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# Democrats Jump GM Lie of 'Healthy Economy' When McCarthy Cracks the Whip Exploded by Chevrolet Union

Feb. 2, 1954, was a day to be remembered. It was the day that the Democratic Party, liberals and all, ran for cover in the U.S. Senate and joined with the Republi-

finance his attacks on democratic Europe are being repeated in liberties. It was a day of this country today. triumphant rejoicing for the fas-



MURRY WEISS

## **Weiss Opens Tour** To Arouse Fight On McCarthyism

By George Breitman

NEWARK, Feb. 6 - Two policountry this week. Because of what they symbolize, it is useful

One tour, by Senator McCarthy, was sponsored by the Republican National Committee, and began in West Virginia on Feb. 4. The other, by Murry Weiss, was sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party, and began in Newark last

McCarthy's subject was "Twenty Years of Treason." His aim was to mobilize fascist sentiment, spread hysteria, confuse the people with big lies, intimidate opponents and smear everything faintly liberal.

Weiss' subject was "McCarthyism: What It Is and How to Fight It." His aim was to mobilize antifascist sentiment, counteract apathy and defeatism, provide understanding of current political trends, clarify perspectives, en-

and read reports of McCarthy's speeches knows they are as different as day and night. But despite their differences, these two tours bear a certain relationship to one another.

In a very real sense they symbolize the conscious forces of the class struggle in the United and now she is alive. Six years States today - the people who know what's happening, what's a child, she left "forever." coming, and what role they are going to play in the approaching and it does almost daily; ask any showdown fight to determine the fate of this country.

Those who want to prevent fascism from crushing everything progressive and hopeful in Amer- anyway." ican life can learn a lot and benefit greatly from hearing least bit career-minded, with no panionship in doing things to-Murry Weiss on this tour. All readers of the Militant should anything like that. She holds down tied down as housekeeper and make sure in advance that they will be present when he speaks thousands of other women. If

## **MURRY WEISS Tour Schedule**

Buffalo: Feb. 13 - 16. Pittsburgh: Feb. 19. Youngstown: Feb. 20 - 21. Akron: Feb. 23. Cleveland: Feb. 24 - 25. Detroit: Feb. 27 - Mar. 2.

fascist Senator McCarthy the treachery, errors and cowardice \$214,000 he had demanded to that made fascism possible in finance his attacks on democratic Europe and the finance his attacks on democratic

Every Democrat in the Senate cists and a day of terrible warn- that day knew what the \$214,000 ing for the American people: will be used for. They knew that For it demonstrated that the it will be used to intensify and deepen the witch hunt in politics, terrorize and persecute every that is opposed to the movement

> denounced the evil methods and and seemingly hopeless Indoreactionary aims of McCarthyism. Ever since 1950 they have urged the voters to elect the Democrats in order to curb and defeat Mc-Carthyism. And yet - they ran for cover on Feb. 2.

Senate to vote No. Whether they

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#### Anti-McCarthy Pamphlet Sold Out In Four Weeks

The new pamphlet, "Mc-Carthyism: American Fascism on the March," has met with such response that the entire first edition was sold out. within four weeks, according to Pioneer Publishers.

In response to the demand, a second edition has been announced. This will be available Feb. 17. Copies of the second edition of this important pamphlet, which explains the real meaning of McCarthyism and offers a working-class program to fight it, may be ordered from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y., at 10c. each.

Only direct U.S. military intervention, including large-scale use of American troops, can now the plants, the schools and every- prevent defeat soon for French where else. That it will be used imperialism's bloody eight-year in an attempt to intimidate, attempt to seize Indo-China and enslave its people. A new offen-American and every organization sive by the 500,000 - man independence army of Ho Chi Minh's to install McCarthy as the fas- Vietminh republic is sweeping cist President of the United across the province of Laos, in States. And that it will be used western Indo-China, and simulin the 1954 election campaign to taneously retaking new territory discredit, isolate and smear the in widespread areas throughout Democratic Party as "the party the rest of the country.

Last Jan. 4, Joseph Alsop of The Democrats knew all these the N. Y. Herald-Tribune reportthings because they have said so ed from Paris that the position of themselves, especially their liberal the French in Indo-China was wing. At a hundred different "highly precarious" and that "the places, in a thousand different turbulent currents of French polieloquent speeches, the Democratic tical opinion" reflected "a strong liberals have exposed and impulse to escape from the long Chinese war at almost any price."

WALL ST. INSISTENCE

The brutal assault on Indo-China has continued largely at the insistence of Wall Street's gov-What was involved? It was a ernment in Washington. Howsimple matter. McCarthy demand- ever, not even the recent ship-No, and to urge the rest of the nicians and flyers, as it has now

SECRET REQUEST

France, says the Feb. 12 U.S. life in the country. News and World Report, "is the Indo-China war." Openly, merely for the 400 more "tech-

To plunge this country into an-(Continued on page 3)

Democrats Back on McCarthy's Team



Three Democratic senators (right) attend the first conference of McCarthy's witch-hunting investigating committee after ending their "boy cott" in return for the face-saving "right" to hire one of the committee's lawyers and clerks, and a voice in the firing of committee personnel. In the group (left to right) are Republican Senators Potter (Mich.), Dirksen (Ill.), Mundt (S.D.), McCarthy; and Democrats McClellan (Ark.), Jackson (Wash.), and Symington (Mo.). The photo was taken just before McCarthy embarked on his tour witch-hunting the Democrats for "twenty years of treason.

# Stake of America's Artists In Anti-McCarthyite Battle

By Duncan Ferguson The struggle against McCarthy-

ism is not something of merely ed an appropriation to continue ments to Indo-China of more than ins "II. "satigations." Those who a billion dollars of new U.S. milis artist. Every serious artist, in tary equipment — plus at least had the right and the duty to vote 200 American air force techtheater, etc. - has the most leaked out - have been able to direct and personal interest in it. won or lost on the vote, this was turn the tide for the French in- Because McCarthyism is more than witch-hunting, more than of-According to the latest reports, ficial and unofficial censorship, the White House and Pentagon more than invasion of the indihave agreed to ship another 400 vidual's right to talk and write but this is a token. It raises the Carthyism is the American form question whether this may lead of fascism, and it is already on to U.S. intervention on the scale the march! And McCarthyite fasof Korea, with the danger that cism, if it comes to power, will the Indo-China war may then mean the immediate destruction become the starting point for of all free and independent ex- eral proposition, I believe we can so - called 'communists,' getting

> That is why the artist, in the force of U.S. military pilots and preservation even if for no other tell the truth. Air Force ground crews, to man reason, must play his part in the and service combat aircraft in fight against McCarthyism. The memory of what happened to the however, the French have asked artists in Germany and to cultural life in general under Hitler nicians," which Eisenhower is should still be green enough for all of us.

But what role can the artist other Korea-type war so soon play in this struggle? Well, in the fascism. As such, its fundamental spreading an illusion, to give the first place, and as a very gen- aim is not the ferreting out of

A ringing call to artists and intellectuals in every field to rally to the struggle against McCarthyism was sounded by Duncan Ferguson on Jan. 30 at a conference of the New York Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions on the subject, "The Artist and Professional in the Age of McCarthy."

Duncan Ferguson is a noted American sculptor whose work is represented in numerous museums and private collections. In contrast to the other speakers, whose general line was that the way to fight McCarthyism is by supporting New Deal-Fair Deal Democrats at the ballot next November, Ferguson pointed out that it is only the organized labor movement that can smash McCarthyism. For this reason, and beabove the hysterical screaming of McCarthyite reaction, the Militant considers it important to print the remarks he made at this conference.-Ed.

pression for every creative artist, start with this: that in the strug- 'hiberal' teachers and artists and the , immediate and complete gle against McCarthyism the scientists fired from their jobs, crushing of all serious cultural artist must remain faithful to blacklisting Hollywood and TV what I suppose has been the actors and playwrights. oldest and most traditional aim pressing secretly for a substantial interest of elementary self- of all artists - to seek out and to enough, and plenty more in the

afternoon. The truth about Mc- ed American labor movement. Carthyism is that it is American It is not telling the truth, but

It does all these things, sure

way of suppressing the free thought and expression of artists and scientists and intellectuals. And I don't believe we have But these are preparatory blows, been hearing the whole truth in a and secondary to the one fundanumber of the speeches that were mental aim of McCarthyism, made last night and again this which is - to smash the organiz-

# Big Flint Local Urges 30-Hour Work Week With 40 Hours' Pay

By Joseph Keller

"CAR PRODUCTION FLOPS - 4-Day Work Week Jolts Chevy Workers - United Labor Action Necessary to Save Nation from Disaster."

These are the banner headlines of the Feb. 2 issue of the Searchlight, official publication of the 14,000-member Chevrolet Local 659, CIO

United Automobile Workers, in Flint, Mich.

Thus, from the very heart of the General Motors Empire comes refutation of GM president Harlowe M. Curtice's recent propaganda claim that "the naional economy will be strong and healthy throughout the year." Pointing out the need for "stressing the thirty hour week with forty hours' pay," Local 359's President Robert Murphy gives the lie to Curtice, by revealing that thousands of GM workers in Flint have been reduced to part-time.

"In our Chevrolet assembly plant," reports Murphy, "they have not had a full week since the 11th of January; in the sheet metal division, for the past three weeks and more, they have encountered short work weeks and our motors division has been hit as of last Friday with the short work week and with the outlook of more to come."

"POSITIVE ACTION"

Emphasizing the program of the 30-hour week with 40 hours'

"We are now faced with thirty-two hour work week with only 32 hours' pay. We must take positive action in our membership meetings to set up an emergency convention or conference of the United Automobile Workers and the entire CIO to pass resolutions of positive action to forestall the elimination of our jobs and the security from which we have received some solace since late 1939. . . We are all aware of the dire need for positive action and POSITIVE ACTION IN THE YEAR FUTURE!"

This "solace," the lead article on the same page makes clear, was not secured without a price. That price has been war. The Searchlight finds "deep - rooted evils in our economy that go back a long while. For the past fifteen years our nation's economy has peen fed by billions upon billions spent on war materials. This also provided work on a temporary

Local 659's campaign for the 30-Hour Week at 40 Hours' Pay parallels the drive by the huge Ford Local 600, which we reported last week. The Feb. 6 Ford Facts devotes a whole page to ing doom and gloom across the "Need for 30-Hour Week - 40 "prophets of gloom." Hours' Pay Grows Daily."

The Labor Dept. has since further affirmed this need by "distressed" areas with "substantial" unemployment - 8% The first crack in the 1929 boom munity," appeared in Detroit."

BOSSES GET TOUGH

The entire labor movement is expressing deep apprehension over of an economic ostrich, ho unemployment generally. AFL that thus hard times will disa-President George Meany on Feb. pear." sounded the alarm at the "stiffening attitude" of employ- CONGRESS OF LABOR ers everywhere because of the growing unemployment - the Bureau of Labor Statistics reporting 2,000,000 layoffs from mid- CIO workers like a ton of bricks December to mid-January.

Meany said it has been his Taft-Hartley Act put in their through a National Congress of

This get-tough attitude of the own party.



GEORGE MEANY



WALTER REUTHER

bosses is bolstered by the smeardrive of the McCarthyites and Republicans who now brand all references to depression as "com-Republican National Chairman

Leonard W. Hall on Feb. 5 included CIO and UAW President Walter Reuther, along with Adlai Stevenson and Sens. Paul Douglas and Wayne Morse, as "left-wingers" and "reckless men" who ride "like the Four Horsemen, spreadland." Eisenhower called them the

This is an ironic turn of events. because Reuther himself, last Labor Day, sought to discourage placing Detroit on its list of rank-and-file talk in his own union about the need to fight unemployment by decrying "dangerof the city's entire labor force. ous and reckless talk of depres-The Feb. 8 Christian Science sion." He called it "false com-Monitor reports that Detroit munist propaganda . . , being Bankers "express some appre- bolstered by the prophets of doom hension over the situation . . . in the American business com-

> Now Reuther is forced to answer this same red smear against himself. He asserts that "at no time will the CIO assume the posture

But more is needed than

It is necessary to take "POSI-TIVE ACTION IN THE NEAR opinion "that all the weapons the FUTURE," to mobilize all labor (employers') hands would be Labor. It is necessary to water used against unions when a pool all-out fight for the 30-Hour Week of unemployed began to develop. at 40 Hours' Pay and to take Our experience in the last few independent political action for

# courage and enlighten the people and stimulate successful resistance to the growing fascist menace. WHAT THEY SYMBOLIZE Anyone who listened to Weiss By H. Baker Anyone who listened to Weiss By H. Baker Anyone who listened to Weiss By H. Baker Her way of seeking a cure was go forward, seeking to achieve NEW WITCH-HUNT BILLS to go back to the job. And it equality in the only realistic way

Good Housekeeping for Nov. 1953 published what is for that glistening, slick-page, three-color magazine a revolutionary article by Gerry Murray Engel, "I Chose Mrs. Engel starts off by say-

ing that she has returned to work ago when she left the job to have "When the subject comes up -

working mother - I find myself insisting it's best for a mother to stay home full time," she says, "and I believe it, intellectually She refers to herself as not the

an office job like hundreds of mother. aughed in his face.

However, in the course of her outlook is really the opposite of what she calls her "intellectual" is an indication of the times.

found some vital part of herself One way to meet this crisis is to not being used. Even worse, with- keep women confined to the home. out wanting to, she was becoming This is advocated by leading an over-possessive mother, a local capitalist spokesmen, especially gossip, dependent upon her hus- the most reactionary ones. band bringing the world to her. Another way is for women to

"To begin with, the children under my thumb, they go to nursery school, where they get and housekeeping. skilled supervision and learn to get along with a group."

"A second benefit of my working is the fact we see more of each other as a family than we did before."

"A third benefit is the added money.'

The house is more efficiently run by a professional house keeper and she and her husband, because they are relieved of routine duties, find more comdriving talent as an actress or gether than they could with her

Mrs. Engels didn't have to take anyone had told her six years ago a job. She had sufficient money that she would be back at her to get competent help in her home. job, she says she would have The solution of her problem was much easier than that of a working-class mother on whom the article she proves that her basic family income depends. But the fact that she felt a problem at all

The second world war deepened

- on the economic field. The time is ripe for professional exseem better off. Instead of being perts who can best handle the inter-related problem of child care It would tremendousely enrich

motherhood and the companionthis month will create sufficient ship of marriage if women could freely participate in the economic life of the country. To make that passage. possible, woman's two unpaid jobs, child care and housekeeping must be raised to the level of a ommunity problem and solved the country, was jammed through through the joint efforts of all.

That of course is not possible under capitalism. But it will be one of the first points on the agenda of the coming socialist

#### The Holy State Of Matri-Money

Some 2,500 high school and ollege girls throughout the country were asked by the Gilbert devoted to sounding out views of firing of government employees Times of Feb. 7 warns: "In almost As a housewife and mother she the modern crisis in family life. thing you will look for in choos- tion against prying into their ing a mate? They were asked to personal beliefs or associations. vote for one of four qualifications. Money won first place. Persidering a bill that would confer ception. . Once accepted, the Our experience in the law as a labor's program against unemsonality, disposition and physical one-man grand-jury powers upon process could lead to a police months indicates that this was a labor's program against unemplace. Persidering a bill that would confer ception. . Once accepted, the Our experience in the law is a labor's program against unemsonality, disposition and physical one-man grand-jury powers upon process could lead to a police would expectation."

# DETROIT, Feb. 8 - New anti-labor and anti-civil

liberties laws have been thrown into the hopper here with this issue, under the head line the expectation that the public hearings of the witchhunting House un-American Ac- 3tivities Committee at the end of grab any citizen at any time and

"anti-Red" hysteria to enable their It will be recalled that Michigan's Trucks Law, one of and jailed for contempt. the worst police-state measures in in precisely such an atmosphere

A "right to work" bill is now before the State Legislature. protect anti-union elements dropped from employment in union shops for refusal to pay union

#### HIT 5TH AMENDMENT

Velde committee.

Another measure, already Youth Research organization, passed by the Senate and now beleading market analysis firm fore the House, provides for the young people, the following ques- who seek the protection of the

The law would enable them to stitutional government."

take him by force to a star chamber inquisition. Anyone who refused to answer the questions of such a star chamber proceeding could be then hailed into court "ONE MAN RULE"

#### An ordinance now before the

Detroit Common Council would after the last invasion of the permit the Mayor to invoke "one man rule" any time that he thinks an "emergency" exists or may Among other things, it would come into being. Obviously any major strike struggle or even the threat of one would constitute such an "emergency."

So reactionary is the nature of these and other proposed laws that even conservative papers in this area have felt constrained to speak out against them.

In a lead editorial the Detroit every state legislative hall as tion: What is the most important Fifth Amendment to the Constitutivell as in Congress, we note dangerous attempts these days to circumvent the Bill of Rights by The legislature is also con-subterfuge. Michigan is no ex-

production and employment - are

some industries, the concerned, the economic decline

leclines have been verging on has gone far deeper and will con-

catastrophe. The Jan. 13 N. Y. tinue longer than the Administra-

Times reports the ship construction and Big Business leaders

Telegram describes shipbuilding (Next Week: Can They Pull Out

Striking successes are being | 300. Better send immediately 500

registered in the sale of the more copies, which together with

The recent National Anti-Discrimination Conference of the United Packinghouse Workers in Chicago declared that "the time has come for the complete elimination of the female wage differential" and they advanced a militant program to carry this out.

They not only demanded higher women's rates but also the elimination of the separation between "men's" and "women's" jobs. They called for integrated hiring one takes for granted that capiand personnel policies to prevent job discrimination against talist prosperity and war are women. They suggested that the tendency to "gloss over" women's problems be overcome by specially organized schools in the locals to explore such questions and provide a training ground for women members in practical matters connected with the operation of local unions. Locals were asked to schedule meetings at times and places accessible to women members whose responsibilities for made since 1932 have been due . . shopping and preparation of meals make the hours im- to war or to threats of war." mediately after work inconvenient.

That sounds good. It sounds like they're serious about giving women an equal break, and it contrasts sharply the Republicans could maintain with a somewhat different position taken by AFL President George Meany. Rep. Frances Bolton, who has drafted without the dangerous stimulus a Congressional bill to require equal pay for equal work of war inflation. Yet, in November, 1953, Eisenhower's Secretary regardless of sex, received a letter from Meany telling her of Defense C. E. Wilson, former that her proposal was unwise and urging her to recon- General Motors president, assured

"The problem of establishing and safeguarding the principle as well as the practice of equal pay to women of their profits. He announced: workers is properly within the province of collective bargaining and not police action by the government. When ing will be cut to such a point free collective bargaining is in effect we believe that more business aren't true." and better progress can be made by voluntary negotiations than by a law necessarily reaching deeply into the war spending remains the main whole private system of wage determination."

This extraordinary statement reminds me of a captain of industry defending the free and inalienable right of scabs to take strikers' jobs. Surprisingly enough, Meany did not oppose a minimum wage law although I am sure that we are heading toward "a this, too, interferes with "free collective bargaining." It's prosperity based on peace." one of the few times that Meany has been concerned about the threat of police action by the government. He hasn't be \$70.9 billion, according to dent's 'transition' . . . any proprotested against the witch hunt or other repressive meas- Eisenhower's budget. This is well gress at the Big Four talks may ures but suddenly when it looks like employers might be over double the government ex- well produce 'peace scares' all forced by law to pay women a fair wage for their work, he feels that our liberties and the "whole private system" penditure in 1948. Of the nearly during 1954, which would in turn affect the business outlook." of wage determination" are in danger.

Right now, under this system of private wage deter- The True Picture of Unemployment ination, the paycheck of the average women workers less than half - 44% - of that received by a man. of a "real cold peace," which "just as good" as last year. It his is the kind of progress that Meany's voluntary nego- holds such a horrendous vision of must do constantly better, merely itions have achieved. Meany also skips over the fact economic catastrophe before capi- to keep the same number of peoat 80% of working women are not members of unions talist eyes, is not the immediate ple employed. Improvements in I therefore receive no direct benefit from union wage eements. They don't pay dues, so he is not concerned term consequences of the Korean

legislation to protect them. position to equal pay legislation by the AFL, which ver 2.500,000 women members, would be a serious weakening labor through a "conto its enactment. Mrs. Bolton conducted a poll and trolled" depression, "shaking out" ts that Meany was the only major labor spokesman the smaller competitors and in addition, the labor supply pose her bill. He assured her, however, that the AFL always been for the principle of equal pay for com-

Meany's principles won't buy any groceries for mil- of course; just a cut of a few ns of underpaid women workers. The so-called leaders labor frequently betray the interests of the members they represent. This is not new, but it does jar you to see one of these "leaders" take a position even more reaction- flationary stimulants, that there ary than that of capitalist politicians. Republicans and is a serious question whether means a downslide in the economy. Democrats at least give lip service to equal pay legisla- America can retrench on war To boost 1953 production just tion although they consistently fail to pass it when bills whether it can stave off a serious of this type are introduced in Congress.

It's time the millions of women members in the AFL only maintains the 1953 highest developed their own leadership. When they do, I imagine one of the first steps on their program will be to show Meany the way out.

# A Few Words The Slump -- Worse Than They Say With Meany By Art Preis Eisenhower made a classic understatement in Air four million ioblese and the total large of actual Nor will other industries come always the state of actual Nor will other industries come actual Nor will other industries come always the state of actual Nor will other industries come always the state of actual Nor will other industries come always the state of actual Nor will other industries come always the state of actual Nor will other industries come always the state of actual Nor will other industries come always the state of actual Nor will other industries come always the state of actual Nor will other industries come always the state of actual Nor will other industries come always the state of actual Nor will other industries come always the state of actual Nor will other industries come always

Jan. 28 economic report to Congress. Conceding that employment in January, 1954, is "somewhat lower" than in the available government figures, we get the figure of 4,934,000 Home Builders, will be down to Jan. 22 U.S. News and Would

and military machine in fiscal

the budget" and "reducing the

This view is stated with cold-

e a real cold peace,"

Fortune. "The Administration

now plans to reduce defense

year for the next two or three

years; but businessmen cannot

help but wonder whether a real

East-West peace might not result

in defense outlays being cut more

than that in a shorter time. This

would obviously create some more

spending by roughly \$5 billion a

says

January 1953, the General opined: are not doing so today."

There is no mere "seeming' connection about it. Almost everyclosely, if not inextricably, linked. A cessation of military hostilities, as in the case of the Korean truce, is correctly viewed as the prelude to economic crisis. Eisenhower himself said during his election campaign that "whatever economic gains have been

It is true that Eisenhower's statement was intended to knock the Democrats and to imply that economic stability and growth his scared fellow-millionaires and would not be cut to the detriment "The rumours that defense spendthat it will adversely affect

Thus, enormous government prop of the economy. It is central to the new Republican administration's policies, as it was to the previous Democratic regime's, despite Eisenhower's assurance

The total of federal govern-

aim of reducing corporation taxes,

pending a bit. Nothing drastic.

spending even a little

or three years.

"There seems to be a connection tends to pour into the U.S. 1,850,000 jobless. Even this con- ing now who would be working if year, a 39.6% drop from the the last day of January, inbetween this fact and the fact economy in fiscal 1954, some 68% ceded an increase of 648,000 jobs were available. And this 1950 high and 11% below 1953. dicated the TV outlook is not that in January, 1953, we were will be for direct military pur- within just two months. But the makes no allowance even for the still fighting in Korea and we poses. This tremendous sum of Census Bureau count on Jan. 9 normal growth of the labor force \$48,720,000,000 in fiscal 1954 war added another 510,000 to the of- of 750,000 new job-seekers anspending, you may be surprised ficial jobless total, an admitted nually. to learn, is actually almost 10% increase of 1,158,000 within three months. The Bureau now reports above the 1952 Korean War spending, which amounted to \$43,- 2,360,000 unemployed all told, 847,000,000. It is only \$1,554,000,most of the increase resulting 000 less than the \$50,274,000,000 from construction and factory handed out to the war profiteers layoffs.

This government figure is of Despite the talk in Washington and rapidity of the rise in unemhigh cost of government," etc., there is not the slightest thought, but of the employed workers, we of any serious reduction in war spending. Such a reduction, in the almost unanimous opinion of all wings of bourgeois politics, would be deliberate suicide for U.S. be deliberate capitalism - a headlong dive into ment, reported at 60,764,000 on 59,800,000 on Jan. 9. That is, there were nearly a million laylooded candor in the "Business offs within 28 days.

Roundup" of the February, 1954, Fortune magazine, that luxurious monthly devoted to the enlightenment and delectation of busiployed and 1,562,000 unemployed. "One thing that could conturn the mild readjustment into ployed labor force of 3,372,000. If working class. more serious recession, would

That estimate was made when that time - that is, 1,562,000 ing the National Association of December 1952," reports the as of Dec. 12, 1953, admitted only wage-earners who are not work- an estimated 1,000,000 for this Report. And General Electric, on January heavy construction (in- promising by laying off 2,150 dustry, commerce, government employees in its TV division. contract awards were 40% lower So far as the two key factors -

The Census Bureau conceals the number of unemployed by claiming that a large number of the 3,372,000 who have lost their jobs since June are "not looking" for work and therefore are "with drawn from the labor force." value only in indicating the trend Those laid off with a "definite" promise of being recalled within about "economy" and "balancing ployment. If we study the figures 30 days are listed as "employed." not only on those the government These "employed" number, ac-

> million jobs in six months is last Dec. 12, was estimated at decisive fact, economically speak ing, whether or not any or all of these jobless are "not look-

ing" for jobs. Nearly four mil-Last June, just before the lion less persons are securing in-Korean truce, the Census Bureau comes, except for those who reported 63,172,000 persons em- draw the picayune unemployment benefits. The loss of this number Since June, the Census Bureau of jobs is a tremendous slice out ceivably upset the outlook, and has reported a decline in the em- of the purchasing power of the

## **What Production Figures Reveal**

The decline in production output U.S. Steel quarterly dividend, the tells a more significant story company's board chairman Benabout the state of the economy, jamin F. Fairless, who claimed in some respects, than the em- "I still remain bullish," neverployment figures. The real extent theless announced that Big Steel of production cutbacks may not will continue to operate at only show up in the number of those 80% of capacity for the entire laid off. A cutback may be first half of 1954. "absorbed" by all or a large number of workers in a given over 1953 of a good 20% in complant or industry simply by going parison to the FRB's 7% "overall" on a reduced work-week, with drop. As for U.S. Steel's produccorresponding cuts in take-home tion in the latter half of the pay, or eliminating customary year, Fairless coyly declined a over-time. Workers cut to part- prediction. "I don't feel justified time employment of even a few time employment of even a few in going beyond the first half," hours a week are recorded as fully said the "bullish" head of the 'employed" in the official government statistics.

The figures on industrial output, particularly for the basic fixed to glean orders and maintain industries like steel and auto, are production levels than its smaller especially revealing. Eisenhower's competitors. The industry as a "mild readjustment" is already of whole, for the week ended Jan. a serious character in the most 30, was operating at only 73.9% vital areas of production. The of capacity compared to 97.7% Federal Reserve Board's figure of in the corresponding week of a 7% drop in "overall" produc- 1953. tion from July to December, the greatest specific weight in the will shift upward. Steel magazine

workers entering the labor market of beer or two when he has its spokesmen had previously ex is estimated at 750,000 annually. abandoned his plan to get a new pressed "confident" predictions of The six months since the car, or home, or refrigerator, or "improvement" after the first of TV set or even a badly-needed the year. "Now that February is demontrated that even a slight overcoat. By "averaging" a high here," says Steel, "there is less reduction in government spend-beer bottle output with a low confidence that the country's rate production of TV sets, we might of steel finishing will be better get a more favorable-looking than the January pace." result than the real situation warhas been happening when we get Times, the "bullish" feeling has very heart of the U.S. economy - worry" over "when the inventory production declines range from correction will stop." Indeed, "it more than 20% in basic steel to was believed that inventory coralmost 50% in television sets.

steel industry, whose operations steel is not expected to expand anticipate the activities of almost within any period now determinall other major industries. On able by the steel moguls them-

That's a slump in production monopoly that controls a third of the country's steel output. U.S. Steel is more favorably

In spite of Fairless's "bullish" 1953, conceals far deeper declines feeling, there is no present exin the key industries, which have pectation that steel production reported on Feb. 1 that the in-A worker may figure he can dustry's production is continuing still swing the price of a bottle at the slackened pace, although

In the Pittsburgh steel area rection was still far from com-Let us examine, first of all, the plete" - that is, the market for

three latest publications issued by the 200 now on the way will make Pioneer Publishers, according to 1,000 in all." Boston. "Our campaign got report from the publishers. The three new publications are The under way yesterday with a Case of the Legless Veteran, by mobilization despite the bitter James Kutcher (a full-size book weather. Jim and Lynn covered a of 178 pages, price \$1); America's Ford Hall Forum debate between Road to Socialism, by James P. James Wechsler and a local red-

sale of this literature:

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Pioneer Publishers reports that the response to the pamphlet on on an income tax charge. Despite McCarthyism far exceeded all exthe efforts of four Stalinist hacks pectations. In less than four weeks after publication the entire edition of 3,000 copies was comsuccessful sale of both pamphlet pletely sold out - the only and paper was reported. There copies still remaining being those were about 75 people at the meet- in the hands of local salesmen. ing, so the sales average was very Plans are now under way for a high. Thanks to the hacks, these new pamphlet with new material identified as Trotskyist on the subject of McCarthyism.

publications to everyone. . . At a The success of the book by liberal forum one person sold 16 James Kutcher, The Case of the pamphlets in a very short period. Legless Veteran, has also been At a union meeting of the instantaneous. To date, 950 copies 5 were have been rece and every copy was immediately "We have been testing out sold. Pioneer reports that they various types of meetings in order now have outstanding orders for to gauge the response of various nearly 1,000 more. Assurance has sections of the population. Begin-been received that large shipning next Sunday we will have ments of the book should be arrivwo mobilizations for house-to-ing any time now; this will make house sales and thus get another possible the resumption of local test. In the process of 'testing' sales campaigns which unfortunately had to be interrupted because of the lack of books. Reports will be made in these "We are entirely out of the columns on sales of this book at McCarthyism pamphlet, having local union meetings, liberal and sold all the original shipment of civic organizations, etc.

# Appeal to America's Artists

impression, as some of the speakers here have done, that the resistance of the artists and professionals and intellectuals can by itself "make 1954 the year of the end of McCarthyism." Mc-Carthy would deal as contemptuously with such resistance, even if united and organized, as recently dealt with Albert Einstein's advice to a witness at one of McCarthy's spy-hunt committee hearings "not to cooperate with this or any other investigatyou will perhaps remember, Mc-Carthy sneeringly told the witness that if he didn't want to spend a considerable time in jail he had petter consult with his lawyer

rather than with Dr. Einstein. ie program of a conference rainst McCarthyism. Don't you these anti-war socialists.) nember that it was under this

he first "subversive" list? It is not telling the truth, last speaker did, as a great party can seriously fight against the forces of McCarthylsm. "liberal" and "democrat" just be- McCarthyism - and for a simple

the WPA Art Project was started McCarthyism is basically a strugand what it did for many artists What then, beyond this genin those bleak days.

ing the last war. I remember the to start with: innumerable times while Rooseforce and violence.

as this. It is spreading an of you here do too - how at that the cultural welfare of his counon to build up Truman and time the Communist Party ap- try." Fair Deal wing in the Demo- plauded and egged on the gov-

me Truman that the witch hunt to play any part in the struggle of education and propaganda to decisively smash McCarthyism. If Feb. 1 Wall Street Journal: "A 1953 figure." Thus, if 1954 producarted? Don't you remember against McCarthyism if they help explain the danger of McCarthy- the organizations of artists, runaway market just isn't in the tion is cut down to anticipated nat it was Truman's Attorney in any way to spread any of these ism, as American fascism, to the professionals, scientists, intellectories so we can keep up with sales, it will drop by more than General Tom Clark who issued illusions. It has to be clearly entire cultural life of the country, tuals, help in building such an the market and still use less a million cars. That means about that NO section or wing of either McCarthyite witch hunt - since merge themselves in it, then the better; Chevrolet went into its that, with accessories and gasoeither, to extol Roosevelt, as the the Democratic or Republican each victimization strengthens artists will be making a signi- first four-day week.

cause it was under Roosevelt that | reason: Because the struggle with in the depression days. Yes, I gle between the workers and the remember the WPA Art Project capitalists in the United States.

eral proposition of seeking and But I remember some other telling the truth, can the artists things about Roosevelt too, and intellectuals do in this strugthings which don't quite qualify gle? What can we put forward him for the label of either as a program of action for artists or "democrat." I re- who want to take part in the member Roosevelt's role as strike- fight? I would like to suggest breaker against the miners dur- three ideas, as at least something

(1) As an individual, the artist velt was in office that troops were must seize every opportunity called out to break up strikes by possible to raise his voice against any and every encroachment of I especially remember that it McCarthyism, and use every poswas under Roosevelt and his sup-sible means of getting his voice posedly "liberal" Attorney Gen- heard. Specifically, if the occasion eral Francis Biddle that 18 mem- arises, he can emulate Einstein's bers of the Socialist Workers position of unconditional non-It is not telling the truth, but Party and a CIO Teamsters local cooperation, recalling the stirring spreading an illusion, to say as in Minneapolis were indicted and defiance that Einstein threw in ne speaker did, that Truman's imprisoned, under the infamous McCarthy's face: "Every intelefinition" of McCarthyism was Smith Act, for their opposition lectual who is called before one ne of the most powerful blows to the war — the same Smith Act of the committees ought to refuse ainst McCarthy." It is spread- which is now being used against to testify, i.e., he must be preparmembers of the Communist ed for jail and economic ruin, in of Truman's as the keynote Party. (And by the way, I also short, for the sacrifice of his perremember - as no doubt many sonal welfare in the interest of

(2) Through organized forms, e Party as serious fighters ernment in its persecution of such as artists' groups and No, the artists will not be able things. First, conduct campaigns duct the kind of struggle that will spokesned was quoted in the

But the hypothetical possibility enough for the economy to do looms large concerns the short- automatically raising the output per worker by 3% to 4% each truce and a slight diminution of year - and with the new autofederal war spending. With the mation process productivity can be raised phenomenally in a short time. Less and less workers

billion dollars over the next two Korean truce have already Yet the economy is so unstable, so dependent on government ining, especially in the war sphere, bit, \$.7% over 1952, it required a rise rants. And that is precisely what according to the Feb. 1 N. Y in military expenditures of \$6 economic decline unless it not 427,000,000 or 14.6% in one year. down to specific industries. In the evaporated to the point where only maintains the 1953 highest But a bare 3.1% drop in military durable goods industries — the there is actually "considerable But a bare 3.1% drop in military spending has been paralleled by a level of government expenditures, 7% fall in national production but substantially increases them. In the latter connection, we from the July, 1953, high through must keep in mind that it is not December, 1953, according to the Federal Reserve Board. And the Board foretells a "slight further

decline" for January. To Eisenhower, this is just a "slight contraction in business" that is otherwise "marvelously prosperous by any historical standard." The economy, he assures us, is experiencing only

"mild readjustment" that seems likely to be brief and selfcorrecting." Let us examine how "slight" this "contraction" has really been so far. If we know the true facts of economic life, it will help us to determine the reliability of the forecasts of Eisenhower and his Council of Economic Advisers about alleged mildness, brevity and selfcorrectability of the economic decline that set in with the end of the Korean war.

First of all, Eisenhower has based himself on certain demonstrably falsified data, of which the figures on unemployment are the most significant. As I have proved in several recent Militant erticles (Feb. 1, Jan. 25 and Jan. 18) the number of unemployed is actually double the pre-shrunk figures handed out by the U.S. Department of Commerce. In the Jan. 18 Militant, I showed that

ficant contribution to the great Ward's Automotive Report and the Gross National Product of (3) Encourage and support struggle against McCarthyism. nounced that Chevrolet, Ford and the United States.

Are Ford and Curtice Right? Fairless's "bullish" sentiments | Plymouth had have been echoed, with orchestral February output plans by 14%

accompaniment, by his counter- but in the case of Ford and parts in the automobile industry, Chevvy this would mean just "an Harlow M. Curtice, president of easing of overtime." The big General Motors, world's largest spurt that the auto industry industrial corporation, and Henry giants - GM and Ford par-Ford II, head of the Ford Motor ticularly - started to put on last Co. Ford claimed on Jan. 18 that month to outstrip the previous unemployment in the auto center January output faltered in a of Detroit "does not amount to a couple of weeks. hill of beans." Curtice told a In January, Ford passenger car Waldorf-Astoria banquet in New production went up 49% over York on Jan. 19 that the national Jan. 1953, Chevrolet showed only economy "will be strong and a 3% rise — and Chrysler plumhealthy throughout the year" and meted 39%. But the pick-up by GM is planning what the news- the Big Two reflects a forced papers called a "billion - dollar march intended to complete the bet against recession" - a bil- major part of their 1954 produclion - dollar expansion program tion in the first half of the year. for the next two years.

auto jobs from the 1953 high in Thus, the big drop in auto lies the Detroit area alone and the ahead. total number of unemployed was and including the organizations shifting away from previous over-

"It seems a reasonable guess Ford's "hill of beans" is the that more than 60% of this year's biggest raised in Detroit since cars will be assembled before the depression year of 1940. As of July 1," reported the Associated Jan. 15, there was a loss of 84,000 Press from Detroit on Jan. 23.

Although the industry produced every move toward the building the highest in 14 years. By the 6,140,000 new cars in 1953, there of an independent Labor Party last week in January, although were 462,000 still left in dealers' breaking completely with all the Ford was slightly outpacing hands in January, 1954. So the capitalist politicians. Only such a GM's Chevrolet in weekly car 1953 sales were actually only 5, party, based on the trade unions output, the Ford plants were 775,000 and the AP reported it is "believed doubtful" that "the societies, the artists can do two of the minority peoples, can con- time schedules and a Ford year's volume . . . will fall much more than 10 per cent below the understood, and it has to be said, Second, defend all victims of the independent Labor Party and overtime." GM went Ford one a 16 1/2 decline in an industry line, represents roughly 10% of

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#### American Hitler on Tour

Two days after getting a triumphant 85-1 vote of confidence and \$214,000 appropriation from the U.S. Senate, the fascist demagogue McCarthy set out on a nine-speech lecture tour. The dominant feature of this tour was not so much what he said (the chief target of his "treason" charge this time was the Demin McCarthy's political power.

the air were thick with all kinds of reports about how Eisenhower, Brownell and the Republican high command were going to "outflank" the junior Senator from Wisconsin, "steal his thunder" and in various other ways

But McCarthy's tour this month was sponsored and paid for by the Republican National Committee, and its chairman Leonard W. Hall publicly interpreted this as "an endorsement" of McCarthy.

"communism" would not be the main issue in the 1954 elections. McCarthy contradicted him and said it would be the issue.

His tour this month was recognized by everyone as the opening gun in the Republican election campaign. As such, it set the tone of the entire campaign, and is being imitated by other Republican speech-makers. Needless to say, the issue is what McCarthy said it would be

Instead of being cut down, McCarthy has been built up. He is the one who calls the tune in Washington on questions that relate to his main interests. Members of the Senate-

Demonstrating again how strongly its de-

cisions are influenced by the pressure of the

witch hunt, the Supreme Court has for the

second time refused to review the case of

Morton Sobell, the young scientist now serv-

ing a 30-year sentence at Alcatraz on the

trumped-up charge of "conspiracy to commit

espionage" with the judicially murdered Ju-

At the same time, the Supreme Court re-

fused to consider a "friend of the court" brief

submitted by a nation-wide group headed by

the distinguished scientist, Dr. Harold C.

Urey. The brief said in part: "The arrest, in-

dictment and trial of Morton Sobell. , . in

an atmosphere of hysteria induced by tran-

sient political and social passions, lacked

guarantees of fairness which all Americans

have a right to expect under the Constitu-

The correctness of this charge is demon-

strated by a brief examination of the facts

of the case. The Rosenbergs were convicted

and sent to their death as spies on the basis

of evidence so flimsy and questionable that it

aroused world-wide skepticism and protest. In

the case of Sobell the "evidence" was so much

weaker that the government did not even dare

charge that he actually committed espionage

Their proof of this contention boils down

to the allegation, which they never even

attempted to substantiate in court, that he had

held five conversations with Julius Rosenberg

for this purpose, and the testimony of one of

Sobell's neighbors which purported to prove

that Sobell had confessed the crime to him.

but rather that he "conspired" to do so.

lius and Ethel Rosenberg couple.

tion."

issues duck or run when McCarthy challenges

A revealing aspect of most of the stops on McCarthy's tour was the way local Republican candidates flocked around him, scrambl- organizational methods of Pablo ing for the honor of being seated on the plat- and his cult constitute to the form with him, hoping fervently that Mc- world-wide organization founded Carthy would say a few words in favor of Trotsky. It asked the orthodox Trotskyists everywhere to rally their candidacy.

paign when McCarthy skulked around Eisenhower's train, begging for a chance to be phot- uphold orthodox Trotskyism and ographed with him, and when many local keep the movement on a correct Republican candidates, worried about the consequences to their own chances of being elected, were putting pressure on Eisenhower not is what might be expected from to touch McCarthy with a ten-foot pole!

Fanally significant was McCarthy's calculated way of handling candidates seeking his of the proletanian majority of stamp of approval. He stood aloof, studiously the organization. It substitutes careful not to take sides between the com- verbal violence for calm analysis; petitors for Republican nominations. This is the traditional position taken by the leader it deepens and affirms previous of the party. McCarthy is consciously acting errors and adds new ones to the like the real leader of his party. And with list; it seeks to cover up its poligood reason. Nobody in this party has greater of Trotskyism; it makes a fetish

is that he will obtain more, because his rivals and opponents in both capitalist parties agree with or are afraid to contest his fundamental to the hilt, beginning in this thesis — that "communism" menaces Amer- article with the central theme of ica. Those who accept this thesis but complain about McCarthy's "methods" are brushed aside to make public any differences as ineffectual quibblers. Those who accept this with the genius-like Pablo, the thesis and then try to "take the ball away" from McCarthy by outdoing him as witch hunters only add steam to his drive for more

The growth of McCarthy's power is the most menacing thing in America today. It won't be curtailed or diminished until the labor movement sees this, says so, and suits its actions to its words.

# The Crime of Differing with Pablo in Public

addressed from the 25th An- written by the leaders of the niversary Plenum of the National Pablo faction. Committee of the Socialist Workers Party to Trotskyists throughin the Militant of Nov. 16, 1953. That letter called attention to

the grave threat which the pro-Stalinist views and Stalinist-type against the danger, remove Pablo What a far cry from the 1952 election cam- and his agents, and replace them "with cadres who have proved in action that they know how to izationally.

The "response" of the Pabloites a petty-bourgeois clique, utterly isolated from the masses and refusing to submit to the control it misrepresents and distorts the position of the orthodox majority: tical difference with the program of organizational forms; it insists He obtained this power, and the likelihood on the untouchability of the cult head; it displays subjectivity and

panic in every line. I shall endeavor to prove this irremovable secretary of the Fourth International.

Pabloites say it is a document of Trotskyists out of the Fourth In- fashion. They went to the public

By Joseph Hansen
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The Pabloite faction in the Fourth International or to muzzle and with a whole series of positions take our clearly stated position on the position of the fourth International or to muzzle and with a whole series of positions take our clearly stated position on the properties of the faction in the fourth International or to muzzle and with a whole series of positions take our clearly stated position on the fourth International or to muzzle and with a whole series of positions take our clearly stated position on the fourth International or to muzzle and with a whole series of positions take our clearly stated position on the fourth International or to muzzle and with a whole series of positions take our clearly stated position on the fourth International or to muzzle and with a whole series of positions take our clearly stated position or the fourth International or to muzzle and with a whole series of positions take our clearly stated position or the fourth International or to muzzle and with a whole series of positions take our clearly stated position or the fourth International or to muzzle and with a whole series of positions take our clearly stated position or to muzzle and the fourth International or to muzzle and th Fourth International has issued is a cover-up for what is in its written "response" to the letter reality nothing but a polemic

The Executive Committee elected by the Third World Congress longer exists. It was destroyed by Pablo through abuse of the post with which he was entrusted by the Third World Congress. Nine members of that body, through factional manipulation, were "expelled" by Pablo. The six, possibly seven, members who met with Pablo and called themselves a 'Plenum" of the Executive Comwere all simon-pure mittee Pabloites, personally hand-picked and approved by the head of the cult. This faction meeting authorized a sub-committee to draw up a "response" to the Open Letter of the SWP in the name of the "Executive Committee of

the Fourth International." How factional the meeting was can be judged from one eloquent fact. Comrade Peng, the Chinese member of the Executive Committee, was not even notified of the gathering although he was the only representative of the entire colonial and semi-colonial world in position to attend.

If the Pabloites had really considered that their meeting was a has become necessary not only class public addressed by such an genuine plenum of the Executive to crush Pablo's attempt at organization prefers not to have Committee, then they were duty usurpation, but also to gain time to consider such matters. And bound to rise above narrow factional considerations and see to and to reorganize and coordinate like the SWP is under no great it that the Chinese representative it in time to confront the ap- pressure to make the working was present. They did not do proaching new world war and class public aware of how Thus they gave fresh confirmation to the charge levelled this struggle should be prolonged ferences, little is said about it by the SWP National Committee the "response"; namely, the "un- in its Open Letter: "The Pablo speakable" crime of anyone daring faction has demonstrated that it sions truly reflecting majority of Trotskyism in the public press. opinion to be reached. They They did not wait for a Congres First, let us consider the their criminal policy. They are discussed and debated and a

wrote a lengthy letter to James World Congress. This action left International" and misrepresent it P. Cannon, National Chairman of the orthodox Trotskyists with no as holding the Fourth Internathe SWP, summarizing several choice but likewise to take their tional is "finished" and that Trotyears first-hand observation of position to the public. Pablo's methods. Here is the gist out the world which was published of the Fourth International no of it, as well as his opinion about scene observation, it became the SWP's Open Letter:

PENG'S CONCLUSIONS

". . . But the extremely uned by Pablo who utilizes this 'legal apparatus' to arrogantly proceed his opponents from the IS and splitting the organization.

centralism, and thus obliged the of Trotskyism; proletarian in-SWP, led by Cannon, to adopt this ternationalism. exceptional action of today, to publish the Open Letter demanding the expulsion of Pablo and his agents from the International's leading organ.

in which to rescue the movement, since "normally" a combat party until the explosion of the Third although much could be learned

will not permit democratic deci- the Pabloites put their revisions and their immense superiority demand complete submission to at which their novelties could be authorship of the "response." The determined to drive all orthodox decision reached in normal

As Peng concluded from on-the necessary to make public the struggle against the Pablo faction in order "to rescue the movement. . " This, to the Pabloites fortunate thing is that the IS has was an "unspeakable" crime. been entirely controlled and usurp, Listen: "Why didn't the leader ship of the SWP act . . . according to the rules of normal with the organizing of his con- functioning of every revolutionary spiracy by arbitrarily excluding organization? Why did they prefer to all at once address secretly setting up his own clique themselves to the public at large or faction with the aim of seiz- and publicly betray the cause of ing the leadership of a section or international Trotskyism? This crowns in a certain measure the "This has rendered impossible unprincipled acts of the majority any normal discussion according of the SWP, because this tramples to the principle of democratic underfoot the supreme principle

NOTHING TO HIDE

"normal functioning" of a Leninist-type organization in general "This is really unprecedented it is not necessary to disclose difin the history of our international ferences to the public. But this movement, and is an action of is not because there is anything revolutionary nature. This action to hide. "Normally" the working revolution. If the mobilization of reaches decisions and resolves dif-

World War, it would be too late." by many workers about revol-To this it must be added that utionary politics and organization over anything in the bourgeois world, if the party were large enough and powerful enough to devote a section of its press to these questions.

But when "normal functioning" is disrupted and great and decisive questions affecting the whole future of the working class are in dispute, then it becomes necessary to carry out what Peng correctly calls "an action of revolutionary nature." That is, ask class - conscious workers to consider the issues in dispute. The benefits of the faction struggle as a schooling in Marxist politics confines of the party.

The interest that is aroused among advanced workers over the completely legitimate. higher concern can they have in

It is only the Stalinists, and Yugoslav scene in 1954. It hold to the abominable "supreme certainly counted heavily in the principle" of concealing vital difdecision of the Yugoslav CP ferences from the working class. If you have crimes to hide, But putting on the brakes, in naturally you don't want them and of itself, leads nowhere. The dragged out into the light of day. former communist partisans. And it is because they have something to hide, something they are ashamed of, that the Pabloites scream about the faction struggle

being made public. The majority of the Fourth International and its well-wishers, such as the Socialist Workers "You have saved the party Party, on the other hand have the orthodox Trotskyist side of This meant, of course, that we doubts, against the majority of

> "SAFEGUARD," WE SAI D - NOT "SPLIT"

The Pabloites take this perfectly clear and legitimate action say that it means we think the Fourth International is "finished," that it has "betrayed." Therefore that our action in making public the issues in dispute constitutes a "split."

First of all, the SWP cannot split from the Fourth Inter- Feb. 3 of the loss in South Vietnational because, due to a reac- nam of more than "two-score tionary law, it does not belong to defense points to the Vietminh call on Trotskyists to "split" from 'the Fourth International. On the contrary. It called on the Chinese do not support F orthodox Trotskyists to organize a factional struggle to save the He conceded under que Fourth International.

asked the orthodox Trotskyists throughout the world - not to split - but to "safeguard the ad- factor in a situation like ministration of the affairs of the China. A few hours later Fourth International by removing State Department felt it neces Pablo and his agents from office to have an "explanation" relea and replacing them with cadres that the President "in no who have proved in action that wished to reflect on the they know how to uphold orthodox being waged by the armies Trotskylsm and keep the movement on a correct course both

Following this experience, Peng the major decisions of the Third tion of the affairs of the Fourth skyists must "split" from it. That is dishonesty. And what is the source of this dishonesty if not the factionalism of the Pabloites? Isn't that a typical symptom of a petty-bourgeois clique motivated by subjectivity and panic?

A DEADLY PARALLEL

It is worth noting what political blindness can be caused by factionalism of this type. The Pabloites did not even observe the deadly parallel with the openng stages of Trotsky's great struggle against Stalinism. At that time he did not consider the Third International "finished." But he brought the struggle into the open as best he could under the brutal conditions imposed by the Stalinists and this was considered by the bureaucracy to be one of his major "crimes" although it was their actions and their search for a "fresh approach" to "living reality" that forced Trotsky to make the strug-

The Stalinist faction wanted to nuzzle and handcuff Trotsky, keep him quiet while they proceeded methodically under cover to cut up the Left Oppositon and smash it. Meanwhile in public the Stalinists themselves hacked away at the program of Marxism. beginning with revisions and endng with betraval.

Perhaps the Pabloites did not wish to recall this analogy, for they too, like the Stalinists, while demanding that the opposition keep its differences under wraps, publicly advanced their own new variety of revisionism. It was this political course of theirs, revealing differences with orthodox Trotskyism of far-reaching implication, it must be sible to avoid a public struggle As Peng correctly observed, Pablo 'rendered impossible any normal discussion" and thus "obliged the SWP" to take the exceptional

# **New Setbacks**

(Continued from page

ments in Congress are pressur for the U.S. to leap into Indo China with both feet. Aside from considerations

"And now there has come bad news of large scale defections by Viet Namese pro-French army units in the supposedly pacified territory near the southern capital, Saigon, These Viet Namese army defections to the Communists seem to have been wholly voluntary, without any serious preliminary fighting. They come after the 'affair of Bui Chu' last September, when raw Viet Namese units surrendered en masse when attacked by smaller Communist

Eisenhower in an indirect way acknowledged in his press c ference on Feb. 3 that the Ir and its puppet-emperor Bao Da that the situation in Indo-The Open Letter specifically was "critical" and added the "heart and soul of the tion" was always the

The American people want no part of the war in Indo-China to fight to retain his post. But we not a man for the Indo-Chi

ocratic and not the Communist party) as the circumstances surrounding the tour and the manner in which McCarthy was received. What these things add up to is striking evidence of an uninterrupted and rapid increase Only three months ago the press and

cut him down to manageable size.

Three months ago Eisenhower said he hoped

who are willing to oppose Eisenhower on some

Support Morton Sobell The witness, Max Elitcher, told the court,

> ture of the words." That such "evidence" was crucial in Sobell's crat being persecuted by a comconviction is demonstrated by the presiding to his previous errors: look at judge's charge to the jury which said, "If you the self-criticism that poor do not believe the testimony of Max Elitcher Djilas was forced to make." as it pertains to Sobell, then you must acquit .... What is the heart of the ques-

> the defendant Sobell." During the course of the trial it was revealed that Elitcher had a federal perjury for such a role is another matter. charge ,flowing from a false signing of a noncommunist affidavit hanging over his head, and faced a possible five-year jail sentence. Not without significance is the fact that he has never been prosecuted on this charge. It essence of the matter is already has also been widely maintained that the FBI clear enough: The Yugoslav Comwas instrumental in securing him a high-sal-

aried job. That Sobell is the victim of persecution is the service of which Djilas had on precisely this point; it has further evidenced by his incarceration at Alcatraz, three thousand miles from his family and friends. Alcatraz, from which prisoners party was good only for taking against the "one-party system." cannot be paroled, is traditionally reserved power and not much use afterfor hardened criminals who have escaped from other prisons and have long criminal records.

Sobell fits neither of these categories. A brief, requesting an investigation of the Attorney General's entire handling of the case, including the transfer to Alcatraz, has been filed with the Senate Judiciary Committee by sixth Congress, in its decisions to this point already politically ripe the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. Such an appeal warrants the support of the entire the liquidationist wing representlabor and liberal movement of this country.

# It Could Happen Here If --

For a refreshing contrast to life in the United States, we take you to Cambridge, England, where Dr. Hildegarde Broda, a British citizen of Austrian birth, is an assistant medical officer for the county schools.

Dr. Broda married Alan Nunn May upon his release from prison. May is the physicist who was convicted of turning atom secrets over to the Soviet Union.

Recently Capt. A. C. Taylor, former Mayor of Cambridge and chairman of the local British Legion, demanded that the Cambridge County Council dismiss Dr. Broda. Citing her marriage to the convicted scientist, he branded her a communist.

By unanimous vote the Council rejected the demand. Each of the Council members rose

to condemn it. "A disgusting form of persecution," said

"I do not know if she is a Communist and I do not give two damns if she is. She is one of the best doctors we have," asserted another. "A fifthy, dirty attack on an individual. Does Capt. Taylor want McCarthyism in this

country? He (Taylor) is a traitor - a traitor to democracy," declared a third.

Virtually all the British press applauded the Council for its action. The widely read Daily Express commented, "Let every lover of freedom take heed of a splendid victory. It seems incredible that her job could be jeopardized for a moment. But human liberty is always being challenged. And those who would keep Stalinist dictatorship over USSR political forces in Yugoslavia. It it strong must guard it continually."

A London correspondent of the N.Y. Times writes, "It is highly probable that such would He adds with an air of profundity: from the new foreign entanglehave been the outcome in any of Britain's after the seizure of power "the counties . . . the feeling that . . . 'McCarthyism,' even more than communism, is a poison whose importation into the British Isles would be traitorous, is probably widespread."

In England McCarthyism is rejected out of hand. There is a reason for it. While the Amer- the transitional society. Outside acres. Djilas adapted himself ican workers remain bound to the capitalist of Yugoslavia, there is no need more and more to these reacparties that spawned McCarthyism, the Brit- he said, not even one independent back out in the open. Other lea- when he attempted to visit his ish workers have built a powerful Labor Party. of Moscow. What's needed are ders, more deeply attached to the Whatever its shortcomings, the very existence people of good will working to revolutionary achievements, must of that party has kept England free up to now of the McCarthyite scourge.

#### Rift in the Yugoslav CP By R. Garrive Milovan Djilas, theoretician of Yugoslav communism, and file. The publication of expelled from the Central Committee! An unexpected

event, but one which does not leave the bourgeois com-

mentators speechless: "Djilas, you or implied that it had to do with this espion- way he criticized the bureaucratic age business, but I don't recall the exact na-slav leaders toward a former actress." Or else: "He's a demomunist dictator who is returning

> pear as the champion of the struggle against the bureaucracy is obvious. That he is qualified A precise judgment on the Central Committee's decision can be rendered only after examining its minutes, the speeches of Kardelj and Tito in particular. But the munist Party as a whole reacted against the tendency to dissolve employed his "theoretical" pen, explaining in the pages of Borba and Nova Misao that a communist

NOT NEW TENDENCY

But is this actually a new tendency? The CC takes action against Djilas today in the name result of a compromise between ed by Djilas and the partisans of the status quo, whose whole policy consists of "holding tight." Like all compromises, this one benefited the more dynamic and more aggressive side, that is, Djilas.

For some months the Yugoslav Communists had the opportunity ist sallies. to read articles in which Djilas

DJILAS' PROGRAM

These conclusions passed beyond openly protested the framework of Yugoslavia and limitation of land holdings to 25 spread democracy within the have become alarmed. necessary preliminary stage for never been so sharp if not for \$1,000,000.

"Well, he said, I don't know in what words, see, is censured because of the socialism which developed sponbaneously in those countries. The good people recommended by Djilas are, you guessed it, the good old Social Democratic war horses! Djilas then, through his theore-

tical stand on the key problem of the party, has long stamped him- in a protest movement against that represents their fundaself as the foremost Yugoslav the liquidation of the "zadrugas" mental interests? apologist, a bit late on the scene, (peasant cooperatives) is the bourgeois democratic forms and He is certainly no isolated

phenomenon. For years now the political pressure of imperialism has been bearing down on the whole Yugoslav leadership. Before even thinking about in vesting capital, imperialism must

at all costs remove the danger communist party independent of them: Moscow. Imperialism has of it, to liquidate it, a tendency in course laid down its conditions also provided its Social Democratic agents who, while touring The Yugoslav leaders have partially yielded to this pressure, playing the dangerous game of camouflaging the workers state with bourgeois democratic trappings. As long as the party remained in the way, however, of the letter and the spirit of the no gains made by reaction were sixth Congress. In reality this solidly guaranteed. Djilas was at transform the party into a to try going to work on his own "league," seems to have been the party. He made the attempt and produce people like Dillas? ended in failure

WHY HE FAILED

Why did he fail? We could easily point to a whole series of old and fresh clues showing the resistance of the Political Bureau. or more exactly of Tito personally, to Djilas' bold opportun-

The current represented by expounded the theory that the Djilas thus either prevailed inside withering away of the party was the Political Bureau or else was a necessary condition for the accepted and tolerated by the withering away of the state. It other leaders. Why did the crisis was Djilas who introduced in boil over into the isolation and Yugoslavia, at first surreptitiously, crushing of Djilas? It is probably the profound thought that the the result of a polarization of and the Communist parties is the was observable more than once fruit of Lenin's "genius-like but what a powerful boost the inoutmoded" democratic centralism. ternal bourgeois forces received ments and the rightist orientaparty of the Leninist type should tion of the government and the become transformed into its op- party. A few months back there even turned up a bourgeois deputy, thinly disguised as defender of the peasants, who

framework of state capitalism, the But the outcome would have the city from \$100,000

the intervention of the party rank Djilas' articles was inconceivable without a favorable, or at least tolerant, "climate" in the party press and leadership circles. When are thus extended far beyond the the PR in its statement of censure claims to have "taken into account the discontent of the militants" the conclusion is plain that faction struggle in the party this discontent actually tipped the scales against Djilas. This reaction from the ranks, which had this epoch than concern over the made itself felt some months ago health and welfare of the party leadership to apply the brakes.

justly proud of their achievements and disturbed by the present sorry mess, have every right to presented by the existence of a turn to their leaders and tell

WHAT IS NEEDED

from those who want to destroy everything to gain from putting it - good. You have reaffirmed Yugoslavia, waxed eloquent the need for the party in the this struggle on the public record. framework of proletarian demoeracy - better yet. But it isn't also had to acknowledge errors enough just to reaffirm that need; we had made, particularly in it has to be justified by the siding with Pablo, despite serious party's fulfilling its role of vanguard. Yet all you have been the French section of the Fourth and Stewart Alsop report in their doing these past several years is International when he arbitrarily to put us at the vanguard of the expelled them. But that is the liquidation of a whole series of only way you can learn from revolutionary conquests. Is it any errors. To turn them to positive wonder that after all of that the advantage you have to acknowlensuing demoralization should edge them.

"The necessity of holding our

round against the combined orces of imperialism and the Stalinist bureaucracy does not in any way justify unprincipled of ours and misrepresent it. They capitulations which have even eached the point of condemning New China. In reality, you have not been free of Djilasism yourselves. And today Djilas, even though expelled, is still a danger. He is on the road to becoming the most serious candidate for the post of hero of the Yugoslav restorationists, left vacant by the inglorious death of Draja it. But nowhere in its Open Letter Mikhailovich. To remove the or anywhere else did the SWI causes of Djilasism, a party is needed, one which actually plays ts role of communist party. With Dillas now out of the way as a theoretician, the party must be completely rearmed, through the democratic preparation of the 7th Congress of the Yugoslav Communist Party."

(Translated from La Verite, French Trotskyist paper.)

Pvt. Clifford Hamp, a Korean war veteran, who was brutally beaten by a New York policeman mother in a Harlem hospital, has politically and organizationally." moved in the Supreme Court to increase his damage suit against right to disagree with this and to ernment: "Not a cent, not a

Now it is quite true that in the gle public.

emphasized, that made it imposaction of publishing the Ope

(To be continued.)

after the Republicans beboast of ending the Korea is a decision the White Ho not likely to make lightly though some of the tops in Pentagon and McCarthyite

broad strategic diplomatic and military aims, which now appear to dictate a "stretch-out" of the war preparations and a more prolonged build-up for war against the Soviet Union and China, th Indo-China nut would be hard for U.S. imperialism to crack.

After four years of trying to set up a "native" army to carry the brunt of the struggle for them, the French have recently suffered large-scale defections to the Vietminh forces. Thus, Joseph Feb. 3 column in the N. Y. Herald-Tribune:

Tillman Durdin, N. Y. Times correspondent in Saigon, wrote on "as a result of defections."

France's native puppets.

Naturally we recognize Pablo's They must demand of the gov-

do not recognize his "right" to war!"

#### The Rejection of Mrs. Beulah Whitby

Events of the past few weeks in Detroit provide such a classic example of what happens to social reforms in a period of reaction that they should be carefully studied throughout the country.

The bare facts, as reported in the Michigan Chronicle of January 30, are as follows:

Mayor Cobo rejected Mrs. Beulah Whitby for appointment to the post of director of the Detroit Commission on Human Relations because she is opposed to Detroit's policy of segregation in public housing.

Mrs. Whitby was chairman of the Community Service Division of the Detroit Urban League.

Mayor Cobo said he did not believe she should have served as chairman of a committee which was fighting segregation in public housing. He said further that she should not have permitted the committee to pass a resolution supporting the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its suit against segregation.

Edward Turner, president, and other representatives of the NAACP met with Mayor Cobo Jan. 22 to discuss his rejection of Mrs. Whitby, his refusal to appoint a director of the Commission on Human Relations who advocates non-segregated public housing and the effect of his attitude on the functions of the Commission.

According to NAACP representatives, the Mayor "heatedly refused to be pressed on the issue of 'open occupancy' in public housing. He told the group he would not disturb existing racial patterns in housing. He indicated, however, that he favored integration in new housing projects as long as it did not 'disturb' the community in any way."

NAACP spokesmen concluded from their interview with Cobo that he looked on the Commission on Community Relations as a "control measure" for Negroes, and implied that good race relations to him existed when there were no frictions or complaints.

On Jan. 26, NAACP President Turner resigned as a member of the Commission, charging that the Mayor's policy of segregation was in violation of the U.S. Constitution and Michigan laws.

Those are the bare facts. From them the eral important lessons:

(1) Jim Crow rules Detroit through Mayor

(2) The establishment, by ordinance, of the Commission on Human Relations was an geles Herald Express, one of two (give the) Los Angeles police . . empty reform; worse, an institution for sab- taken the lead in a campaign otaging the struggle against discrimination which it admits is intended to since its function is to soft-soap Negroes, not promote action against Mexicans to remove the conditions against which they

(3) Regardless of laws and the attempts of "respectable" pro-capitalist Urban League and term "rat pack" to replace NAACP leaders' attempts to make the "democratic process" work, the dominant "American way" - in the North, as well as the South -is segregation and second-class citizenship for Negroes.

There is one further lesson that should be seen in the Detroit experience: It is not an isolated incident. It is part and parcel of the Citizens Demand." "Heart of City sailors roaming through the growing social crisis. With more than 100,000 unemployed in Detroit alone, many must begin to question the capitalist dogma that we live under the best of all possible systems. Class rule becomes more open and naked as it throws gangs. aside its democratic camouflage, including Herald was able to refer to two implications of organized fascist sweet talk about "human relations."

The first step taken by the Negro leaders -resigning and withdrawing support from the populated area. During this same Human Relations Commission — was correct. The next step is to resign from all agencies of sary to recognize that reliance on court fights become a crime wave? For only Smith followers and other fascist the government. At the same time it is necesagainst segregation is not enough. Mayor Cobo by Mexican youth, a handful of biulding up McCarthyism. and his class do not respect the law; they make juveniles and young adults out of laws and institutions to keep the oppressed in Los Angeles' Mexican population time, they also have in mind the

The victims of discrimination must join together - black and white - and organize a counteroffensive before naked capitalist rule reaches its most brutal form, a Jim Crow Fascist America.

## Los Angeles Press Incites Those are the bare facts. From them the Negro community of Detroit has learned sev-

By David Dreiser (First of two articles.)

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In recent weeks the Los An-Hearst papers in the area, has here like the Zootsuit riots of

The Herald, followed by most of the daily press, has coined the "Zootsuiter,," and advocates use of "the lash and the club" against teen-age neighborhood gangs.

This campaign is particularly ominous now in view of the support the Hearst press gives Mc Carthyism.

Here are typical headlines

Invaded by Rat Pack Killers." Such thinly veiled incitements to lynch violence are ostensibly invading peaceful homes in search based on what Hearst calls a of victims. "series" of crimes by juvenile

cases of assault and one killing in motivation. They are not just ina month's time in this thickly terested in selling papers; they period ordinary murders, robberies, assaults and other crimes

occurred scores of times. one reason: all were committed

of nearly half a million. "The lash and the club would do 2 lot of good with these irrespon-

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take off the gloves and let these criminals feel the mailed fist. . We have become 'too soft' . .

The similarity between this treatment and the campaign of lynch hysteria in the press which preceded the June 1943 riots is amply apparent, but the Herald didn't want anyone to miss the point. A few days later, they concluded an editorial with the reminder that "Not too long ago the Herald-Express did its part in creating sufficient indignation to crush the Zootsuit gangsters."

According to a former Hearst reporter, this campaign was ordered directly by Hearst from his San Simeon palace. It resulted in a wave of terror, with mobs of "Smash Rat Pack Killer Mobs; Mexican districts beating and stripping Mexicans at sight and

This is what the Los Angeles press would like to duplicate, only In a summary editorial the today there are all the sinister want blood to flow in the streets of Los Angeles.

Part of the motivation is to prepare the ground for action by How did three or four incidents Ku Klux Klan and Gerald L. K

Like the Nazi press in Hitler's need to find a scapegoat. In Los In response to just one of these Angeles, one of the first obvious crimes the Herald editorialized, targets among the minorities is the Mexican community.

sible hoodfums. . . It is time to (Next week: What to do about it.)

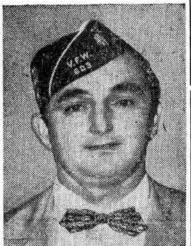
## "McCarthy Type"

THE MILITANT



J. Parnell Thomas, former chairman of the House un-American Activities Committee has announced his intention to seek re-election to Congress from New Jersey. Thomas said Feb. 8, "One thing the Republicans need in Congress is fighters of the McCarthy type and the past has shown that I can fill that category." His past includes an 81/2-month stretch in a Federal penitentiary for padding his Congressional payroll and extorting kickbacks from his employees. He was granted a "Christmas" pardon by Truman in 1952.

#### Snooper



Beres, head of the Norwalk, Conn., Veterans of Foreign Wars, defining a "subversive" as "one who goes around town and sort of shows point of view against our notoriety when his VFW post was revealed to have set up a secret committee to ferret out their names in to the FBI.

# Seattle Unions Hear Roberts

Score Red Hunt SEATTLE, Feb. 6 - The campaign of Daniel Roberts, Socialist Workers Party sponsored candidate for the Seat-

tle School Board, got under way in earnest this week when

the candidate began a round of speeches at local union meetings. Roberts spoke at five meetings this week. He had already spoken

at his own union local, Boxmakers Local 2635, AFL, last week. One of the union bodies Roberts addressed was Local 81 of the Meatcutters, AFL, whose international secretary, Patrick Gor-

man, has taken a stand in favor of McCarthy. Roberts spoke there against Mc-Carthyism and for the reinstate-

ment of Mrs. Hughes, whom the School Board had dismissed from the school system for refusing to divulge her political views. He stated: "I don't know if

Mrs. Hughes holds to the line of the Communist Party or not. She refused to divulge her views before the School Board, and I believe that in so doing she was fully within her rights. If she is Stalinist, then I know I disagree with her fundamentally. But I am opposed to firing any teacher for his or her political views. There must be freedom of thought and speech in the

#### DEFINITE SYMPATHY

Roberts' appearance before the Meatcutters was the most dramatic of all his union appearances discontent as he is now already to date. There were a number of doing, especially among the articulate red-baiters in the crowd middle classs, and become strong who wanted him to stop before enough to take power in this his time was up. But at the end country? Roberts was highly gratified when fully a third of the audience of over 100 gave him a hand. In the face of the redbaiters' pressure, and plunge the country into a the applause was more than a mark of politeness. It indicated of America's 60 ruling families? definite sympathy for his stand for free speech.

Speaking later that evening beore the executive board of Local 119 of the Longshoremen, Roberts concluded by stating:

"The menacing rise of Mcthe alarming growth of juvenile is mass dissatisfaction and rest- cially its organized members. lessness in the country — a genuine crisis of perspectives - the working people of America and change is on the order of the will unfold a resolute course of

of the Democrats, echoed by the and fascism and transform Amersuch "subversives" and turn official leadership of the labor ica into a land of peace, freedom, movement, that 'You never had equality and plenty.'



DANIEL ROBERTS

it so good' has gone into discard once for all.

"The all-important question confronting America is the following: What shall be the nature of the change?

"Will McCarthy - America's would-be Hitler - feed on this

"Will he thereby be able to smash the unions and the Negro organizations, regiment the youth, hydrogen-bomb war on behalf

"Or will the labor movement rally all the oppressed and discontented to a banner of insurgency that will smash the rule of Big Business forever?

"Fascism or socialism; slavery or freedom - these are the alter-Carthyism on the one hand and natives confronting America. The answer as to which will prevail delinquency on the other point to must be given by the working one inescapable conclusion: There people of this country - espe-

"By building a Labor Party, political struggle that will end "The smug, conservative slogan the menace of war, depression,

#### "You Are Not Afraid" By Joyce Cowley

That's what Miss Sylvia Porter says. "Talk mounting unemployment and deepening reassion is all around you yet you are not afraid about your own individual outlook. And that includes even you who are feeling 'it' where it hurts - in the pocketbook.'

Miss Porter has been traveling around itry talking to people. "From a jobpenter in California to the chairman of the world's greatest corporations-1 no fear of the 1954 recession."

he unemployed she interviewed: "Not id accumulated any savings worth meng, all had wives and children to supeach admitted he owed money, 'Are you ried?' was the question I asked."

Apparently all of these jobless men told her that in spite of having no money to feed their l'amilies or pay the rent, they were not worried. It makes me wonder if the people she talked to were mentally deficient.

Any psychologist will tell you that fear of real danger is a normal emotion necessary for the preservation of human life. If you're afraid of fire, for instance, you'll take measures to prevent fires and to put them out when they occur. The absence of such fear would have disastrous consequences.

I don't know just how Miss Porter put her questions or how she interpreted the answers, his job, who has no savings and plenty of unpaid bills, is worried.

I haven't talked to him myself, but I'm Humphrey of Minnesota and willing to bet that the chairman of one of the Morse of Oregon - all voted to and liberals to stop McCarthyism world's greatest corporations is worried, too. give McCarthy more money to is as futile as trying to stop a attack them. This constituted tank with a fly-swatter. They If not, he must be crazy. This corporation nothing less than a vote of con- don't like McCarthy, but they are chief isn't thinking about his rent. He has fidence in McCarthy and his paralyzed with fright of him, bigger problems. He is faced with two terrifying alternatives - another depression or another war, and he probably doubts that modern capitalism will survive either one of them.

In this respect the jobless worker has an Americans for Democratic Action that the American people are advantage. He's afraid he can't pay his bills banquets, shiver when ever Mc- menaced by communism and an but he doesn't lie awake nights wondering if the capitalists system will survive. He's got to say is that he will attack is a fascist movement that is more to worry about right now but in the long those who vote against him as gaining strength at an alarming run he has more to hope for, too.

Unlike the big-time executive, his personal destiny is not bound to a dying social order. He has a stake in the socialist future of man-

### Notes from the News

CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK. A new Alabama law requires that the author of any school text book must submit a statement as to whether or not he is a member of the Communist Party or any other organization on the Attorney General's "subversive" list; or an advocate of Communism or Marxian Socialism. Such a statement must also cover the author of any work recommended in the text for supplementary reading. Any book listing any author coming under the proscribed classification can be rejected on the appeal of any taxpayer.

PITTSBURGH STOOLIE MOVES UP LADDER. Mat Cvetic, the notorious FBI stoolpigeon, built up as a "hero" by the witch-hunting capitalist press for his unsavory role in railroading members of the Communist Party to prison for their political opinions has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination in Pittsburgh's 28th Congressional district.

THE NOTED LIBERAL WEEKLY magazine, the New Republic, faces a financial crisis which may jeopardize its continued publication. From its inception the magazine was subsidized by major contributions from the Straight-Whitney Their contributions, which averaged 5,000 a year since 1914, came to an end in In an appeal for financial support, the s point out that despite doubling of cirin two years to 33,000 the magazine is ently published at a deficit of \$1,600 per An estimated contribution of \$78,000 is eded to assure publication through 1954.

RED FLAG FLIES IN KANSAS CITY. A atriotic citizen demanded action from the Kansas City school board when he spotted a red flag flying in place of the American flag over a local school. The school principal explained that the U.S. flag was not up because of bad weather and that the red flag was a warning to the children to come into the building and not play outside. "We've been using that storm signal for sixteen rs," she said, "and this is the first time we've accused of un-Americanism."

THE USE OF NEGRO STRIKE BREAKERS by the Hat Corp. of America in Norwalk, Conn. was succeeding in fanning anti-Negro sentiment among the strikers who are mostly white, until the Nat'l Ass'n for Advancement of Colored People intervened in the situation. NAACP representatives persuaded a number of the Negro strike breakers - many of whom were victims of discriminatory practices that made it difficult to obtain jobs elsewhere - to leave the plant. The NAACP says it expects to get the rest of the strike breakers out in a short period.

ANTI-SEMITISM CHARGED by N. Y. witchhunt victim, Maurice Kurzman, a N. Y. high school teacher suspended for his refusal to answer questions in the current Board of Education witchhunting excursion, declared to the Board: "It is no accident that most of the teachers who have been called before this inquisition have been of the Jewish faith. I maintain that this investigation is definitely anti-semitic." Kurzman, who holds that the Board has no right to enquire into his activities outside of school, was described to the Board by a school official as a "top notch

A WAGE HIKE FOR THE ARMED FORCES has been urged on Congress by the CIO United Auto Workers. Such an action, the UAW wrote would be "timely, inasmuch as another committee established by Congress is presently advocating pay increases of 50% and over for members of Congress, members of the federal judiciary system and holders of other high governmental positions."

FAIRY TALES FOR ILLINOIS "ADULTS turned around and invited Mus. died at Dehra Dun, India, Jan. ONLY." The Illinois Secretary of State has ordered the public library system to stamp the words "This book is for adults only" on a list to fight Hitler themselves, and brandlerite — a right-wing ing man whose political views persecutions and the like. Guys a job are now slim.

That's the story of Benny of B Leagues Under the Sea, Jane Eyre, Girl of the Golden West, and the fairy tales of Hans Christian Anderson. The stamping was ordered to Hindenburg, who turned around during World War II he ended learned from communism. He weakening. The more the Chinese man who dares to dream and

the minimum duty facing Sen- labor leaders controlled the Peo-ators who were elected as self- ple's Front government, they proclaimed liberals and anti-Mc-Carthyites. But only one member Franco when he began to organize but I'm sure that any sane man who has lost of the Senate (Fulbright of his fascist conspiracy in the army, Arkansas) voted No, and he did waiting until it was too late and it without explanation. The others he had launched the rebellion that including Lehman of New York, ended in a fascist victory. Depending on the Democrats

DEMOCRATS JUMP WHEN

not to. These windbag, who are so fond of making "fighting" What's need

'communist agents,' and they pace. run like rabbits. Two days after their capitulafirst of the many speaking tours he will make in connection with the 1954 elections. His theme was bludgeoned into giving him a vote

of confidence).

The Senate vote was a test of strength. It confirmed what we have been telling the American people—that McCarthyite fascism is strong, and growing stronger all the time (despite all of Eisenhower's and Brownell's so-called moves to "outflank" it). But the other side of the test was even more revealing. It also confirmed now weak the Democratic and liberal opposition to McCarthyism is - now fatally weak, panicstricken, unreliable and worthless.

These are the men whom the eaders of the labor movement But who can have any confidence in the Lehmans and the Humphreys after their miserable ex-George Meany tell the members of the unions to help elect Democrats, the members ought to

"What for - so that they can vote to give some more money raised out of our taxes to a rould-be dictator to use against us and our rights and our organizations? If these people don't even have the courage to VOTE Socialist Workers Party, already against McCarthy, how can any- engaged in this indispensable body count on them to FIGHT against him?"

That is how the liberal and labor leaders acted in Europe too. In Italy they tried to duck a showdown with Mussolini, pinning their hopes on the king, who founding the Third International, solini to take power.

were afraid to crack down on

and they either don't know how Why? Because they were afraid to fight him successfully or they

What's needed is a rejection of speeches at labor conventions and the McCarthylte - Trumanite lie Carthy even scowls at them. He understanding of the fact that knows their number. All he has the real menace they face today

tion McCarthy started out on the cism is something that can't be "Twenty Years of Treason" (by fight against fascism is total; the Democrats, whom he had just and who are prepared to act accordingly.

religious minorities, the young tinued to refuse repatriation.

What's needed is the repudiation by these groups of the two-party system that producel the present witch hunt and of the two capitalist parties that have embraced McCarthyism, whether enthusiastically or reluctantly.

What's needed is a new political party, an independent Labor Party that will run its own candihave told us we must support if dates for office, oust both the old we want to stop McCarthyism, parties, take over the government and operate it in the interests of the majority of the people.

What's needed is a new political hibition on Feb. 2? From now on, program, providing a clear afterwhenever Walter Reuther or native to imperialist war, unemployment, high prices, Jim Crow, thought control, insecurity and the other evils and ills of capitalism - a program that will really

To satisfy these needs is the No. 1 political task of 1954. The work, solicits the cooperation of all other forces with a stake in the fight against McCarthyism. M. N. ROY, a former Indian

25, of cerebral thrombosis. After guilty? He is not a communist. about our country that they never appear before the witch-hunting In Germany they were afraid Lenin's death, Roy became a He is a self-educated young workfighting him by telling them to 1929 by Stalin. Roy continued to talism is in need of improvement beginning, signing petitions, mak- Smith so far - the story of the support the militarist President drift toward the right until and that there are things to be ing broadcasts and all, stanted crucifixion of an honest young "make it impossible for school children to obtain and invited Hitler to become up in the camp of British imsmut."

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"make it impossible for school children to obtain and invited Hitler to become up in the camp of British imcalls himself a "progressive." He talked about McCarthy, or the better America.

# What's needed are men and women who recognize that fascism is something that can't be compromised with, or run away from, or wished out of existence; who realize that their stake in the

son, after electing to stay with What's needed is the mobiliza- the Chinese, changed his mind Chinese. This is his crime. tion and united action of those and decided to return home to who have the greatest stake in America, the Army utilized his the fight against fascism — the switch for a major propaganda blance to the tales of "brainwash- by the local press for a story on labor movement, the racial and appeal to the 22 GI's who con-

One Army message to them said in part: "Cpl. Edw. Dickenson returned home to his loved ones and enjoyed a combined thirty-day leave and honeymoon. This fact explodes the Communist charge that you or your loved ones will be harmed if you return.

Dickenson returned, the Army demonstrated how much trust could be placed in their propaganda. They hauled him up for courtmartial.

This vengeful doublecross of Dickenson is but one sordid chapter in the story of what has happened to returned POW's who dare to express views opposing the reactionary U.S. policy solve the problems that Mc- of intervention in the Korean Carthyism demagogically exploits civil war. Another chapter in that in order to recruit a mass fol- story is told in the Jan. 30 issue of the liberal weekly, the Nation. It is the story of 25 - year - old former Corporal Benny Smith, of Memphis, Tenn., as told to Milton

On his return to Memphis with an honorable discharge, Benny varied with the speaker and sub- for the FBI to prove his was extended a hero's welcome ject. "loyalty." The VA sent him to a by the press, radio and TV. Today he is the victim of a fierce revolutionist who participated in campaign of vilification, slander and intimidation.

Of what crime is Benny Smith

"atrocities" committed by the

His story of life in a Chinese prison camp bears little resemused by the Chinese to win over

The physical treatment of the prisoners was good, he says, sufficient to bring on threatening They were permitted to set up letters and phone calls. their own mess, sanitation, library, recreation and campaffairs committees. Food was of the same quantity and quality as provided by the U.S. Army. When the Chinese first began

the "political orientation" lectures, with attendance compulsory, the men did not object to going to them, Bennie says. In fact many were really interested, particularly in the dis- suit the formulations were switchcussions that followed. But as ed to "a changed and distorted the lectures tended to become perspective about the American repetitious, interest began to

making lecture attendance com- had a right to do so. A "clear maintains, who convinced the Chinese to make attendance avalanche of accusations and voluntary. After that attendance threats. He was pressured to work

But in time pressure mounted psychiatrist. on those who continued to attend

When Corporal Edward Dicken- propaganda campaign about reactionary press, the less they cared to

When Benny returned to Memphis, he was interviewed ing," enforced indoctrination, and the tortures inflicted in Chinese other forms of pressure allegedly prison camps. His statements that he considered his treatment by the Chinese good, and that he could report no atrocities, was

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Soon one of the local papers was running a series on how Benny had "turned his gaze on a way of life strange to America - strange, evil and powerful," and hinted that "at the end of the road there may even lie treason."

When Benny threatened a libel way of life." The proof -Benny's contention that people The Chinese said they were who chose the communist path pulsory to protect those who admission of guilt" was Benny's wished to attend from possible belief that fascism is a greater victimization from those who op- menace to America than composed the lectures. It was the munism. That showed "he was "progressive" POW's, Benny anti-fascist, not anti-communist." The series brought on a new

He has been informed that a lectures. "For one thing," says national magazine is preparing Benny, "a lot of guys got scared an "expose" of him. Hanging when they began to learn things over his head is a summons to knew before - about political Velde Committee. His chances for