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NEWS ITEM: Inland Steel Co. president Clarence B. Randall, broadcasting an industry attack on the WSB's recommendation of a wage increase for steel workers, cried: "Is your boy

## STEEL TALKS OFF AGAIN; Big British Union HINT GOVERNMENT PACT Backs Bevan Line

By Thomas Raymond

Union-industry negotiations broke down last week in the steel dispute, and Secretary of Commerce Sawyer, and Allied workers, sixin largest that he had lost both in Britain, overwhelmingly adoptnominal "boss" of the "seized" plants said he would proceed "promptly but not precipitately"

to bargain with the union. Government seizure has thus far failed to bring the long awaited wage increase and union shop contract demanded by the union and recommended in whittleddown form by the government Wage Stabilization Board. The steel union's 170 man Wage and Policy Committee, meeting in Washington, contented itself with tion of Manufacturers to map the vague declaration that "the tion of Manufacturers to map the Labor government and conthe vague 'declaration that "the anti-labor strategy in the steel time is overdue for a settlement to a settle based on the board's recommenda tions, and the patience of the RUMORS OF TERMS Steelworkers is not inexhaustible." This is a departure from the previous policy of the union, which has set a strike deadline with every postponement it

Meanwhile, the capitalist class, aided by almost every newspaper in the country and by many Con- Sawyer will order the WSB which served you well." gressmen and other government campaign against the steelwork- rejected this proposition, but, along with the Attlee wing of seizure. Full page advertisements one that's coming this week." The counted as part of the trade and biased news stories supple- N. Y. World Telegram said on union opposition. Bevan, who al- ber. He says he is proud to be ment the hysterical editorials April 17: "Informed government ready had the support of most a member. He took minutes in ness paper. The U.S. News, lead-will impose what the industry groups, now seems assured of made a pledge to The Militant." ing capitalist magazine, keynotes already has offered — a 12½ the backing of at least three of He might have added that Kutchits April 18 issue: "WILL cents more for fringes, but not a whose leaders used to be in the sells The Militant to workers on that court, but his was an honest STRIKES BRING SOCIALISM?" union shop."

granted

while, 170 leading industrialists Margate on April 15. "closed - to - the - press" Washing- on the side of Aneurin Bevan, eral Circuit Court of Appeals. He against him, his appeal will go ton meeting under the auspices leader of a group in the British used two heavy canes and two to the Supreme Court. of the U.S. Chamber of Com- Labor Party which criticizes the artificial legs to climb the stairs merce and the National Associarearmament program initiated by and enter the court to which he sion, Kutcher won a victory. The

Rumors as to the pending action by the Secretary of Commerce hint that he may make further cuts in the steel union demands before he orders new terms into "If the conference accepts this

Iron Age, steel industry magarecommendations "refigured on a officiais, has opened a terrific two-year basis." Both sides have USDAW, which formerly went ers and against government says Iron Age, "it looks like the Labor Party, can now be that scream from every big busi- sources said he (Sawyer) probably of the constituency Labor Party Party meetings in Newark. He the offensive with a headline in cent hourly wage boost and 51/2 the six biggest unions, most of er despite his handicap regularly

## On Rearmament

ed a resolution condeming the legs in the second imperialist war Herbert Levy, made consistent British government's rearmament did not earn him the right to and firm pleas in defense of free-A group of Republican Senators program. Out of more than 1,000 work as a clerk in the VA office, headed by Senator Styles Bridges delegates representing 350,000 because the Attorney General had of New Hampshire, has drafted a workers, only a dozen voted put socialist ideas on the proresolution demanding an in- against the resolution at the scribed list.

vestigation of the seizure. Mean- union's national conference at So on this day, Kutcher made

flects a growing sentiment in Supreme Court. Labor Party ranks for "more socialism" and independence from Washington's foreign policy.

ed with the USDAW delegates: meet you some time, Mr. Kutcher, down Clement Attlee and the zine said in its April 16 issue, that policy of the Labor government

resolution you will be turning said. Kutcher smiled tolerantly. system.

But this had no effect. The

# fight for a principle.

IDEAS PROSCRIBED

his right to think. He had been fired from his job in the Veteran's Administration in Newark, politician McCranery. N. J., because he had said he was The Union of Shop, Distributive a member of the Socialist Work-

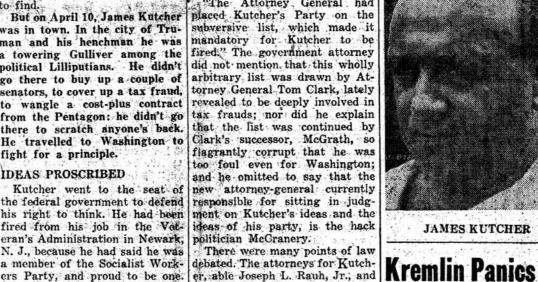
peddlers. An honest man is hard

his way up the steps of the im-

The Prosecutor flushed when he saw Kutcher. Somewhere within him a tiny remnant of conscience A former Labor minister plead- made itself felt. "I would like to

PROUD OF MEMBERSHIP

Three sober black-robed judges heard the case. The prosecutor hurried to get it over with. "Kutcher admits that he joined the Socialist Workers Party in 1938. He admits he is still a mem-



There were many points of law debated. The attorneys for Kutcher, able Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., and American Civil Liberties attorney dom of thought.

"The Attorney General had

#### WILL CONTINUE FIGHT

WASHINGTON, D. C. - There was a big man in

Washington the other day. On most days the nation's capi-

tol is crowded with plenty of chiselers and influence

In a few weeks, or months, depending on the disposition of the court, the judges will decide But no matter what the deci-

succeeded in shutting him up. By fighting for his rights, he was in the front ranks of the fighters for the emancipation of humanity from the wars, the exploitation, when we are not litigants," he thought-control, of a dying In all of Washington there was

only one man, who on April 10, represented the interests of the masses of people. The Negroes crowded in the Washington ghettoes, who have no voice in the counsels of the government, were well-represented on this day by the legless veteran. The workers whose rights are being destroyed by Congressmen and Senators. had a spokesman in Washington for at least one day. Kutcher didn't say a word in

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split if the Southern bloc does not

Democratic National Chairman

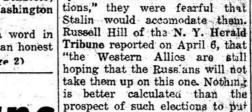
"To start with, he'll appoint a

preliminary committee to begin

work on the troublesome propos-

Frank McKinney has a "plan,"

the Journal reports:



nan rearmament."

FEAR FREE ELECTIONS

many.

**U.S. Diplomats** 

With German Bid

By Joseph Keller

For several years now the oil crats bolting the party (and selves the chance to determine

crimp in plans for West Ger-

that Moscow will accept the idea court fight against this law. of German elections, thus leaving the future to the fall of German ballots, giving individual German voters the ability to determine the shape of the future."

The Kremlin's second note to the western powers, made public als. There'd have been such a April 10, confirmed the worst ness" better with the compliant drafting committee in any case, fears of the U.S. diplomats. It but the McKinney strategy is to was, in essence, not only an assign more Southern Democrats acceptance but an insistence on to it than ever before. This, he the very "free elections" that the hopes, will give the feeling they're U.S. - British - French note had beginning to be brought back into said is a pre-condition for conparty councils, and thus put them sideration of a German peace in a frame of mind more amenable treaty.

#### "... a concerted effort is being IN A HOLE

made to win back the South. The True enough, the Soviet reply preliminary drafting committee spoke of "free elections" under will be appointed at a meeting of the supervision of the four powers The Democrats too are twisting the National Committee's ex- which have divided up and control Germany, while the U.S. has called for UN-supervised electhis wonderful plan. "Whatever up, rejecting the four-power plan, gamated Clothing Workers. recommendations this group Stalin still with profit can accept

# Legless Veteran's Case General Wants to Keep U.S. Heard by Appeals Court Troops in Korea Indefinitely By Joseph Andrews By Joseph Andrews

Contrary to the beliefs or hopes of millions of parents, wives, children and friends of the GI's in Korea, the U.S. troops will not be returned home in the event of a truce. Approximately a half million

be kept in Korea indefinitely. This was made plain by Gen Matthew B. Ridgway, U.S.-UN Far East war commander, in an exclusive interview published in

the N. Y. Herald-Tribune of April

#### THE GENERAL'S FEAR

13, 14 and 15.

The high-ranking militarist ex-pressed the fear that the Amer-figures, but we can supply them can people will demand the withdrawal of the U.S. forces from forces in Korea have been rapidly Korea, reports Mac R. Johnson, who interviewed the general. "He indicated it would be most

Korea signaled a bring-my-boy- in Korea indefinitely, if the genback-home' movement such as erals have their way. developed in the United States immediately after Japan's surrender as World War II ended."

forces in Korea despite the great the U.S. should never have in-tervened in Korea to begin with. deadlier war. Whatever the intrinsic defects

But Ridgway's fear is also an from all over the country held a This action puts the USDAW posing structure housing the Fed- Kutcher's case. If they decide or merits of the Soviet govern- indication to the American people ment's new proposals on Ger- of how they can bring an end to During the past few weeks and many, they have produced one the war and secure the safe return days the rumors have come thick valuable by-product: Exposure of of their conscripted loved ones, and fast that the long drawn-out the hypocritical pretense of the There is nothing the generals truce negotiations are about to U.S. rulers that Washington fear so much as a mighty mass end. We hear, as we have heard wants a reunified democratic Ger- movement, expressing the deepest over and over since last July, desires of the GIs themselves. I that With the very first Soviet note such as forced the return of the hand. Is it true? That is a secret offering to settle the German troops at the end of World War not shared with the people.

issue on the basis of a united, II. rearmed but "neutrai." capitalist Germany, the U.S. State Departcommanders like Ridgway and people. Wall Street Journal called a "very near panic." The U.S. MacArthur have lied to the "free election" under UN super-

American military personnel will or even a "police action." Mac R. Johnson reports:

#### MAJOR WAR

"He said it is a major military operation ranking with World Wars I and II by any measurement - troops involved, casualties, expense, duration and other yardsticks."

from other sources. U.S. combat built up during the period of truce negotiations to a half million, the Jan. 18 U.S. News disclosed. unfortunate if an armistice in This enormous force will be kept The American people never

wanted this war. They were never consulted about it and their views This is a warning that the and sentiments have been brutally Big Brass intend to keep the U.S. brushed aside by the capitalist brushed aside by the capitalist politicans and generals. All that unpopularity of the war and the we are offered now is an armed majority sentiment, shown by truce on a frozen battle-line that repeated nation-wide polls, that can be unfrozen without warning to plunge us into a bigger and

#### KEPT A SECRET

We do not know what new war From start to finish, the White crimes the capitalist diplomats House, State Department, Pen- and militarists are scheming in ment was thrown into what the tagon, Congress and the field secret behind the backs of the We do know what can ensure

diplomats evaded the central American people about the Korea the end of the war and establish points of Moscow's note by war, its real scale and character. a safeguard against its renewal replying that the pre-requisite Now, Ridgway tells us that "there on a more savage scale. That is for German reunification is a is absolutely no fairness in calling the powerful intervention of the the Korean War a 'baling wire people with the demand: Get the war' or a 'second-rate war'" - American troops out of Korea!

## But even as the imperialist UNIONS SUPPORT FIGHT spokesmen called for "free electrons" they were fearful that Stalin would accomedate them. Russell Hill of the N. Y. Herald ON ILLINOIS LAW 1030

By Marjorie Ball

CHICAGO - "Law 1030 is a dangerous attack on free speech and the right to petition that will soon hit all organizations, including the labor unions," charged the

resolution passed by the AFL Whatever aims the western Basic Processors Union, Local 44, capitalist powers have, it is not in answer to an appeal made by to give the German people them- two representatives of the Citizens Committee Against Law companies have been fighting in taking many more electoral votes the fate of Germany. Thus, 1030, "Law 1030 must not go unchallenged," it continued. To add worth of "tidelands oil" (located But it did not altogether eliminate ington correspondent of the strength to these words the mem-Christian Science Monitor, wrote bership voted a \$25 contribution to on March 29 of the "grave risk the Socialist Workers Party's

> The Butcher Workman, journal of the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's Union, says Law 1030 "is vicious. In the past it has happened where the candidates of both major political parties are very anti-labor that the trade unionists in protest were compelled to offer their own candidate on an Independent

#### UNION SUPPORT

Other unions which have passed similar resolutions and made financial contributions to the fight against Law 1030 are the Chicago Joint Board of the CIO Retail, Wholesale Department Store Untions. But few would consider ion, Local 329 of the AFL Buildthis a difference in principle. ing Service Employees, and Lo-"But if . . . the Allies toughen cals 223 and 73 of the CIO Amal-

with financial aid but sent a letter to each of its locals recommending they do-likewise.

These unions recognize the restrictive and undemocratic character of this law and the importance of the Socialist Workers Party's suit in federal court to have it declared unconstitutional.

Law 1030 makes it a crime punishable by \$1,000 fine and six months' imprisonment to solicit signatures on election petitions for statewide office outside one's county of residence. Thus it virtually excludes minority parties from getting on the ballot.

#### STEVENSON EXPOSED Law 1030 was passed unanim-

ously by the last Illinois legislaticket. The only way that this can ture and signed without combe accomplished is through the ment by Governor Adlai Stevenright to petition, which certainly son. At a recent Students for fundamentally constitution- Stevenson meeting on the University of Chicago campus, the two speakers for Stevenson, Maynard Krueger and Rexford Tugwell, were asked why Stevenson signed such an undemocratic bill. Tugwell became flustered and gave no answer; Krueger declared it wasn't "germane" to the discussion.

Publicity around this law is ripping away Stevenson's mask as democratic man-of-the-people and exposing him as a politician The CIO International United preserving his class interests at makes, however, must be ratified the Allied UN proposal," sadly Transport Service Employees Un- the expense of free speech and (Continued on page 2) ion not only supported the fight free elections when necessary.

## FEPC Issue Haunts Capitalist Politicians

against the Jim Crow capitalist headquarters.' forces, but the pressure from the capitalist politicians.

Eisenhower, whose supporters are putting on a special drive to Eisenhower bandwagon and hope attract Negro support, was put to corral the Negro vote for him. squarely on the spot this month when Congressman Adam Clayton ganda calls him, has been spend-Powell sent him a questionnaire, ing entire days at a time meeting prepared by representatives of 200 organizations in New York, headquarters in France, but he inquiring where he stool on a Fair claims he cannot find time to say Employment Practices Commission, anti-lynching, anti-poll tax capitalist parties, including the and anti-filibuster legislation.

#### "CAN'T FIND TIME"

After a couple of weeks delay, in such as to require my full time before he can tell whether or not nounce his views on legislation Truman's decision not to run

By Albert Parker and energy," he wrote, "and I simply cannot find the time to and turn with all their might, but make the detailed studies and they cannot get away from the analysis required to answer the Negro struggle and the demand questions you submitted. Such a for civil rights legislation. The task could only be accomplished Negro movement lacks a militant with the help of several expert national leadership willing to en- assistants who are, of course, not gage in an all-out political fight available here in this military

ranks is so strong that the Negro | - it does Eisenhower no good. He question makes itself felt with has postponed the day when he just the same. FEPC has been on these questions, but at a heavy buried a dozen times, but it is a price. The delay may keep him specter that continues to haunt in good with the Dixiecrats, but

with his political aides at his where he stands on issue that both ployment should be opposed one he hopes to lead, have written into their platforms and promised to enact several times in the past.

Twist and turn, dodge and duck great weight in American politics will have to take an open stand the smokefilled rooms of the it weakens and discredits the efforts of opportunist Negro leaders who have jumped on the "Mr. American," as his propa-

Most high school students know



FRANK McKINNEY

he thinks discrimination in em through federal legislation.

#### WHAT HE HAD TIME FOR

He could not find the time or "How to nail together a civil the experts to help him state his rights plank that will hold South-Eisenhower sent an answer from what FEPC involves, but the views on legislation demanded by erners in line without risking the France - refusing to state his would-be President of the United the Negro people and the labor loss of minority voting blocs in views on these questions. "The States says he needs "several movement, but he did find time the big northern cities." (Wall nature of my duties (in Europe) expert assistants" to help him (and without "experts") to an- St. Journal, April 10).

demanded by the big oil interests. | reduced the chances of the Dixie-Washington for 40 billion dollars' with them than they did in 1948). Joseph C. Harsch, special Washe offshore in coastal waters) to be the possibility of a Dixiecrat turned over to the states of Texas, California and Louisiana. The get the kind of platform it Supreme Court has ruled that the demands. federal government has "paramount interest" in these valuable properties. But the oil millionaires and the Dixiecrat movement they organized and control have been maneuvering to upset this federal claim because they can "do busistate legislatures than with the federal government.

And while Powell's questionnaire was lying on his desk, Eisenhower wrote a letter to his Texas campaign manager announcing that as president he would sign a bill authorizing this 40 billion dollar oil grab for the States' Righters.

#### DEMOCRATS TOO

on the horns of the great dilemma | ecutive committee in Chicago, created by the civil rights issue:

TWO-SIDED HITCH But there is still a hitch in

May 15."

to compromise.

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## Why American Labor Should Fight Against Truman 'Seizures'

By George Breitman

The American labor movement will long regret its leaders' acceptance of Truman's "seizure' along with this arbitrary action passage of a permanent universal will be conceding to Truman and without any prior legislative they are helping the government to create a weapon which will be used against the workers and in favor of the employers at least reasons, were against the law. heads to do so. 99 times out of 100.

No matter how the present steel dispute ends, the precedent set by Truman can and will be used by him, or the presidents who succeed him, to undermine and weaken labor's chief means of defense, the right to strike.

Unfortunately, many workers, under the impression that Truman is acting in behalf of the steel workers, are shutting their eyes to this danger. They see the steel barons, the most reactionary capitalist politicians like Taft and practically all the capitalist newspapers denouncing Truman's 'seizure" and they figure that it must be a good thing if all these anti-labor forces are against it.

NOT SOLE FACTOR

Now it is true that labor, in working out its own policy, should look around and see what its enemies think about any particular development. But what its enemies say or do should not be

### **3 Unions Demand Government End** Railroad 'Seizure'

A federal court in Cleveland issued a preliminary injunction on April 15 prohibiting three railroad unions - the Engineers, Firemen and Conductors - from striking against the government, which "seized" the railroads in August, 1950, to break a strike.

The injunction, replacing a temporary restraining order issued by the same court last March 11, after a three-day strike, will be appealed to a higher court

James P. Shields, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said in Washington that "in the light of the Cleveland decision and the seizure of the steel industry, this nation is faced with the specter of continuing and expanding involuntary servitude unless present seizure tactics are wiped out on constitu-

tional grounds." The railroad unions have learned by bitter experience that Truman's "seizures" are thoroughly anti-labor in intention and in if it gets them at the price of of colonial people all over the

#### CHALLENGE "SEIZURE"

ment's restraining order. Govmockery," and workers on the roads are not government employees at all, for two reasons: 1. The government has refused

to bargain collectively with them ever since the "seizure."

private owners, and not to the hole." government. If they are working for the government, they charged, then the profits from their work should

but should be kept by government

after the workers have been given

### "just compensation." **Local Addresses** Of Socialist **Workers Party**

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the sole factor determining what silent consent to Truman's "seiz- | world are only part of the price labor says or does under all con- ure" it will turn out to be the the American people have had to

ago, Truman was demanding the movement. Because in return it Truman by himself and military conscription law. Many any future President the right to authority began the "loyalty"

The labor movement knew this In the long run this will mean but it correctly decided to oppose a much greater loss, in terms of Bill of Rights to pieces. the law just the same. Wouldn't wages and working conditions, it have been foolish for the than they will ever get out of unions to come out in favor of the present dispute. the law or to be silent about it - In addition, it will mean the merely because reactionaries were impairment of fundamental civil against it?

zure." The capitalists, politicians ment. and newspapers have their own none of those reasons are pro- proclaimed. No law passed by labor. But that doesn't automatically make Truman's action pro-labor either.

#### EYE TO EYE

These groups are not against strikes in the mines and other railroad unions' current court suit "divine right." against this "seizure." They may differ with Truman on his NOT CONSTITUTIONAL methods but they see eye to eye

The steel barons are complainbenefit in the long run.

Taft complains because he feels he is being cheated out of the political "credit" of having a steel strike prevented by the Taft-Hartley Act.

The N. Y. Times complains in Congress first and ask it to pass a "seizure" law, thereby exposing and discrediting the elaborate democratic and constitutional facade behind which the capitalist class tries to conceal its rule.

In other words, each of these groups is acting in behalf of its own interests when it protests Truman's move. Why shouldn't labor do the same - especially since it is labor and the right to of "seizure"?

#### A BAD PRECEDENT

most Pyrrhic victory in the his-tory of the Americans labor the rows to the Americans labor the rows to the rows For instance: A few weeks tory of the Americans labor the power to wage war.

Congress or anyone else sanctions on his own say-so.

That is what the absolute monarchs of the past used to do. 'seizure" in principle. They ap- The "divine right" which they to the courts to protect the naplauded when Roosevelt broke claimed to justify such procedure was so hateful that the people industries by "seizure" under the rose in revolution and either breaking "seizure" of the rail- Truman's claim of "inherent favorable word to say about the despotic as the kings' claim to

The U.S. Constitution gives the with him on his anti-labor ob- President the right to recom- centration of dictatorial powers" mend laws to Congress, but it in Truman's hands. does not give him the right to In a letter to the Senate Labor ing because they want no make laws himself. It specifically Committee, Dobbs demanded the restraints at all on their power says: Powers not delegated to enactment of safeguards making to do as they please, not even the United States by the Con- it "unlawful for any agency of restraints which work to their sitution, nor prohibited to it by government, be it executive, powers he is now asserting.

The trend toward rule by "expart because Truman didn't go to sign of a drive toward a police

The latest usurpation of dic- break strikes by "seizure" as well tatorial powers is only one of as injunction. strike which are the real targets several that have marked Truman's regime.

The steel union may (or may United States into the Korean cannot be defended by assenting not) get some small concessions war. More than 100,000 admitted to measures that strengthen the out of the present situation, but battle casualties and the hatred drive to a police state.

of the most reactionary politicians smash strikes by "seizure" purge and "subversive" blacklist whenever they take it into their system that nourished McCarthyism and the brutal thought-control campaign that is tearing the

#### USED AGAINST STRIKES

It was in 1949 that Truman first openly proclaimed his doctrine of "inherent powers" in liberties that are indispensable to curbing strikes. Congress was Similarly with Truman's "sel- the progress of the labor move- then considering proposals to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act. Truman has no right whatever Truman sent his Attorney Genreasons for denouncing it, and to assume the powers he has eral, Tom Clark, to tell the Senate Labor Committee that the Taft-Hartley anti-strike injuncit. Nor does any section of the ion provisions were not necessary Constitution. He is acting entirely because "the inherent power of the President to deal with emergencies" is "exceedingly great' and the President has "access tional health, safety and welfare" without any special law.

The Socialist Workers Party Smith-Connally Act. They thor- abolished the monarchy or put denounced this dictatorial claim oughly approved Truman's strike- strict constitutional curbs on it. and sought to arouse the labor movement against it. On Feb. 26. roads and haven't got a single powers" is essentially just as 1949, Farrell Dobbs, presidential Party, warned that "the nation faces a growing threat of oneman rule by executive decree?" and "a definite trend toward con-

the States, are reserved to the legislative or judicial, to restrict, States respectively, or to the restrain or deny the right to people." The Constitution never strike and picket by injunction, delegated to the President the seizure of struck facilities, or by any other means."

But the labor leaders said ecutive docree" is an infallible nothing, stupidly thinking that of Appeals. Truman's claims would help to state. A similar Bonapartist bring about repeal of the Taftdevelopment occurred in Ger- Hartley Act. Relying on Truman many during the last years of then, as Philip Murray relies on the Weimar Republic and greatly him now, they maintained a helped to prepare the way for criminal silence about his dic- 9835, which bans membership in Hitler. The "emergencies" that tatorial claims. One result was an organization "advocating over-Truman invokes to justify his that the Taft-Hartley Act was throw of the government by undecrees are becoming permanent not repealed. Another was Trufeatures of capitalist society to- man's present extension of executive powers to prevent and

Truman's doctrine of "inherent

(See Editorial on Page 3)

## When their strike was stopped last March, the three unions went to court to challenge the governernment "seizure" of the roads, they said, is "a sham and a GERMANY PANICS U.S. DIPLOMATS

(Continued from page 1) noted Scripps - Howard Foreign Editor Ludwell Denny on April 2. Profits continue to go to the and the Bonn government in a

The point is not that Stalin has become a great democrat who wants to let the German people vote freely. The German workers not go to private corporations know there can be no really free elections run by foreign occupiers. What they want is the withdrawal of all the foreign forces so they can run thei own elections. But Stalin is agreeable to the kind of outside-controlled "free election" that the U.S. claims it wants.

#### A HOT POTATO

and potentially dangerous point and wants Germany disarmed in is ready to hand over to them in the second Soviet note," states order to be able to grab it? The Eastern Germany which he now Drew Middleton in the April 12 Kremlin has actually offered to controls and to otherwise N. Y. Times. The Bonn govern- give back to the old German strengthen German capitalism ment officials fear to discuss ruling class the control of Eastunity because "they would have ern as well as Western Germany no place in the government of and to let it rearm under the such a country," while "Allied leadership of the former Wehr- reunified independent Germany to officials do not discuss it, because macht officers and the ex-Nazis. it is clear they have no alternative policy to integration."

Every thread - bare argument used to justify the unrelenting generation of military age. drive of Washington to force But that is the "most alluring aggressive "imperialist" designs

#### AGAINST REARMING

What they do have is a policy In reality, the U.S. seeks only to keep Germany divided and to impose rearmament under its to retain control of West Ger-own aegis and is in a "stretch many as a mili ary and economic drive," as Drew Middeton dessatellite of U.S. imperialism. cribed it in the April 17 N. Y.

As for the imperialist conten-Western Germany into military tion that Stalin wants to "so-

It has, however, been sufficient merely to raise the issue of a blow up the pretensions of U.S. anti-democratic and aggressive

"What worries the West is Times, to get a binding contract knowledge that it cannot afford with the Bonn Government before now - and maybe not for a very the German people can voice long time, without jeopardizing their own desires, which are 11. "That would put the Allies the entire Western defense plan, against the rearming of a capitalwhich depends upon 12 West Ger- ist Germany, either on the Washman divisions - to agree to ington or the Moscow pattern. unification of Germany on any This opposition has been "recordterms," concedes United Press ed in the various public - opinion foreign commentator R. H. Shack- polls," writes J. Emlyn Williams ford in his April 12 dispatch from from Bonn in the April 15 London. "especially strong" among the

> alliance with the anti-Soviet vietize" Germany, that is seen forces has unravelled at the first to be the last thing in his mind. impact of the Kremlin's proposals. The most attractive part of Where for instance does the claim | Stalin's proposal to the German now stand that the Kremlin has capitalists is that it carries with it the clear implication that he economically as well as militarily.

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Phone Workers Picket



Members of District 4, CIO Communications Workers, picket main offices of Michigan Bell Telephone Co. in Detroit as part of 43-state strike of 16,000 workers. Another 300,000 phone workers respected the lines. Phone strikers in New Jersey, Ohio and Michigan have won wage increases ranging from 11.3 to 12.7 cents

The workers, installation and warehouse men, are on strike against the Bell System's manufacturing subsidiary, the Western Electric Company. They are demanding pay raises of 23c per hour.

## 1949, Farrell Dobbs, presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers JAMES KUTCHER TAKES CASE TO HIGHER COURT

(Continued from page 1) oice. He didn't make the headlines, like Taft and Eisenhower. But he was the biggest man in Washington.

Washington, April 10 - Appeal of the discharge of legless legality of the views advocated veteran James. Kutcher by the Veterans Administration because of his memebrship in the Socialist Workers Party was heard April 10 in the U.S. Circuit Court

Kutcher was originally discharged by the Newark branch office of the Veterans Administration on the grounds that under Presidential Executive Order constitutional means," Kutcher had to be fired.

But when his case was appealed to the Veterans Administrator, DEPRIVED OF RIGHTS Carl Gray, Jr., the administrator held that Kutcher had to be fired powers" must be openly repudiat- on the grounds that Kutcher vio-Truman alone and without con- ed by the labor movement, whose lated the Hatch Act, which forsulting Congress threw the living standards and liberties bids membership by government workers in an organization which advocates overthrow of our constitutional form of govern-

The Veterans Administrator held that since the Socialist and association. Workers Party had been placed on the Attorney General's subversive list, and Kutcher is an avowed member of the SWP, he must automatically be fired.

#### BASIS OF APPEAL

Kutcher's dismissal was appealed on both the unconstitutionality of the procedure of discharging a government worker without a hearing, for the mere illegal procedure of the Veterans Administrator who fired Kutcher branch office.

Kutcher's dismissal was based on the so-called subversive list, expression."

which in the Remington case was ruled in violation of the "dueprocess" provisions of the constitution. Neither Kutcher personally, nor his party, have had a hearing on the question of the in the SWP program.

Defense attorney Joseph L. Rauh, Jr. argued that Kutcher should be reinstated in his job with back pay, since his right to hold political opinions were violated. that he had been deprived of his right to a hearing, and that he had been illegally fired by the Veterans Administrator grounds other than those origin-

ally presented. The American Civil Liberties Union, represented by attorney Herbert Monte Levy, also argued on Kutcher's behalf as a "friend of the court.

The ACLU stated that whether Kutcher had been fired on grounds of the Executive Order 9835, or the Hatch Act, he would in both cases have been deprived of his constitutional rights under the First and Fifth amendments, which are supposed to protect the rights of freedom of opinion

The decision in the Kutcher case will have great bearing upon the preservation of civil liberties. Involved in his case is the arbitrary subversive list, by which thousands of workers are being fired without a hearing, and are found guilty by association.

Should the Circuit Court of Appeals reject Kutcher's appeal, is case will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. As the expression of opinion, and on the American Civil Liberties Union brief stated. Kutcher's discharge "casts a broad censorship over for grounds other than those with minority and non-conformist poliwhich he was charged by the tical and economic views, and therefore interferes with the most important aspect of the First by the Veterans Administrator Amendment right to freedom of

### CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE HAUNTS ALL CAPITALIST POLITICIANS

(Continued from page 1) by the National Convention itself workers and middle class elements at Chicago in July. So there could still be a blow-up there just as in 1948, when the Democrats thought they had a compromise solidly built into the platform."

Moreover, the hitch has two sides. The Dixiecrats may be imperlialism and lay bare its satisfied with the proposed "compromise" and so may the Fair Deal liberals. But what about the

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SWP Presidential Candidate

'A Socialist Anti-War Program for 1952'

Chairman: Arne Swabeck

Negroes and the millions of white who voted Democratic in 1948 on just such issues as civil rights? Of course, they won't be

represented on the Democratic platform committee. But they will have other ways of expressing their sentiments. One of these is already being discussed in the Negro press. Marjorie McKenzie, who has defended Truman's policies in the past, writes in the April 12 Pittsburgh Courier:

#### "SIT IT OUT"?

"The Negro vote seems destined to function in a political limbo this year. If ever there was a home, we are it. . . President Truman hadn't anything left but the Negro vote. Now we haven't got him, and we haven't got anybody else, either . . . we might have to sit this one out." But if any sizeable number of Ne-

groes decides that the Democratic will surely be licked.

So, despite the inadequate leadership of the Negro people, their fight for equality is having a profound impact on American follows the capitalist politicians, prize of two days at camp. plaguing them wherever they go, tormenting whatever they do.

## The American Way of Life

#### Goodby to the Shmoo

"You may, unless you had something better to do, have been reading my comic strip Li'l Abner this week. If so, you are probably startled to see that my hero is

apparently being married to one Daisy Mae Scragg. This time it's Shmoo was delight. But there the real thing. Yes. After 18 were also some disturbing letters. years the poor lout is finally, hopelessly married, and in one of Marryin' Sam's cheapest, most humiliating weddings.' So writes Al Capp, creator of

Yokum, Henry Cabbage Cod, Sir Cecil Cesspool (he's deep, says Capp), Harry S. Rasputintruman, Clarke Bagle, J. Roaringham Fatback, the Pork King and Senator Jack S. (good old Jack S.) Phogbound, in Life magazine for March 31. Capp's article is written to tell why he let Li'l Abner marry, and he explains it this

#### CAPP EXPLAINS

Li'l Abner, Capp says, was a satire. "Nobody had ever done one quite in these terms before. I was delighted that I had. I was exhilarated by the privilege this gave me to kid hell out of everything. "It was wonderful while it last-

ed; and I had no reason for mar- fism and thus, secretly, nonresistrying Abner off to Daisy Mae. ance to Communism? . . . what in But then something happened hell was the idea of creating the that threatens to shackle me and Kigmy anyhow, because it immy kind of comic strip. It is what plied some criticism of some kinds call the gradual loss of our fifth of Americans and any criticism freedom. Without it, the other of anything American was (now) four freedoms aren't much fun, because the fifth is the freedom | find that it had become unpopular to laugh at each other. . . . "For the first 14 years I rev-

eled in the freedom to laugh at realized that a new kind of hu-America. But now America has morist had taken over, the humorchanged. The humorist feels the ist who kidded nothing but himchange more, perhaps, than anyone. Now there are things about America we can't kid."

As Capp continues his explanation, we find that it was not really Daisy Mae who trapped Abner. What got him was the witch hunt. Thought-control is making social satire impossible, Capp says, and so his comic strip must become nore personal. "I realized it first when four

years ago I created the Shmoo. You remember the Shmoo? It was a totally boneless and wildly af- the time being, I can't create any fectionate little animal, which, when broiled, came out steak, and when fried, tasted like chicken. turns up now, I have to explain It also laid neatly packaged and bottled eggs and milk, all carefully labeled 'Grade A.' It multiplied without the slightest effort. | lic office." It loved to be eaten, and would drop dead out of sheer joy when we shall have to do without his you looked at it hungrily. . . . It most delightful characters. The was simply a fairy tale and all I FBI has got them. Most of all had to say was wouldn't it be we'll miss the Shmoo. wonderful if there were such an Goodby, dear Shmoo. We'll miss animal, and, if there were, how you, but idiotically some people might be- of abundance some other way. have. Mainly the response to the

Some writers wanted to know what was the idea of kidding big business by creating the Shmoo . . . Other writers wanted to

know what was the idea of criti-Li'l Abner, Mammy and Pappy cizing labor by creating the Shmoo, which made labor unnecessary.' (Capp here adjusts himself to the witch hunt by taking impartial swipes at "capital and labor." In reality, the big hue and cry against the Shmoo satire came from business, which felt the sting of ridicule of the capitalist economy of scarcity.)

Capp continues: "It was disturbing, but I didn't let it bother me too much. Then, a year later, I created the Kigmy, an animal that loved to be kicked around, thus making it unnecessary for people to kick each other around. This time a lot more letters came. Their tone was angrier, more suspicious. . . Was I, in creating the Kigmy, trying to create paciun-American? I was astounded to to laugh at any fellow Americans. In fact, when I looked around, I self. That was the only thing left

. . . Radio,, the most instantly obedient to pressure of all media, had sensed the atmosphere, an atmosphere in which Jack Benny is magnificent but in which Will Rogers would have suffocated.

#### WAIT FOR CHANGE

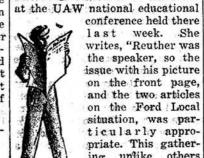
"So that was when I decided to go back to fairy tales until the atmosphere is gone. That is the real reason why Li'l Abner married Daisy Mae. At least for more Shmoos, any more Kigmies; and when Senator Phogbound carefully that, heavens-to-Betsy. goodness-no, he's not typical: nobody like THAT ever holds pub-

And so Al Capp tells us that

we'll get our e

- Harry Frankel

### THE MILITANT ARMY



priate. This gathering unlike others I've sold at, had a publishes the Labor Challenge.

"Several delegates threw in 'Here's a contribution.' Only a few were hostile either on a basis of lumping us together with the Akron last Wednesday. "Kather-Stalinists, or siding with Reuther ine sold 12 Militants at the tire generally against critics of all builders gate. The paper made a kinds. 'Labor Action' was the only good impression and she plans to other literature being distribut- go back again. We will make use ed. I thought that might make our of the strike issues when we go sales more difficult, since I was out for subs. We have also been alone, and they were hawking, selling 'The Road to Peace' and 'This one is free.' But the net feel that this important pamphresult was that they passed out let should be pushed uppermost, their papers quickly and were side by side with the paper, espegroup of voters without a party through, while I continued to sell cially to militants in the labor The Militant and talk with the delegates for about 45 minutes." The following night, Jean writes, she and Dot went back to the cnoference with "The Road to Peace' and sold 14 copies.

Literature Agent Ethel Swanson reports that New York's sub-Party is no longer their home and scription campaign committee has that they have to sit out the 1952 planned their second all out sale campaign, then the Democrats for Sunday, April 20. Meanwhile all Militant salesmen have been provided with lists and neighborhoods to visit in the intervening period. Harold R., with 104 points to his credit, is now in first place politics. The specter of civil rights in the competition for the first

Helen S. writes, "We intend to complete our renewals this month

Jean Simon reports a very good in preparation for a lively, all out sale in Cleveland of 50 Militants Minneapolis Campaign for new at the UAW national educational Militant subs in May. In another conference held there week we will be able to announce last week. She our plans in more detail. John writes, "Reuther was got one of the enclosed subs from the speaker, so the a friend of his on the campus. issue with his picture Our new South American subon the front page, scriber had been sent several and the two articles copies of The Militant and he was on the Ford Local so impressed with our paper that situation, was par- he requested this sub. Prentice got the other new sub from a

fellow-worker." Chicago Literature Agent Bert Deck sends in four subs sold by considerable number of people Jacky, Elaine, Ines and Sam, and who were familiar with The Mili- reports that "Militant sales have tant, whether friendly or not been going well. Manny, who Also some delegates from Canada services Post Office News, says asked me whether this was not that the stand has been selling the paper of the same group that up to 15 papers a week in the past period. Frank sold 11 copies at a steel factory this week, and Helen more than a nickel and said. sold 16 at her usual street corner.'

Lou reports a good sale in movement, wide awake Negroes - all those to whom we wish to counterpose our program against that of the Stalinists."

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### **Answer to Seizure**

What should be the answer of the labor movement to government seizure of industry as a method of resolving labor-management disputes?

Leaders of the CIO, from president Philip Murray on down, have praised Truman for his seizure of the steel plants, which they interpret as a friendly act in the interest of labor.

On the other hand, Railway Union leaders condemn Truman's seizure of the railroads as a strikebreaking measure subjecting the rail workers to "involuntary servitude" in the interest of private profit.

Steel industry spokesmen squeal like stuck hogs over the steel seizure but say nothing about the railway seizure. Railway magnates are quietly content with their present arrangement, which guarantees an uninterrupted flow of lush profits for the companies while denying the workers their just demands.

In both cases, the Truman administration contends it is acting in the "national interest." Just where does the interest of the people lie in this dispute?

From the beginning the steel barons have refused to yield a penny of their swollen profits for a wage increase. aid offered under Point Four The only basis upon which they would grant the union a cost-of-living increase, they said, was to get a \$12 a ton price boost in exchange. This, disclosed Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall was "twice as much as the recommended pay rise would cost," and on the basis of their profits they were entitled to nothing.

The Steel Industry and Railroads have been coining fabulous profits out of the government's armament drive. Both head the list of those receiving billions in government handouts in the form of fast "tax write-offs" to build new plants and equiment. Both have been heavily subsidized at the expense of the taxpayers. Yet their unbridled greed knows no bounds! These giant monopolies exercise a strangle-hold on the economic life of the country. Like the Robber Barons of old these corporate magnates extort tribute from the people while mercilessly exploiting the labor that creates such enormous wealth.

vate property" following the steel seizure is a smokescreen for the Big Business creed: the right to fleece the people. Truman defends this right - in his own way. Like all political representatives of his class he conceives of the "national interest" as identical with that of the capitalist ruling class. In the interests of the class as a whole he seeks to curb, in this instance, the excessive greed of a and defending the groups and insection of his class.

Challenge the "right of private property?" Not Truman! Profits and dividends are pocketed by the owners, as before, with management and control vested in the corporation heads. But once the American flag is hoisted outside the plants labor is stripped of its most effective Democrats and H-Bomb liberals, weapon — the strike is declared illegal. That is the essence of industry "seizure" under a capitalist government.

Under the circumstances, the real interest of labor would best be served by raising the slogan and fighting for the demand: Nationalize the steel industry and rail- ence at the New York Waldorfroads under workers control. Let those who do the work Astoria on March 29, attended by and create the wealth operate and control these monopoly industries for the benefit of the people.

### What's Silly About Pay Hikes?

The New York World Telegram, key paper in the national Scripps-Howard chain, lectured the steel workers in its April 15 issue. An editorial on the steel union wage demands winds up as follows:

"The steel worker got his most recent wage increase in December, 1950. That carried his average hourly earnings to \$1.88, where it is now.

"And here's what he has to show for it:

"That \$1.88 buys what \$1.29 bought in January, 1946. "And with his \$1.88, the steel worker now can buy almost exactly what he bought with the \$1.29 he earned in April, 1946.

"Silly cycle, isn't it?"

Yes, it is a silly cycle, but not the way the World Telegram means. The Scripps-Howard paper is trying to show that the steel workers are no better off than if they had not gotten their wage increases. But the steel worker will ask this question: "Where would I be if I had not gotten any wage increases at all? I would be trying to buy \$1.88 worth of goods with \$1.29, and, let me tell you, brother, that can't be done."

The World-Telegram, in reply to this, asserts that if the workers had not gone out after wage increases, there would have been no inflation. This is the same old capitalist song, but it's out of tune by now. For one thing, price inflation is a world-wide process, going on wherever the impact of the war economy is felt. It has hit workers all over the world, including the United States, whether they got wage increases or not. And in the second place, the steel workers and workers in other industries can hardly be held responsible for the government arms program, deficit spending, taxation and Korean invasion, all of which have boosted prices sharply since 1950. That is the responsibility of all those who, like the World Telegram itself, want a world-wide counter-revolutionary war against "communism."

Thus the cycle of wage increases and price increases, which the World-Telegram calls "silly" is silly, not because the workers have won wage increases, but because these wage increases haven't been big enough.

The World-Telegram doesn't tell the whole story. First of all, taxes take a far bigger slice out of the budget of the worker's family now than they did in 1946. And second of all, the average worker is producing at least 15% more goods every hour now than he did in 1946.

The real truth is that the worker has fallen way behind. His standard of living has been reduced by inflation and taxes. The steelworker and other workers are trying to catch up, and the World-Telegram calls this "silly."

## Justice Douglas's Call for "Peasant Revolutions"

By Art Preis

Supreme Court Justice William to promote "peasants' revolutions" in underdeveloped counprogram is "only underwriting the status quo" of landlordism and tenancy. Instead, he said, Point Four should be accompanied by a program to break up the large landed states and provide land for the poor peasants.

"I am sure that if the audience were tonight in many of the underdeveloped areas which we propose to help by Point Four,' Douglas told the National Conference on International Economic and Social Development, "we would be forming an American revolutionary committee to overthrow this octopus - these absentee landlords who live in Waldorf Towers of Paris or Beirut - that has enslaved millons of little people."

#### AID TO LANDLORDS

Douglas truthfully contended hat the technical and scientific amounting in fiscal 1951 to only \$19,000,000 for the whole world, would mean little to "the fellow at the bottom of the economic pile" because "the average return to the 99 per cent of the people who produce the crop is between and 10 per cent" while the rest goes to the landlords and usurers. Some of the conservative newspapers tore at Douglas' phrase

starved dogs tossed a tray of redo meat. But the Christian Science Monitor, which can scarcely be O. Douglas made something of a called a fomenter of revolution, sensation on April 7 when he took a calmer attitude. It assured proposed a "Point Five" program us in an April 11 editorial that Douglas' phrase about promoting peasants' revolutions "is quite in . . . the American interest" and tries. He declared that Truman's does not propose "arbitrary and Point Four technical assistance violent distribution of wealth." Douglas merely wants the United States "to select for its aid those governments which showed a real concern for their people" and with skill and discretion the administrators of technical aid can extend gradually and judiciously what Justice Douglas calls 'the American revolution of social

> Douglas recognizes that U.S. imperialism cannot gain a favored position in Asia and Africa through military means alone. He is heedful of the blazing demand of the great peasant masses throughout the colonial world for land reform and freedom from landlerdism. He believes that the U.S. can gain a dominant position in Asia and Africa only by playing the role of benevolence, supplementing armed might with a social program, particularly land reform. He wants what one commentator has called a "controlled revolution" - controlled with "skill and discretion" by Wash-

WILL NOT WAIT

ington.



WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS

neffective kind of "revolution by onsent" of imperialism that Douglas has in mind. They have inleashed gigantic revolutionary armed struggles in China, Korea, Indo - China, Malaya and the Philippines.

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instance, began as a civil war delusion.' between the North Korean gov-'peasants' revolutions" like relied on the polite, gentle and average Korean." Douglas has ploit the hopes and aspirations and arms him for an invasion of posite aim.

a peasants' revolution on behalf of a capitalist-landlord regime. He does not now call for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from

#### THE REAL TEST

The mightiest peasant revolution in all history has been underway in China. Douglas has opposed this revolution which drove military aid to reactionary despot- and gives the Vietminh rebels out the bloody regime of Chiang isms in Asia and Africa to put talking points for their propa-Kai-shek, dictator - protector of down the peasant masses. the landlords, loansharks and mortgage holders. Nowhere that the peasants are waging actual revolutionary struggles - not in believe in any nonsense about and civilian casualties are in-Indo - China, Malaya or the Philippines — do they find a benefit. It is not in the business lefender in Douglas. He opposes as the April 9 Wall Street Journal all these real peasant revolutions put it, of stirring up "'peasants'

intentions as sincere and motivat- wealth and in general turn everyed by honest concern for the thing upside down." All Douglas benefits from cheap labor as part miserable masses in the colonial and his likes do, says the Journal, of its aims in dominating the countries, his proposal for U.S .- is "to scare the wits out of our controlled and directed "peasants' friends.' revolutions" is a fantastic and utopian conception. To the Amer- capitalists and landlords and the Farnsworth to the Scrippscan capitalists, whose whole pro-Where does Douglas stand on gram and course is the exact op- colonial territories. The whole U.S. army engineers plan to posite of what Douglas proposes, great peasantry? He opposes his "Point Five" is what the April and strengthen these rulers and 9 N. Y. Daily News called an the property relations which they The struggle in Korea, for "idiotic dream" and a "dangerous

Truman expressed this same ernment, which offered land fear when, through a paper read established reactionary order. reform to the Korean peasant to the National Conference on But the hundreds of millions of poor, and the Syngman Rhee gov- International Economic and Social has resisted a civil war for social poor peasants all over Asia, the ernment of South Korea, which Development, he claimed that the and economic reform, including Middle East and North Africa the Wedemeyer report described movement for economic and poli land division, by deliberately practicing deception when he have not waited for Douglas' as a regime of land-owners, bank- tical reforms in Asia and Africa wiping out the country almost 'American revolution of social ers and mortgage holders who "has great dangers. Such a move- to the last peasant hut and appeal successfully to the govjustice." They have not asked will "fight to the finish any ment can be easily misled. Com- slaughtering millions. Washington by-your-leave of Washington, nor attempt to better the lot of the munists or reactionaries can ex- openly supports Chiang Kai-shek

of Korea as an attempt to crush evil ends. Unscrupulous agitators the capitalists, landlords and can use these forces of change to bring disorder and bloodshed."

Hence, while Truman is willing to provide a little bit of windowdressing to imperialist aggression in Asia and Africa through the from Saigon in the April 13 expenditure of a few million N. Y. Times, that "the type of dollars on Point Four, on March mechanized warfare waged lately 7 he proposed the expenditure of by the French-Vietnamese forces about \$1% billion in 1953 for is tough on the rural inhabitants

#### "SCARE OUR FRIENDS"

American imperialism doesn't "controlled" revolutions for its revolutions' to overthrow the But even if we accept Douglas' existing orders, divide up the

western imperialist rulers of ticians are out to destroy revolutions anywhere that threaten the

In Korea, the U.S. government

not denounced the U.S. invasion of these peoples for their own China to restore the control of usurers.

In Indo - China, 'U.S. - armed French mercenaries are visiting merciless reprisal peasants. Tillman Durdin, reports ganda. To combat the Vietminh groups in the villages the French-Vietnamese use artillery and napalm (flaming jellied gasoline)

U.S. capitalism has a material stake in maintaining the present exploitative order in colonial colonial world. A hint of this is given in a March 16 dispatch from "Our friends" are the native Tangier, Morocco, by Clyde Howard newspapers. He tells how policy of Washington is to defend reduce the cost of constructing U.S. bases in Morocco by replacing American workers is the difference between \$2.75 ar hour and up for American skilled labor and 121/2 cents for local workers."

There is reflected the true aim of U.S. imperialism. Douglas is ernment of this imperialism to adopt a wholly different and op-

## Elmer Rice's Civil Liberties Plea SOURCE MATERIAL ON the from the people while mercilessly exploiting the or that creates such enormous wealth. The spurious outcry in defense of the "right of pringerty" following the steel seizure is a smokescreen in the people while mercilessly exploiting the steel seizure is a smokescreen in the spurious outcry in defense of the "right of pringerty" following the steel seizure is a smokescreen in the people while mercilessly exploiting the property of the spurious outcry in defense of the "right of pringerty" following the steel seizure is a smokescreen in the people while mercilessly exploiting the property of the people while mercilessly exploiting the property of the people while mercilessly exploiting the people while mercilessly exploiting the property of the people while mercilessly exploiting the people while mercilessly exploiting the property of the people while mercilessly exploiting the people while mercilessly exploiting the people while mercilessly exploiting the property of the people while mercilessly exploiting the people while mercilessly exploiting the people while mercilessly exploiting the property of the people while mercilessly exploiting the property of the people while mercilessly exploiting the property of the people while mercilessly exploiting the people while mercilessly exploiting the property of the people while mercilessly exploiting the people while mercilessly explored the people while mercilessly exploiting the people while mercilessly exploiti

The American Committee for Cultural Freedom sounds like it might be the name of an organization that is devoted to preserving traditional American liberties dividuals whose liberties are being destroyed by the current witch hunt.

But it isn't. It is the name of an outfit, headed by Professor Sidney Hook and other Social which specializes in offering 'sophisticated" reasons for NOT defending victims of the witch

The committee held a confer-600 teachers, writers and other intellectuals. The high point of the conference was a session on the subject, "Who Threatens Cultural Freedom in America?"

THE REAL MENACE

Most ordinary persons would have little difficulty in answering the question. The government and the forces in control of education and communications - the policestatesmen, the purgers, the persecutors of political parties, the 'loyalty" boards, the congressional probers, the enforcers of conformity and orthodoxy, in short, those who have and wield the dominant political, economic and social power in this country they are the ones who are threatening cultural freedom.

The answer of the leaders of the American Committee for Cultural Freedom is quite different. To them, the main danger to freedom in America comes from -Communism. They admit that there are other dangers, but for them Communism is the chief danger, And they have nothing but contempt and derision for anybody who thinks differently.

RICE'S POSITION

Elmer Rice, the playwright and prominent member of the American Civil Liberties Union, spoke against the attacks on the Communist Party. He said Stalinists and fellow-travelers in Hollywood have "the right to be judged by their work as artists, and (should) not be dismissed simply for their beliefs." He also made the point that there are plenty of laws against espionage and sabotage and that these (rather than thought-control measures) can be used against illegal overt

But Rice's viewpoint was apparently a small minority at the conference. The New Leader. which speaks for the leadership of the ACCF, denounced him for talking in "typical nineteenthcentury libertarian terms" meaning that such views may have been acceptable once upon a time, but now are old-fashioned and unacceptable. Rice, it complained, even fell into the horrible 'error of stating that he knew nothing of the views of the Red Dean of Canterbury but would

defend his right to utter them." | They don't like it, as the New | The logic of his position is that er, made Rice guilty of "knownothing or Bourbon liberalism."

EASTMAN FOR McCARTHY

Max Eastman, ex-radical, was applauded seven times by the conference, the N.Y. Times reported. Eastman denied that there is any such thing as a witch hunt in this country, complaining that the very term was invented by Communists and fellow-travelers as a "smear tactic." The real threat to freedom in this country comes from the Communists and the "fuzzy-minded" liberals who defend their policies or their civil liberties, he declared.

Up to this point, the Times a majority of the audience with him ("superbly incisive and wellinformed," applauded the New Leader). But when he proceeded to defend Senator McCarthy, Counter-Attack and Red-Channels, he "left everyone gasping" and regretting that "the pioneer who had sounded one danger had now turned a deaf ear to the

other," the New Leader mourned. Despite this friendly criticism the Social Democrats had reason to be thankful to Eastman. For his extreme, pro-McCarthy presentation enabled them to palm their own position off as "middle of the road," although by every traditional, "old-fashioned" liberal standard the essence of their policy is as reactionary as his.

HOOK'S SUMMATION

Hook, summing up the discussion, said yes, there are some 'excesses" in this country but nothing like the "reign of terror or hysterical anti-Communist fever" charged by some "fantastically absurd" and "irresponsible" people abroad. (This was a crack at Bertrand Russell, who has aroused the ire of the Social Democrats by pointing out that the witch hunt in the U.S. is getting worse and should be resisted.)

When they politely refer to 'excesses" the Social Democrats have in mind McCarthyism (and not Trumanism with its "loyalty" purges and Smith Act trials).



SIDNEY HOOK

This, according to the New Lead- Leader phrases it, because "Mc- the crimes of both should be op-Carthyism, though a lesser danger, weakens by its presence our ability to resist the greater" (Communism). They are on the whole quite satisfied with the way Trumanism is handling "the greater danger." That is why, although they think Eastman and

> and his traditional liberalism. the attacks on civil liberties being committed by both the Truthe guise of "anti-communism." the Witch Hunt."

McCarthy go farther than is

necessary, they are much closer

to them than they are to Rice

posed, and the victims of both

But Hook and Co. are most concerned with refuting the charge of "irresponsible" people that try, and with opposing the need to defend its victims, whom they regard as a "greater" danger than even the McCarthvites.

In our opinion, which stems from a tradition even earlier than Rice is genuinely disturbed by the nineteenth century, they ought to change their name to "American Committee to Badger manites and the McCarthyites in and Discredit the Opponents of

## U.S. BLOCKS DISCUSSION

By John G Wright

On April 10 the American imperialists once again deliberately stymied the efforts of the Arab-Asian bloc to bring up the Tunisian issue for discussion in the United Nations. Seven affirmative votes

are required to place an issue on cil. By abstaining, the U.S. supof French crimes in Tunisia. This abstention, as was cor-

rectly pointed out by Ahmed Bokhari, Pakistan delegate and

accept such a flimsy, face-saving the indirect form of supporting formula as having the Tunisian the British imperialists. Similarly question "placed on the agenda the French have received U.S. aid and discussion then adjourned in- in Indo-China, as in the case of definitely." But, as the N. Y. Morocco. Tunisia represents a Times reported, this idea "was continuation on the diplomatic put forward by one Western coun- plane of this same war against try, but apparently was not ac- the insurgent colonial people eptable to others.

WHAT THEY ASK

What is so flagrant in the Tunisian situation is that the eign policy.

N. Y. Daily News and the Scrippsit merely another "blunder" of peoples." the Truman administration. There is no blundering here at all. It is suffice by themselves to show how dietated by the reactionary nature starkly American imperialism has of U.S. foreign policy and its been exposed as the mortal enemy imperialist promoters.

In their drive toward their prothe agenda of the Security Coun-the agenda of the Security Coun-Union, the American imperialists are subordinating all other conpressed a discussion in the UN siderations to this primary war aim. Tunisia is just another glaring instance of this.

The giant upsurge of the

colonial revolution has placed the American imperialists in a posispokesman for the Arab - Asian tion where, in the very midst of bloc, had exactly the same effect their war preparations, they find as a "no" vote. Bokhari said that themselves already engaged in this move laid the foundation of Asian and African countries "for the suppression of free In Korea this U.S. war against discussion in the United Nations." the colonial revolution is open It further transpired that the and direct. In Malaya, as in the rab-Asian bloc was ready to case of Egypt, this warfare takes

U.S. ROLE EXPOSED

The N. Y. Herald Tribune admitted on April 13 that by this Tunisians are not demanding, as action on Tunisia "the Americans they have every right to demand, broke with their tradition that that the French get out and stay any case presented to the out, but only that the Tunisians (Security) Council - even a case be granted local atonomy, while against the United States or its the French remain masters of friends - deserves a hearing;" the country, and continue to and guardedly hinted that because dictate Tunisia's defense and for- "the Americans let down the hopes of the eleven Asian-African spon-Some capitalist papers, like the sors," the latter can no longer "look to the United States as a Howard N. Y. Telegram and Sun, champion of the downtrodden have editorially criticized this everywhere, as a leader in ad-U.S. action, pretending to see in vocating the self-determination of

These annihilating admissions of the colonial people.

## CHINESE REVOLUTION

By Rodney Bell

MAO'S CHINA: Party Reform Documents, 1942-44, by Boyd Compton, Univ. of Washington Press, 278 pp., \$4.50.

The Chinese revolution is the Party was not only willing, but overthrow of Czarism in Russia and the establishment of the first Workers State in 1917. Yet, relatively few serious books have been published in this country dealing with the fundamental problems of this tremendous social

What was the theory and program, the strategy and tactics, "27 young Bolsheviks" in the in China? Which was decisive at ticinated activaly jective factors - party, leaderfactors. What are the relations between Mao and Stalin, between the Kremlin bureaucrats. the Chinese Communist Party and the Soviet Bureaucracy? These are only a few of the questions posed by the author.

"REFORM DOCUMENTS"

In his search for a clue to the Boyd Compton has translated a as the "Reform Documents." These documents are published but adds that there was more. in the volume together with a lengthy introduction. While the 1937 to 1,200,000 in 1945. With introduction attempts to sum- only the most tenuous connection upon in so brief a span.

The "Reform" movement con- "Marxism-Leninism" alone. The message of the 1942 terial for a study of the revolureform was that the Chinese tion.

greatest historical event since the determined, to plan and organize its own revolutionary activities. The aim of the "Reform" move-

ment was to consolidate the leadership of the Mao group in the CCP. The form it took was an attack on those who divorced "theory from practice." It was specifically directed at Kremlinappointed Wang Ming, who had

been sent from Moscow along with the organization methods, that early thirties to take over the enabled the Chinese Communist leadership of the CCP. Wang and Party under the leadership of his cohorts had been trained at Mao Tse-tung, to conquer power the Lenin Institute, had not parthe historic conjuncture, the sub- Chinese revolution of 1925-27, and were the last of that school of ship, program - or the objective "leaders" arbitrarily foisted on the Chinese Communist Party by

MAO AND STALIN

In essence Mao's "theory" was little more than a justification for seeking and achieving greater independence from the Kremlin. The author asks, "does Maoism iddle of the Chinese revolution, actually exist as a separate system? Or are its main tenets number of speeches and articles orthodox Stalinism in translation by leaders of the CCP which have and nothing more?" In answer, gone into the history of the party he acknowledges Mao's adherence to Stalinist "Marxism-Leninism."

The CCP grew from 40,000 in

marize the events from the Anti- with Moscow the CCP was under Japanese War to the capture of the direct pressure of a volcanic power, only a very few of the revolutionary movement. Mao's problems raised could be touched "theory" consisted in the main in an adaptation of Stalinist stituted a turning point in the jective conditions in China. The istory of the Chinese Communist weakness of the book is precisely Party. In effect, it cut the in seeking a solution to the riddle umbilical cord that so tightly of the Chinese revolution in the bound the leadership of every ideological sphere without sufsection of the CP to the bureau- ficient regard for the objective crats in the Kremlin. "The Cheng factors. Yet, it is an important Feng (Reform) Movement," says book. For to acquire an underthe author, "was a Chinese standing of the motive forces of product. War in Europe and Asia the Chinese revolution will reshattered the lines of contact be- quire a close study of ALL the tween China and Russia; Mao factors involved. The "Reform Tse-tung's Party had to stand Documents" provide source ma-

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THE MILITANT

This column does not usually quote a lot of statistics, partly because figures are hard to remember and partly because most workers know from their experience in wage disputes with government figures on the cost of living, wages and profits, that liars can figure, too.

But there are some cold facts in the Bureau of Census figures recently released by the U.S. Department of Commerce that deserve all the publicity we can give them. Allowing for all kinds of errors and distortions, they still pack a wallop and tell the story of oppression of Negroes in this country as powerfully, though not as dramatically, as all the recent reports of bombings and violence against colored people.

The income of the average Negro American is about \$30.17 per week, or roughly \$1,569 a year, as compared with the average white's \$3,-135. And this represents an improvement over the situation up to 1949-1950 because in the latter period the median wage that is, not the average, but the mid-point, considering the higher incomes on one side and the lower incomes on the other) for Negroes increased by 23 per cent, while the median for whites went up only 10 per cent.

Even with that increase, however, very little improvement in the lot of Negroes as a group took place, because 77.2 per cent of the Negro male population still earns between \$1.00 and \$2,499.00 per year. Only 5.5 per cent earn \$3,-500.00 a year or better. But 30.8 per cent of the white males earn that much.

The most oppressed, as we know and the recent figures confirm, are the Negro women. Of them, 85.1 per cent earn between \$1.00 and \$1,-499.00 annually, and only 7.1 per cent earn \$2,-000,000 a year or better.

What do these figures mean? - They give us some pretty fundamental reasons for higher figures on Negro death and disease due to poverty as compared with whites. They explain the overcrowding, the lack of modern necessities and conveniences in Negro homes, the limited opportunities for education, training, and recreation, the lack of any sense of security.

They make it clear why in a capitalist democracy, where the amount of democracy a group

pushed closer to the condition of those at the bottom of the heap.

We remember a pretty speech by Thurgood Marshall at the annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Boston two years ago in which he painted a glowing picture of the improvement in the lot of the American Negro, and said that the elimination of second class citizenship was finally in sight. (That was B.C. - before Cicero - and before the murder of Harry T. Moore.)

We also remember some fantastic statements by Edith Sampson in the U.N. about the oppor tunities for Negroes in America today.

And we also recall a raft of Hollywood productions in recent years that tried to perpetuate the myth that prejudice and discrimination in the United States, is 1) not very widespread, the exception rather than the rule, and 2) stems primarily from individual ignorance, immorality and psychological abnormalities in both Negroes and

We'd like to borrow a favorite expression from a friend of ours and say to all of these would-be leaders and would-be interpreters of the Negro people: Let's get basic! Look for the underlying causes of Negro oppression and you can't escape the fact that they are economic.

Clip the cold statistics cited above and paste them on your wall. Remember them. No amount of gains - whether in Supreme Court decisions, government appointments or even FEPC legislation - will wipe out second-class citizenship for Negroes so long as Negroes get only half the income they would get if they were white.

### Notes from the News

ELIA KAZAN, film and play director, who told a House Un-American Activities subcommittee that he had been a member of the Communist Party for a year and a half in the mid-Thirties, said he quit because: "The last straw came when I was invited to go through a typical Communist scene of crawling and apologizing and admitting the error of my ways." But he didn't seem to mind crawling, apologizing and admitting the error of his ways in his testimony to the committee, and in the big two-column ad he took in many newspapers repenting his past CP membership and explaining why he favors "exposing" other members, past and present.

CATHOLICS who have recourse to psychoanalysis commit a mortal sin, says the official bulletin of 'the Catholic clergy in Rome. Psychoanalysis is "complete materialism," says the bulletin, and Catholics who engage in it will be barred from heaven unless forgiven before they die.

A CAMPAIGN to build a memorial to General MacArthur in Japan is sagging badly. Since last July only \$222 has been collected, while \$1,530 was spent for advertising and \$1,432 for other

WILLIAM R. HUDGINS, Negro businessman in New York, sent an open letter to Congress asking why it was spending money to investigate the Katyn atrocities in Poland at the same time that it ignores the bombing of Negro homes in seven states of the U.S.

BENJAMIN GITLOW, Communist Party candidate for Vice President in 1928 and more recently a professional witness for various national and state witch hunt committees, is now campaigning for Senator Taft. Speaking with him at a Taft rally in New York was Benjamin Spolansky, who began his long career as a witch hunter back in the Palmer Raid period right after World War I.

VINCENT HALLINAN, presidential candidate of the Progressive Party, began serving a six months sentence at McNeil Island Prison Farm in Washington on April 8. His "crime" was fighting hard in defense of his client in the frameup trial of Harry Bridges.

THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY national convention this year will be held in Chicago over the July 4 weekend.

PRE-TRIAL HEARINGS at the trial of 16 Communist Party members in New York have brought out these facts: Manual workers constitute 54% of employed males in New York City, but only 8-10% get on the jury lists. But of course, the prosecution insists, this is all accidental and not the result of discriminatory rig-

THE "MILLIONAIRES' AMENDMENT" to the U.S. Constitution, which would lower taxes for the rich (and raise them for the poor) by limiting taxes to 25% of personal and corporate that they locked themselves in problems was: 1. Register. 2. Vote income, is making strong headway. A joint resolution to that effect has been introduced in both | Weaver would do next. When the | 4. Donate money to same. houses of Congress, where it needs a two-thirds majority. 28 state legislatures have already approved the measures; a total of 36 legislatures is needed to pass the amendment. Strongly opposed by the labor movement, the amendment was murder and because they refused recently endorsed by the American Bar Association at a convention in Chicago.

THE SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY is opopsed to the anti-democratic Illinois Law 1030, but it informed the Socialist Workers Party that it cannot join in a united fight for repeal of the law because "we cannot meet with you on a common ground for discussion of same, any more than we could meet on any matter for a similar

LOUIS BUDENZ, ex-Stalinist, admits that he has made a good thing financially out of his stoolpigeon activities. In the seven years since he left the Communist Party for the Catholic Church he has received \$70,000 for his informing, writing and lecturing, in addition to the salary he draws from Fordham University.

# racy, where the amount of democracy a group enjoys depends on the amount of capital it has, there is no democracy for Negroes. These figures explain why Negroes have less illusions about "opportunities" and "liberty and justice for all" in America. They also tell why Negroes continue to be a spur to the working class as a whole to struggle to defend its standard of living and to fight for greater gains, before the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of those at the subset of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of the group as a whole is nushed closer to the condition of the group as a whole is not a group as a whole is not a group as a whole is not a group as a g

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Constantly tripping over his own contradictory testimony, murderous ship's captain, on trial for the fatal shooting of a crew V. R. Dunne Gives member, said he didn't know until "later" that the shots he fired had entered the body of his Lectures on Rise badly injured and handcuffed

COLD-BLOODED MURDER

Captain Franklin B. Weaver, master of the Isbrandtsen cargo ship, Flying Trader, murdered William M. Harvey, 25 year old Negro steward, last Oct. 25 while the ship was in the North China Sea, heading for Japan from Manila.

Weaver murdered Harvey in cold blood while the steward stood before him, pleading to have handcuffs removed. But for some reason the captain was charged only with having committed the act "in the heat of passion" and brought to trial on an indictment for manslaughter. The maximum fluenced the first labor unions, penalty for that is ten years.

witness stand in New York to tell tion, and the historical role of the details of the sadistic Jim Crow murder:

CREW TELLS STORY

Harvey was sick, unable to work, but Weaver refused to let him off and threatened to throw him into the sea if he did not do his duties. On the night of the killing, the 200-pound captain and his first mate assaulted the 125pound steward with a blackjack beating him on the head and body until the blood spurted out. Political Action They handcuffed him and then the captain went to his cabin for a pistol.

When he returned, Harvey was on his feet again. He walked toward the captain, holding his manacled hands before him and begging the captain to remove them. Weaver shot twice without warning. As Harvey fell, he cried, "Go ahead, captain, shoot me again." As he lay there, Weaver pumped another bullet into his body, killing him.

Crew members testified that some of them were so horrified their cabins, not knowing what ship reached Kobe, Japan, 30 of them, members of the CIO National Maritime Union, walked off the ship in protest against the to take any further chances with their own lives.

ONE WITNESS

At the trial Weaver had only witness besides himself testifying in his behalf — the first mate, who was really an accessory to the crime. The mate pictured the captain as an angelic character, and the captain volunteered the explanation: "I had to do it."

> Next Week The Revolution In Bolivia

## Of Labor in U.S.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 8 - The first of five classes on "The Rise of the Modern Labor Movement" began successfully today at the University of Minnesota.

The classes, sponsored by the campus Socialist Club, are being conducted by V. R. Dunne, National Labor Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party and former Minnesota labor organizer.

At the first meeting Dunne explained to twenty interested students how "foreign" ideas inhow the labor movement in-Members of the crew took the fluenced the rise of public educathe IWW.

An enthusiastic discussion lengthened the class to two hours. The remaining classes will be held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in 208 Folwell Hall.

Scabs Beaten Back



Pickets rout strikebreakers who tried to move 200 tons of finished goods from strikebound plant of Whippany Paper Co. in N. J. In all-day battle with scabs, 12 persons were hurt, most of them members of the CIO United Paperworkers.

## **White Discusses** At Toledo Rally

TOLEDO, April 10 - Walter White, secretary of the National by the Toledo branch of the NAACP last Thursday night.

White discussed the problems facing colored people all over the world. His solution for these for "friends." 3. Join the NAACP White warned that Toledo

Negroes would be met with "the same horrors that have happened in Cicero, Florida and Texas,' saying "it will happen here" the housing situation is not improved. The audience applaude when he mentioned political 'action, but made no noticeable FAVOR TIGHT SHUTDOWN response when he lamely ended with the advice: "Vote for your friends."

Nobody responded when White personally made a bid for \$25 Chief among these was the and \$50 memberships in the NAACP. The same thing happened when he called for plain old \$2 memberships.

A number of copies of The Militant distributed outside the meeting were gladly received, none being thrown away and only one person refusing to take it

## WHAT WORKERS THOUGHT **ABOUT STEEL 'SEIZURE'**

By Jack Wilson

YOUNGSTOWN, April 14 -Association for the Advancement steel industry ended an intensive out against this policy. They felt of Colored People, was the chief this stoll sity Potermination in that some demoralization results this steel city. Determination to from the policy of maintenance of speaker at a meeting on the Harry T. Moore bomb-murder held clearly exhibited by the steel workers resented the provision local 600. . ." workers as the strike deadline for maintenance crews in the REUTHER'S 'DEMOCRACY' For a number of months, the

(named for the unions 22 contract ers in the Youngstown District demands) published by a group were very happy. They felt they of large CIO United Steelworkers had scored a victory. They beof America locals, spread the lieved that by using the strike facts about the steel dispute to threat they forced the governthe workers in this area. At the ment to take their side. same time, locals held mass meetings, many passing resolutions SOBER SECOND THOUGHT demanding that, in the event of government seizure, the profits to accept the seizure and initiated Union Facts. of the steel companies be taken court and propaganda actions

every possibility of putting ad- steelworkers, finding themselves out of 1200 workers who backed ditional pressure on the corpora-still without a contract, showed tions to settle with the union. signs of realizing that the seizure \$4300 fund raised at this meeting demand raised by many workers they had anticipated. They saw paper. and local union officials that, another Railroad case, possibly Further moves by the Internawhen the strike took place, the with another long stall. gates of the companies should be shut down tight, with no maintenance crews or personnel of issue to a head. However, the reliable source reported that any kind being permitted into the leadership has to deliver to the Reuther planned to charge Stel-

impanies, as it has several times gle against the corporations.

to keep the plants in shape. But YOUNGSTOWN, April 14 — many local militants and some of the government seizure of the largest steel locals here held 1949 shutdown.

When the government seized newspaper 22 in '52 or Fight the steel industry, the steelwork-

When the corporations refused

against it, this heightened the The steel workers explored ever, after a couple of days, the ed in Ford history, with a turnwas not so great a victory as is being used to finance the new

that the CIO United Auto Work. ers constitution provides that a new election must be held within 60 days after an administratorship is placed over a local union. President Reuther of the auto union intends to deny such an election to Ford Local 600, which was placed under an administratorship on March 15.

The International Executive Board of the UAW bases itself on the pretext that the top officers of the local have not been removed, but only stripped of all power. Since the officers remain formally in office, the Reuther machine says, no such election is

#### ELECTION DEMANDED

Carl Stellato, president of the ocal which is the largest local union in the world, has demanded an election before May 15. He and the other three top officers of the local contend that such an election "is mandatory under the provisions of our Constitution since the officers of Local 600 have for every practical purpose been completely suspended from office in the constitutional sense that they are no longer permitted to function in accordance with the duties outlined for Local Union

Complete control of the union is n the hands of the six-man board of administrators, with the elected officials prohibited from calling meetings, from presiding over them, or even from speaking at them unless permitted by the Administrative Committee.

The four top officers, in a letter to the International, pointed out: We have repeatedly stated . . . that we are absolutely willing to abide by the democratic decision

Reuther has turned the official

Local paper, Ford Facts, into a factional organ which is carrying on a heated campaign against the Stellato leadership, but refuses to allow the opposition, which is the duly elected local leadership, to state its side of the case in the paper. In view of this, the Stellato group has begun issuing its own paper, called Local 600

Since the local officers may not Il local meetings or 1 feeling of the workers that the union hall, they called a caucus seizure was in their favor. How- meeting recently, the best attendthe fight for union democracy. A

tional against the local are ex-The union leadership does not pected. According to the Detroit seem to be anxious to force the Free Press of April 14, "A membership, or its prestige with lato with conduct unbecoming a The policy of the Steelworkers the workers will deteriorate. All union member on the basis of the international office was that the in all, the workers feel their fight with the International. If union should arrive at main- great power, and will not for convicted, Stellato would be disainance agreements with the long be thwarted in their strug- qualified from running for of-

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### Soviet Offer Shakes Trade-Hungry West British and Japanese textiles and by reporting that British unem- Trade Conference on March 6, nut | must break down the barriers of

By Harry Frankel

The Moscow trade conference which concluded last week has made a great impact in the capitalist world because it offers European and Asian businessmen just what they need most at the offers increased trade, and businessmen outside of the U.S., reeling from the effects of the American war drive upon their economies, feel the tug of this offer very strongly.

The first results of the conference upon America's capitalist allies abroad have been almost market for goods that they cannot nation and decline almost 40 years comic. Anti - communist businessmen are scrambling for a piece of the new business. Capitalists and their governments throughout the world who continue to be restrained by American prohibitions on East-West trade look on longingly. The would be worldbribers in Washington are whining: "What's the use of buying allies if they won't stay bought?"

#### THEIR DILEMMA

The Wall Street Journal of April 15 quotes one "harassed" State Department official on the Europe's Idle," Michael L. Hofftrade offer as follows: "It's an man, European economic analyst this dilemma to some degree back even bigger threat to the U.S. for the New York Times wrote than Russia's proposals for a on April 7: ". . . if the Com-German peace. It can do a lot of munists really want to increase tries of Eastern Europe. But, damage. And so far, we don't commercial exchanges with West- since the Washington-inspired sem to be able to think of any- ern Europe as advertised, they war drive got into high gear, the thing to do to counter it."

Russia and boycotted by the U.S., namely unemployment in the called the State Department bluff consumer goods industries of BANKRUPT ECONOMY on the so-called "Iron Curtain." several major European in- A Chicago economist just back At the conference the Soviet bloc dustrial countries." The N. Y. from Europe, Dr. Melchior Palyi, of nations offered to purchase Times for April 10 bore this out speaking to the Chicago World

a drug on the market. They of-fered to sell in return coarse workers jobless. Germany and "It grains, timber, and even struc- Italy, have long suffered from Britain and France are heading years." tural steel (to India) which are severe unemployment. France, for bankruptcy - they are badly needed in Western Europe Holland, Belgium and other na-and Asia. They offered to carry tions are now starting to sink to some 750,000,000 persons are trade could solve the problems of on this trade in the form of barter the same condition. deals, or to accept payment in foreign currency.

tried to picture all of this as some of the Soviet offer limited to worse. businessmen alone. Spreading unemployment in Britain and many parts of Europe makes the trade the more so since they haven't joined Wall Street in its anticommunist atomic crusade and show no signs of intending to

AN IMPORTANT ALLY

Under the headline "Moscow's Talk of Big Trade in Sweet to nal anti-communist "rebuilding" have an important ally that was European countries have been The trade conference, called by not around a few months ago, deprived of even that slim straw.

The present situation which causes European industrialists to The U.S. State Department has either grab for Soviet markets or to look longingly at them is kind of an insidious plot, but talk fundamentally the result of the about "plots" can hardly restrain continued crisis of European businessmen who are offered a capitalism, which went into stagotherwise sell. Nor is the appeal ago and has grown progressively

The European nations, called upon to build a war machine on the basis of a bankrupt economy, offer popular to the workers, all ind their already precarious situation greatly aggravated. They are prohibited from exporting enough to pay for their war machines. both by the general crisis of capitalism and by the U.S. restrictions on trade with the

The Marshall Plan, the origischeme for Europe, recognized in 1947. It provided for an expansion of trade with the coun-

other goods which are at present ployment has reached a five year the European situation as fol- East-West trade and that will

collaboration can be: However the Stalinists, in line with general course of "peaceful co-existence" with capitalism, have of East-West trade. For example, give the people employment in

It is illusory to think that any directly involved, and the crisis capitalism. The capitalist crisis of international trade balances existed and grew worse, not only threatens to spread to more coun- since the restrictions on trade, but prior to these restrictions. It was The Moscow trade conference the breakdown of capitalism that has shown what a powerful brought the Soviet world and the weapon a program of economic New China into being, and which will bring down the rest of the capitalist world.

Nor could East-West trade halt the war drive. But while the exaggerated the possible effects demand for trade cannot halt the war drive, it can weaken the war one delegate at the recent British camp of American imperialism. Communist Party congress, an This is its great significance, and unemployed Welsh steelworker, this is what has been making was cheered when he said: "We Washington fume with rage.

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