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Is U.S. Labor McCarthy Target After Attlee?

Congress War-Mongers Try To Spread Far East Conflict Senator McCarthy's poisonous attack on Clement Attlee, British Labor Party leader and former Prime Min-Attlee, British Labor Party leader and former Prime Minister, is a warning to the American labor movement of the treatment it can expect from Mc-3

aggressively and to come to the their utmost to restrain the Britdefense of his victims.

wing of the Labor Party, the capitalism. As Prime Minister, spokesman for the conservative he defended colonialism, col-

To Hike Own Pay \$10,000 a Year

The members of Congress plan to put the arm on the American people for \$10,000 annual salary increases. Such a raise has been approved by the Senate Judiciary 1946, Congress voted its memmore salary and \$2,500 listed as

HOW THEY ARGUE

into the public till.

it is advanced by underpaid sometimes wondered who was workers to get a few dollars more a week for their useful labor.

Sometimes wondered who was more powerful, Eisenhower or a week for their useful labor.

McCarthy.

The State Department has boy-cotted Bolivian tin as a means of pressuring the Paz Estenssoro. a week for their useful labor.

These Republican and Democratic Republican troops in the Spanish revolution. Congressmen are agents of Big a lot more than \$25,000 a year his fellow-Labor Party members

treatment it can expect from Mc-3
Carthy if it fails to fight him labor bureaucrats who have done ish workers from conducting a Attlee is the leader of the right militant fight to the finish against

Congressmen Plan
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The defended colonialism, conlaborated closely with Washington in waging the cold war
against the Soviet Union and
gave his blessing to U.S. intervention in Korea. Politically, he is a
reformist ("Fabian Socialist"), but in his social outlook he is not much different from Amer-ican labor leaders like Walter Reuther of the CIO or David Dubinsky of the AFL.

ATTLEE'S "CRIME"

Attlee points out that he was Committee. A propaganda cam- Carthy was ever heard of. But sion of tin purchases . . . had paign is underway to quiet that didn't stop McCarthy from resulted in an economic crisis popular opposition in advance. In letting go with both barrels in a which threatens actual starvation full-scale red-baiting blast against for workers." bers a 50% increase over the Attlee. After this, anybody who then salary of \$10,000 - \$2,500 claims that McCarthy's real target Assistant Sec'y. of State for or an incorrigible liar.

Attlee, speaking in the House sentatives on to vote themselves opinion that the U.S. negotiators President George Meany. He said in Korea were holding up a that 80% of the national budget Times editorially expresses the cease-fire by making unreasonable of Belivia depends on tin pur-"hope" that the Congressmen demands after the Chinese had chases and 55% of the food conwon't get "cold feet" and will gone a long way to meet the sumed there depends on revenues boldly dip their collective fingers conditions set down by the UN. from sale of tin. He requested into the public till.

He suggested that the delay might that purchase of tin be resumed The Times raises the argument be due to the fact that there are so that the Bolivian government of increased living expenses and Americans who "want all-out war "can meet its normal expenditures taxes — the very argument the with China and against commu- and promote a program of welcapitalist press dismisses when nism in general," and said he fare activities for its people."

Civil War in 1937, and a quota-

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fighting communism before Mc- the Bolivian workers that "suspenclassified as a hopeless ignoramus ed to the U.S. boycott on Bolivian

Urge Bolivia **Boycott End**

the State Department last week to resume purchases of tin from Bolivia. The action was taken in response to an appeal from the General Confederation of Factory Workers of Bolivia.

Speaking for the CIO International Committee, Jacob S. Potofsky said that he had been informed in a communication from

He wrote John M. Cabot is "communism" will have to be Inter-American Affairs urging an

The AFL letter, also addresse egging the Senators and Repre- of Commons, mildly stated the to Mr. Cabot, was signed by AFL

Another argument is that \$25,000 a year for Congressmen "is brand him as "Comrade Attlee." tin barons for their expropriated

They maintain that the tin Business and as such are worth tion in which Attlee referred to barons have bled Bolivia for ed that upon Dulles' return a new to the profiteers. But that's why as "comrades" (the traditional to such poverty that it is unable out based upon the information they're not worth a red cent to designation among European la- to meet their demand for further he will have gathered in this East defense system prepared by

No Place for Tourists



HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS GREET DULLES IN TOUR OF MIDDLE EAST

not too much, compared with salaries of business executives..."

That's the right comparison.

The salaries of business executives of Attlee saluting as command as c Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' airplane tour to block the approaches to the

and learn" journey. It is pretendgenerations, reducing the country Middle East policy will be worked

lightning junket. The people in the Middle East

met Dulles at many of his stops duty to defend the area with their with powerful demonstrations own mutual security pact. aimed at making this diplomatic

They understand that his trip is and part of an effort to pressure and Back!" cajole the Middle East into a Heavy police cordons attempted

"defense" organization tied to

Wall Street's war machine.

In Beirut, the Lebanese parliament told Dulles that the Arab states cannot accept a Middle states having no direct relation to the Arab East. They declared that it is their own right and

In India, the U.S. Secretary representative of Wall Street of State was greeted at the stop, look and listen" if not airport by a mass of demonstrators carrying black flags signifying They view Dulles' trip and the condemnation and placards which aims he represents with hostility, declared, "Keep Out Of Asia!" "Warmonger Dulles

the major exponent of "Asians Fighting Asians" were up in all the main streets of New Delhi. Iran, which is the most turbulent

spot in a Middle East rising in revolt against foreign domination, is being completely bypassed in Dulles, "fact - finding mission." There the fifth foreign correspondent and the third from the U.S. since the nationalization of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. in 1951 is being expelled from the BALTIMORE WITCH HUNT HITS

"false and provocative news against the interests of Iran." On May 18 an American Army sergeant suffered a head wound during a mass demonstration

shouting "Yankee Go Home!" In Jordan, Dulles was told by he Premier and the Secretary of State of that country that there can be no talk of a Middle East defense pact until the full sovereignty of the Arab States World Federalists, an organization s achieved and the British get out of the Suez.

In Egypt, where the movement to end the 70-year-old domination General Naguib has been impelled to issue a virtual declaration of war against England.

The influential Egyptian news paper Al Misri greeted Dulles' arrival with the statement that "he has not come here to hear our ideas but to oblige us to accept a solution that he describes as the one agreed upon by the American and British governments.

Much more important than the statements of the Middle East governments and press, however are the actions of the masses. In the Suez area itself thousands of Egyptian workers left their jobs at the oil refineries and ship yards on May 15. They marched through the Red Sea port shouting, "We are the Mau Mau of the and "Out with the

British!" Yes, Mr. Dulles, "listen and learn.'

Chinese CP Changes May Day Slogans

of the West.

Recognition of China Is First Requirement For Peace in Asia

By Art Preis

If the Korean war is still draining the blood of Amercan youth; if the U.S. military negotiators at Panmunjom haggle over every tiny point and raise new demands with each concession offered by the other side; if incitations and threats are hurled every day from the floors of Congress to whip up sentiment for

an all-out war against China, it is because Wall Street is determined to restore capitalist dom-ination over China's 450-million

America's financial and business rulers do not want to recognize the existing government of China, although it is a million times more representative of the Chinese people than the vile dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek whom the Chinese threw off their backs and drove over the sea to his island hide-out of Formosa.

Diplomatic expediency and world-wide pressure may incline Eisenhower to some peace gestures and maneuvers and even to consider a possible temporary deal with the Kremlin. But up to now he and his administration have shown only hostility to the proposal for recognition of the New China government — the issue on which the question of peace in the Far East is most mmediately hinged.

Eisenhower has treated with studied silence the fulminations and unbridled threats hurled by SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL. the Pacific Firsters and China British Prime Minister announce Placards denouncing Dulles as Lobbyists in Congress as soon as the question of recognition of the Chinese nation is raised in any form.

> FRENZIED OUTBURSTS In recent days, their war incitations have reached new peaks of

frenzy. Their outbursts, played (Continued on page 3)



ed May 21 that he will meet Eisenhower and French Premier at Bermuda in several weeks in talks preliminary to possible meeting with Moscow representative. French, who have been suspicious about being left out of big power parleys were particularly pleased at announce-

Negro Militancy Wins Public Offices in South

By George Breitman

Five Negroes in North Carolina cities were elected to local office Atlanta, Ga., won nominations that assured them of election. Some of these Negro candidates were elected over white opponents. In a couple of these contests it was the first time a Negro had gone to great lengths to deny won an election since Reconstruction days over 70 years ago.

One result of these victories will be to encourage Negroes all over the South, and stimulate opposite: The white supremacist them to run for additional offices politicians have worked out a from which they have been barred dozen different fraudulent tricks in recent decades.

people will use these elections as cutright force and violence. 'proof" of the "great progress' being made in Southern race relations, and as an argument that Negroes can take it easy now because the South is on the verge been murdered in cold blood since of treating them differently.

DANGEROUS CLAIM

In fact, that was the impression given by Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president of Atlanta University, who won a city-wide primary for a seat on the Atlanta Board of it can be said that Southern Ne-Education by a vote of 22,000 to 14.000 for his white opponent. lutionists before they could enjoy Dr. Clement claimed his election showed that:

"The white population (of the South) is ready to try to work constructively with the Negro population."

Undoubtedly this is true about one portion of the Southern whites. But Dr. Clement exaggerates when he applies his statement to Southern whites as a whole. And he misses the target altogether when he attributes Negro political progress in the ber had risen to 828,000. South mainly to changed attitudes

among the whites. The chief thing that has proximately 750,000 Southern Ne-

Negro. He has become more mili- to the recent annual joint report tant 'and better organized, made by the American Jewish this month, and three others in especially in the political field. Congress and the NAACP, there He knows that politics is a vital were between 1,100,000 and 1,weapon in the fight against Jim 350,000 Negro voters in the South Crow, and he is determined to - an increase of over 50% in just make use of this weapon which four years. the Southern ruling class has

the polls. In the South it is the to keep Negroes away from the That's the good side of it. But ballot box, and when these fail, the feeling that there was nothing there is also a bad side: Some they resort to intimidation and they could do to stop it. (And

> It takes real courage for a Scores of Southern Negroes have the end of World War II because they dared to insist on their right to register. Voting is a democratic right, but like many often be exercised only at great personal risk. In a certain sense groes have had to act like revo-

this particular democratic right. GROWING DEFIANCE

And that is what Southern Negroes have been doing in increasing numbers. In the face of threats and violence, they have been defying Jim Crow, registering and voting. A few statistics illustrate this dramatic story: In 1940 there were 150,000 Negroes registered to vote in eleven

In 1948, according to the CIO Political Action Committee, ap-

Southern states. In 1950 the num-

changed in the South is the groes voted. In 1952, according

The North Carolina and Atlanta victories were made possible by Negro political action above all. In the North the politicians Of course this action in turn had beg the Negro people to go to an effect on some Southern whites too. Some were impressed favorably and were glad to see Negroes voting; some were unhappy about the new development, but were demoralized by naturally there are still many, with vested interests in saving Negro to enter a polling booth the Jim Crow system, who are in many parts of the South. trying to prevent it from going any further.)

CHANGE ONLY BEGUN

But the main initiative for the changing Southern political situation has come from the Negro convention on May 19 in Chicago, democratic rights today it can people themselves. It is necessary voiced doubt that "we are getting to stress this factor very heavily because the situation has only the new administration in Washbegun to change, and Negroes are still a long way off from political equality in the South.

> population as a whole, along the line of Dr. Clement's remarks, are on trial. They are being Big Business rulers in Washingcan be very damaging at this watched every day, not only by point if they lead to any relaxa- the representatives of organized tion in Negro political activity labor but by the people as well." and militancy. There is still a lot He added that the AFL will of fighting to be done, and any- "mobilize our full political thing that leads to relaxation on strength for the elections next the part of the Negroes can be year," although he did not ex- these union leaders would do disastrous. The experience of the plain for whom they will be past has proved that the way for mobilized, Negroes to get white allies is by

Wrong notions about the white took over, and said:

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Union Leaders Find It Hard To "Live With" GOP Regime

Hopes of some conservative union leaders, particularly of Great Britain is fast approach of the American Federation of Labor, that they would be ing the explosive point, Premier able to "live with" the new Republican administration

appear to be going up the flue. with the White House and Consought a "modus vivendi" with on the Taft-Hartley law.

AFL President George Meany, addressing the AFL International plained recently, "everybody stops Ladies Garment Workers Union talking. or will get real leadership from ington." He pointed to the series of reactionary measures taken since the new administration

"The business men now in power

Meanwhile, Secretary of Labor window-dressing for Eisenhower's free-booters out of power.

Expressions of disgruntlement Millionaires Cabinet. Robert G. Spivak, N. Y. Post correspondent, wrote on May 15 that Durkin gress under GOP rule are being "may soon call it quits." Among heard from key AFL figures who other things, he was not permitted after Eisenhower's election had to testify before recent hearings

> "When I walk into a room, Durkin is reported to have com-

This gives some idea of what a "bargain" the labor movement got when Eisenhower condescended to place a union man in the most inconsequential post in his

Labor leaders like Meany whine and complain about how labor is getting it in the neck from the ton, but they offer no proposal for effective political action to end Big Business control.

Instead of just bemoaning the way the reactionary capitalist politicians are treating them, thousand times more for labor if showing their determination to Durkin, former head of the AFL that could mobilize the American fight for their just objectives - Plumbers Union, is reported to be people to drive the whole gang carry a single slogan directed the dean of the Law School of alone, if necessary. That is how very unhappy in his role of labor of Republican and Democratic against the imperialist powers Yale University Dr. Wesley

Last week in Baltimore, Md., "security" police of the State attorney general, trained by intelligence agents of the U.S. Army, joined plainclothes detectives of the city police department in extending

By David Stevens

UNITED WORLD FEDERALISTS

for "subversives" to the United Paper Company. that is no more "communist" than the Democratic or Republican parties. Commandeering the services of

finger man who also serves on the city pick-pocket squad, a special agent "covered" a meeting of the United World Federalists of Maryland at the Lyric Theater. Sleuthing about the outside of the theater and sitting unobtrusively at the side of the hall in the rear, the agents took down the license numbers of the guests' cars, the names of people in the audience and statements by the Frank Fenn, rector of the Church flash pictures of the speakers on the stage.

What is new and alarming about this case can be seen when you examine the nature of the United World Federalists and the type of speakers that addressed its meet-

Both Democrats and Republicans belong to the United World Federalists. It seeks world peace through establishment of a kind of super United Nations. It is sponsored and led by such nationally prominent figures as the governor of Michigan, G. Mennen Williams, the wold - famous scientist Albert Einstein, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. Reports now filtering through CIO President Walter Reuther, from diplomatic missions in former U.S. Minister to Norway Peking say that on May Day Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Catholic the Chinese Communists did not editor Rev. Edward A. Conway, Sturgess, and J. D. Zellerbach

the relentless and unbridled hunt President of the Crown Zellerbach

It would seem that the only possible taint to this organization is its interest in peace. But the word "peace" has become equivalent to the word "Red" in the news photographer and aided by ears of the McCarthy prowlers and snoopers. No one who in any way espouses its cause can feel free from investigation and persecution as a "subversive."

The speakers at the Lyric Theater meeting whose pictures were snapped on orders of the agent acting under the provisions of the notorious police-state Ober law were the following four clergymen: The Rev. Dr. Don speakers. The photographer took of St. Michael and All Angels; Rabbi Edward E. Klein of the Stephen Wise Free Synaguogue of New York; Thomas H. Mahoney, Boston lawyer and president of the Catholic Association for International Peace and the Rev. Donald Harrington, pastor of the Community Church of New York. The special agent ordered that the photographic prints of these men be delivered to the anti-subversive office at police headquarters.

The expose in the Baltimore Sun of the witch-hunting activities of the secret police against such orthodox mep, such a con-servative organization and the people who attended its public meeting caused widespread shock and alarm.

Governor McKeldin of Maryland must have realized that his attorney general's department had gone too far too fast. In a statement published in The Sun, the

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WITCH-HUNT LAWS CREATE ATMOSPHERE FOR McCARTHYISM

Senator Joseph McCarthy's intimidation and smear tactics thrive in the general witch-hunt atmosphere created by the "anti-Communist" drive of both Republican and Democrats, including the so-called "liberals."

The growing number of legal restrictions on "Communists" and "subversive" organizations testifies to the source of the atmosphere which is so favorable to the growth of McCarthyism. These legal restraints are supplemented by government executive orders, plus policies adopted by private concerns and agencies, designed to victimize and silence those whose views deviate in the slightest from those of the Big Business reactionaries.

Recently the Subversives Activities Control Board, set up under the McCarran Internal Security Act of 1950, ruled that the law requires the Communist Party to list all its officers and members every year, make a full public accounting of the sources and recipients of its funds, name its contributors and label as "Communist" all mail and bundles it sends out.

If the courts uphold this ruling, it will mean that the way will be open to force any organization the attorney general arbitrarily labels as "suversive" or "Communistcontrolled" to expose its membership and make them subject to witch-hunt reprisals.

Under the guise of barring "Communists" and "subversives," most states have laws making it very difficult and even impossible for minority parties to get on the

Laws to deny "Communists" or "subversives" the right to run for office are on the books in 26 states. Most of the other states have similar restrictive election laws which make it difficult for so-called "subversives" to get on the ballot. The first victim of the Trucks police-state law in Michigan was not the Communist Party, but the Socialist Workers Party, whose candidates were removed from the ballot last year and restored only after legal action was taken.

"Communists" or "subversives" are denied the right to federal jobs. Millions of federal employes are being interrogated, investigated and otherwise harassed in the vast government "loyalty" purge, first instituted by Truman, and recently intensified by Eisenhower.

In 28 states, anyone called a "Communist" or "subversive" is denied the right to any state or municipal job - even in such a "sensitive" work as street-cleaning.

Under the Taft-Hartley law, unions which want to have dealings with the National Labor Relations Board must get rid of any "Communist" leaders. Many union leaders themselves have instituted provisions in union constitutions to bar "Communists" from holding office and even membership.

The rights of school teachers and college professors are under severe attack. There are special "loyalty" oaths required of school teachers in 32 states. Most colleges and universities bar anyone labelled a "Communist" from teaching, a policy recommended not by McCarthy, but by the American Association of University Professors.

"Communists" are denied the right to hold meetings in school buildings in 11 states and hundreds of local school boards enforce similar restrictions.

The attorney general's political black-list of "subverorganizations became the guide for attacks on the rights of individuals through "guilt by association" before McCartny's activities had made him so well known. Not at a time the company had reason the loss to the government will mittedly contacted Strandlund only are federal workers, like the legless World War II to feel indebted to McCarthy for reportedly exceed \$30 million." McCarthy's activities had made him so well known. Not veteran James Kutcher, fired on the basis of membership political services rendered. in any of the hundreds of organizations on this list. It is used against employees in private firms from motion pictures, TV, radio and stage, to plants engaged on government orders. In two states, Pennsylvania and Ohio, "subversives" are denied unemployment compensation.

Those accused of being "Communist" or "subversive" are denied the right to federal low-rent housing. They are denied commissions in the armed forces and their activities as enlisted men are greatly restricted.

They can't get passports to visit abroad. If non-citihere, they cannot get entrance permits.

There are no federal laws that make the Communist Party or any other "subversive" nolitical group illegal. Three states — Georgia. Pennsylvania and Massachusetts have such laws, but these have not been tested in the courts. Yet in every state in the union, the constitutional rights of people whom the officials choose to call "Communists" are violated in one way or another.

Even where they formally have a minimum of rights. they can still be framed up under the Smith "Gag" Act for "conspiracy to advocate and teach" the "forceful overthrow of the government."

McCarthy shows how these laws can be made to an ply to anyone, simply through pinning a false "communist" or "subversive" label on him.

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Their Frankenstein Monster



Smell of Tainted Money Rises from McCarthy

By Joseph Keller

financial dealings of witch-hunt-

In its report, the subcommittee "EXCESSIVE SALARIES" turned its attention first to the \$10,000 fee McCarthy solicited and poration, makers of prefabricated

amount involved in McCarthy's peculiar financial transactions. But the details in this case are most revealing of the way Mc-Carthy has used his political office for personal gain.

fee to McCarthy was first referred and Currency Committee. Mc-The buried report of the Senate to in a Senate investigation of Carthy in 1947 and 1948 played money. Past experience with Mo-mittee, which had jurisdiction manufacturers. Carthy's thieving forerunners, like over both the RFC and the Hous- "This provisi ex-Congressmen Andrew J. Mays ing Agencies, as well as the additional funds and authority to Lustron operations.

housing, ostensibly for a housing failure; the RFC instituted fore- the merits of his project." pamphlet. The money was paid closure February 14, 1950, and The \$10,000 Lustron pay-off is "developed that Lustron had been big loans to Lustron. Here is how by no means the most substantial mismanaged; that frauds had McCarthy operated: been practiced upon it; and that excessive salaries were paid officials, such as E. Merl Young, because of alleged influence."

As Vice-Chairman of the Joint Payment of the \$10,000 Lustron member of the Senate Banking

They can't get passports to visit abroad. If non-citi-zens they face deportation; if foreigners wanting to visit NEGRO MILITANCY WINS PUBLIC POSTS IN SOUTH

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The most encouraging feature these election victories was which indicated that Negroes have reached collaboration with the best possible allies - the labor movement.

The Durham Committee on Negro Affairs backed R. N. Harris, (N. Y. Times, May 15.) a Negro insurance executive, who

For over a decade Durham Negro groes too. 'Negro-labor bloc' has since been cratic rights. damned by white press and pulpit."

The Durham bloc is a preview alliance between labor and the road unions tells a little joke that Negro people that will end both is true to life. the two-party system and Jim Crow oppression.

REDBAITING TOO

Another preview - of the dirty

shown in the Atlanta election. they will get allies in the future Two days before the voting, Dr. Clement's right to be a candidate of Senator McCarthy's housing "was challenged on the ground that he had shown left-wing rections of three separate drafts." the news from Durham, N. C., sympathies. . . Charges were made that the House Un-American Activities Committee had ed that Senator McCarthy aplisted Dr. Clement as a former proached member of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare."

beat his white opponent in the outfit with a program no more Standlund agreed to it without predominantly Negro Third Ward "left wing" than that of the any prior consultation with his by 4200 to 8.700. According to NAACP. Dr. Clement was allowed public relations or executive staff, the May 16 Pittsburgh Courier; to run when the City Executive or notification to the RFC, and at "Outside the Third Ward, Committee (board of aldermen) a time when Lustron had not Harris' victory was received with cleared him by a vote of 5 to 4, completed its machinery and toolmixed emotions, the most caustic But it was a close call - a ing installation, had a huge backcomments coming from incum-change of one vote would have log of orders and had completed sweat thinking about the guilbents who were upset by the barred him from the ballot - only a few sample houses for DCNA, who warned that Negroes and it shows that the technique demonstration purposes. . " and labor had wedded to dominate of the witch hunt will be em-

politicos have been courting the This threat to Negro political support of organized labor here action can be stopped only by and have received many promises stopping the witch hunt as a but little support. The Harris whole, a task that requires united victory was so decisive that the action by all defenders of demo-

The "Is Zat So?" column of of the coming national political Labor, the newspaper of the rail-Workman: "Would you increase

my wages? I was married yester-

"Sorry," said the forema, "but white supremagists - was accidents outside of the factory." "communist smear!"

Subcommittee on Privileges and the Reconstruction Finance Cor- an important part in pushing Elections on the questionable poration's (RFC) loans to Lustron. through various amendments and Seven loans, totaling \$37,500,000 additions to the Housing Act. One ing Senator Joseph McCarthy, were made between June 30, 1947, of the provisions he helped to put about which I wrote last week, and August 29, 1949. Most of over was Section 102 of Public them and the sources of charges further confirms the close affinity this period coincided with the Law 901 which authorized the may be withheld. "This makes we have noted between the time McCarthy was a member of RFC to make loans of up to professional red-baiters and dirty the Banking and Currency Com- \$50,000,000 to pre-fab housing without giving him his full rights "This provision gave the RFC

and J. Parnell Thomas, have Committee on Expenditures in the make its third Lustron loan of taught us about the types who Executive Departments, which \$7 million on February 14, 1949, like concentration camps now make a racket out of anti-com- was also interested in some of the as well as the subsequent loans," obtained from the Lustron cor- committee investigating Mc- amendment, "did see many Sen- quotes Sen. Herbert "the venture was a ators and Congressmen to present

At any rate, McCarthy ad-The report adds that an inquiry the provision laying the basis for

> EXPENSIVE MANUSCRIPT McCarthy had recommended a

salary increase for Administrator Foley of the Housing and Home Committee on Housing and a Finance Administration. This increase was subsequently provided A few days after enactment, Senator McCarthy contacted Administrator Foley to request his assistance for Miss Jean Kerr, of witch-hunt measure. his office, who was working on a housing manuscript," says the Subcommittee. Foley, in a subsequent letter to the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency. "outlined in detail the part played by his agency in the preparation booklet, their review and cor-

bearings of May 1952, "develop-Strandlund during October of 1948, setting a price of \$10 000 for his housing manuscript, which was 'not in This organization was a liberal publishable form,' and

These "hasty negotiations" to own necks. the political life of Durham. . . ployed against non-radical Ne- get \$10,000 occurred when "Senator McCarthy's over - extended debt position at the Appleton got to unite and fight to do away (Wis.) State Bank . . . became with this detention - camp law quite desperate. . " This bank altogether. Such camps are just was threatening to liquidate col- as victous and repressive and lateral on loans of \$72,943.96 ad- against all democratic rights vanced to McCarthy. McCarthy whether they are filled by a Mctook the Lustron check, dated Carthy or some allegedly more November 12, 1948, used it to "liberal" exponent of concentrapurchase stocks of the Seaboard tion-camps for "Communists" and Airlines Railroad, also RFCfinanced, and pledged these stocks to support his Appleton bank

The subcommittee's polite summary query as to whether Mc- 154 wounded and 42 captured. Carthy's fee from Lustron was "proper" and "ethical" brought actics that can be expected from we are not responsible for from him only a loud bleat of the Korean war now number

Voices Fear Of Detention Camps in U.S.

"Will Detention Camps Be Filled by McCarthy?" This is the page-one banner headline of sponsored by the International Typographical Union.

The article expresses fear that concentration camps now being set up for so-called "subversives" under the McCarran-Kilgore Internal Security Act will be used for anyone that Senator Joseph McCarthy puts the finger on.

Labor's Daily states that "Sen. Joseph McCarthy's 1953 inquisition became even more frighten ing with the government andetention camps for dangerous subversives will be ready for occupancy next year." "But who are the camps meant

o house?" asks the labor newspaper. "The internment camps are lesigned for use in any emergency and will be used to carry out the purpose of a little known section of the 1950 Internal Security Act which provides that any person probably will' commit espionage or sabotage can be detained. The law provides that when the President declares an internal security emergecy' those with subversive tendencies, or who may have subversive tendencies can be locked up."

THE BIG QUESTION

Who is a "subversive" and who s to decide? Labor's Daily asks 'the big question: Will those camps be filled with those per sons attacked by Senator Mc-Carthy and other Congressional

No matter who makes up the list of persons to be detained, the law itself makes it possible that 'many innocent persons would be caught in a vicious web of circumstances," Labor's Daily acknowledges. It provides for arbitrary arrest merely on the basis of what somebody might do in the future and not any acts already committed. Those detained may not confront the witnesses against it possible to detain a suspect under this law or the U.S. Constitution."

Labor's Daily mistakenly gives the impression that these Nazibeing built for political dissidents the report states. It is further and anyone the Attorney General noted by the subcomittee that choeses to call "subversive" were Carl Strandlund, Lustron presi- put into the bill by its chief of New York, a liberal Democrat. who said at the time the bill was before Congress that it "will, in fact, distract from our internal security.

LEHMAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

But the original bill presented These were introduced and sponsored by Sen. Lehman himself and his Democratic associates, Senators Kilgore (W. Va.), Douglas (Ill.), Humphrey (Minn.), and for in the amended Housing Act. Kefauver (Tenn.). McCarran merely incorporated their bill for detention of alleged "subversives" without jury trial into his own

At the time, the liberal Democrats argued that their measure would be more effective in suppressing "subversives," but would the hands of agencies under direction of a presumably liberal and "fair deal" administration. This would insure against victimization of "innocent persons" The Senate Banking Committee by the McCarthyites, they claimed.

Now, these same liberal Democrats are confronted by the their passports were taken away Embassy to return Mrs. Bergprospect that McCarthy and his on the undefined ground that he man's passport. No charge had breed are going to have a lot to was a Communist. "Entering the been lodged against her. Dr. say about who may be put into third week of our incarceration Bergman is insisting that either these so-called "detention" camps in Denmark," he wrote on May his passport be promptly restored whenever they are used. And Mc- 7, "neither we nor our attorney or he be notified of any specific Carthy has made clear he puts all nor any of our friends have been charges against him. iberals and most Democrats in able to get a single specific The Detroit Federation the category of "Communists" and "subversives."

tion-camp provisions are in a cold way with the Communist Party fight against this iniquitous law lotine they exected now being the period under question, 1942- guilty and then compels them to poised to plunge down on their

If the labor and liberal forces vant to save themselves, they've "subversives."

Battle casualties in Korea last week were 249, including 53 dead. Casualties since the beginning of

The American Way of Life

How to Get a School

They're going to get a new school to replace the the May 15 Labor's Daily, Amer- delapidated 60-odd-year old Maxfield public school in St. ica's only daily labor newspaper, Paul. This doesn't sound like big exciting news compared to the war headlines, say, but it's mighty important to the parents and kids, Negro and white, who've been demanding that new school building for a long while. Naturally, we're glad to hear the good news, for their sake. But what makes it really important to all of us, is the way they got the school board to agree to the new school building.

What they did was threaten to "strike" - keep all their children out of school until the board approved a new building. But I'm anticipating a bit, so I'll tell more about the strike angle after I give you the background.

The issue of the Maxfield school was especially hot nouncement that a network of because half the pupils are Negroes. Housing restrictions keep the majority of the Negroes confined to this area and they can't move away to a neighborhood with a better school. The politicians didn't want to spend money on a school with a high percentage of Negro children; and, in a way, this made the white kids at Maxfield victims of Jim Crow too.

Of course, the voters in the area had been given the usual election promise back in 1950 that they would be given a new school. But once the election campaign was over, the new school board members dropped their promise down the well.

Last winter, the Maxfield PTA, St. Paul NAACP, St. Paul Urban League, Dining Car Employees' Local 516, persons adjudged subversive or AFL, and St. Paul Ministerial Alliance sent a joint delegation of 100 parents and area residents to the school board meeting. They again got the runaround.

They then collected a petition of 1,642 voters in the area and presented it to the school board. The board members blandly told them that plans were afoot merely to "rehabilitate" the old tottering structure instead of building a new one. That's when the parents really began to burn up.

They voted to "strike" and issued a mimeographed call to action. It concluded:

"That parents be ready upon SHORT NOTICE TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL if the board votes to PATCH UP THIS OLD BUILDING.

"TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL until a settlement is made.

"PLANS ARE MADE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE UNABLE TO KEEP THEM AT HOME.

"REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE — WE HAVE NOTHING!"

Well, at their next meeting, on May 1, the School Board members whined and complained about how wrong it was for parents to threaten a "strike." But, you know what? They voted that same night to build a new building as soon as the voters approve the necessary bond issue.

You might say that this is another good example of how the wheel that squeals gets the grease. But it's more than that. It shows how the white and Negro people can benefit themselves and each other by getting together and fighting shoulder to shoulder for what they want. And it According to the Senate Sub- dent, prior to passage of this author McCarran. The paper shows how united militant mass action can get results where patient pleas and polite petitions fail to move the powers that be.

- By Lewis Peterson

Detroit Educator in Denmark by McCarran did not contain any concentration - camp provisions, These were introduced and spon-

The case of Walter Bergman of Detroit shows how the arbitrary system of passport control tightened by the McCarran Internal Security Act is being enforced by the State Department to deprive even

McCarthvism of their rights.

Germany and in UNNRA.

studying in Denmark. On April gressional Committee. 23 they were called to the Amerdefinite charge of any action, any Teachers with other sections of speech, any letter, any member- the liberal and labor movement The sponsors of the concentra- ship which connects me in any is being mobilized behind his or any of its affiliates, either in which assumes people to be 1952, or at any other time."

longed to any party other than against them.

liberal and Socialist critics of the Socialist the administration is presumably attacking him be-Dr. Bergman has twice been cause of his union activities, president of the Michigan Federa- political ideas and opposition to tion of Teachers and vice-presi- the witch hunters. He was indent of the American Federation vestigated by the Dies Commitof Teachers. He has belonged to tee in 1938 and associated in the the Socialist Party since 1931 and past with organizations arbitrarily keep the power of suppression in been its candidate for Mayor in labelled subversive by the At-Detroit. He also served in the torney General. Last year he Allied Military Government in defended a Detroit teacher, who stood on his constitutional right He and his wife have been not to answer grilling by a Con-

A partial victory has already ican Embassy in Copenhagen and been secured by forcing the

prove innocence without knowl-Since Bergman has never be- edge of the charges or evidence

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By C. Van Gelderen

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Imperial powers have always

tried to justify the conquest of

other lands on moral grounds.

Nowhere has this lying propa-

ganda been more thoroughly ex-

posed than in Kenya. After 60

retary, informs the House of

Commons that the situation in

More than 7,000 troops are now

Mau Mau is today on every-

one's lips. The capitalist press

details of what happens to the

blood of the sacrificial goat.

Everything is written to show

What we are not told, how-

Fenner Brockway, does something

toward filling this void in our

The name "Mau Mau" means

"promised land" and land is what

When the British settlers first

came to Kenya, they needed labor

information about Kenya.

Kikuyu.

white man.

such sensationalisms.

17,000,000 Strong

Organized labor in the U.S. now stands at the all-time high of nearly 17,000,000 members. One-half million of this giant force were gained in the last three years according to the latest survey by the Labor Department. This brings the number of unionized workers to 28% of the nation's total labor force of 61,518,000.

Where there is growth there is life, and this expansion of membership testifies to the vitality of the union movement. If you consider that the half million increase took place despite the union-busting Taft-Hartley Act and the anti-labor atmosphere of witch hunting then the growth of the unions assumes even greater significance.

The growth did not occur automatically. Last year was the greatest single strike year since the turbulent post-war strike wave of 1946.

Of the 17,000,000 union members, 9,-500,000 belong to the AFL, 5,000,000 to the CIO and over 2,000,000 to independent unions and the Railroad Brotherhoods. The three largest contingents of this vast army are the CIO Auto Workers with 1,-184,507 members and the CIO Steelworkers and AFL Teamsters each with a membership of over 1,000,000. The ranks of organized labor include today 3,000,000

There is a great and incalculable power in these numbers. The union movement is the largest single organized force in the country. Its members at the point of production are the most strategically situated elements of the population. Without them the wheels of industry, the nerve centers of communication and the lanes of transport would be paralyzed. Whenever they act together and speak with one voice they Where before there was strife and score great victories against the employ- hunger, there is now peace and ers. They have beaten back every major prosperity. attack against them. The latest figures show that the American labor movement stands strong and undefeated despite the years of British rule, Mr. Oliver employer-government offensive and de- Lyttelton, the Tory Colonial Secspite the inadequacy of its leadership.

But the greatest growth and the bigthat country is "analogous to a gest tasks of the unions lie ahead. They state of war." can destroy the Taft-Hartley Act "hoof, horn and hide," as John L. Lewis put it, on active service in Kenya and and remove every obstacle to further without them British rule would growth. They can raise their standard of Britannica." living enormously and reduce the burden of toil. They can convert America into a land of beautiful homes, its cities studded makes sure that all its readers with recreational, cultural and health cen- are fully informed of the "barters for the people. They can become the baric acts" perpetrated by this governing power in the land and legislate organization against Europeans and "loyal Africans." We are the laws. They can win world-wide peace. regaled with tales of the Man To achieve this an essential step must be Mau oath ceremonies, with full

That step is the organization of labor's own party. With 17,000,000 members that the Kikuyu are relapsing championing such a cause, the unions back into barbarism. All this is would immediately draw to their side the food and drink for the organs of rest of the 60,000,000 workingmen and the press lords. They revel in women, millions of unorganized Negro and Puerto Rican people, and the tens of millions of poor farmers and low-income mem- Mau. Why has it taken such a and the Kikuyu is not the most bers of the middle class in the cities. It hold among a people who, when up-to-date of farmers. would be the largest party America has the white men first came to ever seen. It could put its own candidates Kenya, were the least warlike Highlands," the exclusive reserve into Congress and the White House, into people who "preferred to flee comprise about 12,000 acres of the State and City legislatures. It would into the deep and protecting the richest farm land; that is, shortly become the greatest power on forests" rather than stand and one white person to the square

That is the potential meaning of the statistical data released by the Labor De-

Cavallaro's Victory

McCarthy's witch hunt movement scored another ominous victory May 19 when Joseph B. Cavallaro became chairman of the Board of Higher Education in New York.

Cavallaro, a Catholic appointed to the board in 1946 by Mayor O'Dwyer, was elected 11 to 9 in an executive session that barred the presidents of four colleges. Several board members called it a "blitz."

In his first public statement, this witch hunter praised the sinister activities of McCarthy, Jenner and Velde, saying they "have done a good job" in investigating "subversion" in the schools and that "the school board should finish it."

The elation among the McCarthyite forces was matched by the gloom among the liberals. The Democratic N. Y. Post, the Liberal Party, the AFL Teachers Guild and the Public Education Association are all bemoaning Cavallaro's election.

They have good reason for this, for the witch hunt has extended to their ranks. Last year, for instance, Dr. Harold C. Lenz, Dean of Students at Queens College, was summarily dismissed from his post. He was guilty of two "crimes": (1) He belonged to the Americans for Democratic Action and the American Civil Liberties Union. (2) In 1947 he defended the right of students to get a charter for any organization they wished to form. This brought him under the fire of the American Legion and the Catholic War Veterans.

Dr. Lenz is the type of teacher that can now expect attack from Cavallaro, who matters most in the life of a says he wants "some emphasis on religion in city colleges." The liberals, headed by the Post, "point

with alarm" to Cavallaro's election. But of all the tribes in Kenya, the in the British sphere of Africa they themselves bear a large share of the Kikuyu was by far the most ad- closer to slavery." responsibility. They approved Truman's vanced and the most peaceful. But "loyalty" purge in principle, the purge that eke out a living for himself and given up to two acres of land on there is literally no alternative set off the witch hunt. They have approved his family, the Kikuyu could not which to grow food for the to stealing or starving. victimization of "communists," insisting be persuaded to work for the only that victimization be confined strictly to "communists." McCarthy and his crew, however, have simply widened the defini- of their land! The territory huts. After that they are given tion to include everyone who thinks dif- allocated to them has 2,000 square from 10 to 18 shillings (\$1.40 to ferently from the pattern spelled out in miles of cultivatable land. Over \$2.52) a month."

Cavallaro's election should serve as one with the most advanced methods profits made by the white farmmore reminder to the liberals that the cost of giving up the fundamental principles of

over and then begin organizing a counter- up and heralded by a large sec- British withdrawal from the Association's convention at the movement to the forces of McCarthyism tion of the c.s. daily prospect based on this principled stand. There is no of that old British imperialist damned. And then, Mr. President, "in terms of actual profiteering Stalinist Party were expelled in years has been marked by heavy other way to mount an effective defense war dog, Sir Winston Churchill, let us sink every accused ship from tax writeoffs" alone, "has against the menace of the Wisconsin and its echo by former prime carrying materials to the enemy produced one new war mil-radio in East Berlin said May Senator and his local bully boys like minister Clement Attlee, the capable of Laborite.

The wisconship produced one new war miliproduced one new

Eisenhower "Balances" the Budget

In his 1952 presidential campaign, Eisenhower pledged to balance the budget, stabilize the dollar, halt inflation, cut taxes, etc. A few weeks ago a ballyhoo began in Washington about Eisenhower's alleged drastic cuts of the proposed Truman budget, accompanied by intimations that while there would be a deficit for 1953-54, it would be "slight," not more than a billion or so; and that next year, the budget would be balanced for sure.

Eisenhower still continues to claim that he is leading this country back to financial solvency. He continues to pretend that \$81/2 billion have been cut from the original Truman proposals. "This prodigious sum means more than \$50 for every man, woman and child in our country," Eisenhower boasted on May 19. "This is the first step in cutting expenditures." In the same breath, Eisenhower demanded that tax cuts "wait."

Nowhere in his speech did he mention that his projected budget for 1953-54 will top \$74 billion, an amount more than eight times as big as the "prodigious sum" of \$81% billion he falsely says he has saved for "every man, woman and child in the country." Nowhere did he explain that continued expenditures on this scale involve a deficit of a whopping \$6.6 billion on the basis of existing tax laws.

Eisenhower again blamed previous

deficits for the depreciation of the dollar. Deficit government spending can lead ator of the West Coast shipping McCarthyite war incitements. only, he again said, to spiralling inflation interests ranted that "our chief ("ever increasing cost of living"). It will allies . . . are prepared to urge tions subcommittee which he the loot taken in the last three hold a post in occupied Germany lead to the degradation of all those and to insist upon the admission dependent on fixed incomes, annuities, Nations." This, he claimed, would pensions and the like (Eisenhower contented himself with singling out "depreciated savings"); and, finally, to "higher and higher cost" of the arms program. (Eisenhower carefully refrained from mentioning the rising interest rates the declamations of Senator tance of Wall Street to recognize which add annually to the "carrying costs" Joseph McCarthy, who, like Know- the revolutionary government of of the astronomic national debt.)

f the astronomic national debt.)

Eisenhower juggled with figures to porting and banking groups reasons why American boys conwhose interests are tied to the tinue to be sacrificed by the unload all the blame for this on Truman Far East and whose chief im- hundreds every week in Korea and the Democrats. But why then does mediate concern is restoration of and why the threat of an all- American people, as well as the Eisenhower continue the same policy, ag- China to imperialist exploitation. Asia war remains. gravating a situation he himself acknowledges could be "as destructive of a truly smeared Attlee as a "Communist" free economy (read: U.S. capitalism) as because this labor lieutenant of basic reason for the whole war class in the Far East. could a chemical attack against an army in British imperialism and followed danger that can be summed up

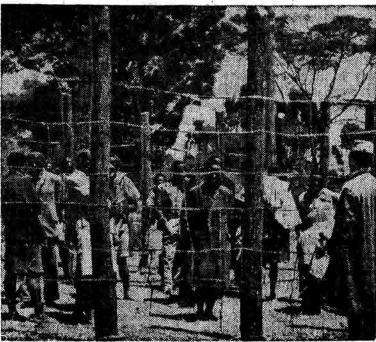
Because any real cuts in the budget can the United States that do not billion-dollar monopolies, cannot be made only at the expense of the arms want a truce in Korea and it is survive without war. War and program. And Eisenhower is committed, just as well to face up to the war-spending are needed conjust as Truman was, to this arms program in the interests of the monopolists they McCARTHY PROVES IT both represent. Eisenhower's high-arms, high-deficit, high-tax budget for 1953-54 is the correctness of Attlee's con- incentive for war is again cona glaring expression of the ultimate choice tention and showed, as well, that firmed in a strong statement by a glaring expression of the ultimate choice facing Wall Street — a plunge into depression or a plunge into war.

the Wisconsin Senator is one of the Northwest Public Power sion or a plunge into war.

American troops from Korea; slavia and Rumania. Yugoslav of the most rabid war-mongers. At of the Northwest Public Power sion or a plunge into war.

American troops from Korea; slavia and Rumania. Yugoslav of the most rabid war-mongers, however, that no general peace feelers were put 11.) sion or a plunge into war.

British Oppression in Kenya



British oppression in Kenya, Africa, is illustrated by this recent photograph of Africans coralled in barbed-wire cages, like the one above, throughout the Kikuyu native reserve. British authorities are trying to smash independence movement with mass arrests and Nazi-style "collective retributions" against

of soil cultivation, it is quite ers? Don't you believe it! Annual impossible for this limited area incomes of \$50,000 to \$80,000 ever, is the background to Mau to maintain such a population "are not rare."

By contrast, the nearby "White mile. Even adding the African A pamphlet published by the laborers, the population is only Congress of Peoples Against Im- between 30 and 40 to the square perialism, Why Mau Mau? by mile.

The policy of dispossession had its desired effect. Land shortage In Nairobi, according to Mu Some 200,000 of them became

for their farms and plantations, he knows of "no labor condition

"The squatters must sign a family; they must not sell any of their produce. They are allowed The remedy was simple. The 15 stock, such as sheep. They month, despite the fact that the

arge areas there are from 500 to Perhaps these wretched 1,000 people per square mile. Even are justified because of the small | food."

Kenya's Fight for Freedom

Mr. Kingsley Martin, Editor of the New Statesmen and Nation, has told of a farmer who made a clear \$140,000 last year, after paying his taxes. All this vast wealth is

product of cheap labor of the African workers. Those Kikuyu who have sought a livelihood in the town fare

10,000 HOMELESS

drove tens of thousands of John Whyatt, Attorney General Kikuyus from their assigned of the Colony, there are 10,000 territory to seek work on the homeless Africans. As the climate white man's farms and in the is too cold to allow them to sleep towns of Nairobi and Mombassa. out, they "crowd the one-room dwellings of friends - or sleep "Squatters" on the Highland on the forms in the squalid Burmah market or drag over Fenner Rrockway writes that their bodies what materials they can scrounge from the city's dump

Thousands of these Nairobi Africans are unemployed. They while he had sufficient land to three-year contract. They are resort to crime because for them

When an African does find work he gets a wage of \$7.84 a says that \$8.40 "a month is the

There is absolutely nothing over

Along the way of docility there vas clearly no way out for the Kikuyu. The only alternative was by violence to try and overthrow the rule of the white man. And so Mau Mau was born as the answer to 60 years of enslavement and frustration under the British flag.

Is it any wonder that the

out for land and his belly crying

methods? Sixty years of passive

rule has deprived him of his

through education and trying to

dopt the white man's way of life

have come up against arrogant

racial prejudice and the humilia-

tion of the color bar.

FORCED TO REVOLT

It is easy to sit here in Britain, in the comparative security of the "Welfare State," and condemn he activities of Mau Mau: to be horrified at the bloodshed in Kenya is a natural reaction. But if the people are resorting to abjure violence when the power primitive methods in their efforts of his oppressor is only maintainto destroy their enemies, it is well to remember that it has been deliberate British policy to keep them primitive. Otherwise they would have been less useful as a cheap source of labor for the

Every peasant revolt in history has been accompanied by acts which seemed barbaric to the more "cultured" people of the towns. But the average towns- wide struggle for socialism. man has never been subject to The town dweller can have no violence against their persons.

the reserve. They have to scratch to his country cousin. an existence from the miserable

And all the murder and terror patch of worn-out land around

There have been wholesale round-ups of Kikuyus by the Kikuyu, his whole being crying police without any effort to discriminate between the guilty and out for food, is driven to desperate guiltless; hundreds have been shot in cold blood. There have acceptance of the white man's been mass hangings. Africancontrolled schools have been freedom and reduced him to closed, cattle seized and shops in beggary. Many Africans, who had the Kikuyu reserve shut down. sought a way out for themselves Leaders of the people have been arrested and held in custody without trial.

Instead of tackling the economic and social causes which gave birth to Mau Mau, the Tory Government has let loose a reign of terror. This official violence, far from cowing the Kikuyu, has only made them more determined to carry on the fight till the oppressors are driven from the land and the people of Kenya have won the right to determine their own future.

The methods of Mau Mau are not those we should use in England - but it is not for us in the Labor movement to preach norality to the Kikuyu.

How can a father remain calm when he sees his children starving around him? How can he ed by violence?

We must recognize the justice of the African's demands and insist that the Labor Party, inside and outside Parliament, place itself without hesitation on their side. We must give aid and advice to the African people; help them to organize their fight for national independence and thus draw them into the world-

And our first demand must be the brutalizing effect of the land- the withdrawal of all British lord's rule. When the worker in armed forces from Kenya so that town sells his labor power, he does the people of that country can not at the same time sell his settle their problems without the whole family into semi-slavery, fear of constant arrest and

By Charles Hanley

German machinery to the USSR, 29. The West German government is seriously considering the offer 'despite sharp differences of opinion" and set up an East Comcountries. As the Bonn corthat the whole sum is spent on dustrialists and commercial circles Cypriots' right to live free. exert constant pressure "to increase trade with the great markets in Eastern Europe.'

of the Stalinist Party of Czecho- the Suez Canal Zone since March slovakia attacked "Zionism" and I. British Minister of State "Trotskyism" in a 12-column Selwyn Lloyd claimed that article, calling for increased violence in the Canal Zone has vigilance against "these traitors" been renewed by the Egyptians. and repeating anti-Semitic He alleged that 50 attacks on charges, according to the April British troops have occurred since 24 N. Y. World-Telegram and Sun. April 1.

THREE HIGH-RANKING members of East Germany's a new purge, the Soviet controlled

VLADIMIR SEMENOV. Rusian political adviser to the East German Republic, was replaced several weeks ago by Ravel Youdine, one of the 125 members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the USSR and the first one in this body to reports Le Peuple of Brussels.

ANDRE MARTY'S FRIENDS in Toulouse, France, publised a Communist Party of France is being destroyed," explaining in 1919 Black Sea revolt was framed up and expelled from the CP by In view of these gigantic the Stalinist bureaucrats with the material stakes of the U.S. aid of his own brother-in-law, Taurinya, and a certain Hamelet, who is a member of the CP a reporter for the capitalist paper overwhelming majority of the Le Figaro and perhaps also a

against Tito has not diminished American reporters. "A possible interests in intervention in Korea since Stalin's death, but Italian indication of a change in the observers believe it possible that Mau-Mau tactics . . bloody regimes of Chiang Kai- the Malenkov government is try- attack on the farm of John Shershek and Syngman Rhee, which ing to improve relations between rard, a settler in the Nanyuki could not survive for a minute the Eastern bloe and Yugoslavia, district. Mr. Sherrard, taken without American armed forces. Edmund Stevens of the Christian prisoner, was not slain, as has of profits flowing in the veins of Our interest is in stopping the Science Monitor cabled from Rome been the custom, but was locked war in Korea at once and estab- May 15. A new agreement on in a room and assured that no Danube navigation was recently harm would come to him. Thirty The preconditions for this are: concluded after month-long raiders stole his weapons and a (1) immediate withdrawal of the secret negotiations between Yugo- few other things in the house and

THE SOVIET UNION, it was out by the Rumanian Stalinists earned May 17, made a tempt- during these talks or by Molotov ing offer to West Germany for when he received the Yugoslav revival of trade based on sale of charge d'affaires in Moscow April

THE CYPRUS Greek Church Council decided March 27 to order Cypriots to abstain from Queen mittee last December to activate Elizabeth's coronation festivities Kikuyu were deprived of the best are given materials to build their City Medical Officer of Health trade with the East European because "it is not permissible for minimum amount to keep an respondent of the N. Y. Herald the celebrations of their rulers African healthy and this assumes Tribune points out, German in- who do not want to recognize

> EGYPT'S Ministry of the Interior charged May 13 that seven Egyptians have been killed and AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER 24 wounded by British forces in

> > CIVIL WAR in Colombia, South America, in the last five casualties and almost unbelievable

Gruson, N. Y. Times correspondent reported from Bogota May 11. Since the Stalinists failed to support a guerrilla attack on an air base last New Years, most partisan units are believed to have turned away from them, according to Gruson. Thousands of people have been killed in this murderous civil war waged by the government and numerous villages have been totally destroyed.

TWO HUNDRED African port workers at Mombassa, Kenya, being destroyed," explaining in daily soaking during the season detail how the hero of the famous of heavy tropical downpours, staged a quickie strike May 15. They returned to work after 10 minutes on the assurance that their demand for free raincoats will be considered if they submit their request "constitutionally."

MAU-MAU TACTICS in Kenya have shifted from terrorism to organized guerrilla warfare, ac-COMINFORM propaganda cording to several European and

democracy can be your own head. You can't approve witch-hunting a "communist" without approving being witch-hunted yourself. To successfully defend the Bill of Rights you must defend the right of everyone, including "communists," to enjoy its

tion of the U.S. daily press, have Korean war with the howl:

Senator William F. Knowland of California, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Coma quick truce in Korea. The Senbe "urging a Far Eastern Munich." And he concluded that if the U.S. has to "go it alone" in pressing war against China, troops. then "so be it!"

land, speaks for shipping, ex- China are the most immediate

McCarthy made Attlee the main butt of his attack. He the lead of Churchill and dared in one word: profits. American to state: "There are elements in Big Business, with its multi-

McCarthy's denial itself proved That profits are the primary lishing peace in Asia.

Through the Senate Investigaheads, McCarthy is attempting to years in what Norman condemned of Communist China to the United raise a furor and provoke retalia- as "exploitation of the national tion for alleged use of British defense as an opportunity for ships in Chinese coastal trade, unwarranted legal profiteering." transported Chinese Communist billion of free plants, the \$75 long leaflet in April, "How the

The pressure of the Knowlands Even more violent have been and McCarthys, and the reluc-

DRIVE FOR PROFITS

But there is a more general stantly now to keep the life blood degenerated capitalism.

answered the threat of a possible to the American Public Power Sheraton-Plaza Hotel in Boston. "I say, Withdraw and be The Korean war, said Norman,

what flag those ships may fly." This "police action," he pointed
This demand that the U.S. carry
out, "has cost 130,000 American the war in Korea to China proper casualties and \$26 - billion in mittee, responded bitterly to and even sink British ships that accelerated amortization certifi-Churchill's mild suggestion of a trade with China, which the cates" through which the war three power peace conference and British government recognizes corporations are getting for has been followed up by further nothing the plants built at public expense.

> And this is only a fraction of He might have added to the \$26 billion of admitted net profits grabbed by the corporations since

the Korean war began. DISTRUST MOUNTS

capitalists in war, it is understandable why more and more world, look with scepticism, dis- stool pigeon for the French trust and even outright hostility police. at the role of the U.S. ruling

The American people have no and China or in bolstering the

Advocates of Fair Employment Practices laws should study carefully the experience in the Ohio House of Representatives last week to see just how degenerated such legislation can become.

When the reactionary legislature got through amending the Burton bill, a weak, ineffective measure at the outset, it was made clear that the only "reforms" that will be passed today are those which are first transformed into weapons for the anti-labor witch hunters.

As passed by the House, the FEP bill makes it unlawful for employers, labor organizations, employment agencies or others subject to its provisions to publish any notice or advertisement relating to employment or membership which contains any specification or limitation as to race, religious creed, color, age, national origin or ancestry; or to require such information of any applicant for employment or membership.

The age provision, tacked on in an amendment, was opposed in vain by the author of the bill, who pointed out:

"We have no precedent for this. The amendment raises an entirely new problem. Including age means if a person applies for a job, the employer can't ask him how old he is. It raises the whole question of pension programs."

The proponent of the amendment demagogically contended that since the bill simed to eliminate job discrimination, "it is impossible for us to overlook any group."

But when Mrs. Anna F. O'Neil of Akron attempted to include an amendment barring discrimination against women, that logic didn't apply. The amendment was defeated.

Another amendment that did succeed,

however, was one specifically permitting employers to discriminate for political views. It provides:

"This act in no way shall prohibit any Barbaria Hits employer, employment agency or labor union from inquiring from any employee or member or any applicant for membership whether he advocated or is a member of a party or organization which advocates Move in Calif. the overthrow of our government by force.

"If such inquiry is made and there is no negative reply, such employer, employment agency or labor union shall be per- Frank Barbaria, spokesman of mitted to discriminate against such employee or applicant."

Finally, after setting up this new legal basis for discrimination, the legislators added one more amendment to make any possible attempt to stop discrimination had declared unconstitutional a more difficult. They provided that if any fair-employment-practices matter should reach court proceedings, the final and very 52, would amend the law in an rare last step, the defendant in contempt attempt to meet the constituaction will be entitled to a jury trial.

Thus the net effect of this caricature of an FEP law would be to strengthen the witch hunt without weakening the ability of discriminatory employers to continue their contemptible practices one iota.

This is exactly the type of "reform" that in curtailing our electoral rights can be expected within the framework of The time is over-ripe for working people ing the ban to other minority to use their tremendous numerical and barties. This law, he said, could bar a Labor Party no matter economic strength for independent political how many millions of California action, to win political power and industrial democracy.

Only when workers put a sufficient number of their own representatives in office favor of allowing fascist parties will we get employment practices fair to on the ballot?" all workers.

Barbaria replied, "We against any abrogating of the constitution to keep anybody off the ballot." He noted that the history of the fascist movements showed they did not depend on the ballot to come to power.

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Ballot Ban

By Sue Bennett

SACRAMENTO, May 13

the Socialist Workers Party, in

a State legislature committee

hearing today, attacked a move

to bar all but approved parties

, The California Supreme Court

previous law barring the Commu-

nist Party from the ballot. The

new measure, Assembly Bill No.

Instead of barring only the CP,

the new law would outlaw any

party that the Secretary of State

Barbaria pointed out that the

amended bill went even further

than the law that had been

declared unconstitutional. Now

might declare "subversive."

voters were supporting it."

A member of the committee

tried to needle the SWP repre-

from the California ballot.

Others who opposed the bill were Mr. Weber of the Friends Progressive Party and George Edison of the Unitarian Church.

The bill was passed unanimously

Anti-Labor Bill

SACRAMENTO, May 14 measure, Assembly Bill No. 2284, unions in California.

In face of this demonstration, members of the committee found voted to table, eight to two. However, the fight is not yet

What is urgently required is

organization of a powerful movement to keep breathing down the necks of these political representatives of the business interests. And if the building of a Labor Party were undertaken, the threat

The entire atmosphere of the Carbide & Carbon, Int'l Harvester, the paper-backed books distributers, despite the fact that there

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Voting on Shapeup



Members of AFL International Longshoremen's Association Local 865 are shown at New York voting place in port-wide poll on the shapeup hiring system. The only question on the ballot was: "Are you satisfied with the present method of hiring?" Offered no alternative, such as the union hiring hall and rotation system, a majority voted "Yes" on the ballot.

decadent capitalism. The bosses use their the legislators, he declared, were legislatures in their own interest, of course. meeting this obstacle by extend-Gets Prison in Vehicle Case

By L. Cooper

AKRON, May 15 - A totally unwarranted interpretation of the Ohio Motor Vehicle Act was used as a pretext in Common Pleas Court last Tuesday to con-vict Frank Hashmall, reputed to be a local Stalinist leader. He received a sentence of 1-10 years for registering title to a purchased car under a false name and address.

of the Act specifically connects false registration with the purose thereof. Fraud occurs, secrocent party obtaining a car from falsely registered title holder is victim of fraud.

None of these specific conditions of fraud were charged fully paid for the car and had not sought to sell it. This did not prevent the political persecutors from indicting Hashmall for false registration. For good measure they arbitrarily divided even this indictment into two the largest committee room at ing under a false address." Hash-

To assume an alias is not al crime under Ohio law, Hashmall's lawyer, Mrs. Thelma Furry pointed out to the court. In his Six More Join final defense speech, Hashmall said that he had registered his Billion Dollar Club car under an alias in order to keep his. identity hidden from witch hunters and reactionary elements who had been persecut- ing the total membership to 66. continues to rent to the strikers the Manhattan and Bronx stores ing him and his family for a Combined assets of the giant despite threats made by Greennumber of years. His home in corporations is listed at 174.3 bil- field to the lessee and operator of single worker has reported since Columbus had been destroyed by lions, almost three times as much the Hall. In the headquarters, vandals in 1949 after a Columbus as the budget for the entire U.S. dozens of strikers in their Sunday newspaper had called him a Com- in the fiscal year 1952.

the defendant should determine store has been absolutely empty. the severity of the sentence. "In The vast first floor is gloomy and view of his antagonistic attitude quiet, with a few cops standing toward society, we believe he should receive the maximum dummies displaying uniforms for cried. "Don't believe the signs, penalty under the law," he said. had been illegally snatched from Hashmall's room by detectives, watched the premises not more Judge Wanamaker, the trial jurist, than a half-dozen people entered, ought to know." declared that the literature was most of them women who looked designed to overthrow the gov- like wives of the executives. The Certificate of Title section ernment "that protected him." Mrs. Furry pointed out that the literature was openly sold and ing a parcel. A woman picket out not contraband. (It ill behooved front chanted a parody of the tion 6290-4 points out, if the the Judge to speak of "protection" Gimbels' sales slogan: "Nobody, purpose of alias title registration in relation to this case in par- but nobody, shops at Hearns tos to conceal any irregularities in ticular. Hashmall had been day!" She was absolutely right. obtaining the car. Also, an in- severely beaten by instigated prisoners in County jail while the by Local 1250 of District 65 which

authorities looked the other way.) was readmitted to the CIO at the Concurring with the prosecutor's same time that the strike was wishes, the Judge threw the book starting. District 65, expelled from at Hashmall, giving him the the CIO in 1949 for "communist against Hashmall, since he had maximum sentence on both counts, domination," has now made peace revoked the bail bond and sent with the labor federation. Despite him straight to jail. Meanwhile this fact, the company continues the American Civil Liberties to make charges of "communism" Union has taken an interest in and "communist tactics." thus the case and is expected to file a showing how employers always brief with the Appeals Court. try to use the

A local committee has been con- charge against strikers. Pickets stituted to defend Hashmall. They outside reply by shouting: "The should broaden their base to in- company is un-American," and clude all organizations and in- several of them carry big Amerobtaining justice in the cas

The Billion Dollar Club took in

Militant Mass Picketing Marks Hearns Strike

By Harry Frankel

NEW YORK, May 20 - A militant strike in defense of unionism is going into its second week at Hearns Department Store. The company has refused to sign a contract or deal with the union in good

campaign to break the union.

The chief antagonist of the

strikers is Albert M. Greenfield,

Philadelphia banker, real estate

operator and department store

magnate, chairman of the board

of Bankers Securities Corp. and

member of the boards of a list

of department-store and real-

estate corporations as long as

arrogantly told the union repre-

sentatives on April 1 that New

picket lines "if we advertist bargains." "We'll break your

trike and we'll ruin your union,"

Greenfield missed his guess.

Despite big cordons of cops winch

keep union picket lines crowded against the curbs and clear big

areaways for "customers;" the

stiffly at their posts looking like

one entire morning when I

Not a single person came out of

The strike is being conducted

the store all that morning carry-

e insisted.

your arms. Greenfield

In the elevator going up to faith since the previous contract expired on Feb. 28, and has opened strike headquarters, one striker expressed pleased "surprise" over the solid and militant turnout for the strike. Another replied: 'I'm not surprised. We're all human beings fighting for our rights. I expected crowded elevator - load cheered assent. The holiday spirit which strikers invariably display when they succeed in striking back at their company antagonists after months of a wearing run-around was everywhere to be seen and Yorkers would cross the union heard.

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Large picket lines covered every store entrance on both 14th Street and Fifth Avenue. The union also organized a flying squadron, which the pickets call a "floating crew," to reinforce any weak points that appear.

Pickets, mostly girls, both Negro and white, booed the occasional person who looked into the Hearns' windows. "Don't go in, help us win," they penalty under the law," he said sale. Out front big window signs they shouted, referring to large Leafing through literature that advertise "Bargains" but during posters in the windows which slanderously accuse the union of all sorts of crimes. "Ask us, we

HALF LOSE JOBS

Two young Negro girl pickets told me about the vicious company policies employed in shifting over to a self-service system. This has cost more than half of the store's 1800 workers their jobs in the past few months. They explained that the company has not followed seniority in the layoffs, and has fired workers with over 20 years' service.

The strike situation came to head on Monday, May 10 when the company fired Max Klarer, chairman of the Hearns union local. Groups of workers tried to see the store officials on Tuesday. but were refused a conference. On Wednesday the workers tried to get the company to begin negotia-"communist" tions by waiting on their jobs. The Hearns' management thereupon announced over the store loudspeaker system that all workmunism" by its anti-union camthe walkout on Thursday at noor Carl Andren, Vice-President of District 65 in charge of depart-

ment stores, whom a union picket captain proudly identified for me as "the only man on 14th Street joining Adelphi Hall, a meeting wearing a homburg," said the which is also owned by strike is absolutely solid in all six new members last year, bring- Greenfield interests but which three New York Hearns units, as well as the warehouse. Not a the strike started.

Meanwhile, the attempting to get a court inmunist leader and printed his The six new members were the strike issue and picket-line junction enjoining the pickets Sinclair Oil, Citles Service, Union experiences. A few were reading from "interfering" with custom-

Can You Detrain a Cop?

I got a pleasant surprise reading the New York papers last Tuesday. The 19,000 cops on the force are going to be sent back to school "to learn to get along better with people, especially members of minority groups.'

This seemed to me a commendable step that has long been overdue in the world's largest city. "New York's finest," as the capitalist papers affectionately call these gun-wielding guardians of their special interests, have gained a fearsome reputation among minority groups.

Known cases of innocent people slugged and beaten by the cops in recent years run into the scores. They usually work over the unfortunate victim in their prowl cars but do not always forego a few test operations at the scene of arrest to be followed at the station house with a scene that would entrance a medieval torturer.

Some of the cops are known to be trigger-happy. At any real or fancied signs of resistance, the brute in blue uniform whips out his well-oiled gun and lets his victim have it.

On top of this, the force has been rocked by sensational scandal after scandal involving lucrative connections with the underworld, particularly gamblers and bookies for whom they furnish protection. This has given "New York's finest" a somewhat bedraggled look.

In the light of these facts, I was glad to see that the highest authorities finally decided the time had come to do something about counteracting the notorious sadism and taste for tainted money that people now associate with the cops.

It seems like a good idea to send these warped specimens of humanity back to school for detraining. That was done with the savage killer dogs of the armed forces at the end of the war so that their former masters would receive the same gentle Committee on Legislation, Miss pets they turned over to the government Lynn Childs of the Independent for service during the fighting.

But on checking the plan for New York's cops I'm not so sure now that actual by the committee. It now goes to detraining is intended. Only 25 cops out of the floor where early passage is the 19,000 are scheduled to start the expected in the absence of firm course. They are captains. The class meets for only two hours. And only once a week.

And for only five weeks Is 10 hours. And for only five weeks. Is 10 hours enough to detrain a trigger-happy, sadistic beast?

Moreover, the course does not consist of psychiatric treatment as might be expected but of simply listening to talks by pected, but of simply listening to talks by "community leaders, police officials and public relations experts." Can you imagine | More than 400 representatives of counts, (1) "registering under a the reaction of these club-swingers when California trade unions packed false name," and (2) "registerthey're told to sign for the Sunday School lectures?

The largest committee room at the largest committee room at the hearing on the Levering "right the hearing on the Levering "right to work" bill. The proposed to work bill belong to work bill. The proposed to work bill belong to work bill. The proposed to work bill belong to work bill. The proposed to work bill belong to work bill belong to work bill. The proposed to work bill belong to w

Of course, at the rate of 25 cops every five weeks, or about 250 a year, it'll take would have virtually outlawed around 76 years to work through the entire force, so the chances of getting the assignment before retirement are not so high as the bill too hot to handle. They to be unduly alarming.

But even this is not all. The program is a "two-way proposition." The police de- finished. Many more similar antipartment intends also to try to detrain union bills are in the hopper. public feeling. Police officials are going to address civic organizations to publicize what nice guys cops really are. And tons of slick literature will be dumped all over the city in strategic places like the schools to prove that the cop with the loaded gun to prove that the cop with the loaded gun is really your best friend, especially if you existence would soon be overcome. To legislate the unions out of existence would soon be overcome. Connecticut General Life Index of the union to pass time away has not been a sign of disorder or a single arrest. belong to a minority group.

All of which depresses me somewhat and leads me to think that perhaps it's not so be my first impression was right - that

Notes from the News

NEGRO FAMILY EVICTED by force after New York City Marshall led a wrecking crew to batter down the door to the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Sophie Decatur at the huge Bronx housing development of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Some 50 neighbors of the Decaturs had barricaded themselves inside the apartment to resist the eviction. The previous day Mrs. Decatur and a group of her neighbors had staged a nine-hour sitdown strike by chaining themselves to the chairs in the office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance housing office. A demonstration of over 400 persons cheered Mrs. Decatur as she was led from the building by the cops. The Decatur family had subleased the spartment from the previous tenants.

BRAIN WASHING by Army Brass of injured American prisoners recently released in Korea failed to deter Opl. Jimmy Pinkston of Jacksonville, N. C., from telling the truth. In an interview with the press Cpl. Pinkston declared that "most of the stories about Communists mistreating American prisoners are not true." He insisted that his captors did "everything possible to make our life pleasant."

EDITOR OF THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN, weekly newspaper which speaks for the Progressive Party, is being held for deportation on Ellis Island following his appearance before witch hunter McCarthy's Senate Investigating committee. British-born Cedric Belfrage refused to answer questions about his alleged "communist" sympathies. He was threatened with deportation by the McCarthyite committee and later arrested

and interned at Ellis Island. Executive editor of the Guardian, James Aronson, and general manager John T. McManus, issued the following statement: "The arrest of Belfrage is part of a drive not only against the National Guardian but against the opposition press of the nation."

NEGRO LEADER WARNS of the danger of open violence that could-follow any movement of Negroes out of the congested New York City ghettoes in which they are now confined. Edward S. Lewis, executive director of the Urban League of Greater New York declared: "I would warn our citizens in this great metropolis that any perceptible movement of Negroes out of their present congested areas of Harlem, Bedford-Stuyvesant and Jamaica into Queens, the Bronx or Staten Island, would probably put us in the same class as Chicago, Detroit and Kansas City where bombings have taken place." Mr. Lewis gave no indication of how the Urban League proposed to batter down Jim-Crow prejudice or relieve the growing problem of congestion in the Negro ghettoes.

THE GOVERNMENT has asked the United States Court of Appeals to reinstate all perjury McCarthy is more powerful than counts in the indictment against Owen Lattimore on charges of perjury. Four of the seven counts of perjury were thrown out on May 2 by Federal Judge Luther Youngdahl, including the key ers who are wondering the very charge that Lattimore had lied to Senate investigators when he denied he had ever promoted communism or Communist causes. Lattimore has long been one of the main targets of witch hunter McCarthy who has accused him of being that the American labor movethe "foremost Russian agent in America."

easy to get a killer cop detrained. Could it be my first impression was right — that this is precisely the kind of cop they really and?

(Continued from page 1) Carthy: "'Comrade' is a Communist term meaning fellow Commu-

If a prominent British labor leader can be smeared as a "communist" because he says there are in China instead of peace in Korea, then what lies in store themselves sooner or later? Isn't that substantially what American labor said about some Republicans during the last election campaign?

If Attlee can get the works because he opposed a Spanish ports legislation like the Taftfascist victory 15 years ago, then who also sympathized with the legally - elected Spanish Republican government at that time favorable to him. and who still denounce Franco

If it has become "treasonable" for Attlee to wonder whether Eisenhower, then won't Mc-Carthy's witch hunt be turned same thing?

FIGHT OR DIE

The Attlee incident is a sign ment has got to make up its mind:

destroyed by McCarthyism.

wisecracks about McCarthy in greater chances of succeeding their papers. But that achieves than it would today. some Americans who want war nothing. Name-calling will never stop the fascist forces.

Some union leaders think the for American labor leaders who menace can be evaded by ought to demand that their leadknow that Attlee was speaking pretending it is not there. So ers make a declaration of war and open discussion." Finally the the plain truth and who may be they are silent about McCarthy, against McCarthyism NOW. compelled to say the same thing hoping that if they don't bother him, he won't bother them. This is the sure road to suicide. McCarthy, it is true, has been

careful so far not to become too done: notoriously identified as a strikebreaker (although he always sup- that the "anti-communist crusade" Hartley Act). He knows that assault by Big Business on their what is McCarthy going to do to American labor will not be easy living standards, democratic the leaders of the AFL and CIO, to crush, and he would prefer to rights and aspirations for peace. delay a direct assault against the unions until conditions are most

ONE STAGE AT A TIME

First, he isolates the "communists." Then he goes after the people who object to his assaults on civil liberties. Next on his list are the so-called "communist against the American union lead- thinkers" (that is, non-communists who may think like "communists" on one or another specific issue). Then comes the turn of the liberals and Social Democrats like Attlee.

He goes one stage at a time and each time he wins out, more

borites and socialists). Said Mc. Carthyism, or it is going to be prospects for victory in the next stage become brighter. If the Up to now, the farthest the labor movement lets him continue union leaders have gone is to unchecked, then his inevitable make some angry remarks or attack on labor will have far

> Delay plays into McCarthy's hands. That is why the members of the American labor movement

THREE JOBS TO BE DONE McCarthyism can be beaten lecisively when three things are

1. Show the American people is a mask for a reactionary 2. Give active and effective help to ALL the victims of the witch hunt, now being picked off

3. Fight the witch hunt POLITICALLY - by building an independent Labor Party aimed at taking power away from the two capitalist parties which breed McCarthyism in the same way and for the same reasons that they breed war, profiteering and race hate.

one by one.

The American labor movement can do these three jobs. It had better get busy on all three of them if it wants to survive.

BALTIMORE WITCH HUNT HITS UNITED WORLD FEDERALISTS

(Continued from page 1) aphold the members of the UWF as "patriotic, loyal citizens . .

DISCUSS THE STRIKE

Union headquarters have been

set up on the tenth floor of ad-

best sit around tables discussing

whose aim like the aim of most of us is the abolition of war." In a letter to the UWF he declared that he saw no reason "to suspect your organization for disloyalty or to single it out for special investigation."

He claimed that he was "distressed and shocked" by the disclosure and championed "free Honorable Governor gave his assurance that the attorney general, whose task it is to execute the infamous Ober law, "also

disapproves" of the Lyric Theater

action. Who then ordered this action The governor failed to explain Although "shocked and distress ed," the governor concluded by declaring that he favored passage of the Ober law and that he still supports it to-day. This thought control measure was one of the first of the current crop of socalled "anti-subversive" laws passed in the state legislatures. Its use against the World

WANTED

Soviet youth periodicals, especially those of Leningrad and Moscow, for the years 1923-

Write John G. Wright, care of The Militant.

overnor found it necessary to Militant has said from the beginning of the government "loyalty" purge. No organization, no matter how innocuous or respectable can consider itself immune from the witch hunt. At first these laws strike at the alleged "communists," but the meaning of "communist" is gradually expanded until it covers everyone who dares to think differently from the Mc-Carthys or who refuses to hail their faggot - and - stake campaigns.

> The Labor Trade Union of East Africa, which includes almost every trade in Kenya, was banned by the government without explanation.

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