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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5 _ support for the nationalized prop- Soviet Union since Stalin's death Speakers representing the view- erty but wanted a voice in run- was for the better and that de-

MALIGNS BARBARIA

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To nip this in the bud — at Suez — they are preparing to shoot and bomb and kill. year, and Adam Lapin, Associate
Editor of the People's World
the plants. In none of these ed the Soviet Union but had common belief that the national- easy for the Soviet regime to of socialist potentials lodged in vital waterway."

Hesitate on Suez War Why All Workers Should All Asia Denounces Demand 'Hands off Egypt' Preparations to Make

Have the U.S., British and French imperialists precipitated "the gravest international crisis since the Berlin blockade and the Korean' war" merely because Egypt nationalized the company which operated the Suez Canal? No. Far more is behind it. Imperialism aims to prevent the colonial revolution, which has swept over Asia and Africa with such elemental force, from rising in the Middle East.

Suez raises the specter of colonial revolution in all the oil-rich Arab countries. The imperialists fear the breakaway of their hitherto pliant puppets, through whom they have so long ruled these countries, or - far worse yet - their replacement by representatives of the povertystricken Arab masses. They fear nationalizations of the world's richest oil fields for the benefit of the undernourished, disease-ridden people of these countries and the consequent loss of super-profits

- Since the imperialists have large popula-(West Coast Stalinist weekly). the plants. In none of these ed the Soviet Union but had struggles was the demand raised never condoned the rule of the bureaucratic caste in the USSR work and also send their sons to fight because of the enormous priviimperialist wars, the reasons given publicly Stalin's "excesses" and "bad leges it accrued to itself at the for the war threats are not the real ones Agreement among the three ism. Since there had never been cracy, Barbaria charged, has actpanelists was limited to their any democracy in Russia it was ed as a brake on the development "morality" and "international control of a

ized property forms in the Soviet use terrorist methods to push the nationalized property forms Imperialist "morality" means that it is Union are progressive. But they through its program of national of the Soviet Union. For that "moral" for Britain to control and profit diverged widely over why Stalin had been dethroned and what the consequences would be.

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territory the 100 mile long canal completely lies.

Secretary of State Dulles piously declares on television that "it is inadmissible" that the Suez Canal "should be exploited by one country for purely selfish purposes." He was not referring to the long years of Britain's control and exploitation of it but to Egypt's "selfish" desire to own what's in its territory.

Nor does the imperialist propaganda about the necessity of international control apply to the Panama Canal (controlled by the U.S.) the Strait of Gibraltar (controlled by Britain) or the Dardanelles (controlled by Turkey, a stooge of U.S. and Britain). Internationalization is to troopers, aircraft carriers and apply only to a waterway in the territory battleships to the Mediterranean, of a nation rising in anti-imperialist struggle. The fact is that all internationalizing schemes are a hoax as long as imperialism

any interference whatsoever with Egypt's government in France to Senator sovereign right to Suez. That is true whether the internationalizing scheme is ships into to the canal to provoke Britain and the World Bank (concooked up by the Western Big Three or by the Egyptians into firing the trolled by U.S. and British ima coexistence team of the Big Three plus first shot and thus become the perialism) also reneged on the

Egypt and the Arab people have the by the threats of war from the right to determine their own fate. They Big Three Western powers, the have been denied that right for over a people of Egypt have rallied century by the imperialists who invaded unanimously behind the Nasser be toppled. their lands, robbed them, Jim-Crowed regime's declaration that it will them, and are now trying to keep them poverty-stricken, ignorant and powerless.

Egypt Another Korea

The tremendous rallying throughout the Arab world and Asia in defense of Egypt's right to nationalize the Suez Canal Company is causing U.S., British and French imperialism to have second thoughts about invasion of Egypt and seizure of the canal. Whether these second thoughts D

from naked military aggression army but virtually the whole against Egypt that could convert population organized as guerrilla the whole Middle East into a fighters. second Korean holocaust cannot yet be said. Military preparations by Great Britain and France - mobilization of reserves, hasty dispatch of paracontinue. The U.S. Navy's atomequipped Sixth Fleet has been officials — from members of "aggressor."

fight if invaded. Though the tion of the company that held the Egyptian army is small, it is But the Arab people will no longer sub- of volunteer training companies mit. That is what is behind the Suez crisis. that the imperialists would have

to sign the oath. The Justice De-

will restrain the imperialists to fight not only the Egyptian

DULLES' SCHEME

This reaction inside Egypt has upset the calculations of the imperialists and particularly the U.S. State Department which masterminded and opened the campaign against the Nasser regime with Dulles' repudiation sent steaming to within striking of the promised help in building distance of Egypt. High-placed the Aswan Dam. This was economic punishment for Egypt's It is the duty of all socialists to oppose Parliament in Britain and the refusal to follow the U.S. laiddown diplomatic line. It came on McCarthy in this country are the heels of Egypt's diplomatic calling for the sending of battle- recognition of China. Great promised loan for the Aswan Dam. It was thought in the Big Three chancelleries that this blow to Egypt would so weaken the Nasser regime that it could

Instead, Nasser's nationalizaconcession from Egypt to operate the Suez canal, handle the tolls and keep the profits, has united behind him all Egyptians who want to reclaim everything the imperialists extorted from them, n the past.

In addition to the mass upsurge of anti-imperialism in Egypt the whole surrounding Arab world has rallied to Egypt's defense. Great demonstrations in the various countries of the Middle East show how Egypt's fight is considered the cause of all the mass solidarity is reflected in the stands taken by all the Arab nations against the imperialist threat to attack Egypt.

WILL CUT OIL OFF

In Syria workers have declared 'hat if Egypt is attacked they will cut the Western-owned oil pipe lines that cross their counry. The Syrian Defense Minister has announced that Syria was in a state of "general mobilizaion" because "the battle of the Suez Canal is the battle of every Arab." In Washington the Syrian ambassador warned that Dulles policy was leading "headlong to war" and that if Egypt was invaded the Arab countries would "fight to the end" by guerrilla means.

In Lebanon the President backed the nationalization of the Suez Canal and warned that an attack on Egypt would lead the Arab nations to cut off relations with the Western imperialist nations and "break all concessions and agreements." Since the poverty-stricken Arab nations are treasure houses of oil - all owned by the imperialists - the threat means the imperialists would not only have to occupy Egypt but the other Middle East countries as well.

Even the government of Iraq, notoriously a paid stooge of U.S. and British imperialism, has had to bow to the feeling of its people and come out in formal support of Egypt. The solidifying of the Arab

world in defense of Egypt not only poses a formidable diplo-(Continued on page 3)

Stalin and revealing part of his crimes because of tremendous mass pressures developing in the Soviet Union. Khrushebay and Soviet Union. Co. are granting concessions, said Barbaria, because they "hope by this method to hold on to their bureaucratic privileges and the bureaucratic privileges and

By John Thayer

AUG. 6 - Senator Estes Kefauver's withdrawal from the race for the presidential nominations and his simultaneous endorsement of Adlai Stevenson has made the gauge the pressure of the mass- tions in their field of study, he latter's nomination on the first es by three examples from re- said, they have a tendency to or second ballot at the Democratic

> At the same time the air is thick with rumors that part of the deal was the promise of the vice-presidential nomination to Kefauver. That some sort of deal was made is indisputable for Kefauver had pitched his campaign on a liberal line as opposed to Stevenson's "moderation." He had bitterly assailed Stevenson for hedging on civil rights, labor and social issues.

Had his liberal "principles" been more than vote catchers, Kefauver would have stayed in the race till the end or would more logically have thrown his support to Gov. Averill Harriman of New York, who in his bid for the nomination is using a liberal pitch almost identical with Kefauver's.

Ignoring Harriman, the Tennessee senator urged his followers to vote instead for the man, who in the Florida primary, had conveniently "failed to hear" a racist attack made in his presence on Kefauver for courting the Negro vote.

Stevenson's backing is now quite formidable and variegated All the disparate elements which make up the Democratic Party are well represented in it. First and foremost come the leaders of the Southern wing of the party. Included are such notorious white-supremacists as Herman Talmadge of Georgia, Governor Coleman of bloody Mississippi

come the majority of the corrupt votes. big-city and state Democratic machines. Finally the whelming bulk of the labor bureaucrats and the liberals of hasten to offer their votes - at Americans for Democratic Action are on the Stevenson bandwagon. The only solid single opposition

moment is the Tammany machine of New York which is the core of Harriman's support. While a number of delegations are pledged to "favorite sons" (local politicians who have no serious chance of winning the nomination) this is not real opposition. The "favorite son" device is a traditional bargaining gambit by which delegations hold off com-

> VA Takes Away Thompson Pension

AUGUST 7 - In a new assault on civil liberties, the Veteran's Administration today refused to reinstate the disability pension of Communist Party leader Robert Thompson. Now imprisoned under a Smith "Gag" Act conviction, Thompson was denied his pension on the sole ground of his public utterances. Strong protest last year blocked the VA in an identical move against the legless veteran. James Kutcher. Unfortunately, there was not enough of the same pressure to halt the VA's victimization of Thompson at this stage. Thompson is planning to appeal the ruling.

Once the nomination of any one candidate appears imminent the "favorite son" delegations a high price - as the needed margin of victory. When negotiations for the needed margin are to Stevenson at the present in the process the others make whatever deals they can lest they be left high and dry with their commodity and no buyer.

While Harriman is frantically Stevenson bandwagon for the first few ballots, the larger tenants for refusing to sign the Stevenson forces are making big offers and trying to start the stampede. In addition to the mitting themselves until they can Southern politicians and Northern and liberals are engaged in this

Less important for the outcome of the convention fight, but important because of the miseducation it causes among radical Worker tried to make the Democratic Party palatable to workers for a liberal like Kefauver.

For some weeks now it has of the working people's interests. efforts to drive him and his (See editorial page 3 on the Role parents out of their home.

Public Housing 'Loyalty Oath' Abandoned by Att.-Gen'l

The Federal government has abandoned its fight to compel residents of Federally-aided housing projects to sign "loyalty oaths." On Aug. 3, The Public Housing oppressed Arab people. This great Authority announced that the

Justice Department had ruled tion, the Newark Housing Directhat the oath was "temporary tor gave up trying to get tenants legislation" which had expired. The measure, tacked on by Rep. partment ruling completes the Gwinn (R-N.Y.) as a rider to the victory. It underscores the im-1953 and 1954 Appropriations portance of every individual Act, required tenants to swear standing up against the witchthey did not belong to any organization on the Attorney-General's "subversive" list. Prior to the Justice Department ruling, rying to persuade the "favorite the Housing Authority had lost on" delegations to stay off the about two dozen court cases arising from its attempts to evict oath.

The ruling is the third major victory scored in recent months ward heelers, many labor leaders Kutcher, who was among the by the legless veteran James first to challenge the witch-hunt measure.

Last month, Kutcher was returned to his job following an eight-year battle that began when the Veteran's Administration fired workers, is the same effort being him because of his admitted made by the Communist Party. membership in the Socialist Early in the campaign the Daily Workers Party. Last spring, he regained his disability pension after a government move to cut and Negroes by urging support it off provoked a national outcry of protest.

In 1953, Kutcher who lives with been urging abandonment of Ke- his aged parents in a Newark fauver and Harriman for all-out housing project, went to court to support to Stevenson. It called block an eviction order issued for this to preserve the unity of after his parents told the Housthe Democratic Party and to ing Authority it could not sign counter - balance Dixiecrat in- the oath because of their son's fluence on Stevenson. In this way, membership in the SWP. Last the Daily Worker fallaciously winter Kutcher won an injunction argues, Stevenson can be liberaliz- from the New Jersey Supreme ed and made over into a champion | Court against the authority's

After Kutcher won the injunc-



- JAPANESE POW'S REPORT -

The Revolt in Prison Camps of Siberia

This report of the revolt of the prisoners in the Norilsk prison camp in the Soviet Union was received by us from a Japanese Trotskyist. He obtained the information contained in the report from a group of returned Japanese war prisoners who were in the Norilsk prison camp at the time of the revolt.

Last year we published Brigitte Gerland's reports as a participant in the great Vorkuta prisoner uprising of 1953. The present account fits in with and rounds out the picture she presented of the situation in the Soviet prison camps in the period following Stalin's death. - Ed.

of the Norilsk prison camp was Chinese, Hungarians, Italians, first told by 34 Japanese war etc. prisoners who witnessed the revolt and were sent back to Japan last year.

Norilsk is near the east bank of the mouth of the Yenisei river. It is a town of prisoners. They produce copper, gold, platinum, cobalt; and there are combines of these minerals. There is a six story building, constructed, of course, by the forced labor of the prisoners. The city had in March 1954, 300,000 citizens (mostly those who had servlowed to return to the free areas of the Soviet Union.)

were 45,000 common criminals; to hold 15,000 prisoners, but about 180,000 political prisoners; this figure seems to be uncertain. 60,000 emigrants; 15,000 govern- The Fourth camp had 4,000. Most ment officials. In addition, actu- of these prisoners were Ukraial prisoners numbered 45,000 as nians who were moved there follows: 15,000 political prison- from other places in the summer ers; 30,000 common criminals, of 1952. The prisoners of the The ratio of men to women was Fifth and Fourth camps were en-4 to 1. In national origin, most gaged in the construction of the of the Soviet prisoners were six-storied building. Next to the Ukranians and the rest from the Fifth camp was the brick facthree Baltic nationalities. Non- tory where women prisoners Soviet prisoners included Ger- worked.

The story of the great revolt mans, Czechs, Japanese, Koreans,

Just like the general strike of Vorkuta, the direct cause of the revolt was the death of Stalin. With his death the hope of immediate amnesty flared up, but the decree of amnesty on March 27. 1953 released only those who committed murder, theft or robbery. Political prisoners were completely excluded and were enraged at the crushing of their hope.

The revolt was first started at the Fifth Special (political) camp which stands in the east of Gorb ed their terms but were not al- Stroi north Norilsk. Near this are the Fourth and Sixth (women's) Special camps. At the time Among these citizens there of the event, the Fifth was said

Guards Touch Off Outbreak

with each other secretly by "Hurrah for the death of Sta- broke down, the armed forces throwing stones wrapped in let- lin." The night shift that had formed a semi-circle penetrated ters. On May 7, 1953, at lunch gone on sit-down strike returned through the front and back gates, corpses were lying so thick that time, they were exchanging let- to camp on the morning of the pressed the prisoners towards ters in that way. One of the let- 12th and joined the day shift in the road between the warehouses them. The road was blood stainters thrown by some woman its strike. A powerful sentiment and the bakery and fired volleys ed all over. And he could not didn't reach its destination, but of resistance dominated all the dropped between the two outer prisoners, and they began to who were taking a bath there, which were just like cuts inand inner barbed wire entangle- organize a formal struggle. ments.

Fearing a guard might find tried to reach for the letter. The the work will be punished with half of them were killed on the suppressed with armed forces. Outraged, the men protested, and threw stones at the sentinel. After two or three intimidating shots years did not matter. Instead, into the sky, the sentinel shot they caught the director at his der no conditions would guards lenkov here." shoot into the camp.

camp and demanded that the the combine stepped out and tried of the director, they thrust him away and overturned the desk. The day shift thus entered into sabotage. On May 9, the night shift entrenched itself in the building under construction, started a sit-down strike, and didn't return in the morning.

Thus the whole Fifth camp went on strike. The news spread not big enough to talk with; at once to other camps. The bring somebody from Moscow.' Tenth, Fourth, and the women's To this he only answered "No Sixth also went on strike in sym- superior official will come. If

camp painted in huge white let- And there was no hope of soluters on the sixth story "Down tion.

The prisoners communicated with the Soviet bureaucrats," tions. When the negotiations

warning: "Those who sabotage of the volleys, and more than revolt of the Fifth camp was thus three years penalty; go to work

In order not to reveal their leaders, the prisoners acted to-The angered crowds rushed to gether and shouted together. Surthe office of the director of the prised by the event, the head of flew to Norilsk.

Some said he was major General Panikov, director of Yenisei Stroi of Krasnovarsk, But he only sat at the table on the road in front of the post room, and didn't say a word. His secretary spoke. The prisoners who surrounded them shouted "You are you do not stop your strike at The night shift of the Fifth once, you will get three years."

What the Prisoners Demanded

the MVD, a vice-minister under of the accounts of the combines. Beria, came from Moscow and (The audit was supposed to be stead of being caught by such a frequency were very lax, and oftrick, the prisoners went up to ficials made profit from the lahim in a body, and after an ex- bor of prisoners.) change of words, seven or eight explainers presented their petition. The leader of these explainers was a former member of the CP and a graduate of Moscow University. He was a genuine communist who criticized the May 19, they moved Japanese, present conditions in the USSR. He had been sent to the camp, after a document was discovered on him in which he stated that what was happening in the USSR did not agree with communist teachings.

The petition read as follows: improve rations.

(2) Reduce work hours from 12 to eight.

prisoners are serving 15 to 25 21, the second strike was started. years, provide cultural facilities About 1 AM, guards appeared in character of the system itself, for us. Our intellectual advance- a fire engine and tried to bar acment ought to be very important cess to every camp from outside for Soviet construction.

some other districts, not in them one by one. A prisoner Norilsk. In Norilsk, too, exchange who happened to be awake soundwork places fairly. There are big ed the alarm. The prisoners at- development. differences between various work

most killed the driver. (5) Completely stop all national discrimination in treat-

ment of prisoners.

At last a lieutenant-general of | and establish the strictest audit broadcast that the delegates made once or twice a year by the should come with a petition. In- combines, but its method and

The lieutenant-general promanswer. Thus the first wave of the strike was ended. The authorities utilized this lull to disperse the strength of the prisoners. On Koreans, Chinese, Hungarians, Italians, Germans, Czechs-in all. about 300-into other camps under the pretext that, as the result of Stalin's death, they would be allowed to return to their countries. On May 20, about 7,-000 were moved from the Fifth (1) Cut down prison terms and into the Fourth camp, in order to reduce the strength of the

Fifth camp. The answers of the authorities (3) Since most of us political were very unsatisfactory. On May -in this way to separate them (4) Let us serve our terms in from each other and overwhelm tacked the fire engine and al-



thorities. Thus all camps came instant. The sight was too gruethe authorities began armed suppression. They moved all the foreign prisoners to a nearby hill, gun-fire and fell dead. and entered into final negotiawere surprised by the noise of the flicted by sword but were really The director, in great conster- shooting. They ran out in front nation, at 9 AM broadcast the of the prisoners into the midst caused by machine gun fire. The

under their power. On May 23, some to bear. These mentallyderanged individuals raised anti-Soviet shouts, stood before the

One of the Japanese ex-prisoners who was involved in the tragedy related that on his way to the detention house, the it was impossible not to step on which were just like cuts in-

response to the Fifth presented many Aftamats (a kind of autointo the sky, the sentinel shot office near the guard house and the prisoners and wounded of the prisoners and wounded of the same bloody sights. One of matic rifle) and ordinary rifles. one more of them. This was a shouted at him: "You are not big the Japanese repatriates said, Now they detained the director violation of the promise that unnamed camp and arrived there, age, following which a battle lit- It demanded improvement in the the women's Sixth camp was also besieged and was under attack." Through the noise of rifle firing there was heard the screams sentinel be tried and punished to persuade them—in vain. At were seen heads wearing necker-Angered by the evasive answers last one evening the Governor chiefs. Women prisoners threw filth from the latrines, or jumped out naked in front of the soldiers and resisted them. Normally, they never allowed their body skin to show. This was their last method of resistance.

At the time of the first strike,

Other camps which rose up in the Tenth camp had captured erally was fought between the prisoners and the troops. The

started at the Fifth and Fourth can never last long; something is ploitation of prisoners," camps and instantly spread to bound to happen before our term the Second, Third, Sixth and 25th of 25 years'is served out. We do with conviction as they discovthat is, to all special (political) not want to become wrecks by that ered the weakness of the govern- tant Month" 57 six-month and preciates it too. camps of Norilsk and became a time, who can do no activity when general insurrection of all pot the time comes. For that we thing but a reckless adventure The salesmen also sold five copies it? We really enjoy ourselves hitical prisoners—this revolt was want some economic margin and born of the anger of the moment. of Daniel Guerin's book, Negroes when we have time to get out thus crushed by armed force. | more than that a cultural devel-The Third camp alone refused opment."

the director; bring some responsible man from the Central Gov- drawn: ernment from Moscow. We will settle the matter with Voroshilow." They continued to refuse all negotiations. The Third camp had at the

flag, flew huge kites from within the camp and distributed leaflets over the city. The leaflets in Norilsk. If they want to negotiate, let them bring in a responsible man from Moscow." "Publish the truth about the Beria Affair."

The garrison authorities, having exhausted all methods, decided on armed repression, at about 11 P.M. on August 11, besieged the Third camp, and fired volleys from outside the fence. The terrible noise of firing resounded throughout the city. The citizens could not sleep at all. How long they lasted-those five or six hours

It was 6 A. M. when at last the terror and strain came to an end. Out of the 2,500, about 1,500 tors who were mobilized took one of the leaders."

by Major General Semiyonov, ended after more than three included in the leadership. There We can draw this further very commander of Norilsk garrison, months, but the result was not in thus arose a strong unity." And important conclusion from the and Major General Panikov, di- vain. For an evaluation of the the former prisoner mentioned summary of the reports of the rector of Yenisei Stroi .The pris- event, the comments of the Jap- the name of Baranzin (?) a for- eyewitnesses. (1) The prisoners oners chased the officers, pro- anese repatriates were full of mer private secretary of L. Trot- sentenced to long terms showed claiming, "We won't deal with rich suggestions, from which the sky who was imprisoned in 1937; an unshakable conviction that the following conclusions may be former university professors, for present bureaucratic dictatorship

was the shooting of May 7, but president of Latvia in 1932, Alex- for their cultural development there was an underlying move- androvich, etc. ment which caught up this incitime 2,500 prisoners. The pris- ed it. Deeper down, the uprising broke out, the news spread like oners continued, under perfectly was due first to the hope arous- an electric shock throughout the tions under the hardship of the organized control, a long strike ed in the prisoners by Stalin's area reported as far as Dudinka. Arctic region, why can't the workof three months. They pulled death and then the betrayal of At the coal mine of Kaerukan ers in the rest of the Soviet down the red flag, raised a black these hopes. But the revolt may (?) on May 9, a strike broke out Union? It is clear that the prisread, "We won't deal with men had been sent to Norilsk in the and then began the strike. summer of 1952. It was said they

purposely refrained from any reauthorities. "When we were working at Golu Stroi, we learned through the radio that Stalin was dead," said a Japanese repatriate. "One of us in his great a pole on a pile of bricks as a flag. And we were noisily talking in our excitement. Then a Ukranian about 34 or 35 years were killed. Countless others old came to us and warned us to were reriously wounded. The doc- be careful. It seemed that he was

What the Strike Revealed

From the arrival of the Ukraincamp did not search for the murto the camp.

These facts suggest that the revolt was secretly and systemwhat were the causes for the revolt? A careful study of the prisoners' petition will reveal them. In a word, the prisoners demanded better treatment. But the third clause of their

"Therefore their plan is far ians and until about the death reaching and of long view, and of Stalin, four prisoners were their organization strong. The mysteriously killed. All were con- leaders were unknown, not only sidered as spies for the author- to the authorities but to us all ities. The guards within the who acted together with them.

"Nevertheless, leadership was derer; they might have been always definite and prompt. The afraid of reprisals. Nor was it slogans of the leaders reached ever known how the weapons all the prisoners in an instant with which the murders were and became one common shout of committed, had been brought in the whole crowd before the authorities."

But how could the prisoners hold on to their convictions so atically planned and led. Then fiercely against the formidable power of the government? The following results of their struggle will answer eloquently. The demand for the removal of the lirector was realized and he was transferred to another camp.

"Wages were definitely imcultural facilities. One of the re- or 90 roubles a month before the patriates said, "After sharing revolt, but after it he got 200 prisoners were besieged near the life together with the Ukrainians roubles a month. After the event, camp gate and were annihilated. my opinion about their ideas is camp officials curbed their thiev- putting themselves in a position again, he renewed his sub and we The general strike which was as follows: "The present Soviet ing and also their personal ex-"Therefore the prisoners fought

> ment's authority. Theirs was any-one-year subs were turned in. been the Ukrainians above men- two subscriptions to Fourth In- discuss with people."

shouted from over the barricade Thus the insurrectionary strike purges of the 1930's were also that was fairly accurate. mer army officers including one can not last long, and that the The direct cause of the revolt lieutenant-general, Irizinski; the prisoners demand for facilities

> dent and systematically develop- on May 7, the instant the strike their future activity. have been already planned even in the Fifth camp. There too, oners derived their revolutionary prior to Stalin's death. The the Ukrainians led it. They first convictions from witnessing daily Ukrainians who led the revolt killed 40 or 50 of the worst bosses the hopeless corruption of the

> The repatriates also said that had also planned a strike at their while the Norilsk revolt contin- the same source, must be growformer camp, and had been mov- ued, reliable news reached the ing throughout the USSR and ed to this city on that account. prisoners that in the Vorkuta Eastern Europe. This is reflected Even when the news of Stalin's camps a revolt had broken out. in Khrushchev's speeches and death reached the prisoners, they The repatriates said that only confirmed by the revolt in Poztwo or three days after the strike nan, Poland. Every new concesaction likely to be noticed by the began the intelligence organ of sion the bureaucracy gives the broadcast over the Voice of ens this conviction.

to surrender to the ultimatum | three days just for first aid. | tioned; but victims of the great | America a report of the revolt

and for maintaining their physic-Then the repatriate said that al strength anticipate the day of

If they can hold such convicbureaucracy. A similar revolutionary conviction, derived from the U.S. caught the news and workers confirms and strength-

patriate. "One of us in his great joy, put up a white cloth tied to THE MILITANT ARMY

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has been a steppedradical - minded workers, particularly among those asso-

are accepting the paper with interest and sympathy. That can only lead to new subscribers.

neapolis-St. Paul Militant Army element of risk in this prediction on the Khrushchev speech and he is of course made minimum by its is going to take copies of the the Minneapolis-St. Paul sales- time CP friends. . . men have already cleared the proved. A common laborer got 80 deck for an all-out drive for new another railroa subscribers. During the month sub expired a while back - he's of June they cleared up all been laid off twice in the past lapsed subscriptions in the area, year. . . Now that he's working to get new subscribers without talked with him and his son and any need to worry about neglect- daughter-in-law. His son is ing the old ones.

"The leaders seemed to have on the March and also obtained and do this kind of work, and

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forthcoming article.

The Crisis in the European and American Congress delegates took it to French party, the Kremlin bu- and I have said so openly, the used the term) and Stalin's heirs. French, Italian and American

The world crisis of Stalinism has assumed varying forms in the Communist parties of the capitalist countries. The Comthree distinct variants as to the intensity of the crisis and the form it has taken.

Of the three, the French Communist Party remains the least affected. Its four-day congress, concluded July 21 at Le Havre, differed little from previous congresses. The proceedings revolved around the report by the ised an investigation and an party's general secretary Maurice Thorez, who until the cult of the individual fell into disrepute, was hailed in the CP as the "French Stalin." The cult of the individual was

of course, dutifully condemned by Thorez. His target, however, was not the cult, but those who tried to probe into its origin and social roots. "It would be an idealistic deformation of history," he said, "to attribute to an individual no matter how eminent, the unbelievable power en up. to modify by himself the social regime. As to the affirmation that the cult of the individual flows from Soviet system, from allegedly anti-democratic this is contrary to all the facts." With this airy generalization Thorez dismisses the 30-year Stalinist perversion of the Soviet

way intended as a contribution shown by the recent statement of other top Stalinist functionary, er, on the other hand, have taken After this incident the prison- to the discussion on the origin the Central Committee of the CP was compelled to fall into line. a stand similar to that of Togers placed their own guards and and nature of Stalinism. It was of the Soviet Union. set up their own self-governing meant as an order to end all dis-

mean. Not a single speaker dared reaucracy sent a delegation to line followed by the Soviet com- Eugene Dennis, General Sec- parties respectively? We will and the United States typify going members of the Central very dear friend." Committee and the Political Buro, were re-elected en-bloc.

As for France itself, Thorez saw no sign of the cult of the individual. One speaker, Ooghe, secretary of the Pas-de-Calais federation, did detect the danger of the cult of the individual in France. But the danger had been surmounted, he said, when August Lecoeur, one of the party's secretaries was expelled some time ago. It was Lecoeur, according to Ooghe who tried to build a cult around himself.

of Lecoeurism is not revived, the CP bureaucrats organized a goon at odds with Thorez not only on squad to break up a public meet- the "facts" about the internal coeur was scheduled to speak also on what constitutes an shortly before the CP congress. "idealistic distortion of history." Lecoeur himself was badly beat-

discussion that investigates this posal-is flesh of the flesh of degeneration." the Soviet bureaucrats. His line Thorez' remarks were in no is the Kremlin's line. This is olution Togliatti, just as every

question or refute Thorez. His the Congress for the first time, rades in the construction of a retary of the American CP has deal with these questions in a report was approved by the cus- It was headed by Suslov, a memtomary unanimous vote. To fur- ber of the secretariat of the CP ther emphasize strict adherence of the Soviet Union, who took within the general framework munist parties of France, Italy to Stalinist monolithism the out- pains to refer to Thorez as "a In contrast to the treatment

> munist Party, was openly reprimanded in the resolution of the Central Committee of the CP of the Soviet Union adopted June An Italian periodical, Nuovi-Argomenti, June 16th, quoted earlier declarations, without. Togliatti as follows: "Soviet Democratic life was limited, of the CPSU resolution as partly suffocated, by the

given Thorez, Togliatti, general

secretary of the Italian Com-

and authoritarian method of leadership, and by violations of To make sure that the danger the legality of the regime." In this statement Togliatti is ing at Henin-Lietard, where Le- regime in the Soviet Union but

ascendency of a bureaucratic

Togliatti says categorically: "As long as we confine ourselves, The Thorez line, represents the in substance, to denouncing the determination of the Kremlin to personal faults of Stalin as the contain the crisis of Stalinism cause of everything we remain pronouncements on the Stalin do they stem from the different and prevent it from becoming a within the realm of the percrisis that will endanger the very sonality cult.' . . . The true probpower and privileges of the bu- lems are evaded, which are why reaucratic caste. Thorez himself, and how Soviet society could by his mode of living-a private reach and did reach certain forms Stalin dictatorship that Khruvilla in the aristocratic Cannes alien to the democratic way and shehev had revealed. In one of resort, with costly chauffeur to the legality which it had set his articles, Foster described system and shuts off any line of driven automobiles at his dis- for itself, even to the point of Stalin's monstrous crimes as

After the CPSU issued its res-Even then, however, he tried to liatti's. They have been far more (6) Change the camp director system in opposition to the au- cussion. And this is what the against the rank and file in the by implication, "In my opinion, Stalinism (they have themselves

Communist society was undoubt- tried to straddle the two points edly right," said Togliatti; "but of view. of this acknowledgement, there with the resolution of the CPSU. may be differing opinions on the At the same time in its own resvalue and importance of the er- olution, the National Committee rors committed under Stalin's of the American party clung to

racy, and so on, over the eco-

however, going as far in support institutions and their leadership. Thorez.

of the Soviet Union."

edge that within the leadership CPSU it is significant that it of the American Communist still voices implied criticism on Party there are three distinct tendencies. There has been no report made to the membership about the differences, but the division is readily discernible from a reading of statements appearing in the Daily Worker.

liam Z. Foster, which is equiv- the CPSU? Do they reflect genalent to the Thorez position. Last uine ideological differentiations April at the time of his first in the Stalinist apparatus? Or cult following the 20th Con- problems confronting the gress, Foster kept amphasizing Stalin's contributions and minimizing even those crimes of the merely "incorrect methods of

work. The editors of the Daily Work-

All three groups fell into line eadership, the violations of le- its right to maintain differences gality, the restrictions on democ- on two points on which the Daily Worker had previously criticized nomic and political development the Soviet government sharplynamely, "the question of bureau-As can be seen, Togliatti beat cratic distortions of Socialist soa considerable retreat from his ciety, as well as the happenings in the sphere of Jewish cultural

While the American leadership is toeing the line laid down in It has become common knowl- the resolution of the CC of the questions that involve the very basis of the rule of the Soviet oligarchy.

How account for the differences in the original reaction to the end of the Stalin cult, and then in the degree of complian-There is the viewpoint of Wil- ce with the edict of the CC of

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The Role of the Liberal Democrats

As election time approaches, union leaders, liberal and social-democratic organizations, and the Communist Party are stepping up their efforts to sell the Democratic Party to working class and Negro voters.

Salesmen of a shoddy ware, they do not describe their whole product but dwell on the alleged virtues of the Northern liberal Democrats, and Adlai Stevenson, the most probable candidate. This emphasis, it is hoped, will win the votes of labor militants, fighters against Jim Crow and socialist-minded workers. Great promises are being made for what the liberal Democrats can accomplish in cleansing their party and, if elected, in reversing the tide of reaction which has engulfed the country.

Such promises are false and consciously hypocritical.

The Northern liberals cannot, nor want to, renovate the Democratic Party. To get rid of either the Southern white supremacists or the corrupt machines would mean the party's death. The liberals well realize this and have consistently backed down from any real fight with the arrogant, anti-labor, anti-Negro Southern wing or with the city bosses.

Any reader, beguiled by the propaganda that the liberal Democrats are fighters for civil liberties and civil rights, should ponder the two following facts.

Okay Smith Act

First, on civil liberties. The penalty for violation of the Smith Act - the cornerstone of the witch hunt - has just been increased from five to 20 years. As Murray Kempton ably demonstrated in the New York Post (Aug. 1), although all the liberal Democrats except Kefauver were present in the Senate when the bill was proposed there was no debate and it passed unanimously.

After the House passed the same bill, it was again voted unanimously by the Senate. Thus without a peep of objection from the whole roster of liberal Democratic Senators, Americans can now be imprisoned for two decades for "conspiring to advocate," i.e. express ideas or say words prohibited by the witch hunters. This is how the liberal Democrats defend civil liberties!

Second, is the record of the liberal Democrats on civil rights. Despite repeated platform planks and countless promises to Democrats have never yet made a half-

way serious fight to pass civil rights laws. Recently they staged a disgusting sham battle in Congress to provide themselves with a fig-leaf record on civil rights for use before labor and Negro audiences in the coming campaign.

Even by Congressional standards the spectacle was so cheap that Democratic Senate leader Lyndon Johnson and Repub- the Democratic Party in the 1956 lican Senate leader Knowland treated the election, while "professing devomove with open contempt instead of worry. Johnson taunted Lehman and Douglas by asking why they had not made the move in April rather than in the 84th Congress' closing hours.

"It is only kidding the minority groups and the American people," Knowland jeered, to make a move in the last hours of the session, "which everyone knows as a practical matter cannot be accomplished."

Not Even a Fake Battle

These then are the deeds - not the words - of the Democratic liberals on civil liberties and civil rights. What about labor legislation, such as repeal of Taft-Hartley promised in the Democratic platforms of 1948 and 1952? The liberals don't bother any more even to make a sham battle on it. Yet these are the people for whom union militants, anti-segregationists and socialist-minded workers are being asked to vote. Voting for them is not a mere negative choosing of the lesser evil. It is a positive blow to labor and the Negro movement for it serves to continue the disaster-producing alliance of the workers' movement to a corrupt, reactionary capitalist party.

Those who want to destroy the witch hunt, restore civil liberties and make civil rights for the Negro people a reality, should dedicate themselves to making labor an effective political force in this country. This can be done today by build- in his entire history with the rule ing an independent labor party based on of Stalin in the Soviet Union. the unions, the Negro people and the The hatred of the masses for the small farmers.

The job will require a lot of education, gime had to make a scapegoat agitation and grass-roots organization, of him-although it tried for and the first step is to destroy the illusion | months to save him. that the Democratic Party is a vehicle for any sort of progress in America.

This November, class-conscious workers can preserve their independence from the all its historic crimes as in East the highlights of their histories capitalist parties with their Jim Crow Germany. Walter Ulbricht, head as it has been related by nuelements by voting for the candidates of of the Stalinist Socialist Unity merous witnesses, former memthe Socialist Workers Party, which strives Party and Wilhelm Pieck, head bers of the German Communist for the regrouping of militants, defenders labor and Negro audiences, the liberal of civil liberties and civil rights in a labor

McAvoy Calls for Free Debate Among Left

NEW YORK - Calling upon to socialism to vote for a socialist," Clifford T. McAvoy, former American Labor Party mayoralty candidate, says in a letter published in the August 6 National Guardian that so far as he is concerned: "I shall vote for Farrell Dobbs, candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, in Novem-

The McAvoy letter constitutes an open challenge to the policy advocated by the Communist Party of supporting candidates of tion to socialism." The National Guardian is the weekly paper of the now defunct Progressive Party. It has for some time car-

States at Forum He'll Vote SWP

At the Jefferson School Forum on Aug. 7, on the topic, American Marxists and the Two Party System a young man rose in the discussion period and stated: "I am a member of the CP, but I am' opposed to the election policy of the Communist Party. I intend to vote for the Trotskyist candidates [the SWP candidates, Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss]. I have a number of friends who are also in the CP and I think they too will vote for the Trotskyists."

ried letters in its columns devoted been permitted at the Jefferson to a discussion of "third party" School, we have tended in one all those who "profess devotion politics versus "coalition" with way or another to discourage the Democrats as preached and any really serious questioning of practiced by the American Com- our teachings. Students already munist Party.

> in his letter, "has the opportunity conditioned in this weakness, this year to play the most rather than helped to develop valuable role of its eight years of truly scientific attitudes. Our existence. The Guardian's inde- class-rooms and forums must pendent status makes it possible come to be centers of lively disfor it to organize public forums cussion and controversy - where on the issues of the '56 elections every proposition is subjected to in which all political points of the test of logic and experience, view could be debated. Such where the struggle over ideas iebates," McAvoy adds, "could is encouraged as indispensable for clarify the issues and lead to a true learning." regroupment of the American CP MONOPOLY Left after the elections."

McAvoy's appeal to the Guarfailure of the Communist Party haranguing, apologizing, justify through the institutions under New York.

Following the initial shock of Khrushchev's speech detailing the monstrous crimes of the Jefferson School announced its Stalin regime, the directors of series of summer forums on the Left - The Communist and the Jefferson School wrote a "Problems of American Marx- Other Socialist Trends." lengthy letter to the Stalinist ism." All told six lectures were chairman was Jefferson School Daily Worker, renouncing their scheduled in the series. And with past practice of narrow-minded one single exception, all of the adherence to the "Stalin cult." forum speakers scheduled to par-In a spate of "self-criticism" pub- ticipate in the "debates" on a lished in the May 6 Worker they variety of subjects dealing with staff writer for the Militant,

predisposed to accept uncritically "The Guardian," says McAvoy what is taught have been further

That was in May. For weeks on lian to sponsor such debates and end following the Khrushchev discussions among the various revelations, the forum of the political tendencies in the Amer- Jefferson School was monopolized ican working class movement by various and sundry leaders of was obviously motivated by the the American Communist Party eaders to live up to their breast- ing and explaining their 30 years peating promises to sponsor of "mistakes and errors" under frank, free and full discussion Stalin's ineffable guidance. This was understandable - they had a their direction, influence or con- lot to "explain." The real test trol. A case in point is the Jef- however, came some few weeks ferson School of Social Science in after the publication of the Jefferson School directors letter, in

Communist Party policy, past, took the floor and reminded no comment from the chairman

FARRELL DOBBS

men, supporters or adherents of the CP.

The single exception was John T. McManus, General Manager of the National Guardian who debated Max Gordon, introduced as "managing editor" of the In the first days of July the Daily Worker, on the subject: 'What's Ahead for the American director, David Goldway.

KERRY TAKES THE FLOOR

In the discussion, Tom Kerry, "Although dissent has always present and future, were spokes- Goldway of his opening statement nor the speakers.

meeting, Goldway, speaking on the same platform with Farrell Dobbs, McAvoy and Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, lauded the Brooklyn forum group which sponsored the meeting in the following words: "I would first commend the Brooklyn Compass Club for arranging this symposium. Gather-

Brooklyn Compass Club. At that

ings such as this for the expression of divergent points of view among left and socialist-minded people cannot but be a positive factor in American political life. It is to be regretted that such discussions have taken place so infrequently in the recent past, and it is a wholesome sign of the times I guess that they're beginning to take place now."

Kerry also reminded the directors of the Jefferson School of their letter published in the Daily Worker. He pointed out the utter incongruity of such forums as those held by the Jefferson School, where other workingclass political tendencies were the subject of discussion and debate without the participation of official representatives capable of presenting the views of the organizations under attack. This was especially true of Trotskyism which has been vilified, slandered, distorted and abused by

"Unless and until a Trotskyist spokesman appears on the platform of the Jefferson School forum," said Kerry, "all your breast-beating avowals of a full, frank and free discussion, are nothing but a hoax." There was

Stalinist spokesmen for 30 years.

The Stalin Men Who Rule East Germany cause they were willing tools of survivors of the Political Bu- into Germany, making sure they Pieck proceeded to stamp out

By John Black

With the fall of Matyas Rakosi in Hungary shortly after the Polish workers' rising in Poznan last June, the fate of all the top figures in the East European countries is more than ever in question. Rakosi was connected bureaucratic top dogs was focused on him. The Hungarian re-

plicated in Stalin's crimes and concentration camps, etc. they are in power exclusively be-

Stalin. The specific role Ulbricht and report on Stalin to the 20th Congress last February. That was because Khrushchev never mentioned the fact that Stalin's murder machine was international in character and played a criminal role in disorganizing the revolutionary movement of the workers in all countries and outstandingly in Germany.

It will take a German edition of the "Khrushchev revelations" Nowhere in Eastern Europe is to bring to light some of the the regime of Kremlin-appointed most gruesome details of the functionaries so compromised by crimes of the Ulbrichts and its connection with Stalinism and Piecks. We can only cite some of of the East German Democratic Party, veterans of the Spanish Republic, are both deeply im- | Civil War, refugees from Stalin's

Ulbricht and Pieck are the sole

reau and Central Committee of did not return. the German Communist Party as Pieck played in Stalin's crimes it existed prior to Hitler's ascent was not revealed in Khrushchev's to power. Both of them sided with the independence of the CPG. They helped him expel all groups that retained any independence whatsoever from the Kremlin.

It was through their efforts that Stalin was able to impose his policies of bureaucratic ultimatism on the German CP the policies of "united front from below" and "social fascism." It was these policies which paralyzed the fighting capacity of the German Communist workers, prevented them from forming a fighting alliance with the Social Democratic workers against fas-

workers went to jail and concentration camps. Communist and Socialist workers, both, perished in the mass executions and torture chambers of the Nazis.

Among the top leaders of the CPG who fled to the Soviet Union there were many who knew Stalin's criminal responsibility for the German debacle. Stalin could-Committee members like Fritz 70 years of bullying and cheat- the GPU as Hitler agents and turned and organized the dis-

After the signing of the Stalin-In France, where the current Hitler pact, German Communists war against the Algerian people who had been sentenced to long selves on the independent achas brought workers' demonstra- terms at hard labor in the Soviet tivity and organization of the tions and mutinies of soldiers Union were handed over by the

SENT TO THEIR DEATH

Some members of the Central Committee fled to capitalist launched a general strike upris-Thus the determination of the countries and attempted to hold together the demoralized remainwhich the party tried to remain in contact with the underground except the Kremlin troops. After apparatus in Germany. Ulbricht they were saved from overthrow and Pieck in their work for by these troops, Ulbricht and Stalin used the device of sending oppositionists within the party on the most dangerous missions

Kippenberger, German Communist in charge of the "technical Stalin in his struggle to strangle apparatus" of the party, the cour- tions. But with the help of the ier service, who operated from Kremlin the Ulbricht gang came Paris, was recalled to Moscow and was shot for refusing to participate in Ulbricht's and Pieck's time being - retained control of denunciation of their political opponents to the Gestapo. The Civil War in Spain and

the formation of the International Brigade gave Stalin, Pieck and caste in the Soviet Union, is at Ulbricht another opportunity to work all over Eastern Europe and eliminate inner-party opponents in East Germany. Ulbricht and who had a workers' following in Pieck remember well that when Germany. Hans Beimler, popular Stalin's heirs began to make ad-Reichstag orator was known to Stalin's death in 1953, this led be critical of the party regime. to a wave of workers' struggle cism and led to Hitler's victory. Beimler was killed by a bullet in for basic economic and political Tens of thousands of German trenches held by his comrades climaxed by the June 1953 genthe back while inspecting the demands all over Eastern Europe of the Thaelmann Battalion out- eral strik side Madrid.

Pieck and Ulbricht spent the Second World War in the Soviet promise more political and eco-Union. They both swallowed Stalin's vile chauvinism which iden- German workers. They do so cautified the German workers with tiously and reluctantly because Nazism. Stalin's motto was, "Kill they know that each concession Germans." It was a policy design- can become the starting point ed to discourage revolutionary action by the German working struggles which will in the end class during or after the war.

When the Soviet troops entered Germany, Pieck and Ulbricht remantling and destruction of the remaining industry of East Germany. From their first day back in Germany they acted as Statheir activities under the protective cover of the Kremlin's troops. They never based them-German workers. On the contrary, they stifled and prevented all such activity.

The explosion of June 1953 when the East German workers ing revealed the degree to which this regime was isolated from whatsoever to rely on for support

the last remaining sparks of in-It has been reported that Hans dependence within the party. The workers' revolt shook the party and the regime to its foundaout on top in the inner-party struggle that ensued and-for the the reins of power.

But how firm is this control? The process that is undermining the power of the bureaucratic working class leader and fiery missions and concessions after

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press. The magazine's new name, explain the editors, "does not signify a change in Deditorial policy. We shall con- support of only a minority of tinue as before to present the the Party replaced Ruthenberg East countries might be na- failure of the government-in-Trotskyist outlook on world after a "cable from Moscow"

theory." It was in this period, Cannon The first issue of ISR presents a rounded appraisal of Comintern in the affairs of the events since the 20th Congress American Communist Party was of the Soviet Communist Party. transformed from that of a Khrushchev's closed-session friendly influence in matters of speech is analyzed by the mag- policy into that of a direct, brutal azine's editor, Murry Weiss. arbiter in organizational ques-His article, "The Vindication of tions, including the most impor- United Arab States now being and Prosperity," could be Trotsky," provides a Marxist tant question, the selection of explanation of the Stalin cult so the leadership. conspicuously absent from Khru-

shchev's presentation. DEFENDS POZNAN

An editorial on the Poznan up- midor and Bonapartism." rising lays bare the social antagonisms between worker and terest of showing how a genuine

ment in the Soviet bloc.

WORKERS

Union since the 20th Congress," istence, we openly correct the ad- using publicity and diplomatic by Daniel Roberts, Editor of the mitted mistakes, and-we pro- means against Western imperial-Militant, summarizes the major concessions granted by the Kremlin since the congress. These con- statement by the SWP candidate talk of morality and international cessions, he shows, can only serve for Senator from Michigan, Rita law. to intensify the workers' pres- haw, "From a Socialist Worksure for restoration of Soviet ers Party Candidate - An Ap-

The current installment of berg. Jay Lovestone, who had the Leits and Bermut.

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writes, that "The role of the

TROTSKY REPRINT

Also featured is a reprint of Leon Trotsky's "The Workers State and the question of Ther-

The article has the special in-

bureaucrat that exploded last Marxist corrects a theoretical June in a general strike and conception (in this case on the demonstration. The editorial de- question of a Soviet Thermidor). fends the workers against Sta- Trotsky writes: "Our tendency linist frame-up charges and ex- never laid claim to infallibility. plains why the workers' action We do not receive ready made was completely in harmony with truths as a revelation, like the the needs of socialist develop- high-priests of Stalinism. We study, we discuss, we check our "Developments in the Soviet conclusions in the light of ex-

> ceed forward." The magazine also contains a peal to Radical workers."

'In the book review depart-

.. Masses Rally to Aid Egypt

matic and military problem for quickly and, perhaps irrevocably ing the views of the Labor Party n't let them survive. Central U.S., Britain and France in commit against the West those left-wing, had as its main headtheir plans to crush Egypt by people of Asia and Africa line, "Stop This Suez Madness." Heckert, Heins Neumann, Rem-

A UNITED ARAB STATES tionalized in the course of the spired propaganda campaign to (Panama Canal, Strait of Gibral- tightly shut. of these countries rather than France. In the U.S. where Korea

Morocco may become welded into that "police action." To plunge one anti-imperialist political unit into another in Egypt on the in the struggle. This is fore- verge of an election in which shadowed by the proposed federal the Republican slogan is "Peace discussed by Syria and Egypt. disastrous. Hitherto the imperialists have utilized to the maximum - and largely brought about — the

and-rule game impossible. In addition to the unanimous Middle East, the peoples of Asia and Africa have rallied to her support. Consequently the governments of India, Indonesia, and other former colonial countries which are now self-governing, are ism's move to disguise its aggression against Egypt with

REACTION AT HOME

As the Mediterranean correspondent of the Christian James P. Cannon's "Letters to ment, Joseph Hansen dissects the Science Monitor writes (Aug. 6) a Historian"-a patricipant's ac- thesis that Stalinism is the in- from Cairo: "It is not only in the count of the early history of the evitable offspring of Leninism Arab world that governments and 'STOP THE MADNESS' Communist Party-describes the and that the Moscow Trials vic- peoples are siding with Colonel factional power struggle that time had a "psychological dis- Nasser against the West. It seems reached a decisive stage with the position" to confess. The thesis clear that he has the moral darized themselves with the Tory death in 1927 of the Party's Genis advanced in "Ritual of Liquida- backing of many millions of peo- imperialists, workers' discontent tion — Bolshevik on Trial," by ple in Asia and Africa. Many with the war plans are increas-

world power struggle."

Finally, a factor causing the imperialists to hesitate in their First is that the oil fields, pipe plans to subject Egypt to a to raise the standard of living in either the U.S., Britain or enrich the capitalists of the West. is a bitter memory, the single Second is the danger that the greatest asset of the Eisenhower Arab world from Baghdad to regime is the fact that it ended

DOUBLE-TALK

division of the Arab world into Dulles' tune from the London Big in all Asian and African counsmall countries. They have played Three conference, where he one off against the other po- reportedly consented to military litically and economically. The action against Egypt, and his strength of one great Arab na- television speech where with tion would make the old divide. Eisenhower he declared the U.S. was not committed to military action. London and French saber support of Egypt in the Arab rattlers considered this change, dictated by administration strategists who keep their finger on the pulse of American public opinion, a double-cross and have accused the Eisenhower administration of succumbing to 'electoral cowardice."

Nonetheless when Eisenhower if his remarks meant that he was abandon their brutal invasion "opposed to the use of military force under any circumstances" against Egypt, "the president stiffened and flushed. 'I didn't say that' he asserted. 'I was very careful not to say that,' he added. . . ." (New York Times A Three-Month Subscription Aug. 9).

In Great Britain where the Labor Party bureaucrats soliobservers here believe the use of ingly making themselves heard.

force against Egypt would | Tribune, the newspaper representing the Egyptian people." Aneurin disappeared in the bloody Stali-Bevan counterposed to the im- nist purges of the 1930's. Ulbricht perialist proposition of interna- and Pieck survived, cowering in lines and refineries in the Middle Korea-type "police action," is the tionalizing Suez, internationalizing all commercial waterways Moscow, keeping their mouths lin's appointees and carried out

> tar, Dardanelles, etc.) refusing to embark for Algeria, GPU to the Gestapo. there is no question that the extension of "the dirty war" to Egypt would bring new and greater opposition.

Arab, peoples to fight in defense of Egypt's right to own and rule ing cadres of the CPG. Prague the masses. In the uprising the all of Egypt, including Suez, and Paris were centers from Ulbricht-Pieck gang had nothing This is behind the change in has aroused tremendous support tries struggling for national

freedom.

of the imperialists, evoking no enthusiasm from the workers at home, face the threat of growing opposition. These are the only forces deterring the imperialists from dropping their napalm bombs on Egyptian villages and instituting a regime of terror such as that in Cyprus and Algeria. Increased opposition alone was asked at his press conference can force the imperialists to plans.

At the same time the war plans

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DETROIT - Statistics show that colored persons earn higher incomes in the Detroit area than anywhere else in the country. But on the other hand, economic discrimination is still in evidence in the Motor City.

Proof of the above statements is contained in the annual reports of the University of Michigan's "Detroit Area Study" published recently. The study is based on 1955 incomes and the following table, based on these reports, has been converted from annual to weekly figures:

DETROIT MEDIAN FAMILY INCOMES Weekly, 1951-1955

Year	White Families	Colored Families	Differential	Ratio
1951	\$ 92	\$ 67	\$ 25	73%
1952	102	71	31	70
1953	117	77	40	66
1954	110	71	39	65
1955	117	79	38	68

("Median" as used in this table means that one-half of the families covered in the reports earned more than this amount, and one-half

It is noted in the report that with the exception of 1954, which was marked by widespread unemployment, colored family income, like white family income, steadily increased during the five year period.

Weekly income of colored families rose \$12 during the five years, but at the same time white family income increased by \$25 weekly, pointing to inequality of income opportunity or progress.

The "differential" between the two groups in 1951 was \$25 a week. In 1952, the gap widened to \$31; and in 1953, to \$40. In 1954, a year of recession, the incomes of both groups declined and the gap was reduced for the first time, to \$39; and again in 1955 to \$38.

According to these figures, while colored income has been rising, the differential with white income is much larger now than it was five years ago.

Finally, the ratio between the two groups, giving colored family income as a proportion of white family income, shows more inequality.

The university study noted that for every \$1 a white family got in 1951, a colored family received only 73 cents. In 1952 the colored figure fell to 70 cents. And in 1953 it dropped to 66 cents; a penny less in 1954 and up to 68 cents in 1955. But even then, lower than in the first two years of the period surveyed.

In conclusion the study shows that the average white family in the Detroit area has an income one and one-half times larger than the average colored family, and the differential is higher than five

This points out that discrimination against colored wage and salary earners is still very much alive here.

The differential is the result of the existence of biased employment policies that bar colored people from most of the betterpaying jobs and occupations.

Which means also that those who want economic equality still have a big fight on their hands - not only in Mississippi but in Michigan too.

Dope and Death Sentences

Throughout the world, there is growing opposition to the use of the death penalty with its vindictive and final nature. But the U.S. government has chosen to extend the use of this barbaric penalty to yet another field. And this time to a field in which crime could be eliminated entirely by means of cooperation between the government and the medical profession.

In July, President Eisenhower signed the Narcotics Control Act of 1956 which sets the death sentence as the maximum penalty for traffickers in narcotics.

Dr. Laurence Kolb, who has spent a lifetime studying and treating narcotic addiction and who, in 1935, opened the U.S. Health Service's Lexington Hospital for treatment of addicts, tells what's wrong with the new law in the July 28 Saturday Evening Post.

Narcotics addiction in itself, Dr. Koll says, is "a minor health problem compared with such killers as alcoholism, heart disease and cancer." The real problem arises out of the false methods used in coping with it.

A major argument advanced for inflicting the death penalty on "dope" traffickers is the wide-spread picture of the "dope addict" who commits all kinds of crimes while "high."

But committing crimes is a result not of the influence of the drugs but of the black market prices charged for them.

By Joseph Marino

menacing as lay-offs mount.

of discontent throughout all sec-

The strongest center of rank-

two weeks ago, on a motion in-

troduced by President Carl Stel-

lato, Local 600 has launched a

demand for the 30-hour week at

pression in the election of oppo-

sition slates in a number of key

Detroit UAW locals.

ficialdom.

This view is supported by the Chief of Los Angeles Police, who, according to the L. A. Mirror-News, Nov. 16, 1955, stated that can put them over the top by "an estimated 50 percent of all crimes in Aug. 15. this area is caused by addicts who burglarize in order to pay the exorbitant price of their habits." Dr. Kolb calls these "law induced" crimes.

The New York Academy of Medicine in effect also rejects the notion that drugs induce crimes. For the Academy favors supplying addicts with the drugs they meed while being prepared for treatment. And Dr. Kolb adds, let incurables also have the drugs they need.

With 60,000 known addicts in the U.S. the narcotics problem is certainly a serious one. But it will not be improved by the ed like the fight would begin in apparently quite happy over the present hysterical, ignorant and vindictive earnest-it ended, with all conact of Congress.

Narcotics addiction has steadily increased with the growth of fears and steel industry moguls and Wall anxieties that characterize a decaying Street tycoons, all congratulated capitalist society. A humane and scientific | themselves on a job well done. approach — such as recommended by the medical profession - centers around a program of federally controlled distribution. It would knock out the black market in drugs and the terrible evils flowing ternational Wage Policy Commit-

But it will take a rational, socialist society of peace and security to wipe out the underlying reason for psychological compulsions driving people to escape into the dream world of narcotics.

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Fund Scoreboard

City		Quota	Paid	Percent
Twin Cities		\$ 1,320	\$ 1,222.00	92%
Detroit		825	721.50	87
Chilcago		1,560	1,317.00	83
Seattle		300	240.00	80
Cleveland		350	271.00	77
Boston		500	370.00	74
Buffalo		1,760	1,300.00	74
Allenbown		85	60.00	71
Los Angeles		3,300	2,329.29	71
New York		4,000	2,546.40	64
Youngstown		250	150.00	60
San Francisco		650	365.00	56
St. Louis		85	45.00	53
Oakland		200	90.00	45
Newark		200	83.00	42
Milwaukee		250	102.00	41
Akron		140	50.00	36
Philadelphia		400	95.00	24
General		-	157.00	-
Totals	\$	316,175.00	\$11,514.19	71%

A Big Push Needed For Socialist Fund

71% has been turned in.

with past performance, are exactly on schedule, and we are confident their quota will be Detroit, with 87% collected, is pectation that it will be on time. Five cities, Chicago, Buffalo, Boston, Cleveland and Allentown, are in a position where the final extra spurt that usually accompanies fund drives

days to complete the Socialist the figures show only the most Campaign |Fund quota, we are intense special effort will make still far behind schedule. As of possible completion of the quota this writing we should have re- by the deadline. We appeal to sure, personal threats and acts of ceived 92% of the quota. Only them to make precisely such an violence." effort. We urge them to do so The Twin Cities, consistent for the weightiest of reasons.

This fund was launched to enable us to take maximum advantage of new opportunities. received in full and on time. The key to our success is literature and more literature. Lack close enough to warrant the ex- of money has hampered our ability to effectively meet quickly growing demand.

We are counting on our supporters to translate their understanding of this problem into immediate, effective action to complete their quotas.

Ala. Racists Use Court To Gang up on NAACP

In Tallahassee, the mayor's jail

"subversive" they mean op-

ponents of Jim Crow.

AUG. 6 — Alabama and Florida racists are making he answered the city officials', increased use of their monopoly of political power to lash declaration that "We are in it to out at the Negro movement for equal rights. In Mont- the finish . . . we'll keep walking."

gomery, Ala., a circuit court 3judge has fined the National after the judge handed down his Association for the Advancement outrageous decision. The Aug. 4 alone. The ICC has made a naof Colored People \$100,000 for Afro-American reports: "The Atrefusing to surrender its Alabama torney General grabbed the membership list and other key judge's hand and, pumping it up records. In Tallahassee, Fla., and down, said, 'Nice work, your scene of a ten-week-old boycott honor.' The judge, bald-headed tions to support this project of the Jim Crow bus system, the and beaming . . . said, 'Thanks, mayor on Aug. 4 threatened the and you did a good job, too." arrest of Negro car-pool drivers for not having "special taxi threat comes as part of a mounting drive to break the bus protest licenses.'

movement. More than a hundred The Alabama authorities have Negroes have been hauled in by also demanded of the NAACP the the cops for grilling about the records of its financial transactions with all groups and incar pool which is operated by the dividuals in the state, all correspondence relating to the the new "taxi license" gimmick, Autherine Lucy case as well as the City Commission is working its correspondence with the complainants in the Montgomery anti-segregation bus suit.

The NAACP in refusing declared, "We cannot, in good conscience, risk exposing our loyal members to economic pres-

The Attorney General admitted in court that he wants to lay hands on the NAACP records, among other reasons, to "prove that the Montgomery Improvement Association is the same as a branch chapter of the NAACP." The MIA is the independent organization of Montgomery's Negro community in its 8-month Post reports that but a handful ganizations. A break must be fight to drive Jim Crow off the

courts as an anti-Negro weapon resumption of service, an overflow can smash the political strangle-

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But the movement does not intend to wage its protest on foot tion-wide appeal for funds to build a station-wagon transportation system of the type operating in Montgomery. Contribushould be sent to the Inter-Civic Council, 803 Floral St., Tallahassee, Fla.

The stepped-up legal and judicial attacks in Alabama and Florida are a fresh danger not only for the civil rights movement, but equally for the trade unions. The NAACP has been Inter-Civic Council. In addition to illegalized in Louisiana and is now virtually illegal in Alabama. The anti-boycott measures are on an ordinance forbidding car being strengthened and extended. transportation of persons "not It doesn't take a legal wizard to related by blood or marriage." see that these precedents can be This is, of course, "for Negroes used against unions.

The need for the unions to give The State Legislature has also all-out aid to the Southern freebeen presented with anti-boycott dom fighters is now even more and anti-car pool measures. The pressing. Such all-out aid means Legislature has allocated \$50,000 not only full moral and financial for a committee to investigate support, but, even more decisive, "subversive" groups and in the political means to combat dividuals, making clear that by the political attack of the racists. And political aid does not mean hustling votes for the Democrats The bus company which halted or Republicans. operations July 1, resumed service

The Dixiecrats maintain their Aug. 2. Although precedent was political monopoly with the agreeshattered with the use of two ment and collusion of the national Negro bus drivers, the N. Y. Republican and Democratic orof Negroes rode the buses in the made with the twin capitalist first two days of resumed service. parties so that a national labor The naked use of the Alabama At a meeting held prior to the party can be built. Such a party was graphically pictured in the audience roundly cheered ICC hold of the anti-labor, Negroscene that took place immediately President, Rev. C. K. Steele as hating Bourbons.

McDonald Policy Limits Steelworker Gains

for continuing.

By Tom Kerry

The recently concluded steel wage controversy was one of the strangest affairs in the annals of American labor history. Giant industry and giant union went through the motions of squaring off for a gigantic battle. And at the very moment when it lookcerned claiming the greatest vic-Just listen:

The steel union officials issued a statement upon the signing of the memorandum of agreement which declared: "The Intee hails this settlement as the greatest victory ever achieved by the United Steelworkers of America in its twenty-year his-

On reporting the settlement, Business Week (July 28), assert-

non-reopenable, no-strike contract . . . the industry won a great victory."

The lead story on the financial page of the Aug. 5, New York Herald-Tribune, recorded the jubilation of the stock-jobbers by reporting: "Wall Street was steel strike settlement. Anyhow traders bid the stock market to lory ever achieved. Steel union new all-time highs last week, despite a touch of nerves over seizure of the Suez

> IS EVERYBODY HAPPY? Spokesmen for the administra-

tion in Washington were (if you'll excuse the expression) tickled pink. They proclaimed that contrary to the practice under the Democrats, Eisenhower and his millionaire cabinet had inaugurated an era of government nonintervention in industry-labor

The New York Times even found cause for rejoicing on the part of the "public" which it admits will foot the bill for the recently announced steel price increase. "Because the price increase in steel set off a wider circle of inflationary pressures than those in any other industry," says a Times, Aug. 8, editorial, "the public can be pleased that the United States Steel Corporation has raised its charges by \$8.50 rather than by the expected \$10 to \$15 a ton."

Out of this whole welter of self-congratulation and reassurance there is one thing we can be certain of: The profit-bloated tors were "skillful" is self-evisteel monopolists got everything dent-they got everything they they wanted. The steel price increase of \$8.50 per ton follows the regular 3 to 1 pattern estab- raises the question: How "skilllished by the industry. For evthose elements least ready to ery one dollar increase in wages respond to the needs of the auto the corporations extract three tions under relatively favorable of Jack the Giant Killer. "We ed concessions there is no doubt. dollars in additional revenue. It is estimated that the total increase in wages in the first year of the new agreement amounts to \$275million. This is offset by an estimated increase in revenue of \$850-million with no assurance that additional price increases will not follow each year of the 3-year non-reopenable, no-strike contract.

WHAT BOSSES WANTED

The steel barons called the tune from the very beginning of shutdown to reduce inventory and lay the basis for a price advance, and they got it.

They wanted a long-term contract to straitiacket the union while prices and profits soared tion in the elaboration of the and plants were expanded, modernized and automated at the expense of the public and the steel- the membership could be united workers, and they got it. "To be of holding local and area-wide sure," says the magazine Busi- meetings in which the ranks ness Week, July 28, "the indus- could be kept informed of the

his usual style-in secret. BULLETIN!

only."

Lester Strike Ends PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 8 - The strike waged by Local 107 of the United Electrical Workers (Ind.) against a lockout by Westinghouse Corporation at its Lester, Pa. turbine plant ended on its 299th day by action of a mass meeting yesterday. The vote was 2,167 for ending the strike to 539

The company failed to crack the renowned militancy of the local, which had the support of the entire Delaware Valley labor movement. The company was forced to retreat from its major objectives of a drastic wage - cut, piece - work time limits for day workers, and a management's rights clause that would have allowed the company to change any agreedto conditions. However, by terms of the agreement, 14 leaders of Local 107, fired by the company during the strike were suspended for two and a half months.

The Militant will print an analysis of the strike next

soon after negotiations started, that it was shooting for the moon. Moving just from one year to three is a giant step forward and represents a triumph in skillful collective bargaining."

That the corporation negotiawanted at a price of minimum concessions to the union. Which

The union went into negotiaconditions. Corporation profits are men of steel," McDonald That they got the minimum poswere zooming to record levels. The administration, in an election year, was anxious to avoid a Taft-Hartley intervention which would solidify organized labor against the Republican party.

Despite some weak points in the economy the inflationary boom was at peak levels. The union membership was solid, disciplined and had displayed its militancy in the past whenever called upon to act. All the factors for a real union advance were organization of militants that can the dispute. They wanted a brief favorable, except one-a leadership prepared to rally the ranks in a genuine struggle for substantial gains.

Instead of involving the union membership in active participacontract demands, of spelling out the main demands around which try would have preferred a five- progress of negotiations, steelyear contract. But it knew pretty workers president David J. McDonald conducted negotiations in win! Fight them, by the gods

Even after it became obvious down, the membership was kept bewildered and confused and not in the dark about the main is- knowing precisely what the whole sues. At no time did McDonald thing signified, there was no state definitely what the union hesitation in responding to the was demanding as a basic wage union strike call. And with each mcrease. This plus the question passing day of the strike clariof premium pay for Sundays and fication and understanding would shift differentials were the main come to the workers and with it least so far as basic steel was concerned.

McDonald went into negotiations without seriously preparing for a struggle. His members ers" policy, McDonald toured the steel plants in company with a cross-country series of visits steel baron Benjamin Fairless. to local union mass meetings and He tried to teach the steelwork- picket lines. No one expected

the corporations forced the union road."

fight them!" With the expiration of their

to all that the steel corporations contract the steelworkers had were maneuvering for a shut- walked out to a man. Although policy. That was the real danger -to both McDonald and the corporations.

The corporations understood had been indoctrinated with the their McDonald. They weren't idea that there was an identity fooled by his "fightin' words." of interest between the corpora- But they also knew that behind tions and the union. He had McDonald were arrayed an army written into the last union con- of real fighters and they hastentract what the steelworkers call ed to head off a showdown with a "hearts and flowers" clause, the "men of steel." On the eve of which provides that management McDonald's departure for a tour and union officials break bread of the strike-bound steel plants together periodically and dis- he was summoned back to New cuss their mutual problems. To York. Business Week sums up the inaugurate the "hearts and flow- situation in the following words:

"McDonald was all set to make ers to look upon the corporation him to spread any sweetness or vultures as their friends and light. He would do the orthodox job of a labor leader dealing Not that too many steelwork- with a striking rank and file: ers took this monsense seriously, heat them up. The possibility of And when McDonald himself settling the strike on moderate came up against the adamant terms and getting those terms stand of the greedy corporation accepted by the union's memgang the "hearts and flowers" bership would be considerably policy was the first casualty. He slimmer once McDonald put on had sense enough to realize, after his war paint and took to the

to strike, that you can't win a McDonald came scurrying back nessed McDonald cast in the role line. That the steelworkers gain-

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ment has become ever more gle for the solution of auto workers' problems.

There are strong manifestations POLICY OF CP

One of the major obstacles to tions of the rank-and-file of the building a militant left wing in United Auto Workers with the policies of the Reuther ofelements in the UAW aligned 'peaceful coexistence" concept and-file discontent is Ford Local 600. As reported in the Militant of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is being translated by them into "peaceful coexistence" with the trade union campaign to win adoption of the bureaucracy, which in turn practices "peaceful coexistence" with 40-hours pay. Rank-and-file disthe employers. satisfaction has also found ex-

The clearest expression of the as the 30-hour week with 40-Stalinist position is to be found hours pay." n a column by Nat Ganley, UAW expert of the CP, in the July 1 Michigan Worker. In an article headed "Factional Moves Started content over the Reuther bureaucracy's failure to fight on legitimate grievances and the attacks upon Reuther from the extreme right wing of American capitalist politics.

Times . . . ran an 'inside dope' story that a big factional fight have a majority of the Internahas started within the UAW to tional Executive Board. He has unseat President Reuther in the now had absolute control of the 1957 UAW convention. 'Inde- IEB for at least eight years pendent' local union leaders are and it is for that very reason supposed to be campaigning in that it has become necessary to the papers of this Hearst sheet organize an opposition. This has under the slogan: 'If the UAW become the only way to force at brass doesn't go along with us, least some recognition of the ve'll get new brass.'"

industry, the speed-up has be- a left-wing throughout the entire extend the militant opposition ficialdom is wider than it has come accentuated. Unemploy- UAW to wage an effective strug- elements which had gathered ever been in the past, when the UAW is the policy of reductions have come closer to- and speak out on the burning gether. Unsettled UAW problems issues. with the Communist Party. The like speed-up, ending skilled wage inequities, electing Negroes to advanced by the 20th Congress UAW top office can only be settled in a fighting, principled UAW unity with the fire directed against the profiteering companies, the McCarthys and Eastlands. . . The same applies to winning the immediate demands of the UAW unemployed as well

> Ganley simply glosses over the fact that the Stellato opposition to develop a fight for any of the real needs of the auto workers.

OPPOSITION NEEDED Reuther claimed, after his first

term in office, that the reason the UAW was unable to move on any Ganley says that the "Detroit of the basic problems of the auto workers, was that he did not

An Obstacle to UAW Left Wing DETROIT - Today in the auto the need for the organization of Stellato for failing to develop and the UAW ranks and the top ofaround him into a genuine, prin- Reuther's alliance with the Democipled left wing, writes: "In the cratic Party stands exposed as period since then [1951-52] the inimical to labor's interests by views of Reuther and Stellato on the record in Congress even of peace, short - term contracts, the liberals, it is above all necesshorter hours without wage sary for a left wing to organize

UNITY FOR WHAT?

The kind of unity Ganley calls for is unity on the program of workers. Furthermore, abandoning principled opposition to Reuther will not really secure unity. Centrifugal forces are already in motion in the UAW because of Reuther's class-collaborationist program. This is illustrated by the mushroom growth of the phony Society of came into being precisely because Skilled Trades — a warning the top UAW leadership had signal that Reuther's course by Times," Ganley lumps to- failed consistently over the years opens the door to company-sponsored splits.

> What is needed above all in the UAW is the creation of an unite the auto workers around a class-struggle program. Such a program would include erasing inequities, fighting for a shorter work week and building a labor

Next Week

Rita Shaw's Speech To Ford Local 600

battle unless your ranks are in to New York the moment the a fighting mood. So, an aston- steel moguls crooked their little ful" were the union megotiators? ished membership suddenly wit- finger and signed on the dotted

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thundered in a special issue of sible under the circumstances in Steel Labor, "and we'll fight exchange for the truly big conthem, by the eternal gods, until cession of a long-term contract the contract we desire is wrung obtained by the corporations, from them. Fight them, men of they have "hearts and flowers' steel! Fight them and we will McDonald to thank for.

On the Moscow Trials

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