Build a Labor Party Now!

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The U.S. Supreme Court has given a new powerful anti-union weapon to the labor-hating corporations. On Dec. 8. the court ruled by a six to three vote that "disloyalty to employers" is legal

under the Taft-Hartley Act. "There is no more elemental cause for discharge of an em- judges. . .' ploye than disloyalty to his employer," pronounced Justice employee "disloyal" who is not Harold Burton, speaking for the ready to devote himself body and court majority.

case of nine technicians of a tele- worker is supposed not only to bevision station at Charlotte, N. C., robbed daily of the surplus value members of an AFL Electrical be produces, but to be "loyal" to Workers Local. During a strike the capitalist who robs him. in 1949, they distributed a handbill criticizing the station's program and facilities. They were fired for "disloyalty."

In a union appeal to the Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia, an NLRB decision in favor of the company was reversed. Now the Supreme Court has their part, the corporations are reversed the lower court. In doing so, it has given legal status to a formula that employers have used to employers" and grounds for since the beginning of capitalism firing militant unionists, as Genin firing unionists and strikers.

Has there ever been a strike in which the scabs who cross the picket line have not been described by the company and the capitalist press as "loyal employes," while the union men have been called "disloyal trouble-makers' and "reds"?

SHARP DISSENT

In a sharp dissent from the Frankfurter, joined by Justices would readily be condemned for 'disloyalty' were they employed

grounds for dismissal of workers of labor controversies as the basis for the right to discharge, is to open the door wide to individual judgment by board members and

Every employer considers an soul, day and night, to making profits for the employer. Under This decision was made in the the Supreme Court ruling the

WHAT THEY MEANT

This Supreme Court decision now helps make clear what all the current witch-hunt shouting about "loyalty" really means. It means "loyalty" to the corporations and the Big Business ruling class. For making "disloyalty to the government" equivalent to "disloyalty eral Electric has recently announced. Thus, "disloyalty" either to the capitalists or their government agents - becomes an all-sided, all-inclusive formula

Who isn't covered by this total majority of the Court, Justice joins a union when his boss tells him not to is "disloyal." The Black and Douglas, noted that worker who refuses to conceal "many of the legally recognized and lie about the company's intactics and weapons of labor ferior or adulterated products is cause of an incident in which a between man and man in friendly players profits are "disloyal." And town Los Angeles. personal relations. . . To float they are "disloyal" if they criticize The facts of the incident can the Hearst rag, the Herald-Ex- a battle between the McCarthyites such imprecise notions as 'dis- government policies or advocate be summarized very briefly. A press, came out with screaming and the labor movement.

ELIZ. BENTLEY SPILLS **BEANS ON WIRETAPPING**

Back in Jan. 1950, following disclosure of FBI illegal wiretapping in the Coplon case, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover tried to minimize the criminal activities of his

secret political police by stating that at the time "fewer" than 170 persons were having their telephones tapped in violation of Section 2071 of the Federal Criminal Code.

Since Hoover's damaging admission of FBI lawlessness, the Department of Justice and the FBI have been attempting to get Congress to pass a law legalizing wiretapping by the FBI.

They claim that the secret police should be allowed to listen in legally on the private phone conversations of the American people because the government needs "wire-tap evidence to prove its espionage cases," in the recent words of Attorney General Brow-

The idea that real spics would do business over a telephone, or if they did would speak in language comprehensible to any eavesdropper, is fantastic. This is conby none other than Elizabeth Bentley, whom Brownell and Hoover cited as their chief witness against Harry Dexter

Bentley, who claims she was once part of a Russian spy ring and has lived for years on her juicy pickings as a professional stoolpigeon, was asked about wiretapping on "Meet The Press," Dec. 6, by Raymond P. Brandt of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Her He repeated the question. startling answer did not get into the press. Here are the significant portions of the NBC transcript of the program:

DAMAGING ANSWERS

Q. Attorney General Brownell gotten and understood it. recommended to the Jenner Committee that there be legislation on helped make a stronger case espionage. against them?

Rate Kutcher Book One of Year's Best

James Kutcher's book, The Case of the Legless Veteran. was chosen as one of "the most interesting books published in 1953" by Prof. H. H. Wilson of Princeton. The selection is included in the Christmas Book List published in the Nation of

Prof. Wilson's opinion of the book was more fully expressed in a recent letter to Kutcher, quoted in last week's Militant. He called it "a good piece of a most attractive modesty and win you an appreciative audience. . . I hope that thousands of Americans" will read

we never said anything over them. That's been my own experience.

This answer, so at variance with what Brownell and Hoover have claimed, surprised Brandt,

Q. The real agents did not use the telephone?

Although the answers vary wire-tapping. In your contact the phone and they used only the impression that radar secrets Taylor and launched a prelim- the country, the scientist who disturbing to the defense at- witch hunters. The very failure retary of State Dulles did not with these people [alleged spies] code language over a phone); both do you think wire-tapping, had contend that wiretapping would (it) been legalized would have have provided no proof of rounded up.

Brownell and Hoover want the A. Probably not in the case of wiretap law not to catch foreign were so frightened of telephones opponents and dissenters.

High Court Gives GE Adopts M'Carthy Formula Employers New For Union-Busting Campaign

At Segregation Hearing



Hundreds of people lined up outside U.S. Supreme Court in hopes of getting one of the 50 available seats at the hearing on the constitutionality of racial segregation in public schools. The court may withhold a decision for months, Attorney General Brownell's brief evaded the crucial segregation issue.

under cover of which to break Los Angeles Papers to get higher wages even if this means cutting company profits is "disloyal." The worker who joins a emign when his here tell

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13 - The Mexico-American community here has been aroused over an attempt by the Hearst press to whip up a lynch hysteria against them be-

"disloyal." Workers who shut wealthy manufacturer died as a reported by the police and

the dispute on the side of the charged with the crime. soldiers. In the ensuing scuffle Cluff dropped to the pavement and when the ambulance arrived he was dead.

Chief autopsy surgeon Dr. Cluff died of a massive cerebral equated with "rat pack," and denied that heart and death was probably due to the excitement attendant on tion.' the altercation.

These are the bare facts as

morning following the incident, cipline' and 'loyalty' in the context higher taxes on corporate profits. group of Mexican-American teen-headlines: HEART OF CITY age youth became involved in an INVADED BY RAT PACK KILlast Sunday evening in downtown that William D. Cluff "was beaten liam D. Cluff, 56, a wealthy gang," and that "three wildbusinessman, injected himself into eyed young pachucos" had been

OPEN THE SLUICES

For days after, the columns of the Herald-Express were studded with epithets. The word "pachuco' Frederick E. Newbarr, who ex- (a slang expression applied to amined the body, reported that Mexican - American youth) was hemorrhage "precipitated by a dog." "yellow jackal," "wildthe come," raged the Herald-Express cratic rights. hemorrhage was caused by a blow. in a front page editorial, "for the He added that Cluff was found to Los Angeles Police to be given a have diseased blood vessels at the free hand in driving from our Area showed how widespread the base of the brain and an enlarged city streets the young thugs who have created an intolerable situa- the militant lead taken by the

> "Law-abiding citizens must be (Continued on Page 2)

San Francisco Dockers Sengtor's Force Velde to Retreat Drive Gains

By Paul Williams SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12 — Six thousand long-shoremen "hit the bricks" last week, Dec. 3, when Welde's House Un-American Committee opened a red-baiting attack against their union, Local 10, of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (independent) had served notice to Velde when he arrived in town that it would not tolerate a valuable lesson. witch-hunt attacks on the union.

Velde, an ex-FBI cop, and now one of the wheel horses in Mc-Carthy's witch-hunt stable, started his hearings Dec. 1. The hearing was preceded by the usual press build-up designed to create panie and fear. Velde announced his committee was "deeply con-cerned with the red menace" in the Bay Area. The press was full of rumors of subpoenas and sensational revelations of "red" control of waterfront unions.

were placed at the disposal of Velde. The stage was set for what many believed would be another sictory for the McCanthyite witch

But things turned out differently. The action of Local 10 of the Longshoremen's Union, warning they would strike at the down a plant and cut off the em- result of an altercation in down- recorded in the press. The next first hostile move against their

When Velde, after some pre liminary sparring, cautiously argument with several marines LERS. The lead story screeched opened the smear attack on the Longshoremen's Union through Los Angeles, A bystander, Wil- to death last night by a rat pack the voice of a stoolpigeon witness, the union acted without hesitation. It paralyzed the waterfront n a 24-hour protest strike.

Despite the fact that the whole San Francisco Bay Area labor movement did not rally in solidarity action with the Longshoremen, the protest stoppage of the ILWU had a profound effect.

The Alameda CIO Council also went on record against the Velde sudden elevation of blood pres- eyed punks," etc. "The time has Committee as an enemy of demo-

This action of the CIO unions in the industrialized East Bay sympathy of the workers was for longshoremen. When the San Francisco long-

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Here's the Way To Fight Fascism

The San Francisco Longshoremen's Union has taught th labor movement and the anti-McCarthyites of the whole country

There is much talk against McCarthyism, but very little power in private industry as well action. The San Francisco longshoremen acted and thereby showed how the fight against McCarthyism must be waged.

The McCarthylte House Un-American Activities Investigating Committee, headed by Congressman H. H. Velde, barged into San Francisco like a pack of bloodhounds. Ex-FB1 agent Electric plants, that huge corpora-Velde singled out the labor movement as the main target of his tion quickly announced it will witch-hunting attack.

Velde was given a hot reception. The Independent Long-finger. Workers who stand on shoremen's Union of San Francisco, the battle-wise lounder answer the "when are you going and backbone of the modern labor movement on the West to stop being a Russian spy?" Elaborate preparations were made for the hearings. The San security would be met with strike action. They made clear that they would tolerate no tampering with their union hiring hall.

To stop being a Russian spy? questions of the Congressional witch-hunters will be victimized. McCarthy has also published.

The Alameda CIO Council in the East Bay area followed suit and blasted the Velde committee as a foe of civil rights.

When Velde, after some hesitation, began to redbait the daring to take up the cudgel for Longshoremen's Union, the reply was swift and decisive. The the President. waterfront was paralyzed by a 24-hour protest strike. Hundreds of longshoremen massed at the doors of the witch-hunt committee.

With this kind of inspiring, militant leadership, the whole anti-McCarthyite movement in the San Francisco Bay Area union's security, set the stage for went into action. The warehousemen organized a powerful protest meeting. Large meetings of students, professionals and civil decline of popular support for iberties groups took place all over the area.

Instead of the usual field day for hysteria and fear, an sweeping victory over the Demoimpressive counter-movement gave courage and voice to the cratic regime that had held power great majority of people who hate the witch hunt.

The result was a serious set-back for the Velde committee Dulles were flailing at the air and a step forward in the struggle against McCarthyism. Out of on this move McCarthy was off 36 witnesses called to testify, 31 were unfriendly. Velde had elsewhere, grabbing headlines and to threaten to clear the hall and actually did at one point. The hearings were scheduled to last 11 days. They were cut short and how the Dec. 11 Labor's Daily concluded after five days.

The Bay Area example can well be followed by the national labor movement. McCarthyism can be routed by the independent, unified action of labor and minorities. But to accomplish this it is necessary to learn the lesson of action from the San Francisco formula for purging militant longshoremen. Their conduct is the kind that built the labor unionists and destroying unions. movement. It is the only kind that will defend it against Mc-

Amid the universal fear and crawling before the witch "admit" being "Communists" or hunters, the San Francisco longshoremen have sounded a engage in "any form of espionage courageous note of defiance. We hope that it will be heard throughout the labor movement and that it will find an early

his offensive to capture the White House by 1956 and establish a fascist state. He has been demonstrating within recent weeks an ominious growth of as in the apparatus of the federal government.

In Power

By Art Preis

leading candidate for the

American Hitler, is pressing

Senator Joseph McCarthy,

Following McCarthy's personal hearings in Boston on "Communist infiltration" of General purge all employees on whom the McCarthyites put the smear

challenged Eisenhower himself on foreign policy without a single Republican mentber of Congress

Moreover, McCarthy's first naion-wide action in his drive to mobilize a mass movement for his fascist aspirations - his telegram and letter drive on the White House for a blockade of China - served to reveal the Eisenhower, who in 1952 won a

in Washington for 20 straight years. While Eisenhower and pushing his drive on other fronts. "GE is 'McCarthyized'" is readline describes the adoption by the country's largest electrical equipment firm, with 131 plants and 230 000 employes across the country, of the McCarthyite

R. J. Cordiner, GE President. on Dec. 9 proclaimed that the company will fire all those who or sabotage." But the company wont stop there. It will summarily suspend for 90 days and then, if no government clearance is given, will dismiss any worker who invokes the Fifth Amendment to refuse to answer McCarthyite questions cleverly framed to ntrap innocent persons.

McCarthy himself promptly nailed GE's acceptance of his tion "certainly should be com-Levitas says, "Rabbi Hershon mended." He indicated that he was told there was no such reason, aims to extend his formula throughout all industry, stating:

"If the Government does not keep employees on the job who refuse to answer questions about Communist activities under protection afforded by the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimicarrying the same principle over

Thus, McCarthy plans a moning down on the unions and the

first major blood victims of the rooming power inside the governonly aroused the thirst of the thrust at Eisenhower and Sec-Rabbi Hershon, for 14 years the victims. He needs them above all "neutral" or voiced openly their Walter Millis, in the Dec. 8 Jewish Welfare Board chaplain at to terrorize and silence those who approval of McCarthy's views

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Tinges Radar "Spy"

By Manuel Rodriguez A little boy, the son of a

work, told effectively and with N. J., radar research center, came of Army hastily beat a retreat. home from school tearful and a He let it be known that he referred one among the capitalist poli- ment. dry sense of humor that should little roughed up: "They told me only to the Army's investigation they don't want to play with any soy's kid." His father was among the 40 spy-smeared scientists at Fort Monmouth who have been given a taste of McCarthyism.

Not one charge, insinuation, smear or innuendo broadcast by McCarthy against the 40 suspended or declassified scientists has been proved after months of scare-head-lines and promises by revelations to come.

McCarthy began his investigaments about "a case of current A. We used the telephone, yes, espionage of an extremely danger- dangerous adventurer." but our code was so mixed up ous nature." The McCarthyite that an outsider could not have press took up the theme and gave attack was swift and sure. Less slovak source for an article which are 88% Jews. these hand-outs the "full treatment." The stories in the N. Y. Taylor's West Point speech, Mc- Army. Even then, influenced by Semitic element in the Mc- witch hunt. But their sacrifice ment when his arrogant public (they were too frightened to use Daily Mirror, for example, gave were going all over the world and that dozens of spies were being

But after months of screaming, not one suspicious fact, let alone fact is that no one has." a spy, has been uncovered. Secremy Soviet agents, because we spies, but to snoop on political tary of Army, Robert T. Stevens "good name of the U.S. Army." N. Y. Herald Tribune, speaks of the fort, called upon Maj. Gen. dare oppose him in his bid for about "Communism in governs announced Nov. 13, that the army The brass is quite willing to the

resembling espionage." McCarthy slashed scientist at the Fort Monmouth, Stevens. The frightened Seretary career-breaking demagogue.

> - as for McCarthy's, he was Carthy. Certainly no one among "unable to say." "WILL STAND CONDEMNED" circles dared to attack the Fort

Gen. Telford Taylor, American prosecutor at the Nuremburg trials, speaking to the officers and cadets at West Point on Nov. 27, said, "Unless the Senator can

inary smear against him.

name of the U.S. Army? The sad ing to transmit" information to an Nov. 15 to consider this question, to find a new batch of blood to Eisenhower remained either But it is not a question of the

was "unable to find anything defend that against any and all cowardice, race prejudice.

ticians has stood up against Mcthe Army brass has. As a matter

interests. the kind of "evidence" McCarthy articles, "Of the 40 scientists now was using to smash the careers of suspended or declassified, 35 are in the Fort Monmouth investigathese scientists gradually came Jews and one is a Negro. This tion. Julius Rosenberg went to strous extension of the purge McCarthy of shocking and sinister prove these grave charges (of to light. For example, one scien- proportion is in contrast to the City College. The McCarthyites that began with government espionage at Fort Monmouth) - tist was accused of "attempting percentage of Jews among the have been tireless in trying to employees under Truman's 1947 and there is as yet no reason to to transmit" information to an total number of engineering pertion back in October with state- think that he can even begin to enemy power. When the facts on sonnel at Fort Monmouth. Out of same classes or lived anywhere the schools, colleges and profes-- he will stand condemned as a this were established, it turned 600 specialists only 100 or 125 are near the executed Rosenberg sions and now finally, is thunderout that a routine request had Jews - less than 25%." But the counter McCarthy's response to this been received from a Czecho- scientists smeared by McCarthy than two weeks after Gen. had been made public by the Carthy issued a subpoena to the witch-hunting atmosphere of Carthyite investigation was very received the request prudently torneys. All the rabbis in the of McCarthy's "investigations" to evoke a peep of protest from Taylor asked: "Who has stood referred it to his superior. From community and a number of produce spies becomes a pressing Republicans in Congress. Instead, up for the integrity and good this McCarthy deduced, "attempt- Jewish organizations met Sunday, motive for the chief witch hunter even those presumed to be close

enemy!

in McCarthy's "investigation." sions." It is absolutely true that no This is actually an under-state-ANTI-SEMITISM

One of the most ominous overexposed the whole Fort Mon-lege, its students and graduates. As the investigation proceeded, mouth Hoax in a series of

Levitas reports that this anti-

"witch - hunting, bigotry, Kirke B. Lawton, Monmouth com- power.

| mandant, "to inquire whether helpless people. It is a question strong elements of racial and there was a possibility of an anti- union-busting scheme as "fine" at of standing up against the religious bigotry and prejudice" Jewish motive behind the suspen- and said the anti-labor corpora-

except that perhaps many of the men went to the 'wrong college'." 'The 'wrong college" is City Colof fact, the Army started the spy tones of the spy-smear of the 40 lege of New York with a large scare at Fort Monmouth under scientists is the anti-Semitic in-Jewish student body reflecting the A prominent figure in Army the Instigation of McCarthy. Then terence involved in the whole large Jewish population of the he took it out of their hands and affair. According to Mitchel city. Anti-Semites are notorious Monmouth farce. Former Brig. used it to serve his own political Levitas, of the N. Y. Post, who for their Jew-baiting of this col-

There is another aspect to the City College question which figures government." smear everyone that attended the executive order, extended into all

Herein lies the gravest danger workers in private industry. of all. The Rosenbergs were the McCarthy showed his mushLetters from Our Readers

"BLOODY" JEFFREYS --A McCARTHY OF 1685

The odious reek of McCarthyism is not new to history. Our Bill of Rights, including the Fifth Amendment, was written because of our ancestors' experience with the

McCarthys of their time. We may the witch hunt better by comparing the McCarthys of our time English law, Sir George "Bloody" stready with the halter around Jeffreys, Chief Justice of England thy neck!" under James II.

England in 1685 was in the Justice had become a museum Catholics were executed, topart in a "Jesuit conspiracy."

of professional informers, like bribe-taking and extortion on a the notorious perjurer, Titus Oates, were always ready to apbeing a Catholic was given merely corrupt Wall Street bosses, with the formality of a trial and then their conspiracy to drag us into beheaded, hanged, or burned alive. atomic war. In place of "Bloody' The witch hunt against the small Jeffreys and his infamous tourwidened, becoming directed we have the McCarthyite Con against the larger group of gressional goon squads. In place Presbyterian and Baptist small of the "Jesuit conspiracy" and businessmen and workers.

THE REAL CULPRIT

that the real "Jesuit conspirator" murder of the innocent. was James II, himself. The king was paid an annual pension by England's mortal enemy, Louis rendered to France.

hard for high position under his hireling, Jeffreys. James' older brother Charles II. It is Wall Street that sent the But even that boon companion of old goons of yesterday against the pimps and prostitutes would have workers - the same Wall Street nothing to do with him. Why, that is sending the McCarthyite then, did James II promote Jef- inquisitors out in new attacks on freys from a minor judgeship to the labor movement. And the aim the position of Chief Justice? In is much the same: to suppress all the words of the historian, oppositon to low wages, im-Macauley: "Work was to be done poverishing taxes, and the atomic which could be trusted to no man war which Wall Street is preparwho reverenced law or was sen-ing for us. For this work, Big sible of shame."

well, was to direct a reign of and, as, in our time, German Big terror against the English trades- Business fostered Hitlerism.

order of the day.

understand the real meaning of examine accusers. If an accused denied a charge, Jeffreys would howl, "Thou impudent rebel, to with one of the foulest and most reflect on the King's evidence! I corrupt judges in the history of see thee, villain. . . I see thee

Anyone who criticized this kind of justice was smeared. The Jefdepths of a period of reaction. ireyism of that day, like the Mc-Carthyism of our own, held that piece. Thousands of innocent anyone who disagreed with Jefirey's methods of dealing with gether with their friends and "subversion" was "obviously subfamilies, on the charge of taking versive." However, Jeffreys was not so occupied with these crimes To convict the innocent, legions that he did not have time for

grand scale. The dates are different; the pear in court or write a "reveal- plot is in part the same. To-day, ing" book. Anyone accused of in place of James II, we have the and unpopular Catholic minority ing side-shows of legalized horror,

the "Presbyterian conspiracy" we have the "Communist conspiracy." Unless McCarthyism is stopped, The terrible irony of it all was we too may expect legalized

WALL STREET'S AIM

Some of America's ruling 60 "Bloody" Jeffreys had tried not be fooled - James II despised

Business fosters McCarthyism, as Jeffrey's job, and he did it James H fostered Jeffreyism,

men, working class, and poor The English people in 1688 farmers. James, while himself ended Jeffreyism and the reign selling out his country to its of James II. Out of the victorious enemies, used Jeffrey and the struggle against the McCarthyism issue of "loyalty" to keep the of that time came the tradition of country suppressed with smear, civil rights which the McCarthythe whip, the axe, the rope, and ism of to-day would destroy. It is the stake. Under James II and up to the American working class, Jeffreys, judicial murder was the potentially the most powerful From behind the "Congressional lead the fight. The working class immunity" of his office, Jeffreys that has defeated Wall Street on abused defense counsels, refused the picket-lines of the past will be

political force in the country, to to allow defendants to testify in victorious over the Jeffreyism. their own defense or cross- that has been re-born in America. World Events

place in the Bay Area. These Velde.

held a well-attended meeting. Committee Against Velde" held a

I was told that the Communist Party at one time supported the election of Senator McCarthy. Is that true? I would appreciate if you would reply in one of your

Brooklyn, N. Y. One source that can be cited on this question is the book, "Mc-Carthy, The Man, The Senator, The Ism'." In Chapter 17 the authors, Jack Anderson and Ronald W. May, report that in the 1946 election in Wisconsin the Stalinist vote helped to elect Mc-Carthy. The account must be read with China! critically. It should be noted that in 1946 the nature of McCarthy as a fascist leader was by no means evident. Granting that they threw their vote to Mc-Carthy in 1946, the crime of the a Stalinists was to support a capitalist politician. That is always injurious to the interests of the sides of the street?

Did Stalinists

issues. Thank you.

Support McCarthy?

Points to Strange Difference Coughlin Has With McCarthy

workers. - Ed.

The Dec. 7 Militant which diects McCarthy and his backers raises some interesting questions. I cannot make head or tail of McCarthy's ranting about "blood trade with Red China" at the present time when sections of XIV of France - for services families may despise the Me- Big Business, which finance Mc-Carthys personally. But we should Carthy, seem to be seriously considering opening up profitable trade with China, direct cor- consider him in any other light, actually a benefit to the workers trade with China.

The auto manufacturers in particular are eyeing China trade, and the basic policy of Big Busi- the fringe of lunacy to be lightly

elbow. Is GM anti-McCarthy? Gen'l Wood of Sears Roebuck & Co. is mentioned by the Militant as one of McCarthy's prime backers. Certainly Sears Roebuck, which does a volume of business could appreciate a vast Chinese

Most intriguing of all is the 'position" of the Catholic Church. While "that great Catholic" Jos McCarthy, strikebreaker Spellman's hero, fulminates against trade with China, Father Coughlin, the veteran fascist makes his first public appearance in 13 years, obviously with the Pope's approval and . . . propounces himself in favor of trade

Then take the feud between McCarthy and Dulles-Eisenhower. Is this and the China-trade mish mash a genuine split between con flicting sectors of finance capital, popularity contest between demagogues, or just a cynical division of labor, working both

Lastly, if McCarthy is a fascist. how is it that he has not as ye directed any serious barrages at the minorities and the labor movement, as all fascists wort of the name are bound to do?

Brooklyn, N. Y

Fascism, by its very nature, does not openly represent the policy of Big Business on al questions. Fascism has come to power in Europe while proclaim ing anti-monopoly, anti-capitalist slogans. The stated program of

Sec'y of Defense, at Eisenhower's | Moreover, Big Business is itself | of the Militant does not do so tions of foreign policy.

Coughlin's support of "trade with China" is a good example of fascist demagogy which appeals to the interests of the Detroi in Japan and the Philippines, auto workers who are suffering layoffs. Trade with China would increase auto production. Coughlin's "difference" with McCarth on this question is easy to under tand once we grant the possibility of a number of fascists contending for leadership. - Ed.

Would Like to See McCarthy Shown as Polished and Shaven

I would like to commend and thank the editors and staff of the Editor: Militant for the very fine issue of Dec. 7 devoted primarily to Mc- visits to get new subscribers to Carthyism and the growth of the Militant, we talked to a fascism in the United States. The worker in the electronics industry articles covering all aspects of who is on strike. He told us that the question - what is fascism, his plant turns out 500 television why McCarthyism falls into this sets a week, and that since these category, review of the trend to- cannot all be sold, he will probably ward fascism, and most important, be laid off before long. He said, what can be done - were ex- "I'll tell you what the trouble is. Elaine, A. Winters and Bea went route of steady customers, many

eriticism; not of the articles but line, there would be more work months sub. Most of us were of the front-page cartoon, Gray has portrayed McCarthy as an unshaven, unkempt, generally disreputable character. I feel that tion was the 30-hour week at 40such a characterization can be hours pay. He thought that was dangerous and can lead to an a good idea, but he kept returnunderestimation of McCarthy and ing to the idea that modern McCarthvism.

McCarthy is very smooth, polish- caused unemployment. ed and conscious, as his tactics respondence between the utter McCarthy should not be pictured in that they could shorten their ances of McCarthy or Coughlin as a wild-eyed rabble rouser on working time considerably? GM's man, Charles E. Wilson, is ness need not necessarily follow, brushed aside. The Dec. 7 issue

not united on many critical ques- with the possible exception of this J. Booth one cartoon. Chicago, Ill

Urges Labor Party Be Formed Now

Glad to notice the attention you are paying to the formation of a Labor Party. With 15,000,000 votes, what on earth is labor waiting for?

Your recent editorial on the matter was excellently done. Con-C. E. G. Fairview, N. Y

Was Assembly Line An Unhappy Idea?

In the course of neighborhood However, I have one minor had never invented the assembly because it would take longer to make the sets."

We said that we felt the solutechnological advances were what

Could you please answer this

Dockers Force Velde to Retreat

(Continued from page 1) history. Also in Berkeley, the of San Francisco State College, played down the overflow crowds shoremen struck on Dec. 3, they "Student Civil Liberties Union" Assistant Prof. Niebold of the that came to all the protest meet-

maine Bulcke, vice president of the Velde committee. the ILWU, reported that more than 2,000 longshoremen participated in the demonstration. They were massed in the Civic

Two Greyhound bus-loads of pickets came over from Oakland, where Local 6 of the ILWU had voted a solidarity action with the San Francisco longshoremen. A Stockton representing Local 54 to clear the hearing chambers. which had also voted its solidarity. BALKY WITNESSES

In Oakland, the auditorium of Willard High School had an overflow meeting, sponsored by the "East Bay Committee for Amer-Center, at the doors of the City ican Activities." The Alameda testify before the committee, or Hall, in the corridors and hearing County CIO sound truck was of the student meetings on the tions, although he had freely

smoothly for Velde. The audience was hostille to him. Time and again he had to resort to threats to become a stoolpigeon or else be

In the days following the Dec. Following the usual pattern, 3 protest strike, four meetings Velde brought some former against the Velde committee took "radicals" out of the woodwork. They were patiently coaxed by meetings provided an eloquent the committee into "telling all." demonstration of the mounting Yet, even this backfired somepublic opposition to McCarthyism what. One of Velde's main witand the undemocratic methods of nesses against the Longshore Union insisted on clearly estab-In San Francisco, the "Cali- lishing the highly democratic and fornians for the Bill of Rights" militant character of the union .. this, in spite of the committee's In Berkeley, the "Students' constant prodding to do otherwise. Reaching onto the campuses, session that filled Barrington Hall | Velde achieved a brief success by

marched to the Civic Center to packed Styles Hall with a panel University of California and a ings, it was becoming apparent hold a stop-work meeting. Ger- of professors speaking against nursery teacher in a Walnut Creek co-op nursery school.

> Mass issued a statement to the press denying participation in any activities of a "violent conspiratorial" nature. He refused to to even give them information actively used in the organization about his former radical affilia-University of Califorina campus. given this to the school au-The hearings didn't go too thorities. His grounds were that once he talked to Velde, he would lose his legal rights and be forced

> > This example demonstrated quite clearly, as did many other examples that came out of the hearings, the growing determination of all who have not become creatures of the witch hunt to refuse to cooperate in any way with the Congresisonal inquisi-

The broad opposition to Velde sparked by the longshoremen's action, was surprising to all political parties and organizations that had been sitting back waitmg for the axe to fall.

with the largest audience in its victimizing teacher Robert Mass Even though the boss press

In Los Angeles (Continued from page 1)

prepared to back up police officers in the use of forceful measures," echoed the open-shop Los Angeles Times. This refrain was repeated over and over again by the kept press, radio and television. Those who led the campaign against police brutality last year were blamed for making the streets of Los Angeles unsafe for "respectable" citizens.

"In fairness to the police," asscried the Herald-Express, "they taking steps to make our city safe by organized criticism of their so-called brutality." The at one of the local churches. The York, 120; Winifred, Twin Cities, Hearst rag complained, "we have hecome 'too soft,'" and added, The lash and the club would do a lot of good . . . it's time to take off the gloves and let these

The import of this lynch camagainst national and racial minorities had been a common police practice. An aroused community succeeded in curbing

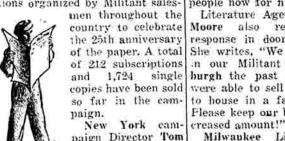
The yellow press, smarting under the "restraint" imposed upon the use of lawless physical violence against minorities, have pounced upon a sensational incident in an effort to reestablish the rule of the "lash and the course of a mock celebration by the same press and radio of "Civil Rights Week."

The stocks of the "Big Five" brands of cigarettes plunged to new lows on the New York stock medical authorities added to the growing body of evidence linking cancer of the lungs to cigarette

into its ninth printing recently.

THE MILITANT ARMY

This week reports are in from a good route established having the fifth in the series of mobiliza- gone back to some of these same tions organized by Militant sales- people now for five Sundays."



paign Director Tom

genuine need."

Gregor reports continued good during his first time out." reception to recent issues of the Militant in Detroit. She writes, "On Saturday Edie, Sherry, Bob, The assembly line does it. If they out to the project and sold 49 of them young workers." copies of the paper and one sixcovering our friends of last week's mobilization and giving them the second issue. Others were speaking to new people.

"Most everyone is talking about answers to the high cost of living. every type of reader.

"On Sunday Elaine and John Allen went to a union meeting to sell the paper. Since it was snowing, some of the union fellows told Elaine to go inside the union hall. The response was so favorable, she sold the last copy she

"Pat Stall and Key were also out on Saturday to a housing project and they sold 13 copies of the paper and one six-months sub. They found the subscriber a Donald and Chester. fellow who was just waiting for him. Both of them felt it was one of the best days they had seen in Militant selling.

"Frank and Fred did some callback work and got a six-months sub. They found one other fellow who is laid off from work, but he has the money will let them Louise." know. Frank and Bea were also out to visit some old friends and sold some copies of the Militant and Fourth International.

"Even after we had sold all a our papers at the housing project on Saturday, Al Winters and I found that people were stopping us and asking what we had beer selling. One fellow who was coal driver had a long talk wit Al and he said if he sees us nex week there he will buy a copy. ran into an insurance salesman who had recently quit the factories because he couldn't live or the short work weeks and lay off We had a long talk with him too and he wanted a copy of the paper but we had just sold them all. It sort of reminded me of the stories Dunne has told of selling socialism everywhere."

Agent H. Baker sums up on recent recall work this Sunday and have 107 points.

Literature Agent Marianne country to celebrate Moore also reports a good the 25th anniversary response in door to door work. of the paper. A total She writes, "We did pretty well of 212 subscriptions in our Militant sales in Pittsand 1,724 single burgh the past two weeks. We copies have been sold were able to sell 50 copies house so far in the cam- to house in a fairly short time. Please keep our bundle at the in-

Milwaukee Literature Agent Denver reports an Francis Barrow writes, "Since the excellent response to Anniversary Campaign began we last week's issue of the Militant. have held regular Sunday mobi-"A group of comrades sold 103 lizations with a lot of comrades copies at the New School, going house to house with the Twelve copies were sold at a paper. We have built up a sub-District 65 meeting. House-to- stantial list of readers for call house work and other sales backs. Also we sell regularly at prought the total to 405 copies union meetings. Our three top n one week. Comments from comrades on the campaign scorefriends and readers of the paper board are Al C. with 66 points; indicate that the Militant's Fred H., 46; and Paul R. with 39 analysis of McCarthyism fills a points. Commendations go to Kenneth K. for coming up with Literature Agent Janet Mac- Militant sales and a possible sub

From St. Louis Dick Carter reports, "Selling single copies is not difficult and I am building a

"New York had better start looking to their laurels!" writes Minneapolis Literature Agent Helen Sherman. "The Minnesota Militants are coming down the nome stretch in this campaign on their heels. It looks like Los the layoff here and looking for the Angeles, Seattle, Cleveland and Chicago will be giving us a run We found the articles on the 30- for our money in the effort to hour week, the NACCP work, nose out the great Eastern com-Jomo book review, and the article petitor. We don't discount Detroit, fascism is based on demagogy and to date have indicated, and it worker on why the assembly line on women made it very easy to by any means, which is already up hysteria. Thus, on the question of would be a serious mistake to and such modern methods are sell the paper. It was an excellent in seventh place — and having a issue all the way around for great deal of success with Militant sales according to Comrade Janet's inspiring report.

"Minneapolis Militant salesmen brought in nine subscriptions and sold 32 single copies of the paper for this week's score of 344 points. 'lt's a good time to go out into neighborhoods and make new socialist friends by selling the Militant, distributing leaflets for meetings, and getting subs that is the conviction of Fanny, Bill, Helen, Bob W., Ralph,

"Alice brought in the most subs someone like us to get around to this week - three renewals, all from Militant readers who bought subs for the first time in last spring's campaign. Other subs were sold by Chester, who is leading on the local scoreboard with 216 points; by Ray and Ralph, who are in second and third wants the paper and as soon as places, and by C. R., Charles and

The national scoreboard	follows
New York	2,361
Twin Cities	1,270
Chicago	941
Seattle	685
Los Angeles	628
Detroit	606
Cleveland	526
Buffalo	330
Philadelphia	333
Newark	243
San Francisco	223
Milwaukee	176
Oakland	163
St. Louis	161
Boston	130
Youngstown	52
Pittsburgh	50
Akron	10
The Pile welling	100

Chester of the Twin Cities continues to hold first place among The Seattle comrades moved the pace setters nationally, with ahead of Los Angeles this week 216 points to his credit. Cleveland to take fourth place on the na- subgetter Jean S. is second with tional scoreboard. Literature 159 points and New York's high scorer Ethel B. holds third place have been actually prevented from sales: "In the month of November with a score of 151. Other top we sold 120 single copies door to Militant salesmen are Ray, Twin door, 24 at union meetings and 18 Cities, 135 points; Pat, New comrades who have sold the most 116; George, Seattle, 114; Harold single copies are our new friends R., New York, 110; Dick, St. Ann and Leon. They sold 15 on Louis, 109; and Frank, Seattle,

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Progressive People's party. The people,

industries are demanding pay in- without permission of the people creases to meet the rising cost of Jagan flew to England some time living. On Dec. 2 the Confedera- ago seeking help in reinstating tion of Shipbuilding and Engineer his democratically elected governing Unions staged a 24-hour na- ment. Later he went to India tion-wide token strike in support where he is now.

of a demand for a 15% wage boost. It turned out to be the largest and most effective strike while visiting Iran on his aroundaction since the general strike of the-world tour, was given the 1926. The National Union of heaviest security guard for anyone Railwaymen has called an un- since Mossadegh was ousted from limited strike to begin Dec. 20 if office. The road from the airport their demand for a 15% increase to the Shah's palace was lined is not met. James Campbell, the with soldiers every 100 feet. union's secretary general, said: Troops and police watched crowds "This is not just a talking strike for any sign of a demonstration or anything like that. The last that might break out in consetime we went on strike was 27 quence of the extreme unyears ago in the general strike." popularity of the Eisenhower ad-ITALIAN UNIONS reported British in the oil dispute and to

that 6,000,000 men walked off the Shah in his recent coup their jobs in a 24-hour nation- d'etat. wide protest strike Dec. 15. The action was taken to emphasize demands for fringe benefits. This now spread to other parties beside is the second of a series that the Stalinist - dominated Tudeh. began with a 24-hour strike of Police of the British - and 1,000,000 civil servants Dec. 11. American - backed Shah closed A third strike, involving the na- down the only important opnosition's farm hands, has been called tion paper in Teheran. The editor, for Dec. 21. HO CHI MINH, head of the arrest of government leaders for

Indo-Chinese government which the "horrible massacre" Dec. 7 French imperialism has been try- of university students. Police and to the rule was revealed in a of inquiry" but who is being told ing to smash since the end of nounced 11 arrests Dec. 15 of Dec. 7 Associated Press dispatch by his "political strategists . . . World War II, has made two persons charged with distributing from Washington, which reportoffers to the Paris authorities leaflets denouncing the govern. ed: "... Republican congressional he must not seem to derogate the bank \$172,623 in four years while for peace talks. The first offer ment's decision to resume diplo- leaders are keeping discreet Wisconsin Senator and his works." was made through a cable pub- matic relations with Britain. On silence in the controversy between dished in the Stockholm news- the same day, the government paper Expressen Nov. 29. The suppressed demonstrations that second offer came over the Viet- had been planned. According to a minh radio Dec. 10. The French Dec. 15 dispatch to the N. Y. despots have not indicated Times, "it was clear" that the whether they are ready to government "was prepared to negotiate although it is reported adopt as stern repressive measthat their military position has ures against its non-Communist been steadily deteriorating. the Tudeh (Communist) party." MRS. JANET JAGAN, wife of The sweep of reaction in Iran the Prime Minister of British followed a betraval by the Iranian

IN GREAT BRITAIN an esti- authorities appointed by Churchill mated 4,000 000 workers in key charged they had held a meeting

VICE - PRESIDENT NIXON.

Dr. Mozafar Bahai, head of the end Allied - and principally Toilers party, had demanded the British - trade with China," opponents as it has used against

GE Adopts McCarthy's Formula (Continued from page 1)

did not cease trade with China. Senator William F. Knowland of California, the Republican else." ministration for its help to the Senate floor leader who is supposed to be Eisenhower's principal spokesman in Congress, on Dec. 8 echoed almost word for word McCarthy's TV statement THE TERROR IN IRAN has denying Eisenhower's contention an issue" in the 1954 election. The California Senator also pointedly "made it plain that he was wholly dissatisfied with the Administration's efforts to date to

election and his demand for

reports the N. Y. Times. Senator McCarthy and the White House It was obvious that some of the senator's most influential GOP colleagues agreed privately like a giant spider web. There is with his statement that the United States should stop all aid penetration into the State Depart- introduced McCarthy as "one of

with Communist China." But this is not the only reason ment, and the Department of they were silent. They fear Mc- Justice, particularly its secret Carthy's growing power to de- political police, the FBI. stroy them with the "Com-Guiana who was despotically Stalinists, who slavishly followed munist" smear. This is affirmed than Scott McLeod, head of the thrown out of office by the British Kremlin orders restraining them by Arthur Krock, chief Washing- State Department's security after they landed troops in the from installing a workers and ton commentator for the N. Y. system and the man who has the South American colony, was farmers government during the Times and one of the most in- say-so over who in the departarrested Dec. 13 together with two years they enjoyed the back- formed journalists in the capital, ment are "security risks," is a nine other members of the ing of the majority of the Iranian He observed in his Nov. 20 column McCarthy man. that all Republican candidates

comfortable position."

minded and able" Senator Salton- address. stall of Massachusetts "who is that in asserting his own claims

McCarthy's agents are spreadng throughout all the government agencies and departments. Commission, the Treasury Depart- time . . . a soldier, patriot and

It is reported that none other

When the major TV and radio lean fascism.

| for the Senate in 1954, especially | networks knuckled under to Mcment" being the issue in the 1954 in constituencies where the Sen- Carthy's demand for a half-hour ator has a supporting bloc, "have of free time to answer Truman, reprisal on Allied countries that been put on notice that they must it was disclosed that Eisenhower base their campaigns on the had appointed as his Commisnecessity of keeping him in con- sioners of the Federal Communicatrol of Senate spy hunts - or tions Commission one man endorsed by McCarthy and another, In proclaiming McCarthy and Robert E. Lee, McCarthy's poli-McCarthyism the main issued in tical henchman and personal criminals, teen-agers though they the 1954 Congressional elections choice. These FCC men can do be, feel the mailed fist." instead of the Administration's to any radio and TV company record, states Krock, the Wis- what McCarthy has been doing to paign was well understood by consin Senator "has placed some GE employees. The networks gave those concerned. Last year the that "Communism would not be of his colleagues in a very un- McCarthy free time under his blackmail threat - which he can backed by the labor movement, the make good — that he would ask civil liberties and They are "fearful of the make good — that he would ask civil liberties and minority consequences" of not following the FCC, controlled by his agents, McCarthy's line. One of these, to "review" the status of any paign against police brutality. according to Krock, is the "high- station failing to broadcast his The use of "clubs and mailed fist"

The pay-off now is that Inprobably as repelled as any citizen ternal Revenue Commissioner T. That Knowland is no exception by some of McCarthy's methods Coleman Andrews - who is supposed to be investigating Mc-Carthy's shady financial practices, including how he managed to drawing a total of \$60,000 in Senate salary and expenses - is an intimate pal of McCarthy's. On Dec. 10, Andrews drove Mc-His influence covers Washington Carthy in the former's Cadillac club." And all of this in the to a meeting of 500 in Richmond, newly - revealed evidence of his Va., where the tax commissioner to free world nations which trade ment, the Federal Communications the great Americans of our

> statesmen." McCarthy's power inside the government is combined with what exchange as new studies by Washington correspondent Lyle C. Wilson, of the United Press, has described as a "very large following" among the populace. It is this combination of factors that makes him the most dangerous expression to date of Amer-

that Velde was getting a little more than he had reckoned with. Individuals who had, up to now, stayed, in the background, convinced that McCarthyism was unopposed, suddenly came forth to speak their piece; and they found support in places where they never thought it existed. Velde ended the hearings on the fifth, instead of on the announced eleventh day. He talked of return-

ing to Washington for "urgent Congressional duties." The committee left with a vague threat sent to prison for contempt of to "return again sometime in the

CALL FOR VIOLENCE

such brutality.

smoking. A book on "How to Stop Smoking," however, is enjoying phenomenal sales, having gone

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4th International Rallies Against Pablo

The Fourth International, the World Party of the Socialist Revolution founded by Leon Trotsky, has recently been affected by an internal crisis. The power and mass influence of Stalinism in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, Asia and Western Europe overwhelmed a small faction in the leading committee led by Pablo and caused it to veer in the direction of becoming a "left" wing of Stalinism.

Such a political sympton is extremely dangerous. If it engulfed the International it would mean its certain death as a revolutionary force. But the Fourth International can not easily be derailed. The genuine Trotskyists are now meeting Pabloite revisionism in a struggle that has every promise of success.

We are pleased to report that the Fourth International is moving ahead with sure and firm steps to assert the will of the overwhelming majority of the world Trotskvist movement against the usurpation of the Pablo action.

The French, British, Swiss and New Zealand sections have formed an International Committee of the Fourth International, They have issued a declaration to all sections reaffirming the basic Trotskyist program and calling on the cadres of the world movement to struggle for the life of Fourth International against ruin at the hands of the Pabloites.

The International Committee charges the Pabloites with the crime of covering up the current betrayals of Stalinism and attempting to foist a dictatorial rule on the International in the interest of the new revisionist doctrine of Pablo.

The International Committee condemns the Pabloites for having dared to speak to the East German workers in the name of Trotsky's Fourth International as nothing but luke-warm "critics" of the Stalinist counter- course of events. revolutionaries and for having refused to demand the withdrawal of the Kremlin's troops from East Germany although Moscow used these troops to suppress the East German the orthodox Trotskyists of the workers.

The International Committee condemns the Pabloites for covering up the betraval of the Stalinists in the French general strike of last ways received their acid test in unmasking of the repressive crats as to the nature of Stalin-simple. The Stalinists are follow-August, and the betrayal of the Stalinists in the laboratory of the class strug- nature of the Stalinist "new Iran in the same month.

The organization of the International Committee signifies that the Fourth International that had been growing between has once again proved its historic viability. It shows that no force on earth external or internal, can destroy it.

Reactionary enemies and cynics may try to gain comfort from this struggle within the Fourth International. These people cannot criminal acts, has been caught up understand that the International is a living revolutionary organism that can mature and measure up to its historic responsibility pre- performing a revolutionary funccisely through such internal struggles. They are part of the hard school of preparation for the greatest step forward humanity has yet First, the East German general taken - the world socialist revolution,

We hail the formation of the International Committee of the Fourth International. Because we are compelled to remain outside the International organization due to the reactionary Voorhis Law of 1940 ,we are all the more interested and concerned with the development of the Fourth International. The International Committee insures the line of revolutionary continuity that extends from Lenin, through Trotsky and into the future An Answer to Slander

What Is McCarthyism?

The term "fascism" is accepted by a fairly wide section of the labor and liberal movement as a description of McCarthyism. But the acceptance of this term unforunately is not accompanied by the necessary understanding of what it implies.

We, unlike the Stalinists, do not label any and every reactionary capitalist politician as "fascist." Fascism is a definite form of capitalist reaction. It differs vitally from other forms. It can be a costly error to lump all capitalist politics in one convenient basket for the sake of using strong words,

The fascist movement arises when capitalism has suffered such a prolonged and unresolved social crisis that the middle class. unable to find leadership from the workers, turns to the fascist demagogue.

This demagogue utilizes the very anti-capitalist sentiment of the middle class to hurl it against its natural ally, the workers, in the interest of monopoly capital.

The rise of fascism always implies the inability of capitalism to rule by the old democratic methods and the absence of a resolute working class leadership to usher in the new socialist system of production and political rule of the workers.

The United States has experienced a profound social, economic and political crisis for many decades. In the Thirties this manifested itself in two forms. First, in the dramatic appearance of the industrial working class on the union arena through the organization of the CIO. Second, in the growth of a whole rash of native fascist movements, (Hague, Coughlin, Pelley, Smith, etc.) This was a result of the failure of the unions to move

Coughlin Raises His Head

that the fascist menace in the U.S. is grave we didn't fully realize the rapidity with which events are moving. As we were preparing the Dec. 7 issue, Father Charles E. Coughlin, the outstanding fascist demagogue of the Thirties, reappeared on the scene, speaking to the Friday club in Detroit on Dec. 4.

This speech confirms our diagnosis of the gravity of the fascist danger. Coughlin is a practiced fascist demagogue. Just note the program Coughlin opened up with in his new

He came out for the guaranteed annual wage, trade with India and China, and the lifting of all taxes from production line work-

needs of the Detroit auto worker. With mounting uenmployment in the auto industry the workers feel that trade with China would boost employment in the auto field. The annual wage is the demand of the CIO. And what could be more appealing and popular than the lifting of taxes?

We have McCarthy as candidate number one for American Hitler. But we also have Coughlin. And Gerald L. K. Smith is begin-

We warn that unless labor acts in time,

The Second World War cut across these developments. For the middle class it pro-

forward on to the political arena by organ-

izing an independent Labor Party.

victory of socialist mankind.

vided an economic outlet in the war prosperity. It assuaged the discontent of the work- crientation. The subject was the ing class by providing full employment. The post-war prosperity continued to provide a measure of equilibrium to the internal me- to cover up the Stalinist betrayal, chanics of American capitalism.

spread and confronted American capitalism with insoluble difficulties, the political situa-

er is beginning to suffer lay-offs. The capitalist Stalinist minority who eited fears what they might do.

fascist characteristics.

We are paying for the long delay in the organization of a Labor Party. The political equilibrium of the country is upset and it tends to fall to the right as long as only Defense of Capitalism - French timidity and craven subordination to the shat tered Democratic party appears on the working class left.

recognition of McCarthyism as a fascist movement. A broad discussion of these implications is urgently needed in the labor

the fascists will be in position to move swift-

The fascists, once they get rolling, will right-wing conservative Daladier quickly take on all the trappings and tech- requires only the co-operation of ing the Trotskyist majority, the niques that are required by an American fas- Gen. de Gaulle to complete the cist movement. The danger is to wait until sordid picture of Stalinist treach- (PCI), and defending the policy fascism gets rolling in high gear. The task is to crush fascism in the egg.

Detroit is a dynamic center of the American labor movement. Can the Detroit unionists let the challenge of Coughlin go unans- DeGaulle government "to give it wered? Can they afford to ignore Coughlin, hoping that he will be defeated by indif-

ally opposed to such a suicidal policy. We propose that the labor movement move quickly and decisively on the McCarthyite-Cough-

desperate struggle to come.

Illusions, soft-headedness, smug bureaucratic tionary, leadership of the strugcomplacency will be paid for in workers gle of the Ceylonese masses."

Let the voice of the rank and file be raised and let the officials of the unions know that the workers demand action right now against

Once Again -- Stalinism's Betrayal in France By Murry Weiss Next, the monstrous betrayal belongs to the school that depicts Then he traces the post-strike say that the present "chauvinist" Since the August general strike of Stalinism in the French gen-Stalinism as a bearer of the propolicy of the French Stalinists. policy constitutes preparation for

of this momentous workers strug- conception. gle by the Social Democratic and Stalinist leaders. The causes and consequences of the betrayal of a first class revolutionary op-A profound difference in at-

titude toward the French general strike became one of the great issues in the struggle between world and the Stalinist-conciliationist faction of Pablo. This is action in the United States where gle. The colossal French general strike of August was such a laboratory test of the difference ing of the theory of a "new" Pabloism and Trotskyism.

Pabloism pictures Stalinism as revolution. In effect the Pabloites accept the doctrine that Stalinism, despite its past betrayals and inextricably in the world revolu tionary process and regardless of subjective Stalinist intentions is

Events and facts do not conform with this "new" theory. trike of June 17 struck a body blow to the theory. The counter-

One week before the Cochran-

Pabloite minority split away 18%

of the Socialist Workers Party

by an organized boycott of its

25th Anniversary Meeting in New

York, the splitters were forced

into a debate on their pro-Stalinist

role of Stalinism in the French

General Strike of last August.

The Cochran-Pabloites undertook

During this debate, the two

main minority spokesmen, Frankel

and Bartell, slandered the Ceylon

Trotskyist party, the Lanka

Samasamaja Party (LSSP), by

ese comrades, whose party has

Pablo's views as justification for

The Dec. 3 issue of the Samasa-

It is a devastating answer to the

skyists acted no differently than

the French Stalinists.

their own.

n France, evidence accumulates eral strike of August pulled the howing the depth of the betrayal props from under the Pabloite lution.

> Then the events in Iran, where prophic defeat for the Iranian ist methods. workers and peasants, added to the evidence.

On top of this, the counterevolutionary role of the Stalinists as it should be. Differences in the Stalinists are orienting totheory among Marxists have al- ward the Democratic party, the course" in Eastern Europe, have all contributed to the underminprogressive Stalinism.

What is at issue with the Pabloites is not differences over a kind of unwilling vehicle of the secondary peculiarities in the French Stalinists can be moved interests of the French workers post-war evolution of Stalinism, but a conflict over a basically board because they can "offer, maneuver with the French capinew evaluation that substitutes petty bourgeois prostration for the powerful orthodox Trotskyist conception.

The test of the French general

BONDY'S ANALYSIS

In the Oct. 12 issue of the New Leader, Francois Bondy, described as "a veteran Swiss evolutionary role of Stalinism has journalist and leading memnever been so nakedly revealed ber of the Congress of Cultural as in the opening stage of the Freedom," writes on France's tialities of the general strike and them up on it. political revolution of the East "Hour of Decision." Bondy is a confined themselves to maintain German workers against Stalin- Social Democrat of the New ing their position in the mass

Against Ceylon LSSP

gram and practice of world revo-

always and everywhere, are con-But Francois Bondy tells the

readers of the New Leader that this was not the case in France. The anti-revolutionary conduct of in Bolivia, the cynical betrayal of the Stalinists in France was so in France so plainly even though working-class independent political obvious that the Swiss Social if 18m.

that the French Stalinists are a maneuver with the French canidiplomatic game with the French imperialists. For these maneuvers government. He shows how the they sacrifice the revolutionary effectively on the diplomatic The Stalinists on the contrary, indirectly, a great deal - namely talists to support the Kremlin and

Then he goes on to demonstrate of the French workers for that how the Stalinists proved this in purpose. the French general strike. "They strike makes this unmistakably were careful not to let the crisis Stalinists - and not the fictitious munist workers and the revoluprogress beyond the boiling policy the Social Democratic point," Bondy says. And he adds: 'Strange behavior indeed."

POST-STRIKE POLICY

Bondy establishes the fact that the Stalinists soft-pedaled all the revolutionary aspects and poten-Leader school. In other words, he organizations of the workers

"It seems, rather clear," says Bondy, "that the French Com-These gentlemen seldom miss munists are prepared not to make the Stalinists and become a party an opportunity to hammer away trouble for even a 'reactionary' the Stalinist Tudeh party betrayed on the theme that the Stalinists, government, so long as it adjusts itical conclusion a revolutionary its foreign policy toward the this historic general strike are portunity and allowed it to be- scious revolutionaries bent on Kremlin. And to those who desire also illuminated by the further come transformed into a catas- overthrowing capitalism by Lenin- a government more to the left, the Communists place only one condition: renunciation of the

European policy."

Why does this Social Democra characterize the Stalinist policy violates the Social-Democratic Democrat had to take note of picture of the Kremlin and the the facts even though they violate Stalinist parties as revolutionary the pet thesis of the Social Demo- forces? The answer is quite ing the same policy as the Social Bondy states bluntly, on the Democrats with this important basis of the facts as he sees them, difference: The Social Democrats power piece, in the Kremlin's talists to support the American betray the revolutionary interests

> The real policy of the French legend assigns them - must be dealt with because it represents a mental nature of the politics of real threat to the orientation of the Kremlin, as manifested in the the international Social Democracy. They are afraid that the French capitalists will find the Stalinist offer tempting and take

DEEPEN ERRORS

The Stalinist conciliationism of he Pabloites was deepened by the results of the French general strike. Having flopped over to the role of apologizing for the Stalinists, they took one step after another to justify this course. Thus they attempt to cover up the monstrous betrayal of the SITUATION IN FRANCE Stalinists with a hundred-and-one sophisticated rationalizations.

When the Central Committee of the Communist Party of France met on Oct. 22-23 and openly shows that the French workers proclaimed the policy of collaboration with any section of the capi- the crisis through taking power, talists, "whoever they may be," that is to say any capitalist party the Pabloites dismissed this policy missed! as a routine declaration "entirely within the nationalist and

Communist Party." The Stalinists in Ceylon are 5, they say: "It is pointless to tionary nucleus of the French willing to support any capitalist dwell in this note on the char- Trotskyists are totally free of all government, "if that government acter of such a policy, whose only follows a policy of neutrality in result can be to sow confusion the cold war and the hot war as among certain Stalinist rank and France have demonstrated clarity

Nationalist Party] on the one Stalinist policy during the strike leadership of the French working a betrayal. And they refuse to class.

a new betrayal. Thereby the Pabloites cover up the betrayal of to it. Such is the inescapable pol-

WHY "BETRAYAL"?

Why do we characterize the Stalinist line during the general strike as betrayal of the working class? For Trotskyists this is a tasic question. The Stalinists pursued a course during the strike that corresponded to the interests, not of the French and international working class but to the interests of the Kremlin burraucracy. That is the inescapable. stubborn fact.

But the interest of the Kremlin bureaucracy and the international working class are contradictory. This becomes glaringly evident when the class struggle assumes its sharpest form as it did in August in France. When the Stalinist bureaucrats, during a situation which demands revolutionary policy and leadership, guide themselves by the narrow bureaucratic interests of their caste — that is class betraval.

All talk about the leftward development of the French Comtionary opportunities this opens is meaningless unless the fundageneral strike, is thoroughly un-

The Pabloite talk about the 'inadequacy" of the Stalinist policy during August, of the failure" of the Stalinists to 'project a revolutionary orientation" is false and misleading. It is not a question of inadequacies and failures. It is a question of calculated betrayal, of following the dictates of the Kremlin and of losing thereby a revolutionary opportunity.

The situation in France remains re-revolutionary in character. Notwithstanding signs of a reactionary mobilization all evidence will have another chance to solve This next chance must not be

The ferment in the Communist Party, the deep dissatisfaction of chauvenist tradition of the French the communist worker with Stalnist policy will bear fruit only In a Political Note dated Nov. to the extent that the revoluillusions concerning Stalinism.

The genuine Trotskyists of "It is for this reason that the bourgeois milieu."

filers especially in the petty- on this question in the test of August. They have shown their August. They have shown their This is utterly false. The policy capacity to forge connections with Samasamaja Party's demand for proclaimed by Duclos and Thorez, the masses in struggle. The work an Anti-Capitalist Government which the Pabloites admit "is of the Trotskyist newspaper La and refuse to form a United Front entirely within the nationalist and Verite (The Truth) is evidence with us for achieving this ob- chauvinist tradition of the CPF," of this. The worker militants in jective. Instead, they are calling was the source of the line of class the Trotskyist movement have for a United Front of the SLFP betrayal followed by the Stalinist rejected the pro-Stalinist ration-[left-liberal capitalist party] and leaders during the French general alizing of the Pablo faction and are moving forward in the great The Pabloites refuse to call the work of building a revolutionary

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ing to stir again in New York.

But as the world revolutionary movement

tion in the United States changed step by step. talsely indentifying the LSSP The mounting witch hunt and tendencies policy in the Ceylon August toward formation of a police state are symp- Hantal (general strike and comtoms of the serious crisis in the system. The munity stoppage) with that of whole country is pessimistic about economic strike. Murry Weiss, as speaker prospects. The slightest economic dip sends a for the Trotskyist majority, exgroun of apprehension throughout the country. posed this slander of our Ceylon-The farmer is no longer prosperous, the work-likewise been split by a pro-

Under these conditions the symptoms of the late Thirties are returning with a vengeance. The McCarthyite movement, growing out of the witch hunt, begins to take on marked

These are some of the implications of the statement: "We are determined to ists. It was wrong, they said, to

ly into the political arena with the first major turn toward depression.

The Socialist Workers Party is emphatic-

There is no time to waste. Every day we wait means more victims in the costly and

McCarthyism and all its allies,



an analysis that confirms the position taken by Murry Weiss. slander that the Ceylon Trot-

The Samasamajist article, "The policy in French Communist Party leader Maurice Thorez's associate ourselves with all Frenchmen whoever they may be, who are opponents of the Bonn and Paris agreements." (Original mphasis.)

This is the enunciation of a 'national front" policy instead of the Stalinist offer of class col-

This treachery "has been characteristic of Stalinist policy in France, especially since the end of the last imperialist world war.' when the Stalinists joined the stability" and a Stalinist Minister of Defense "sent French troops

colonial revolution there." "This coincided with the mass significant comparison between the Stalinist leadership of the French movement and the Trotskyist, that is to say the revolu-

STALINIST CRIMES ously stifled any signs of revolutionary initiative on the part of THEIR PRICE well when it comes.

was paralyzed by the completeness majist, organ of the LSSP, carries of the strike, when the question of seizing power was posed by the might and will of the proletariat, the Stalinists deliberately refrained from raising even one political slogan. Indeed when the French Trotskyists, who conducted themselves magnificently during the Strike, raised the banner CP's Right Turn," first explains of Revolution and called for the the basis for the French Stalinist formation of a Workers' and Farmers' Government, they were bitterly attacked by the Stalinpose the question of power; the movement was not political but purely economic. It was, they maintained, for the purpose of preventing cuts in wages and

pensions that the workers rose! This absolutely accurate stateclass struggle program. The ment of the two positions in Samasamajist comments: "Al- France requires only one further ready Mr. Daladier, wartime fact to make the picture com-Premier of France, has accepted plete. The Pabloite minority grouping in France issued a laboration. This alliance with the public declaration to the Stalinists in the Renault plant attack-International Communist Party limiting their demands to the

economic issues. THE FOUNTAINHEAD

Stalinist) policy of betrayal," says Samasamajist, "is the Kremlin. Ever on the look-out for the opinto Indo-China to crush the portunity to pervert the movement of the revolutionary masses to its But "never was the reactionary own benefit in its diplomatic role of Stalinism more apparent maneuvers with the western imthan in the French General perialists, it has consistently Strike," writes Samasamajist, prevented the development of upsurge in Ceylon and affords a of the 'peaceful co-existence' of the LSSP strives for a United betrayed the working class movement in France and Italy, where left. . . Apart from France and

in its efforts to follow the Kremlin directives for collaboration with the progressive capitalists,' that is willing to remain neutral in the forthcoming war against the Soviet Union.

Party) to the left of it, the Ceylon

CP has been hampered seriously

Stalinists oppose the Lanka the 'progressive capitalist' branch strike. of the UNP [the ruling United hand, and the working class parties on the other, for the purpose of installing a 'progressive capitalist' government which will follow a policy of neutrality. Such a proposition . . . is thoroughly opportunist and treacherous to the cause of the mass movement."

This "thoroughly opportunist and treacherous" policy, when followed by the French Stalinists, was characterized by Frankel merely as "inadequate." And, he stated flatly, the Ceylon Trotskyist policy did not differ much from it. As if in direct reply to this base lie, the Samasamaiist

"The great August struggle,

TROTSKYIST POLICY

which was led by the Lanka Samasamaja Party on an anticapitalist basis, posed before the masses the question of what kind of government was capable of solving the present capitalist crisis. It was the call for an Anti-Capitalist Government that made the August Hartal a struggle for the overthrow of the Capitalist UNP Government and its replacement with an Anti-Capitalist Government. It was this reorientation of the mass mind that violently closed a chapter in our history and inaugurated another. It crystalised in the minds of the "The source of this (French people the fact that the UNP is unable to solve their problems because it is a Capitalist govern-

The Ceylon Trotskyists conclude: 'It is only an Anti-Capitalist Government that can take the neces sary measures to lift the burdens from the backs of the working these movements in the interests and middle classes. That is why imperialism and bureaucratic Front of Working - Class Parties totalitarianism. In order to pursue for the replacement of the its policy of appeasement, it has Capitalist UNP Government with an Anti-Capitalist Government."

Thus, the "only" difference be-Stalinists dominate the tween the Stalinist policy in the French General Strike and the Italy the most classic example of Trotskyist policy in the Ceylonese The French Stalinists "vigor- this treacherous policy is Iran." General Strikes was that the But the position in Ceylon is former betrayed the revolutionary "vastly different," the Samasa- aspirations of the masses and the the workers and the rank and file majist points out. "Thanks to the latter advanced and urged of the OP. When the entire regime existence of a far more powerful these aspirations.

Now, if you think you've been properly conditioned as a Negro, read these headlines and items taken at random from daily newspapers of the past few weeks:

Gifts Expressing Regret of Error

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 22-Mrs. Nina Hardman greeted a floodtide of well-wishers today, a gratifying turn of events. Last night she was gripped by fear.

Some of the residents of a neighborhood signed a petition trying to prevent Mrs. Hardman from moving in.

She said she was panic-stricken over what the petitioners might do.

Many of those who signed the paper went to Mrs. Hardman today to express their regrets. . . Many brought flowers, fruit and other gifts.

The petitioners had learned that Mrs Hardman was a native of the Philippines

Sees White Race Periled

WERL, West Germany, Nov. 25 — A Rome Carmelite priest, Father Svoboda, told an international conference here that told an international conference here that low birth rate was threatening the exist-ence of the white race.

At Lynn GE

Of every 110,000 births in the world today, only 35,000 are white, he added.

New Army School for Whites Flayed FT. HOOD, Tex., Nov. 24 - A new segregated school for white pupils was dedicated by Maj. Gen. William S. Biddle today despite a "vigorous" protest to the Pentagon by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. . .

Britain Fires Buganda King for Pressing for Independence

LONDON, Nov. 30 — Britain booted the 29-year-old king of Buganda off his throne today for insisting upon a definite date for independence within the British Commonwealth for his 900,000 subjects. . .

Stevenson in Capital Hails Democrats Unity in South

Rep. Bolton Urges UN to Use Our Race Solution

Well, are you convinced there is a "Negro Struggle" that requires special consideration and action?

Detroit's No. 1 Problem

By Patricia Stall

Recently Detroit was shocked by the death of a 3-year-old boy, who was trapped in raging flames that swept through a "bootleg" rooming house.

Originally built to accommodate two families, the house had been divided and sub-divided until eight families totalling 36 persons were crammed in. Complaints cited against the landlord included lack of toilet or washing facilities, converting sleeping rooms into "apartments" by putting in illegal hotplates, and conversion of a cellar storage room into an "apartment" that inspectors condemned as totally unfit for human habitation.

Such complaints are commonplace in areas termed "trouble spots" by city inspectors. As one official put it, "These operators will lease as many as four and five big old-fashioned homes, and bootleg them into apartments and sleeping rooms; installing plumbing, kitchen equipment and partitions without building permits or in-

Many operators comply with the deman operating the house in which Billy burned to death complied with the law. She was ordered to remove hotplates from her "apartments" and she removed them - until after the final check-up by inspectors. The day Billy died the hotplates were back again, mute evidence of "cooperation" with the law.

Uncooperative landlords are fined. We can judge what this means when we read the record: In the last six years, the fine for over 9,600 reported violations averages out to little more than \$2 each! Last year, after checking 1,721 buildings in "trouble spots," 1,119 violation notices were served.

One firm owning extensive real estate in these areas has been cited 47 times since 1948 for violating health and safety laws. Another landlord was cited 20 times between 1947 and 1953. The firm paid a total of about \$500; the landlord's penalty munism. Following several closed-

amounted to \$150. These facts have been known for a long time. During the recently concluded elec- unions after the NLRB elections tion campaign a series of articles exposed An officer of the Commission said fine-evading landlords, rent-gouging, boot- yesterday he had developed leg housing, children bitten by rats, and so on. Officials were "appalled." They were "outraged" and "sympathetic" to the victims. Then the storm died.

With Billy's death another storm stirred up the headlines in the press. But after the storm comes the long silence.

Does it seem unnatural that the usual order of nature has been turned topsyturvy and in Detroit the storm comes before the calm? The truth is that this is quite natural under capitalism. The op- workers who voted UE did so in Independent. mitted that she violated health and safety codes to "make more money." She was afraid she couldn't "make ends meet" so erator of the building where Billy died ad- spite of McCarthy's hearings, the The passenger steamer, Aleuafraid she couldn't "make ends meet" so she charged Billy's family \$80 a month for a two-room attic with no heat and with under a fighting leadership with a Dec. 6, is today but its crew has only orange crates for furniture. That is program that can defeat the comalso natural under capitalism - violate all codes of decency to "make more

money." When the "operators" of all housing are put under the scrutiny and control of committees of housewives, architects, safety engineers and others interested in decent, adequate living quarters, then the calm of the landlords' day will be followed by the storm of activity necessary to rebuild Detroit and make housing its No. 1 Pride instead of its No. 1 Problem.

Notes from the News

STEEL PRODUCTION IS DOWN moderately in industry as a whole and sharply in many sections. The Dec. 16 Wall Street Journal reports: "The extra-sharp curtailments have been made mainly by small and middle-sized producers." Among these producers, cuts in production go as deep as 30% in many and 70% in extreme

THE PRICE OF STEEL SCRAP is sliding "because steel mill production is on the way down . . . steel makers themselves no longer need much steel since their huge postwar and post-Korean expansion program is near its end." (Wall Street Journal, Dec. 14.)

AUTO LAYOFFS. The headline in the Wall Street Journal, Dec. 11, reads: "Car Colic. Nash. Like Chrysler, To Lay Off Thousands; Dealer Stocks Are High; Clean-up of '53 Models Is Uncompleted, Though the '54s are Crowding In, Optimism Remains Official."

CIGARETTE SALES DIP are cutting Federal and state tax revenues to 6.2% less than last

FARMERS ARE GLOOMY. They have "a general feeling that good times are well-nigh over and it's best to prepare for harder going." (Wall Street Journal, Dec. 15.)

RAYON MANUFACTURERS are operating at 61% capacity, "The textile trades generally are in the doldrums." (Wall Street Journal, Dec. 14.)

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES REVEAL a drop of 300,000 from October to November. This drop is six times as fast as is usual for this time of year. The Wall Street Journal calls this trend a "growing abundance of manpower."

COTTON GROWERS in California are getting orders from the Government "to slash 1954 plantings to half of this year's level. The growers'

reaction: Fight to soften the cutbacks, squeeze every last bale of cotton out of the reduced acreage." (Wall Street Journal, Dec. 10.) The field workers' reaction to squeezing more cotton out of less acreage is not reported.

"COMMUNISM... COMMUNISM... COM-MUNISM ... COMMUNISM ... COMMU-NISM ... " That's the beginning of an article in the Dec. 7 International Oil Worker, official newspaper of the CIO Oil Workers Union. "The Big Lie boys are not out to destroy communism. They are out to destroy democracy. To destroy democracy they must destroy free trade unions. An example of their real intentions, behind this phony facade of 'anti-communism,' is found in by the end of the year. Some local made three attempts to crack the Cities Sunday Forum at state Senate Bill 1616, known as the Butler Bill, which is now pending before Congress. . . Under the sharing the work by reducing were stopped by the pickets. definition (of the Butler Bill) a union would be 'communist' if it supported higher wages, for the Communist Party also claims to believe in of the situation, some of them Firemen, armed with clubs and higher wages"

SOUTHERN JUSTICE AND THE FBI. Olga Moranski, organizer for the AFL United Garment Party," Workers, was denied the right to walk down the streets in Falmouth, Kentucky. She was also prohibited by the city authorities from speaking to the workers at the Falmouth Co. textile plant must start fighting right now for Firemen's Union, was to remove without a solicitor's license. When she inquired about such a license the city attorney told her pay.' they were not being Issued. The Kentucky State Federation of Labor called on Attorney General Brownell to authorize the FBI to investigate the violation of Olga Moranski's constitutional rights. Herbert Brownell refused the request. The State Federation expressed shock at this refusal: "It is the positon of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor that the 14th amendment to the Constitution was violated. The amendment prohibits any state from abridging the privileges of U.S. citizens... We have every right to assume that if the request made by this labor organization had been made by an association of management, the investigation would, in all probability, already

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IUE Wins

By Lynn Marcus

BOSTON, Dec. 11 - Yesterday's NLRB election in the Lynn and Everett plants of General Electric resulted in only a slim majority vote of 5,546 for the CIO International Union of Electrical Workers, just 740 more than the 4,806 votes cast for the independent United Electrical Workers, expelled four years ago from the CIO as "Communist dominated." In the same bargaining unit, IUE had won by 760 votes in 1950 and 1,153 in 1951. On the eve of yesterday's election the corporation threw its weight behind the IUE by anrouncing its plan to fire or suspend any employees fingered as "reds" by the McCarthyite Congressional committees or other witch-hunting bodies.

Today, the Boston Herald claimed: "There was little doubt that the company-wide get-tough policy, perhaps the most sweeping loyalty crackdown ever instituted n a major U. S. industrial firm, had its effect on balloting."

But GE was not using the new 'McCarthy Formula" merely to influence the outcome of the NLRB election. The "McCarthy Formula" is designed, like the old infamous union - busting "Mohawk Valley Formula," to destroy all unions or debase then to the level of company unions.

SECRET MEETINGS

After McCarthy's recent hearings in this city, local GE manager Ross engaged in secret transactions with the Massachusetts Commission on Comloor sessions, the Commission le it be understood that they would conduct "red raids" on local out subpoenas for the forthcoming kangaroo court-type hear-

The large minority tally for the UE is considered a protest vote gainst the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists misleadership of he local IUE that has driven a large section of GE workers away from the CIO union into the Stalinist-influenced UE. This big protest vote is considered especially significant because those of Marine Cooks and Stewards, could bring to bear.

pany's union-busting campaigns, is needed. Such a program against the unholy alliance of GE and Mc-Carthyism would include: a United Congress of Labor to end unionbusting McCarthyism; an all-out campaign for the 30-hour week at 40 hours' pay to meet the threat of mass layoffs.

Hears Talk on **Depression Threat**

- The Militant Forum held another successful meeting here last night when an audience of 30 heard John Black explain the line and loaded supplies aboard. 'Meaning of the Present Recession."

The American economy is the speaker asserted. He predicted by the Independent Marine Cooks that without a war, the economy and Stewards who had been would inevitably continue its ousted from their jobs followed present decline.

This area has already been hard hit by the cut-backs. Only are operating and indications are would not load the ship with stores the work-week.

The audience was well aware AFL stewards and AFL Marine in fact having already been hit lengths of chain, marched up the with the axe.

the 30-hour week at 40 hours

The dramatic and often humorous presentation was followed by in their strength, and optimism In the melce, the police counterabout the ultimate success of the attacked and dispersed the AFL 'thirfy-forty" fight in the area.

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West Coast Dock Conflict



San Francisco police (top) intervene when Harry Lundberg sent hundreds of members of the Sailors Union of the Pacific (AFL) in an attempted raid on a pier picketed by the National Union of Marine Cooks & Stewards. At bottom, AFL Atty. John P. Hanson, who led invasion, is escorted away by cop.

yesterday he had developed "writer's cramps" from writing HALTS LUNDBERG RAID

By E. Harris

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6 — A 24-hour work stoppage hy Local 10, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union has stopped cold an attempted raid by the Sailers' Union of the Pacific,

today lies tied up at Pier 56 in One strong united union in GE, San Francisco. Its sailing date been paid off and its disappointed passengers have found other means of travel.

> The dispute began in Seattle Wash. The SUP, under the guidance of Harry Lundberg, a notorious red-baiter and jurisdictional raider signed a back-door agreement with the newly organized Pacific Hawaiian Co. taking over the steward department jobs of the NUMCS members who had held them while the Aleutian was in the Alaska

The NUMCS established line which the Seattle ILWU longshoremen refused to cross. Whereupon the SUP, supporting its subsidiary union, the AFL Stewards, and under cover of U.S. Coast Guard protection broke through the NUMCS picker

The Aleutian then moved to San Francisco, where it was t enter into the Hawaiian passenger 'helplessly dependent on war," service. The picket line, manned the ship. Again the picket line was observed by the ILWU.

Harry Lundberg now declared 55 out of 81 open-hearth furnaces that if the ILWU longshoremethat more will be in mothballs and baggage the SUP would. He unions are already discussing picket line. The first two tries party headquarters here, on the

In the third try, 500 sailors, Embarcadero to Pier 29 where "Only the Socialist Workers the Aleutian was moored. Their declared the speaker, declared object, according to their Supreme Court. "offers an effective program for leaders, Harry Johnson, Assistant leading the struggle against un- Secretary of the SUP, and Vince employment and hard times. We Malone, Secretary of the Marine the 200-man picket line and schools is only part of the basic

When ordered to stop by the over a half-hour's discussion from 200-man police force stationed at the speaker continued. "The the floor. The steelworkers the pier, the marchers attacked capitalists make money by expresent showed great confidence the police with clubs and chains, ploiting a so-called 'inferior' marchers. The NUMCS pickets

did not enter into the battle. On the following day, Dec. 4, as both sides, AFL and Independent unions massed for a showdown fight, the officials of Longshore Militant and other literature 116 University PL. N. Y. S, N. Y. Local 10, ILWU, pulled all long-

AFL, upon the jurisdiction of the except those working perishables ILWU and the National Union mail, or military vessels.

Three thousand longshoremen who had walked out in sympathy, work stoppage would continue until the dispute was settled.

Lundberg and his SUP did not show up to load the ship. By 5 P.M. the shipowners gave up and ported management's proposal agreed to tieup the ship at a further negotiations with the unions involved. By 7 P.M. the Aleutian's boilers were cold and the fink crew was filing off the gangplank, carrying their bag-

End result: A smashing defeat for the AFL raiders, who, incidentaly, were supported by the ClO, and the forging of new bonds of solidarity between the independent stewards and the

Twin Cities Talk Scores Jim Crow In U.S. Schools

By Winifred Nelson MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 13-"Jim Crow has a thousand for one face, the profit sys-

So stated Dorothy Schultz, St. Paul organizer for the Socialist Workers Party, when she spoke this afternoon before the Twin

subject, "Im Crow and the

Dealing with her subject from a revolutionary socialist point of view, Comrade Schultz traced the history of the present school pickets. segregation issue before the

Supreme Court."

"The Socialist Workers Party gives full support to the fight against segregation," she said. The fight against segregated "drive the commies off the water- struggle against Jim Crow.

"Capitalism, the profit system, is the main cause of Jim Crow,' people and splitting up the workers. Only with the end of capitalism and the establishment of socialism will we see the end of Jim Crow," she declared.

A lively discussion period followed the talk, and subs to the were sold. Supper and a social shoremen off all Bay Area piers hour followed the meeting.

N.Y. Union Hits Mayor Wagner Witch-Hunt Act

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 - The AFL union of municipal workers this week denounced the new witch hunt launched by Mayor-elect Wagner against the city's 100,000 civil

loyalty" questionnaire was char- missioner in eighteen of the city's acterized by the AFL Federation of State, County and Municpal Employees as an invasion of at a later date. This blow at civil heir civil rights. The union took he first legal steps to fight the

Jerry Wurf, local president of the AFL union said, "The scope, wording and ultimate effects of this questionnaire are such as to force public employees into unonscious perjury and give aid and omfort to communists and put the official seal of the City of New York upon McCarthyism."

Mayor-elect Wagner has not yet occupied his office but begins liberal pressure. this first act of his new administration in anxious haste lest anyone accuse him of not measur- ist circles by the Daily Worker's ing up to McCarthyite witch-hunt standards. He appointed Peter went to some lengths during the Campbell Brown, former chairman of the Federal Subversive reacherous line. This latest Activities Control Board, to the post of Commissioner of Incstigations.

The proposed questionnaire to treachery of the paper's position.

service workers. Wagner's order that all city employees fill out a be circulated by the new comagencies will undoubtedly be extended to all the other agencies rights from a politician who was supposedly a liberal democrat has given the Daily Worker Communist Party organ, a great

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deal of embarrassment. The Daily Worker had urged support to Wagner as an effective political way to challenge Mc-Carthyism. According to their present tortuous reasoning, Wagner is now giving in to the pressure of the reactionary wing of the Democratic Party and this must be countered by increased

Wide-spread resentment and confusion was aroused in Stalinsupport of Wagner and the editors election trying to justify its development brings home to indignant and resentful followers

15 PITTSBURGH UNIONS STRIKE 5 DEPT. STORES

By Josh Lossa

PIITTSBURGH, Dec. 13 - The strike of 15 unions against five major Pittsburgh department stores entered its third week today. The strike was initiated in the midst of the strategic Christmas buying

of the strategic Christmas Buying season by AFL Teamsters Local 249, which has a militant history III. CIO Discusses tions, the Labor Standards Assn., refused to consider any of the

feamsters' demands. The 2,000 AFL Retail Clerks, also at a dead end in negotiations en hundred delegates to the with the same stores, voted to 11th Annual Convention of go on strike at a mass meeting the Illinois CIO held this and warehouse terminal workers called three days after the begin-who had walked out in sympathy, ning of the Teamsters' strike. weekend, expressed great ions with the Labor Standard

Milton Weisberg, president of the CIO Clerks, publicly supthat the strike and further 'dead" pier, Pier 56, pending negotiations be postponed until mid-February so that "all can have a peaceful Christmas." Such an action, of course, would

permit the stores to rake in all the Christmas trade with no reduction sales due to the strike. Weisberg further criticized the Teamsters' leadership for not sub-

nitting their demands, alongside management's for "public" apice president of the AFL Building Service Employees (also involved in the dispute), vehemently attacked the role of tral Labor Union to sever its ties rolls.

with the CIO in this city. Disregarding public support for large ads for scabs in the local 75,810 on Nov. 28, as compared papers, offering permanent jobs to 39,964 in 1952. This figure for sales clerks, office workers, faces and they are all a mask and porters to fill the jobs of sands who are not eligible to those on strike, and stressing receive compensation, or whose that "business as usual" is the order of the day.

Last Monday, solidarity with the strikers was demonstrated by approximately 150 men joining the picket line at Horne's. This was not continued, however, because of the company's threat of UAW-CIO Local 600 in Detroit. to get an injunction against mass picketing. Fearing use of the Taft - Hartley Law, the union gram of a 30-hour week with no acquiesced in caling off the extra

There have been a few incidents in this strike. The companies alleged that one of their scabs was beaten so badly that hospitalization was necessary. The newspapers hastened to play up this and similar items.

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Typical of the "get tough" policy of Big Business in negotiabargaining agent for the depart-

By J. Booth

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 - Sev-

The convention projected a conference on unemployment to be held early in January by the Cook County CIO Industrial Union Council and also mapped plans for a similar state-wide

unemployment conference. The delegates supported proposals for a guaranteed annual wage, an increase in unemployment compensation benefits, and a public works program to provide

Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amlagamated Clothing Workers of America CIO, told the delegates that a downward drift praisal before calling the strike. of the national economy has Charles C. Levey, international developed under the Republican administration. He reported that business failures are increasing. farm income has fallen off 17% since June, unemployment com-Weisberg as "companyism" rather pensation claims have risen and than "unionism," and threatened surveys indicate that firms in to ask the Pittsburgh AFL Cen- many areas foresee smaller pay-

The number of applicants for unemployment compensation paythe strike, Gimbels boldly runs ments throughout Illinois rose to does not include the tens of thouinsurance has run out, or who have had cuts in hours with no compensating raise in pay.

Those attending the unemployment conference next month would do well to study the Nov. 21 issue of Ford Facts, newspaper This union of 60,000 auto workers has proposed the practical proreduction in take-home pay as a means of fighting unemployment.

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