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# Mich. AFL-CIO Calls Lansing Jobless Parley

DETROIT, April 26 - The Michigan AFL-CIO has announced it will hold an unemployed conference in Lansing on May 5. According to the announcements, the

legislators.

Taking a cue from the recent AFL-CIO conference in Wash- floor). They want to put the ington, union leaders here seem Republicans on the spot, not to be planning to restrict the their Democratic pals. nature and scope of the Lansing action.

some time been asking for a next week or two. mass demonstration in Lansing (among other places). They a bad taste in the mouth by want a maximum turnout of the Washington conference. the unemployed to express their anger and impatience in terms that the politicians of both capitalist parties will under-

But the top union leaders have different ideas. They want to limit the size of delegations to small and "manageable" proportions. They don't want the authentic sentiments of the but that nobody had anything jobless to be heard in Lansing to say about the McNamara 35-

### **Predict Profits** This Year Will Set New High

der while waiting in line at the made almost three months ago: unemployment office. Net cor- Many words, few deeds. poration profits hit a record high in the first quarter of this ployed UAW members who had year. Barron's, a financial week- organized themselves, Reuther ly, reported April 27 that figures at that time laid out a long for the first three months indi- elaborate campaign that took cate American corporations will almost an hour to read. net a cool \$24 billion this year.

Manufacturers of textile machinery, for example, are 'loom- that he and his machine would ing profits." New machines are have firm control of any and being turned out that find ready all unemployed activities. He ist Labor League adherents de yet acted on their threat. "Morbuyers. These include an auto- didn't want them to be "embar- creed by the party's national gan Phillips [Secretary of the for full freedom of discussion ed against the Cuban was abmatic winding machine which rassing" to his Democratic executive committee. "Protest- Labor Party | told the Press that reduces man-hours by nearly friends. 60 per cent. Another is a dry- The organizational structure throughout the party. ing machine which operates on he outlined was a little ridiculhigh-frequency electronic prin- ous-it almost creaked from the tham, London, unit of the Labor "But the Streatham party inciples and reduces drying time directives to set up all kinds of Party defeated a motion to sists that he is still a member." for rayon and dyed yarn to five local, regional and state centers, expel Gerry Healy and to sus- Commenting on the Streatham minutes from the conventional staffs and steering committees. pend several other unit mem- unit's defiance of the NEC de-

unemployed will hear reports any more than they were heard on legislation and then visit any more than they were heard in -Washington- (where no unemployed worker was given the

How the unemployed workers will respond to this take-it-easy Jobless militants have for approach will be shown in the

Many of them were left with

They want action, not bull. They didn't enjoy the role of seat-fillers and hand-clappers to which they were confined in Washington.

Some of them noted angrily that the union bureaucrats in Washington referred in passing to the need for a 35-hour week, hour bill in the Senate.

The Washington conference pledged that it would be folowed by a big campaign against unemployment by the entire labor federation.

So far, this promise has remained strictly on paper: It's something like the big

promises to organize the unem-Here are a few facts to pon- ployed that Walter Reuther Under prodding from unem-

Reuther's plan was top-heavy because he wanted to make sure

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## Socialist Future Offers You the Best Investment

By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Director

I think I've made a substantial contribution in every nounced the ruling as a witch- ture of the hydrogen bomb and fund campaign of the Socialist Workers Party and its hunt against left-wing Labor- for a policy against unemployforerunners since I joined some 25 years ago. I do it ites and demanded the same ment. The whole rank and file

And you don't have to be rich most eloquent phrases in the for-Socialism group.]

And you don't have to be rich English language.

A few days before to do it.

Naturally it always gives me a twinge to part with money respondents used that phrase. Norwood unit's executive combecause of my early training on ations that sounded to me al- Behan, also a member of the protest against the NEC's posed by this bill if you don't only wish I could give more.

on a secret. Much as I enjoy scoring 92% on the board. And giving to a socialist fund-raising here is what she said: "I mancampaign, I enjoy even more aged to collect some money." opening up the letters containknow how good each one feels umes: "Joe Skivar."

about getting closer to the goal. I feel that way even if the accompanying letter only says,



Now I'm going to let you in the branch in second place and

Newark, one of the three branches ahead of schedule, did

with" category. The three not believe that the economy 1957 before going into reverse Kaye explained earlier in the the work-week] is taken," Woy- tion. Production rose an avercome, not the unemployment

us are getting." containing Milwaukee's contri- ate around 4 million during that 6.5%. bution of \$16 on the fund this year. If a new recession devel- "A closer analysis of employweek, I was sorry once more ops in 1961, it will start with ment and unemployment that Wayne Leverenz didn't win unemployment of about 4.5 mil- trends," says Woytinsky, "sughave made a wonderful govern- new peak of 6.5 or 7 million. been a substantial expansion of or with his succinct way of putting things: "Enclosed is a pay-

report after personally inter- 35-hour week." (Continued on Page 2)

# Mississippi Lynching Aided by State Officials

March Against Jim Crow Schools



Part of International Ladies Garment Workers Union contingent at April 18 Youth March Washington, D.C., against racial discrimination, Mixed delegations from North Carolina and Virginia participated; 8,000 came from New York; there were contingents from as far away as California to make total number of marchers reach 26,000. Tom Mboya, Harry Belafonte, A. Philip Randolph and Martin Luther King were among the speakers.

# Ranks of British Labor Party Defy Right-Wing over Purges

right wing is finding it no cinch activities. to purge the party of revolution-

bers. Healy is provisional na- cree, Gerry Healy said, "I am

letter, an SLL publication. right to promote its program . because I don't know of a better place to invest in the future
than in the socialist movement.

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> A few days before the Strea- Manchester Guardian,) This week quite a few cor-tham unit defied the NEC, the A number of other Labor

The Labor Party tops have tional executive committee to open expression of sympathy ary socialists. Two major Labor threatened to "reorganize" both rescind its undemocratic ruling. for revolutionary ideas — the Party units refused recently to the Streatham and Norwood Again, after Brian Behan ad- American public cheered Castro carry out expulsions of Social- units. However, they have not dressed them. 200 building as the symbol of revolution.

the-ban" sentiment is growing Gerry Healy . . . has ceased to and the Labor Party. be a Labor Party member," Two weeks ago, the Strea- says the April 25 Newsletter.

tional secretary of the Socialist proud of the stand my party the rank and file have had a ruled that supporters of the have a say they rebuff the could not hold Labor Party Streatham decision vindicates membership. The SLL de- our stand against the manufac- purge. . . must have an opportunity

can be changed." (April 17

Party unit called on the na- States - designed to kill any workers at Abbey Wood called in the trade-union movement sent from his visit. Congress-

of the Amalgamated Union of his government, "Why are you business district. Building Trade Workers, the worried about Communists?" Lambeth Trades Council and he answered. "There are no the Garston [near Liverpool] Communists in my government, ings, that are at issue. One looked exactly like the man. unit of the Labor Party de- You should worry about our executive said the sound of the His voice was different at the Labor League and a member of [unit] has taken in refusing to nounced the ban on the SLL success as a nation. We are a blows and reactions of the prispolice lineup. the editorial board of the Newsletter, an SLL publication.

The staken in refusing to his democracy." Said Senator oners was "upsetting" to his democracy." Since a Negro accused of month, following the expulsion Smathers of Florida, "It is clear women employes. "We can raping a white woman in Miss-In March, the Labor Party's chance of discussing the matter of nine alleged SLL supporters that he hasn't yet learned that clearly hear the swish and issippi is in constant danger of national executive committee and shows that every time they in Leeds, including two mem- you can't play ball with the smack of the cane and the lynching, police initially took bers of the Leeds City Council, League and of the Newsletter bureaucrats at the top. . . . The party units in North-East and East Leeds protested the NEC's not diminish Castro's popular-

#### HOW TO AVOID TAXES

A sure-fire way of avoiding taxes was suggested by Hiram er of the Pennsylvania House of you make a revolution?" one said: "I sympathize with the and ordered Parker transferred Representatives, when he com- New York taxi driver, for exmented on a bill up for pass-

think of how it counts for the most like poetry. For instance, Newsletter's editorial board. Be- ban on the SLL and the News- eat, smoke, see anything, do is studying cows to learn how ant clients had been interrupted sheriff simply locks the door

# Castro Wins Cop Shoots Negro Cheers of U.S. People

Not since they greeted heroes of the 1905 Russian Revolution, have the American people extended the kind of welcome to a revolutionary they accorded to Fidel Castro during his 11day tour of Washington, D.C., New York City and Boston.

In Washington, "High school students shouted from buses, 'Hi, Fidel!" In New York, . .. Dr. Castro received warm welcomes wherever he went." And in Boston, 10,000 people, mostly students, greeted him at a meeting near Harvard University. Thirty-five thousand New Yorkers turned out to hear him at Central Park.

Castro, for his part, played up to his role as a leader of a popular revolution. He did not change from his green "26th of July Movement" uniform into mufti at any time. Wherever he went, his supporters carried banners proclaiming "Long Live the Cuban Revolution!" and "Down with Trujillo!" (Trujillo is the Dominican dictator).

In radio and TV interviews and all his speeches, Castro spoke about the liberationist aims of the Cuban revolution. Thus despite 12 years of The British Labor Party's six weeks in prison for strike of the Hendon North Labor witch-hunting in the United

> Not that witch-hunting directmen and TV interviewers pressed him repeatedly for answers The April 25 Newsletter also about "Communist - infiltration" of the Cuban revolution and of of the Cuban revolution and of

> > some Americans, the Cuban a city business area." events seemed to contain food for further thought, "How do ample, asked of his fare, following the Castro visit.

Communists . .

CASE OF RURAL IDIOCY

# In New York **Police Station**

NEW YORK — One more Negro has been added to the list of victims of triggerhappy cops in this city. Al Garrett, 24, was taken to a Brooklyn hospital in critical condition with a bullet wound in his liver. He was shot in a police precinct house April 17 by Patrolman John Cuzzo, The official police version of the incident is that the wounded man tried to hit the cop with a chair.

Garrett, who was arrested after a street argument with the cop, said: "They never asked me any questions. He (Cuzzo) hit me with his billy and I was running around trying to duck. Then he pulled his gun, and I was still running around. Then he shot me. I fell and tried to get up, but he put his foot on me and kept me down."

# South African By Canings

Africa. The Wednesday after of Parker was far from positive. noon caning of Negroes in the Since the lynching she has descentral police station is going cribed to reporters her original to be moved down to the basement. Milton Bracker reported lows: "When I saw the man I in the April 26 New York Times told these police that I wasn't that the beatings, which are ad- positive it was him, but it lookministered as legal discipline, ed like him." Again, "When the have brought many complaints police showed me all the men, from people in the surrounding

pleadings and screams of peo-However, this apparently did ple being beaten," he said.

ity here nor the sympathy of ishments are well deserved, but capital. the American people for the I feel the place for them should Cuban upheaval. In fact, to be anywhere but the center of

One genteel white woman police. It cannot be nice to have to the county jail in rural Pearl to deal out these beatings. But River County, the area of the I wish we didn't have to listen alleged crime. This transfer was

The Animal Health Institute that conversations with import- pletely unguarded at night. The future, I feel good about it and only wish I could give more.

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# Victim Left Unguarded In Jail Cell

By George Lavan

A Mississippi mob opened the observance of the period designated by President Eisenhower as National Law Week by lynching Mack C. Parker, a 23year old Negro. This brutal deed speaks louder and truer about "the equal protection of the law" in the U.S. than all the Law Week speeches of Bar Association officials and capitalist politicians.

As usual with Deep South lynchings, there is little likelihood that the murderers will be arrested. Even if some unusual combination of circumstances should lead to their arrest, it is generally acknowledged that, as with the lynchers of 14-year-old Emmett Till, the workings of Mississippi's lily-white "justice" would promptly free them.

#### CONNIVANCE INDICATED

The bare facts of the Poplarville lynching indicate that Mississippi officials all but is-Whites Irked sued engraved invitations to the lynch mob, if indeed they did not secretly connive with it.

Parker, a truckdriver, was arrested on a charge of raping a 24-year-old white woman from A reform movement is shap- an adjoining county last Feb. ing up in Capetown, South 24. The woman's identification identification of Parker as foltold them Parker loc the one but I wasn't certain. Then next day, when I saw his It's the noise, not the beat- picture in the newspaper, it

special precautions to protect Parker and lodged him in the "I don't doubt that these pun- city jail in Jackson, the state

But twelve days before the lynching, Mississippi Circuit Court Judge Sebe Dale suddenly decided that special precautions were no longer desirable carried out with the knowledge A business man complained that the Poplarville jail is com-

# Shorter Week Offers More

Seattle was another branch in bor economist, writing in the 1957, the rate of increase taperchecks totaled \$94. They looked can develop a boom of suffici- in the 1958 recession. like pay checks endorsed over ent proportions in the foresee- Recovery from the recession to the fund campaign. That able future to absorb those who began in April 1958. But the would be in accordance with are jobless at present plus about figures from April to December the high goal set by the Seattle a million new jobseekers a year. show employment increasing at

versing this trend except by re- absorption of unemployment." The New York Local, I can ing from the 40-hour week to a the unemployment of the 1949-

comrades. "Our standard," Clara | "Unless such action [reducing a far slower rate than produccampaign, "is one week's in- tinsky says, "more than 4 mil- age of 12% throughout all man-"A slowdown of economic ex- goods, where a large proportion able; the best one can expect is concentrated, production in-When I opened the letter that unemployment will fluctu- creased 16% and employment

A reduction of the work-week tural establishments since the number of unemployed remain-ment will increase by 500,000 week. His appeal is both to the normal hours plus 2.3 hours of I know how each contributor of the level during the if production expands by 5 per employers and unions to work overtime. Thus hours actually with those dollars and I also money order for \$79 spoke vol- unemployment, according to Dr. creased from 40 million in 1945 million]. The country entered rises 4 per cent." W.S. Woytinsky, a prominent la- to 52.6 million in September, the third postwar recession with Reviewing the overall per- he proposes three or five-year considerable unemployment. To formance of the economy and agreements providing for yearly the wonderful "enclosed here- April 13 New Leader. He does ed off markedly in 1956 and this backlog, fresh unemploy- its prospects, Woytinsky con- reduction of hours until the 35- with" category. The three not believe that the economy 1957 before going into reverse ment was added with the in- cludes, "There is a very slim hour week is achieved. The concrease in the labor force and chance that economic recovery tract would also call for yearly lay-offs in industry."

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The official statistics do not in the work-week. tell the whole tale: ". . . many come as the basis of the pledge lion will probably remain un- ufacturing, while employment 1958 without previous experi- sion when part-time work at 40 classified as 'not in labor force' hours became common practice. Even labor leaders like George insurance which is all some of pansion in 1960 is fairly prob- of the unemployed have been rather than 'unemployed.' If This was later legalized through Meany and Walter Reuther opthis explanation is correct, there the Wages and Hours Law. posed the shorter work-week on was considerable hidden unem- "Since that time very little has this ground until recently. ployment in the summer of been done to adjust hours of

increasing 2% a year, total outyear, production must advance 50 recession. But "The expand- 4-5% to prevent the further viewing Richard Lopez, is buzz- Woytinsky reviews the curve ing economy did not absorb un- growth of unemployment." On ion-contract changes must now that the average work-week in of employment in nonagricul- employment in 1955-57. The the other hand, ". . . unemploy- embody reductions in the work January 1959 embodied 37.6

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The last cutback in hours of work to changing economic and With the civilian labor force technological conditions."

In the postwar recessions, in the last election. He would lion and raise the figure to a gests that recently there has put must rise 2% annually to though hours were cut to some approach. However, his recomabsorb the new workers assum- extent, the reduction was not as mendation that the work-week "I see no other way of re- production with little or no re- ing no technological and eco- drastic as in the Great Depres- be cut to 35 hours over a threenomic progress. "Assuming a sion since unemployment com- or five-year span is inadequate. adjusting hours of work-shift- The 1951-53 boom wiped out productivity growth of 2-3% a pensation reduced the need for "work-sharing."

Woytinsky believes that un- ticularly in view of the fact

tual understanding." Concretely below 40. wage increases of 5% to preduce mass unemployment." The vent loss in take-home pay. Most capitalist economists, both liberal and conservative, have opposed shortening the young workers who entered the work, says Woytinsky, was ef- work-week on the pretext that labor market around June-July fected during the Great Depres- it would cut production at a time when this country is in an -with wages considered as in- employed at the end of 1959. increased only 5.6%. In durable ence did not find jobs and were hours a week instead of 44-48 economic race with the USSR.

> The significance of Woytinsky's article is that it thoroughly demolishes the "we-must-increase-production-not-cut-hours" The pace would be too slow

to absorb unemployment, par-

#### Speculative Fever On Wall Street

The biggest speculative fever in the stock market since 1929 is now under way, says Richard Phalon in the April 27 N.Y. Herald Tribune. . . . the speculative tone of the market was enough to

make some worried Wall Streeters feel they'd seen it all before. . . . It was a rare broker who did not have his own variation on the tale of the '\$80 a week ribbon clerk' who plunked his 'life savings of \$300' down on the desk and asked to be put into a 'good \$2 stock that's going to 50.'" Actually many \$2 stocks are going to 50, says Phalon, "on nothing more than a prayer and a prom-

The April 27 Wall Street Journal also compares today's stock market with 1929.

# J. Edgar Hoover – Labor Spy Number 1

movement, "labor spies" means try.' private detectives hired by employers in their war against keeping union activities under unions. The Senate Civil Liberties Committee, headed by Senator Robert La Follette, investigated the activities of labor spies Thus during the May 1958 of 1955. The majority of strikers in the 1930's and exposed some of their shocking practices. The labor movement used the Senate committee's investigation to weed out labor spies from their ranks.

The labor-spy racket, however, has taken a new form. The services for which the employers used to pay fink agencies are now performed, at taxpayers' expense, by the FBI, as part of the bi-partisan witch-hunt pro-

An old-style, private labor-spy outfit once informed a prospective client, "We help eliminate the agitator and organizer quietly and with little friction." The "Industrial Security" program, with its provisions for "security screenings," has been touted in a similar vein.

A 1952 report by the National Industrial Conference Board tells the employers, "Even if you don't have a trained saboteur in hire, Industrial Security can . . . help you rid your plant of agitators who create labor unrest, who promote labor grievances, slowdowns and strikes and encourage worker antipathy towards management."

#### BRAND ALL LABOR ACTIVITIES

Note that this employers' organization deems the whole gamut of union activities - and not merely "communism" - to be "subversive" and thus a fit subject for "screening." The Democrats who began the "security" program and the Re- ficial FBI memorandum based both entrusted the FBI with its meeting of the union's Local 1 in administration. J. Edgar Hoover Butte makes no mention whathas thus become the nation's ever of "subversives." number one labor spy.

Testifying for the FBI's 1953

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Angeles and the Bay Area sent the kind of letters a fund campaign director has an ear esdoes-but they were welcome

That's 36% of the goal.

Traditionally in the labor internal security of our coun-idealt "exclusively with the employer-employee relation," and Although Hoover claims that did not apply to the FBI.

It is noteworthy that the Jussurveillance is only incidental tice Department began its SACB to sleuthing on "subversives," action during the hard-fought man in Butte, Montana, it was International Union of Electrirevealed that Arthur Moralez, a cal, Radio and Machine Workers, of the jobless. paid FBI informer, had been re- (AFL-CIO), whose leadership porting to the FBI on the busi- had carried through many purnists." The Justice Department,

drew its action against UE.)

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NMU officials are expert red-

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FBI WIRE-TAPPING

#### **Henry Gitano Wins** Citation from American Legion

The following endorsement appeared in the March 15 issue of the American Legion's 'Firing Line":

"The Socialist Workers Party (SWP), a sizeable splinter group of the CPUSA, has been viciously attacking the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a series of articles appearing in recent issues of The Militant, the SWP's official weekly organ. Edited by HENRY GITANO, the articles are clever distortions of the daily operations of this efficient investigative arm of the United States Department of Justice. The author utilized numerous sources of information to write his story, including the following: American Civil Liberties Union, National Lawyers Guild, 'The FBI' by MAX LOWENTHAL, The Nation and CYRUS S. EATON."

Smelter Workers Union, An ofpublicans who continued it have on Moralez' oral report of a

Again, in proceedings before the Subversive Activities Conappropriations, Hoover stated: trol Board to have the indepen-"In these very important key dent United Electrical Workers industries our investigative re- designated as "communist-infilsponsibility has increased. We trated," Isaac Alexander Wright ing" program. Evidently, this must keep abreast of all activi- testified that he was hired by ties which may jeopardize the the FBI in 1942 or 1943 to spy FBI spying into its internal afon the "communists" and on fairs. union activities in the Pittsburgh area. The government the Hat and Millinery Workers produced a record showing that Union — whose president, Alex over a period of 15 years, the Rose, once proposed creation of sawing its way toward its goal. FBI paid Wright more than a "Labor FBI" — was victimized Among the ways of heaping up \$27,000. During that time, by J. Edgar Hoover's "gumshoe Among the ways of neaping up the sawdust is a weekly table bazaar that has bargains that out-Macy Macy's. I know, because I can't resist some of cause I can't resist some of the use of state police as strike-the use of state police as strike-the would report the use of state police as strike-the would report the worker. International try."

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made by his own stool pigeon, men who converged on his home laid off just before Christmas pecially tuned to. The only U.S. Attorney W. Ford Maddrix from the front and rear. The FBI in 1958, describes what she talking was the kind money could not seriously challenge the agents handcuffed their victim faces: "When I'm working, I'm UE's charge that the FBI had as if he were a desperado. Before just barely living. When I'm not planted labor-espionage agents being taken to jail overnight, working, I know what it's like Total for the week was \$808. to concoct "evidence" against "May was again handcuffed and to be in hell. Can someone do As you can see on the score- the union. He was placed on the chained, with the handcuffs at- something to find work for poor board below, that brought the defensive when union attorneys tached to the chain around his people like me?" national total up to \$5,781. cited laws against labor spying. waist." Since then, May has been He pleaded that this legislation

#### **SCOREBOARD** FUND

City	Quota	Paid	Percent
Pittsburgh	\$ . 10	\$ 10	100
Allentown	. 110	101	92
Newark	. 265	142	54
Twin Cities	. 1,700	766	45
St. Louis	. 80	35	44
San Diego	. 245	100	41
New York	. 4,200	1,700	40
Los Angeles	. 4,400	1,715	39
Connecticut	. 200	65	33
Detroit	. 600	184	31
Seattle	. 500	155	31
Chicago		300	30
Milwaukee	. 250	73	29
Cleveland		200	27
Boston	. 450	55	12
Philadelphia	. 500	55	11
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Denver	. 25	0	0
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Total through April 27 \$	16,100	\$5,781	36

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# What Unions Are Saying on Unemployment

By Alex Harte and Flora Carpenter

"AFL-CIO Sets Off Massive Attack on Unemployment, "The Bitter Face of Unem-

ployment — Endless Lines of People Seeking Work-Frustrated Jobless Face Grim Future." "This Is Happening in America-Misery, Despair and Want."

These are some of the headthe record testifies otherwise. Westinghouse Corporation strike lines in the April 11 AFL-CIO News. Two-thirds of the ar-Smith-Act trial of Julius Hell- belonged not to UE but to the ticles, an editorial and a cartoon are devoted to the plight

Unemployment has received extensive coverage in virtually ness of the Mine, Mill and ges against alleged "commu- every issue of the paper since the middle of last February, just however, sought to smear the prior to the AFL-CIO national entire strike by singling out UE council meeting that decided to "communist-infiltrated." (Last | call the April 8 Washington jobmonth, the Department withless conference.

Such sustained, serious treatment of the problem is relatively new for this staid and conservative voice of the top union FBI spying is not confined to brass. It reflects a concern that alleged "subversives" nor to alis now finding expression in allegedly "communist-infiltrated" most every publication of the unions. In 1948, John L. Lewis, various international unions and president of the United Mine most of the local ones. A sam-Workers, accused Attorney Genpling of the union press makes eral Tom Clark of using FBI clear that throughout the labor men to tap UMW telephones. movement significant unemploy-"Surely," said Lewis, "old Tom ment in a period of peak prohasn't forgotten the day he sent duction is recognized as a prime one of his gumshoe men in to tap our telephones in our office

What to do about it? Most and our boys threw him out on union papers support the AFLhis ear. They caught him right CIO program put forward at the Washington rally. The AFL-CIO ment, tapping her up, and they News is pressing for action on the legislative front. Central de-Again, at the National Marimands are for a 35-hour week time Union's council meeting in law, federal standards for un-February 1954, NMU Vice-Presiwith investigators who have to stimulate production.

Heaviest fire is directed state systems . . . this critical snooping all over the place." Warner reported that against the Republican admin- job of providing for the unem-Hoyt Haddock, the union's istration and its do-nothing ap-Washington representative, had proach to unemployment. But tion's economic health cannot be entrants to the labor force, the expressed concern over a charge there is also a note of irritation left to the states. It's a job that by government sources that the over the Democrats elected to needs doing now, by the 86th union gave Negroes and Puerto Congress with the support of Congress." Ricans preferential treatment. the union officialdom.

To those who recall that in Then "came the FBI with the same story, only the FBI went the early thirties the top AFL nological Unemployment," the further. The FBI said, 'You will bureaucrats opposed unemploygo back to New York and you ment insurance as not in the April 13 New Leader an article will bring us back information American tradition, the present by economist W. S. Woytinsky concerning this matter.'" The stand of the AFL-CIO News which marshals data in support may sound almost radical. An of the demand for a 35-hour baiters and cooperate with the April 25 editorial declares: week. (See page 1 for a review "Since 1935 the unemployment of this article.)

"My Job Has Disappeared" An impressive roundup of in- periencing a rising tide of re-Finally, there is the case of how terviews with unemployed possession of automobiles, TV unionists in key areas of the sets and household appliances." country was featured in the April 11 AFL-CIO News.

against the Louisville Hat Com- worked as a sorter at a woolen On the basis of admissions pany, was jailed by three FBI and waste mill until she was

> How does the Hathman famsentenced to nine months in jail ily get by? "Soldiers and Sailors conflict of words spoken at a sation check of \$24 a week." implications of the May case for job.

the entire labor movement are reports, the new greeting is to new high levels." In an editorial, the Hat Work- try, long a major source of jobs last year, "Yet, in February of tion is better than strikes," Saler lamented that "it would be in the area, production has this year, rail employment was erno said. "A 35-hour work- bor in every area of industry agenda. tragic for the Bureau and a real plummeted 55% in the past down to 839,000 against 888,000 week law would prevent strikes must give special attention to loss to the nation if the FBI at eight years. "New England's in the depths of the recession this late day and juncture should distressed areas are now ex- a year ago."

In Milwaukee, the manufacture of heavy machinery "has

Under the title, "Shorter

Work Week Solution to Tech-

same issue reprints from the

learning how to operate practically every machine in my department and I think I'm as good a mechanic as the next man. Now I'm told my job has disappeared because it can be done quicket and cheaper by automatic machinery. Not only am I without a job, but I've apparently wasted all those years in learning how to do something for which there is no longer any market."

Worried attention to the job-Relief pays the rent," reports the less problem is also found in ... the only basis of the in- AFL-CIO News. "Food and a the IUD Bulletin, publication dictment" against May, says the few clothes are paid for with of the AFL-CIO Industrial Un-April 15 Hat Worker, "was a an Ohio unemployment compen- ion Department. The April issue cites figures from various Board hearing resulting from an After the checks run out, the industries and areas to indicate employer appeal. Contradictory Hathmans "and thousands like the extent of technological untestimony at NLRB hearings is them" will have to look to city employment. "Everywhere," it an every-day occurrence. The welfare and "hope" for another says, "fewer workers were being required as the nation's out-In New England, the paper put of goods and services rose

### "Output Rises; Jobs Decline"

Following the March 15 edi-The Bulletin quotes Steel-|sion half over, it is time for the torial, the FBI went to see the was pleased that the FBI had are more than 200,000 members of the Administration." taken this trouble . . . Known of this union who are still unof itself in my own front yard." forming a police task, and they place for them."

denied any harsh treatment. On ises. "During the trial one of the go in 1955 because of moves to years ago. ticed coaching some of the wit- jobless." nesses who appeared against

for the wheels of Justice to move Party in particular, a mandate tonnage." in the railroading expedition." to move forward. With the ses- The April Steel Labor de- and permanently on the wel-

workers President David J. Mc- Congress to demonstrate that it order to obtain the shorter work Hat Worker's editor J. C. Rich Donald on the situation in that is responsive to the people's week if no legislation was regarding May's arrest. Rich industry: "As of today there needs, regardless of the position adopted."

processes in the industry, Bru- in the past. The Bulletin's lead article de- baker explains: "It's just an-

teriorated badly and is no long- for Full Employment." On the million the same month a year er capable of meeting the needs basis of a long term study, it ago. But the rail barons are of the unemployed. It is time, reports that in the decade ahead still complaining about losing found in the highly automated therefore, for a complete over- "steel production and mainten- their shirts as a result of alemployment compensation, fed- hauling of the system, including ance employment is not likely leged "featherbedding" practices of the lost production jobs have dent Warner complained that, eral aid to depressed areas, and additional federal standards to to exceed an average of 500,000 of the unions. At the same time The halls have been flooded increased government spending repair the glaring deficiencies as compared with 535,200 in the rail lobby is trying to push that have been written into 1957."

Scene from Shakespeare's Othello presented free of charge last summer at the Belvedere

Lake Theater in New York's Central Park. This year City Parks Commissioner Robert Moses

has aroused indignation by denying further use of the lawns to the theater unless admission is

charged to help "keep up the grass." To counter city-wide sentiment favoring free Shakes-peare, Moses is circulating a McCarthy-type unsigned letter accusing Joseph Papp, sponsor of

the presentations, of having a "Communist" background.

new jobs will be needed by and retirement benefits for railployed and maintaining the na- 1965 just to provide for new report adds: "Even assuming a more rapid growth of the national economy, it is apparent that a reduction in working hours is also essential to achieve full employment."

The report also says that the steel union must undertake the organization of salaried employes "in order to halt the declining role of the union as a representative of the industry's work force.

Railroad workers are likewise trying to cope with chronic unemployment. Less than half the number of workers are employed on the railroads today than in the twenties. But contrary to the carefully cultivated public so hammer at the jobless issue. profit-wise. "Rail Freight and "What's 'Up' on the Hill-Nothunions.

compensation system has de-|clares: "Shorter Hours Needed|as compared with a loss of \$10 a measure through Congress to Pointing out that 14 million reduce federal unemployment road workers.

> The paper charges that the propaganda campaign against 'featherbedding' is a smokescreen in a drive to steadily reduce rail employment beyond the amount ascribable to technological advances. It reports that many lines are closing down small stations, consolidating others, and reducing services Torturing worn-out equipment, they are cutting back on car-repair and car-building programs. By these and other methods, they have wiped out 600,000 jobs in the industry since the end of World War II.

United Mineworkers Journal al- 3. The paper reprints a leaflet impression, the railroad mag- "Ike's 'Rising Prosperity' Will Week Committee at the Washnates are still doing all right Not Feed Hungry Americans." ington jobless conference. ment," reports the April 18 is- Unemployed" are the titles of groups. sue of Labor, voice of 17 rail- three recent editorials. The people are working than in Douglas (D-Ill.) and for enact-March 1958. Class 1 railroads ment of federal standards for netted \$20 million in February unemployment compensation.

The editorial also warns: "La-

The April 10 issue of the Dis-

### 'Strong Leadership Needed"

"Unemployment: National | fare rolls . . . If industry will not Problem," reads the front page make it possible to employ all of the April 1 issue of Advance, our work force, then industry published by the Amalgamated should be forced to pay a work-Clothing Workers of America. er his full wages for as long as The article urges passage of the he is available for work." Karsten - Machrowicz jobless The Black Worker, official or- their long militant tradition, compensation bill, "along with gan of the Brotherhood of was expressed in a front page 35-hour work week to absorb the curtailment of passenger rolet Local 659: thousands and thousands of service on the fake plea made automation."

are you?" In the textile indus- shipments are running ahead of land regional director. "Legisla- railroad passenger service. for reduced hours. It would es- the question of the reduction of shove hard for a shorter work dustrial peace. It would protect drastically limited, millions of everyone to work," fair employers against the un- workers will be added to the fair employers whose workers jobless throughout the nation would be forced to strike in because of the march of auto-

A more militant view of the Unemployment in the steel fight for a shorter work week as something of an admirer and employed despite the productindustry is analyzed in detail is expressed in the March a partisan of the FBI, I was em- tion boom. There is a good in Steel Labor, monthly voice MESA Educator, voice of the barassed to see it make a boor chance that many may never of the United Steelworkers. Mechanics Educational Society, be called back because tech- "There's No Real Recovery AFL-CIO. An editorial declar-Rich was sadly disappointed. nological advances have elimin- Without Full Employment — es: "Big business and industry The FBI agents said that in ar- ated their jobs, or so reduced Steel Output Rises But Job and politicians, as always, must resting May they were only per- crew sizes that there is no Gains Decline," reads the lead be FORCED to make changes headline in the March issue. in the hours, wages and work-It's the same story in meat Otis Brubaker, the union's re- ing conditions of the working rechecking his story, Rich was packing: "The Packinghouse search director points to the class. This cannot be done by convinced that the FBI had in- Worker estimates that there are example of Buffalo where a re- the hat-in-hand policy being deed manhandled May. After 23,700 fewer jobs in meat pack- turn to full steel production has pursued by the present leaderthe manacling, neighbors noticed ing than in 1956. It estimates meant between one to two thou- ship of the AFL-CIO. Strong, an FBI agent scouting and tak- that 4,200 of the 7,000 meat sand fewer workers back on forceful leadership, that has no ing photographs of May's prem- workers who lost jobs in Chica- the job than there were two fear of using the legal weapons it has at its disposal, is needed arresting officers was also no- more modern plants are still Pointing to new technical now as urgently as at any time

An editorial on April 15. clares, "It's Time for Perform- other way of saying they are duced drastically or large seggetting more productivity per ments of our people must restates: "It took exactly ten days American people gave the 86th man hour which means simply sign themselves to the status of from indictment to conviction Congress, and the Democratic less people turning out more second-rate citizens doomed to be permanently unemployed Coast International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, reports that the thirteenth biennial convention of the union, then in progress, devoted major attention to automation and unemployment. A resolution on automation,

the paper said, suggested a combination of approaches, "including tax on new machines to meet the needs of displaced workers, a shorter work week without loss of take-home pay, early retirements, substantial serverance pay, extended vacations, industry-wide seniority and retraining.'

Automation and decentralization have dealt a heavy jobless jolt to the electrical industry. The April 13 IUE News, voice of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, AFL-CIO, gives excerpts from a report to the union's international executive board April 7 by Pres. James

"In the electrical machinery and equipment industry real output has been increasing two and a half times faster than employment. The recession resulted in a job drop of 162,200 for production workers and 12,-000 for non-production workers. After nine months, 53 per cent of the lost production jobs had NOT been restored. All nonproduction jobs over the same period were completely restored and 7,600 new jobs were added.

"The situation of lagging employment in our industry is lamp plants. Some 69 per cent NOT been regained in this in-

"The need for a substantial reduction in the work week . . . is amply demonstrated by our industry . . . A work week of 32 hours rather than 40 hours is needed to keep production workers employed in our industry."

During the thirties, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers mounted a nationwide campaign for the 30hour week. The April 15 issue of Electrical Union World, newspaper of New York Local 3 of the IBEW, gives special coverage to the "Shorter Work Week Committee" set up by the N.Y. City Central Labor Council of the AFL-CIO under the leadership of Harry Van Arsdale, president of the council The last three issues of the and business manager of Local distributed by the Shorter Work

The leaflet urged formation Profits Soar, But Jobs Just ing for Working People, That's of similar committees through-Creep Along-Traffic Goes Up What!" "The Jobless Take a out the labor movement and co-Five Times as Fast as Employ- Beating - Congress Versus the ordinated activity by such

magazine is pushing for the proposal made by van Arsdale Carloadings in March were up aid-to-depressed areas bill in- at the conference in behalf of 12% over a year ago but less troduced by Senator Paul the N.Y. Central Labor Council that the national AFL-CIO undertake the organization of the

The various publications of the United Auto Workers, which has been hit heavily by unemployment, are giving major attention to the problem, with the shorter work week and improved jobless compensation standards their major demands.

Something of the mood of the workers in this union, with a \$1.25 federal minimum wage Sleeping Car Porters, hits out article in the March 2 Searchwith broader coverage, and a in a February editorial against light, the paper of Flint Chev-"Friends, it's going to take

workers thrown out of jobs by by the railroad companies of the kind of shop level action vanishing profits. It urges sup- now to alleviate the unemploy-The issue features a speech port of current efforts by rail ment as it took in 1936 to shake in favor of the 35-hour week unions to win amendment of the tyranny and fear of the by Joseph Salerno, vice presi- the Railway Transportation Act boss. Let's not expect the ruling 'Are you working?"—not "How The Bulletin reports that rail dent of the union and New Eng- so as to require an increase in class to become suddenly repentant and start treating us right because that isn't on their "Come on, let's get going and

tablish uniform hours for all hours of work. Unless hours in day and week at no reduction industries and help promote in- all forms of production are in pay. Stop all overtime, put

> HENS AND MIDDLE MAN "Our hens are eating better than we are," say upstate N.Y. farmers whose 29-cents-a-dozen

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### Politics of the Kennedy-Ervin Bill

The passage of the union-backed Kennedy "labor regulation" bill along with the revised McClellan amendments by a 90-to-1 vote in the U.S. Senate April 25 raises the problem of the labor movement's policy on two basic questions: union democracy and union independence from government control.

In our opinion the most fruitful approach to the politics of this bill is offered along the following lines:

(1) No law which permits the capitalist government or any of its agencies to increase its control over the unions is of benefit to the rank and file of the labor movement.

(2) No matter how such a law may "sweetened" with provisions apparently designed to protect the democratic rights of union members, workers should oppose it. Government control of the unions is contrary to the very essence of union democracy.

(3) The struggle for union democracy is absolutely indispensable. It is the number one task of the American labor move-

#### McClellan on the Prowl

The fight for union democracy is a fight to preserve and expand the capacity of the organized working class to defend its economic and political interests in the struggle against the capitalist exploiters. For that very reason it cannot be entrusted to the mortal enemies of unionism the capitalists, their political parties and their government.

Unfortunately the present leadership of the unions will not and cannot view the problem this way. This leadership follows the policy of class collaboration, the policy that led it to support the Kennedy bill in the first place.

The chain of events that led to this false step is instructive.

For two years Senator McClellan (D-Ark.) has been bombarding the country with his Senate Committee investigations into union racketeering, treasury looting, dictatorial rule, goon tactics against the rank and file, taking bribes and gifts from business men, etc., etc. The big-business press has had a field day, conveniently overlooking the crimes of its moneyed backers. But many of the facts were ugly, as only too many unionists already knew from bitter experience.

The tragic irony of this is that Mc-Clellan hasn't the slightest interest in union democracy or in "clean unionism." He was engaged only in creating a national atmosphere favorable to such unionbusting legislation as state "Right to Work" laws and federal laws that would put a government dog collar on the unions. Taking advantage of the fact that the union leadership was badly compromised by all their nefarious practices, he converted "union democracy" into a banner of the anti-union campaign. At the same time his investigations were used as a club to soften the union leadership into agreeing to go along with at least some of the planned legislation.

#### Panic Among the Brass

The union leaders cowered under the pounding. They opened a campaign to clean out racketeers and wrongdoers under the slogan: "Let's clean our own house before they clean it for us." This, of course, has its progressive side. Every step of the union officials, however inconsistent and limited and for whatever motives, to curb the evils of bureaucratic rule in the unions is a step forward and should be supported. Moreover, in such a development the rank and file can find openings to introduce more basic progressive changes.

But the bureaucracy also sought to appease the anti-union legislation drive by seeking a "milder" version of what McClellan and his Republican allies were presenting. They found this in the Kennedy-Ervin bill. This bill in its original form combined in one package measures that ostensibly gave union members a greater say in their organizations and measures that really gave the government more hooks for intervening in union affairs. And as "sweeteners" some minor amendments of the Taft-Hartley Law were added.

As the Kennedy bill moved through committee, the union leaders hailed it as "pro-labor," apparently crossing their fingers as they said it. When the bill hit the floor of the Senate McClellan played his trump card. He proposed a series of amendments as a "bill of rights" for union members. Among other things these included: The right of members to sue a , union or its officers; the right of a candidate for union office to use the membership list; the right of a union member to bring grievance actions to the Secretary of Labor; the right of this government of-

ficial to enforce these guarantees by tak ing injunctive action against a union.

In other words, in the guise of sharpening the provisions guaranteeing democratic rights to rank-and-file unionists, the McClellan amendments sharpened the pro- a history of the dramatic strike visions giving the government power, struggles in Minneapolis, Charles through the Secretary of Labor, to practically seize control of a union.

Nevertheless the McClellan "bill of rights" amendments cannot just be dismissed. Sinister as they are with their sition he took in the strike crisis pending on how fast the teacher present government - control gimmicks, some of them would be sound if they were put into effect by the union movement itself and if they included the basic principle of unyielding opposition to government intervention in union affairs, including the "investigations" of such com-, mittees as the one McClellan heads.

Kennedy's tactic in response to Mc-Clellan's move was what might be expected from a leader of the Democratic Party. As a capitalist politician on McClellan's side, he was unwilling to expose Mc-Clellan's real game; but as a presidential aspirant he wanted to preserve his "friend of labor" image. His solution to this dilemma was to appear to be a better witch-hunter than McClellan and at the same time more pro-labor. McClellan's amendments, he argued, would help the "Communists"; while the ostensible democratic aims of McClellan's amendments would be better served by the Kennedy bill, the Taft-Hartley Act and state laws already on the books.

However, in the U.S. Senate crass interests count, not persuasive arguments. McClellan had succeeded in passing his amendments when Nixon broke a tie vote in his favor. How was Kennedy to alter this? His group of Northern liberals-the that nowadays would be considlabor-backed Democrats-turned to their ered somewhat tender. Southern brothers. They suggested that injunctions used to enforce McClellan's amendments could also be used to enforce shoemaker. His father, an itincivil-rights measures in the South. The racists understood. They arranged a com- from County Clare, Ireland. promise between Kennedy and McClellan.

#### Why They Act That Way

In the process the Senate adopted several other amendments, including one "that substantially hardened the ban on family lost the small house they 'hot cargo' clauses and provided for man-had been struggling to buy. camps. That was a significant datory injunctions against unions when- Things looked bleak in Kansas year in Ray's life, for unionism ever an employer complained that the City for the Irish immigrant union was seeking such a clause."

The amended version of the Kennedy bill now goes to the House. There big- brother, Bill, to live with her business forces are already clamoring for parents who had settled on a the addition of more anti-labor, govern- farm east of Little Falls, Minment-control clauses. At this point we nesota When Ray's father could didn't talk about the union right cannot say what the final version will be. move about, enough money was off. He first introduced me to

in its present-day stage of complete dom- into an old log house. ination by big business is to absorb the Aside from more children, the unions into the government apparatus. family continued to be blessed The extreme expression of this process with not much more than hardis the corporate unions under fascism. To log home burned down. achieve this "ideal," however, the union movement in its independent form must recalled. "We had to go to my first be smashed. Meanwhile, what we are grandfather's house a quarter of witnessing now in the U.S. is this process at work under capitalist "democracy."

One of the symptoms is government "regulation" of the unions. Another is the ters. I was about six or seven." transformation of the summits of the unions into a privileged bureaucratized caste that destroys union democracy. As the bureaucracy strangles union democracy, it becomes increasingly the instru- Things like that stuck in Ray's ment of indirect control of the capitalist mind. class and the government over the unions.

The bureaucracy is caught in a contradiction. In order to defend its special function as a transmitter of capitalist control over the unions, it must in some measure defend the independence of the as a sawyer in the lumber wanted to join up, I didn't wait." unions. Yet by trampling on union democracy it weakens the power of the unions to such an extent that the ruling grew up we went out to work class can move aggressively towards on nearby farms, on threshing starting out before dawn and ship in pressing the mine workdirect control of the unions, further weaking them as fighting organizations capable plowing in the spring. We used any Sunday work. They couldn't treating and allowing the issues of defending the living standards of the to work by the month - plow, fire a man at will the way they to go to arbitration.

#### Problem of Leadership

Is it any wonder, then, that in the thirteen, we could take the sides seeing to it that standards face of such a legislative offensive, the bureaucrats, torn between their function around the farm. as administrators of independent union organizations and their captivity to the \$7 or \$8 a month. That included a stock of books for sale. Some Democratic Party, flounder and fumble even though their own special interests until it was dark at night. After As literature agent, the steward Sweden. are seriously endangered?

In the fight for union democracy as cleaned the stable and curried young Ray's education and sugin the fight for union independence from your team and milked a few gested some titles that seemed bombs is within Sweden's government control-and these are interrelated issues—the progressive unionist cannot depend on the labor bureaucracy for leadership. One section of the bureau- the winter months when work A dictionary went with the orcracy or another can be forced to take a around the farms slacked off. "I der. correct step, and when they do they went from the first through the "The book made a deep imshould be supported. But on the whole by grades then but the McGuffey read it and reread it throughout Sweden managed to stay out of the Central Workers' Councilose range and some saving Sweden managed to stay out of the Central Workers' Councilose range and some saving the the struggle requires the forging of a new reader. You could make two or the entire season. It was a big of both World War I and World cil of Budapest will remain in might be made by keeping the leadership and a new policy.

# Interview with a Twentieth Century Pioneer

By Harry Ring

Vincent R.Dunne became nationally famous in the bitterly fought teamsters strikes of 1934-35 that transformed Minneapolis from a notorious open-shop fortress into a stronghold of unionism. This was one of the key victories that inspired workers from coast to coast and contributed significantly to the great upsurge that culminated in the organization of the CIO.

In his book, "American City," R. Walker judged Dunne to be the principal leader. In sketching Dunne's role, Walker wrote that "his whole life and character prepared him for the po-

This has stuck in my mind since I first read it. What was get through as fast as you could. it in Dunne's life and character that prepared him to lead one of ing your education was your America's most crucial unionorganizing struggles?

his seventieth birthday and 55 years of continuous activity in the labor and socialist moveweek end and the editor of the Militant asked me to interview him. I decided to satisfy my own curiosity about Ray's early eckground.

"Did you have any idea as a youngster that you would become a workers' leader?" I asked him by way of an opener.

He seemed a little taken aback. "I had no thought of ever becoming a leader. That was only accidental. I was surprised to observe people looking at me and thinking of me as some kind of leader. It was a strange feel-"But you seem to have han-

dled the responsibility all right." "I did the best I could."

That turned out to be one of the threads in the fascinating pattern of his life. He was loaded with responsibility at an age

He was born in Kansas City, the daughter of a Wisconsin erant worker, was an immigrant Coming up one day from repairing cables for the cable car company, Ray's father stepped accidentally into a hole and broke a knee cap.

In those days there was no when he got out of the hospital.

The mother took the threeyear-old Ray and his older power. The tendency of the capitalist system the farm and the family moved

ships. Among other things their

"We lost everything," Ray a mile away in the middle of the night in freezing weather. Bill and I had to carry some of our younger brothers and sis-

ganized a building bee to put up a new home for the Dunnes. had sheets! "By that time my father had sufficient strength in his leg and

woods." Such rough circumstances

rigs in the fall, helping with the were eight or nine years old. We were useful that way, you see.

cows. After a quick breakfast but a hearty one, I assure you

- the day's work began."



VINCENT R. DUNNE

pushed and how much you could do. The important thing was to The determining factor in finishheight and weight. The faster you grew, the less education you On April 17 Dunne celebrated got. The average was about six years. I think I had five."

Then came his first "man's job. Ray graduated to this at ment. He was in New York that the age of eleven or twelve. He had the reins on a team pulling a water wagon for the threshing machine at harvest time. Like any boy of those days, Ray was proud of the trust placed in him 'You took care of your team. That was the special charge. A team was valuable, you know. If you hurt a horse, that was a terrible thing. Besides, you fell wanted to take care of them."

"I don't know if I can understand that," I said to Ray. "Be- box. He felt a policeman's stick. ing a pavement kid, I never He was arrested in one of the drove a team of horses. But historic "free speech fights." didn't you miss school?"

Ray laughed. "You didn't regret that so much. Sometimes you missed playing with the other children, but on the other But this meant work for only hand you felt a little bit superior

"Besides, you knew that you could send home to your mother, and that was an all-encom-Kansas, in 1889. His mother was passing responsibility. It was a responsibility you liked. You upon or abused by it. You were proud to bring home a whole dollar, even two sometimes. It went a long way.

At fourteen, Ray got his "cork shoes" and struck up an acquaintance with logs in the Minnesota lumber camps. At workmen's compensation. The fifteen, he had ranged far enough to reach the Montana had not reached Minnesota, but in Montana the Western Federation of Miners was already a

> "When I arrived at the camp, I was met by a man that turned out to be the union steward. He some of the benefits of unionism. He took me down to the bath house. They had a stove going and plenty of hot water. All new men had to scrub themselves and boil their clothes - some times the steward lent a hand. Rank-and-File This was to prevent bedbugs and lice from being brought in. Paper Published by

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"Then he took me to the bunk house. I had never seen anything like it. In Minnesota the Solidarity was a powerful mud. Here they were light and April 10 issue refutes the claim force among these frontier airy with high ceilings and made by the National Coal dwellers and the neighbors or- plenty of windows. Everything Board, the government agency was spotless and the bunks even

"I was amazed at the difference the union made. I had mands. These are for a sevenknown very little about unions hour day for underground workexcept for some talk I had heard he went back to his former oc- as I made my way to Montana. cupation as an itinerant worker, But after the steward had let tion with pay. taking what he could find - my impressions sink in and

was born in Vincent R. Dunne. shaped the children. "As we "The union made all the differ- Miner calls on the top leaderence in the world. There was no working until dark, and never take care of the horses. We could did back in Minnesota. And if drive a team by the time we a foreman cursed out a man, he Swedish Experts cursed him right back."

Ray soon learned that the stewplace of a man at any task of cleanliness were maintained. Among other things, he appear-"We worked for farmers for ed to be a literature agent with Skold, Minister of Defense durboard of course. We worked of the books might even have of the Social Democratic party, prison terms cut in half. But the alliance, which Dulles had from four o'clock in the morning been called somewhat radical. advocates atomic weapons for the amnesty does not extend laboriously put together to furdark, and before daylight, you took an interest in furthering to fit his age level.

The first of these was "The Origin of Species" by an Eng-School was sandwiched into lishman named Charles Darwin.

three readers in one term, de-factor in shaping my thinking." War II but powerful voices are prison for their full terms. How-old forms and rubber stamps."

The young evolutionist gradu. From Los Angeles, the IWW members of the Communist ated next into a revolutionist. It trail took Ray into the South. In Party. from the IWW, the Industrial ionally came through for a brought ideas that widened the attempt to organize a strike. world for the lumberjacks. One of them told about the uprising "When we heard about this

we regarded it as part of our own struggle, our comrades in Russia fighting the same enemy." The IWW had done well in inspiring the young lumber worker with the view that the American workers' own struggle capitalist exploitation as

Then came 1907 and the off in droves. Many were paid in script, and since this wasn't legal tender, they found themselves stranded in a Montana

Ray and some of his comrades headed toward warmer climate and rumors of jobs in the Pacific Northwest. At eighteen, the young worker enjoyed his first ride on a passenger train - "on top, that is."

In Seattle thousands of jobless were camped waiting for something to turn up. The IWW campaigned militantly for aid to the in love with the horses. You unemployed and Ray became one of the "agitators." He learned how to speak from a soap

The local capitalist politicians conceded to the pressure organized by the IWW and authorized a state road-building project. some of the unemployed. Ray headed down to California, using the type of transportation to were earning money that you which he had now become accustomed. It was a dangerous way to travel, for besides the hazards of riding the blinds, the tops, or the rods, railroad dicks didn't feel that you were put were free with their clubs and would not hesitate to shoot.

> In Los Angeles, the 18-yearold agitator was sentenced to a road gang and he helped briefly in laying out what he later recognized as Sunset Boulevard. After a few days he was made a trustee and the ball and chain was removed so that he could fetch water for the men. A few trips with the bucket brought him to an old Wobbly - at least he seemed old to Ray.

"He told me if I came back once more, he'd beat the day-

"He was pretty big so I took him alignments appeared. Some of regrets?" at his word and headed to places the old formations began to "Of course. I suppose everywhere speakers and organizers wither. Ray, together with some one has some regrets. I wish I

was in the lumber camp that Louisiana he worked in a saw Ray heard about the Russian mill. It was unorganized and second term on the Minnesota Revolution of 1905. Speakers conditions were fierce. Ray district committee of the party. found himself the center of It was then that three members Workers of the Worker, occas- those who wanted to do some- of the central committee, Canthing about it. But the effort was non, Shachtman and Abern, friendly visit with the steward defeated and they lost their jobs. were expelled for opposing Staland other comrades and they It was Vincent R. Dunne's first in and supporting the Trotskyist

On an Arkansas road gang, he saw how brutally Negro prison of the Russian people against the err are treated, "far worse ever than white prisoners."

#### SICKENED BY JIM CROW

In Clifton, Texas, working as second cook in a restaurant, he got another taste of racist prejudice. "I had to stand there and serve whites at the counter and wasn't just for wages and bet- hand plates out the back door to ter conditions but for an end to | Negroes who had to pay for whatever was given them, I had to listen to these fellows at the counter plan and organize rapes "money panic." Men were laid for Saturday nights, picking out the Negro girls they were going to get. For three solid months I listened. I was pretty hardened from my association with itinerant workers in the lumber camps and harvest fields, but I was sick to my stomach. These were things I had heard about but never seen. It seemed to set SMITH-ACT VICTIM my radical thinking so that it never changed.'

Two years after leaving Monto his family in Minnesota. They government officials to smash was happy to be in the Twin Minneapolis teamsters. In 1941, their biggest local. But I was no the union and of the Socialist longer just a Wobbly, a syndi- Workers Party became the first calist, even then. I knew about victims of the Smith "Gag" Act. Debs and about socialism. I had heard it discussed in the jungles, on jobs, in the box cars. I had absorbed a lot. And my experiences on the road made my belief in socialism deeply ingrained.

As a skilled teamster, Ray went to work for various express companies. Attempts to organize under the AFL were frustrated because of the conservatism of the small craft union. Ray kept up with the IWW and plunged

In 1914 he married. He and Jenny reared two children of family obligations, but his main than you expected?" I asked. goal in life remained the advancement of socialism.

Activities consisted of recruitpossible about socialism.

In 1917 the Russian Revolu- enough." tion stirred the entire radical light out of me." Ray smiled. movement to its depths. New age of 70, you don't have any of his closest associates, became could have done more.'

In 1928 Ray was elected to his Left Opposition in the Soviet

Union "This had to be challenged," said Ray. "We had to protest this expulsion, this bureaucratic disregard of all rights in the party. When we made our protest we were expelled too."

As a consequence, Ray and some 30 of his Minnesota comrades became founding members of the organization that eventually developed into the So-

cialist Workers Party. Throughout the fight, first to reform the Communist Party and then to build a new movement to continue the program of revolutionary socialism, Ray and his comrades continued their union organizing work, They finally succeeded in the Minneapolis coal yards in 1934 and this precipitated the great struggle that ended by bringing the bulk of the city's truckdrivers into the union.

Then came World War II and conspiracy among Teamsters' tana, Ray finally made it back boss Tobin and state and federal had moved to Minneapolis. "I the militant leadership of the Cities where the Wobblies had Dunne and 17 other leaders of

The sentence of 16 months in Sandstone penitentiary did nothing to change Ray's mind about the evils of capitalism and the desirability of socialism. He came out as convinced as ever of the correctness of his socialist beliefs, and he turned even more energetically to the work of building the Socialist Workers

Today he is chairman of the Socialist Workers Party in Minnesota; and at 70 he feels that deeper into the study of social- he still has energy to keep going at the task he chose as a youth building for socialism. "But haven't you ever thought

their own and three adopted about a socialist victory in children. Ray took care of his America being postponed more

"I never was concerned too much about when it would come exactly, although I would sure ng, organizing meetings, adver- like to see it soon. For me the tising speakers, such as Debs, main thing was to work for it. who came to town, selling lit- That's a job and a responsibility erature, and reading everything in itself. You're working for a cause, for the future. That's

"And looking back from the

## Headlines in Other Lands

# **British Miners**

The Bradford Branch of the National Union of Miners is publishing a rank-and-file paper, Face Starvation bunk houses were dark and The Miner, and distributing it dirty, the chinks packed with nationally in the industry. The in Algerian War which runs the nationalized coal industry, that it can't afford to grant the mine workers' deers, a 40-hour week for surface workers and three weeks vaca-

The Miner points to the £25 building railroads, felling trees then casually asked me if I million (\$70 million) paid every year to the ex-owners as one That was how the union man source from which the miners' demands could be met. The ship of the NUM to give leaderers' demands instead of re-

### Advocate Stockpile Of Atomic Weapons

A book written by six experts and edited by Per Edvin

Two atomic reactors have been under construction in Sweden, and the government is

the dinosaurs.

# 1,000,000 Victims

Because "pacification requires a million men, women and children are virtually menaced intellectuals, who dated their by famine" in Algeria, says Le membership from before 1919.) Monde, leading Paris daily, in an April 18 article dealing with Fekete strikes France Obserthe plight of "regrouped" Algerians. The designation covers all. He is in prison because he Algerians uprooted from their nomes and shifted to new areas as part of French military operations against the National Liberation Army.

#### Kadar's 'Amnesty' **Excludes Left-Wing** Opponents

A piddling and vindictive "amnesty" is what the Kadar egime in Hungary decreed for political prisoners last month. Individuals condemned to "less" than two years in prison for allegedly "counter-revolution-ary" acts committed before without a sense of humor is May 1, 1957 — i.e. almost two indicated by the ironic comment years ago - were freed im- in Sovetskaya Rossiya over the ing World War II and a leader four-year sentences had their The magazine suggested that The authors believe that the portant role in the preparation munism" and "brink of war" cost of manufacturing nuclear or the leadership of the insur- policy, could still keep its name rection"; that is, the November even though Iraq, the key 1956 revolution against Stalin- piece, had withdrawn: ist rule.

also participating in a 12-nation vateur - Tibor Dery, Gyula the necessary quantity of Turkagreement to build in England Hay, Istvan Bibo and a number ish, Iranian and Pakistani ofa gas-cooled atomic reactor for of other writers, intellectuals, ficials. It would be more con-

now being raised, it appears, ever, Zoltan Tildy, one-time in favor of participating in a leader of the Small Owners war that could put the human party is being freed because of race in the same category as his repentant attitude and his advanced age.

"Dery is not much younger than Tildy," says France Observateur: "But this is another confirmation that the regime hits the conservative elements much less rigorously than dissident, non-conformist socialists or Communists." (Dery and Hay were leading Communist Party

The case of the publicist vateur as the most vicious of was accused - and wrongly, at that - of having authored the "Hungaricus" document. This document, which circulated widely among Budapest leftwing intellectual circles, sought a revolutionary-socialist program for Hungary. Fekete was also charged with having forwarded a copy to Paris in the spring of 1957.

#### Washington Advised On How to Salvage Baghdad Pact Name

mediately. Those who drew collapse of the Baghdad pact. to "persons who played an im- ther his "containment of com-

"There is a backwoods town Consequently — says the called Bagdad in the State of socialist weekly France Obser- Florida. It, too, could put up artists, as well as the leaders venient to supervise them at Editor:

witnessing a rash of hold-ups, no less. particularly of banks, big and

The unusual feature of this epidemic is that the crooks are TV Programs mostly amateurs. In fact things have gone to such lengths that Not All Bad a few weeks ago a woman held up a bank in San Francisco Editor: and after taking the money from one teller tossed it back to another teller.

explained: "I just wanted to see a program that I thought was pany, its strikebreakers and the how easy it was."

ing in the Chronicle about the the papers. latest hold-ups, two sentences caught my eye:

described as a Negro, about 35, viewed. six feet tall, weighing 160.

"The second man was described as white, about 40, six wearing a brown suit."

they were bound together by gates.

voluntary partnership.

San Francisco company.

Some of my friends are turnexcellent in counteracting some cops. The other evening while read- of the propaganda you read in

It was a newscast of the textile strike in Henderson, N.C. "One of the hold-up men was Some of the strikers were inter-

First, scenes of "strike violence" were flashed on the screen. This consisted mainly of feet tall, with a pug nose and police and state troopers pourvearing a brown suit." ing gasoline and oil on the In the picture "The Defiant ground in front of the plant Ones," the two escaped prison- gates and then setting fire to it. ers grew to like and respect Then came the carloads of one another, but their integra- strikebreakers careening around tion was hardly voluntary since the flames and through the

chains. The integration in this, This testimony as to who is San Francisco hold-up was a really responsible for the violence connected with the strike I don't advocate burglary, was more than sufficient, in my hold-ups, or any other form of opinion, to counteract the runrobbery, but surely a moral ning commentary about the can be drawn: If crooks can "illegal" offenses committed by The West Coast is currently integrate, honest folk can do workers seeking to defend their jobs and standard of living against a viciously anti-labor

Then came the interview with the strikers. They showed that they understood very well that the reporters were trying to get them to confirm the propaganda about them being responsible ing their TV sets on less and for the violence. They managed less because of the bad pro-When the police arrived, she grams. However, I recently saw sponsibility was with the com-

Brooklyn .

#### Disagrees

In your April 27 letters column, "E.H." wrote that unions are the main bulwark of capitalism. I agree that union leaders do everything they can to keep capitalism going. But if unions are the main bulwark, then why do they pass anti-union laws?

# A Mother Stops Running

- By Joseph Keller

Notes in the News

to grave digging.

in full" for the cost of preparing bids. .

of Pennsylvania blousemakers. The contract

called for an increase in minimum hourly pay

from \$1.10 an hour to \$1.271/2, with the mini-

ham, Ala., a landlord offers a lease which ties

rents to the government's consumer price in-

dex. If the index rises, so do rents. If it goes

down, rents drop too. How about a similar

sliding scale to protect the wage levels of

America's chief political cop includes the Na-

and Comptrollers. In a recent article the or-

ganization lauded their living patron saint for

the protection bestowed from "robberies, bur-

was expressed for his protective role against

defense of the FBI and J. Edgar Hoover, its

Director . . . Remember, private banking can-

not exist in a Communist state."

THANK J. EDGAR HOOVER-The cult of

SLIDING SCALE OF RENT-In Birming-

mum to go up to \$1.35 after one year.

tenants?

I've never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Janice Smith of Manhattan and chances are I never will. But my hat goes off to her. She's given my faith in humanity and my hope for the future a big boost. There must be a lot more people like her. Anyway, I believe so.

What did she do? She sat in City Hall Park on a bench with her two children. This 23-year-old mother just sat out in the sunlight with Melissa, 4, and Kirk, 2, and calmly absorbed what passes for fresh air here, as the air-raid sirens wailed, all traffic halted and hundreds of thousands of pedestrians scurried into doorways, building arcades and subways.

It was 1:30 in the afternoon of Friday, April 17. An imaginary enemy was supposed to be waging a theoretical attack on New York state with nine two-megaton hydrogen bombs, each equal in destructiveness to two million tons of TNT. Since this was a very obliging imaginary enemy, crowded New York City was to escape a direct hit. One bomb was to drop on Glen Cove, Long Island, about 20 miles from Times Square.

Mrs. Smith didn't budge when the earpiercing sirens let out their howls. And she just kept sitting pretty when a cop came over and said, "You know there's an air raid going on." As she recounted it later:

"I told him I knew it. He told me twice to go to a shelter and then started to take me to a paddy wagon. But, apparently, because of the children, we finally were taken to the police station in a police car instead. I think they didn't quite know what to do with us after they found I had no connection with any organization. They finally just told me to go home."

You see, she went to the park deliberately to protest. She had begun thinking what it was all about:

"Here I am teaching my daughter to run at the sound of a whistle she doesn't understand. It bothered me. Then I took her up to the school where she'll start in kindergarten next fall, and the principal didn't have time to talk to us before we had to listen to the special air raid program on the Conelrad radio

"We walked home and outside our building children no older than Melissa were talking about how they were going to run for cover, and I got even more aggravated. I decided all of a sudden to go to City Hall Park, I had read about the people who demonstrate there

INCREASED FALLOUT IN CANADA -

U.S. officials have admitted that the northern

states and southern Canada are areas of high

concentration of strontium 90. Now the Cana-

dian government has unwrapped a top secret

1958 report of the National Health and Wel-

fare Department indicating that some areas in

northern Canada have been even more heavily

polluted. When questioned about the report,

Ontario. Health Minister Dymond refused to

discuss increased contamination of drinking

milk due to fallout of radioactive poisons. He

said he could see "no point in creating fear

Administration has announced that it is "pre-

paring" to ban 17 colors used in lipstick. Two

years of tests proved that seven of the alluring

coal-tar dyes caused "definite injury" when

tested in animals. A spokesman of the agency

was unable to specify which lipstick brands

are poisonous. A chemist of an unnamed cos-

metic house said that the dangerous synthetics

might be combined with harmless colors "to

produce a lipstick that was given an exotic or

The Chamber of Commerce views the recent

boost of taxes in New York State as only a

"straw in the wind." The Chamber reports

that expenditures of state governments have

risen from \$7.1 billion in 1946 to \$24.2 billion

in 1957. State debts have gone up from \$2.4

billion to \$13.7 billion. Consequently all states

are looking for more revenue. The Chamber

believes-and it has considerable influence in

making its beliefs come true-that the 50

states will levy still higher taxes on personal

income, general sales, motor fuels, tobacco

recent session the Washington State Legisla-

ture extended the 4% sales tax to earth mov-

SALES TAX ON GRAVES - During its

and alcoholic beverages.

PREDICT MORE STRAWS IN WIND-

poetic name not descriptive of its color."

"LUSCIOUS GLOW"- The Food and Drug

and panic of the unknown."

each year and I thought to myself, 'Well, this worries of what was promising year there'll be one just plain mother who'll to be a troublesome case by protest, too.' "

Now Mrs. Janice Smith didn't act on simple impulse. She had done some quiet thinking and had come to some very sound the case of Mississippi vs. conclusions. She explained:

"I see no reason for war planning and preparation. I think we can work with our enemy-if we, in fact, have one, which I am beginning to question. And I also believe that if we actually were attacked we wouldn't get that much warning anyway."

Who wants to start a nuclear war with the U.S.? The Soviet Union? Why, some of our leading government spokesmen are now complaining that the Soviet Union is more of an 'economic threat" than a military one, And suppose a war did start, what good would these air-raid drills be?

The Office of Civil Defense reported that theoretical two-megaton H-bomb on Glen Cove had caused 870,000 hypothetical casualties in a Nassau County population of 1,200,000. Civil Defense Chief Robert E. Condon also estimated that 161,000 reached shelters safely and 25,000 "uncontrolled evacuees" were heading into Queens. Mayor Wagner and Condon thought this drill was "the best we have ever

Of course, if some 18,000-mile per hour missiles with hydrogen bomb warheads were launched toward New York City there'd be no air raid sirens. Moreover, they might not be twomegaton but 20, 40, 60 or 80 megatons, I read in a Marquis Childs' column on April 14 that the Pentagon is planning a 60-megaton job. If one of those hit New York City, all that would be left would be a huge hole in the ground with the ocean pouring in and deadly radiation clouds raining on folks hundreds of miles away. There'd be no one left 'even to compile the

I'm not advocating that people go out and make individual protests like Mrs. Smith, But I'm glad she did it, because if she was able to figure out the senselessness and futility of the anti-Negro feeling in the South, enforce them. Attorney General to the Congress to enact the war preparations then others must be doing the same thing. And when enough of us think that way and have the courage of our convictions like Mrs. Janice Smith, we are going to get together and do something to stop the whole insane business.

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... Lynching

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miles outside town. No special precautions for protecting Parker were ordered by the judge or taken by the sheriff. And it was known throughout the county, as well as in adjoining Forrest County, where the woman in the case lives, that the Negro accused of raping the white woman was in the Poplarville jailhouse.

A possible clue to the judge's sudden action in transferring the victim to a jail that is practically a self-service market for lynchers is that the Negro attorneys defending Parker were laying the basis for an appeal of the case to the federal courts. The grounds would have been the systematic exclusion of Negroes from juries in Pearl River County where only voters are called for jury duty and where Negroes are not permitted to vote. A N.Y. Times dispatch (April 27) from Poplarville notes: "Local authorities said privately that there they were certain that had Parker been convicted his case would have been appealed to the federal courts. They conceded that the chances for overturning a conviction under the circumstances were good."

But in the early hours of April 25 a well organized lynch gang saved Judge Dale and the State of Mississippi from the dragging Parker from the unguarded jail and brutally killing him. Thus was the court docket conveniently cleared of

#### LYNCHERS HAD KEY

The lynch gang either had of the sheriff's office and jail or ally familiar with it. The county for the lynchers. attorney admits that "there had to be at least two men in the crowd who knew exactly what else took the cell block keys the sheriff had left them. They

ynchers that he was innocent. issippi and Washington? He tried to resist. He was beat- For the racist officials of may never be known.

of the people of Mississippi for ciary subcommittee that two law."

the dispatch of FBI agents to civil-rights bills presently beinvestigate the lynching. The fore it, containing anti-lynch been well briefed on the layout President replied that the FBI provisions, were unnecessary agents would continue to help because his state's laws providhad with them people person- Mississippi police in hunting ed sterner penalties. Since

Many of the 850,000 farm migrant workers in the U.S.

live under conditions similar to these. Yearly earnings of

adults in a family average about \$1,700 and are supplemented

by children working in the fields. The children thus get little

schooling. Added to their parents' economic needs is the fact

that many schools do not welcome migrant children.

#### 'WASTE OF TIME'

they were doing." There was no hypocritical statements of these enforced. battering down of doors. The state and national politicians courthouse door was unlocked was expressed by a Poplarville by key and part of the gang business man, who said about waited in the courtroom. Others the state police and FBI inveshad gone into the sheriff's office tigation: "Why do they waste and without disturbing anything their time when they know that even if they catch them, no from the filing cabinet in which jury would convict that mob."

Why, indeed, is there such a knew exactly which cell Parker great show of searching for the was in and went directly to it. lynchers, and why the state-Parker pleaded with the ments from the officials in Miss-

en and dragged by the feet Mississippi it is a clever tactic down three flights of steel with two aims. (1) to soften stairs, his head banging on each and dissipate Northern indignastep, leaving a trail of blood tion at Mississippi's Jim Crow visible out to the pavement "justice" and (2) to forestall gressional committee by C. R. where he was thrown into the mass pressure for passage of a Darden, head of the NAACP in back seat of a car and driven federal anti-lynching law. Im- Mississippi. The Big Business away to what further tortures mediately after the lynching press displayed no interest in The official reaction to the that no federal anti-lynch leg- has ignored it since. Darden lynching both in Mississippi and islation was needed because said: "The colored citizens of Washington is a compound of their state laws were adequate Mississippi can expect no jushypocrisy and play acting. Gov- and because Mississippi was tice, freedom or equality from ernor Coleman of Mississippi, demonstrating that Southern of- state and local officials in Missone of the worst inciters of ficials were earnestly trying to issippi. Therefore we must look sent President Eisenhower a Gallion of Alabama told a sub-necessary legislation to quarantelegram expressing the thanks committee of the Senate Judi- tee equal protection under the

lynching is a form of murder all states have laws against it; the nub of the issue is that in But the reality underlying the the Deep South they are not The White House statements

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Migrant Workers

and dispatch of the FBI to Poplarville also have the aim of forestalling mass pressure for strong civil-right's laws. Ardent statesrighter Eisenhower only recently had Attorney General Rogers further water down the administration's anemic civil rights "program." An equally important White House motive s to counteract as much as possible the effect of the lynching on foreign opinion.

Less than 24 hours before the ville jail, the following statement was made to a bored Con-Southern Congressmen chorused the statement at the time and

# Mboya Charges America Puts

Satellites First

"The cost of one of your satellites is equivalent to the budget of some of our countries for the next 32 years. You would rather built satellites than to see us advance. And still you expect us to be

your friends and allies." These were among the remarks that drew applause from packed house at Detroit's Rackham Auditorium April 23 as Tom Mboya, 28-year-old independence leader from Kenya explained the struggle of 200. 000,000 Africans for independ-

Besides his main public meeting, Mboya addressed the Detroit City Council and spoke at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. He is on a national tour.

Introduced by Walter Reuther, United Auto Workers president, who acted as chairman, Mboya began by reminding his audience that 1958 was the turning point in Africa's history. No longer is it possible to speak of "darkest" Africa as a place for romantic safaris, he said.

#### THE "QUESTION"

He posed as the "question" (the continent of Africa is shaped like a question mark), the need for people to understand the "human" problems of the African people today. Most people reach old age in Africa without even owning a pair of shoes. "Our struggle is not to get a television set, but just the simple one of a second shirt or pair of shoes."

He was repeatedly interrupted by laughter and applause as he by laughter and applause as he graphically described the failure of the "Western Powers" to appreciate what the people of Africa want. They seek an end to exploitation, he said.

In Portguese East Africa 'thousands of Africans are shipped to slave labor camps." Those "who dare to ask questions are shipped by the thousands to the island of Sao Tome on the west coast of the continent. They are never heard of again."

While it is true that the European powers which "senselesslynch mob entered the Poplar- ly" partitioned Africa 74 years ago have "developed" us, their purpose has been purely "ex-tractive," so that overlords in Brussels, for instance, can enjoy themselves while the Africans suffer from disease, want

#### RISE IN LITERACY

It is no longer possible, he warned, for "colonialism" to raise the argument that Africans must be first "educated" to self-government. Pointing to Ghana, he cited the fact that at the time of her independence from Britain the country was 20% literate, yet today, five years later, she is 80% literate.

He took issue with the argument that Africa must help the West defend "democracy against the threat of communism." "We in Africa know all about the power struggle between the East and the West."

with laughter, he asked, "How am I as a representative of my people going to tell them to defend democracy, when they cannot get the simplest rights for themselves? They want to know, 'What is this democracy?'"

time to do so is "not five years May 8, 8 p.m. at 3737 Wood-hence, but now." May 8, 8 p.m. at 3737 Wood-hence, but now." Mboya's confidence in the Forum.

When this sally was greeted NEW YORK

the audience. The people of Africa have already made up their minds to be rid of it. The question is not "whether" America should support the African freedom struggle, but "how" and "when." And the tor: Dr. Henry Herrmann, Fri.,



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TOM MROYA

African people's freedom struggle was echoed by the audience. Predominantly Negro, filling the auditorium's 1,000 seats and overflowing into the aisles, the stage and entrances, they displayed the excitement and enthusiasm which the rise of the African people has inspired in

# Seek to Deport Victim Again

liam Heikkila, a resident of San Francisco, was kidnapped by U.S. Immigration authorities and flown out of the country while he was in the process of appealing a deportation order. An indignant public outcry here and abroad forced the government to bring him back home. At the time the U.S. Immigration Commissioner, Lt. General Joseph M. Swing, publicly yowported to his native Finland if it was the last thing he did.

Swing wasn't just talking. Just a year to the day from the date of the abduction, one of his underlings in the immigration service signed an order for Heikkila's deportation on several grounds including past Communist Party membership.

At present his deportation is blocked by an injunction which is being appealed in the courts. Meanwhile, Heikkila's attorneys will appeal the new deportation order.

# Calendar Of Events

David Dreiser will speak on "Nuclear Tests-Atomic Fallout and Genetic Mutation." Fri., May 8, 8:30 p.m. at the Militant Labor Forum, 116 University Colonialism must go, he told Place. Contribution 50 cents.

#### DETROIT

Debate! "Should Progressives Work in the Democratic Party?" "Yes," says Carl Haessler. "No," says George Breitman. Modera-

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# Michigan

it anyhow because he promised week. the full weight of the UAW ing. On April 21 the State Tax Commission would be used to organize the ruled that under this law the sales tax applies voice in the fight against unem-

WIDE TROUGH-The U.S. Treasury pours Judging by the situation in a lot of swill into the armaments-contracts Detroit, little or nothing has forthcoming beginning this trough. The favored ones get a fixed fee, plus been accomplished in almost week because of a temporary whatever they calculate their "costs" to be. three months. A number of lo- state financial crisis. The less-favored ories get consolation prizes, it cal centers have been set up, was discovered at a congressional hearing but all they do is function as April 14. Even though they fail to win a con- semi-social work agencies, retract, aircraft and missile companies are "paid ferring the jobless to welfare July 1 that would cut the city's offices, etc.

That isn't the main need of SWEAT-SHOP WAGES-A revealing light the unemployed, and that isn't was cast on wage levels in some sections of what is going to attract them. the garment industry when the International As a result, few of them go to Ladies Garment Workers Union signed an the centers, and most of them agreement with the Slate Belt Apparel Conare empty shells. The only tractors Association ending a three-week strike UAW jobless organized are the before Reuther stepped in.

> Reuther managed to take his proposal for a "march" to Washington, rather than the 'conference" Meany insisted on. By comparison with Meany, Reuther was able to look militant. His organizers tell the unemployed that Reuther really other conservative bureaucrats.

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Some people may believe this monished to "become vocal and active in our at all.

> acute welfare crisis. 16,000 fam- with such an action. ilies are on relief, and addition- That's what the situation cries partment for 25 years.

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Detroit exhausted its relief appropriation last January, and cency to quit pretending that jobless and give them some the state took over the bill for he wants to go beyond Meany. the period ending June 30. Last week the state informed the city that no funds would be

> for the new fiscal year starting much. welfare appropriation from \$8 million down to \$51/2 million.

What has the powerful UAW done about this crisis? It's al- a real struggle, not mere "lobmost unbelievable.

Secretary-treasurer Emil Mazey has called it "a colossal Miriani's brutal attack on the among the leaders. jobless "a gigantic risk" and "gamble." And that's all!

#### WHAT IS NEEDED

If Reuther and Co. really bewants to do much more but his lieve in unemployed marches, hands are tied by Meany and in mobilizing the jobless for effective protest action, then they have a ready-made opportunity right in their lap.

They can and should call a glaries, and embezzlements." Highest gratitude if you see what is going on Square or around City Hall and here in Detroit, where Meany turn out hundreds of thousnothing about employed work-Detroit is in the grip of an ers who would show solidarity

If Reuther doesn't do it, he should at least have the de-

The reasons the top union leader's have failed so far to take such an elementary, necessary and EASY action are: (1) They supported the elec-

tion of Miriani and a majority Before this happened, Mayor of the City Council, and don't Miriani had proposed a budget want to "embarrass" them too

(2) They are scared of the idea of MASS action by the unemployed, and of starting any action that will involve them in bying."

The unemployed can be or ganized, and be a powerful ally ones that organized themselves blunder." And the UAW region- of the employed worker's al directors have written a against their common enemies. friendly letter to the City the capitalists. The UAW can some of the heat off himself by Council, now considering the organize them in Michigan. budget, in which they call What's lacking is the will

> This is one of the key problems militant UAW members have to tackle.

#### TAX COLLECTOR COLLECTS

New York's Gov. Rockefeller says he is demanding a "full accounting" from a state deputy tax commissioner who divides his time between New York City and Albany. It seems that story, but it's hard to swallow mass demonstration in Cadillac he has been collecting \$7 a night for lodging and \$6 a day for meals provided by his wife the "Communist" danger. Members were ad- has no power to stop anything ands of unemployed, to say at his New York apartment. His wife signed the vouchers under her maiden name. The tax sleuth has been with the de-

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