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Militarist Revival Set for Japan In Imperialist Peace

The central fact that emerges from the debates at San Francisco over the Japan peace treaty terms is that Washington is preparing to end an imperialist war with an imperialist peace.

the future developments fore into south and central Asia. shadowed in the treaty, make it Japan was engaged in a policy plain that World War II was not of containment of Soviet power, but only to bring it under Amer-

Truman and Acheson are jamming through peace-treaty terms kind of equilibrium throughout her pre-war role of imperialist at hand are not always ideal, but watchdog in the Far East. This time, however, the plan is for policemen must have police sta-Japan to be a watchdog on a U.S. leash, and not on her own.

PENTAGON PLANS

tions in the Far East. For ex- policeman in the corner." ample, Article 5 provides for Japan's right to "self-defense," tion of Japanese rearmament.

rearmament, which becomes any real objection to Japanese "legal" only with the signing of invasion of China, its prisonthe pact, began long ago. The regime in Korea, or its brutal Japanese National Police Reserve, imperialist record in the Far throughout the country. Branches years of retreat before the proinitiated a year ago by General MacArthur, started with a force U.S. wants Japan to resume that which Myra Weiss will discuss ment. The latest speedup saw a of 75,000 men, or two corps of role. The only objection that U.S. the organizational work that 20 percent cut in manpower on two divisions each. This is be- bosses had was that Japan was must be done in preparation for lieved to have been expanded to stepping on their toes. double that size, or a considerable nucleus for a new Japanese imperialist army. This so-called police force is mortar and SKOGLUND DEPORTATION artillery equipped, and organized along military, not police, lines. TO GO TO APPEAL BOARD

NEW NAVY

Moreover, the Japanese Maritime Safety Board is already operating with the core of a new Japanese Navy. Present plans call for the re-establishment of Skoglund was held liable for exthe Japanese naval and military pulsion to Sweden at a hearing

academies. t. This trend towards military rehabilitation, when connected with the accompanying trend towards a revival of a carteldominated big Japanese industry, gives the lie to the pretenses of who claim that the Japan treaty other evidence was submitted was indicted and subsequently is intended to form a "partnership of peace." Actually, the treaty will bring Japan into the Pentagon dominated partnershipfor-war as a junior member of the firm.

Hanson Baldwin, N. Y. Times geo-political military expert, ex- many times denounced over the which has been condenned as unpresses the hopes of U.S. capitalism when he says in his column on Sept. 5:

"In time, the Japanese Peace now know. It represents, inesas a great power. . . . In San power status, and this means military as well as political history of the Northwest. He was for his political beliefs and union vard." power."

Japan provided a barrier against lagainst him.

The terms of the treaty, and the expansion of Soviet power

"What the United States is trying to do now is restore some

about the democratization of Japan. Nobody thinks Japan is The treaty terms serve to give going to be happy with a United the tip-off to Pentagon inten- States dole and a United States

as the treaty calls it, and permits | their pre-war position as the im-Japan to enter into military perialist, anti-communist maraudalliances. More important is the ers of the Far East, but this time, absence of the expected limita- under Pentagon control. This is As a matter of fact, Japanese American imperialism never had Branch of the Socialist Workers

in which the cease-fire negotiafought to end imperialism in Asia, long before the United States ever tions have wound up. "American thought of the phrase. . . . have war, but fears its consequences. It would like to make war on the new China in an effort which will enable Japan to resume this entire area. The instruments to destroy it, but fears that it will prove unequal to the task. the area has to be policed, and That is why the situation in the Far East hangs between peace

"Nobody here has any illusions

an indication of the fact that East. As a matter of fact, the

in New York City last December

enacted McCarran Law.

EXPELLED FROM CP

The ironic fact is that Skoglund

Party in 1928 and has long been

unionism in the Northwest.

Skoglund has served labor's

was expelled from the Communist McCARRAN ACT

ists for his activities on behalf of and civil rights bodies.

against him.

tinued, "a powerful protest movement of the American people, rallied around the slogan 'Bring' the Troops Back Home, could Thus the imperialist program

Truman administration imperialists, has made the alternatives which we face under capitalism absolutely clear. These alterna-

tion and taxation."

PEACE OR WAR

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Coast-to-Coast

Tour in Newark

coast tour here today.

tives are: either a depression worse than that of the Thirties,

or a war which will lower our

living standards through infla-

Mrs. Weiss, who will speak

here tonight on the topic: THE

OUTLOOK FOR AMERICA:

Lessons of the Korean War,

analyzed the events of the past

year of war, and the blind alley

imperialism," she said, "must

"And that is why," she con-

adventure in the Far East."

Party, 423 Springfield Ave.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 — The U.S. Assistant Commis-

sioner of Immigration this week affirmed the deportation

order of Carl Skoglund, 68-year-old Minnesota union leader.

under the terms of the newly can citizenship and immunity

The sole ground for the present testify against his union brothers

Mrs. Weiss's meeting will be

Tour plans are being made by

Socialist Workers Party branches

The FBI, through an inter-

mediary, offered Skoglund Amer-

from persecution if he would

thought-control Smith Act.

Commissioner upholding his de-

St., N. Y. C. 11.

meeting hall of the Newark

Friday Sept. 14 New York 15 Philadelphia Saturday

Monday Tuesday Wedneday NEWARK, Sept. 7 - "The Thursday Korean war has bared the critical state of U.S. capitalism," said Saturday Myra Tanner Weiss in the open-Sunday ing statement of her coast-to-Monday Tuesday "The undeclared war in Korea, Wednesday into which we have been thrust Thursday by the Pentagon militarists and Friday

Saturday Sunday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

11 St. Louis 12 Travel 13 Twin Cities Saturday

Myra Weiss Opens TOUR SCHEDULE

17 Buffalo 22 Cleveland 24 Akron 26 Youngstown 28 Pittsburgh 29 Travel 30 Detroit

2 Flint 3 Detroit 6 Chicago 7 Milwaukee 8 Chicago 10 Chicago

GRACE CARLSON

Committee of the Socialist Workers Party to head the Party's presidenial ticket in 1952, subject to ratification by the nominations convention next year.

Proposed Socialist Ticket

Socialist Workers Will Run

Presidential Ticket in 1952



FARRELL DOBBS

Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson proposed by the National

Chevrolet Units to Hold Anti Speed-up Parley

FLINT, Mich., Aug. 28 - The Chevrolet assembly unit of Chevrolet Local 609, UAW-CIO, at its last meeting voted to support a resolution submitted by the local's membership hesitated to strike. executive board calling for a con- The opvious solution of unitying telence of eleven Chevrolet as-sembly plants was ridiculed by the international officers. help to frighten the capitalist This action marks a new stage They considered this too drastic rulers of this nation into with in the struggle against the speed. since only a few thousand assemdrawing from their imperialist up. Several assembly units have bly plant workers would shut aiready responded to the call of the Fint local and have agreed sion of well over a hundred thouto convene the conference in St. sand workers. held tonight at 8:00 p. m. at the Louis, Mo.

At the same meeting the membership at the advice of regional director, Bob Carter, voted to hold a strike vote immediately. The two decisions culminate four will provide for meetings at duction-crazy Chevrolet managethe passenger car line with only the 1952 Presidential campaign. a 10 percent cut in production. Truck line manpower was cut 50 percent while production was reluced 40 percent.

ROLE OF LEADERS

The international union leaderhip has been thoroughly aware nothing to help them. During to

representatives have appeared at Chevrolet. In any case, the deleplant meetings and recommended gates from Flint are confident strike action, but immediately that each successive speedup drive

by Emmett Moore putting on another shift or in-solution to their problems, and it crease the Work schedule of one of the other plants doing the same they are all joined together.

Under these conditions the conference with interest. down the entire Chevrolet divi-

5-YEAR CONTROL

work.

With each changing model new speedups were introduced. The five-year contract between the company and union permitted the corporation to proceed without restraint. The committeemen feel so helpless now that even those members who supported Reuther until two weeks ago, have changed their position. Under pressure of the rank and file, many committeemen and members have joined the anti-Reuther opposition headed by Coburn Walker president of Chevrolet Local 659.

The conference in St. Louis warned the membership that Gen- will force even the locals under eral Motors would retaliate by Reuther's domination to seek a

However, if the conference is fully attended from the beginning, it will have it within its power to launch a militant and aggressive program which could make a deep impression on the UAW-CIO. Speedup is a problem throughout the industry. Other

In only a matter of a few months the Chevrolet workers have confirmed the prediction of the Militant that under pressure of the corporation, under the fiveed unionists in GM would have to seek allies in the union to pro-

National Committee Session Maps Broad SWP Campaign; Plans Aid to Kutcher Case

By Joseph Andrews

The Socialist Workers Party will place a presidential ticket in the field in 1952. This was the unanimous recommendation of the plenary sessions of the SWP National Com-

mittee held in New York 2. Growing resentment of the City over the Labor Day workers against the heavy burdens imposed upon them by weekend, Sept. 1 to 3.

Party were called upon by the ing share of war costs upon the hroughout the country.

mously recommended Farrell Dobbs as the candidate for Presi- | CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE dent, and Grace Carlson, for Vice Party for ratification.

presidential candidate on the and honest spokesmen. same ticket.

upon the profound changes that in the elections. rred since the begin-Korea. The following new develop- uine independent political action, ments at home were discussed:

sentiment of the people. Opposi- tional elections. tion to the Korean war, and to tect the workers' conditions. It | Recent local election campaigns has now become clear that even of the SWP have demonstrated Reuther's complete domination of the receptiveness of the people to the union cannot prevent such a a firm, socialist opposition to the

the government. The "bi-partisan" All members and friends of the Congress has thrown an increas-National Committee to begin now backs of the low-paid section of to prepare for a vigorous and the population. Increased taxation, effective 1952 campaign, to the wage freeze, and soaring spread the message of socialism prices, while profits break all records, are arousing more and The National Committee unan- more anger among the workers.

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

3. Lack of confidence among President. These recommendations the people in the capitalist will be submitted to the 1952 politicians, from Truman down. nomination convention of the This holds for both Republicans and Democrats. Recent revelations Comrade Dobbs, National Chair- of the Kefauver Senate Crime nan of the SWP, headed the party | Investigating Committee, which ticket in 1948, first presidential exposed the connections between campaign of the SWP. Comrade the underworld and the govern-Carlson, Minnesota State Sec- ment officials, have disgusted the retary of the SWP, was the vice people. They are looking for new

4. Failure of the labor leader-The National Committee was ship to respond to the need for a unanimous in its conviction that new independent party of labor, the SWP 1952 election campaign and their complete subservience will make even more of an im- to the old capitalist parties, will pression upon the American peo- give the Socialist Workers Party ple than the successful 1948 cam- the opportunity to provide the paign. This conviction was based workers with a real alternative

ning of "Operation Killer" in workingclass parties from genleaves the SWP as the sole 1. The deep-going anti-war | Socialist party entering the na-

In view of these specially year contract, the most farsight- the all-out war plans of the U.S. favorable conditions, the National imperialists has been shown by Committee of the SWP has recomevery poll taken on the subject. mended immediate preparations for a hard-hitting campaign.

PETITION DRIVE

The first step will be the organization of energetic petition campaigns to place the Party on the ballot in every possible state. This task is to be carefully planned, and a survey of the situations in the various states shows that the Party has excellent chances to get on the ballot in important states which were not included in the 1948 roster. In this respect the 1948 campaign will serve as valuable experience

CAMPAIGN PLANS

In preparation for the campaign, the National Committee (Continued on page 3)

The American People Really Want takes place without the formal 1. Stop the war now. Don't let it spread! of the problems of the assembly approval of Reuther. If it is a plant workers, but it has done representative conference, the del-2. Withdraw all American troops from Korea! egates will be able to seriously past years international union tackle the speedup problem in

3. Recognize the government of New China!

This Is the Kind of Foreign Policy

4. Let the American people vote on the issue of war and peace in a national referendum!

proceeding against this labor proceeding against this labor leader was his admitted former membership in the Communist Party during the Twenties. No When he rejected this deal, he when he rejected this deal, he was his admitted former and the political leaders of the Socialist Workers Party in the Minneapolis Labor Case of 1941. When he rejected this deal, he proceeding against this labor and the political leaders of the Party during the Twenties. No When he rejected this deal, he And Think About Is: Coming Back Home! served a 16-month sentence as one of the first victims of the

Now he has also become one of known as an uncompromising op- the first victims of the no less ponent of its policies. He has been undemocratic McCarran Act past twenty years by the Stalin- constitutional by almost all labor The decision of the Immigration

Treaty will remake the world we cause for over forty years. He portation will be appealed to the from Tokyo to the Detroit News resentful of this as they are of trickled through the strict milibecame best known for his able Board of Immigration Appeals in and the Chicago Daily News by the fighting in Korea which they tary censorship that the troops capably, the renascence of Japan | leadership in the strike struggles | Washington. The Civil Rights | their overseas correspondent Fred | "never could see" in the first at the front share the anxiety and organization drives spear- Defense Committee has under- Sparks, just returned to Tokyo place. Francisco, Japan is starting again headed by the Minneapolis truck- taken a national campaign to from a visit to the Korea front

twice elected as Central Labor activities. The Committee in-Again, just like the people James Reston, in a N. Y. Times Union delegate to conventions of tends to test the validity of the here, the troops are growing as follows: dispatch on Sept. 4, goes further: the Minn. State Federation of McCarran Act by taking the case mistrustful of the official inwith her land power in Labor and was president of to the U.S. Supreme Court. Con- formation fed them by the auoccupation of Korea and large Teamsters Local 544 at the time tributions for Skoglund's defense thorities. They don't know whom lieve any more. . . . We hear more areas of Manchuria, pre-war of the first deportation move should be sent to 19 West 10th or what to believe or trust any

Like the great majority of the Next to the cease-fire, the main Kaesong. There's been so much among the ranks in the informa- And they are equally anxious people at home, the "average interest of the troops and their horsing around and double talk tion they are being fed is certainly about getting stuck indefinitely truce talks. The GI wants "to see less of the outcome of the truce end, so I can get home." this mess end, so I can get home." talks, they will be kept in-All this was cabled on Sept. 1 definitely there; and they are the previous reports which have And this once again confirms how fire talks has got us worried. We

According to correspondent on the come-back trail to great drivers which built the most defend this veteran labor leader where he interviewed the troops Sparks if you ask the GI's in Sparks' cable also confirms that here. powerful union movement in the who has been so harshly penalized stationed along "Bullet Boule- Korea: "What do you really think the troops get little more inabout cease-fire talks?" The formation about the Kaesong answer of the great majority is talks than we get here. Both are

them. We don't know what to be- buildup."

GI's" in Korea are "sick and chief topic of conversation is about the Kaesong deal I'm really shared here at home. tired" of the "horsing around and their chances for getting out of afraid to think about it any double - talk" surrounding the Korea. Their fear is, that regard- more. . . I want to see this mess

of the people back home to end the "Korea mess" and come home, being fed instead a constant diet "I'm sick of thinking about of reports about "a Chinese

about a Chinese buildup than we don't know what to believe any see exactly when we'll be due to the American people think and hear about what's going on in more." The growing mistrust go."

Korea. What do we want it for?" This is the general reaction In addition to confirming all among the troops, Sparks reports. dragged into the fighting thou-

The anxiety of the men to return is further shown by this, that the main topic of conversa-

in Korea, whether a truce is "I never could see fighting in negotiated or not. This reaction among the GI's is reported by Sparks as follows:

"One thing about these ceaseunpopular the Korean war is hear, if they make a deal, no among the troops who have been troops will be allowed to go in or out of Korea until a final peace sands of miles across the Pacific deal is made. We might be stuck just as it is among the civilians here, doing nothing, for years while the politicians yakety-yak."

The Detroit News featured this story under the headline: WHAT DOES A GI IN KOREA THINK tion among them is: "About ABOUT? GOING HOME! It rotation, going home. We're allought to be added that this is Both here and in Korea: "We ways counting up our points to exactly how the vast majority of feel about it, too.

THE DIRT ON THEIR OWN DOORSTEP

It is a rule of law, often honored in the breach, that a litigant in any lawsuit must come into court with clean hands. The same sentiment, unwritten but more faithfully observed, is expressed in the well-known proverb about the housewife who neglects to sweep the dirt from her own doorstep. She should keep her mouth shut, says the proverb, about the house-keeping habits of her neighbors. What would the leaders of the current moralistic crusade for justice for the individual - in the lands of Stalinism look like if this rule and proverb were applied to them? They would look, my friend, like what they really are - a gang of cynical hypocrites whose disregard for justice in their own domain disqualifies them from criticism of others. They wouldn't be heard in any honest court, and they would be shamed into silence in any well-ordered neighborhood.

The crimes of Stalinism against the rights and the dignity of the individual human being cry to heaven for vengeance. But who are the publishers, priests and businessmen of the United States, the leaders of the present hue and cry - who are they to redress these crimes? They and their apologists and camp-followers, such as the social-democrats of all grades and breeds, have worked themselves up, all of a sudden, into an uproar for justice. They are even ready to start a war for its sake; on the condition, of course, that others do the fighting. I am in favor of justice, and am even willing to fight for it, but not under their leadership. They don't come into court with clean hands. The dirt of their own injustices is piled high on their

I am not speaking now in the broad sense of that social injustice of which they are the bloated beneficiaries. For the purpose of this discussion I limit myself to the narrower terms laid down in their own campaign around the cases of Oatis, Mindzsenty and Vogeler - the matter of justice for the individual accused of crime. They have made a record of their own in this respect, and the simple facts of the record disqualify them from any mention of justice.

THE WHOLESALE FRAME-UP

The Bill of Rights regulates the administration of justice in the United States; and everybody, with only incidental and accidental exceptions, gets a fair trial. That's what they say. And that's probably what the average man, who hasn't yet had his day in court, believes. But it isn't so. The only people who get a square deal from the police and the courts are those who can afford it. Violations of human rights and fair play, brazen disregard of the plain provisions of the Constitution, are not an exception but the rule. If you think I exaggerate, permit me to tell you frankly - that is only because you don't know what goes on in the administration of justice in this country.

The miscarriage of justice in the United States is a wholesale business. Some of it is done by design, at the instigation and with the support of the big monied interests who control all departments of the legal machinery without directly operating them. Some of it is done by the police functionaries on their own hook, partly because the system naturally operates that way, and partly because, like the stumbling horse that wasn't blind, they don't give a damn. As a general rule, uncontrolled power and fair play don't go together anywhere. The frame-up and the false confession, now currently advertised as inventions of the Stalinists, are everyday occurrences in the United States and can remember.

The world has heard about the famous frameups of labor leaders and Negroes which were thoroughly exposed. But neither the world, nor the general public in this country, knows about the innumerable run-of-the-mill cases of the same kind which were never publicized. This routine business of framing up obscure and helpless men was rather comically illustrated the other day by a press dispatch, from Sunflower County, Mississippi, as previously reported in The Militant. Three Negroes were worked over by a deputy sheriff and a private detective "way up into the night" and then confessed to the murder of a missing man. By this time the three Negroes would be well on the way to the gallows or the electric chair - or whatever they use in Mississippi for the execution of confessed murderers - if it hadn't been for the accidental circumstance that the "missing man," to whose murder they had confessed, turned up alive and well. It was only this hilarious development that rated a few lines of press publicity for the case.

THE TRENTON SIX CONFESSIONS

Far from being a new invention of the Stalinists, false confessions, extorted from helpless prisoners in the hands of police, are an old story. There have been so many instances that it long ago became a rule of law that confessions, unsupported by corroborative evidence, are not

admissible in evidence. But this rule doesn't count when a false plea of guilty is entered. Then there is no trial, properly speaking. The prisoner simply enters his plea and gets his sentence, and the judge goes out for lunch, and that's all there is to it. When, as sometimes happens, the prisoner who signed the false confession gets a lawyer and repudiates it in court, the police who extorted the confession usually have little difficulty in manufacturing some additional evidence to bolster it up. And. if the prisoner is poor and defenseless, judges have been notably liberal in admitting confessions if they are tied to the meagerest scraps of scraped up corroboration.

This is what happened in the now famous case of the Trenton Six. They were only six poor Negroes without money or influence. Fake confessions they had signed under pressure were received in evidence, and the six prisoners were duly convicted and sent to "death row" to await the day of their execution. They would have been dead long ago if outside people - unknown to the prisoners - hadn't kicked up a fuss, publicized the case and engaged competent lawyers to prepare their appeal. That's what was unusual in the case of the Trenton Six - not the frame-up and the false confessions, but the publicity, the funds, and the entrance into the case of lawyers who knew their business. Clarence Darrow, the famous lawyer, knew as much about American justice as anyone ever did. Out of a lifetime of battling in the courts, he summed up his conclusions in flat assertion that most men in prison were there because they couldn't afford to hire good lawyers.

It is well known among convicts, prison wardens, prosecuting attorney's and policemen that a large percentage of prisoners are doing time for crimes they did not commit. This is not to say they didn't have police records in most cases, and hadn't committed some crime or other - the most important one, the crime of being broke when they were arrested. That's just about the worst fix a man can get himself into in this country — to have a bad record, and no money or influence, and to get picked up by the police when they need some convictions. Many and many a man is doing time in prison for some specific crime to which he falsely confessed under duress; or plead guilty to in a deal with the prosecuting attorney and the police who "had something on him"; or for which he

A POOR MAN IN COURT

Every man to his trade. The American police are in the business of arresting people, and they have to make a showing. The prosecuting attorneys have to roll up a large percentage of convictions. "Unsolved crimes" on the record are a scandal and discredit to them both, and bring unfavorable publicity. Every once in a while this record of unsolved crimes is "cleaned up" by the guilty pleas of prisoners who are thought to have committed some crime or other, or who might have done so. Why not make them confess to the unsolved crimes? Lacking the money, influence and legal help to fight their way out, they "cop a plea" and make the best deal they can in the situation. As long as the "record" is cleaned up, the police and prosecutors don't care much whether the scales of justice are evenly balanced or not. What they have to balance are the books which list crimes committed on one page and arrests and convictions on the other.

The famous case of Tom Mooney was completely exposed before the whole world as a frame-up. Even the people who kept him in prison quit pretending that he was guilty of the Preparedness Day dynamiting. But still they wouldn't let him go. "We've got the right man for the wrong crime," they said. That cynical expression sums up the philosophy of the American police system. Formally, and in theory, justice in the United States is administered with scrupulous regard for the rights of the accused and the presumption of his innocence until he is proven guilty - not of some crime, but of the particular crime charged against him. These rules and safeguards operate fairly when a defendant with money, influence and good lawyers is involved. But for the poor and defenseless prisoner it is a different story.

The best he can hope for, as a rule, is a rough hustle. He has a good chance to run into a frame-up. And he is lucky if he isn't beaten and tortured until he signs a fake confession as thousands of others have done before him. Who cares about him, anyway? Not the organizers of the current moral crusade around the cases of Oatis and the others. They are interested only in justice for high-placed people of their own kind, and in another country. They are the beneficiaries of the social system which breeds injustice in this country, and they never lift a finger against it. The fight for justice, if it is to be real and honest, must begin at home, and against them.

Notebook of an Agitator Italy Still Faces 'Over-Population' Problem

By Charles Hanley For generations Italy has been Italians to America.

poverty-ridden. Especially since he turn of this century many Italians have had to migrate to the U.S. practically shut off Italian immigration in the Twenties, admitting only 5000 Italians each year, the problem became acute for the Italian ruling class, which, under Mussolini, began concentrating on creating an Italian empire in Africa, using "over-population" as the main pretext for Mussolini's armed conquest of Abyssinia.

ng European correspondent of the New Leader, the weekly of MUSSOLINI'S LINE the American Social Democrats,

sumption of free immigration of can go to America or Africa, and landlord system in the South, and I Italy itself and only by the Ital-

Because, he explains, "as long as countries with a manpower shortage refuse to admit the un-North and South America. When employed of other countries who at the prime of their lives have to starve, lounge about in the avoiding a social revolution. Mass through a planned economy, instreets and vegetate in over-emigration is the traditional safe-stead of complicated liberal princrowded rooms, the chances of ty valve of Italian capitalism. communism will improve and the defense of the West will be just another empty phrase."

Mr. Fischer's love for the Italian people is obviously not as great as his fear of communism He considers a mass export of problem? Alfred J. Fischer, rov- to insure "defense of the West."

There will be no trouble in the Sept. 3 issue urges re- Italy, he says, if the unemployed 30 million because of the absence lems. These can only be solved in

thus, although he states that "Be- the incredible waste and misery ian workers and peasants. nito Mussolini was wrong," Fis- this has created. But, as Fischer cher in fact justifies Mussolini's himself mentions, "The trade un-African adventure.

emigration the only means of annual population surplus "Postwar Italy lost, apart from

its empire, the Dodecanese Isles, ing a population of over 46 mil- ditional safety valve of emigralion deprived of their outlets in tion. Africa. According to some official spokesmen, the country can How to solve Italy's chronic Europe's poor to be the best way feed only 30 million," states Fis-

FEEDING THE PEOPLE

case of Robert L. Pike, CIO or-

ganizer who was attempting to

bring Indianapolis Teamsters Un-

ions . . . maintain, that Italy Italian capitalism) is prepared to Mussolini, too, saw in Italian could absorb much of her 400,000

ciples, and real land reform." But Fischer, like the New Leader, is afraid of fundamental so-Trieste and Venezia Giulia, leav- cial changes and prefers the tra-

Socialists are not at all opposed to free emigration and immigration. We also demand that the unjust American immigration laws be abolished. Yet, this will Capitalist Italy can feed only not really solve Italy's main prob-

Mr. Fischer coldly refers to "hman material" which Italy (read: give up in order to "pay for the decreased communist danger"! For genuine Socialists there is no such thing as "human material." There are only human beings. For Socialists, human beings are not objects to be disposed of like raw materials. Their aspirations, sufferings, needs, joys and happiness are of utmost importance.

SOCIALIST PLANNING

To us the landless farmers and the unemployed workers of Italy are not potential troublemakers to be removed to another hemisphere. They are men and women entitled to a better life in their own country.

Capitalism and landlordism have TEAMSTERS CZAR TOBIN bred poverty and ignorance and wasted a large part of the Italian land. Socialism would create better living conditions by means of land reform and systematic improvement of the soil by scientific methods. Industrialization AFL Teamsters Dictator Tobin | indicted were convicted on framewould give the farmers modern has called the cops again in the up charges under the Smith

Through socialist planning Italy could be transformed into a place really fit for human beings to live in, not only for the 46 million Italians in 1951, but also for the Italians of tomorrow. ster ranks are still restive under Mass migration would then become no problem at all.

'Gift' Loopholes **Aid Corporations** To Evade Taxes

In an article entitled "It Doesn't Hurt Much to Give," Business Week, the magazine that advises business men how to squeeze out a few extra bucks to keep the wolf from the door, gives the lowdown on the corporate gift provisions of the income tax law.

"If a company is in the top tax bracket," the article reports, "and wants to give \$100 to a research program approved by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the government will now, in effect, pay \$77 of it."

Close to a half-billion dollars "lack of evidence" the following is today being filched under this provision, but Business Week points out that if all corporations took advantage of this tax loophole, the amount would come to \$2.2 billion.

PHONY CHARITY The most common use of the

gift" provision of the corporate income tax laws is to set up and finance research and training projects which the companies require anyhow, and would have to set up out of their own hard cash. Instead, they set up foundations. for research or training, and get the Bureau of Internal Revenue to approve them as "charitable," thus unloading close to 4/5 of the cost upon the other tax-payers.

Business Week says: "There are obvious advantages . . . for setting up a foundation to administer the gifts, rather than writing off contributions as operating expenses. This is especially true in financing a research project that can benefit the company itself."

Now just imagine a worker who set up a foundation to help needy orphans, and deducted his contributions from his income tax. Imagine him telling the Bureau of Internal Revenue, when they asked him who the orphans are. "That's me. Both of my parents are dead."

And yet there are companies that do this every day of the week, and it is not only legal, but encouraged. All of which goes to show how easy it is to save money and cheat the tax collector, when you've got lots of it and don't really need to save

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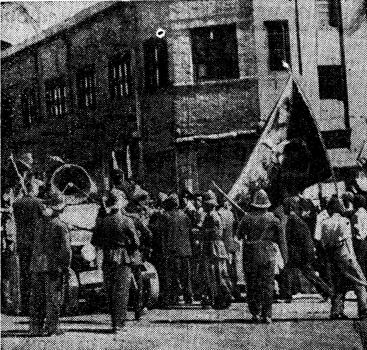
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Demonstration in Iran



Anti-British demonstrations were almost a daily occurrence in Iran during the latest Anglo-Iranian negotiations. Shown above is a scene in Teheran just before these negotiations collapsed, with the police, aided by armored car, seeking to break up the

detectives on a phony the ft charge and kept there for more than 24 hours in an effort to interfere with his union work. This is not the first time cops own members. and government officials have

AGAIN CALLS IN COPS

some to Tobin's assistance in an effort to help him hold his insurgent union ranks in line. On July 15, 1941 Tobin's request to the then President Roosevelt touched off indictments of 29 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and leave the AFL for the new CIO of Teamsters Local 544 in Minneapolis. The pioneering Minnea-CIO, and as in the case of Pike, they were harassed with government indictments and 18 of those

ion Local 135 out of Tobin's bucomes just 10 years almost to the reaucrat-ridden outfit into the day after the Minneapolis frame-CIO. Pike was thrown into the up, is a reminder that the teamlockup July 11 by Indianapolis

TOBIN CALLS COPS The Robert Pike case, which

Tobin's bureaucratic and sell-out rule, and also that Tobin is continuing the same "call-the-cop" methods in his fight against his Pike, who is suing the Indian-

apolis police for \$50,000, charging false arrest, reports that while en route to a Teamsters meeting of the members of Local 135 to decide whether they would Teamsters Union, he was pulled in by city detectives. They claimed polis Teamsters had just been that they had received an anonycompelled by Tobin's high-handed mous telephone tip that Pike was dictatorship to switch over to the involved in the theft of some radios a month before. Union observers state that there had been no phone tip, and that Pike was arrested for the sole purpose of keeping him from the important Teamsters meeting.

Pike, who had been a Local 135 member for years before he went on the CIO staff, was kept in prison all night despite the offers of bail by friends who hammered on the doors at police headquarters. He was released for morning when his case came up

in Municipal Court. Meanwhile all officers of Local 135 have been thrown out of office by Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to Daniel J. Tobin.

lion for the presidential pardon

of Lt. Leon A. Gilbert, victim

of army Jim Crow in Korea, has

been launched by the National

Negro Council. Lt. Gilbert was

sentenced to death by an Army

court-martial. Truman later

commuted Gilbert's sentence to

20 years in prison, following a

Million to Ask Gilbert's Freedom A nation-wide petition campaign to be signed by one mil-

Statistics show that the West German workers' share in the total annual product has decreased 26 percent during 1950. At the same time there are now 1,320,-000 unemployed in West Ger-

revived neo-Nazi movement will booming, the Philadelphia papers be able to easily intimidate the Although the unions by and

> **Future Support** The Candidates

U.S. imperialist policy in West | collaborate with Adenauer to | Majors and Captains: 160 to 300 DM prepare a new Wermacht allied to the U.S. against Russia, and Lieutenant Colonels: 230 to 470 those who consider these "col-

Colonels: 280 to 560 DM (above are according to length of service)

Generals and Field Marshals: 960 DM. This table of pensions for the

officers who staffed Hitler's armies reveals more than any verbal arguments the attitude of the U.S. occupation in Germany. For the Bonn government could not pay these pensions without the OK of U.S. authorities. In the European press there

are frequent reports of Nazi demonstrations in German cities. In Schleswig-Holstein and Lower Saxony fascist agitation has been ncreasing. In Flensburg 250 persons were reported to have sung the Nazi songs at a social gathering recently.

In the state of Hessen, the neo-

Meanwhile, with the rebuilding of German industry, the release you for the assistance you have of Krupp, and the reconstitution rendered in my behalf, and I hope of his industrial empire, the I will be again in the Detroit German workers have been suffering a reduced standard of living.

It is not likely however, that

the German capitalists, or the

from the mothball fleet are being man unions now have a membership of 5,600,000. These new unions have already shown a great militancy, and determination to protect their gains already made, and to progress further. large are led by typical union bureaucrats, the rank and file has shown itself to be very aggressive. The order is being filled by the This was clear in the struggle Buffalo Weaving and Building for "co-determination," which the concessions out of the industrialists and the Bonn government.

> For a Socialist Of the SWP

ment. Not only have the occupalaborationists" as traitors to ion authorities intervened in Hitler and to Germany. These freeing many well-known Nazi generals for the time being adcriminals, but they have allowed vocate neutrality between the open Nazi activity to continue U.S. and the USSR. Generals von vithout restraint. Manteuffel and Schwerin are

This is what is happening, among the first group, and Gen. despite the promises of Roosevelt Remer is the leader of the second and the top military brass that (100 percent Nazi) group. World War II would bring an en to the brutal Nazism of Hitler.

Germany has resulted in the re-

appearance of the Nazi move-

The German military staff is livided into two groups of former Nazi generals: Those who approved the attempt to assassinate Hitler in July 1944, and who now

PENSIONS TO OFFICERS The Bonn government pays the

following pensions to Hitler's

Lieutenants: 100 to 180 Deutsche

U.S. Zone Coddles Nazis

Kutcher Thanks Local 600 For Its Aid to Fight Case

Ford Local 600 UAW-CIO, largest union local in the Nazis frequently sing these songs world, last month donated \$500 to aid the legless veteran in public. They are small but James Kutcher in his fight against Truman's loyalty active groups. purge. Kutcher has sent the fol-"Once again I want to thank lowing letter of thanks to the Ex-

"Mr. Carl Stellato, President: I am writing to you to express my personal thanks for the generous contribution of \$500 which the Ford Local 600 has made to the Kutcher Defense Fund. Without the assistance so generously afforded me by the labor moveforded me by the labor movement, especially the CIO, it would For Korea Dead have been impossible for me to have waged any kind of fight at all. The New Jersey CIO came to my assistance from the very beginning, and it was this which opened the doors of the powerful CIO movement to me all over

ecutive Council of the local:

"I am sure all of you realize that I am not fighting for myself alone, but for the rights of all hunt.

"I would be very happy for the opportunity to visit and talk to Korea," forces justice in the Aug. 27 the Ford workers again some time Sept. 2. issue of The Militant is one that in the future, since the memories portunity to talk with him, and really makes people of my age of the reception they gave me take a second look. In a few years several years ago are still fresh we will be going into the army in my mind. For instance, the or navy, and as if going out and worker who got up in one of the getting shot at for no good reason meetings where I spoke, and said: 'When we decide to do something. victimised by the lousy judicial we do it right, and we are not satisfied with half-way measures. We will be forced to comply He proposed they take a full with the whims of every officer, page ad in the booklet for the Company of Chicago on the day who is incapable of making a banquet we had at that time. mistake, he thinks. Anyone who There were many other incidents does not think so is removed as besides this. Only such support quietly as possible to cool his can help guarantee that the

Steel Coffins

The Cramp Shipyard, in the many. Port Richmond - Kensington area along the Delaware River is are glad to report. Not only ships German workers. The West Ger-

The facilities of this 121-yearold shipyard are also busy producing "9,000 seamless steel coffins, to be used for bringing dead servicemen back from boasted the Bulletin on

Co., which "employs 350 persons leaders have been holding back, and occupies 100,000 square feet but which nevertheless forced big of Cramp's."

"Thomas Chester, chief engineer, said the firm works on the coffins at night and makes steel kitchen cabinets for the Crane

The shipyard was taken over by the Navy in 1946 which then proceeded to lease the facilities liberties won in the Bill of Rights to different firms, among them will not be banished from the the Buffalo Weaving and Build-

storm of protest. Local Addresses Of Socialist

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Letters from Readers

The Militant welcomes every ference to constitutional rights, said they ran because they were expression of opinion, whether in that when Wood and Myers "naturally afraid" when armed the victims of the present witch pro or con, and will make an were arrested (on charges of cops came running. - Editor) effort to print all letters received violating the Smith Act) and from readers as promptly as asked to consult Braverman, their possible. Names will be withheld upon request.

"Naturally Afraid"

Editor: Enclosed newspaper

Baltimore Negroes have reason to be "naturally afraid" of the cops. Cops, when talking to any white man, even one they have never seen before, have no hesitancy in expressing hatred by this reader reports how an 18

ping, another newspaper article with whom he had no connection. told of the utter callous indif- The boy and some companions

lawyer, they were promised they would be given plenty of opthat this "opportunity" was when Braverman was arrested and locked up in the same cell with clippings might be of interest to Wood and Myers. I tried to locate the newspaper in which this story was told, and cannot find it.

R. D. Baltimore, Md.

(One of the clippings enclosed and contempt for all members of year-old Negro youth was shot, and his leg broken, by police who In regard to the second clip- were chasing three hold-up men

Editor: The article on armed isn't bad enough, we have to be

system too. heels in some prison. . . .

Brooklyn, N. Y. land.

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Monday, September 10, 1951

Taxes and the Escalator Clause

The Wage Stabilization Board's policy which "allows" wage increases to meet increased living costs, and approved escalator clauses in union contracts, is nothing but a new version of the old shell game. Now you see it, now you don't.

A worker who picks up his pay envelope expecting to find some ready cash after he is granted a cost-of-living wage increase, finds to his disgust that there is nothing there.

Not only do the pay hikes fail to meet the full increase in the cost of living, but steadily increased taxation keeps taking bigger cuts in workers' pay. And these taxes are not considered in the Bureau of Labor Statistics cost-of-living index. Thus, the whole procedure becomes a fraud:

Workers are discovering that a direct struggle with the corporations over wages, as a means of keeping up with rising prices, is no longer much of a solution. What the employer is forced to give, his partners in Washington take away by taxation. In the end this taxation puts more money into the hands of the big companies, as a result of costplus contracts.

Crushing as these taxes are, and to federal taxation there must be added the various state and local gouges - it is only the beginning. As the arms program gets under full swing, the tax burden is bound to grow heavier and heavier.

Given an independent political party of labor, the working class could press effectively for legislation that taxes the rich and not the poor. But thanks to the cowardly policies of the official labor leaders, there is not a single spokesman in the halls of Congress to protect the interests of the workers.

But there are immediate, practical steps that workers can take to protect themselves and their families against the blows of the tax steal. One such step is to launch a determined campaign in the unions to include taxes in the calculation of the living cost index.

An escalator clause based on an index that completely disregards taxes is a fake. The big corporations, like General Motors, can agree to an escalator clause, because they know that in the long run, with the taxes finding their way back into company coffers, it will cost them very little.

Unions should demand that the escalator clauses in contracts with companies provide not only for the full increase in the cost of living but also should take into consideration the rise in taxes. This in itself will put pressure on in Washington to add the tax burden to the figures on living costs.

Unions can and should set up their own research staffs, which can honestly compute the rising cost of living, and then fight for wage increases based on the

Under the present circumstances the escalator clause, which in principle is the best way to protect the workers standard of living, is rendered ineffective. And even this emasculated cost-of-living provision has been established in only a few unions, covering about three million

The labor movement will be forced by conditions to put the escalator clause on a genuine footing. And it should also fight to spread the provision for automatic increases in wages to meet living costs to all workers.

China -- Imperialism's Dilemma

When Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas proposed that the U.S. recognizes the new China in his San Francisco and Seattle interviews, he was not making this proposition out of any feeling of friendship toward the anti-imperialist masses of the colonial world.

As he himself made clear, he wanted to strike a blow against the anti-imperialist forces. He proposes to try to "split China from Russia." His line is one of trying to bring China into the imperialist camp, and thus defeat the colonial revolution by a combination of force and fraud, instead of entirely by force.

Douglas, just back from a two month tour of Southeast Asia, pointed out that the revolution is spreading in Asia, not declining. He cited the undeniable fact that the present government of China is gaining in support along its borders in Southeast Asia.

In brief, all that Douglas wants his class to do is recognize the facts, and try to deal with them. Yet his statement was greeted by an outburst of rage. The whole incident illustrates the dilemma into which American imperialism has fallen with the Korean war. While capitalist politicians of both parties have denounced Douglas, it remains a fact that the problem of what to do about the new government of China remains unsolved.

An all-out war on China would be required to destroy that government. But such an all-out war poses the danger of a long-drawn out military venture which even the big brass do not believe has prospects for real success. The other alternative is to recognize the government and follow the line proposed by Douglas. But this too, has its difficulties for imperialism. It would bring up such questions as withdrawing U.S. troops from all its Asian strongholds. And this the American warlords are not willing to do.

The end result of this dilemma thus far is that as American imperialism careens upon its reactionary world course, it shuts its eyes ever more tightly to the real facts of the world around it.

For our part, we are for the immediate recognition of the Chinese government. But not for Mr. Douglas' reasons. We are against any attempt by U.S. imperialism to try to dictate to the Chinese people what kind of government they should have, or to try to impose upon them the hated regime of the bloody Chiang Kai-shek.

Commenting on these plans,

does the Party have its first

bers much experience in election

to the U.S. Circuit Court of Ap-

decisive in determining the

which have given the Party mem- crisis.

decision of Federal Judge Curran entire world."

the Kutcher case can prove imperialism.

everything better."

work.

LOCAL CAMPAIGNS

tional Committee session, "We in support of the Kutcher Civil

1948 campaign. In 1952 we will do national campaign to win backing

He pointed out that not only INTERNATIONAL REPORT

national presidential campaign tion analyzing the world situation,

experience to draw upon, but a and the tasks of revolutionary

whole series of local campaigns socialists in the unfolding world

The National Committee dis- resolution pointed to the rapidly

cussed the status of the case of developing internal contradictions

James Kutcher, legless veteran of the capitalist system. "... The

who was fired in 1948 from his swollen apparatus of production

job with the Newark Veterans of American imperialism . . . is

Administration because of his stifling within the already too

membership in the Socialist parrow boundaries of the capital-

Attorney are now preparing an other solution for its contradic-

appeal from the unfavorable tions than the conquest of the

peals in Washington, this fall. upsurge of the revolutionary peo-

This is the only case challeng- ples of Asia, and the radicaliza-

ing the loyalty program of the tion of the European working

administration now before the class stands as an insurmountable

Federal courts. The decision in obstacle to the plans of U.S.

higher courts.

Subversive List Ruled Out by Judge in Remington Decision

The man spoke with an air of finality, ending

doubt and discussion for all time: "Well, when

From antiquity the words cannot have changed

finality or with cynicism or with a wise-guy kind

I didn't believe what the man said, the part

about fate, but I didn't argue with him. Because

in a way he was right. Not that our destinies are

written unchangeably and ineradicably in a great

book somewhere, or on tablets of stone in sinister,

everlasting hieroglyphs, no, I don't mean that. I

mean another sort of fate that I can explain only

It was at 7:41 A.M. on the morning of August

20, 1951 (the man said) that a very young man

was helped into the dispensary of the Wilson

Machine Co. Another worker - nobody seemed to

know his name, but he was about forty years

old and wore glasses in a heavy brown frame -

brought the young man in and addressed him as

Eddie. The man with glasses said it had happen-

ed just about three minutes after the starting

whistle, so that would set the time at just 7:33

of that Monday morning. That was the minute

of the hour of the day that Eddie stopped having

The man who told us about this in Emil's place

last week seemed quite sure that the book of fate

had a notation in it specifying that Eddie's hand

should be disposed of at 7:33 A.M. of that day,

that the cold-roll machine was primed and wait-

ing, and that perhaps he himself was also marked

down in the book as one of the people who should

be waiting in the dispensary of the Wilson Mach-

ine Co. to see Eddie brought in by another ac-

With all of the grim details it was something

like this: Several of them were sitting on the

white-enameled steel chairs. The nurses were

still chattering behind the immaculate white door

waiting silent and sleepy-eyed for aspirin tablets

become infected, and there was another man-next

to him waiting too. They were all strangers to one

another as it happens in vast factories where men

and women work year in and year out with only

casual and forgotten meetings in the cafeteria

line or the dispensary. Besides, it was early. They

felt heavy with sleep; the steel, enameled chairs

It was when one of the girls screamed that

the man first saw Eddie. Then he was wide

awake, shouting, "Nurse! Nurse! Emergency!"

The others were shouting too. The door opened.

A woman's head and bare shoulder leaned out,

lidded - you know, 7:41 A.M. She looked and

said, "Just a minute," and slammed the door only

were good to relax on, so they didn't speak.

The man who told us the story was there to have a small cut dressed so that it wouldn't

complice of fate, the man with glasses.

by telling the story the man told us.

two hands and began to have one.

In an important decision ordering a retrial of the in any organization, the judges of a retrial, there should be no Remington perjury case, the U.S. Court of Appeals has pointed out, would be, first of all, repetition of the cross-examina placed two important obstacles in the path of those who evidence of the act of joining, or tion attack upon defense witness are trying to destroy civil

The Court ruled unanimously not circumstantial. Therefore, the Aug. 22 that the "subversive list" Appeals Court points out, the drawn up by the Attorney General judge in such a case must in- Attorney Saypol, who tried the order. is not admissible as evidence in struct the jury as to the type of Remington case as well as other a court of law, and also that the which must be much be much be must b charge of membership in an or- viction. Since the judge in the it said: ganization must be supported by Remington case had failed to do lirect evidence of "the act of this, the Appeals Court overruled joining," or other such overt him.

ONE MAN'S OPINION

The decision of the court fully supports the contention of the Socialist Workers Party that the list of so-called "subversive" organizations drawn up by the Truman administration is not proof or evidence of anything whatever, but only one man's opinion. The court opinion, written you got it coming, it's gonna come, that's all." by Chief Judge Swan, and supported by both other judges, much. They are the words of resignation to a Learned Hand and Augustus stern and inexorable fate. They are said with Hand, says on this point:

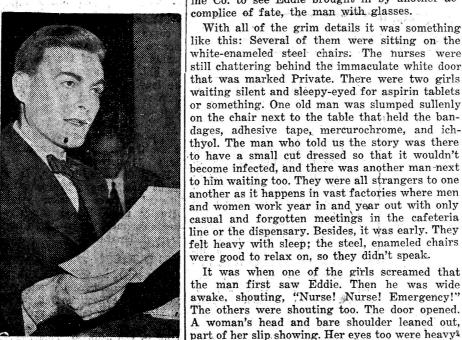
"Over defense objections, the of bravado, and you hear them whenever men prosecutor was permitted to make gather together to discuss disasters and accidents numerous references to the At- and death and anguish. Jimmy, Slim, Sam and I. torney General's list of subversive listened to the man, and when he finished we said organizations during the defend- nothing. ant's cross-examination.

"This was error, for the list is purely hearsay declaration by the Attorney General, and could have no probative value in the trial of this defendant. It has no competency to prove the subversive character of the listed associations, and failing that, it could have no conceivable tendency to prove the defendant's alleged perjury even if it were hown that he belonged to some or all of the organizations listed."

The Appeals Court ruled further that the judge had failed to make it clear to the jury that there must be direct evidence of membership in the Communist Party before it could convict Remington of perjury. Remington was charged with lying under oath because he told a grand jury that he was not a member of the Communist Party.

Perjury cases are tried under a

Judges Order Retrial



REMINGTON

The Plenum asked the SWP

for the appeal of the case to the

The Plenum adopted a resolu-

Calling attention to the prepa-

rations for World War III, the

ist world and which can find no

But, the resolution stresses, the

At the same time, the resolu-

of some other overt acts which Redmont's change of name. Red-"perjury rule" which requires constitute membership. Hearsay, mont testified that he had changed that evidence must be direct, and circumstantial evidence, or vague his name from Rosenberg for allegations do not suffice.

The court also slapped U.S. which must be proven for a con- arouse anti-Semitism in the jury. this matter long after it became

ANTI-SEMITISM

Direct evidence of membership for the prosecution that in case on the part of the jury."

Eddie's Fate

toning up her nurse's uniform.

ing, half held by the man with glasses.

die," the way you talk to your child.

The nurse kicked a chair over to the sink, and

Eddie, a tall, husky young fellow, was sitting on

it with the hand, the claw, or whatever you might

call it with its naked bones hanging over the

basin, when he began to cry. That was how the

man knew the name was Eddie, because the man

with glasses, his face and voice miserable, began

to pat him on the shoulders and say over and

over again, "Aw, come on, Eddie. Don't cry, Ed-

The two girls had gone, the man didn't know

just when. He heard Eddie sobbing. Even after

the nurse and the man with the glasses had help-

ed him into the little room where they keep the

beds he still heard him sobbing, and it began to

business," and grabbed a bandaid from the table

and went back to his department, shocked, a little

sick, but sure that it was Eddie's time, so that

As I said, I can't see this "book of fate" stuff,

but with Eddie (whose wife, we found out later,

point forever unchangeable, to Eddie an eternal

to believe that it was ordained and had to be.

dollars, I can't see why he wouldn't have two

hands to fondle his baby with next month. The

thing is, he didn't have a million. He was born,

instead, into the class of people who lose their

hands in the cold roll if they're not lucky, or,

if they're even less lucky, lose their whole arms

if nobody hits the release in time like they did

for Eddie. He was born among the people who

go into the mines to be buried or burnt, who leave

their lives under the wheels of the trains, who

climb the blast furnace stairs to meet the fire

and hot metal. He was one of those sentenced

even before his birth to bear the cuts and bruises

and aches and scars that are the byproduct of

factory production. That much I suppose you

But for the story as a whole, I think you ought

to say one thing more, a not very original thing

but a very true one: Eddie didn't earn much -

you must have guessed that - and compensation

the Wilson Machine Co. manages to run at a prof-

it, a mighty good one that seems to keep the

sions. And that brings me' to the final noint, a

shock and anguish over a bloody dispensary sink?

was eight months pregnant at the time) there's

something that might be said.

And maybe it was in a way.

professional reasons, and that he had done so pursuant to court

"On cross-examination the prosecutor continued his inquiry of clear that the change of name had no relevancy to any issue at the trial and could only serve to "We wish to admonish counsel arouse possible racial prejudice

GOV'T PROPOSAL

The strike began on Aug. 27, to reopen it almost immediately and run out but-It was horrible, the man said. He never saw anything like it. The hand (there ought to be another word, because it wasn't really a hand anymore) was like a claw, a ghost's claw as he said. figure, but the four largest The fingers were all there, but only in their basic, bony elements. At first he couldn't under- producers in the copper industry stand why the hand was so small and skinny, why it was so immaculately white, and why there was so much blood splotched on the floor where Edcalling Ching's proposal comdie had come in, with more where he was standpletely unacceptable.

Big Four, Kennecott Copper, has signed a contract with the union providing for 19.7c. an hour in pay increases and pension money. An 8c. increase will be given to all workers, and another 7.2c. in pay rises per man hour will be used to correct wage inequities. In addition, 4.5c. an hour per man will be paid by the company into pension fund.

The three other major copperproducing companies, Phelps-Dodge, Anaconda Copper, and get him, so he muttered, "The hell with this the American Smelting and Refining Company, have refused to sign the Kennecott contract. Among other things, they object to a clause providing for a reopening of the wage section of the contract after six months.

80-DAY INJUNCTION

getting Truman backing against

national CIO or AFL . won't give him much in the long run, either. But it. a mighty good one that seems to keep the stockholders and directors in vachts and man-Life of L. Adamic, question: What of the rich man's fate? Did von ever see or hear of a capitalist sobbing with

> his body was discovered stretched out on a couch of a second-floor bedroom. He had been shot once through the right temple with a 22-caliber gun which was found lying across his knees

> which burned down, and to the lower floor of the house. Oilsoaked rags were found on both ocations.

At the time of his death Adamic had been at work completing his book in support of the Tito regime and the break of the Yugoslav Communists from the Kremlin. This volume, entitled The Eagle and the Rock has been scheduled for spring publication by Doubleday & Co.

Among the materials destroyed

His death has been tentatively

Truman Uses Injunction in Copper Strike

The Truman administration brought the Iron Heel down on labor with another Taft-Hartley injunction as the government moved in to help the coppermine bosses in their strikebusting campaign against the independent Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

The copper miners are still on strike against three of the Big Four of the copper industry. However, it is reported that the miners will return to work. Union officials have stated that they would instruct the copper miners to go back if an injunction were issued.

after the companies refused to accept a proposal by Cyrus Ching, federal mediator, for a compromise of union demands. Ching proposed a 201/2c. package settlement. The union accepted the made it clear that they would not even talk about the terms, Since that time, one of the

7:33 A.M. of that August Monday marked a

The Taft-Hartley Law provisions for an 80-day injunction were truth. Perhaps he himself believes or will come last used in Feb. 1950 against the coal miners, who defied the injunction and went on to win their Because if Eddie had been born with a million strike. Although John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, told the miners to go back to work, they continued their strike, protesting that they were acting as individuals. The corporations which are

> the copper miners have reported record profits for the first six months of 1951, ranging from 25 The Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union was expelled from the CIO together with a group of Stalinist dominated unions in the red-baiting campaign of the CIO top leadership. No expression of support to the strikers has been made by the leaders of either the

Left-Wing Writer

Louis Adamic, well-known leftwing author, was found dead under mysterious circumstances n his farmhouse, Milford, N. J.

Early in the morning of Sept. 5

Fire had been set to the garage,

by the fire was the manuscript of this book, but the publishers have announced that a duplicate copy is in their possession and that the publication plans will be carried out.

listed as a suicide; but the possibilities of murder have not been ruled out by the authorities. Adamic had been threatened several times since 1949 and had previously suffered physical assault from a group of thugs.

SWP Will Run Presidential Ticket in '52 Last War Cost: 40 Million

could say for fate.

(Cont. from page 1)
plans to set up committees well in advance of 1952, to draw up vision speeches, and in general

Special staffs nationally and ing the Party program far and and the rights of government fluence as a result of the vision speeches, and in general

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IN THE U.S.

in America since the outbreak of the Korean war, the National Committee observed the rapidly developing signs of social crisis in this country. The divisions within the ruling class revealed in the "great debate"; the walkcut of the labor leaders in their Feb. 18 break with Truman, and their cowardly retreat; the uncontrolled inflation; taxes on low incomes and the drive toward an all-out war economy; all these developments tend to sharpen the class struggle in the U.S., and workers.

genuine socialist independence from imperialism by all other radical parties, the Socialist Workers Party, the Plenum noted, stands as the sole spokesmen in this country for true revolulegality of the loyalty program tion states, Stalinism, which tionary socialism.

In a discussion of developments

With the abandonment of

setting the costs at "40 million dead and 4,000 billion (that's 10 years and that a hospital could 4 trillions!) dollars in wealth be built in every town of over destroyed.

dum, the Senator then read into could also be provided in these the Congressional Record, Aug. towns." 31, the following: "The price which the entire costs. In addition there are the world has had to pay for World costs of "liquidating" the war, War II, in human suffering and i.e., paying the principal and inmaterial destruction, can never terest on the astronomic debts be completely answered. The last incurred, etc. According to the war inflicted seven times as much same memorandum "the liquidatdamage as World War I. People ing cost runs to four times what exterminated, starved and frozen. More civilians died than men in are producing a growing dissatis- uniform. Nations were bombed faction and restiveness among the so that their capacity to fight would be destroyed; and the terrific destruction of property reduced economic life to the point

> difficult to exist." "The memorandum," continued the Senator, "then goes on to point out that if we were to translate \$4,000 billion into peacetime production, we would find that we would have enough money

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Herbert Hoover has changed his high collar. but he still clings to his old-style, stiffly starched homilies which he peddles as political philosophy.

His latest contribution to American thought is the following observation on the subject of corruption in government:

The U.S., said Hoover, is going through "a growth of intellectual dishonesty in public life which is mostly beyond the law. . . In its frustration the Congress is groping for some code of ethics which might protect the citizen from his own officials. Much as Congress has my good wishes, something stronger than a new code is needed in America.

No one can refute this statement, if one leaves out the part about Congress, conscious of its own crookedness, looking for a way to protect the citizens. Swindlers, political or otherwise, are not known to put obstacles between themselves and thèir victims.

That something much stronger than just a new code is needed - something very much stronger - cannot be denied. The "elder statesman" said

"Let me say at once that honor is not the exclusive property of any political party." (That is, Democrats or Republicans.)

Honor, is in fact, the only kind of property which seems to have no attraction for the pilferers and footpads of either the Democratic or Republican parties. Nor is dishonor the exclusive property of either party. Both of these outfits are experts at shortchanging the public.

Truman, at whom Hoover obviously aimed his moralizing, has been dealing from a cold deck to the voters ever since he learned the game from Pendergast. Under his leadership bribery, corruption, and general all-around crookedness never were more rampant in high office.

But the Republican standard-bearer Thomas Dewey, is not much outdone in this field. He went so far as to bribe an old man named Hanley to prevent him from running for office, and when asked to testify on this dirty little matter by a

Senate investigating committee, was quite suddenly found to be on vacation.

His career is no different from that of O'Dwyer,

The doddering Hoover, notwithstanding his sermonizing, is a standard bearer for a system based upon the exploitation of the majority by a small minority of super-plunderers. Every hour of every day this ruling class steals from the workers the just fruits of their labors.

The "code of ethics" of capitalism, includes child labor, the suppression of the right to think, the unbearable speed-up which destroys men and an AP dispatch in the daily press, women before their time - all this and more for

But that is not the sum total of the "ethics' and morals which Hoover represents.

While he objects to the "mink coats and deepfreezes" which a few hangers-on around the White House managed to grab as bribes, he has never once raised his voice against. Truman's greatest crime: the wholesale murder of hundreds of thousands of people in Japan with the Atom Bomb. Nor has he found the destruction and mass-murder in Korea to be distasteful.

Hoover, and the capitalist class for whom he speaks, have about as much respect for their fellow men as the brutal Roman emperors who threw slaves to the lions as a means of recreation. They are far more dangerous than the Romans. For they have means at their disposal to destroy much if not all of the great civilization which mankind has so painfully erected.

For morality in government more is needed than a change of administration; a complete change in the economic and social system is re-

"Defense Bond" Gyp

One of the slicker tricks of the financial sharks is to fleece the public by sales of bonds which rapidly depreciate in value, or become virtually worthless. This is generally known. It is not so well known that the Truman administration has gone into this racket in a big way. And starting this Labor Day, intends to be in it on an all-out scale, peddling defense bonds in stores, by doorto-door canvassing, and through every other high pressure selling device imaginable.

But how could anyone possibly get gypped buying a defense bond? Isn't the government itself behind it? Don't you get \$50 for \$37.50 you plunk down? That's "saving," isn't it? That's what Truman assured us over the nationwide hookup, So did Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, plus the brass hats, plus UAW President Reuther, plus the representatives of the AFL, the Railway Brotherhoods, etc.

The gimmick lies in something all of them were careful not to mention at all. None of them guaranteed that those who buy bonds will be paid back in dollars that are worth as much as the dollars laid out.

Take the experience of those who bought, say, fifty dollar bonds ten years ago. They laid out \$37.50 that were then worth in purchasing power very close to 100 cents for every dollar. Those who have cashed them in this year received in payment 50 one dollar bills whose purchasing value has meanwhile been cut in half and more. In other words, they got back only 25 dollars, and instead of saving anything, have actually lost one-third of the cash value of their original

That's what always happens in periods of inflation. And the pay-off is that we are not only in the midst of inflation but the end of it is nowhere in sight. The official Washington spokesmen forecast for next year, for example, another rise in prices from 5 to 8 percent.

At that rate the Truman-Korea dollar will hardly be worth as much as two-bits five years from now. What will it be worth in ten years? In any case, until inflation is actually stopped, the only payment they can guarantee will be in badly depreciated dollars. Meanwhile the inflation is being fed.

The government is now spending at the rate of approximately a billion dollars more a month than it takes in. This deficit government spending is bound to rise as the arms expenditures rise. But can't inflation be halted by mass purchases of government bonds? This assurance also falls under the heading of B-U-N-K. It didn't stop it before, did it?

Besides the inflationary squeeze is already so tight that we find it reflected, among other things, in the fact that old defense bonds are being cashed in at a rate far higher than new, ones are being bought. The gap between bond sales and bond cashings is already more than a votes. The Reuther administra- 121/2 percent hike on the majority billion dollars. Most of those now turning in their bonds do so not because they realize how heavily they stand to lose by holding on to them. They do it simply because they can't make both ends meet otherwise.

Price of a Baby's Life

By Thomas Raymond

Why did Mrs. John Rickoski travel all the way from Witkesbarre, Pa., to England to have her son operated on?

Didn't she trust American doctors? Yes, but she just couldn't pay them!

Mrs. Rickoski, a British war-bride, took her son. John, 5, to England in order to save his life in a "blue-baby" operation that would have cost her \$5,000 here but was performed free there under the National Health Service. All of her savings had been exhausted by the costs of treatment, medicines, and doctor bills, and she literally fled the American medical profession.

"Now I wouldn't think of leaving this country again." Mrs. Rickoski says. Her husband, a cable lineman, will join her and his son soon.

Mrs. Rickoski may possibly have been taken in before by slanders against socialized medicine, certainly never will be again. And neither should anyone after reading her instructive story. .

Here is a woman who was driven penniless from the shores of this nation to which she had come with hopes of a better life, after having been fleeced by a rapacious medical profession that grows fat on the misery of millions like her. The wealthiest 5 percent of the medical profession, which controls the American Medical Association and directs its fight against socialized

medicine, is the "host" that Mrs. Rickoski can thank for her treatment here.

Not only the tops of the medical world, but all of American big business, are part of the conspiracy against the health of the American people. All American capitalists are hostile to socialized medicine because they know that socialization would not stop with medicine.

They say that socialized medicine would be a terrible flop, and that it has been a flop in Britain. But they know better. They know that socialized medicine would teach the American people how beneficial it is to get rid of the parasites

They know that people will reason: "If we can improve our medical treatment and lower the labor's answer to the Republican cost by socialized medicine, why can't we improve our food consumption and lower the cost by getting rid of the food brokers, commission agents, canning and packing profiteers, and the rest. And why can't we improve all of our living standards in every way by getting rid of the labor movement is possible capitalist class that performs no useful function, until the CIO policy which perbut fleeces us mercilessly."

That is why socialized medicine is feared by scoundrels is scrapped. Every all capitalists, not just the wealthy Park Avenue specialists. And that is why they have all joined policy by voting for Howard Lerin the conspiracy that took Mrs. Rickoski's money, ner, SWP candidate for mayor and forced her to go back to England, where she in the election Sept. 11. could at least save her baby's life.

The Case of Sergeant Rice

Racial restrictions on housing follow us even to the last house of all, the grave.

That is what the family of Sgt. John R. Rice, a Winnebago Indian from Nebraska, found when they sought to bury him in a Sioux City cemetery. The official of Sioux City Memorial Park Cemetery stopped the funeral just as the body of Sgt. Rice, who was killed in the Korea fighting a year ago, was being readied for lowering into the grave, because they had discovered he was an

The cemetery contract contained a clause restricting the use of the burial plot to "members of the Caucasian race." This is the same type of white-supremacy restrictive covenant found in many property deeds in residential areas

all across the nation. In a hasty last minute action, President Tru-

man tried to take the curse off the burial scandal by arranging for a plot in Arlington National Cemetery for the dead soldier. However, despite this grandstand play, the incident once again made it perfectly clear that racial oppression is interwoven into the whole capitalist set-up.

Truman's attempt to save the situation was made because capitalists and government officials are becoming increasingly worried about the reputation that their system is getting, at the very time that they are anxious to dupe the peoples of the world into supporting them.

But despite Truman's well-publicized gesture, everything remains as before. Minorities are restricted to second-class citizenship, prevented from voting, given the dirty and menial jobs. live in segregated slum ghettos, and even told where to bury their dead.

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Company He Owns Refuses Union Pact

DETROIT, Sept. 1 - The need for independent labor party politics was made clear by two strikes this week. According to 'An AFL union on strike at the Mennen Co. warehouse in South Kearny, New Jersey, picketed the Company's shaving cream and talc plant here with signs denouncing G. Mennen Williams, governor of

"A typical picket sign read 'G. Mennen Williams, Governor of Michigan - for votes he's with the working people. For money he's against them.'

"Samuel Zakman, president of Local 102, UAW (AFL), said his executive board issued a statement which claims Williams is 'a leading executive and stockholder' of the company.

"The warehouse was hit by a walkout of its 35 employes on Aug. 17. The union said the strike was to gain recognition for its local as bargaining agent."

WILLIAMS' ALIBI

Governor Williams made the following statement as an alibi: "I don't own the Mennen company and I never have taken any part in its management," he said. The company is run by my uncle and his sons.

"I am strictly a minority stockholder and have no control of company policies." His open shop uncle, William

G. Mennen, and figure-head president of the company, rushed to the Governor's defense with the statement that the Governor owns management of the company.

the struck company, that he and his mother, Mrs. Henry P. Williams of Detroit, owned 51 percent of the stock, and that the strike would spread to its Los Angeles and Chicago plants, and Michigan's Capitol would be picketed. It is plain that Governor Williams uses his family as a front for his open-shop financial

Williams is the favorite Democratic politician of the labor offiand done everything possible to cover up his capitalist connections. He is even granted a personal column in the Michigan CIO News.

further shown by his conduct toward a picket line at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit on Friday, Aug. 31. Merle Oliver, writing in the Detroit News Sept. 1, marched before the gate carrying an "Unfair to Labor" sign. Detroit police saved the Governor from embarrassment by spiriting the pickets away to Palmer Park Station a minute or two before he appeared. Otherwise he would ing a picket line or not attending the ceremony."

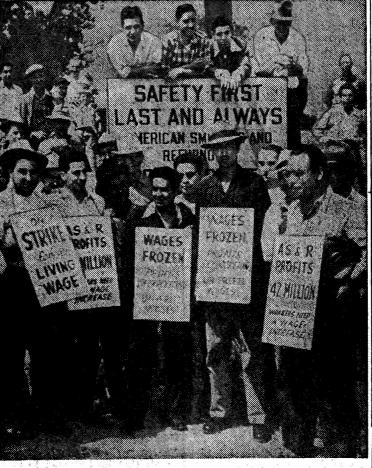
Williams is a typical example of the so-called "friends of labor" paraded by Reuther and his fellow labor-fakers as "good democrats." They are presented as Party, which everybody knows to be controlled by Big Business. The truth is that the Democratic Party is equally controlled by Big Business. No political progress by mits support of such company worker can strike a blow at this

LEON

New York 3, N. Y.

His career is no different from that of O'Dwyer, who also made a name for himself in politics as a racket-buster, now hiding out south of the border under cover of an ambassadorship to Mexico. Something a lot stronger than preaching is needed to rid the American people of these political confidence men in position of power. For they are merely the practitioners in government, of the dog-eat-dog code characteristic of capitalism. N. J. Strikers SWP Files Petitions Expose Mich. Gov. Williams For Bartell in N. Y.

· Copper Strike Pickets



Pickets of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union demonstrate before the Detroit plant of the American Smelting and Refining Co. Truman ordered an injunction against the 58,000 strikers involved. (See story on page 3.)

"less than 20 percent" of the stock, and does not participate in FAMILIES OF 4 TO PAY AFL union officials stated that Williams was vice-president of the struck company that he and

While the final tax bill has still to pass Congress, it is a foregone conclusion that another increased tax load will bear heavily on the great majority of the people, who are

already carrying a staggering? tax burden, paying by far the ever when it comes to warding largest share of all the taxes.

There is no important difference between the House and Senate versions of the projected remedy. And that is, to fight for tax bill. Both agree on soaking a cost of living index which does the low-income groups, with the cialdom in Michigan. His backers Senate determined to make it include both the CIO and AFL. even easier on the top brackets. existing taxes and each and every He was put in office by labor's The House version calls for a subsequent increase in taxation. tion has backed him 100 percent, of the taxpayers; the Senate for "only" 11 percent.

slight that in many instances the "lower" Senate version would estually mean higher tax nave CIO News.

His real contempt for labor was further shown by his conduct to-

1950 BURDEN

Last year, according to Census Bureau figures recently released states: "Five women pickets federal tax collections had reached close to the tell-tale mark of \$250 for every man, woman and child in the country. This crushing burden will shortly be increased by 11 to 121/2 percent.

Henceforth each man, woman and child will have to pay a have had to choose between cross- | minimum of \$277.50 and upwards in federal taxes a year, or \$1,110, if not more, for a family of four a year. On a weekly basis this amounts to tax payments of \$21.34 for such a family.

paper. These are permanent charges that, by law, have the first call on the take-home wages. If to this sum, we add the other taxes, local and state, plus the federal, state and local indirect taxes, we begin to understanding the extent to which taxation is biting into our people's living

DELIBERATE PLAN

There is nothing accidental about the sudden spiralling of taxes which are just as much a threat to living levels as the price inflation. It is part and parcel of a deliberate policy of Big Business and its government in Wash-

Heads of large corporations, like GM's C. E. Wilson, have long been advocates of taxation as the superior method of driving labor's real wages down. In a recent letter to the Wall Street Journal, Wilson again pointedly emphasized the "tax policies of the federal government" as the key to the whole problem of unloading the arms costs on the backs of labor. Wilson continues to favor escalator clauses precisely because these are tied to a living cost index which excludes TAXES.

Thus, even the strongest organ-

ized section of labor which is

off the blows of taxation.

This defenseless position is intolerable. There is a practical include what is already a major item in living costs, namely: the (See: Editorial Page 3)

only" 11 percent. The difference, if any, is so Phila. Candidate

firmly opposed to the attempts now being made in harrisourg to ban political liberty," declared Mrs. Clyae Turner, oth District Councilmanic candidate of the Socialist Workers Party.

Speaking for her party the young Negro candidate pointed out that "the so-called loyalty bills now being considered in Harrisburg while aimed immediately at the Communist Party have as their purpose the elimination of minority political rights and the systematic destruction of American civil liberties.

"Scratch the professional agi-These are not just figures on tator who is working for these bills and you will find a fascist fanatically determined to destroy what remains of American democracy.

ONLY THE BEGINNING "We cannot stand aside and

say that those bills are aimed at the Communist Party and therefore do not concern us, as many liberals are saying. The civil liberties curbs only begin with the Communist Party. The pattern of terror and hysteria they set menaces every citizen.

"We have opposed and fought the Stalinists for many years and continue to do so, for they are a political party with a totally false program. However their defeat can only come through a rejection of their false program by a free citizenry and not by a terrorized population forbidden by law to think.

"That so many trade union bodies and other organizations are opposing these bills is testimony to the growing awareness of people of all political opinions to the menace these bills repre-

"In the City Council I will consider it my duty to vigilantly check every attempt at civil liberty restriction. Civil liberties were dearly bought in this country and are sacred. We will not capable of effectively defending let it be said that this generaitself against rising prices, is tion of Americans will let them stripped of any defenses what- be taken away cheaply."

EW YORK, Sept. 6 — An independent nominating petition containing 9.000 signatures was filed with the New York Board of Elections this morning on behalf of Michael

Bartell, Socialist Workers candidate for President of the City as they signed the petition were nominee.

committee declared, "The splendid to Africa.' The seething rage of independent labor action and Georgia." opposition to the Korean slaughter will certainly get a favorable Puerto Rican population provided hearing in this campaign."

Pointing to the Government sponsored campaign of intimida- with the Negro people, as the tion designed to cut off popular most oppressed and exploited in support to any opposition voice, the city, to be unusually class the committee said, "When we conscious. The words 'labor' and opened the drive to secure the 'socialist' brought immediate resignatures for Bartell some of sponse from these workers as our friends feared that the Tru- they quickly signed and persuaded man-McCarthy red-baiting cam- their friends to do likewise. paign would make it difficult to persuade workers to put their names on a petition nominating a Socialist for public office. It is secured over 800 signatures durextremely gratifying to report | ing the course of the drive by that this certainly was not the approaching groups of Puerto case. We actually secured a Rican workers and explaining higher number of signatures per that Bartell was running for hour this year than in previous President of the Council on an campaigns.

Puerto Rican communities," the to reach this important new statement continued, "was particularly encouraging. We found campaign. We are confident of a that the Negro people react very sympathetic response. favorably to an appeal to support the democratic right of a fully finished the petition drive." minority party to participate in the statement concluded, "we

city," the committee observed, working class districts. On Friday, "are in the main unaffected by September 14, we anticipate a the witch hunt and understand capacity audience at the Myra the real purpose of it. Typical of Tanner Weiss coast-to-coast-tour the comments of Negro workers meeting."

Council. The election laws require such remarks as, 'They think

7,500 signatures to win a place they can make everybody shut on the ballot for an independent their mouths and not try to do anything about their conditions. In a statement issued at the One worker grinned as he signed time of filing, Bartell's campaign and said, 'Let them deport me response to our appeal for the against Jim Crow was expressed signatures needed to nominate in the bitter comment, I hope Bartell indicates that a platform they drop an atom bomb on

New York's rapidly growing a large portion of the signatures. the committee said. "We found that this sector of the community, which has taken its place along

PUERTO RICANS

"A Spanish-speaking petitioner anti-capitalist, anti-war program. "The response in the Negro and We are now making special plans

group of workers during this "Now that we have successintend to get down to the business

of a hard-hitting campaign. We'll open up this week with a series "The Negro people in this of open-air rallies in various

- The Negro Struggle -

Negro Candidates And Labor Party

One thing that the increasing number of independent Negro candidates for political office indicates is the readiness of Negro Americans for a labor party.

It is true that the Negro people still vote for Democrats and Republicans where they do not feel strong enough to run their own candidates. But this is due to the failure of the labor movement, so far, to provide an independent party as an alternative. Few persons would deny that the 15 million Negroes in the United States would be among the first to support a labor party.

Aside from the fact that millions of Negro unionists would be on the ground floor of such a movement from the beginning because of their membership in unions, millions of others have learned from the limited gains won through running independent Negro candidates that they need a strong ally. The demands and needs of the independent Negro campaigns - equal rights, jobs, housing, health and educational opportunities, social security, etc. - indicate an alliance with labor.

Labor is also moving toward independent politics, although at slower pace than the Negro people. The formation of the CIO Political Action Committee and the AFL Labor League for Education and Political Action are evidence of this. The chief obstacle to a decisive break with capitalist parties and the formation of an independent labor party remains the misleadership and disloyalty to the working class of the labor bureaucracy.

But there are powerful internal and external forces operating on the labor movement, ripening it for its new role of leadership in this country, that cannot be stopped by the bureaucrats at its

INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS POLITICS

Abroad, the international working class and the colonial peoples are demonstrating that they refuse to be exploited any longer by world imperialism, including American capitalism. Here at home the symptoms of the fatal sickness of capitalism - inflation, high taxes, war economy, the housing crisis, the reactionary government attack on civil rights — are more and more evident. These problems cannot be solved without the elimination of capitalism and the reconstruction on a socialist basis of an America and a world of peace, security and opportunity for all.

The means for achieving that goal is independent action by the working class, the only class large enough, strong enough and prepared by its historical experience and needs to perform the oper-

What can the Negro people, who suffer from capitalism even more than the rest of the working class, do to speed the develop-

One thing they are already doing - opposing their own independent candidates to regular Democrats and Republicans wherever they have the forces. Another thing they can do is provide leadership in the labor

movement. Negro unionists can and should call for the formation of a labor party and support all developments toward running independent labor candidates, Negro and white. Further, Negroes' who do not want to waste their votes by helping perpetuate the strangle-hold the Democrats and Republicans have on our political life, should vote for the socialist candidates: Clyde Turner for City Councilman in Philadelphia, George Breitman

for New Jersey Assemblyman in Newark, Michael Bartell for Presi-

dent of the City Council in New York, Lawrence Trainor for School

Committee in Boston, Howard Lerner for Mayor in Detroit, and Harry Press for Supervisor in San Francisco. Finally, Negroes who are ready to participate in the yearround task of educating themselves and others to lead the struggles of the working class on every front, should join the most advanced section of the working class, the most conscious in the movement

for social change, the Socialist Workers Party.