Military Revolt

The revolt attempted by army officers two weeks ago in northern Iraq was completely smashed when Premier Kassim called upon the Iraqi workers and peasants to

Here is a description of the

near the center of the city.

"absolute ruler" of 60,000 Sham-

mar tribesmen, as the most im-

portant landowner behind the

of thousands of acres, Sheik

shambles from the fighting and

he barely escaped across the

When Colonel Shawaf and

throughout the country to fol-

low their example. But the popu-

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Tool and Die unit heard a long

mel, SWP candidate for State

. "If those are the qualifications

for political office, I can't claim

border with a handful of fol-

lowers.

save his regime. The response of the masses was so great and and military cliques represented so militant that it melted away by the Abdel Shawafs. most of the troops under the command of the insurgent militarists. The remainder were ful uprising given by a March quickly routed by loyal troops 17 Associated Press dispatch and armed workers' and pea- from north Iraq: sants' militias. In a last minute attempt to redeem them- rebellion was the work of sheiks, selves those troops still with wealthy merchants, sympathiz-Colonel Abdel Shawaf, the ers of President Gamal Abdel leader of the revolt, turned on him and killed him.

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The power demonstrated by the Iraqi masses, and the fact that the Popular Resistance Forces (the militias) still retain their weapons, promise to give a new impulse to the Iraqi revolution. But the Iraqi masses' victory is in the first place a serious defeat for American imperialism which hopes to regain power in the Middle East through the very social forces

Convict Denver Smith Act **Victims Twice**

MARCH 15 — An attempt to revolt. In addition to hundreds put new life in the Smith Act as a means of curbing freedom Ajil had "big warehouses and and gagging opposition occurred factories." Now his palace is a last Wednesday in Denver, Colorado. A U.S. District Court reconvicted; six defendants of "conspiring to advocate" the violent overthrow of the government.

Brigadier Tabakchali, who had under their command 15,000 to Maximum sentence was five years in prison and \$5,000 fine. 20,000 troops or about a third. All six will appeal their second of the whole Iraqi army, anconviction and are now out on nounced their uprising March bail. Their first conviction was 8, they called on army officers overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in a series of decisions which limited the extent lar response to Premier Kasto which the Smith Act could sim's plea to defend the Repubbe used to ban free thought. lic frustrated risings elsewhere The second conviction under- and scaled off the rebellion in scores the need for a united fight to wipe this witch-hunt

Curran Runs Socialists For Mayor in Address **Unionists** Minneapolis

DETROIT, March 15-Union-MINNEAPOLIS, March 18 ists in this city are finding the William M. Curran, a member straight talk of the four Socialof Sheet Metal Workers Union ist Workers candidates a re-Local 547 and a delegate to the freshing contrast to the usual Central Labor Union, today campaign "oratory" of the Demfiled as candidate for Mayor. ocratic and Republican office He has the endorsement of the Socialist Workers Party. Last This morning, for example, fall Curran polled over 5,000 members of Ford Local 600's

votes for U.S. Senator. In announcing his candidacy, string of labor-endorsed Demo-Curran said: "As a worker I crats solicit votes because one am campaigning for Mayor behad worked in a copper mine cause no other candidate stands 40 years ago or another had a for the real interests of the brief case full of law degrees working people and will be re- or, as one admitted, "I'm tired sponsive to our demands. I don't of being Traffic Referee, I want pretend to represent everyone. to be promoted." The audience I am not a candidate of the perked up when Robert Himbusiness interests. But I will, if elected, stand for the interests Superintendent of Education, of the overwhelming majority began: of the people of Minneapolisworkers, housewives and minor-

any of them. What I present to to demands of city workers for needed program to meet our many. Most of us have laughed est Stage of Capitalism;" and ruary 27. He said, in part: a decent wage and its do-nothing attitude toward the unemployed and aged. Some of the free nursery schools to help don't lie but liars can figure" other 'points in Curran's platform are: the 30-hour week at centers for workers thrown out lies - white lies, damned lies ation of statistical facts. 40 hours' pay; unemployment of jobs by automation and de- and statistics." compensation with full pay for centralization, more pay for teachers, no racial discriminathe entire period of unemployment; an end to all forms of tion in hiring teachers, and vital information out of them. I capitalism, were addicted, if I mere hobby or psychological racial discrimination; for open occupancy; an end to so-called loyalty oaths and other forms of the witch hunt; opposition to delivered to the members of instance, as the annual number dependent on statistics. Capit- ports for other reasons. They italist) six months or a year 'right-to-work" and other antilabor legislation.

Curran declared that if he were elected he would petition Eisenhower and Congress for an immediate and permanent stopping of nuclear bomb tests. "Minnesota has one of the highest fallout concentrations in the world," he pointed out.

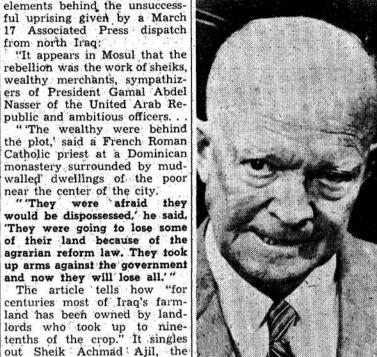
The SWP campaign headquarters for Curran is at 322 senior at Wayne. She is run- to pay the closest attention to of the capitalist system. Hennepin Ave., Room 205. ning for the Wayne University and to understand the meaning I am inspired to these reflection the working can set off a catastrophic eco-Phone: FE 2-7781. Board of Regents.

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Armed Masses Jobless Plight Demands In Iraq Crush Big Washington Turnout

THE MILITANT

Needs Rest



Press photographers note that Eisenhower shows signs of strain due to work break in golfing schedule. Pressing problems include how to keep space bomb-tests secret, how to brush off demands for full federal relief for jobless and push back revolutionary pressures all over the world.

In Baghdad the Popular Rethree times that of white workfurther show that no progress than it is now. has been made in the past eight years in lowering this disproployment compensation offices to-one jobless rate as the 1958 records.

> A greater lay-off rate for Negroes than whites can only result from (1) discriminatory layoff practices or (2) lack of protinue to be first laid off.

The Urban League also re-Chicago's unemployment rate is dealt with." less than the national average.'

British Hunt Human Game in Nyasaland

MARCH 16 - Rhodesian troops backed by jet bombers and fighter planes are conducting a vast game hunt across the British colony of Nyasaland with human beings

as the quarry. According to the official British tally card, 41 | March 10 describes a "show-Africans were killed and 64 the-flag" descent on four vilwounded in the week ending lages in the southeast: "With March 9. Lt. Col. John Salt, in planes providing radio guidcharge of the manhunt, de- ance, and adding a somewhat clared it "very successful in-deed. A good show all around." the ground troops moved from

Nyasaland independence moveleaders of the now illegal Nyasaland African National Congress. A further aim is to mainain control of the African laoor force on the tea plantations where some kind of strike action is apparently feared. "Herringbone" is described in a March 14 AP dispatch as an ished." 'impressive show of force which the government spokesman described as a 'good-will mis-

Meanwhile, white settlers in mented the Times reporter. Southern Rhodesia, who dominate the political life of the 550 Africans have been arrestare also preparing passage of a them are being shipped to a istic of the Hitler regime."

Passage of the bill is certain to stiffen Nyasaland resistance. The Nyasaland African National Congress has been campaigning for self-rule and separation from the Central Afri-CHICAGO — One out of can Federation because the every five of this city's unem- fear that if the federation is ployed is Negro. This is a rate granted its slated dominion status by the British next year, ers in the area. Figure released oppression by Southern Rhoby the Chicago Urban League desia will grow even worse

While officially aloof, Lonportionate rate of joblessness of colored as compared to white workers. Records of the unemptone workers. Records of the unemptone workers. Records of the unemptone workers are colored as compared to white saland which are designed to their mothers were guests of honor at a mass meeting last African people. On March 14 for 1950 show the same three- the Associated Press gave this Baptist Church. description of a raid on two isolated mud-hut villages in the southern region of Nyasaland: "Police riot squads, batons and shields ready, swooped swiftly into Chiradzulu and gress in integrating Negroes Namadzi. They arrested five Randolph and Conrad Lynn, into the labor force so that suspected members of an arson counsel for the Committee to they fail to attain the same gang allegedly planning to burn seniority as whites and con- European homes and installations . . . As the troops moved ports that the unemployment 80,000 leaflets telling Africans rate for Chicago's Negroes is only bad men had anything to them to reform school because consistently higher than that for fear. They warned that trouble- one had been kissed by a seven-

A report in the N.Y. Times

Officially code-named "Oper- hut to hut, herding men to the ation Herringbone," the drive trading center here at Limis intended to smash the rising buli . . . About 600 men were shepherded at dawn to the ment and round up suspected market place . . . while wives and children remained in the huts."

"The Africans listened impassively" as the officer in charge told them "they had nothing to fear by staying on their jobs but those who broke the law would be severely pun-

Seven men were marched off to prison. "Six of them barefoot and one with a closed eye and battered cheek," com-

As of yesterday more than Nyasaland-Rhodesia federation, ed in Nyasaland alone. Most of police-state law to strip Afri- hastily erected concentration cans of all legal rights. The bill camp in Southern Rhodesia. On was described by the Arch- March 14, Fenner Brockway, bishop of Central Africa, Rev. Independent Labour member of James Hughes, as "character- the British Parliament, said he had received a letter smuggled

(Continued on Page 4) Victory in

Hanover Thompson and David don has given its tacit approval Simpson, the two Negro chilnight at Harlem's Abyssinian

"kickoff rally" of the Manhat- of the gains won by the 1952 tan NAACP's membership drive. revolution. Principal speakers were AFL-CIO Vice President A. Philip Combat Racial Injustice. Principal attractions were Hanover and David, who unwittingly bein, light spotter planes dropped came world-famous when North Carolina authorities committed Negroes nationally, even though makers would be severely year-old white girl. The boys and their mothers were seated

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Freedom Movement Spreads



South African Negro women, like these giving salute of the African liberation movement in 1952 civil disobedience campaign, are continuing their militant resistance to Jim Crow. Meanwhile the freedom movement is spreading throughout Africa to the dismay of imperialist powers.

Bolivian Miners Win Concession

By Lillian Kiezel

Blood and Tin! That's what American Big Business wants from Bolivia. A militant 13-day tin miners' strike ended March 17. The International Monetary Fund, acting in the interest of the U.S. State+

Department, triggered the strike prices and compensation for any by demanding the Bolivian gov- future changes," reports Juan ernment end the 40% commis- de Onis in the N.Y. Times. He workers in the nationalized ings to get the settlement "by

The Fund told the governceases. Officials accused the political survival." miners, who receive an average selling the food.

are the hardest hit by the roar- mines and hopes to reverse all fered the fake alibi that such ing inflation, need the discount gains won by the workers in restriction was necessary be-The meeting served as the in order to survive. It is one the 1952 revolution.

CALLED GENERAL STRIKE When President Hernan Siles Zuazo signed a contract with of the claims of former owners gathering, which is headed by the Fund last weekend in which of the tin mines, and adoption UAW President Walter Reuthhe promised that the 40% dis- of a draft mining code designed er, those jobless who do get to count would be abolished en- to attract capital . . . " tirely within 120 days, the Bolivian Central Union answer- miners and anti-U.S. demonstra- of action to combat unemployed by calling a general strike tions early this month are un- ment. Instead they will be subwithin three days if the work- mistakable signs that the Boli- jected to a day-long parade of er's demands were not met.

promised the miners "no imme- forts to force them back to old posed to go to Washington to diate change in commissary conditions of servitude.

scounts allowed to tells of Siles' fancy maneuvertelling one thing to miners and another to United States and ment and the state mining cor- International Monetary Fund poration: either the tin miners officials . . . The Government's go without the discount or handling of the mine strike . . . American aid to the country is a lesson in the technique of

Attacking the tin miners' wage of 75 cents a day, of re- abysmally low living standards, attend must be "properly crethe Fund also aims its blows at dentialed" by their local unions. Poverty-stricken miners, who the nationalized status of the To justify this move, Meany of-

of American financiers who, according to the March 15 N.Y. Times, want a "final settlement

But AFL-CIO Brass Limits April 8 Meet

By Harry Ring

MARCH 17 - Production is within one point of its pre-recession peak but only 30% of those laid off last year are back on the job. Congress and the White House are united in their refusal to take effective action in behalf of the unemployed. Last week AFL-CIO President George Meany was compelled to declare: "Certainly we can't afford to wait any longer for government action to relieve the suffering of millions of our fel-low citizens." Yet Meany and the top AFL-CIO officialdom appear determined to reduce the April 8 Washington unemployed mobilization to a minimum.

Both the Democrats and Republicans made clear yesterday that they don't intend to do anything for the jobless when the House of Representatives unanimously adopted a Democratic proposal to end federal supplementary compensation benefits June 30. Originally Eisenhower opposed any extension of the present April 1 deadline and the Democrats pledged to fight for a one-year extension. Rep. W. D. Mills, (D-Ark.) said the bill was designed to provide a "gradual" rather than an "abrupt" cutoff

of jobless aid. ONLY 15 CITIES

This contemptuous slap in the face to labor came two days after the AFL-CIO News reported: "Because of the travel difficulties involved in bringing . a large number of delegates only 15 cities in the "eastern half of the country" to the Washington conference.

To further assure that the Democratic party would not be embarrassed by a mass jobless turnout, Meany's directive stressed that those planning to cause "elements outside of la-This is exactly the program bor will attempt to capitalize on the meeting.

According to the plans of the committee in charge of the Washington will not be given a The strike of 23,000 armed voice in determining a program vian working class will vigor- orators from the very Capitol The March 17 settlement ously oppose Wall Street's ef- Hill politicians they were sup-

Numbers Racket Anyone Can Play With Profit

By Joseph Keller

Personally, I like statistics. Governors of Wayne State Uni- the great tide of the class strugyersity, and to West Side Tool gle. I can read the fortune of are former Wayne University tion and productivity.

candidate, Harriet Talan, is a teachers of socialism taught us hoopers—is a direct outgrowth future holds for them and to umnist Charles M. Sievert, "classless" individual. He is gether contributing an accumuof statistical data. Engels, in his tions on the fascinating subject while the individual capitalist weigh on all capitalists.

Statistics frighten some peo- Class in England in 1844;" Marx ten by Sam Dawson, economics lucky guess as to consumer in- and a perennial one at that, can't tell if he is going to be a you are not my personal quality ple, bore others and arouse in his epochal "Capital;" Lenin, and financial reporter for the tentions and capabilities in the still baffling industry is the consumer at all six months or city administration's opposition fications but a realistic and skepticism and cynicism in in his "Imperialism—The High- Associated Press, published Feb- future, statistics are very un- consumer. The big question: a year from now. His intentions school needs." Planks in this at one time or another at the Trotsky in his "History of the program included: more schools, old gags like "Maybe figures Russian Revolution" and "The you almost anything today. Revolution Betrayed"-all based They know-or say they doworking mothers, retraining or "There are three kinds of their analyses on a solid found-These greatest contributors to use."

the science of economics, and output of statistics.

students, while the fourth SWP The great theoreticians and come, gum chewers and hoola trying to figure out what the

of the University of Michigan. ployment, the rising cost of liv- ining the numbers, the averages out a rival, or a new com-All three of these SWP can- ing and the lag in wages, the and the rates of increase and mercial drum up bigger condidates in the April 6 elections increase or decrease in produc- decrease of things-population, sumer response. raw materials, division of in-

"Business statisticians can tell how many baths you take a

Dawson points out that this all up to and including college. time. They are not just num- tical study because capitalism be in love with figures. But want the potential so they can sistant to overall planning. This very high development lay out sales drives. They use

In short, the capitalists are

"Condition of the Working of statistics by an article writ- or capitalist group may make a

sized that the major weakness, swer, it also could level off its the built-in flaw of capitalism employment dips and its pur- desire and intention of buying is its inability to plan on either chases of essential materials. a new washing machine - and week and how much soap you a national or a world scale. For This would help a lot. "business statisticians can tell you almost anything today" ex- means toward determining what hock his old washing machine I enjoy them and get a lot of particularly to the economics of concern with statistics is no cept whether or not the con- the consumer will do, but how for anything he can get six sumer, who is primarily the much faith can the manufacfully-subsidized education for read and study them all the may use such a term, to statis- quirk. "Statisticians may just producer and wage earner in turer put in them?" our society, will be able to buy A similar message was being bers to me. In such figures, for itself and the capitalists are so business men want their re- your product (if you are a cap-DeSoto Local 227 by Rita Shaw, of strikes and strikers, I can alism developed not only mass need to know the demand so from now. Capitalism, by its cludes: SWP candidate for Board of observe the ebb and flow of production of goods but volume they can plan production. They very nature, is anarchic and re-

and Die Local 157 by Evelyn the working class in the statis- of statistics and statistical an- these figures in deciding wheth- Dawson's article, I was struck has said that man as a consum- ones, too, is based not on scien-Sell, SWP candidate for Regent tics on employment and unem- alysis, of the science of determ- en a new product could beat by a headline on the financial er has become a classless indipage of the March 3 N.Y. World- vidual, . . . Telegram, which read:

'Guesswork: Gauging Consumer Intentions" This article, by financial col-

reliable precisely in this regard. Will he buy or not—this year? may be of the best. But will he Marxists have always empha- If industry could find the an- be working?

"So there are surveys as a

consumer surveys are, con-

"So great is industry's inability to index the consumer A few days after reading and his wants that a brewer ains of statistics-and accurate

"One of the great mysteries, power for wages. The worker

A worker may have every even knows he wants the Zilch brand. But he may be trying to months later because of an unexpected layoff. It is precisely Sievert, after reciting statis- at this point that the statistics tics to show how unreliable of certainty of future sales and profits, which the capitalists continuously seek, fail to supply a trustworthy answer.

Capitalism, for all its mounttific planning but on guess work. A single capitalist guess-They can't figure the consum- ing slightly wrong does not aper out and can't take the chaos pear as a menace to the stabilout of capitalism precisely be- ity of society. But thousands of cause the consumer is not a capitalists, large and small, totake the risk out of their sys- voices the deep doubts, dreads, very much a class individual. lation of slightly wrong guesses, class, those who sell their labor nomic and social avalanche.

The theme of Christ or a Christlike figure again appearing on earth, the Christ of revolutionary ideas and deeds crucified again by the representatives of vested interests and their "order," has inspired some great writers. It is the theme of Dostoevsky's "Great Inquisitor," of Faulkner's novel "A Fable," of Nikos Kazantzakis' novel "Greek Passion," and of "He Who Must Die," a magnificent motion picture based upon "Greek Passion." The very fact that French, Greek and Italian artists and technicians cooperated in making this outstanding film - members of nations that bitterly fought each other in World War II fraternally collaborating in composing a powerful message of human values - this very phenomenon is somehow symbolic.

"He Who Must Die" is set in one of the Greek villages in Turkey around 1920. Preparations for a traditional Passion Play are under way. A group of Greek refugees led by a priest arrives, asking for permission to cultivate some unused wastelands. These refugees had resisted the Turkish oppressors; the Turks razed their town. Starved but with unvanquished spirit, they want to build new homes, plough new fields.

But the priest and the richest men of the village are afraid of these rebels whose presence might disturb the accustomed "order" and compromise the village's good relations with the Turks. The local priest, the local capitalist, and the local Turkish governor get on very well together. The capitalist (a very small one) and the Turkish "Agha" are not particularly bad as individuals, but they become ferocious when their interests are involved. The local priest is the worst of them all, an unscrupulous hypocrite, the most fanatical defender of private property and of the political status quo of friendship with the Turkish rulers at any price, the most fanatical enemy of everything the refugees and their priest stand for.

Two principles face each other: a world of "pious" fraud, heartles egoism and fear, and a world of living faith, of struggle against hunger and for national freedom, a world of courage, a world of martyrs, A simple, stammering, illiterate shepherd who was to play Jesus in the Passion Play, as well as three men and one woman, who were to play three of the Apostles and Mary Magdalen, take their roles seriously, act accordingly and side with the refugees, thus attracting the wrath of the property owners and the local priest.

.One of the "Apostles" is the son of the local capitalist and is engaged to the priest's daughter. (Greek-Orthodox priests are allowed to marry.) However, he overcomes all hesitations, and so do his two companions and Manolios, the shepherd.

They are human beings with moments of human weakness, moments when they are afraid of the mission they have undertaken. But the voice of their conscience is stronger, and the more they follow it, the more they grow in stature. They become heroes because they feel that their action is necessary, that they are needed by human beings who face

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chines is forging an army of erage of 21.8% of the popula-

Since the end of World War Slack explained, "are necessar-

In oil refining, automation has "Statistics of this kind are officials."

The House Banking and Cur-

statement March 11 from Rep.

John M. Slack, Jr., a Democrat

from the coal-mining state of

"progress" has created the pres-

ent desperate plight of 75,000

jobless workers and their fam-

ilies. Slack marshalled facts and

replacement of men by ma-

permanently unemployed in

key areas across the country.

sult of increased productivity. sources.

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hungry children."

'Cannibalizing Our People"

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were being given to 5,230,000

people - an increase of 585,000

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An estimated 132,000 jobs have generally been certified for di- for relief, crime is on the in-

been lost in the auto industry rect relief, have little or no in- crease, but these desperate peo-

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ernment handouts.

pick and shovel operation.

death from hunger. The rich and their local priest cannot stop them any more. And Manolios loses his stammer!

The son of the capitalist gives all his property to the refugees after his father's death, Nothing could frighten and infuriate the local priest and the wealthy inhabitants more than one of their own class actually following the teaching of Christ. When the pamphlet elucidates in remarkrefugees come to claim their new lands, they are met with rifle fire. The village teacher, well-meaning, kind, genuinely patriotic, but fered distortion and falsification a rather weak advocate of compromise, is by Stalinism, Social Democracy killed trying to restore peace.

The local priest asks the Turkish governor for Manolios' head. The Agha is reluctant. He does not wish to intervene in the Greeks' internal quarrels, hoping they will destroy each other and thus automatically States. strengthen the Turks' position. But finally the local priest blackmails him into delivering Manolios into his hands; and since Manolios refuses to recant, the priest has him murdered in the village church by Manolios' rival in love, the man who was to play Judas in the Passion drama.

But he who must die throughout the centuries - the man who stands up for a revolutionary idea, for truth conflicting with the wealth and the unjust domination of a minority over a majority living in misery, deprived of their human heritage - this man, this Son of Man, this Christ who sacrifices himself again and again, is not a merely passive, merely suffering Christ. He is the fighter who has come to bring "not peace but a sword," as the Gospel tells us, although the priests generally do not like to quote this passage. And his fight is not in vain; for without this martyr mankind would never progress, never see the path towards a more humane world, towards the fulfilment of Man.

Manolios has to die, but he lives in the refugees and their priest organizing the de-fense. He lives in the villagers who come out openly in favor of the refugees, providing them with arms and ammunition. At the end of this memorable picture, we see refugees and villagers ready to defend themselves against the Turks or whoever might oppose the refugees' right to live. The refugee priest affectionately blesses them, and then he, too, takes up a gun. Manolios' last message to the defenders was that he will rejoin them, since a big difference between sohe does not want them to be upset about cialist bloc in a given election his death. But the Manolios of this world, and the regroupment of socialthose who have to die in the struggle for ists in a common revolutionary Man - they truly do not die; their work party. remains; it is continually reborn; and they always rejoin the struggle.

"He Who Must Die" is brilliantly di-tendencies involved in the bloc inist dictatorship in Russia has rected; the splendid actors Pierre Vanek, Jean to engage in a particular elec- been identified with the name Servais. Fernand Ledoux, Melina Mercouri, tion campaign without agree- of socialism, and that this iden-Gregoire Aslan and others are worthy of the ment on so important an issue tification has been taken as a story; and the extras are authentic Greek as socialism and democracy. matter of course, the American villagers of Crete, where the movie was This enables them to carry workers have been prejudiced taken. The dialogue is in French, with Eng- through a common action while against socialism. That's the bitlish subtitles.

Don't miss "He Who Must Die." It de- disputed issue in more leisurly straight in the face." serves recognition as one of the top European fashion. Moreover, if, as we productions of recent years.

"In my own district I have

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Notebook of an Agitator

Pioneer Publishers

"He Who Must Die" The Socialist Fundamentals on Democracy

By Murry Weiss

SOCIALISM AND DEMOC-RACY, by James P. Cannon, Pioneer, Publishers, New York. 1959. 21 pp., 15 cents.

Within the compass of a brief, succinct treatment, this ably clear and precise terms the basic Marxist view on socialism and democracy; how it has sufand the American ruling class propagandists; and what place sion of revolutionary socialist regroupment in the United

Cannon's pamphlet deserves wide circulation among classconscious workers and youth and should serve to advance and deepen the discussion of program in the radical movement. (Originally, it was a speech given to the West Coast Vacation School for Workers. It was then published in the Fall 1957 issue of International Socialist Review.)

PRIME QUESTION

The pamphlet opens with the proposition that the issue of socialism and democracy takes first place in the discussion of socialist regroupment. "Before we can make real headway in the discussion of other important parts of the program," Cannon says, "we have to find agreement on what we mean by socialism and what we mean by democracy, and how they are related to each other, and what we are going to say to the American workers about them."

This method of approach agreements were worked out in 1958. But not really. There is

Although difficult and dangerous, it is permissible for the sion by providing new experihe problem.

"Our mode of industrial ad- | wiped out 71,800 jobs in a | helpful," Slack added, "but they must not cause us to lose sight Mechanization has increased of the human element they repis building a massive complex man hour production 46% in resent. The bald statement that through the regroupment of so- American 'democracy'." of industrial skill based on a coal mining, driving 95,000 men a needy person receives surcialist forces, then we are talkpile of human bones and oper- out of the pits. Just recently, plus agricultural commodities neans that he receives currentthe viewpoint of the SWP from including mine opened in his home state ly just five items - butter, dry the beginning of the regroupthat will produce 50 tons of milk, rice, flour and cornment discussion.

The number one programmatic task of the socialist movetalked with families who have ment in the United States, Cannot had fresh milk, eggs, meat non holds, is the elementary camps in Europe after World it cannot wait, " . . . it is, in fact, the burning necessity of the hour. There is no room for The congressman warned: misunderstanding among us as "This condition is destroying to what such a restatement of home and family life. Children our position means and requires. It requires a clean break has increased 19%. As a result, unemployed for a sufficient out being prepared to work, with all Stalinist and Social Democratic perversions and disbeen eliminated in the industry. compensation benefits, have the family will become eligible tortions of the real meaning of socialism and democracy, and their relation to each other, and in the past ten years as a re- come, and few other food ple steal food, not money, aca return to the original formucording to local enforcement lations and definitions. Nothing short of this will do."

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October 1956 in Poland



The Polish workers launched a great struggle for workers' democracy against bureaucratic despotism in October, 1956. which resulted in bringing Gomulka to power against the objection of the Kremlin, Above: a meeting of workers in that period in the Lenin Metalurgical Plant, near Krakow. (See story on page 3.)

For Cannon, the problem of capitalist democracy, if not as socialism and democracy is not a paradise at least as a lesser only privotal for the reeduca- evil, and the best that can be tion of the radical vanguard; it hoped for." is of first-class importance in tearing down the terrible bar- cialist movement must face up riers that prevent the American to this question: "This barrier working class from attaining to the expansion and developsocialist consciousness. He shows ment of the American socialist how the capitalist propaganda movement will not be overmachine seized on the Stalinist come, and even a regroupment theory that socialism has been of the woefully limited forces "They have cynically accepted er themselves socialists, will seems the opposite of the way the Stalinist definition," he yield little fruit, unless and un- the mighty and irresistible la- mary. "The privileged bureausays, "and have obligingly ad- til we find a way to break bor upheaval of the thirties, cratic caste everywhere is the socialist electoral coalitions in vertised the Soviet Union, with down this misunderstanding culminated by the great sit- most formidable obstacle to

ing inequality; with its ubiquicamps, as a 'socialist' order of aggressive and consistent advo- industry." society. Cannon puts the matter blunt-

ly: "To the exent that the Stalallowing them to discuss the ter truth, and it must be looked

He points out that the capisuppose, these tendencies are talist game of confusion and moving in the same political misrepresentation has been fadirection, a period of common ciliated and sided to a considerwork may also aid the discus- able extent by the Social Democrats and the American labor ences that shed fresh light on bureaucracy, "who are themselves privileged beneficiaries But when we are talking of of the American system, and the building of a revolutionary who give a socialist and labor socialist party in America coloring to the defense of

Cannon adds that the working of program. This has been ing class in the United States, has, more than any other working class in the world, been subjected to the "tremendous pressures of imperialist prosperity and power and the witch hunt persecutions." These presor citrus juices for periods restatement, clarification and sures, he contends, "have deepranging up to two years. These application of the basic views ly affected the thinking of Americans actually exist on a of the founders of Marxism on many people who call themdiet less than half as nutritive the question of socialism and selves radicals or ex-radicals. democracy. He recognizes that These powerful pressures have pants of displaced persons this will be no easy task, but brought many of them to a reconciliation with capitalist society and to the defense of

N. Carolina

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on the platform throughout the meeting. Tumultuous applause greeted them when they were introduced to the audience.

A. Philip Randolph called for mass support for the coming Youth March for Integration in Washington, D.C. "Why is it necessary to have a march?" Randolph asked. "Because the Negro is not fully free," he declared. He then traced the second-class citizenship of the Negro in present-day America back to the "counterrevolution" after the Civil War, when in a deal "the Republican Party sold out the Negro to the Democrat-

ic Party." "You can't depend on the good will of the government or any of its agencies - they only give what it is expedient to give," Randolph told the audience. "You will only get what you take. Politicians will only move when you move them. Negroes will not have their civil rights in this country till they take them. That's the purpose

of the Youth March." CCRI counsel Conrad Lynn, the next speaker, began: "The revolution that the Civil War didn't complete will be completed in our time - as what I am about to tell you of Monroe, N.C. will show - because the Negroes are going to complete it!" Lynn then told the story of the now-famous children's case and the new type of militancy among the Southern

Negroes. The meeting was chaired by L. Joseph Overton, President of the Manhattan NAACP.

pletely devoted to the idea that trial democracy," and relates it socialism cannot be realized to the basic condition of life of other than by democracy. The the American workers. For exsocialist movement in America ample: "The automobile induswill not advance again signific- try is still privately owned and antly until it regains the initia- ruled by a dictatorship of finantive and takes the offensive cial sharks. The auto workers against capitalism, precisely on have neither voice nor vote in the issue of democracy."

109-YEAR-OLD TRUTH

is the main issue that Cannon their lives." treats in his pamphlet. And his ly stands; and, indeed, as it has always stood with real socialists ever since the modern movement was first proclaimed 109 years ago."

the theoretical concept of Marxism on the class essence of democracy and dictatorship and deals with the Social Democratic and bourgeois liberal view of this question. He re- the Stalinist bureaucrats are in lates the struggle for democrat- Cannon's view "essentially of ic rights, ostensibly granted by the same breed, a privileged

For example, "The right of motives of self-benefit and selfunion organization is a precious preservation at the expense of right, a democratic right, but it the workers and against the established in the Soviet Union. of those who at present consid- was not 'given' to the workers workers." in the United States. It took its grinding poverty and glar- and prejudice against socialism, down strikes—a semi-revolution democracy and socialism. The and convince at least the more of American workers—to estab- struggle of the working class in tous police terror, frame-ups, advanced American workers lish in reality the right of union both sections of the divided mass murders and slave-labor that we socialists are the most organization in mass production world has become, in the most Cannon recalls the old social- a struggle against the usurping

and that, in fact, we are com- ist propaganda term, "indus- privileged bureaucracy."

the management of the industry which they have created, nor in regulating the speed of the as-How shall we do this? This sembly lines which consumes

Full control of production in answer is, in my opinion, so all industries "is still the exstraightforward and succinct, so clusive prerogative of 'managedirect and obvious, that it ment, that is, of the absentee stands in danger of being un- owners who contribute nothing derestimated. "What is needed to the production of automois not a propaganda device or a trick," he says, "but a formulation of the issue as it real-

CAPITALIST 'DEMOCRATS'

He examines the pretensions of capitalist democrats and their In this pamphlet Cannon labor-bureaucrat servitors and tackles the job of such a re- contrasts these pretensions to statement, of bringing to light the reality seen in the fields of again the real view of the militarism, colonial oppression, founders of socialism on the and the bureaucratic stifling of question of democracy, starting the workers organizations. The with Marx and Engels in the American labor bureaucrats, he Communist Manifesto. In the points out, "demand democracy process he carefully marks out in the one-party totalitarian domain of Stalinism," but they "come as close as they can to maintaining a total one-party rule in their own domain.'

The labor bureaucrats and capitalism, to the class struggle, caste dominated above all by

Thus, Cannon says in sumprofound meaning of the term,

'Times' Admits Strike Showed Strength of Ceylon Trotskyists

the Bandaranaike Government's major national grouping in the masses understand that the new public security act," writes island, against the Tamil na- state of emergency, proclaimed Elie Abel in a March 9 dis- tional minority, The LSSP fights because of the communal situpatch to the New York Times for equal rights for the Tamils. ation, is desirable and agreeable from Colombo, Ceylon. "Al- It strives to overcome "comthough the strike was wholly munalism" by a class appeal to ment because of the situation political and the issue a rather Sinhalese and Tamil workers to abstruse one, the Trotskyites struggle in common against unhalted work in the port of Co- employment and inflation and lombo and on the tea and rub- for workers' power.

cates of democracy in all fields;

Cannon insists that the so-

er plantations of the interior. Abel's article was devoted to Party which is the largest working-class party in the island. Its principal spokesman, Dr. N. M. Perera, is Leader of the Opposition in Ceylon's Parliament. The LSSP is Trotskyist. "Its creed is still a blend of orthodox Marxism and nationalism," says Abel. This isn't accurate, however. Abel quotes LSSP leader Colvin de Silva as sayng, "To us the essential question is that we will never make ourselves a passive instrument of Soviet foreign policy." But ndependence from the Kremlin s not necessarily a sign of "na tionalism." Indeed a hallmark of genuine working-class internationalism is independence from the Stalinist policies pursued by the Soviet bureaucracy. That the LSSP is genuinely

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Ceylon's Lanka Sama Samaja hand, has encouraged Sinhalese communalism. Last May, when riots broke out against the Tamils, the government grabbed "emergency" powers and im-

posed a semi-dictatorship on the island, ostensibly to restore order. Recently it made its arbitrary rule <u>permanent,</u> adding strike-breaking provisions to its other powers in the process. The LSSP called for a one-day protest general strike, whose effectiveness Abel acknowledges, although he considers the issue "abstruse. In a resolution adopted last

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The Secret Space Bomb-Tests

The New York Times, America's most influential newspaper, carries the proud slogan: "All the News That's Fit to Print." If the Times lived up to its standard of accuracy, it would change this to read: "All the News Released by the Censors."

In finally publishing its "scoop" about the space bomb-tests March 19, this authoritative voice of capitalist free enterprise admitted: "The New York Times learned of plans for Project Argus last summer, some weeks before it took place. The information was obtained without limitation on its use."

Why didn't the Times report the projected tests of nuclear weapons 100 to 300 miles in space? Because "scientists associated with the Government said they feared that prior announcement of the experiment might lead to protests that would force its cancellation."

"Prior announcement of the experiment might lead to protests that would force its cancellation!" The American people are opposed to tests of nuclear weapons. The government refused to abide by the will of the majority on this question. The Times participated in the official conspiracy to keep the people ignorant of the violation of their will. This is known as defending "the democratic process" in the "free" world.

Why didn't the Times print the news immediately after the tests were completed? Again, because the Washington censors wanted to suppress the news. "The argument against disclosure was largely political. It was feared that the Russians would exploit the fact that the United States had secretly fired nuclear weapons in a region far from its shores and far from its known atomic proving grounds."

The fact that the Pentagon did set a new precedent of exploding nuclear

weapons wherever it damn well pleases on this earth did not disturb the publishers of the Times. Washington's censors had made a "political" decision and the Times loyally collaborates with censors.

Why did the Times continue to suppress the news "for more than half a year?" Because after September, the failure to make public the full data constituted a violation of rules of the International Geophysical Year instituted by the U.S. delegation over Soviet objections; and it was embarrassing to admit flouting the rules. Few secrets were involved. "It was known, from Soviet scientific papers, that the Russians were aware, in theoretical terms, of the effect tested by Argus."

What caused the Times to finally release the news? Pangs of conscience? Did it decide, in the free-press tradition, to buck the censors? No. The editors of this mighty newspaper respectfully petitioned the censors that "it was difficult to continue to withhold publication" in view of a "growing volume of scientific literature" on the effect demonstrated by the space bomb-tests and "front-page treatment, in other newspapers" of scientific discussion of this subject.

After some three months of importuning, the censors changed their minds. The Times says so. Government scientists at Livermore, Calif., voted on it. "In view of the vote at Livermore, and the changed to a mountain of commodities, attitude of some key men in the Pentagon, is producing a growing army The Times decided to proceed with publi- of.

And that was how the Times got its "scoop" on the space bomb-tests. If credit is due, it goes to America's government censors. They should be hailed for finally deciding to make this news fit for the Times to print.

Where the French CP Stands

The swing of the French voters away from de Gaulle and back to the Communist and Socialist parties is certainly an encouraging manifestation. But the bonapartist General and the sinister fascist forces behind him will remain a threat so long as the crisis of French imperialism continues to fester and deepen.

Yet the leaders of the powerful French Communist Party remain far more interested in a possible Franco-Soviet deal than in leading a struggle for the establishment of a workers republic — the kind of struggle that could combat the pernicious national chauvinism on which the de Gaullists feed. Instead, they themselves add fuel to the dangerous fire of chau inism and argue that the capitalist class is betraying the "national interest." Their betrayal of class-struggle principles is summed up in refusal to even support the Algerian struggle for national independence. The flagrantly anti-Marxist approach of the CP leadership is outlined in a December 1958 statement by the editors of "Cahiers du Communisme," theoretical organ of the French CP.

The statement attributes the French crisis of the past decade not to the organic decay of imperialism but rather "to the fact that the bourgoisie, unable to think any longer of the grandeur of the nation, has seen its future only within the frame-

work of an outdated colonialism." The CP leaders even seek to convince

the French capitalists that they can preserve their imperialist interests in Africa Movement." Among these was by changing this "outmoded" outlook: "To a particularly significant anbegin with the problem of Algeria and the alysis by George Brooks of the Oil of Sahara. Only through agreement International Brotherhood of with the peoples of North Africa, and of Workers Union, entitled: "Ob-Black Africa, on the basis of mutual un- servations on the Changing Naderstanding and equality of rights can the ture of American Unions." interests of France be safeguarded. . . .

"But, on the contrary, French big which the union's became transcapital and the present government are rushing into negotiations with German and American capitalists for joint exploi- abandoned in the forties and tation of the Sahara. That can only lead to fifties by significant segments aggravation of the conflict and, in the long run, to the ejection of France."

The Stalinist bureaucrats who head

the French CP come out against Algerian ative requirements of the unindependence with this piece of shameful doubletalk: "It was and it remains correct in the struggle for peace in Algeria, and in the solution of the colonial question, to remain unvieldingly faithful at one and the same time to the demands of proletarian internationalism and of the national UAW Solidarity reports, "Plans by the local unions; a developinterest. To set aside the national interests were being made . . . to invite ment which led to increasing of France in the solution of the Algerian Congressional leaders of both conflicts. question would have led us not only to ment figures to address the conviolate our principles, but to cut ourselves ference. off from the working class and the people of France."

Can a policy of support to the imperialist butchers of the Algerian people lead to the smashing of the fascist threat various unions, according to being transferred to an increas- lectives, and about 90% of Po-

What "Rights"?

In his March 17 TV and radio address to the nation, President Eisenhower told us why we should be prepared to go to war over Berlin. It's because the U.S. has "rights" in Germany and in Berlin, he said, and the government must not let the Soviet Union intimidate it into abdicating those "rights."

What gives the U.S. government "rights" in Germany? We know that a new state is about to be added to the Union, but we thought its name was Hawaii not Germany. Or is Germany about to become the 51st state? If so when was this decided and by whom? Back in the 1940's U.S. militarists proclaimed that our frontiers are on the Elbe River. But neither at that time or since have the German people agreed to cede any part, of their land to the United States. From whom then did the U.S. government acquire its "rights"?

The U.S. acquired "rights by conquest," say State Department propagandists. In other words, might makes right. This is the same way that Hitler acquired "rights" in France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Norway and Holland. It is the way that France acquired "rights" in Algeria, and the British "rights" in India (till the end of World War II) and in Rhodesia.

Again, Eisenhower states "... the Allied powers including the Soviet Union, signed agreements defining the areas of octhey would assume." So it's agreements sentiment of jobless unionists with the Kremlin that supposedly give in the heavily hit mass producthe U.S. government "rights" in Germany. for effective action. Reports But what gave the Big Four the "right" from Detroit indicate that rankto agree to carve up Germany in the first and-file unionists, now out of place and to disregard the German peo- work, are building up pressure tiator himself has undergone in accordance with the will of ple's right to self-determination? We are for a maximum turnout in subtle but fundamental the peasants and any violation a contract with the Premier's Adopts Ban on back to "right by conquest." Might makes Michigan AFL-CIO News re-

is that it has no bounds except the limits employed auto workers will been surprisingly willing (estion thousands of UAW and pecially during the past 15 gress will give Premier Go-The trouble with that kind of "right" any given time. Actually, U.S. Big Business, which dictates American foreign April 8 mass AFL-CIO rally ... policy, wants "rights" beyond West Ger- Michigan area unionists will believe that this state of affairs "Natolinists" — the faction of all aimed at smashing the milimany and beyond Berlin. It wants "rights" leave Tuesday evening, April 7, is permanent and reliable. His throughout Germany. The "rights" Big ston in other communities to a settlement In his efforts to Business want lead inevitably to war.

adhere to a different kind of right and other union centers where thou- local union and not the comshould demand that the government make sands more will use train, bus pany which is the stumbling it operative in the German situation. That is the democratic right of a people — in Wednesday morning." this case the German — to determine its own fate. That right was foully trampled its demand for a shorter work kind of sociodrama enacted to on by the U.S. government and the Krem- week without reduction in pay, convince the membership that lin when they agreed to carve up Geraction ever taken by the Ameraleast 'all that could be gotten.' many and occupy it militarily. The way to ican union movement on be- This," concludes Brooks, undo that crime against the German peo- half of the unemployed. The called 'statesmanship'." ple is for the government to abandon all moves by the conservative top phony "rights" Eisenhower claims in Ger- union brass to limit its scope "labor statesmen" during the Polish Workers Party confer- with no loss in take-home pay. LSSP-led unions in Ceylon conphony "rights" Eisenhower claims in Germany and withdraw the U.S. troops forthwith.

| Content of the package would increase with not sit well with the millions of jobless whose plight with. | Content of the package would increase plant of showmanship, the crumbs of Khrushchev's. In his speech from \$1.05 to \$1.22 an hour.



"I hope the TV comes in clear so we can watch them blow up outer space!"

How Business Unionism Injured Union

The American labor move-

ment is today entering its most

critical period since the early thirties. Automation, in addition of permanently unemployed. Administered (monopoly) pricefixing, mounting taxes, and monetary inflation, is cutting sharply into the living standard of the working people. The Big Business government is stepping up its offensive against the unions. The anti-union attitude of the employers is hardening. Are the unions equipped to cope with these new developments? The Monthly Labor Review

published a collection of articles in its February 1957 issue on Changes in the American Labor

Brooks traces the manner in formed during the boom of the war and post-war periods.

"When antiunionism was The Stalinist bureaucrats who head now turned out that the imper-

Jobless Meet

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cussed by a conference of of-

PRESSURE FOR ACTION

These moves to stymie a militant mass demonstration of the cupation in Germany and Berlin which unemployed runs counter to the bargaining takes on a less pertion industries who are looking

and other modes of transporta-

By Cyrus Thomas | ion - the regular flow of new garnered from the groaning members and dues - could be banquet tables of Big Business, underwritten by the employer with considerably more reliabil- enjoy the power and privilege ity than was possible under of office. earlier arrangements.

"Unions were in many cases relieved, almost suddenly, of the bacon through the sheer work that used to occupy 90 magic of his arguments are the task of new organizing was union conditions, to combat the simplified. For in our particular expanding economy, most of the tide of unemployment, yes, the expansion is in the form of to survive the impending onimproved facilities or the build- slaught of employer-government ing of new plants by established firms.' In exchange for the check-

off of union dues and the maintenance of membership clause, the union leadership imposed the wage freeze and no-strike oledge and enforced labor discipline on the job. The curbing of labor militancy on the job led to the imposition of strict limits on the autonomy of local unions and the centralization of power and authority in the hands of top brass of the National Union, "The great change in American labor unions during the last 20 years," writes Brooks, Polish Communist "has been a general shift in power and control from the members to the leaders. The change was far reaching; it appears to be permanent. The change has taken place almost wholly without constitutional For practical purposes, the written constitution and bylaws of national unions are the same as they were 25 years ago or when they were originally

As the top leaders freed themselves more and more from control by the ranks the naput the heat on. Yesterday's is- tional union began to usurp the sue of the eastern edition of functions previously performed

"Centralization of the negotiations has been accompanied by centralization of the administraback home, the problem of a Brooks, who then adds: "Even attempt to force the peasants in- loggers there entered its 73 day indirectly, that is, by electors legislative program will be dis- the routines of the local union to collective farms. At the time - wage adjustment, grievance of the Polish October in 1956, ficers and representatives of handling, and the like — are the peasants abandoned the col-Meany's directives to the locals. ing degree to functionaries out- land's farms are now privately is removed further from local plants and local unions, the Minister of Agriculture Edward sonal character, and tends to be- lectivization remained the come more of a pageant or drama. . .

'STATESMANSHIP"

Washington. The March 12 changes," Brooks continues; "He of the principle of free will agement, more often than not to cooperatives and to the He finds that management has state." other jobless from throughout years) to grant significant con- mulka a sizeable majority on the country at the Wednesday, cessions on wages, hours and the new Central Committee to tration of Canadian Mounties, stop in other communities to a settlement. In his efforts to pick up additional 'marchers.' bring about an agreement, he But the American people traditionally The pattern will be repeated in frequently finds that it is the block. His role changes, theretion, arriving in Washington fore; he becomes more and more a mediator. Collective The Washington rally, with bargaining itself becomes a

as evidence of their right to

But the halcyon days of the slick negotiator bringing home effects of automation, to stem attack, the unions will once again have to be transformed into instruments of struggle. And for that, the first prerequisite is the forging of a new leadership, developed in struggle and dedicated to the proposition that the labor movement that it must fight to win!

Congressmen At Work

The U.S. Senate is often described in the capitalist press as an "exclusive club." You can better appreciate what they mean by this if you read the lush write-up of

Robert Samuel Kerr in the current issue of the \$1.25-a-copy the attention of the giant oil corporations. Fortune magazine. Kerr, Democrat of Oklahoma, is "one of

august body of legislators. He's a pusher all right. Born in a log cabin, too poor to get through college, he nevertheless managed to pass the bar examination in 1922 and later get into politics. Today he has personal fortune of some \$35

He has even more than this e owns 42,000 acres. On the property are 100 million tons of good coal, 15,000 acres of timperland and 3,000 Black Angus

million and his gross income in

ecent years is around \$600,000.

That might seem sufficient to keep even the "most successful ties there: "The strands of busiand wealthiest businessman" in ness and politics have been inthe Senate in reasonable com- terwoven in Bob Kerr's career life to become a millionaire including some U.S. Senatorsfor dollars is as insatiable as business interests, after all, are ever. Kerr-McGee Oil Indus- vast and varied, and his fortries, Inc., of which he is the tunes can be seriously affected largest stockholder, "now owns by the way issues are decided or controls about a quarter of in Congress. Among the odds all known uranium reserves in and ends in his capacious portthe U.S. . . . it also has an folio, for example, are intereight-year contract, with the ests in radio and television sta-Atomic Energy Commission providing for the sale of over \$300 nominees to the Federal Commillion worth of uranium, beginning this year."

Even this is not all. "Boron and beryllium are among their major interests now. . ." And the company's earnings would per cent of their energies. Even just about gone. To maintain there's a "sizable, and intriguing, investment in potash" from which the Senator expects his company will net "\$100 million over a twenty-five-year period.

How much Kerr's holdings in oil are worth is not divulged can win only if it fights and City and these gave him the teaches a Sunday-school class. start that brought his talents to

In politics, Fortune says the most powerful men" in that frankly, Kerr "became well known in the late 1930's as a spokesman for the gas and oil industries."

When these interests asked him in 1941 to serve another term as "director" of "public relations," Kerr informed them he was going to run for governor of the state. "'I told them." he says with a chuckle, that if I lost the election, they wouldn't want me, and if I won it, suggests. In eastern Oklahoma they wouldn't need a man in the job."

Kerr proved a satisfactory governor. His next step up the political ladder was the U.S. Senate. Here is how Fortune discreetly describes his activi-But Kerr set out early in in a way that some observersat the age of 62 his thirst consider to be improper. Kerr's tions; and Kerr must vote on munications Commission, Kerr-McGee does business with the Atomic Energy Commission, whose nominees he also helps to decide upon. And, of course, be affected by any legislation that reduced the depletion allowance on oil and other minerals. . . Since Kerr-McGee also produces natural gas, it had a stake in the Kerr bill, which Truman vetoed in 1950."

Lest it be thought that this by Fortune. That was where capitalist is all evil, it should he made his first millions. In a be added that he does not "daring speculation" in 1932, smoke or drink, that he has a Kerr brought in six oil wells "passion for sweets," including within the limits of Oklahoma frozen-custard, and that he - Paul Abbott

Headlines in Other Lands

Party Congress Adopts 5-Year Plan

The Congress will adopt five-year plan for 1959-1965. The plan calls for raising industrial production 10% annually, which is described as a modest increase. It is not to come at the expense of consumer goods, which, says Eric Bourne in the March 9 Christian Science Monitor, "are tothat queues have already disappeared . .

side the local union. As the owned. The peasants are now (collective bargaining) process the "new rich" in the country.

In a speech to the congress, Ochab made it clear that colparty's theoretical goal and that the development of cooperatives was an essential for socialist construction, But, he "The role of the union nego- went on, "It must take place

gress will give Premier Goworking conditions. He tends to replace the present majority of old-line Stalinists whom the power in their revolutionary transport of pulpwood to the that time. However, left-wing reported, "time is running out party members most closely associated with the workers have since been ousted from positions of influence. The workers' councils created in the October rising have been replaced with the more bureaucratically controlled "Workers' Self-Government Conferences."

In essence, the role of the Union is in attendance at the reduction of the work-week sadorship." On March 3, the

to the congress, Ignatov stated, Paris Suburbs Vote "All Communist parties are entirely autonomous and have equal rights. All our parties are directing socialist construction Austerity Program according to theories of Marxism-Leninism, taking into acnist) Party began a ten-day count the specific features of pressed in municipal elections congress on March 10, with each country. The best example March 8 continued in the March of such relations is for us supplied by the relations between Communist Party won 30 of the the Soviet and Polish parties."

Canadian Loggers Fight Strikebreaking Government Decree

An emergency meeting of the Canadian Labor Congress, AFL-CIO affiliate, was called March parliamentary strength, ironicday so much more plentiful 14 to consider measures to ally will produce a national meet the all-out war on union- Senate even more anti-Gaullist Agrarian policy calls for no land. The bitter strike of 12,000 as the Congress met. The strike is under heavy attack from the new municipal councilors. In economic and political agencies of Canadian capital.

lawing the International Wood- victor. workers Union, AFL-CIO, which has its headquarters in the terity program which included U.S. The strikebreaking Premier "formed his own union which he named the Brotherhood of Newfoundland Woodworkers," the press reported.

per company promptly signed enjoys the confidence of man- results in great economic harm cately described by the N. Y. Political Strikes Times as "more modest than those demanded by the striking international union," Mass herding of scabs, step-

ped up police violence, concenmobilization of vigilantes, are tant picket lines of the loggers demonstrations in October 1956. paper mills. "As the spring Party and the Lanka Sama Sa-Gomulka assumed power at thaw approaches," the Times maja Party, a socialist organifor the companies which must However, one UNP senator get their pulpwood to the mills lined up with Premier Bandarwhile the ice is still firm on the anaike, enabling the bill to forest road.'

The International Woodworkagainst the Anglo-Newfound-

Against De Gaulle's Opposition to de Gaulle ex-

15 run-off elections, Th 60 seats at stake in the Seine Department General Council, an expression of continued support from the working class in the suburbs of Paris. The other 30 seats were scattered among nine groups with the Gaullists winning only five.

The new French Constitution, designed to reduce Communist ism now raging in Newfound- than the old National Assembly. The Senate will be elected composed for the most part of some Southern French towns the new election system gave Premier J. R. Smallwood of municipal councils entirely to Newfoundland rushed a meas- the Communist Party. The Soure through the legislature out- cialist Party, too, was a major

De Gaulle's unpopular ausincreased taxes and reduced benefits is considered responsible for this new expression of opposition to the government,

The Anglo-Newfoundland Pa- Ceylon Parliament

By 15-14, Ceylon's Senate passed a police-state "security" aw March 12 empowering Prime Minister Bandaranaike to outlaw political strikes and put down "civil disorders." The bill had passed the House of Representatives earlier this Voting against the proposed

law were the United National zation. (See story, page two.) pass. "The expectation in political circles here," writes Elie ers Union went on strike Abel in the March 12 New York Times, "was that the Senator land Development Company would be rewarded for his de-Dec. 31 for a 5-cent-an-hour cisive vote by an important ap-A delegation from the Soviet increase over two years and pointment, probably an ambas-

er wages has caused a wageresults in mass layoffs. Further, emphasis.) he implies that the higher wage

regain their prestige and moral and by fostering unemployment. plain what it is.

italist circles, has been widely the professor considers "foster- inflation and unemployment and ployment situation through the productivity: "Some members of is the only alternative to yieldpages of the N.Y. Times Mag- the Board of Governors of the ing to the inevitable dialectics azine, America (a Roman Cath- Federal Reserve System, some of history: elimination of the olic journal) and other publi- members of the Council of Eco- Profit System and the estab-The professor's thesis is that vate economists have proposed operative economy; namely, soorganized labor's drive for high- that tight credit policies be cialism. used to create the amount of price spiral, raising the cost of unemployment necessary to commodities to a level where keep wages from rising faster goods cannot be sold. This leads than productivity and to keep Need More About to mounting inventories which the price level steady." (My

These premises expose the Editor: drive combined with labor's un- unspoken philosophy underlyconcern with productivity ef- ing the policies of the Republificiency has forced employers can and Democratic parties: Orto revert to automation. And, ganized labor is becoming so blaming labor for higher living strong and is making so many more articles on socialism costs and unemployment not gains in raising the living stanbeing sufficient, Professor Slich-dards of its members that it look forward to under it. ter asserts that unions have be- has backed the Profit System come "selfish, undemocratic and up against a wall. If Capitalism is but it isn't enough to point is not to be destroyed, then or out that socialism is the ans-What to do about this in- ganized labor must be crushed wer. I think it is necessary vented supposition? "Unions can by Government interference every once in a while to ex-

standing in the community This philosophy explains why only through Government sup- neither Congress nor the Eisen-

ervision of their internal af-I hower administration have sponfairs." Government supervision, sored one effective measure to he contends, would stop the combat the growing mass un-"tendency for labor costs to employment problem. They are rise faster than output per man- all for it! Because secretly they hour" and establish "stable are well aware that it is the insatiable profiteers and not or-And going one step further, ganized labor who have caused ing unemployment" in order to that fostering more unemploykeep wages from outrunning ment and suffering for millions nomic Advisors and some pri- lishment of a planned and co-

Cynthia Speare

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er medical care.

"The program's harshness

shocked even members of the

Opposition Dominion party, a

champion of white supremacy,

reported the March 12 New

The struggle against the Brit

ish racist rulers has been

spreading into the rich copper

mine belt of Northern Rhodesia.

The decree banning the Zambia

African National Congress, a

pacifist-led split off from the

ing in Northern Rhodesia, warn-

African National Congress, has

York Times.

Socialist Future

The Militant gets better every week. However, I'm not writing to tell you that.

. I feel that there ought to be what it is and what we can

I realize how limited space

The Big Con-Ed Steal

There are days when business buccaneers and crooked monopolies have to sweat to make a few dishonest millions - someone else is trying to beat them out of it. This is the situation which Con-Edison, the name the power trust goes under in New York City, today finds itself in. Like Little Jack Horner, liberal Mayor Wagner had stuck in his thumb and pulled out three plums — the city's sub-way power plants — to be "sold" to Con-Ed. Con-Ed thought it had it made. Then a lawyer named Harvey Spear horned in on the deal.

For almost 20 years Con-Ed has been trying to grab these municipal power plants. These plants not only furnish the electricity for the subway system which Con-Ed would be delighted to sell at its usual "moderate" rates, but they hamper the power trust's gouging of all consumers in New York. Since they generate electricity they serve as a measuring rod for what it actually costs Con-Ed to produce the electric power it furnishes the people of New York. Production cost is one of the monopolists' most precious secrets. Getting plants worth about \$341 million for the \$70 or \$80 million showed Con-Ed's real American know-how. The prospect of selling the subways the same power at twice the old rate was an example of capitalist vision at its keenest. But best of all it meant that soon Con-Ed could raise all power rates in New York by claiming operational costs which could not readily be disproved.

In 1940 the CIO Transport Workers Union threatened to strike to prevent Con-Ed from acquiring these plums. Mayor Wagner heard

labor's objections all over again at a recent public hearing - but no politician is in as good a position to ignore labor's demands as a "friend of labor." And that's what Wagner is - he himself said it and the union bureaucrats also said it during the last election. After the hearing the Mayor said he would study the pros and cons carefully. His own commission had already recommended the sale. Comptroller Gerosa owns a little company which happens to work for Con-Ed. There was no doubt about what the Honorable Mayor would decide.

Then with everything going as smoothly as a carnival shell game before an audience of old swaybacks from wayback, this lawyer Harvey Spear pops up. He says he represents a group of investors who wish for the time being to remain anonymous. He assures the unless its 15,000 members in most from such police lawlessmayor that the capitalist heading the group is the Rhodesias were given equal ness are poor people and minora very substantial industrialist, in fact so sub- pay for equal work with whites ity peoples. estantial that he will pay more for the three and equal job opportunities. All plants than Con-Ed, will lease them back to but a handful of the Negroes vealed in a recent report by the the city, and "might be able to keep prices are confined to unskilled jobs. stable for 20 years." He gives a loud cry of "unfair" because the plants had been offered terror being waged by Sir Roy the first systematic study of the from him during five days of only to Con-Ed and insists upon a public Welensky, Federation Prime length and frequency of secret auction. It's the worst example of unprincipled, cutthroat business competition New York has seen for years. Naturally Con-Ed and good told the delegates: "Sir Roy citizens around City Hall are indignant they don't know if they'll be cut in or out.

Now all the subway riders and home elec- ernment can run without rail- disposed of during 1956. A pro- multiple bruises on chest, arms, ganization. The Negro profestric bill payers have to do is to sit back and roads and people will not in- jection of this sample by train- buttocks, shins and shoulders, sionals and businessmen had largest country has a populaget the city plants or will J. P. Somebody or are troubles on the railroads. the city as a whole during that knees so serious as to require ist offensive following the Su-exceeding that of New York

'Chain' Protest

sash chain, 15 leading members of Local 442, International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, chained themselves to their jobs last Friday night. Protesting a scheduled shutdown April 'l of General Electric Co.'s industrial air-conditioning plant in Bloomfield, N.J., their banners read: "We want

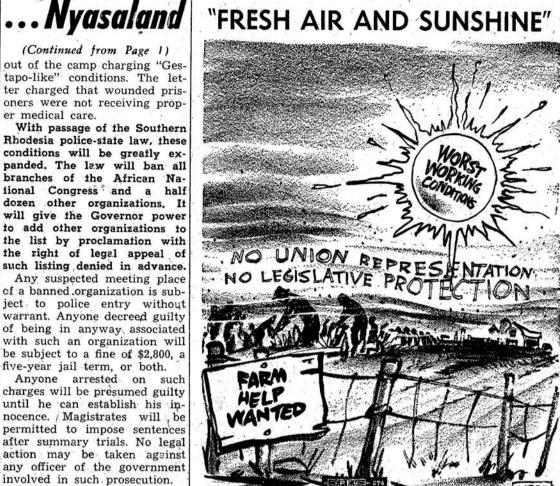
the right to work." Charles Ziegler, Local President, collapsed in the plant Monday. He declared that all the demonstrators were over forty. "We're too young for a pension and too

GE's response to the weekend demonstration was to close the plant on March 16.

"FRESH AIR AND SUNSHINE"

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Chicago Cops Jails Like Gestapo

CHICAGO - Over 20,000 persons annually are secretly held in Chicago police stations for lengthy periods sparked demonstrations in Lu- in violation of the law, according to the Police Departsaka, capital of the protectorate. ment's own records. Families do

Railway Workers Union, meet- members are and the prisoners are denied the right to legal ed it would take strike action counsel. Those suffering the

These startling facts were re-Illinois division of the Ameri-Referring to the campaign of can Civil Liberties Union. It is African union, Dixon Konkola, partment.

Actually, the extent of se- stitutional rights. cret detention is underestimated | Not only are many innocent by this report, the ACLU points people convicted, the report out, for nearly one-third of the goes on, but no disciplinary acarrest slips studied failed to tion is taken against the vast show when the person had been majority of policemen who viobooked. Thus many illegal de- late the civil rights of prison-

The ACLU states that the po- force. lice practice of secretly holding Chicago police deny the prisoners is not only a violation ACLU charges and cite the of the law specifically giving city's small damage payments every arrested person "the right to those who claim police bruto be brought immediately be-fore the Municipal Court," but the figures don't tell the story. that it leads to police brutality After defending a sued policeand the conviction of innocent man, the city disclaims responpersons. The police come to sibility for his illegal acts and rely, the civil liberties organi- refuses to pay. Thus the injured zation declares, on physical and seldom collect.

And on March 15, the African not know where the missing psychological torture to produce confessions rather than on getting evidence.

Torture by the police is difficult to prove the ACLU noted. Moreover, the victim may often suffer imprisonment before he wins even in the most clearcut case. One example was cited by the report of a prisoner wrongfully jailed for seven years on

remains to this day on the

North Carolina Negro Leader Tours Michigan

DETROIT, March 16 - Robert F. Williams, chairman of the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice, has completed a nine-day speaking tour in this city and Flint. The purpose of the tour was to des-+

cribe the situation in Union | mary was automatically mayor. County, North Carolina, which Through the election camecently rocketed to world no- paign and by radio speeches toriety when racist authorities Mr. Williams hopes to get a sentenced two Negro boys to message across to the white the reformatory on charges of workers of his city. He will having been kissed by a white discuss not only the need of girl playmate.

About 4,000 people in Michigan attended meetings where Williams gave a first-hand account of the jailing and commitment to reform school of quate medical care, decent Hanover Thompson and David homes and a good education. Simpson, the eight and nineyear-old Negro boys involved in the case. Many thousands more were reached indirectly by several radio interviews of the CCRI chairman.

OPEN SHOP SOUTH

In addition to describing the children's case itself, Williams showed how the same social forces responsible in that case were the very forces that kept unions out of the South. "There are no unions in Union County," is one of the official boasts of Union County in its propaganda to lure runaway shops from the North.

speech in Flint, The Search- two Baptist churches in Flint, light publication of Chevrolet and a meeting sponsored by Local No. 659, summarized the many prominent unionists, Southern labor scene thus: "a clergymen and educators in Dehogtied low-wage white caste troit. sitting on top of an underprivileged lower-wage black ed petitions to Gov. Hodges, labor . . . is robbing Northern who was forced by national workers of jobs."

Michigan unionists were deeply impressed by Williams des-Minister, the president of the detentions by a city police deof his confession even though he became president of in 1956. The ACLU based its report on following his "questioning" by after it had sunk to a membermay have his guns but we have an examination of Municipal the police he emerged with ship of six, had been rebuilt an economic weapon. No gov- Court files of over 2,000 cases broken bones in his right hand, into an effective, militant orvest in the federation if there ed statisticians showed that for and injuries to left leg and been frightened out by the rac-The union is unprepared to year: 1) some 20,000 defendants eight months of treatment. Phy-preme Court school decision wait any longer. The union in- were held for at least 17 hours sicians testified that his injuries and, with rare exceptions before being booked; 2) some could not have resulted from would not rejoin. Williams 2,000 were held two days or the prisoner's "falling down thereupon turned to the great longer; 3) more than 800 were stairs," as the police maintain- bulk of the Negro populationheld over 60 hours; 4) more ed. After seven years, the Illin- the workers. Construction workthan 350 were held over three ois Supreme Court awarded him ers, domestic workers, truck \$15,000 for violations of his con- drivers, etc., now form the backbone of the fighting Union County branch. The kind of campaign it would conduct was revealed by the acclaim given at its first reorganization meeting to Williams' promise: "We are on a train now and this Writer"; "Doctor Zhivago"; etc. tentions undoubtedly could not ers. Thus, in the case cited train is going to start to roll Saturday night, March 28, 8:15 be detected from the police above the policeman involved and before it starts rolling all Uncle Toms better get off. Anyone who thinks he's going to shake better do all his shaking right now. Once we start rolling there aren't going to be any stops because this is an express train."

RUNS FOR MAYOR

Williams also revealed to his audiences that the day before leaving his native city of Monroe, N.C., to visit Michigan, he had filed papers to run for mayor in the coming election. He

full civil rights for the Negroes but the problems which white workers in the South share with Negro workers-the need of a living wage for all, ade-

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Williams spoke to 16 meetings during his Michigan tour. Everywhere he was enthusiastically received. The Trade Union Leadership Council, an organization of leading Negro trade unionists in the Detroit area, gave him a standing ova-Among other organizations to

which he spoke were: Ford Local 600, UAW Local 22, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Legislative Districts of the Democratic Party, Unitarian Church, National Lawyers Guild, Young Democratic Club of Eastern Michigan College, Independent Socialist Club of Wayne State University, Inkster NAACP In its account of Williams' branch, Flint NAACP branch,

> Several thousand people signand international protests to release Hanover Thompson and David "Fuzzy" Simpson conditionally, to make their release unconditional and to expunge the "assault" charges from their records.

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Calendar Of Events

CLEVELAND

Dr. Annette Rubinstein discusses "Conformity and the p.m, at the Unitarian Society of Cleveland, 8143 Euclid Avenue. Contribution \$1. Auspices Cleveland Guardian Club.

NEW YORK

Angus Cameron, co-publisher of Liberty Book Club, will speak on "Realism in Contemporary Literature." Fri., March 27, 8:30 p.m., at 116 University Place. Auspices Militant Labor Forum. Contribution 50 cents.

LOS ANGELES

Arne Swabeck, staff writer will be one of the first Negroes for the International Socialist o run for a mayoralty post in Review, will speak on "The Curthe South since Reconstruction rent Economic Outlook," and days. In addition to the con- Peter Buch, candidate for Board sternation his candidacy is caus- of Education Office No. 3, will ing the local politicians and the speak on "The Issues in the KKK elements of the city, his 1959 Los Angeles School Board But the pattern is far from running as an independent will Election." Fri., March 27, 8:15

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Notes in the News

IT'S THOSE ADULT WESTERNS - A March 13 Wall Street Journal survey reveals that cattle rustling is enjoying a big boom recently and that like the present crop of bank robberies most of it is being done by amateurs. "Curiously, too," the Journal reports, "much rustling is taking place on the fringes of big cities, leading officials to theorize that city folk with home freezers or out of a job are getting into the trade, too." Some rustlers kill a calf or cow right in the field and butcher it there. "They take just the best cuts, and figure they've beat the high price of beef," complained one rancher.

CRACKDOWN AT SINGER PLANT -The Singer Sewing Machine Company in Elizabeth, N. J., announced March 13 that it was suspending 290 workers until further notice, claiming they had engaged in "unauthorized" sitdown strikes and walkouts. The company has cut its work force in half during the past seven years through introduction of automated equipment. March 6 it announced plans to move into a modern new building that would be more completely automated. According to a union official the rank-and-file job actions were provoked by a company practice of utilizing the introduction of new machinery to cut piece-work

BRIGHT BEGINNER - Some slow-witted Congressmen take several terms to learn all the ways to tap the federal till. But Rep. Randall S. Harmon (D.-Ind.) is out to complete his education in his freshman term. He suffered a minor setback March 13 when the Post Office rejected his demand for a \$1,800 sub-post office rental fee based on the fact that the local letter carrier sometimes leaves extra mail on his front porch while making his rounds. Harmon, who is knocking down \$100 a month rent for his borch as a Congressional office plus \$4,424 secretarial pay for his wife, drew a sound conclusion from his first defeat. He bought himself a clip-on black string tie so he should really look like a Congressman. Without it, the Post Office might not have realized who he was.

AN INCREASING IMPACT - The Russian language is now being taught in 142 American high schools against 16 a year ago.

FRIENDS OF THE COURT? - New York City has some of the worst slums in the country despite the fact that it has laws requiring landlords to maintain a minimum state of repair and Building Department inspectors to enforce the law. Maximum penalty for failure to correct building violations is a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail. Last year the Building Department recorded some

370,000 violations and brought 18,500 landlords into court. City magistrates, however, levied fines averaging only a fast \$15.40 per

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE-The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled unanimously that 't is "not necessarily" libelous to call a persor a "Communist" if he isn't one. "un-American," but it is libelous to call him

ATTACKS NAACP TAX EXEMPTION -Senator Harry F. Byrd, white-supremacist Democrat from Virginia, announced March 12 that he has demanded that the Internal Revenue Department end the tax exemption now allowed to contributions to the Legal Defense Fund of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Byrd said he had first made this demand two years ago and that the Treasury Department had advised him the matter was under study.

ILGWU LOCAL INDICTED - A federal grand jury returned an indictment March 11 against Blouse and Waistmakers Local 25 of the International Ladies Garmen Workers Union, three trade associations and five individuals including an official of the local. The indictment charged that price-fixing sistance Force - a militia of lite." agreements between the union and manu-facturers constituted a trade monopoly con-spiracy under the Sharman Artificial state Force — a militia of workers, students and women — mobilized the population on has now dropped such propa-has now dropped such propa-hanging him in effigy. spiracy under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. a block by block basis in huge ganda against the UAR and The indictment was blasted by ILGWU presidemonstrations of opposition to sees in it the bulwark against decided in the Mideast. The force a general election. In "or- p.m. Forum Hall, 1702 E. 4th dent David Dubinsky as "a political indict- the attempted counter-revolu- Mideast communism. As the Arab revolution is still churn- dinary" elections of the past the St. Auspices Socialist Workers ment of the most sinister kind." AFL-CIO tion. American officials and Wall Street Journal correspon-President George Meany charged, "It is plain newsmen in Iraq wring their dent in Baghdad puts it, March a few months ago, was trying that the indictment . . . is aimed at union hands over the way the "mob" 16: "More than ever, Mr. Nas- to curb the Iraqi workers and practices having nothing to do with corruption has "taken over" Baghdad. The ser shapes up as the West's best peasants. Only to preserve itand racketeering."

AN HOUR TO LIVE - The hydrogen circulation of the Communist east." bomb has been developed to the point that a Party press, the size of the nuclear attack would bring death to anyone street demonstrations and, above within a range of several thousand square all, the visible size and strength miles who was exposed for more than one of the PRF (militias) are caus- volt in Iraq had the backing of hour. This fact was revealed March 9 by Dr. ing the U.S. Big Business press the most hated and reactionary Willard F. Libby who resigned from the Atomic Energy Commission effective June 30. "Possibly the very horrors of the atom in modern war may eliminate the outbreak of a to the USSR's recent technical Company has its main installathird world war," Dr. Libby said. "We cannot, and economic aid agreements tions - it is more than likely however, rely on this happening."

BUMPER TO BUMPER - There was a lite." mile-long traffic jam when a plant just outside of Pittsburgh ran a small classified ad for a to prepare home opinion for indozen laborers March 10. A traffic cop said, tervention against the Iraq re-"That's the first time this has happened here gime should that become feasin a long, long time. They filled the jobs early ible for U.S. imperialism. It is but it took hours to get the traffic moving the same kind of propaganda again." He said there were about 200 cars used less than a year ago to with applicants in them and that some had "prove" Nasser was Khrush- actionary forces - rather than ism but by some dramatic move come from as far as 50 miles away.

Using a 100-foot length of

old to find another job."

Armed Iraqi

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freedom of press allowed by "Communist."

hope for blocking Communist self did it call upon the workthe Kassim regime, the soaring domination of the whole Mid- ing masses to take action. Will

Nasser, however, has been politically compromised by the fact that the "pro-Nasser" reto picture the Kassim regime as elements in Arab society. Since the revolt centered in the Mosul As additional proof they point area—where the Iraq Petroleum with Iraq to show that the lat- that it had the secret backing ter has become a "Soviet satel- of the imperialists. The Iraq regime's claims that Nasser encouraged'the conspiracy leading to the revolt seem to be borne out by Nasser's tirades against Iraq since the putting down of

the revolt. chev's stooge and the United fickleness - explains why the against it.

| Arab Republic a "Soviet satel- | Iraqi masses, who backed Nasser as a symbol of anti-imper-

ing. The Kassim regime, just winner of the Democratic pri- Party. Donation 50 cents. it now be able to curb the forces of social revolution when they are so much stronger?

make common cause with the In his Damascus speeches he nounced as alien to Arabism and "leftism," which he said was not alien.

This could presage an at-

Nor is it certain that Nasser. while denouncing communism, will go further to the right or imperialists' Mideast diplomacy. carefully distinguished between "Communism," which he de-

tempt to repair the damage to his reputation by a turn to the left in domestic policy. Another possibility is an attempt to refurbish his reputation as a Contempt for Nasser's having leader of Arab nationalism not identified himself with such re- by cooperation with imperial-

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