Government Threatens Steel Strike

AFL-CIO Convention Must Plan Fight Against **Taft-Hartley Injunction**

By Carl Goodman

The overriding task before the AFL-CIO convention which opens in San Francisco this week is to effectively answer the big business assault on labor.

In making plans to strike back against the employers, the AFL-CIO can count on the loyalty and combativity of its own rank and file. That was proven beyond shadow of doubt by the turnout and militant spirit of the New York Labor Day parade - the biggest demonstration of its kind in American labor history.

The steel workers too by their tenacity on the picket lines have demonstrated that labor's ranks are in no mood to be pushed around by the bosses.

The AFL-CIO executive council has discussed plans to help the steel workers financially, with a fund of \$25 million, and these will be presented to the convention for adoption.

Financial aid will be extremely welcome to the steel workers, whose strike is crucial for the entire labor movement. Pledges of money will buttress them in their resolve to hold out against the companies until the latter abandon their outrageous demands and agree to a decent settlement.

But another danger, besides the one of being starved into submission, confronts the steel workers at this time - namely government strikebreaking by means of a Taft-Hartley injunction. It too must be acted on immediately.

On Sept. 7, Secretary of Labor Mitchell announced that the steel strike would create a "national emergency" at the beginning of October and that he would recommend to President Eisenhower that he use the Taft-Hartley act. The steel workers would thus have undergone privations for nearly three months only to be driven back to work without a contract at the moment when the strike was proving its effectiveness. That at least is the aim of the steel companies and of the Administration.

But the steel workers are not duty bound to submit to the government's machinations. The workers have no moral obligation to yield to laws and decrees of a flagrant class character. The AFL-CIO should call upon the labor movement to back the steel union in defying any and all strikebreaking attempts by the big-business-dominated government.

The employer offensive is spearheaded by the federal government - not only in the executive branch but in Congress as well. And labor shouldn't go along with AFL-CIO President Meany and other top union leaders in placing the blame for anti-labor legislation on a coalition of Republicans and Dixiecrats. Meany seeks to whitewash the Northern and Western Democrats elected with labor's backing. But how is it possible to cover up for labor's so-called "friends" after the Senate's 95 to 2 vote for the anti-labor measure stripped away their last pretenses of mit the Attorney General to being on the unions' side?

The truth is that the AFL-CIO electoral policy, which seemed so successful last November, has turned out dis- by the Civil Rights Commission astrously. It should be corrected at the forthcoming con- of the injustices perpetrated venuon. Labor must have its own representatives in Congress. For that it must have its own independent party. Plans for launching it in time to contest the 1960 elections — from President to Congressmen — should be elections - from President to Congressmen - should be made at the San Francisco parley.

Defy the Taft-Hartley injunctional Build an Independent Labor Party! This two-point program can chart

Laotian People Hostile To U.S.-Backed Regime

By George Lavan

The lead story in the Sept. 8 Wall Street Journal is a report from Laos with the headline, "People's Indifference Saps Regime's Strength." Aside from the geographic

more it is highly dubious

whether outside forces would

be much use against chemies

who are farmers in the daytime

munition for Communist prop-

aganda attacks, Brigadier Gen

eral John Heitges and his 150-

While the mass-circulation

newspapers of this country are

propaganda about "Red aggres-

sion" and "invasion," the facts

renewal of the civil war which

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civilian clothes. . . .'

"In order to provide less am-

and guerrillas at night. . . .

and terrain difficulties for the U.S. in waging "a Korea-type police action" there, "the Lao"rescue" that the Laotians are eager for U.S. troops to come to their "rescue" the WSI doesn't try provide a very shaky ally," the to fool the stockbrokers. "Since number one reason: "The civ- by anti-government sentiment ilian population in many places in many areas, the presence of is completely indifferent to the foreign troops might only agcentral government and in other gravate the situation. Furtherspots is frankly hostile."

An example of how people in Laos regard their government which is so popular with U.S. newspaper editors today is given in the Wall Street Journal report. In a belated effort to win popularity, the Laotian army set up a number of teams composed of a half-dozen or man America-Laos Training dozen soldiers to go around to Advisory Group have donned villages to repair bridges, temples and do similar good works. "Some of these villages are so hostile to the govern- pouring out State Department ment," the article relates, "that mitted to enter."

The WSJ correspondent in what is going on in Laos is a Laos reports that most observers believe the rebel Pathet the 1954 Geneva settlement Lao's aim is merely to regain the northern provinces of Laos Moreover, the State Departwhich they ruled until a few years ago in order to bargain not only to prepare U.S. public their way back into a unified opinion for the possibility of government as provided for in another Korean-type war, but been given great powers — every union meeting and in ing scab-made goods or plants or the 1954 Geneva settlement of also to cover up Washington's against labor. Labor Secretary every union committee. The pos- sites utilizing scab-made mathe civil war there. On the prime responsibility for re-kinother hand, "some experts here dling the civil war in Laos. also concede that the Pathet Lao could aim for a complete military victory if they gather sufficient momentum and the Department and the Pentagon

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may labor under the delusion

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Civil Rights Commission

Although the Federal Civil Rights Commission reported to President Eisenhower, Sept. 8, that the U.S. government needs new laws to uphold the U.S. Constitution in the South, civil rights legislation has been shelved by Democratic and Republican Congressional leaders.

A rider attached to the foreign-aid appropriations bill extending the life of the Civil Rights Commission for two years is just about all the Negro people can expect out of this session of the 86th Congress.

The Commission has been under heavy attack from Southern Democrats ever since the report was made public. In act, they may try to filibuster the Civil Rights agency out of existence.

The Commission's recommendations to Congress were mild in ight of the serious grievances it had compiled. Thus it failed to recommend that Part 3 (the section of the 1957 Civil Rights Bill that Congress wouldn't pass) be included in new civil rights legislation. This section would perbring injunction suits to end school segregation.

Here is one example reported

ble Negroes are registered to that restored union strength to wote in the South as against 60% this area. As in 1934 it was a of the white population. It movement that got no sanction recommends that the President from on top but arose from

This and two other Com- leadership. mission proposals have riled the poince action there, the Had "rescue," the WSJ doesn't try ministration from those builders to get within striking distance \$1.80-a-day in the second year Their enemies have to treat ers headed by Harry Van Arsarticle says. It lists as the the rebellion is partly fueled discrimination laws; and (2) that tend with the enemy within. federal grants be withheld from colleges practicing racial segre- streets and bridge approaches



Here They Come

At 10:03 on Sept. 7 a contingent of actors and actresses swung up Fifth Avenue to open the first New York Labor Day Parade in two decades. They were given the opening spot in the parade because many of them had matinee performances to get back to.

Francisco Drivers' Strike Won by Rank and File Militancy

By Art Sharon

These young men took to the ated.)

New civil rights legislation is mercial traffic. They felt their bosses that they were not gobadly needed in the field of vot- strength and knew the extent ing to be the meek victims of ranks of this union so deeply some of the city's lowest paid ing rights, the Commission said. of their power. When they got a changing industry. They

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appoint temporary Federal reg- deep wells of working class an- of their foes, the rank-and-file security. They have their foot istrars who would register Ne- ger. But unlike the movement teamsters went a good distance. gro voters in those areas where of '34 it had fewer illusions and They secured a victory after important issue. ocal boards had disfranchised it faced, as its most formidable most everybody predicted dire opposition, the official union defeat. First they came out of gain that is not spelled out in The fathers of the rank-and- terial gains over and above they took the measure of each Southern Democrats. The other file Teamsters fought scabs and the best that their officials other and of their opponents. two recommendations are (1) broke the unrestrained power were able to negotiate. (For in- They cannot be treated anythat federal funds be withdrawn of the bosses to establish strong stance, they will get a \$2.40-a- more as the silent, indifferent by the Federal Housing Admin- unions. The sons faced the day raise for the first year of and intimidated drivers, swampistration and the Veterans Ad- same arrogant employers, but their new contract and another ers, helpers and platform men. who violate state or city anti- of them they had to first con- instead of a \$2.00-a-day in each them with new respect, and dale, chairman of the AFL-CIO of three years as first negoti- their contractual rights, that Central Trades Council which

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> And finally they achieved a their action with tangible ma- any contract. By their action were ignored so often in the sponsored the march. Clad in Militant were distributed to the Second they served notice on past, must now be observed to white shirts, they marched 20,-

in the door on this extremely

The 'issue that stirred the (Continued on Page 4)

Record Turnout Shows Will of Ranks to Resist Cold-War Against Labor

By Harry Ring

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 — "I didn't know there were so many union men," said a bakery worker on his way home from the Labor Day Parade held here today.

His reaction was shared by many of the participants and spectators. It was the first Labor Day march in 20 years and a lot of people were getting their first full-size picture of what the New York labor movement looks like.

It was an impressive sight. For eight and a half hours organized workers marched in a solid mass up Fifth Avenue. They were giving an effective answer to the employer-inspired propaganda that the unions have a captive" membership and are without public support.

It was the biggest unioncity's history. At least 115,000 unionists turned out and marched with manifest pride in their organizations. Nearly half a million spectators clapped, cheered and waved as they went

Thousands of workers finished the mile-and-a-half march and then joined the crowds to see and cheer other union contin-

CHEER STEEL WORKERS

The march was organized to is now in its tenth month. register opposition to the mountdemonstrate "arm-in-arm" soli- other Spanish-speaking workers darity with the striking steel were well-represented, there workers.

of steel workers in New York, oned ones said: "Equality for all but their contingent in the workers." Local 471 of the Inparade was greeted by an im- ternational Union of Electrical pressive ovation all the way up Workers did carry a Spanishthe avenue.

affiliated with about 45 international unions participated. The biggest turnout was credited to focusing on the parade. A man the International Ladies Gar- who had just finished the line of ment Workers Union, the larg- march asked him, "Why don't est union in the city. About 21,- you take some pictures behind 000 of its members were there. the wooden horses. They're all The second largest contingent workers, too. This is their pacame from the International rade too and they should be Brotherhood of Electrical Work- counted in." 000 strong.

Unions that have organized (Continued on Page 2)

Sidelights Of Labor Day **Parade**

A Puerto Rican worker stopped briefly in front of the reviewing stand and waved his poster under the noses of Gov. Rockefeller, Mayor Wagner, Cardinal Spellman and ILGWU President David Dubinsky. The sponsored demonstration in the sign read: "Disgrace! New York Stands Low on Country's Wage

> The International Association of Machinists had a group of workers tossing a tennis ball ever a banner that read: "Hey McClellan - Look, No Rackets."

> The Textile Workers Union float carried giant photographs of a woman striker at Henderson, N. C. being manhandled by two cops. The Henderson strike

were few Spanish-language There aren't great numbers signs. A couple of hand-craylanguage banner reading: "This Five hundred local unions Union is for All the Workers."

A photographer was busily

Eleven thousand copies of the special Labor Day issue of the unionists as they came off the line of march.

Hospital workers who waged (Continued on Page 2)

Congress Sets Up Dept. of Harassment of Irules. The Secretary of Labor is tion of the new anti-labor law to the employers, cannot get a friends" in Congress whom ership of the AFL-CIO. Instead

By John Thayer

Congress has put onto the lawbooks what AFL-CIO President George Meany describes as "the most damaging anti-labor bill in the Communist Party. since the Taft-Hartley Act."

Under the law the Department are emerging ever clearer that of Labor is to be converted into was supposed to have ended. bor. But it was always a ous part of the whole law. ment propaganda is designed powerless and starved stepchild | It aims to place a government of the government. Now it has cop, detective or stool pigeon in picket and to boycott stores sell- for the measure. Mitchell has informed Con-sibilities it allows for govern-terials. gressmen that he may need as ment collaboration with employmuch as \$10 million more in ap- ers in attacks on unions at criti-The fact is that the State

popular support needed to win." are the real government of Department of Labor investi- tween union bureaucrats in po-Laos. Premier Phoui Sanani- gation of and interference in in- litical alliance with the adminkone and the other Laotian of ternal union affairs is to be per- istration in Washington against lost a recognition election within feit and pass it along as good While readers of this coun- ficials are the merest puppets. manent. This includes "super- opponents within their unions the preceding year. This means coin to the members. This is betry's Big Business-Rept press In payment Washington has vision" over union finances, elections, membership lists and

As its Labor Day gift to the posed on union locals by the Landrum, current Congressional own choosing and to picket. This the next year's Congressional matter of principle, against any working people of America, international union. Moreover, whipping boys for the AFL-CIO is reinforced by new gimmicks and Presidential election cam- restrictive labor legislation, the provision is made for investiprison records or membership

This whole section of the new a Department of Investigation anti-labor law is hypocritically and Harassment of Labor. The referred to by the press as a "bill Labor Department was created of rights" for union members. in 1913 as a sop to organize la- It is probably the most danger-

or against rival unions.

bureaucrats. It was originally in- allowing employers to choose gating union officials for past troduced by the AFL-CIO's fair- times most favorable (from the haired boy, Senator Kennedy, presidential nomination and was MOST DANGEROUS SECTION the core of the bill that bore his name. (Kennedy does not now 352 to 52 in the House of Reprewant to have the anti-labor sentatives. Every Democratic measure named after him - he Senator, not on a sickbed or out suggested it be called the "labormanagement reform bill.")

further restricts labor's right to the House, 214 Democrats voted

The right to picket in drives to organize companies is seri- anti-labor bill since the Taftpropriations for his department's cal moments - as in the midst ously limited. Any picketing Hartley Act," claim they supexpenses in enforcing the new of strikes - are enormous. No whatever will be illegal for a ported it to water down its less unlikely are secret deals be- union at a plant represented by viciousness. Incredibly enough, another union or at a plant the top AFL-CIO bureaucrats where the picketing union has pretend to accept this counterthat workers, victimized by a cause they are afraid to speak It is noteworthy that this sec- union which has sold them out the truth publicly about their union forces can go to the lead- and three voted against.

to "supervise" trusteeships im- cannot be blamed on Griffin and charter to form a union of their they are preparing to support in of taking a strong stand, as a company point of view) for aspirant for the Democratic holding representation elections. The bill in its final form was

passed 95 to 2 in the Senate and of the country, except Morse of Oregon voted for the bill to hob-Another provision of the law ble the unions still further. In

COVER UP FOR LIBERALS

The Democratic liberals who voted for "the most damaging

Whether the Democratic liberals, headed by Senator Kennedy, watered down the bill in conference or insured its passage can best be gauged by the reaction of labor's most venomous enemy in Congress, Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona. According to the N.Y. Times (Sept. 3), Goldwater "said the final product was better than either the House or Senate bills. He was almost courtly in his tribute to Senator Kennedy for the latter's patience and fairness as chairman of the joint

Commenting on the new antiabor law as it headed for passage, John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers Journal (Aug. 15). made the following cogent ob-

victory in the House of the anti- voted for the anti-union measure

AFL-CIO leaders 'compromised.' They shouted loud and long that they were in favor of 'labor reform.' Then, when both houses of Congress made it clear they would pass really vicious legislation, the AFL-CIO boys, all bloodied up by their so-called friends as well as their enemies in Congress, switched and started trying to talk the politicians whom they had 'sold' on 'labor reform' into going along with them. It was too late. It was something like trying to 'compromise' with an angry rattlesnake."

While Lewis took a principled stand against "labor-reform" from the beginning, the fact that he too backs capitalist politicians contributed to the victory of the anti-labor forces. Of West Virginian Democrats elected mainly through the aid "Some of the credit for the of the Mine Workers, three

Socialists in Michigan Push 1960 Ballot Drive

By George Breitman

DETROIT, Sept. 6-The long counties. hard job of putting a socialist ist Workers Party reported that

The state law requires sub-

is aiming at 32,000 from 16 the ballot.

ticket on the ballot in Michi- in hot, humid weather is a big No wonder, for it is estimated gan is making steady progress. achievement for a relatively they have spoken to at least As it started the second month small organization. It takes de- 50,000 people. of petition-collecting the Social- votion to socialist principles, determination and hard work. its members and friends have Fortunately, SWP members and reached the half-way point in friends have enough of these their campaign for a line on qualities to make up for their small numbers.

Going out before and after mission of 12,708 signatures of work, taking days off from registered voters, with at least work, giving up their week-100 from ten counties and no ends and vacations, they have more than 35% from any one been walking up and down the county. On the basis of past streets of 20 Michigan cities experience, when the authorit- in an exceptionally hot sumies arbitrarily disqualified thou- mer, asking everyone they

West Coast Vacation School Enjoys a Capacity Turnout BIG BEAR LAKE, CALIF., Reconstruction Period through Sept. 7 — Socialists, trade un- the Populist upsurge. Two lec-

ionists, and their families are tures have been delivered by gathered here for the ninth an- Arne Swabeck on "Ten Years nual encampment of the West of the Chinese Revolution." geles and Hawaii.

during the eight-day encamp- tion in Modern Society." and socialist movement, Cannon discussed "American Radi-

cussion on the present steel Activities Committee. strike. A lecture entitled "Poor Whites and the Reconstruction Period" by Geoffrey White of ready has capacity reservations, Berkeley traced the relations will conclude with a banquet ers Party, 3737 Woodward, Debetween the Negroes from the on Sunday.

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large number of them Negro and

their membership in Local 1199,

demands was for the establish-

ment of a \$1.25 minimum wage

Teachers won a big hand with

higher paid teachers and small-

actors from 22 current stage pro-

pact on the consciousness of the

cocktail shakers.

Bands, floats and choruses

a series of floats with costumed to come."

Union which was not invited to the offensive.

Puerto Rican workers.

RWDSU.

Party.

more than 10,000 marchers, a also missing.

Coast Vacation School. They Still to be heard are two have come from Vancouver, lectures by T. Edwards on "The Seattle, Oakland, Berkeley, San Great French Revolution of

eran of 52 years in the labor Reed will give two lectures on etc. "The Origins of Marriage."

Frank Wilkinson, secretary calism, Yesterday, Today and of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, year, if they want to, and so-Earlier, a group of steel will report on the fight to abolworkers conducted a panel dis- ish the House Un-American

The encampment, which al-

participate. One of the biggest,

In its call for the parade, the

ILGWU paper, Justice, declared:

"The steel strike," it added,

"may prove to be not just an

isolated battle but one used to

,The Times indicated the grow-

Advertisement

...N.Y. Labor Parade

and most exploited workers en- best-disciplined unions in the

partment Store Union, provided march. The longshoremen were

nition last spring received warm the need to fight back in de-

individual poster proclaiming officialdom of the movement.

Other contingents held aloft carefully noted in a Labor Day

fight for better schools with derlie this demonstration."

march. Leading the parade was labor for this and other battles

ductions. But the most chuckles ing new mood by citing the La-

press, radio and television pub- union movement by the big busi-

gap in the demonstration was and leadership, labor has all the

licity and it made a serious im- ness interests of this nation."

Many of them are now Getting that many signatures hoarse as well as bone-tired.

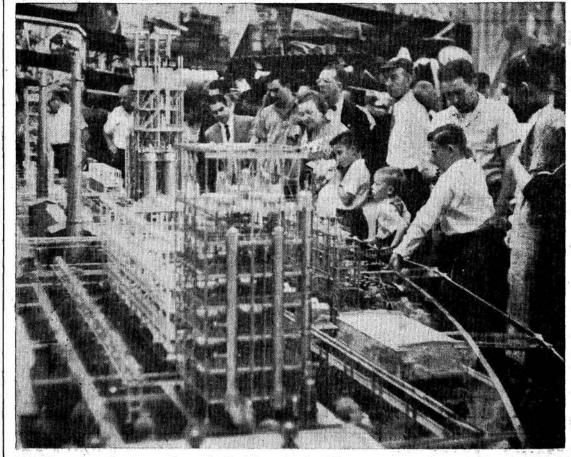
> The response? It varies, of course. But it is generally friendly, even from people who won't sign. There is little or no redbaiting. Most signers are not socialists yet, but they think it is "only fair" that socialists should have a place on the ballot, or they think they may want a chance to vote for something besides Democrats or Republicans.

> The average rate of signatures per hour so far is lower than it was in the previous SWP petition campaign, early in 1958. In that campaign, a majority of the signatures were collected in front of unemployment compensation offices, at a time when unemployment was very high. Petitioners say the jobless are still the ones who sign soonest, but most of them have exhausted their compensation and can't be reached at the offices.

Maybe one or two out of a hundred say they are socialist Francisco, San Diego, Los An- 1789," and three by William F. sympathizers. They wish the eles and Hawaii. Warde on "The Philosophy of petitioners good luck and urge Socialist education is combin- Materialism." Warde will also them to keep up the good ed with vacation relaxation give two lectures on "Aliena- work; some of these also ask to be sent socialist literature ment at this mountain resort. Joan Jordan of San Francis- by mail. Many of the others Today's Labor Day highlight co will speak on "Women and express agreement with specific was a lecture by James P. Can- the Unions," a discussion on socialist objectives, like the 30 non, National Chairman of the "Unions and Political Action hour week at 40 hours pay, Socialist Workers Party. A vet- in Canada" is slated and Evelyn racial equality, a labor party,

> Thanks to this work, the people of Michigan will have warnings in some circles that a chance to vote socialist next cialists will have a better opportunity to convince them they should. Those who'd like of an intensity and grass roots to help can get nominating appeal probably without parpetitions or can send donations allel in our history," complains by writing the Socialist Work-

They Wanted to See for Themselves



Many Americans are now reluctant to accept cold-war propaganda accounts of what is happening in the Soviet Union. More than a million people visited the Soviet fair held in New York this summer. This group of visitors is studying a model of an automated factory.

Magazine Sees Public Opinion **Becoming Favorable to**

By Bert Deck

Khrushchev get underway in tween our freedom and our this country, we hear gloomy the American public is going "soft on Communism."

"We are in the midst of a wave of pro-Soviet sympathy Richard Pipes, an "expert" on Russia, in the Aug. 31 issue of ple achieving material well-be-The New Leader, a social-democratic weekly. The New Leader backs the cold war and the witch-hunt. It expresses the opinions of a number of union

What has happened, Pipes asks, to the old picture that most Americans had of the Sosia as "a sort of vast Lower standard of living, or even that its human context"? lances with posters explaining Slobbovia, an epitome of back- it does not offer the individual

Certainly, it was true that the West consider natural. It Hospital workers who waged ployer-government attack is Wages. We Want Full Union only a few years ago, the is rather that it denies respect how many people who attend-American public accepted the fairy tale that the economic system that issued from the the main on slave labor.

ince then many working nec carried banners calling for the will be a huge picket line against of Steelworkers. They carried a ple in this country have ned the American people into changed their opinion on this believing that the Soviet Union score. Pipes dates the change was like "Lower Slobbovia"; Says America Needs a Third table or in the legislative halls." to all forms of dictatorships, es. to the fall of 1957 when the and "taste" might refer to our This kind of sentiment was pecially industrial dictatorships." old prejudices were shot sky- TV commercials. It is unlikely

Sputnik. Since then reports of Soviet sake of these noble goals. strides in science, medicine and is indeed a modern industrial

opinion has Pipes quite wor- lie we should nevertheless conried. He writes: "In the minds tinue to prepare a war of nu-

of most Americans there exists clear annihilation for the sake As the final preparations for some sort of ill-defined but of our "manners," "truth" and receiving Soviet Premier very real interdependence be- "taste." The American working peo-

> material well-being . . . gains as genuine, see in them the basis for the Russian peoing and political freedom?

> Pipes sees nothing but disaster for the "Free World" in this line of thinking. He therefore proposes a new formula

> "The evil of Communism is the rights and liberties we in

old age, good manners, taste." "Good manners," I presume, a total bust and was based in in Harlem; "truth" might reress to the New Leader conhigh in the rocket blast of that the American people will support the cold war for the

But that is the New Leader's education have won American worry. Let its writers explain working people more firmly to if they can that, though the the idea that the Soviet Union basic thesis of cold-war propaganda-namely, that Communism means backwardness and Now, this changed public slavery—turned out to be a

ple's mode of thinking which Personal freedom and a good connects technological progress, standard of living go together. material well-being and free-But a high living standard de- dom is fully justified in my pends upon a high degree of opinion. This outlook, which industrial development. Won't Pipes now wishes to scrap, is the American people, who now based on very real social exaccept Soviet technological perience. Political freedom cannot survive for long if most people are poor and if only a minority can enjoy comforts and luxuries. Need we fear, as Pipes does,

that the American working people in reappraising the Soviet economy will become infor attacking the Soviet Union. different to the bureaucracy's totalitarian rule? Need we fear not that it is less productive that we will become a nation than our system, or that . . . of "Babbitts" worshipping init cannot create a decent dustrial growth "divorced from

There is no evidence that Pipes' fears are in any way justified. Witness, for instance, ed the Soviet Exhibition in for truth, tradition, privacy, New York and recorded their impressions in the guest book combined their favorable reactions to Soviet technological fer to the way in which pub- gains with searching questions It would also appear that lications from the big business about the workers' living standards and political freedom. (It's true they didn't inquire about manners or taste.)

The American workers have long despised the Stalinist dictatorial rule, and there is nothing to indicate that they are about to change their attitude toward it. But I believe that armed with the understanding that the Soviet planned economy has yielded great technological achievements, they have begun to distinguish between what is reactionary and progressive in the Soviet Un-

Thus the American working people grasp more readily why it is that, though the Soviet working people oppose the bureaucratic rule, they are attached to the Soviet economic system and will defend the Soviet Union against all attempts to restore capitalism.

An understanding of how the Soviet workers look at their country and its economy can only reinforce the American working people's strong desire for peace and lead them into outright opposition to big business' war drive calculated to restore capitalism in the Soviet

Little wonder then that the cry goes up to hold the line on the cold war myth, or at least to find a plausible substitute for it.

Furthermore, I suspect that the New Leader fears not so much that American workers will adopt Russian manners as that they will draw some revolutionary conclusions about this country's economic system when it goes into another tail-

They fear that the American workers may start thinking as

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The American Way of Life

Dr. Hosler and Form 2153-X

It's quite easy for an American to get a publication from the Soviet Union through the mails. All that's required of him is that he fill out a form stating that he

tains political propaganda as defined by the Foreign Registration Act." Simple. But it wasn't that simple for

a noted Cleveland heart surgeon, Dr. Robert M. Hosler. Dr. Hosler's tale of woe began after a trip to the Soviet Union

which he had made in the summer of 1958 on the invitation of the Soviet Ministry of Health. While in the USSR he was in-

terviewed and photographed by the Moscow News. He was promised that a copy of the Englishlanguage edition would be sent The issue didn't arrive, and

the doctor addressed an inquiry | years." to Moscow. A prompt reply assured him a copy had been mailed but that a duplicate would be

rived and would be forwarded to locate it for him. as soon as he signed the inno-

Hosler signed and returned the Russia. form. But still no Moscow News.

An inquiry in March brought land. It was suggested that he file a tracer with the Post Office of ever getting that Moscow there. Dr. Hosler followed this News. He would like to get back advice only to be informed that the Form 2153-X that he signed. the tracer had to be filed in New

Now exasperated, the doctor wrote to his Senator, Frank that Dr. Hosler filled it out . . . Lausche, who plunged into the will not cast any reflection on fray. The Senator's inquiry his character or reputation as a brought a lengthy, detailed let-ter from HerbertWarburton, the patriotic American citizen."

— Alex 1

has "subscribed to, or otherwise Post Office's general counsel. But still no Moscow News.

Early this summer Dr. Hosler was informed by the associate general counsel of the Post Office Department that the magazine had been mailed last January to 13421 Lake Shore Boule vard in Cleveland and asked to be advised if that was the doctor's address at the time and whether the package might still be at that address.

YES, HE LIVES THERE

Battered but still fighting, Dr. Hosler, who does live at 13421 Lake Shore Boulevard, replied: "I have lived at this address 10

A return letter advised him that the package had obviously been incorrectly addressed since he stated that he had NOT lived Finally last January the New on Lake Shore Boulevard for ten York Post Office advised Dr. years, but nevertheless the Post Hosler his magazine had ar- Office would make every effort

Meanwhile Warburton wrote cent little form having to do Sen. Lausche, "We are at a loss with "foreign propaganda," etc. to understand how his old ad-Not caring for the "affidavit" dress, that he hasn't used for character of the form but anx- 10 years, would appear on the ious to get the magazine. Dr. parcel sent in January" from

A few days later Dr. Hosler received - not the Moscow information that the magazine News, but a printed copy of the had been forwarded to Cleve- Foreign Agents Registration Act.

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Local 490 of the Paperhangers applause as they strode proudly fense of union rights. This is up the avenue, each carrying an becoming manifest in the top warned: "We Hang Paper. Don't Russian Revolution of 1917 was refers to the conduct of cops Let Congress Hang Labor."

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banners and posters declaring editorial in today's New York Shipyard workers from Baysolidarity with the steel workers Times which pointed out that onne, N. J. marched briskly in and assailing anti-labor legisla- unionists would be marching their white and red plastic tion. One of the most popular "not just to show their esprit de safety hats.

"Few people in this country, Poetry had its place too. A outside the ranks of labor," the stanza on the float of the District editorial said, "realize the bitter- 65 Credit Union went this way: posters urging support to the ness and determination that un- "There was a loan shark named Joe,

"He fleeced our members of dough,

"He skinned them alive, added life and color to the rally all the forces of organized "Charging them six for five, "Till our credit union forced him to go."

District 65 also did an effecwere won by a float carrying bor Day message of AFL-CIO tive job of portraying the results union bartenders sporting der- President George Meany. He de- of its pension plan. A bedragbies and mustaches and wielding clared labor must defend itself gled antediluvian horse dragged against "a cold war deliberately a wagon entitled, "Retirement The parade was given wide invoked against the whole trade the old way - to the poor house." This was followed by a sleek new automobile, "Retire-Today's march showed that if ment the 65 way." Busloads of entire city. Perhaps the biggest it is given a fighting program retired 65'ers waved to the crowd with the spirit of youth.

the absence of the Teamsters strength necessary to beat back "What Hurts Labor Hurts the Nation," declared Local 1 of the Jewelry Workers.

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..Laos People Hostile

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(Continued from Page 1) | artifically fixed exchange rate given these native politicians of dollars for Laotian kip. So and the tiny aristocracy and profitable was it that merchants merchant class they represent simply faked import papers to a license to steal. They have get the U.S. aid dollars, while utilized this to the maximum. in those relatively few cases Since the source of the plunder where for appearances' sake

would do anything Washington porter, Nov. 13, 1958), "Far least the U.S. Treasury pays very fine country indeed!" from building up Laos as a 30,000 salaries (the army of bulwark against Communism, Laos is the only one in the our policy may actually have world beside the U.S. army served to strengthen the Comwhose expenses are entirely munist position there." He goes paid by U.S. taxpayers). But Miller reveals that U.S. officials estimate a 40% "margin of erthe refusal of U.S. officials to ror" because the Laotian generals and politicians have padded the military rosters with One of the rackets described fake names in order to pocket was that of phony imports, un- the wages of the non-existent derwritten by U.S. funds at an troops.

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Why Was It Just New York?

Working people have every right to be proud of the New York Labor Day Parade-unquestionably the biggest turnout of its kind in American Labor history.

Besides the 115,000 who marched, some 400,000—mostly working people and their families-lined Fifth Avenue for 30 blocks to cheer the paraders.

New York union members made it perfectly clear that they are ready, willing and able to defend their organizations against the employers' attack.

The very success of the march, however, raises two important questions: Why weren't similar Labor Day demonstrations staged in every city in the U.S.?

Why weren't demonstrations held when Congress merely threatened to pass antilabor legislation.

workers in Detroit and Flint; of a mass turnout of truckdrivers, longshoremen and seamen in San Francisco; of battalions of strikers parading in all the steel

Assuredly, Congress would not have been so eager to ram anti-labor legislation through, and the steel bosses would not have been so truculent, had a national outpouring of labor taken place a few months ago, then been repeated on Labor

What Khrushchev Should See

"What Khrushchev Should See in America" is assuming the proportions of a national contest. A young boy suggests a football game, a Brooklyn civic group proposes Coney Island, "the workingman's vacation paradise," cold warriors recommend a tour of military installations and an 11-year-old girl is offering a sampling of her mother's borsht, "the best in the Bronx."

The flood of suggestions, some well intentioned, others not, also include a growing number from Negroes who see the public discussion as an opportunity to express some of their bitterness about the Jim Crow system.

Eugene Cannon, Jr., a Negro war veteran from Louisiana, wrote to the New Orleans States-Item suggesting that Khrushchev get a look at the hovels that so many Negroes of his state are forced to live in.

Think of giant marches by the auto

"He should visit North Louisiana parishes and talk to the Negroes," Cannon wrote. Have him learn how many of them are registered voters. Have him find out what happens when they dare try regis-"Let him see the wonderful Negro

sections in the small towns of Louisiana. Don't try to impress him with New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Let him see this wonderful state for what it is."

Another Louisiana Negro proposed that if Khrushchev does visit the state he took away the peasants' surshould by all means be shown the statue placed at the entrance to the city of Natchitoches. The statue is that of a Negro clad in a dilapidated Prince Albert coat. He is holding an equally dilapidated hat in one hand and scratching his head with the other. Beneath the statue is the inscription: "To the Good Darky."

The Basic Issue in Laos

The fighting in Laos is the renewal of an old struggle. Following Japan's surrender in World War II, the people of Indo-China united in a revolt against French imperialism's attempt to reinstitute itself through puppet rulers. In Laos this fight was led by the Pathet Lao from 1946 to 1954, when the French armies suffered a crushing defeat in Viet Nam. The imperialists then made a deal in Geneva. Viet Nam was cut in two and Laos was "neutralized."

Solemn pledges were made that the Pathet Lao would be given representation in "a government of national unification" and allowed to form a political party. The Pathet Lao is an anti-imperialist movement of peasants and tribal peoples. Because it was allied with the Viet Minh it is described in the capitalist press as "pro-Communist."

Mistrustfully, the Pathet Lao laid down its arms on promises that an International Control Commission (composed of Canada, India and Poland) would guard against any arms build-up within the country and see that the Geneva pledges were carried out.

But Washington had no intention of honoring the Geneva promises. It squeezed out the "inefficient" French imperialists and brought over the native puppet politicians in order to build up and arm the Laotian army and bring it into working relationship with its SEATO alliance.

The long delayed "integration" of the Pathet Lao and its troops into the government and army in 1957 lasted but a few months - until in May 1958 the Pathet Lao won a majority of seats in a by-election, a signal that it stood a good chance of winning the general elections the next year. (It won seats not only in its traditional strongholds in the north but in Vientiane, the capital, itself.)

The U.S. "advisers" called one of their leading "aid" profiteers into the carrying out as an essential base premiership. The two Pathet Lao minist- for the emancipation of future ers were thrown out of the cabinet and then along with other party leaders jailed. The International Control Commission was dissolved and a construction of a police state on the South Viet Nam model

That throughout the country large numbers of common people are rallying to the Pathet Lao banner and are everywhere "indifferent" or "hostile" to Washington's puppet government cannot be italists.) concealed by U.S. newspaper accusations of "invasion."

The Soviet-bloc diplomats are calling for reinstitution of the International Control Commission to carry out the terms of the Geneva "settlement." The U.S. State Department rejects this and has jammed through the UN Security Council rifices or undergo severe priva- der their control. the creation of a "fact-finding" committee tions. composed exclusively of its allies and

American workers, in solidarity with USSR has supplied machinery business rule with workers and are left. the right of all peoples to self-determination, as well as in their own self-interest China in exchange for grain but extend friendship and aid to revof avoiding another Korea-type blood it lacks accumulations enabling olutionary peoples in other bath, should oppose all interference in it to extend long-term credits on lands. But China cannot stand Laos. Get the U.S. military and political "advisers" and their arms stockpiles out; many shortages themselves. not another dollar in "aid" bribery to the Laotian puppets.

Let the people of Laos settle their own affairs, by agreement among themselves or by continuing their revolution interrupted in 1954, whichever way they

"How Badly We Were Fooled"

Some penetrating observations about Congress and the labor movement were made by Elmer Brown, President of the International Typographical Union, at the one-hundred-and-first convention of that organization in Philadelphia, Aug. 15. We feel his remarks are worth quoting at length.

Among other things, Brown said: "It is important that I call your attention to the dangerous situation in which the general labor movement finds itself today in the political and legislative fields. After the Congressional elections last November, most of us were enthused over the results of the balloting. And our enthusiasm seemed justified at the time.

"Hadn't we elected the Democratic majorities in the House and Senate, and aren't the Democrats usually considered liberal and the friends of organized labor? How badly we were fooled!

"No sooner than the present session of Congress was convened a great hue and cry rose up on Capitol Hill. Some of the lawmakers — the more conservative

ones - cried: 'Let's Get Labor!' "Others, including many of our socalled 'friends,' said: 'Let's "reform" labor!

"What both groups meant and what they have been doing throughout the session adds up to the same objective:

"Give labor the business! Give rats special privileges over union people. Weaken labor by smearing its leaderships. Bust the union movement by legal strait-jacketing of union activities."

Isn't that an absolutely accurate description of what has happened? And isn't it an utterly devastating indictment of the labor leaders' policy of supporting the Democrats? Wouldn't it lead you to believe that Brown has recognized the need for an end to that ruinous policy and that he will now advocate building a labor party?

Don't get your hopes up too high too quickly. For here is what Brown recommends: "We've got to help elect real friends of labor. Not just pseudo-liberals. We must be more concerned with the candidates' personal philosophy, their relations with trade unions, their records in public life than with their political nomenclature," etc., etc.

For the present at least, Brother Brown has decided not to arrive at logical conclusions.

China's Communes

Are They a New Form of Slavery?

By Daniel Roberts

In their attacks on China's rural peoples' communes, U.S. big-business propagandists have decried the Chinese CP's "exploitation" of the peasantry. In the same vein Assistant Secretary of State J. Graham Parsons denounced, July 18, the organization in China of "slave labor" into a "barbaric commune" system and the mobilization of "a vast population on a slave labor basis.

Let us consider these accusations, beginning with the charge that the CP regime exploits the peasantry. The horrendous crime alleged against the Chinese regime is that it extracts maximum surpluses from agriculture to feed growing industrial centers, to provide an increasing supply of agricultural raw materials for industry, and to engage in foreign trade for modern industrial machinery.

Now, the regime does take surpluses from the peasants without giving them any equivalent in consumer goods. It also demands that the Chinese peasantry supply consumer goods for themselves through the multiplication of their handicrafts.

LANDLORDS TOOK 70%

Before the Chinese CP took power, landlords and usurers pluses - in fact they often took 70% of the peasants' product and sometimes more. This led solely to the landlord's personal enrichment. It didn't help to improve the land or to industrialize the country. There is no question that this was murderous exploitation, but U.S. bigbusiness spokesmen never refer to this aspect of China's past. (They backed the Chiang Kaishek regime that protected the peasants' exploiters.)

matically.

The Chinese revolution freed the country from these parasites. It cleared the ground for a long-term program of industrialization which the regime is generations from want, illiteracy and despotism.

In order to industrialize, China has no alternative but to take surpluses from the peasants and transform them into capital accumulations. (It must also accumulate capital by extracting surplus labor from the workers. Before the revolution this surplus value went principally for the enrichment of foreign cap-

its agriculture without demandworkers) make tremendous sac-

sess huge accumulations of cap- out until foreign aid arrives. ital. But the United States government refuses to extend long- will dispute the correctness of

A Chinese

Drastic changes have been

introduced in the set-up of

China's communes since they

were started last year. In the

Aug. 15 Christian Science

Monitor, Ronald Stead cites

an eye-witness account of the

developments in the Kwang

Fu commune, one of the lar-

gest in the country, located

in Soochow in Central China.

households, and "22,000 peo-

ple are actually working land

in 22 'production brigades'

and 189 'production teams.'"

The commune also works

mines for iron, manganese

and silicate and has 17 fac-

tories serving agriculture and

The big change in the in-

ternal set-up of this commune

as it was established last

September, is the introduc-

tion of money payments for

labor and the restoration of

private plots to the members.

The new policy has "progres-

sively raised communal mor-

"Planning was not detailed

ale," according to the Moni-

tor's informant.

fishing.

Kwang Fu contains 70,000

are the Si Valley, Szechwan Red Basin, Yangtze Lowlands and Delta, Yellow Plain, and Manchurian Plain. Total arable land in China today is about 300 million acres as against 400 million acres in crops in the U.S. erm credits to China. In fact, many of the measures adopted vitally necessary irrigation, it refuses to recognize the Peoby the Chinese CP regime and flood-control and water-conserple's Republic of China diplocondemn the CP's bureaucratic vation projects without which methods of rule (I will deal with China's agriculture cannot prosthis side of the question in a per. Manpower is China's prin-'OPERATION RATHOLE' subsequent article), they can-cipal resource. The tools at not dispute the legitimacy of China's disposal are primitive. This country does send bilthe government's drive for big But the pooling of millions of ions of dollars abroad annually. agricultural surpluses nor for laborers produces amazing re-It used to send funds to mainbasing industrial plans on the sults.

land China too when Chiang Kai-shek was in power. These funds are now sent to Chiang at his new location on Taiwan. (His yearly allowance from the U.S. at present comes to about \$100 million.) But the money Chiang received when he ruled the mainland didn't go for industrialization. It went for "operation rathole" — the propping of tary"). This is stringent but is ized agency was needed to mo-only way to deal with the evils Chiang and his retinue of bankers, militarists and landlords. And it was absolutely required works. Periodic levies for com-Much U.S. aid to other countries to construct a huge number of munal labor to keep up and exof Asia goes similarly for "rathole operations" that arm reactionary governments to the teeth but stymie industrial develop-

U.S. and British imperialism blocked the possibilities of overall industrialization in China Korean 'Detainees' were during the nearly hundred years granted long-term credits, say they dominated the country. for 30 years, it could develop They won't help China now, beindustry, train a large body of cause they hope that the revoluskilled workers and modernize tionary reconstruction of the Korean "detainees" to go to charter advocates "nationaliza- white South Africa to mend its country will fail, that the reing that the peasants (or the gime will collapse and that they U.S. State Department. The "de-omy," agrarian reform, evacuacan bring China once again un- tainees" are Korean nationals tion of foreign troops and "liqui-

In the not too distant future, But where exactly is China to the British and American workobtain such long-term credits? ing people will end the blockade From the Soviet Union? The of China. They will replace big bered two million. Now 600,000 General Strike and technical instruction to farmers governments that will the scale the Chinese people still and merely wait until this need. The Soviets have too happens. It must proceed with industrial development in order The United States, and to a to entrench the revolution and issue of where the "detainees" lesser extent Great Britain, pos- enable the country better to hold

While revolutionary socialists

Eye-Witness Describes

Commune sufficiently in advance, and the notion that communes could be run without adequate money for wages was

proved completely wrong." The new plan provides for the workers to receive wages on the basis of "each according to his work." At present the Kwang Fu commune budgets its income as follows: 57.3% for wages, 11.7% for taxes and 31% for accumulation and future development

"The commune has three high schools, a broadcasting relay system, 200 welfare units of one sort or another houses for the aged, kinder gartens and canteens. The director said that 20,000 members of the commune eat a canteens, but nobody obliged to do so provided he can manage otherwise."

This commune is "far mor self-contained than any Chi nese cooperative of the past. The current national bud

get has allocated a considerable amount of money "to be used mainly to help improve less efficient communes.'

accumulation of these surpluses.

Though in total area China is about one and a third times as large as the United States,

90% of its 650 million people live in an area about a fifth of the size of the U.S. These areas

SEMI-MILITARY DRIVE

semi-military mobilization of la- public works. bor in China (the CP regime itself speaks of it as "semi-mili- centuries ago because a central- compulsory cooperatives as the not at all equivalent to slavery. bilize huge forces for the public that hamstring Asian agricul-

Furthermore, the CP was not

the first regime in the country's history to conduct these mobili- It is a paradoxical but signifi-As for Parsons' charge about zations. They are traditional in cant development. Here is the "slave labor," it is purely grat- China, whose intensive agricul- last of the old-style British uitous. There has been a vast ture has always rested on such colonies, dedicated to free en-

voirs, etc., date from that time. One of the marks of the corruption of the Chiang Kai-shek regime (as of many decadent dynasties in China's past) was that it neglected the public works.

On the other hand, we can suppose broad popular support for the current mobilizations and for the commune program as a whole - because it is in line with peasants' tradition and because the peasants know it will lead to fuller harvests.

ASIAN REACTIONS

It is noteworthy in Asia, the Chinese communes do not appear quite as horrifying as they seem to the big business spokesmen in this country. According to William Stevenson, writing from Hong Kang in the June 25 Toronto Globe and Mail, 'Peking's drastic measures have some attraction for underdeveloped, over-populated nations anxious to take short cuts and plagued by chronic food short-

Stevenson cites a recommendation to the Indian government of Ford Foundation experts who proposed "an all-powerful authority . . . with a chain of command reaching into the humblest and most remote villages. Only in this way, they say, can India increase her rate of food production by the 300 per cent necessary for survival. In other words, say a number of distinguished Indians, the Ford team is recommending the use of a semi-military organization. And that takes us back to the communes."

Stevenson also cites a system of cooperatives among farmers and fishermen in Hong Kong. "The army introduced the system and the colonial government administers it. Eventually control will be handed to the farmers but not for some time."

He concludes: "The Hong Kong experiment has been . . . under constant study by Peking. terprise . . . obliged in the The old Chinese state arose 40 course of events to introduce

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Headlines in Other Lands

World War II to work in Japan's and technical domains. factories. Originally they num-

These impoverished displaced persons have become victims of the cold war. Walter C. Dowling, U.S. Ambassador to South Korea, recently intervened in negotiations between Japan and South Korea which will decide the

Although 95% of them originally came from South Korea. many of them would prefer to go to North Korea which they believe to be economically thriving. In fact last winter they were on the verge of leaving for North Korea when the South Koreans threatened Japan with reprisals. Their departure was then canceled.

Colonel Ben C. Limb, South Korea's ambassador to the United Nations, claims that only 35,000 wish to go to North Korea, but North Korean sources Rains Bring Relief maintain that the figure is 117,

Dowling intervened on the South Korean side. The net result is that all 600,000 Korean "detainees" remain in Japan, pending settlement of the dis-

Resistance Fighters, Unionists Form Party in Morocco

A left-wing nationalist movement in Morocco, representing 600,000 workers and 5,000 armed units, has been consolidated into the National Union of Popular Forces. The coalition was once part of the Istiqlal (Independence) party that won liberation from France in 1956. The left-wing split from the party last winter because Istiglal leaders sided with the upper classes of Moroccan society and with

Leading the National Union are: Mehdi Ben Barka, former lent" struggle against South out due process of law."

the monarchy.

president of the National Con- African racists. Indicating that sultative Assembly; Mahjoub boycotts would probably be the Victims of Cold War Ben Seddik, head of the Moroc- the future he added: "If we can trade unions; Mohammed El the future he added: "If we The possibility that Japan will Basri leader of the guerrilla re- marshal our buying power and allow about one sixth of the sistance movement. The Union's labor power, we may induce North Korea has alarmed the tion of vital sectors of the econwho were forcibly uprooted by dation of the remnants of colonthe Japanese imperialists during | ialism" in the economic, military

In Calcutta Hits High Rice Prices

A general strike in Calcutta and nearby industrial center of Howrah Sept. 3 brought clashes with police. The strike in these two poverty-ridden cities, where most people find their homes on are creating high rice prices. ed in Howrah and seven in Calcutta where police fired 14 times fight. into the crowd. Approximately two cities.

To Drought-Stricken Areas in China Radio Peking announced Sept.

3 that rains in the last few days have terminated drought conditions in the Yangtze and Yel low River areas of the People's CP Leader in Republic. China has been plagued this year by floods in the South and droughts in the North. Climatic conditions were described as the worst in many decades. As People's Daily, Chinese Communist Party organ stated last July, "The agricultural production of our country is highly dependent on natural

Urges Boycott Against Racists

Chief Albert Luthuli, Presi-Congress, is appealing for eco-

The boycott approach is indicative of the growing economic importance of Africans. "Although racial segregation is strictly enforced in most areas of the community, it breaks down in the shops," reports the N. Y. Times. One shopkeeper'interviewed by advertising researchers said, "If I lost my African trade I'd go out of business in no time."

British Elections Called for Oct. 8

British political parties are the sidewalks, was aimed at the now poised for the forthcoming Bengal State of which Calcutta general elections on Oct. 8. is the capital. The strikers, said Prime Minister Macmillan's deto be Communist-Party-led, cision to have the election this were protesting the state's hand- fall was based on what he conling of food supplies and main- siders to be an advantageous potained that government policies litical situation for the Conservatives over the Labor Party. Nine people were reported kill- However, the Labor Party candidates are preparing a hard

Of 624 members of Commons 800 have been arrested in the the Conservatives now have 338 seats against the Labor Party's 278 and the Liberals' six. The Liberals will have at least 221 candidates in the race and the Communist Party has endorsed 17 candidates. Sinn Fein, a banned Irish nationalist party, will contest all twelve constituencies in Northern Ireland.

Mexican Gov't Jails **Anti-Union Drive**

Dionisio Encina Rodriquez, secretary general of the Mexican Communist Party has been arested and charged with "subversion and inciting violence." This action marks an intensification of the Mexican Government's witch-hunt and anti-labor drive resulting from the nationwide railroad workers' strike last March. Resentment against the CP leader's arrest is considerable, reports the Sept. 8 N.Y. Times: "Persons of liberal, but dent of the African National anti-Communist views, have accused the Government of having nomic action rather than "vio- jailed some labor agitators with-

After her husband's death, Mrs. Castagna decided to hold these steel tombs during the on to the money for her trip to Sicily. She's been living on wel- ed, the fans stop, and in 90 defare checks averaging \$66 a grees heat it is murder.

A stool pigeon told the Wel-Castagna in jail for one night the trains slow down. and took away her money. A All I can say is someone is few days later the judge ordered making money out of this deal.

The Ingram case made

on the trumped up charge of

gram, a widow aged 40 and

Finally on Nov. 4, 1947 the an-

it is about — me not having

killed by the blow. .

"date" her. She refused.

boring poor white farmer.

Samuel Lee.

her to pay the \$3500 to the Wel- | As a woman commented one fare Department.

a stand on the horrible conditions in the New York subways? These days New Yorkers dread going to work. It is an every-day occurrence to get trapped in rush hours. The train gets stall-

Why should working people, who put in their eight hours Ingersoll was when he said that pay boost. Members of other fare Dept. about the savings sweating for the boss, have to (she's supposed to be destitute in sweat it out some more in those order to get welfare checks), so hot, antiquated, filthy subways? the police came to her room, It's so bad that you can see the

Rosa Lee Ingram's Ordeal

By Lillian Kiezel

To Negroes the double stan- him till he spoke to me . . . He sat on the case. An appeal for a dard of Southern Justice is the threw his gun on me and I could new trial was heard by Harper

American Way of Life. Martyrs not do anything but stand there. in March 1948. Under mass

of the double standard are Mrs. He hit me with his gun. I could pressure he was forced to com-

Rosa Lee Ingram, of Georgia, not lift anything with my hand mute the death sentence to life

all three were sentenced to die this man would have killed me Reidsburg, Ga., the Ingrams,

premeditated murder of a neigh- a pretty good way, but he died crime in the first place, won a

mother of 12 children, was con- work, but I could not do it for been turned, if the woman in-

stantly under pressure from that white man. He caused me volved was white and the man

with no money for lawyers, Rose

gered Stratford (a married man) Ingram was forced to face the Ingram, now 51 years old, is re-

attacked Mrs. Ingram with the lily-white Schley County jury united with her family. But

butt of his gun. Coming to her with a court-appointed attorney, eleven years have not changed

defense, Wallace Ingram snatch- She and her sons (Wallace and the system that caused heart-

ed the gun and struck Stratford Samuel Lee were then 17 and 14 break to a mother and her de-

to the ground. Stratford was years old) were found guilty of voted sons. The double standard

scribe the horror and degrada- death sentence was passed, the are pressing for equal justice.

tion she felt: "He could not National Association for the Ad- Four Negroes, convicted of rap-

make me go his way, and he vancement of Colored People ing white women, face death un-

"This white man was hiding the world poured into the office the four Negroes get equal jus-

worried me for two months . . . After 11 years of imprison-

If it had not been for my son, ment in the penitentiary at

. . . Mr. Stratford did not die in who had never committed a

from the gun that he hit me pardon and were freed Aug. 25.

"I was trying to do my own Southern style. If the tables had

Torn from her children and no indictment to begin with.

murder without even a recom- in Southern courts prevails.

and two of her sons, Wallace and for two weeks and my head imprisonment.

Twelve years ago Mrs. In- with. It was his own gun.

Rosa Ingram's own words de- mendation of mercy. After the

in my cotton field. I did not see of Judge William M. Harper who tice?

John E. Stratford, who wanted to leave my children."

him . . . And that is just what the electric chair.

morning as we waited for half They probably figure that it's an hour in a suffocating IRT

Win Khrushchev?

I heard over TV this morn- with various crafts joining in ing that thousands of Texas strike action for adequate wage Baptists are going to petition increases. heaven to make Mr. K. a Christian. The reason given is that International Association of Ma-Christian nations are less apt to chinists walked off the job Aug. go to war. How right Robert 24 demanding a 22-cent hourly religion has made more lunatics shipyard unions in the process than it ever provided asylums of contract negotiations respect-

This is justice for Negroes -

Negro, there would have been

Yes, the Ingrams are free. Rosa

Even now, in Florida, Negroes

for. Here's hoping Mr. K. doesn't ed their picket lines. get religion while he's here. I A week later the 2,000-memripped open the mattress and tension mount on the faces of for one don't believe that Chris- ber Pacific Coast Council of found the money. They put Mrs. people around you every time tians are more peaceable than Marine Carpenters issued a formal strike call, shutting down those yards not already hit by Mrs. T. L.

the IAM. The carpenters are demanding a one-year pact with a tencent pay hike and have rejected an offer of a two-year agreement including two annual seven-cent increases and fringe benefits.

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Privately operated shipyards

from here to the Canadian bor-

der are now shut down solid

About 1,500 members of the

The Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council, representing nine international unions in the yards, is slated to make its walkout official today. The decision came after the membership of the affiliated unions rejected an employer offer by a majority of more than three to one. The offer was essentially the same as the one made to the IAM and

Carpenters. Thomas Rotell, executive secretary-treasurer of the Metal Trades Council, announced last week that his group would consider settling with individual firms for a two-year contract with a 36-cent package increase. including a dime an hour to establish a pension fund.

Rotell called upon the Federal Conciliation Service to intervene in the dispute. A government spokesman said this would be done at an opportune

workers are out.

was mad. The last time he tried entered the case. All efforts were less their sentences are com-Ga. Official Dumped to make me go his way I cursed bent on saving the three from muted on Sept. 16 by the Board In Pool "Scandal" of Pardons. No white man has Petitions, telegrams, letters ever been pot to death in Florida SEPT. 9 - A superintendent

from all parts of the country and for raping a colored woman. Will of public parks in East Point, a suburb of Atlanta, Ga., was fired yesterday for permitting group of white girls to demonstrate swimming safety rules in a pool set aside for Negroes.

The East Point City Council voted five to three for the dismissal of J. Roy Grayson, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation for seven years. Gravson was originally suspended because of the incident on Aug. 25 by Mayor J. G. Smith.

The swimming demonstration was actually put on by a Red Cross official to replace a planned broadcast about safety rules. When the broadcast fell through he went to a pool for

said he didn't know the girls rationalization. onstration until they were in want a free hand to introduce off the ground. It was very everybody. I got me a committee sion." the pool. The lesson ended what new methods they please clearly demonstrated that these with a Spanish and Panamanian abruptly when the father of -to merge, reorganize, change workers could not be distract- worker." one of the girls arrived and or- and overhaul their entire operdered her to leave.

to know that white persons are willing to pay a premium if his boss could sit down and and Negroes were not in the to a minority of the workers pool at the same time.

Calendar Of Events

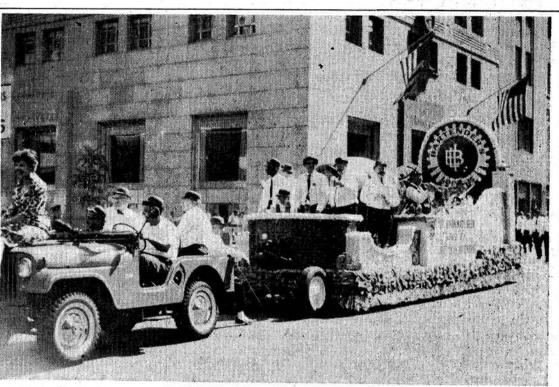
NEW YORK

You are invited to attend the New York State Conference on dawn on them in the midst of Independent and Socialist Po- this strike, as the rank-and-York City. Auspices United Independent-Socialist Committee. phone for a free copy of the UI-SC Newsletter. 799 Broadway, New York, 3. Phone Gr. 5-

The Khrushchev-Eisenhower Meetings and the Prospects for of the first of the regular Friday

MINNEAPOLIS "The Khrushchev Visit and tribution of a phony leaflet recognize that in other unions

They probably figure that it's more patriotic for her to die in this country. B. D. New Jersey Irate Strap-Hanger Bawls Us Out Too Editor: They probably figure that it's more patriotic for her to die in train, "They just want another fare raise." We are paying frough for this miserable service — what we need is new subways. L. F. New York Will Texas Baptists ShutdownHits All Shipyards In Northwest ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits All Shipyards In Northwest ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits All Shipyards In Northwest ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits All Shipyards In Northwest ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits All Shipyards In Northwest ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits All Shipyards In Northwest ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits All Shipyards In Northwest ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits All Shipyards ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits All Shipyards In Northwest ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits All Shipyards ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits All Shipyards ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits ShutdownHits All Shipyards ShutdownHits ShutdownHits



Union bartenders are combating the "Drys" as well as the bosses. One of the banners on their New York Labor Day Parade float proclaimed: "There is no drinking after Death."

Hard Luck, Bad Times And a \$31 Pay Check

By Henry Gitano together by a strong spirit of Stouffer's." It's a large blowup ter as a Spanish-speaking workmilitancy and solidarity, 400 of a pre-strike pay stub. "Rate — er replied, "Why do you think cruelly exploited kitchen work- \$1.00." "Gross amount — \$39.17." Castro threw out Batista?" ers have been on strike for union recognition at four Stouffer restaurants here since Aug.

"We've been abused and pushed around. We have no protec-All told, more than 14,000 tion. I've worked here for almost ten years. I'm married and have two children. How am I Fifth Avenue shop.

like to cook behind hot ranges hard luck and bad times." for a dollar an hour?"

A picket sign effectively an- | Off-duty pickets expressed their NEW YORK CITY — Welded swers "Why there's a strike at approval with a burst of laugh-"Net amount paid - \$31.12."

At the strike headquarters of Local 89, Chefs, Cooks, Pastry Cooks and Assistants, pickets tell the story of their fight for union recognition.

expected to raise and educate and working conditions," says they gave increases. A dime, a my family," asks Jose Rios Tor- Miss Sylvena Scott, a cook with nickel, 15 cents, to some as much res, garbage man at the 666 a gregarious personality and an infectious smile. "I started for Nathaniel Robinson, food sup- \$1.05. When the union began its "Tell him how you signed us ply and grillman, adds: "I've activities they raised my wages been working for Stouffer's for and now I'm getting \$1.20 an went to the ladies' room to get two years and I'm earning \$1.15 hour. What kind of wage is the pledge cards signed." an hour. My take-home pay is this? No medical plan, no real \$43. I can't support myself on vacations, no job security. That's this, let alone think of getting what we're striking for. It should because they are under more pull out and that's exactly what have been done a long time ago." Six picketlines at the Fifth She bit into a sandwich and

Avenue restaurant, biggest of another striker brought over a would not go for unionism. "We tlement comparable to the new admonish the noon-day crowds: she said. "We don't get tips at "Pass 'em by. How would you Stouffer's," she explained, "only

What started the union drive? San Francisco Teamsters

of the Peoples World, which

"Communism." In fact, one

teamster was heard to say that

have cocktails with a leading

Russian Communist then he

had a right to sit down and

have a beer with an American

SECRET BALLOT ISSUE

issue of a secret ballot. The

press made much of the fact

that the previously negotiated

contract had been turned down

Another weapon that was

ficials.

(Continued from Page 1) white persons and asked mem- still threatens them. Workers puts forward the CP viewpoint. bers of a Red Cross swimming often speak of it as "automa- This paper thought it of cruinstructors' class to come over. | tion," by which they mean all cial importance that the ranks Grayson, who was present, forms of mechanization and cement a unity with union of-

ations. For the sake of non-The mayor wants the world interference by the union they involved.

The local Teamster leaders achieved their job security many years ago and they just one if he so chose. naturally took it for granted that the victims of a changing industry had no one to blame but themselves. And what's more they didn't believe that it was their business to tell a trucking boss how to run his business. It only began to file attacked their bureaucratic indifference, that perhaps their own, job security depended on this critical issue.

To say that they were all open voting, that it was subshook up is putting it mildly. mitted during the strike for a Privately they are explaining fourth vote, and that in a to their cronies-the time sermeeting which was a model of vers of other unions around self discipline it was again town - that the new laws in overwhelmingly rejected. Congress tied their hands and prevented them from forcefully Rank-and-file leaders were opposed to the secret ballot dealing with the revolt in their because they had little confiranks. There is only a small measure of truth in this. Their dence in its honesty. Too many World Peace will be the subject old weapons of terror just times in the local labor movesimply couldn't work in this ment have rank-and-file-opposstrike movement. They had to ed issues come out on top in resort to demoralizing rumors, a secret ballot, after test votes plain lies and slander. And in on the floor showed majority be a bomb into the ranks. They every member to stand up and inspired, if they didn't actually be counted. Privately the rank and filers arrange, the printing and dis-

purporting to be a message and other circumstances a se-

from the Communist Party cret ballot would be valid, but throw out the union leadership. interest of the ranks at that The line of the leaflet was moment. One can hardly quarin direct opposition to the line rel with that kind of reasoning.

station on Sundays, added that the union began organizing last OVERDUE any more. As soon as the com-"I'm on strike for better wages pany heard about the union,

> as a half dollar an hour." Another worker interrupted,

Miss Scott, who prepares

chickens, meats and salads and

operates the cake shop and roll

The company hires many Nepressure to take jobs at sweatshop pay. It was also hoped they strike as in the hospital strike," adjustment on conditions pecul-Miss Scott said. (Last spring iar to the Swift plants. New York hospital workers, a Rank-and-file pickets are solmajority of them Negroes and idly behind the strike. One old-

ed or confused by the issue of Another union member had been reading his paper. He looked up and said "That's how the revolution started."

The union is providing \$30 a week strike benefits plus meals. Those who can't afford to stay out on benefits are placed in union shops.

Backing by the membership of Local 89 is solid. At an Aug. 17 used with some effect was the membership meeting assessments of \$10 and \$20 were approved unanimously. Members are putting time in after work to help the strikers maintain picketing by "mob" action, and that had around the clock.

there been a secret ballot, it Mrs. Anna Burnett, a meat would have been accepted. The cook, said, "Now the people have papers ignored the fact that someone to talk for them. propaganda. But as one picket this contract was turned down There's nothing Stouffer's can overwhelmingly three times in do about it."

By Tom Leonard ST. PAUL - Twenty-eight hundred members of Local 167. United Packinghouse Workers Union, walked off the job at the South St. Paul Swift plant midnight, Sept. 3. The strike came after a long series of company provocations which culminated in the suspension of 600 men Sept. 2 on charges of slowing down on the job. The victimiza-

tions came as the union was

trying to negotiate a new con-

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The giant Swift company set the stage for the present strike at a March meeting of the Meat Packers Institute, according to an official of Local 167 who describes the institute as a "rump organization something like the National Association of Manufacturers." At that meeting Swift tried to line up the companies for a united assault against the Packinghouse Workers similar to the one now being made against the Steelworkers.

At the meeting a spokesman for Wilson & Co. agreed that this was the year to take the unions on. But Armour & Co. felt the time was not yet ripe and has renewed its contract with the

While it suspended the 600 workers here, Swift also tried to get a court injunction against claimed slowdowns in its Des Moines and Denver plants. If they had succeeded, said the above-mentioned official, it would have meant "a worker could go to jail for slowing have!

Since negotiation opened last July, Swift has made clear that it is not seriously interested in a settlement and has confronted June. "We felt like we were in the union with impossible deprison. Now they're not God mands. The most outrageous of these would cut wages by 31 cents an hour in the South in return for an increase in the

"If we agreed to that," said one negotiating committee member, "the company would begin shifting all its operations to the South and the guys in the North would be out of a job. On top of that our Southern members would say, 'What the hell kind Swift wants."

The union is demanding a sethave the same people in this Armour agreement with some

Puerto Ricans, struck against a timer, reviewing Swift's antiwage scale as low as \$32 a week!) union history, said his father had How did Miss Scott get in- worked for the company too and volved in the organizing drive? had always opposed the union, When I asked for a raise, they but would probably change his told me my work was good but mind if he was alive today. "He I was too fresh at the mouth. I dropped dead on that corner on couldn't get a raise because my the way to work one day," he attitude was very poor. I figured said, "and after 34 years service if I couldn't get a raise for my- all my mother got from the com-The large trucking operators The big red scare never got self, maybe I could get one for pany was an \$11-a-month pen-

Recalling the hardship Swift workers had suffered in previous strikes, he said that he had loaned a lot of money to fellow workers in one strike. "You want to know something?" he added. "The only ones who paid me back were the colored workers. They'd give me ten bucks a week until they were paid up, and one offered me \$25 extra. Of course I refused it."

South St. Paul strikers will receive national and local union benefits after a one-week waiting period. In addition a kitchen has been set up in the strike headquarters.

Meanwhile, Swift & Co. is continuing its efforts to intimidate union members with personal letters and other phony captain put it - "This strike is 100% solid."

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Notes in the News

Carlin, his half-brother, Darrell Amann, and their wives refreated into the Colorado mountains July 26 because they were "tired of people." "We just wanted to be left alone," one of them explained. "We saw all the mess going on in the world and wanted to get . All you ever know in the city is this back-biting, corruption and crime. We just decided we had enough of that guff." This explanation was made Sept. 4 after the men were arrested for poaching, hunting out of season and killing deer without a license.

A MAGNETIC PROGRAM - The inquiring photographer for a San Francisco dally recently asked: "Do Americans overemphasize sex?" Owen Parker, a salesman, replied: "No, I don't think so. . . . The thing we overemphasize is taxes. I think we should have more sex and less taxes."

PROFITS AND POLIO - The incidence of polio in the United States dropped sharply after the introduction of the Salk vaccine in 1955. But the rate has been going up in the past two years, with 3,976 cases already reported this year. U.S. Health Department officials have established that this is not due to any lack of effectiveness in the vaccine. About half the population under 40 still have not received their shots. A survey of those inflicted with polio this year revealed that 83.7% had not been vaccinated. The American Medical Association is bitterly resisting mass public inoculations as "socialized medicine." Many private practitioners are charging stiff fees for the shots.

KHRUSHCHEV BOOK SERIALIZED HERE - The Philadelphia Inquirer began publication Sept. 8 of a seven-part abridgment of a book by Soviet Premier Khrushchev recently published in Moscow under the title, "For Victory in Peaceful Competition With Capitalism." The paper said it received Soviet authorization for this first publication in the West and that it is offering publication rights, free, to any other paper for use 48 hours after each installment appears in the Inquirer.

GETTING WASHED OUT - The New York Brotherhood of Russian Bath Rubbers, the only union ever to advocate sweatshops, is suffering a declining membership. During the past generation it has dropped from 300 members to 30. There are only six Russian baths left in the city. David Roth, secretary of the rubbers local, says it's because there are too many bathtubs today. He recalled that the union had several strikes in its early days. "Once we went on strike," he said, "because owners tried to make us bring our own soap."

CIVIL LIBERTIES CONFERENCE - The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee will sponsor a Conference on Unconstitutional Punishment by Congressional Committees at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City Friday evening, Oct. '16. The committee has

DIDN'T GO FAR ENOUGH - Robert also announced it is distributing copies of Supreme Court Justice Black's dissent in the First Amendment case of Lloyd Barenblatt. Copies may be obtained at 25 cents each or five for \$1.00 from the ECLC at 421 Seventh Ave., New York 1, N.Y.

> for refusing to produce the books of his comof which he was a trustee.

> NEUTRAL ON BOSSES' SIDE - In a the "Christian implications of their actions."

> WISHFUL THINKING - A Labor Day

Sept. 6 sermon, Rev. O. A. Griesmyer of New York's Little Church Around the Corner asserted "there is a great danger looming over labor today that its high aims and purposes may be lost in merely a grab for more and more money." He added that the church doesn't "take sides" in the struggle between capital and labor, but only helps men to see

MORE DOUGH FOR JOE - The salary of Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, has been boosted from \$19,-000 a year to \$35,000. A union spokesman said Sept. 7 that the new figure is approximate since it is intended to assure Curran \$25,000 take-home pay. The pay hike was initiated by the union officialdom at the same time that a batch of "spontaneous" letters in the union's paper, the Pilot, complained that Curran was litical Action in 1960. Sat., Sept. three to one in a referendum in which only day, Sept. 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 7,000 of the union's 40,000 members voted. Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. Also approved were constitutional proposals 48th St., (Off Times Sq.) New to reduce the period for the nomination of officers from two months to one month and cut the actual election period from two months to For more information write or one month. This will eliminate many seamen from participation in elections because they will be at sea during the nominating and voting periods.

editorial in the New York World Telegram states that union leaders are concerned that American workers are improving their living night forum series sponsored by standards so rapidly that they may some day the Militant Labor Forum. Frino longer need unions. "It would be a great day, Sept. 18, 8 p.m. at 116 Uniday," says the editorial, "if progress in justice versity Place (Off Union Sq.) the midst of the strike they opposition. And then too the and production meant a time when there were Hear Daniel Roberts, Associate threw what they thought would rank-and-file leaders wanted no more unions, because unions were no long- Editor, The Militant. er necessary. . ."

DEFENDER OF FOREIGN BORN DIES -Abner Green, executive secretary of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, died in New York Sept. 5 of a brain tumor at the age of 46. He headed the committee since 1942. In 1951 he served a sixmonth sentence for contempt of Federal Court mittee and those of the Civil Rights Congress were going to put on the dem-

being underpaid. The proposal was approved 26, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun-

WANTS TO 'CONTAIN' THE MOON -If the U.S. doesn't continue turning out World Peace." A lecture by V. weapons of destruction, "there would be R. Dunne, state chairman, Sonothing for us to do but wait for the red flag cialist Workers Party. Friday, calling upon the ranks to the criteria must always be the to be raised on the moon," said Dr. Wernher Sept. 18, 8 p.m. 322 Hennepin, von Braun in a Sept. 6 speech, the U.S. gov- 2nd floor. Auspices Twin Cities