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By Della Rossa, Campaign Manager

LOS ANGELES, April 7 - Reaching hundreds of thousands with a clear-cut program against the Korean war and for a Labor Party, and drawing in contacts and recruits, the Socialist Workers Party local here today concluded 3,542 received by Myra Tanner one of its most effective election Weiss for mayor - more than campaigns with the highest vote double her 1949 vote of 1,506 it has yet received in a mayoralty was a conscious vote because, her unambiguous stand to

It is felt here that the vote of withdraw the troops from Korea

Chicago FE-UE **Gains Victory in Bargaining Poll**

CHICAGO - Local 107 of the for the SWP mayoralty candidate. Farm Equipment - United Elec- This is indicated by the excellent Workers Union won a showing made by Robert Morgan, smashing victory over the CIO Mrs. Weiss's running mate and United Automobile Workers in candidate for Board of Education the representation election April Office No. 6, who ran fourth in a 7 at International Harvester Co.'s field of 11 with 12,588 votes. West Pullman Works here. This The weight of the "lesser evil" is the 25th straight time the Mid- theory was particularly heavy in West Organizing Committee of this campaign with official labor UAW-CIO has been defeated in endorsement going to Republican its raiding of FE-UE locals.

Following this latest defeat, year incumbent. The Communist UAW representatives notified the Party lured further support to Labor Board they were withdraw- Bowron from radical and middleing from the election against class elements through its back-FE-UE at the IH Farmall ing of "labor-endorsed" candi-Works. This leaves only the Mc- dates. Cormick plant unsettled.

At West Pullman, of 2,237 SWP VOTE SIGNIFICANT maintenance and production work- This year's vote for Myra Weiss ers, 1,277 cast ballots for FE- is higher than in her 1945 and UE and 573 for UAW. FE also 1949 campaigns even though the won the Millwrights. There will general vote pattern is a reacbe a run-off between IAM and tionary one, with the anti-housing

FE-UE recently led the Har-socialist vote is seen in the vester workers through an 87- distribution of the 479.880 votes day bitter strike. The workers cast for the five candidates and sustained a moral victory as they their backgrounds: retained their union but were Poulson, congressman forced to accept a worse contract The company has been cutting Bowron, incumbent mayor 178,362 wages and speeding up. It is Lloyd Aldrich, hoped that UAW's withdrawal from Farmall means it will unite with FE in the struggle against their common enemy - the company with its union - busting Myra Tanner Weiss,

Detroit moved from eleventh to

sixth place on the national score-

Manager S. Stern reports that

the comrades have decided to ex-

tend their local campaign an ad-

ditional two weeks.

paign.

Socialist Worker Candidates Win Good L.A. Vote Eisenhower Threatens Atomic War If Demands Are Not Met

Straws in the Wind



NEWS ITEM: Letters continue to pour into the White House urging, "Bring our boys home from Korea."

FE for the Tool Room. Fourteen carpenters and 13 plumbers were word by the AFL. Congressman Norris Poulson receiving a 32,885 vote lead over Bowron. The significance of the SHOWS "TABLE" STORY WAS FALSE

A recent chance remark

case, tightening the factual netprosecution used faked and per-Paul Burke, President,

TWIN CITIES, CHICAGO

Socialist Workers Party 3,542

SET PACE IN SUB DRIVE

a Labor Party and a socialist

Workers and Farmers Govern-

through three radio and six tele-

If it were not for the "lesser

vision appearances.

and show the testimony of gov-By Dorothy Johnson, Campaign Manager ernment witnesses to be fake. The fourth week of the Militant Subscription Campaign brought in 72 subs, the best gain being made by the Twin Cities who sold 24 subs and 40 single copies, adding, third consecutive week in the cam- one-year, and brought the Coover had been fitted out for micro- Rosenberg's mother and the Scouts out of the cellar into first film photography. Atomic scient- Rosenbergs' two young children.

1,080 points to their score. The, energetic Twin Cities comrades from Minneapolis this week hold the national lead for the Evie brought in eight of these, all place in the Twin Cities contest. ist Harold C. Urey pointed to the The table, found to be ordinary board this week, and Los Angeles Cities pace - setters with 520 when he said in an appeal to the the records of Macy's, and an afforged ahead with a gain of 632 points. Milt is second with 398 court that it is hardly customary fidavit secured with the aid of points. Los Angeles Campaign (Continued on Page 2)

work which shows how the S21," and was in no way specially (2) equipped for photography.

jured evidence to obtain its "spy" Government prosecutor Irving conviction. Julius and Ethel Saypol ridiculed this, saying that the table was sold during 1944 or largest radio stations in the Bay priate neighborhoods. Sing death house, as a lastminute appeal is being made to chased from Macy's at that date \$20.37. "for less than \$85." The prosecuthe Supreme Court for a review tion did not present the table in of the evidence and a new trial. evidence, and, to the best knowl-The "console table" allegedly edge of the defense, it had been riven to the Rosenbergs "by the junked along with the rest of the Russians" has been located, and Rosenbergs' shabby furniture six the facts about the table sub- months before the trial, when it stantlate all the testimony given was not known that it would be at the trial by Julius Rosenberg used as "evidence."

brought to light the fact that During the trial, David and the table had not been junked, Ruth Greenglass stated that they but, along with a few items of had been "told" by the Rosen-kitchen equipment, had been bergs that a "console table" had stored in a basement until rebeen given to them as a gift in cently, when it was used to furnpayment for spying, and that it ish an apartment for Julius Evie, also heads the list of Twin ludicrous aspects of this testimony in every way, was checked with points, Ray is a close third with for "spies" to be paid off in Macy's legal department which were supposed to be "spying," membership was shouting, "Let "wrist watches and console says the following:

Another piece of evidence has tables." The Rosenbergs testified come to light in the Rosenberg that they had a console table, and style which was handled and but that it was purchased from the form to the form but that it was purchased from sold by Macy's" during 1944 and

(2) The markings on the undercode, and appear to indicate that participate in a round-table dissuch a table could not be pur-subsequent to that time for The failure of the government

to avail itself of the table while it was still in the apartment and thus under its control indicates that the story of a "console table" was not in the original versions of the stories told by David and from speaking before Local 6 of Ruth Greenglass. It appears to the Warehousemen's union. A have been added to their tale young rank-and-filer touched off later, perhaps under pressure to a long debate when he asked why tell in what way the Rosenbergs she wasn't being allowed to speak. were paid off for their alleged The chairman claimed she hadn't "spying." Since neither the Greenglasses nor the government were able to show that the Rosenbergs at this lie, marched up to the possessed any important financial mike and revealed she had apassets, the government witnesses peared before the committee. may have, in casting about in The Stalinist hacks then hit the their minds for some items of mike to prevent her speaking personal property acquired during further. The chairman yelled, "I con't support her and I don't the period when the Rosenbergs think she should speak." But the

Won't Bring Troops Home Despite Any Armistice Reached in Korea

By Art Preis

The Militant last week emphasized that the current truce moves will mean, at best, only a temporary cessation of military operations in Korea. There will be no real peace and American troops will not come home. Eisenhower has no intention of fulfilling his election promises to the American people.

Every new development affirms our warnings, Eisenhower himself, in his April 16 "peace" speech, announced the price he insists upon in the way of concessions from the Soviet Union and the "Communist world" for a firm agreement. They add up to a series of provocative demands nicely calculated to put the greatest obstacles in the way

KIEZEL TOURS UNIONS IN OAKLAND CAMPAIGN

OAKLAND, Calif., April 12 - Mrs. Lillian Kiezel, cession from the Soviet Union Anti-War candidate for mayor sponsored by the Socialist and China, while building up Workers Party, in the past week stepped up her campaign to bring the SWP working-class 3-

group here before the April 21 although the members had just in Southeast Asia and Africa and been forced to listen for an hour preparing for Wall Street's atomic elections.

In the last few days she has supported. addressed two more AFL locals and CIO Steelworkers Local 1304, where she received a fine response Workers Local 1031 which gave form, for full equal FEPC in Oakland.

on "The Peace Jitters" of the

American capitalists. On April 20, Mrs. Kiezel will Area, She has already had one election broadcast over this station when she spoke against the war.

STALINISTS INTERFERE

Stalinist elements tried frantically to prevent Mrs. Kieze! appeared before their legislative committee. Mrs. Kiezel, outraged

seized upon the "console table." her talk!" The hacks succeeded in

program to every labor and civic putting her talk off for an hour, to some "progressive" the hacks

receptions this week in talks be- Lillian Kiezel, the Socialist Anticussion over KROW, one of the distributed door-to-door in appro- and economic systems in the



LILLIAN KIEZEL

war of world conquest. Eisenhower said a Korean truce would be only a "first step" toward peace and would be merely Today Mrs. Kiezel spant several a "fraud" if it were not followed hours speaking at street corners immediately by political talks and prolonged applause. She has in the Negro community in West leading to "free elections" in spoken before nine unions all told Oakland. She explained her pro- Korea and if the "new leaders of so far, including CIO United Auto gram against segregation in any the Soviet Union" did not use form, for full equality and for an their "influence with the Communist world" to "halt the flow A sound truck is touring the of arms" to the national inde-She has also received friendly streets with the slogan, "Vote for pendence fighters in Indo-China,

In the main these demands, with

minor variations, are precisely

those we said were being cooked

up by the Eisenhower administra-

tion. Eisenhower aims to utilize

any truce period as a breathing

spell during which to try to

squeeze every last possible con-

diplomatic and military ad-

vantages, strengthening armies,

beating back colonial uprisings

in Southeast Asia and Africa and

every union meeting in town. Two to withdraw its troops. He also other leaflets, "For an FEPC in called for unification of Germany Oakland," and "Against the under U.S. domination, and "free Housing Loyalty Oath" are being choice" of their own governments Eastern European countries allied with the Soviet Union. The alternative to this, Eisenhower threatened, was atomic war against the Soviet Union. These demands add up to the restoration of capitalist control of all Europe and the establishment of imperialist armed forces within striking distance of the heart of the Soviet Union.

What the outcome of the truce moves will be remains speculative. The real negotiations are going on in secret diplomacy behind locked doors guarded from the view of the world. The speculations of newspaper columnists, the planted "news," the doubletalk public statements of government officials, from Eisenhower on down, are intended to conceal rather than reveal true aims. They are a smokescreen through which it is difficult for anyone to penetrate.

the limitations of a cease-fire in Korea. Newsweek of April 20

reveals: "High U.S. military

authorities privately are warning

emphasizes that, even though a

Korean truce may be reached

far away, with Red negotiators

"SLOW, PIECEMEAL..." We can be certain, however, of

What Kremlin Reversal on MDs Case Reveals Chicago continues to hold second place on the national scoreboard. This week a gain of 543 points increased their lead over ers . . . tried, by means of the Ryumin is denounced as "a con- a General's signature. Other decoration. "The news of award- nationwide campaign they con-New York by 145. Literature Agent Jacki Booth writes, "Al-

though we will in all likelihood others" accused of wrecking, etc." (Our emphasis.) reach our goal of 50 subs in the next few days, we plan to than let up. For April 26, we confirmed, first of all, that anti-widely cited by the Soviet press, physicians was not an isolated Mikhailov, main speaker at the try," said Pravda on Feb. 20. not know about this woman, but quickly, a final settlement is still have planned an all-out sale to "This week our main concentra- denied by American Stalinists, physical and moral torture All-Union campaign which was minent reference to the case. "We post of Minister of State Security, symbol of Soviet patriotism, the some U.S. demands. tion was on single-copy sales of the Daily Worker, Monthly Re- (Beria's April 4 decree; Pravda, then picked up by the entire still have," he declared, "trans- elected Deputy to the Moscow symbol of high vigilance, of days Alice, Marj and Jacki sold Soviet and Cominform press. Now 56 papers at Harvester; Don sold six at a Packinghouse local; and at litters and four conies of children and four conies of the litters and four conies of this kind arms of bourgeois views and deemed important enough to bourgeois morals—living men, hidden enemies of our people. . . Wife of Prof. M. B. Kogan, one of the victims. She turned witness would then provide the pretext would be a provided the pretext would be a pretext would be The Militant. In the past three view, etc., not to mention the April 6): 41 Militants and four copies of cditorial admitted that an foreign agencies seek to minimize Measures of this kind, campaigns case of the group of physician against him. Again, Stalin's own response to this campaign: "From for the Wall Street - Pentagon Fourth International were sold "attempt" was made "to kindle the significance and scope of of such scope cannot be carried wreckers — despicable spies and signature appears indelibly in this Irkutsk to Riga, from Leningrad gang to shout still louder that the

Kenny, Dee and George sold secution. papers door to door Sunday and plan to go back next week in an frameup had indeed been staged. of State Security. Ignatiev, ex- case, from Stalin on down. attempt to turn these single sales The Pravda editorial actually Minister of Security, ex-party There is no lack of evidence to firmed Mikhailov, speaking not reversal. The competitive spirit and entry it once in posing the ticklish guilty of "political blindness and "The news of the exposure of Not only the party and the was done, naturally, to absolve the term "frameup." Pravda did Presidium, etc., is pronounced salient facts.

Kremlin Big Chiefs.

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Not only the party and the was done, naturally, to absolve was done, naturally was done thusiasm of the Twin Cities cam- it once in posing the ticklish guilty of "political blindness and paign is reflected in the fact that question: "How did it happen that gullibility." Singled out as the "doctor-murderers" was released army but the Council of Ministers Stalin's "heirs." But there is one poems in praise of "The glorious

15 eminent Soviet physicians "and tional enmity in Soviet society, our people."

Semitism was employed in the were extorted by "impermissible one. It signalled an All-Union January 1953 Lenin Memorial Ignatiev, today's scapegoat, today the name of Lydia Feodoscase. This had been vociferously methods," that is by means of purge; it was accompanied by an Meeting at Moscow, made pro- was promoted in January to the yevna Timashuk has become the likely to balk long and hard at

responsibility rests on a few knowledge of the highest party selves to slaveholders and can- of a close relative or intimate write, so do Donabs miners, and them. A second admission was that a friend of State Security. Ignatiev, ex
and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry and government bodies. In this friend. One more deadly revelamembers of the former Ministry a used the Russian equivalent of Secretary, ex-Member of Stalin's prove it. Here are a few of the only for himself but for the The award to Timashuk has

espionage and murder contained Next came the equally deadly Co. hope to cover up their naked- and the army took a leading part cursed doctor-murderers has By Feb. 20 Pravda was able accelerate our activities rather many annihilating admissions. It admission that the confessions, ness. But the case of the Soviet in the frameup.

the first four national pacesetters are from Mineapolis and
setters are from Mineapolis and Sherman writes, "Twenty subs namely: "Contemptible adventur- of the Ministry of State Security," This Jan. 13 communication bore awarded the highest Soviet Soviet people. And that is the

Beria's reversal in the case of case they framed, to kindle na- cealed enemy of our state and of Soviet generals were involved as ing to L. F. Timashuk the highest ducted, under Stalin's baton, to and that U.S. troops can be the alleged or intended victims award - the Order of Lenin for convert Timashuk into "a symbol brought home only on a slow, With this fig-leaf Malenkov & of the plotters. Thus the party her aid in exposing the thrice- of Soviet patriotism."

since been "withdrawn." This letters talk of vigilance." School like that the entire world is con-

winged its way through our coun- to boast: "Only recently we did Cominform press. It was even mitters of bourgeois views and Soviet in February, a meteoric irreconcilable, courageous strug-

agronomist in Chita, Moscow Washington up to now has been housewives. Most of all, these so brazenly aggressive and warchildren were inspired to write vinced that the threat of atomic

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Congress: that a state of war will continue in Korea for a long time even if a truce is signed piecemeal basis. . . The Pentagon

stressed, are deliberately designat an NAACP meeting by Jules, national enmity in Soviet society," Beria's reversal. The Kremlin out in the USSR without prior murderers who hid behind the favorite device of breaking down to Simferopol, from Minsk to other side doesn't want peace and Frank and Elaine. Mary Lou, that is, to engage in racial per- liars now pretend that the entire orders, without the approval and mask of physicians and sold them- his victims' resistance by means Klaipeda — Far East sailors that we have to go to war against

"To slam the door" on Kremlin nas." The glorification of Tima- peace offers, writes the April 12

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The Elephant And the Man

almost daily dispatches about the and claws, he might rest assured the unrest of the natives of the natives of the state would investigate the matter with the greatest care by the well-informed Robert M. all more than fifty Contemplants. been dispossessed from their land and report impartially. by British settlers. The natives seek return of their land and freedom from British imperialist rule. We believe the following story by Jomo Kenyatta, one of the native Kenya leaders, recently framed up as a "terrorist" by the British authorities, will be

of interest to our readers. Ed.) Once upon a time an elephant made a friendship with a man.

One day, a heavy thunderstorm broke out, the elephant went to his friend, who had a little hut at the edge of the forest and said to him: "My dear good man, will you please let me put my trunk ing between myself and my inside your hut to keep it out friend here. of this torrential rain?"

The man seeing what situation his friend was in, replied: "My dear good elephant, my hut is very small, but there is room for your trunk and myself. Please put your trunk in gently."

The elephant thanked his friend saying: "You have done me a good deed and one day I will return your kindness."

But what followed? As soon as the elephant put his trunk inside the hut, slowly he pushed his head inside, and finally flung the man out in the rain, and then lay down comfortably inside his friend's hut, saying: "My dear good friend, your skin is harder than mine, and as there is not enough room for both of us, you can afford to remain in the rain while I am protecting my delicate the dispute. skin from the hailstorm.'

had done to him, started to All stood around listening to the heated argument between the

man and his friend the elephant. along roaring and said in a loud voice: "Don't you all know that I am King of the Jungle? How dare anyone disturb the peace of

my Kingdom?" On hearing this the elephant, who was one of the high ministers in their decision. the Jungle Kingdom, replied in a soothing voice, and said: "My Lord, there is no disturbance of the peace in your Kingdom. I verdict, called the man, and have only been having a little declared as follows: discussion with my friend here as to the possession of this little has arisen through a regrettable hut which your lordship sees me misunderstanding due to the

The lion, who wanted to have "peace and tranquillity" in his has fulfilled your interests. As it kingdom, replied in a noble voice, saying "I command my Minister the space should be put to its

said: "You have done well by it necessary to arrange a comestablishing friendship with my promise to suit both parties. people, especially with the sion, and there you will be given are well protected." plenty of opportunity to state your case. I'm sure that you will be pleased with the findings of Oregon Veterans the Commission."

these sweet words from the King of the Jungle, and innocently Oaths for Teachers waited for his opportunity, in his belief that, naturally, the hut would be returned to him.

The elephant, obeying the command of his master, got busy with other ministers to appoint the Commission of Inquiry.
The following elders of the

Jungle were appointed to sit in the Commission: Mr. Rhinoceros, Mr. Buffalo, Mr. Alligator, The Rt. Hon. Mr. Fox to act as Chairman; Mr. Leopard to act as izations." They observed that to the profits economy of even a Secretary to the Commission. On seeing the personnel, the

man protested and asked if it Federal and state officials, should arms production and government was not necessary to include in be sufficient for the teaching this Commission a member from profession. his side. But he was told that it was impossible, since no one from Legion were the Disabled Amer- flow of U.S. money and goods to Broadway hit show, "Wonderful period through capitalism." This his side was well enough educated to understand the intricacy of eign Wars, the Military Order of and Japan might set off a raging block of seats for the benefit of view often expressed by Mao Jungle law.

ing to fear, for the members of interests of races less oaths for teachers,

(At present the press carries adequately endowed with teeth

The Commission sat to take

is no need for me to waste your Western Hemisphere." valuable time in relating a story which I am sure you all know. I have always regarded it as my than his conclusion: duty to protect the interests of have caused the misunderstand- the director of the Guatemalan later tried to distribute the Amer-

"He invited me to save his hut from being blown away by a hurricane. As the hurricane had gained access owing to the un-occupied space in the hut, I considered it necessary, in my friend's own interests, to turn the undeveloped space to a more economic use by sitting in it myself; a duty which any of you would undoubtedly have performed with equal readiness in similar

After hearing the Rt. Hon. Mr. Elephant's conclusive evidence the Commission called Mr. Hyena and other elders of the Jungle who all supported what Mr. Elephant had said.

They than called the man, who began to give his own account of

But the Commission cut him The man, seeing what his friend short, saying: "My good man, please confine yourself to relevant grumble; the animals in the issues. We have already heard nearby forest heard the noise, and the circumstances from various came to see what was the matter, unbiased sources; all we wish you to tell us is whether the undeveloped space in your hut was occupied by any one else In this turmoil the lion came before Mr. Elephant assumed his

> The man began to say: "No, but -." But at this point the Commission declared that they had beard sufficient evidence from both sides and retired to consider

After enjoying a delicious meal at the expense of the Rt. Hon. Mr. Elephant, they reached their

"In our opinion this dispute misunderstanding due to the backwardness of your ideas.
"We consider that Mr. Elephant EISENHOWER WILL NOT backwardness of your ideas.

to appoint a Commission of In- most economic use, and as you quiry to go thoroughly into this yourself have not yet reached the matter and report accordingly." He then turned to the man and enable you to fill it, we consider

"Mr. Elephant shall continue elephant who is one of my his occupation of your hut, but honourable Ministers of State. Do we give you permission to look not grumble any more, your hut for a site where you can build anis not lost to you. Wait until the other hut more suited to your sitting of my Imperial Commis- needs, and we will see that you

The man was very pleased by Condemn Loyalty

The American Civil Liberties Union reported April 13 that Oregon veterans led by the American Legion have condemned loyalty oaths for "negative" teachers.

The veterans also declared that school officials should "bave the opportunity, if it is necessary, to clean their own house without being harrassed by outside organexisting "affirmative" loyalty oaths, such as are required of Will it mean a "let-down" in

Signing the statement with the ican Veterans. Veterans of For- weak and unstable western Europe Town," over the purchase of a Further, that there was noth- Spanish-American War Veterans. turn would swiftly envelop this (said to be The National Guar-

They were joined by the Oregon the Commission were all men of State Grange, state synod of the repute for their impartiality in Presbyterian Church, the League justice, and as they were gentle- of Women Voters, and other men chosen by God to look after groups opposed to special loyalty

The Guatemala Communist Party And Prospects of the Revolution

(Fourth and last of a series)

Hallett, examines the contention all, more than fifty Guatemalans evidence. The Rt. Hon. Mr. "Guatemala is communist" and in the past year and a half.
Elephant was first called. He came arrives at this conclusion: "While "Nineteen deputies in Company with a superior air bound." of the jingoistic journalists that along with a superior air, brush- a closer examination does not, in signed a message of congratulaing his tusks with a sapling this writer's view, support this tions to the President of North which Mrs. Elephant had provid-contention, there is no doubt that Korea for his 'magnificent efforts' ed, and in an authoritative voice, communism has more power and to resist imperialist aggression." influence in Guatemala today than "Gentlemen of the Jungle, there in any other country in the teriological film distributed by the

A January 8 article in the varado Jerez, director of the nation banned it." have traveled to such meetings

> "Nineteen deputies in Congress "The now well - debunked bac-

Communists was not only shown He then goes on to give some in Guatemala but exhibited in facts that are of more interest schools and government buildings on government projectors and by "The former president of Con- government projectionists. On the my friends and this appears to gress, Roberto Alvarado Fuentes; other hand, when one company

Panmunjom Truce Tent

Truce tent at Panmunjom, Korea is back in use again as

party - the McCarthyites and

move which is not plainly directed

From the first day of the U.S.

intervention in Korea, we have

our history is by the pressure

and intervention of the American

people to compel the White House

U.S. troops from Korea im-

There can be no peace in the

Far East or the world as a whole

until we recognize the legitimate

government of China, cease all

aid to the counter-revolutionary

forces of Chiang Kai-shek, end

the blockade on China and with-

and French imperialist invaders

The National Council on Free-

dom from Censorship, an affiliate

dian) "raises the amazing pos-

Loyalty Oaths for

Theater-Goers?

talks take place on exchange of sick and wounded prisoners.

Chinese and North Koreans are also pressing for renewed talks

on entire truce issue; have offered concessions, but U.S. is

N. Y. Times, "would give the the China lobby crew - who are

Communists a propaganda ad- yelling "appeasement" at any

protests in Europe." Moreover, at quick all-out war against China

ing concessions, whatever the not ceased to proclaim that the

lutions and socialist struggles of to the most unpopular war in

To this must be added that and Pentagon to withdraw all

ed its power so firmly that it can draw all support to the British

What continues to be the chief of Malaya and Indo-China.

mediately.

there is "always the chance that and the Soviet Union.

acting reluctant.

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vantage, and would also evoke

Moscow seeks an accomodation"

- that is, may make far-reach-

consequences for colonial revo-

there is in this country, as well

as throughout the world, a

tremendous undercurrent of op-

oosition to the Korean war. There

are repeated reports of letters

flowing into the White House

calling on Eisenhower to "Bring

the boys home." The Republican

administration has not consolidat-

anxiety of the rulers in Wash-

ington and Wall Street is the

possible immediate consequence

temporary cease-fire in Korea.

war spending to the point of

triggering a depression?

country.

gnore this mass sentiment.

BIG OPPOSITION

"GOV'T. CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT LABOR"

Confederacion General de Tra- point of a fight for power. bajadores de Guatemala (CGTG). And the price of this support is LIMITS AND POSSIBILITIES freedom of Communist political ind propaganda activity."

munist party? Information is position of Guatemala itself. very sparse, and not necessarily reliable at all, but from such as to be very insistent that the we have we can assemble the Guatemalan CP maintain its following picture, keeping in mind alliance with the petty-bourgeois are limited and biased:

In the Revolution of 1944, a and leader in the revolution. This group formed the Partido Accion Revolucionaria (PAR) within which Fortuny founded an inner group in Sept. 1947 known as the Democratic Vanguard. In May 1950, this group quit the PAR and announced their intention of founding a Communist Party. It began publishing a weekly paper, called Octubre after the Oct. 1944 Revolution. There were 2.000 people at the founding ceremony for this paper in Guatemala City in July 1951. This group was called the "October Communists" to distinguish them from the socalled Stalinist Communists who existed in a group called the Revolutionary Party of the Guatenalan Workers, with Victor Manuel Gutierrez, a young Stalinist, as its secretary-general.

UNITY AND AGRARIAN REVOLT

According to Sydney Gruson of the N. Y. Times, this division into two parties ended after a trip made by Gutierrez to the Soviet Union, after which the two groups were united into a single party called the Communist Party,

and agricultural workers. It is ernment. reported that they hold predominance, through members and allies, in the long run take its place as in the confederation of agricultural laborers.

The program of this party, as

CP PERSPECTIVE

reported statements made at its recent congress, appears to be North and South America. similar to that of the Chinese Communist Party before it came to power, with a difference. Here is a reported statement from the speech of Fortuny to the Congress of the Guatemalan Workers Party: "We Communists recognize that, due to its special conditions, of the American Civil Liberties the development of Guatemala Union, has stated that the can-Even a slight reduction in the cellation of a performance of the must be accomplished for a is similar to the programmatic the Purple Heart, and the economic crisis abroad, which in an alleged left-wing publication Tse-tung in the years before the Chinese CP came to power. But here is the amendment: Fortuny is reported to have insisted that has to reckon with the most now pass political tests set up by reactionary wing of its own producers." the examples of the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and China 'demonstrated clearly that in our days it is no longer historically inevitable that the people, in order to overcome economic backwardness, must pass through long capitalist periods."

This remark is vague, no doubt purposely so. What is a "long capitalist period" and what is a short one? Under this cloudy formulation, it is possible to conceive that the nine - year period since the revolution of 1944 is all that capitalism can utilize in a progressive fashion, and that a Guatemala still has a period of half a century of capitalist

Institute of Social Security, Allican anti-Communist film 'Red development ahead of it. This fonso Solorzano, and Carlos Al-Menace' the Ministry of Educa-would still be a "short" capitalist period when judged against the centuries of British, French and American capitalism.

False ideas limit and can even "Basically, the parties which cripple a leadership entirely. But give the Arbenz government its the course of the Guatemalan support are very fluid, shifting in revolt may well be determined not their loyalties and torn by intense by some indistinct and false rivalries. They offer no solid base formula, but by the dynamic of for a political foundation. The the struggle itself. It is not exonly cohesive, consistent forces cluded that the Guatemalan CP, are the labor movement and the through the logic of events which Communist Party - which for it has helped to initiate but over the present are one and the same. which it can have no final con-Therefore, reduced to simplest trol, can be separated from its terms, the government cannot present petty-bourgeois nationalexist for long without labor, which ist allies and enlarge its indeis united under the aegis of the pendent sphere of struggle to the

What is the Guatemalan Com- and the small weight and isolated

that the sources of information and bourgeois forces, all the more so since these nationalist forces, which exist not only in Guatemala but throughout Latin America, prizes! the leadership of Jose Manuel are at present anti-U.S. imperialism to a limited degree. The new ones brought in by Min-Fortuny, a member of Congress Kremlin, however, might have neapolis subgetters Evie, Ray, great difficulty in enforcing this Alice, Bob and Helen from fellow course upon the Guatemalan CP, workers and new friends, who beas it had in Yugoslavia, China, came interested in socialism stances such as a break with the last fall. Ray received the followmight be forced to fight.

Kremlin is overshadowed by an- attentive audience with respect sent in the past few weeks; and to other: the isolated position of and friendliness for socialist J. G. B., of Moon Lake, Canada, Guatemala. A CP-led revolt in a ideas and positive approval of for \$3; B. R. of New York, for \$1; single tiny country, under the the paper. very guns of the Pentagon in the western hemisphere, would cer- points is accounted for by the P.S. of Calif., for \$1. tainly be extremely audacious, and the height of this audacity would be enough to limit any party, let alone a Stalinist party with its past traditions and with the Kremlin barrier. But the logic of the struggle and the swell of the mass movement, the blows of reaction and the impossibility of bourgeois forces which may tonorrow attack the workers and preceded by "a general switchingthe workers' leadership - these off of anti-Semitic propaganda" things, if they develop, may force throughout the satellite counstruggles of an unforseen kind. April 5 Observateur. "In Budaing a "long capitalist period" Jewish community, raided and The agrarian reform movement Communist parties leading mass of the Budapest Jewish community party an oppor-movements in colonial countries.

It is the duty of all socialists ed only two days before Stalin's forces (estimates place the mem- in this hemisphere to aid the pro- death, was set free. Authorities bership at no more than 1,200) gress of the Guatemalan revo- in all satellite countries went out with peasant fighters. Since the lution in two chief ways: (1) By of their way in publicizing the law, itself written under left-wing influence, provides for against imperialism and native production of matzos for Passover ing for division of estates, the progressive moves and demands. shortage." Guatemalan Workers Party forces (2) By following Guatemalan have moved into the rural regions, events, criticizing errors, timidiinto the local and provincial ties, false conceptions and false peasant committees, where they moves of the present leadership speak and act as the foremost of the masses, and by prodding proponents of the land division, and encouraging that leadership, encourage land seizure by direct in every suitable way, to adopt action where the government is a consciously revolutionary outslow, and undoubtedly recruit to look and set as its goal the fight their forces among the peasants for a workers and peasants gov-

The Guatemalan revolution will one sector of a continent - wide in China under Mao Tse - tung. rounded by barbed wire. upheaval, and the Guatemalan Foreign correspondent Joseph revolutionary peasant and work- Starobin writes from Peking that er forces will play an important "it's one of the interesting and role in the American hemisphere's very important aspects of the ag army officers distributed seen from both its action and from struggle for the complete end of People's China that tens of thoucolonialism and for a socialist

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Its chief handicaps in this respect are twofold: the Kremin and the small weight and isolated position of Guatemala itself. The Kremlin will probably prove SET PACE IN SUB DRIVE

(Continued from page 1) 394, and Paul is also in the '300' bracket with 346. Lots of competition for the three pace-setter

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capitalists are able to "flourish"

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eight highly placed members of his party April 10 for "rumor mongering." This purge is believed to be a reflection of the Argentine workers' growing restpeasant initiative in petition- andlordism in every one of its in spite of the current flour desired the impact of inflationary prices.

IN KENYA British political leaders have demanded that Gov. Sir Evelyn Baring institute "public hangings of Mau-Mau murderers" as an answer to the widening guerrilla activity of the nativé people seeking freedom from British oppression. They THE AMERICAN STALINIST also demand "a resettlement newspaper The Daily Worker policy on Malayan lines," that is, seems anxious to prove that conversion of towns and villages into concentration camps sur-

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Fascist Menace and How to Fight It

Joseph and Stewart Alsop, in their April 15 syndicated column, make a very significant appraisal of Sen. Joseph McCarthy. They say:

(1) That he is aiming at "the Presidency and nothing less."

(2) McCarthy is not counting on the Republican Party to carry him there, but on the emergence of a new force in American politics.

(3) McCarthy has demonstrated his ability to weld together "the whole assortment of small, proto-Fascist extremist groups." At the same time he has "an appeal, never demonstrated by the Gerald L. K. Smith type of professional demagogue, to certain solid conservative elements. Mc-Carthy has plenty of financial backing."

(4) McCarthy can't be silenced, and his "opportunities to stay in the news are un-

(5) The idea that McCarthy can reach the White House must be taken seriously, especially in case of "a serious depression or a war," which would "give McCarthy a real opportunity for national power."

In short, the Alsops conclude that "it can happen here," with McCarthy as the fascist

One aspect of this matter that the Alsops don't consider is the power of the organized labor movement, McCarthy's natural foe and the only sector of the population which has the power to stop a business-backed fascist drive in a period of social crisis.

Labor's Daily, the recently-inaugurated daily newspaper sponsored by the International Typographical Union, printed a hardhitting anti-McCarthy editorial on April 7. It said: "Senator Joseph McCarthy is a demagogue such as has not appeared on the American scene in many decades. He is a threat to the orderly functions of the executive and legislative departments of Bolsheviks, have received remark- Soviet doctors, who last January the government. Congress knows that. The able direct confirmation from two "confessed" to being "foreign President knows it.

"When are they going to do something NKVD official, Alexander Orlov. about this mad, power-hungry, characterassassinating rascal before his calculating, domineering influence affects every man, woman and child in America?

Labor's Daily concludes rather weakly: "He should be impeached. The sooner the better." The fact is that there is no mood to either impeach or even limit in any way the activities of McCarthy in the present Congress, either "sooner" or later.

The labor movement can learn something from McCarthy. As a power-grasping fascist demagogue, he cares nothing for the Republican Party. His own party retreats steadily before him. What the labor movement needs is to build its own independent force that can stop McCarthy or anything like him without worrying about the Democratic politicians to which it has heretofore been tied. Labor, a Labor Party, labor Congressmen, are the only forces that won't capitulate to McCarthyism and that can really "impeach" him.

"King" Ryan The Case of Joseph

President Joseph "King" Ryan of the AFL International Longshoremen's Association has outlived his usefulness to the waterfront employers, city officials, bigtime racketeers and Tammany politicians. They have decided to throw him to the wolves. He has been indicted on grand larceny charges arising out of his personal appropriation of union monies, including sums turned over to him by employers as an "anti-communist" fund to put down union militants.

Few union members who have been milked and pushed around by Ryan's mobsters, who have suffered low earnings and rotten conditions due to Ryan's repeated sell-outs will shed tears over the plight of this strikebreaking tool of the shipping bosses.

But it would be a big mistake to think that this move against Ryan, initiated and engineered by the very anti-labor elements whom Ryan has served so long and so faithfully, is designed in any way to help the union and its members.

This is an attempt to provide a scapegoat for the evil conditions on the New York waterfront which are a product of the unholy alliance of the employers, gangsters, city officials, police and capitalist political machines. Ryan has been selected for the sacrifice because he cannot any longer keep the longshore workers' hands tied while their throats are being cut.

For the last six years there has been mass resistance to Ryan and his sell-outs. There have been repeated so-called "wildcat" strikes by the rank and file to reject Ryan's contracts. The men have been seething with revolt but they have not yet found the right leadership to wage a winning fight.

Ryan was good for the bosses, and they didn't mind his getting his "little take," so long as he was still able to serve them efficiently in keeping the workers down, preventing strikes, weeding out "radicals," blocking wage increases and boosting profits. But Ryan is too discredited to fulfill that function any longer.

The bosses therefore want to dump him and in a way in which it will appear that they are the ones seeking to "clean up" the waterfront and protect the workers. They want to forestall the selection of a militant union leadership by the members. They hope to replace the no-longer-useful Ryan by another Ryan-type leader who will play Ryan's role more effectively.

The longshoremen will gain little or nothing by Ryan's removal if the fundamental situation of employer-politiciangangster-police-union leader alliance continues. The job is for the members to take to Eastern Europe, Mao's worldover the union, elect their own leadership shaking victory in China and from their own ranks and wage a showdown struggle against all the yultures, imperialism. outside and inside the union, who have been preying on them.

Ryan's old pals and fellow-scoundrels, who have now turned on him in pretended without parallel in sociology. Its indignation at his crimes, are getting ready to give an even worse deal to waterfront with living politics. "The scientific labor. The only ones who really want to task, as well as the political," and can clean up the waterfront and the explained Trotsky, "is not to give union are the workers. Let them do a thorough job of it.

Pep Talk for Coupon-Clippers

The majority of those who follow The Wall Street Journal are about as hardboiled in their outlook as you'll find in this country - stock speculators, coupon clippers, industrial tycoons and high financiers. You'd think they didn't need inspirational topics sandwiched in among the stock market and profit reports to keep up their morale. Yet that seems to be the

For instance, in the April 15 issue a typical item by William Henry Chamberlin aims at lifting the spirits of any profiteer who is a bit down at the mouth at the state of the capitalist system today and its prospects for survival. Chamberlin strikes the optimistic note in his opening sentence: "As an economic system capitalism is not a hot-house plant but a hardy perennial."

Main "proof" is that where capitalism has been ended, as in the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, there is still inequality and many capitalist practices such as payment in wages. What progress has been made is "largely due to reversion to the methods of early capitalism." It is true that there has been a lot of backsliding in Yugoslavia, and in the Soviet Union degeneration to such a degree that the Kremlin's political methods resemble the fascist practices capitalism gave us in Italy and Germany. But the successes in the economic sphere, particularly in the Soviet Union, are wholly due to the enormous potentials

and swift tempo made possible under overall planning - even under Stalinist mis- (The Revolution Betrayed, page rule.

This is the factor that brought the Soviet Union from the position of weakest power in Europe at the end of World War I to that of the foremost, while the capitalist countries fell into decay and stagnation worker) is determined by the — even such mighty imperialist powers as Great Britain and France:

American capitalism, it is true, appears at its very strongest today. Yet this is only the appearance. The mere possibility of a truce in Korea was sufficient to shake up the stock market, causing the loss of billions of dollars to speculators, many of them no doubt readers of The Wall Street

The threat of a depression if armament spending were to be cut back hangs like plied it by the independent a pall over the offices of the billionaires This role serves not only to fix and their parasitic circles. And if a depres- the goal of production - extracsion like that of the Thirties should sweep the country, would America remain capitalist very long?

Chamberlin ends his "cheer-up-it's-notso-bad" piece by asserting that if capitalism "did not exist it would probably have to be invented." The truth is that capitalism as a world system does not have much continue to exist. It lacks the longer to exist. That's why The Wall "normal means" for perpetuating otherwise the bureaucracy's "inde-Street Journal has to include soothing its rule. Unlike previously existsyrup in its fare for coupon clippers who ing privileged minorities, from state machinery is threatened demand more. To paraphrase a can't help worrying about what the future the feudal monopolists down to his powers? To his son? To poet, increase of appetite grows holds in store for their way of life.

Insider Bares Facts on Stalin Purge Trials

findings of the Dewey Commission and whitewash the Moscow trials. of Inquiry, which first unraveled and exposed the Kremlin's frameseparate inside sources, the Krem-

On May 19, 1937, the noted and circles on the fringes of staged Moscow trials.

On May 19, 1937, the noted Stalinism, but boasting of "in- Alexander Orlov, an escaped dependence" from the Stalinists, NKVD (originally GPU) general, it, presupposes consequently that threatened to torture his son into nary report for the Commission is once again trying to represent in a series of articles in Life the GPU itself. . . was financing march and nothing will stop it." mere "stupidities, mistakes and everyone involved, from Stalin on Now, nearly 16 years later, the excesses" and even try to justify down, and the exact means used

ups and murders of the old the Kremlin's admission that 15 former revolutionary comrades of working them over until 50 would liquidation of the left oppositionlin itself and a former top deceased Soviet leaders, had been framed up and their "confessions' This new authoritative testi- extorted by physical and psymony comes at an appropriate chological torture. This threw time. A certain tendency now direct light on the way "con

spies" and "assassins" of several

of Inquiry into the charges made the Soviet bureaucracy as an his- magazine beginning on April 6, Nicolaiev and was attempting to against Leon Trotsky in the torically progressive force. The goes further. He gives us the first link him with Trotsky." (Original Moscow trials, concluded with the Huberman and Paul Sweezy, for the actual trials were organized Monthly Review editors Leo extensive inside details of how emphasis.) famous statement of Zola in the example, dismiss the Kremlin's and staged. He tells the precise Dreyfuss case: "Truth is on the counter-revolutionary crimes as roles played in the frame-ups by

> in the cases of key defendants The Militant last week discussed like Zinoviev, Kamenev, Radek at some length the significance of and Piatakov to make these Lenin and Trotsky "confess" to break and confess to conspiracy the most abominable and fantastic to assassinate Stalin and overcrimes against the Soviet Union.

KIROV ASSASSINATION

First of all, Orlov relates the facts about the assassination of S. M. Kirov, the head of the 1934, by an unknown young Communist, Leonid Nikolayev. This assassination served as the pretext for the gigantic purge that followed for the next three years and was the basis of the original charges against Zinoviev, Kamenev and hundreds of others

Orlov discloses, with a wealth assassination. It was designed to peatedly in his service, especially deal blows in two directions. in fabricating slanders against Stalin, although pretending to Trotsky, whom Orlov correctly lament the death of Kirov, feared describes as the chief target of him because of his popularity the Leningrad workers. Kirov had insisted on increasing the food rations of the workers in opposition to Stalin. Hence, Stalin determined to destroy and Radek had been denounced Kirov. At the same time, he by him as capitulators and agents planned to use Kirov's death as a of Stalin as far back as 1928 and pretext to attack the left opposi- 1929. tion generally and particularly followers of Leon Trotsky, Red Army founder who had been

Back in Feb. 1935, only two months after the Kirov assassination, Trotsky analyzed all the statements issued by Stalin and his agents on the Kirov assassina- heat turned on until he lay tion and came to the conclusion writhing on the floor in agony, that it could not have happened gasping for air. without the aid of the GPU itself. He then stated in his pamphlet, these sad victims of Stalinism The Kirov Assassination, that "the was their love for their children

unfailingly flows from the indict- their old comrades. Thus,

STALIN'S PLAN

Stalin's original plan for the first of the Moscow show trials, according to Orlov, called for the selection of 300 of the best-known members or former members of the Trotskyist left opposition and throw the Soviet Union. However, the GPU experts, despite all their exertions, could produce only 16 for trial, of whom five were NKVD plants.

These five plants, minutely Leningrad Region of the Russian described by Orlov, were originally Communist Party, in December spotted by Trotsky back in 1936. He produced, for instance, letters seeking to become his secretary.

For the most part, Orlov explains, Stalin's GPU was able to who perished on Stalin's orders. extract confessions only from those who had a record of repeatdetail, that Stalin himself and ed capitulations to Stalin and who he NKVD organized Kirov's had demeaned themselves re the trials and "confessions."

Trotsky himself, at the time of the trials, produced voluminous documentary evidence to show that men like Zinoviev, Kamenev

Yet even these broken men, abject tools of Stalin, did not confess except under the most prolonged and horrible physical and mental torture. Orlov describes how the sick Zinoviev was confined in a tiny closed cell in the summer with the full steam

But the final pressure put on

glowing

NO SECOND STALIN

imperative.

more untenable, the need for

social masquerade more and more

Pablo is correct in predicting

that there neither can be nor will

be "a second Stalin." Not that

the totalitarian bureaucrats will

not try. They must. They must

crawl out of their skin to try to

"The disappearance of Stalin,

are confident, will bear out this

On top of all the previously

accumulated and aggravated con-

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oses imperiously the need of

Stalin II; but to manufacture

such a "world-leader" is no longer

cheats must henceforth play out

the game minus their ace of

trumps.

And Zinoviev agreed to carry out Stalin's demand for a public 'confession" only when Stalin personally promised him that the lives of the thousands of oppositionists held by the GPU would be spared if Zinoviev gave Stalin what he wanted. Orlov

reports that after Zinoviev

carried through his sordid side of

the deal, Stalin ordered the

ists in batches of 5,000. GPU TECHNIQUE

In his testimony before the Dewey Commission, Trotsky explained the major elements of the echniques for extracting confessions and getting them repeated "publicly" before Stalin's completely controlled tribunals. He pointed out that refusal to conhe had received from friends in fess meant death "at one hundred 1930 describing as a GPU agent percent" while a confession meant one of these plants, Valentine death at only "ninety-nine per Olberg, who had come to Trotsky cent." This one per cent chance, which appeared to have paid off in the case of Radek, who got only a prison sentence, was worth the gamble to some of the defendants. But this was not the important consideration for most. Protsky explained to the Commission:

> "They (the GPU inquisitors) have time. The defendants remain in prison one month, five months. ten months. They have different ways. They arrest the son and they arrest the wife. Permit me to give you a personal example. Our son [Sergei] is now arrested [in Russia] on the accusation you know my son's accusation [mass poisoning of workers]. If we were in Russia, the mother would be arrested, I would be arrested. They press her with the hought, 'If you will save your son you must confess your husband to be such and such a criminal.'. . They address the son and they say, 'If you want to see your mother free, you must confess that and that.' I believe t is very probable the son would confess. Then they come with the confession of the mother to me and ask me, 'What will you do?' The situation is very difficult. . . Piatakov's wife was arrested eight months before he was. He declared in his last words, 'I lost all, my family and all.'"

COURT FORCE

The Daily Worker, newspaper of the American Communist Party, now tries to make it appear that the forced confessions of the 15 Soviet doctors. Far from having been dulled by lacks the basic social support for The fact is that Stalin's "owner- regime to make good on its have no relation to the confessions Far from having been dulied by maintaining the "unity of op-ship" is buried with him. Suc-promises will stir new discontent, of the Moscow trials defendants the passage of time since frotsky wrote, the central contradicposites" in society under its rule. cessors are as numerous as they impel new layers into opposition. because the latter's "confessions' because the latter's "confessions' promises and court." bitter reality will tend to make

Trotsky explained that "ritual of jurisprudence has an importance which is close zero," that the trials were held before military tribunals, that every person in the courtroom from the prosecutor to the "representatives of the press" were hand-picked political opponents of the defendants, that the possibility for effectively repudiating an alleged "confession" did not exist and, at any rate, could not help the victim, who would be rushed off to death forthwith, knowing his family would likewise be murdered.

Orlov confirms this to the letter He reveals that Stalin himself selected the small hall for the first Moscow trial. Specially coached GPU officials and employes were the only "public" in the court. They were given credentials and carefully screened. Other special groups of NKVD officers were seated among the "public." They were ready to spring up and drown out the words of any defendant with loud shouts in the event he proved rebellious and departed from the GPU script. In short, not the least fraudulent part of these "confession" trials is the claim they were held in "open court."

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sharpened in the extreme at both its poles, particularly by Soviet industrial growth, by the expansion of the Kremlin's dominion generally by the new relationship of world forces, unfavorable to

This central contradiction of Soviet life, irrefutably established by Leon Trotsky, happens to be evolution, along with the study of it, merges directly at every stage finished definition to an unfinished process, but to follow all its stages, separate its progressive from its reactionary tendencies, expose their mutual relations, foresee possible variants of development, and find in this foresight a basis for action.".

The polarization of Soviet society differs profoundly from the polarization in exploitative (class) societies. Thus the polarization of capitalism (private owner - wage independent role the private owner (the capitalist class) plays in the process of production. The coercion of the state enters, of as an indispensable in re-establishing the equilibrium of capitalism each time this equilibrium is disrupted by crisis, economic, political, social.

But the lever of the capitalist state would remain suspended in mid-air without the fulcrum supeconomic role of the capitalists. tion of surplus-value - but also serves as the basic support for re-establishing the equilibrium of apitalist society.

The Soviet bureaucracy, in con trast, plays no independent role in Soviet economic life; it cannot play an independent role so long

dustry - the Soviet bureaucracy | triumvirate? To a directorate? | Each failure of the Malenkov

Barred from the historically ecessary social support for its regime, the bureaucracy is compelled to resort to artificial suports. In particular it seeks to attain the maximum of independence in running the state maof the means of production is vested.

It is in the exploitation of the state that Stalinism has been able to record its greatest successes to date. How? By expropriating politically the Soviet workers and generally the mass of the Soviet people. These political expropriators aim to play the same role economic expropriators. In vain. Precisely because the successive economic expropriators played each ruling class in its own way, an independent role in the productive process, they were able to validate legally their special types of property and pass them to the Soviet bureaucracy.

Trotsky underscored that this bureaucracy "is recruited, supplemented and renewed in the manner of an administrative hierarchy, independently of any special property relations of its own. The individual bureaucrat rights in the exploitation of the state apparatus. The bureaucracy enjoys its privileges under the that as a special social group it does not even exist. Its appropriation of a vast share of the national income has the character it "more lenient." of social parasitism. All this makes the position of the com- physicians, only yesterday demanding Soviet stratum in the nounced throughout the length highest degree contradictory, and breadth of the USSR, and equivocal and undignified, not- the world over, as "doctorwithstanding the completeness of murderers," "Zionist spies," "U.S. its power and the smoke screen of intelligence agents," flattery that conceals it." Today demonstratively set free. (For a these are the timeliest of words.

WHO WAS STALIN'S HEIR? If the Soviet state "belonged" to any one, it was surely to price reductions on tarian rule demands a Stalin, pendent role" in operating the

are dubious. Meanwhile, where Every glaring discrepancy be-Stalin used to be there is now a vacuum.

is Mao Tec-tung. There the position of Stalin's "heirs" enters into the post-Stalin dilemma of the Soviet bureaucracy in at least one significant respect. It is this, that whoever rules in Moscow must reach an chinery, in which the ownership understanding with, and retain the backing of, whoever rules in Peking, a situation Stalin never had to contend with in his rise to

PAINFUL MASQUERADE

manufacture, with all the powers Even before Stalin died, the of their colossal apparatus, "another Stalin." But they command bureaucracy's need for social masquerade, for pretense that it neither the time nor the historical does not even exist, that it is circumstances for such a repeat in history as that played by "selfless," etc., had become ex- performance. tremely painful. More and more emphasis was being placed on the the Bonaparte, is a subjective lie that the Russian party "has factor that will accentuate the no interests other than the incrisis and decline of the bureauterests of the people," that it cracy. There will be no second "regards selfless service to the Stalin — that is a primary conhomeland, to the people as its clusion. Stalin was unique, besupreme goal" (Mikhailov at the cause the historical conditions o their heirs. This road is barred January 1953 Lenin Memorial which formed his personality and meeting in Moscow.) From Malennis role were unique." (M. Pablo, kov on down, this is being shouted "After Stalin - What?" The today at the top of the lungs. Militant, March 16.) Events, we

Stalin's sudden death has aggravated this need for social prediction. masquerade. Beria is forced to "guarantee" publicly that civil liberties of Soviet citizens will cannot transmit to his heirs his be protected. A special amnesty today finds itself unexpectedly for prisoners, excluding those imprisoned for "counter - revolutionary crimes," i.e., for imputed form of an abuse of power. It or real political opposition, is conceals its income, it pretends proclaimed. The Soviet Department of Justice is instructed in within its powers. With the jig time (within 30 days!) to biggest cheat on record departed revise the criminal code, making from the scene, the Kremlin A batch of top-flight Kremlin

more detailed treatment of Beria's purge of the purgers, see The Militant April 13.) Concessions in the shape of

as these new social institutions Stalin. The mechanics of totali- goods are doled out, accompanied by pledges to secure peace and prosperity. These are only temporary alleviating measures. The the modern monopolists of in-Malenkov? To a duumvirate or a by what it feeds on.

Occasions like the present drive stimulate us to make the extra effort, to spend a few hours evenings after work, or on Sundays, visiting people. The results are very rewarding - not always in dollars and cents paid for subscriptions, but in other ways.

Today, for example, a few of us visited fourteen homes in a colored neighborhood in a large industrial city. We talked with readers of the paper whose subscriptions have expired to find out what they think of The Militant and whether they wish to renew their subscriptions.

Mr. B. particularly likes the fact that The Militant is "interracial," and that it reports on news and issues that other papers ignore. His wife is a little worried about whether they'll get in trouble for reading a radical paper, but Mr. B. says, "You have to fight to get anything!" He

Miss K. did not re-subscribe. "I'm working on two jobs now in order to make out," she told us. "I work sixteen hours a day and when I come home I just fall into bed. I don't have the time to read anything. Come back in about six months. If things are any different for me then, I'll be glad to renew my subscription."

Several others did not renew for the simple reason that despite all the boom and rums or meetings. He doesn't want to lose touch with us because he hopes to work his way out of debt in a few months and renew his subscription. "The paper is very N.Y. Mothers interesting," he assures us.

Mrs. W. said she had not renewed by rail this year as she usually does because mail this year as she usually does because when her son came home from Korea he cautioned her that the authorities might To Day Care consider the paper communist, and she would get in "trouble." It seems when he landed on the West Coast, he and his buddies were warned not to have anything to do with radical groups or organizations. Ethical Culture School tonight to But Mrs. W. is a fighter. "It looks like hear a report on their fight to they're trying to tell us what we can read! maintain the city's day-care Maybe they'll be able to do that after a centers, which accommodate the while, but they can't change what we have up here!" she said, tapping her forehead. She renewed.

That's the sort of thing that is so rewarding. Visit Negro readers of The Militant, and you find the most exploited section of the working class, the "last to be hired and first to be fired." But, together with their struggle for equal opportunities the sole support of their families. to live and work, you see them fighting for an equal opportunity to read and think. These are the people we'll continue to talk to in this column.

An Oily "Refutation"

Notes from the News

According to an article in the financial section of the April 13 N. Y. Herald Tribune, a highly conservative Republican newspaper, "Karl Marx . . . did not realize that even in his day . . . an industry was born in the United States . . . that was to make hasenpfeffer of his pet theories." This was the American oil industry.

The "pet" theory considered by the writer, C. Norman Stabler, is that competition is fought out by "cheapening" commodities. This Stabler interprets to mean either "deterioriation" or lowering of price. Oil and gasoline have not deteriorated. Indeed, they have been improved in quality. Therefore, Marx's theory is "kaput." The battle of oil competition was fought out, you see, by improving the quality of the

But not quite fought out, for Stabler uses a good many inches to try to prove that the oil industry is still highly competitive — 177,923 service stations "classified as separate businesses," etc.

As for price, Stabler is equivocal. First prices went down, then they went up: but by and large there was no increase in price despite the improvement in quality. "Could it be that the printer for Karl Marx made a typographical error?" And the text should read "cheapening in the price, not the quality"?

The "dogma" that competition forces down prices was not thought up by Marx. Every peddler has known this since the first Stablers opened their packs in the public market. Even service stations have their "gas" wars. Any industrialist who can cut down on labor and at the same time increase the quantity of commodities by introducing machines, etc., gains the advantage.

The charge that Marx believed competition was fought out by "deterioration" of commodities is pure fraud. "Whoever sells commodities of the same quality most cheaply, is sure to drive the other sellers

TRUCE PROSPECTS in Korea have already

resulted in cancellation of orders for machine

tools by corporations holding war contracts, ac-

cording to Labor News Service. At its convention

in New York the National Machine Tool Builders

Assn. expressed worry over the situation and

urged its members to "sell harder" and "cut

production costs." About 107,000 workers now

employed in this industry thus face the prospect

of an attack on their wages and working condi-

SCANDAL over the handling of loans by the

Reconstruction Finance Corp. a bare three months

after Eisenhower took the oath of office is al-

ready making headlines in The Wall Street

Journal. One of Eisenhower's backers, the paper

is forced to admit that evidence from "secret

files of the agency" reveals some curious "lending

habits." A N. Y. manufacturer of pearl buttons

and costume jewelry, for instance, got \$200,000

although it could not meet the terms of RFC

Jending rules. A South Carolina chick hatchery

in similar bad shape got \$12,500 and a Texas

machine shop rang up \$800,000 on the public till.

STRIKES have taken a sharp upward spurt,

according to federal mediators. The daily rate

was running between four and 12 until the second

week of April when it shot up to 20 to 30 a day.

GUARANTEED ANNUAL WAGE demands

constitute "management's new problem," in the

opinion of the April 11 Business Week. "In

auto, steel, aircraft, and rubber, management

is already worrying about the seriousness" of

the pressure for this concession. "Cost - and principle - have been employers' chief objections from the field and to secure the greatest officials and phone calls had market for himself," Marx wrote in 1849. caused the Mayor to restore day (Wage-Labor and Capital.)

And what is the end result of driving who is now taken care of under other sellers from the field? Monopoly. the program will be put out, and This is one of Marx's theories too. And the oil industry happens to be one of the prime told the meeting. confirmations.

In August 1952 Sen. Thomas Hennings of Missouri charged that seven companies "own and control lock, stock and barrel practically the entire world oil industry outside the United States, and six of these same companies . . . dominate the oil in- turns down the Transit Authority. dustry within the United States."

These companies hold as much as 70% of the world's oil reserves and own more than 50% of the world's tanker fleet.

In fact this monopoly is so flagrant that the U.S. government filed criminal charges against the international oil cartel for brushed aside by the chairman. In violation of the anti-trust laws.

Now we come to another basic theory protect day care was marked by advanced by Karl Marx. In The Communist who wanted to limit the campaign Manifesto, published in 1848, Marx said, to writing letters, sending tele-"The executive of the modern state is but grams, and getting resolutions a committee for managing the common affairs of the whole bourgeoisie."

Three days before Stabler's article was published, the Eisenhower administration | tant action. decided to drop the government's criminal charges against the oil monopoly and reduce its case to a mere "civil" suit, thus helping the oil trust to avoid long-overdue from each nursery, was compelled criminal prosecution. Whose government is to broaden parents' representa-

it? Was Marx right or not? Finally it should be pointed out that the very printing of this attack confirms another doctrine of Marxism - that the capitalist press cannot be depended upon to tell the truth.

I will grant only one point to Stabler. One lubricant has not deteriorated in either quality or price. That's the grease provided to prostitute journalists by the oil monopoly's publicity department. The slippery condition of the palms of some writers in the capitalist press is proof enough of that.

Hundreds of city employes have appeared at

City Hall in opposition to Impellitteri's program

of unloading the city's financial crisis on the

backs of city employes, and many union spokes-

THE WORLD'S LARGEST department store,

employes in New York after a one-day picket

line put the squeeze on the giant outfit. The

City Council in the current election have dif-

minimum wage and other benefits.

men have announced support for their fight.

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"prosperity" the nation is experiencing, they are unemployed or so underpaid that they are deep in debt. One young man they are deep in debt.

By Miriam Carter

NEW YORK, April 7 - Almost 2,000 working mothers and fathers packed the auditorium of the children of working mothers. The Child Day Care program, which provides nursery care for 5,700 children in 107 nurseries, was threatened with extinction by Mayor Impellitteri, who had planned to cut out the entire daycare appropriation of \$3,775,000.

Two-thirds of the mothers who have children in the nurseries are Over 50% would be forced to go on relief if the program was dis-

The mothers, fathers and riends at the meeting sponsored by the Day Care Council and cochaired by Stanley Isaacs, former Borough President of Manhattan, and Mrs. Randolph Guggenheimer, of the wealthy copper family were assured that the letterwriting campaign, visits to city care to his proposed budget with only "minor economies." No child no nurseries will be closed down, Welfare Commissioner McCarthy

Many parents were concerned about steps to insure the safety of the day-care program during his interim period while the budget is being discussed. Parents asked what would happen to the day-care appropriation if the city The Transit Authority is Governor Dewey's answer to the city's \$173 million budget deficit. It is empowered to help balance the city budget by raising the subway fares to 15 or 20 cents from the present 10 cents.

All discussion was brusquely fact, the whole campaign to sympathetic organizations. and those, mostly among the parents themselves, who wanted to back these steps up with mili-

In the course of the two weeks that this campaign was being waged, the Day Care Council, composed of two representatives ion. Five hundred mothers of the Winifred Wheeler Day Nursery in midtown Manhattan announced

Mayor's residence. A new associa-

The future of the Day Care Program is by no means settled. It hangs in the balance, as do all the other budget appropriations dealing with expansion of schools, hospitals, the 40-hour week for subway employees, playgrounds, deficit on the working class

to annual wages and account for the widespread and tenacious resistance to this now-standard Witch-Hunters Close U.S. to Chaplin

NEW YORK CITY employees are putting real Charles Chaplin, one of the heat on City Hall, countering Mayor Impellitteri's world's greatest artists and beproposals for cut-backs and mass lay-offs by globe, has been driven by the Dedemands for wage increases and broad benefits. partment of Justice witch-hunters The city firemen, incensed over repeated runarounds, threw a mass picket line of some 2,500 o accept exclusion from men in uniform around the mayor's office. They United States. want a pay rise of \$700 a year and want it now.

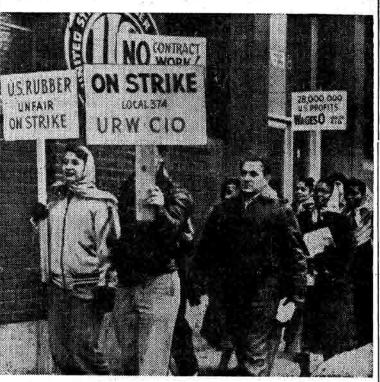
Chaplin, a non-citizen, had spent 40 years in America dur- and the United Office and Proing which he brought the highest fessional Union. The leadership of building the Progressive Party Reuther to handle the negotiarenown to American motion pictures.

The Justice Dept. announced that it would institute proceedings to prevent his re-entry if he R. H. Macy & Co. came to terms with 8,000 he left for a tour several months

He surrendered his re-entry proposed settlement includes a wage increase, a pension plan, seniority rights, a higher basic last week in Switzerland. permit to State Dept. officials

IN OAKLAND two capitalist candidates for Gov't Give Away

ferent planks on what to do about the atom bomb. rounds of golf at Augusta, Ga. Win U.S. Rubber Strike



Picket lines at 19 U.S. Rubber Co. plants, including the one above, in Chicago, helped win brief strike by United Rubber Workers (CIO). The walkout forced company to reopen 5-year welfare pact and grant infproved insurance benefits.

WILLIAM McCOMISKEY

By V. R. Dunne

MINNEAPOLIS, April 11 -Comrade William McComiskey's death, Monday, April 6, marked out both in the mass movement the passing of a proletarian revolutionary fighter of more than

Bill McC, as he was known to thousands of rank-and-file militants, came to the party during the tense and fateful days of the truck-drivers strikes in 1934. He was one of the outstanding militants of the petroleum - drivers section.

His influence and leadership, however, ranged far beyond the confines of this, his own particular

Although illness at home was days, Bill found time and energy politically to fight and to win. to discharge his personal responsibilities and also to be daily, class struggle in America.

He learned swifly the im-

leadership for their opposition to and in the party as a comrade who knew how to fight to the end for principle. His record from the early days to the time of his death as a party activist and union militant is at once an inspiration to and an example for the young and not-so-young party eliminate all reference to race.

His friendly, smiling, generous devotion to the party and to the comrades in all the little and big things was matched by two other sides of Bill's character. He loved all class fighters in the ranks. He never doubted that the an ever-present problem in those American workers would organize Bill hated the whole boss class

He had a real understanding of the union organization work. If attitude. He believed that the way he changed at all during the next this could be best expressed was decade, it was only in the direction to build the Party, his Party, our shuk was an integral part of of a better understanding of the Party. The major portion of the Stalin's purge. international implications of the last 25 years of his life was thrown into the class battle.

portance of the role of the Social- accident three years ago, his day in and day out, until Stalin ist Workers Party. During the great frame gave way to the died. The line was drummed days when the Tobin - Roosevelt assault of a complicated disease. through - from the topmost combination engineered the indict- His great heart also was finally echelons down to the ranks in ment of and then the jailing of stilled. Farewell Bill.

its lackeys who run the New York City Housing Authority, has ust struck a brutal blow at the struggle for Negro equality in he field of housing. A new revision of its priority system, by which the relative housing need of applicants for apartments in local public-housing projects is measured, was promulgated last month with the aim of reducing the opportunities for Negro and Puerto Rican families to escape from their miserable, overcrowded ghettoes.

Up until about the middle of

the Authority had always followed a policy of assigning tenants to projects according to general racial-quota system lesigned to preserve the existing racial patterns in the neighborgoods. However, as a result of the militant fight that was waged against the lily-white policy in Metropolitan Life Insurance's Stuyvesant Town, a law was enacted by the state legislature making it illegal in the selection of tenants for public and quasipublic housing to discriminate against any race, religion or nationality, or to take any of these actors into consideration in any way in the assignment of apart nents; even to inquire the race, eligion or national origin of an pplicant was forbidden.

The clear provisions of this law did not prevent the Authority, nevertheless, from continuing to insist that the race of applicants be indicated on the folders made up for the applicant families at the Central Office interviews. And the SWP and Local 544 Teamsters they used this information where they succeeded in getting the Second Warld War, Bill stood it - to "regulate" the racial composition of opening as well as established projects.

When the overwhelming maority of the interviewing staff indignantly refused to be paries to this illegal swindle, the Authority finally capitulated and

ed, so-called middle-income, pro- basis of housing need alone.

The real-estate lobby, through from 1950 to the present have enjoyed in general fairly complete freedom from racial bias in the selection of tenants.

Since Negroes have, on the verage, not only the lowest incomes but also the most acute housing problems, the result of this policy was that - outside of Negro - ghetto neighborhoods, where few white families were willing to go - the new projects in every part of the city wound up with approximately half their tenant bodies made up of Negro families, with a considerable proportion of Puerto Ricans.

RENT SHARKS MOVE

But the Jim Crow real-estate nterests would not take their defeat lying down, and began to exert pressure on the ward-heeling coliticians who run the Housing Authority to do something about this "lamentable" state of affairs. But how? The state law was quite specific on this point. Finally

a method was worked out. Under the old priority system, families with children living in furnished rooms enjoyed the econd highest priority, as far as nousing need was concerned. Since such a large proportion of the Negro and Puerto Rican population of this city falls into his category, it is easy to see how so many of them got into the recently opened projects. The revised priority system, put into effect last month, places furnished-room families into the lowest category of housing need! Thus they will be the last to be reached.

The fact that many needy white families will also have to suffer from this nefarious scheme means far less to the real-estate barons than the chance to strike a blow at the policy of equal opportunities for all in low-rent public housing.

The Negro organizations must again mobilize their followers, together with their allies in the trade union movement and among revised the interview form to the liberals, for another struggle to compel the strictest applica-While the Authority never did tion of the anti-discrimination cease the strict application of the provisions of the state law and quota system in the non-subsidiz- the selection of tenants on the

What Reversal by Kremlin In Doctors Case Discloses

Simultaneously the anti-Semitic, anti-nationalities campaign filled Following a severe industrial the columns of the Soviet press factories, villages, schools. It

women. Hence the choice of a woman-doctor as a "patriotvigilance symbol." Hence, too, the choice of a woman Professor, N. A. Popova as one of the intended

This aspect of Stalin's last purge - and by this token also of Beria's counter-purge - has been little noticed. Let us recall in this connection the role Soviet women play in the new Soviet Millions of women are engaged

n Soviet industry and agriculture. The actual figures of "women workers," especially the servants, are jealously guarded by the Kremlin. But the growing role women play in every sphere of Soviet life is indicated by a few figures the bureaucracy has released. For example, the number said, the same people are clamor- Over 1,200,000 women are studying to "take anything you can ing in the highest and in the get," pay any price, but get back special middle-grade educational institutions. . . More than a mil-The union leadership, Livingston lion women, including 220,000 declared, rejects the "pay any women doctors, are working in minimum requirements which sanatoriums and rest homes. would protect the interests of the

The spread of industrial and membership and advance the cultural advancement among Soviet women is indicated clearly enough by these figures. Op-According to Livingston, the field among them, as among workpositional moods find a fertile next step in the negotiations for ers and the youth generally.

To cite only one other case, on office of Louis Hollander, New Feb. 6 Pravda announced the York state president of the CIO, arrest of four Soviet academicians. One of them, S. D. Gurevich was identified as "a veteran follower of Leon Trotsky"; another, woman, was identified as E. A. are: The United Department Taratuta, "former employee of one of the institutes of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR." About the fate of these New York; the Retail, Wholesale and other victims of Stalinformerly the parent body; and the Ignatiev-Ryumin, Beria remains silent. His counter-purge, apart from settling personal scores and refurbishing the secret police, pursues exactly the same ends as Stalin's last purge, and that is to try to crush all political opposition to the intolerable rule of the bureaucratic oligarchy.

An increase of 496 Korea casualties made the figures last up by asking his opponent for instructions on the message to Congress recomhow to build the bomb shelter in his own back mending the give-away between persed in many small units, made DPO convention on the status of organization will number some Nov. 19. The total to date now stands at 133,463.

on March, 27 that they were going to picket Gracie Mansion, the DISTRICT 65 VOTES TO REAFFILIATE Mayor's residence. A new association of parents, in the Bronx, was formed during the course of this

By C. Thomas

NEW YORK, April 11 - The second national convention of the etc., as the city administration voted unanimously today to au- their split with the Stalinists. tries desperately to figure out how therize its officers to press LINE CHANGES they can place the burden of the negotiations now in progress to conclude an agreement to reaf- last year to explore the possibility tion was adopted without opposi-

> The DPO, formerly the Disof District 65 with the former Communist Party.

Food, Tobacco & Allied Unions trol over the new union.

This development led inevitably possibility of reentering the CIO. expert" writing in the Daily DPO. The reports to the convention disclosed the predicament in tical Action" resolution adopted on the basis of a proposal made which the union found itself after by the recent CIO United Auto- by Hollander that the CIO issue unions identified with the Stalin- resolution calls for the support of ternational union composed of the st group expelled from the CIO, "liberal" politicians in the two membership of the three locals. it became the target of a capitalist political parties. One proposes a super highway into the Berkeley during the war by the govern- ferocious red-baiting campaign.

hills to facilitate evacuation. The other proposes ment at a cost of some \$550,000,- Its leadership was harassed by a bomb shelter in every back yard. The highway 000 to the public are to be turned Congressional witch-hunting comadvocate attacked his opponent for not con- over to Big Business at knock- mittees. Its membership was sidering the needs of all the people but ended down prices. Eisenhower signed raided by both AFL and CIO. Its reflected in the Stalinist trade representatives of the unions in-

When the proposal was made in even if you have to crawl. of the city and still survive filiate with the CIO. This was the of affiliation to the CIO, the main business before the conven- Stalinists, while contending they price" approach. There are certain polyclinics, hospitals, dispensaries, were for "unity" in principle, insisted on imposing such demands must be fulfilled, he added, which (Pravda, March 1, 1953.) as would have made affiliation impossible. Since then the Stalinributive Workers Union, consist- ist line has changed. The change ing chiefly of District 65 in New was heralded by the publication York, left the CIO in 1948 prior in the Daily Worker last Decemloved in every corner of the to the expulsion of the Stalinist- ber of the "Draft Resolution on controlled unions by that body. the Situation Growing Out of the The present organization was Presidential Elections," submitted affiliation will be taken on April Stalin's purge confirmed it. formed in 1950 through a fusion by the National Committee of the 23 at a conference called at the

The "Draft Resolution" repudiated the previous line of who has been designated by District 65 subsequently split and calls for a return to the tions. There are now three unions with the Stalinists and after a policy of working within the involved in the negotiations. They fierce internal struggle ousted Democratic party. This was one the leadership of the FTA and of the main issues over which UOP and consolidated their con- the Stalinist-led unions split with the CIO. What they mean by the new line was indicated when to the first moves to explore the George Morris, Stalinist "labor Worker, hailed Reuther's "Polileaving the CIO. As one of the mobile Workers convention. This a new charter setting up an in-

REFLECTED IN UNIONS

This new political turn, like all leadership, etc. If agreement can

employers, the government and retary-treasurer David Livingston rival unions. These factors im- recalled how the union leadership pelled the leadership to seek the had been "denounced by the Comneeded strength which affiliation munist Party" last year for the of women specialists "graduating independent Distributive, Proces- to the CIO would bring and un- proposal to explore the question from the highest schools comsing & Office Workers union, doubtedly entered as a factor in of affiliation with CIO. Now, he prises today more than 900,000,

progress of the union.

Store Workers, with jurisdiction

over the huge Macy Store in

and Department Store Workers,

The negotiations will proceed

Representatives of the three

groups will meet to work out in

detail the problems of structure,

NEXT STEP

such turns in the past, is being be reached between the official it vulnerable to attack from the the negotiations, for example, sec- 150,000 members.