

For example, the Bethlehem Steel Corp. announced, as of Dec. 31, 1951, a program of \$289 million "in new plants and other facilities." Of this total, \$221 million, or more than threefourths, are covered by "certificates of necessity." In other words, for the next five years Bethlehem Steel will deduct \$44 million a year from its taxes, obtaining these new plants and facilities for exactly nothing, or more accurately, at the expense of the public treasury.

Bethlehem's grab of almost one-quarter of a billion is only a small part of the multi-billion dollar steal. By the first week in March the DPA had issued 8,021 "certificates of necessity" to the amount of \$16,179 million. Of this huge total, the

According to James F. King, Chief of Resources Expansion of the DPA, "the program to expand U.S. iron and steel capacity is the largest of all." King's estimate, was that "to date, DPA has handed out 542 certificates to 120 steel companies,

allowing fast tax write-offs on a proposed investment of \$2,180 million" (Wall Street Journal, had enough experience being

DPA has gone for "blast furnaces, open hearth the capitalist politicians would and electric furnaces, cranes, rolling mills, and help them. other steel production facilities," stated King. The actual amount is even greater, being closer to one dollar out of every four. "The steel industry's share in the fast write-off allowances actually amounts to as much as 25%, if coal, coke, iron ore, and similar expansion programs related to steel as their standard bearer. As an production are taken into account, Mr. King said."

grab of the steel monopolists to date is close to support of the CIO, other labor the four billion dollar mark. These stolen billions organizations, and wide sections are being used to completely modernize the iron of the population who wanted to and steel plants, raising their productivity above support the civil rights of all. The the already extremely high levels. At the first sign | Socialist Workers Party gave him of lagging steel demand, or whenever a favorable active support during the camopportunity affords, this modernization will paign. enable the steel monopolists to close down the socalled marginal plants, throwing thousands of steelworkers out of jobs.

Separate and apart from this, the steel trust, had never before entered politics, which has always bitterly fought granting the Roybal was elected to the City steelworkers any share in the benefits of rising Council in 1948, and again in productivity, remains the sole beneficiary of all 1950. He made no political recomthese vast new plants and equipment which are mendations during the campaign, being erected at public expense.

These greedy profiteers are still unsatisfied. from the electoral activity of the Thousands of other "certificates of necessity" are Republican and Democratic paron file. The latest report of Wall Street Journal ties. on April 1 informs that as of the week ending March 7 the DPA "handed out 273 certificates . . . on projects with a total proposed investment of \$590, 306,000," with steel and "oil and nitrogen producers" receiving "the largest fast tax amortization allowances."

Notes from the News

VINCENT HALLINAN, presidential candidate of the Progressive Party, may not be as wealthy as his predecessor, Henry Wallace, but he's not a poor man either. The Bureau of Internal Revenue has filed an income tax lien against him, claiming he owes \$134,000 in back taxes for 1948, \$97,000 for 1949 and \$108,000 for 1950. Hallinan charges that the claim is false and fraudulent and represents "another piece of crooked political harassment," which it probably is. But he does not deny that he is a heavy investor in downtown San Francisco real estate.

ROY WILKINS, NAACP administrator, notes that in less than two weeks the FBI managed to catch a gang of thieves suspected of robbing a Nevada multimillionaire of \$1,500,000, but in three months has not arrested a single suspect in the bomb-murder of Harry T. Moore and his wife. "This failure lies directly on the doorstep of President Truman and his Attorney General, J. Howard McGrath, and both should be reminded of their responsibility by demands from the public for action," Wilkins added.

THE "NEW INQUISITION" was blasted last week in a sermon by the Rev. R. C. Hunsicker, vicar of St. Paul's Chapel in New York. People are now expected, he said, to "nod assent to whatever is the public opinion. . . keep their hands discreetly folded, their eyes equipped with blinders such as work horses used to wear, and their hearts trembling lest they offend the grand inquisitors," He compared the present drive for thought-control with "the evils of the Dark Ages of long ago, of recent German and present Spanish and Russian police states today, evils we claim to be opposing."

COLLIS ENGLISH, one of the Trenton Two sentenced to life on a frameup murder charge, was put in an oxygen tent at the New Jersey State Prison hospital after suffering his fourth heart attack in the last year. His long detention in prison has aggravated his illness, contracted during Navy service in the last war. Lawyers for English and his fellow prisoner, Ralph Cooper, have filed an appeal with the N. J. Supreme

FOUR PRISONERS were murdered by the Greek government last week, despite world wide protests. Four others, also convicted on "espionage" charges, had their death sentences commuted to life imprisonment. The frameup character of the entire procedings was so raw that

even a member of the Plastiras cabinet protested by handing in his resignation after the execu-

WALTER LEE IRVIN, sentenced to death in the Groveland "rape" frameup, has appealed the verdict to the Florida Supreme Court. If denied, it will be taken to the U.S. Supreme Court.

THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY would win an Angeles involving police brutality election over the Tories today, according to a against Mexican-Americans, and Gallup poll taken in England. The results were there are many other cases which 49.5% for Labor, 46.5% for the Conservatives were never publicized. and 4% for the Liberals. The rift in the Laborite leadership has not hurt the party's popularity

"CIVIL RIGHTS Belong to Everyone!" says the CIO Cleveland Union Leader in a front page editorial. Elsewhere on the same page is an approving report of Walter Reuther's purge of Ford

THREE WHITE MEN in Florida, who claimed that a car containing four Negroes had sideswiped will have to break with capitalist their's, chased it and deliberately ran it off the road, killing the four, One of the whites was charged with "culpable negligence," the other two with being accessories, and they were all released on \$1,000 bond each.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, executive secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, won his fight against a "contempt" prosecution based on his refusal to give the names of CRC contributors. A judge threw the case out on the ground that another court had upheld the National Association of Manufacturers' contention that the lobbying act (being used against Patterson) was

WILLIAM W. REMINGTON, former government economist whose "perjury" conviction was reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeals, will have to face a new trial for alleged "perjury" committed at his first trial. The U.S. Supreme Court, by 6 to 2, supported the administration's moves to get Remington at all costs, one way or another. Justices Black and Douglas dissented.

LOUIS ADAMIC'S LAST BOOK, The Eagle and the Roots, dealing with Yugoslavia and the Stalin-Tito split, will be published by Doubleday in May. Adamic was still working on the final chapter when he died under mysterious circumstances last September.

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By Louise Manning

Mentioned in an editorial in the Feb. 28 C.S.O. Reporter, a news paper of the Community Service Organization, a minority organ; ization, predominately Mexican-American, is the fact that Ed tional Democratic Convention from the 19th Congressional dis-

Who is Ed Roybal, and why should such a step mean anything? A member of the City Council of Los Angeles, he was pushed into prominence and elected by the political awakening of thousands of Mexican-Americans who wanted to fight police brutality and discrimination. When he ran for office in 1946, he was defeated. Those who wanted representation for the group then realized that most of the Mexican-Americans were not even registered to vote. They formed the Community Service Organization which conducted an energetic house to house campaign and registered thousands who had never voted before because they saw no reason to vote. They had bullied by the police and being One dollar out of ever five "authorized" by the pushed into Ghettos to think that

GOT WIDE SUPPORT Now they were registered, and

seeing the chance to elect their own spokesmen considered Roybal independent representative of a Taking this authoritative estimate, the total minority group, Roybal got the

> As a result of this awakening of large groups of people on the East Side of Los Angeles who and maintained his independence

reasons. Most important it would interests of the federation." put the swelling independent struggle of the Mexican-American people and the labor movement under the influence of capitalist politics, weaken it, and finally destroy it; secondly, the Democratic machine would like these votes for itself.

POLICE BRUTALITY

Royal should consider why he got these votes however, and what would result from absorption into the machine of a capitalist party. There are now two major cases in the courts of Los

tion, and therefore to give them support is a betrayal of their interests. If Roybal wants to continue to represent the people who worked so hard to elect him, he

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The Jim Crow Murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore

New Dangers and New Tasks Facing the Negro Struggle

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Frank Pace Jr. in Washington. From Pace's assistant he got a letter explaining that the Army is still "working" toward non-segregation with a "gradual" program. He did not venture any estimate as to when this "work" would be completed. Pace's assistant said that the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services was satisfied with the "progress" being made. Barnett then checked with a Negro member of this committee, John S. Seng-

Brass Hat Wants More



with chairman Tom Connally of the Senate foreign relations committee, came back from Europe to testify for full \$7.9 billion appropriation for European military aid program. Connally, Democratic Senator from Texas, favors cut in the proposed appropriation. Gruenther pressed for adoption of full arms appropriation despite his statement, made at the hearing, that "war is not imminent." European "aid" program, mainly military, is intended to build a bristling military alliance aimed at the Soviet Union.

Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, (l.) shown exchanging greetings

WITCH HUNT HYSTERIA TAKES DETROIT TOLL

DETROIT - Although it is Callahan bill of a similar nature now several weeks since the just a few years ago. witch-hunting House Un-Ameri- FEPC BILL KILLED can Activities Committee con-"work" of the committee con-

voting block behind him. It is tee, has been "tried" and expelled Reuther bureaucracy. understandable that the Demo- from his union, the Detroit The democratic rights of its culty because of the desire of the cratic machine would like to Federation of Musicians for utilize his popularity for two "disobedience and imperiling the ple; the problems of its thousands

pretext offered by such incidents UAW-CIO. to discharge the alleged "communist" and these cases are now being processed through the union grievance procedure.

REACTION SPREADS

of Review" on property taxes cancelled the tax reductions long enjoyed by a number of clubs, for renting their halls to "sub-The increasing violence against versive" organizations. In addithe refusal of the authorities to ditional clubs threatening similar do anything about it is convincing action should they rent their

This arbitrary action by the moves. City Council makes a mockery of the Bill of Rights. In effect, it closes the doors of hundreds of meeting places to any protest movement which the powers that be may declare subversive.

ATTACKS RIVERA MURALS "BACK TO BILL OF RIGHTS" Councilman Eugene Van Antwerp, apparently in an attempt to outdo his colleagues, presented a THEME OF MINNEAPOLIS RALLY demanding the withdrawal from public view of murals painted 19 "It is the aim of U.S. imperialism and the anti-constitutional decyears ago by Diego Rivera for to dominate the globe. For that the green light to vigilante termurals in question were a por-

sions of Detroit, the symbol of hunting, thought-control and she said. vigilante terror being directed at "The capitalist class hypomass production. labor and the Negro people." In critically claims the glorious In the meantime, the anti-communist bill now before a Michigan these words Dorothy Schultz, American revolutionary traditions Senate Committee moved nearer speaking tonight at Socialist for itself," said Comrade Schultz. to passage under the impact of Workers Party headquarters on "But we must recall that their the recent hysteria. A hearing by the topic, "Back to the Bill of prototypes in the first and second the committee during the week Rights," summed up the present American revolutions, while paywas devoted to a discussion of situation. ways and means of "strengthen- | Comrade Schultz traced the 'life, liberty and the pursuit of ing" the Trucks bill now before development of the witch-hunt, happiness,' were actually opposed it. The bill is scheduled to be beginning with the Smith Act, to genuine democracy. The term

reported out for a vote shortly. | which victimized first the Social- 'democrat' had a connotation in The complete silence of both the ist Workers Party leaders and is those days similar to that of Michigan State CIO leadership now being used against the lead- 'communist' today. Only the third and the leadership of the UAW- ers of the Communist Party. She American revolution - the social-CIO stands out in sharp contrast described the various federal and ist revolution - will bring about to the energetic opposition of the state laws, which have recently real democracy in the United Michigan labor movement to the been passed in clear violation of States."

With the eyes of Michigan's cluded its Detroit "hearings," the workers taken off their real problems of unemployment etc., the State legislature killed a mild Raymond of the Government Detinues to take its toll on many | State legislature | State legislature | State legislature | FEPC | FEPC | State legislature | FEPC | House vote 45 to 46. Here, too, as "defenders of capitalist democ-Jules Yanover, violinist in the the lack of any serious effort to racy." Following this, the floor Detroit Symphony Orchestra who mobilize the forces of the labor was opened for questions from Europe, and explained that when exercised his rights under the movement behind this bill em- the students. Clarke spoke with ifth Amendment in refusing to phasized the sad state of the labor -Roybal now has a powerful answer questions for the commit- movement under the treacherous

> members and the American peo- audience to continue the discusof unemployed members; the In a number of instances, work- crying need for action on FEPC; INDICTS CAPITALISM ers named in the hearings who all these and more were sacrificed were forced off their jobs by by the Reuther leadership to mob action in the plants, have serve the needs of the boss class lips, "one on the side of truth is streetcorners echoed to intense returned to work. In others, man- in its drive for war and the poli- a majority," to his closing de- arguments, as many newly-conagement has ceased to use the tical needs of Reuther in the scription, two hours later, of vinced Marxists argued with their

NEW YORK, April 2—George Clarke today conducted a dramatic two-hour battle against three New York University professors on the topic "The Final Crisis of World

with NYU students. Clarke, who he had the hushed and eager at-Capitalism" before a hall packed spoke at the meeting in defense of Marxism, took the lead from his defense of Marxism, and his the very first with a smashing thrusts and sallies against the offensive; an indictment of world professorial antagonists were capitalism, a description of its crisis, a prediction of the course pression he made. Heavy applause of struggle and of the final vic- occasionally rewarded the efforts tory of socialism.

STUDENT JAM HALL

Over 300 students jammed into college meeting hall that seats 150, and dozens more crowded Clarke seemed to think he was the corridors outside the entrances justified in putting a gun to his to the hall, straining to catch a opponents' heads, but if they put few words of Clarke's slashing to his head, he objected strenuousattack. Students sat on the floor, ly. This drew applause from the stood along the aisles, packed into audience, but when Clarke rose corners six deep, stood and sat on and opened by saying: "Professor, the window sills, crowded around I am willing to concede that your the speakers platform, occupying ism have all the force of a water every inch of available space. pistol," the uproar in the hall was When the bell rang for the end deafening. Later on, debate beof the first hour, a signal which came sharper, as Professor Friedusually calls many students away rich closed an attempted "refutafrom such meetings, hardly any-one moved, and soon a fresh batch Olarke and asking: "Mr. Clarke, one moved, and soon a fresh batch of students came hurrying from do you believe what you're say-their classes to join the throng ing?" Clarke replied quietly, pressing around the doorways. The meeting was under the aus- That's why I'm not a professor." pices of the newly-organized The students howled appreciative-Spartacus Club, which was found- ly, and even the professors on the ed on the NYU campus to "bring platform had to manage a shamethe message of revolutionary so- faced grin. cialism" to the students, as chairman Janice Neuberger stated in opening the meeting.

Clarke, who was introduced by Miss Neuberger as "one of the founders of American Trotskysm, a unionist and fighter for socialism for over 20 years, and the editor of the Marxist magazine Fourth International," opened by speaking for one-half hour. After that, he was interrogated for an hour by three members of the NYU teaching staff: Professor Anton Friedrich of the Economics Department, Professor Walter Wirthwein of the History Department, and Dr. Ellsworth only brief interruptions for almost two hours, and the meeting was adjourned with great diffi-

mankind under a socialist society, fellow-students.

tention of the young audience. Clarke's indictment of capitalism, greeted with bursts of applause

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that reflected the profound imof the professors, but Clarke clearly held the edge throughout the meeting. Dr. Raymond sarcastically

commented at one point that even so much as a water pistol arguments in defense of capital-"Yes, I believe what I'm saying.

EXPLAINS STALINISM

While most of the questions from the professors dealt with Stalinism, the students quizzed Clarke mainly on the future of mankind under socialism. Clarke replied to the questions on Stalinism by defending in clear and scientific terms the reasons for the regime in the Soviet Union. He attributed the degeneration to the backwardness of Russian economy, and the intensive pressure of capitalism on the first workers' state, but called Stalinism a "transitory regime, an episode in the process of transition from capitalism to socialism." He painted to the beginnings of revolt against Stalinism within the non-capitalist world, in Yugolarger areas of the advanced capitalist world broke out of the capitalist system, Stalinism would be doomed.

After the meeting, as the 3 professors walked off alone, Clarke was surrounded by a mob of excited students, all anxious to con-From Clarke's opening words, tinue the discussion. The corridors a quotation from Wendell Phil- of the university and the nearby

REUTHER PURGE BOARD REMOVES Reaction raised its head on a new front when the Detroit Common Council sitting as a "Board SIX MORE FORD LOCAL OFFICERS

board of administrators began to ism" was not even mentioned. reveal the real purpose of the The removed officers include minority groups in general, and tion, notices were sent to 101 ad- it removed six officers of the tive assistant to local president "communists" bears out Carl

The reasons given for the new ing unit.

trayal by Rivera of his impres- ing class. This explains the witch local law enforcement officers,

the people that the capitalist par- premises to "subversive" organ- The charge of "communism" was Saari, Kenneth Roach, Mike Kas- Reuther is trying to purge Local ties want to maintain discrimina- izations during the coming year, the original excuse for the purge per and Jimmy Wilson, all com- 600 because it is fighting him purge of six more officers ranged Two of the above, Llewellyn

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MINNEAPOLIS, March 28 - the Bill of Rights. These laws

DETROIT - Walter Reuther's | ter representation." "Commun- | board of administrators a short moves against Ford Local 600 as William H. Johnson, Administra- are not even charged with being

local without even charging them Carl Stellato, Percy Llewellyn, Stellato's charge, made at caucus with "communist" affiliations. political action director, and John meeting held on March 23, that mittee men from the motor build- with a militant program, and not because of "communism." The constitution of the United

Auto Workers provides that a 60 days after the appointment of an administrator. The Stellato forces are preparing to try to make a comeback at that election by rallying maximum membership

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