M'CARTHYISM -- PATTERN OF AMERICAN FASCISM

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By Murry Weiss

On Dec. 23, the Malenkovist clique announced that the secret "trial" of Lavrenti Beria and six other top secret police officials of the Kremlin, begun on Dec. 16 behind closed doors, had come to an?

a firing squad.

spies," "foul provocateurs." Malenkov's "new course," hailed purges. by a variety of observers as a above," and as the end of Stalin's for socialism is at the same time bloody era, we witness another a struggle to overthrow the

typical Moscow frame-up purge. visible expression of a vast convulsive reflex of the bureaucratic This struggle requires a correc caste to accumulated difficulties. It is part of the world-wide crisis diagnosis of Stalinism, its inner of Stalinism. It is the manifestation of that basic characteristic of Stalinist rule - a regime of permanent crisis.

In this crisis the Soviet bureaucracy confronts the unwelcome



abrupt halt with "confessions" consequences of its own misfrom the victims and death before management, sloth, isolation from the producing masses, and narrow The victims, who had organized concern for its own privileges mass blood purges under Stalin, and revenue. Its response to these were dispatched amidst cries of consequences is a violent move to "terrorist murderers," "foreign reestablish the stability of its rule - a "stability" based on

Kremlin traitors and the Stalinist The purge of Beria is the most misleaders of the workers movement in all parts of the world program; that is, a correct contradictions, the course of its evolution and the meaning of its intest moves. Above all, the workers vanguard in the world Trotskyist movement must grasp the meaning of these blood purges in the USSR. From this standpoint the reaction of the Pablo faction in the Fourth International to the Beria purge is of considerable in

Since Stalin's death this group nas indulged in the most fanciful speculations about the "new" Stalinism, both in the USSR and abroad. They have scornfully reourge offers us an opportunity to check their position against the erthodox Trotskyist view.

OUR POSITION

Beria we paraphrased what the

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The Big Money Behind M'Carthy

By Art Preis

All successful fascist movements have been linked the economists are preponderantly with powerful, if not dominant, big money interests. Mc-Carthyism is no exception. Senator McCarthy's recent

opening bid for national power Dously wealthy interests.

"heavy sugar" backing him than retinue," including top press, the role of America's Hitler. It personages. Wilson added a new off even from such notorious Carthyites: figures as Father Coughlin and Gerald L. K. Smith. Compared to his circle of associates in Texas. these latter, McCarthy has a truly He recently stayed at the home staggering amount of money in of Douglas Marshall, son-in-law

talist sponsors do not represent terest in McCarthy. the best-known and traditionally most powerful ruling capitalist circles. But it would be a big mistake to under-rate or minimize the capitalist strength behind

TEXAS OIL

To begin with, there is a billion dollars of Texas oil wealth behind him. Topping the list of his reputed sponsors, according to Bascom N. Timmons, Washington correspondent of the Cleveland News, a conservative daily, are "the three richest men in Texas... oilmen H. L. Hunt of Dallas, Syd Richardson of Fort Worth and Clint Murchison of Dallas, none of whose names, strangely it as \$160,000,000, he said he enough, appears in 'Who's Who.'

Texas that "all his (Hunt's) behind McCarthy. money is tied up in cash." And, reports Timmons "some Texas ankers say Hunt could put his chief backer of "Facts Forum."

clusive of his oil and neighborhood of \$300

1 Wilson, head of Look

has coincided with his acquisition magazine's Washington Bureau, of support from some tremend- wrote in its Dec. 1 issue that "more than 70 persons are play-

"Lately, McCarthy has widened of H. R. Cullen, the oil multi-It is true that McCarthy's capi- millionaire, who has a keen in-

> "Cullen contributed \$5,000, the legal limit, to Joe's campaign for rc-election in 1952. . . Cullen put up \$48,000, in addition, to help ether candidates for Congress in

CORRECTS ERROR

Cullen is the man recently reported to have given the University of Houston \$2,250,000 because of the "great spirit and determination" its football team showed in defeating Baylor. He had already given the University \$25,000,000. When newspapers garbled his announcement that he was giving \$80,000,000 for a medical enterprise and reported would make it \$160,000,000. This Timmons cites the saying in is the kind of money that is now

Hunt, sometimes called the 'richest man in America," is the nds on a bigger sum of eash the broadcast program that is ker than any man who ever carried over 115 radio stations His oil holdings alone are and 30 TV outlets. Mrs. McCarthy ated at as much as \$600 the former Jeanie Kerr, wrote script for the "Facts Forum' ison's wealth is likewise series and McCarthy himself was bulous, if little publicized the program's first guest star.

Some of McCarthy's other sponerests, he is reported to sors as members of the "Facts perty and business assets Forum's" advisory board are: Gen. Robert E. Wood, head of

Sears Roebuck and former chair-(Continued on page 2)

Beria's Execution McCarthy Opens '54 Drive Throws Light on Malenkov Policy To Grab Control of Congress

"Stop McCarthyism," **American Labor Urged**

A front-page appeal for action by the American labor movement to "stop McCarthyism" is contained in the Dec. 14 Ohio Works Organizer, published by United Steelwork-

Thus less than one year after terror, frame-ups and blood ers Local 1330, Youngstown, Ohio. democratic revolution "from the international working class by T. Dostal warns that "Mc-Carthyism has reached a new stage.

> The smear attack on Truman 'should alert every worker to

Economists Call It Just "Orthodox Recession" Now

belittle the possibility of a serious depression, a majority of the we are already witnessing the country's top capitalist econo- default of some of the liberals mists and statisticians now concede that the American economy did not dare to say a word in is in a downturn and faces an defense of the deceased Harry "orthodox recession" this year. jected our analysis. The Beria An "orthodox recession" would be like the 1949-50 decline when up- only his own record. . . In the wards of six million were officially reported as unemployed.

Months before the arrest of of the annual forecasting session of the American Statistical Asso-Malenkov "reformers" were say- ciation held in Washington, D. C., ng as follows: "Above all, warns on Dec. 28. Several hundred leadthe Kremlin (to those who might ing economists, including a huntake the concessions seriously), dred of the Administration's own 'experts," participated.

This "sober outlook," as Martin Gainsbrugh, chief economist for new post-office for Council Bluffs, he National Industrial Conference Board, described it, is at he more significant because the economists who participated were predominantly from Big Business will really fight against Mcoutfits. In fact, reported the N. Y. Times correspondent, "in keeping with their status as professionals with higher-than-average incomes begin soon. The first thing to do ifelong Republicans."

Their "sober outlook" is more han justified by the latest statistics. Pre-Christmas department store sales, as of Dec. 19, for instance, fell below the cor-In fact, McCarthy has more ing major roles in the McCarthy responding 1952 period for the fifth straight week. Christmas ed at 66.6% of capacity compared

Carthy) hits the 'New Deal' and 'Fair Deal' he is actually shooting at the labor movement through the straw man of communism."

Carthy's real target," says the Local 1330 paper. "His blows against Truman and the liberals are only the beginning. They are only probing attacks to see if his real opposition, the labor movement is aroused yet. His future attacks will be still wilder and more 'unreasonable.' If he is no stopped, all thinking will be Although they continue to paralyzed, all speech gagged.

"In this stage of McCarthyism the witch hunt. Truman himself Dexter White who was never proved to be a communist. He contented himself with defending long run the liberals will leave the field to McCarthy, because McCarthy's main profession is not This opinion was the consensus anti-communism or even antiliberalism, but anti-laborism."

NO TELEGRAMS

The editorial cautions against trying to defeat McCarthyism by writing postcards and telegram to other Congressmen. "This approach is all right for getting Iowa, perhaps - but hardly suitable for changing the course of reaction. . .

"Only the labor movement . . the editorial. "But the fight must end of World War II. country against this menace."

any present or past aspirant to political, military and financial week steel production was schedul- and set up its own investigating gigantic circle around the Soviet Malenkov regime. committees to "put McCarthy or Union, the blockade of the Soviet

The anti-capitalist struggle of Carthyism," an editorial signed says the editorial. "When he (Mc-

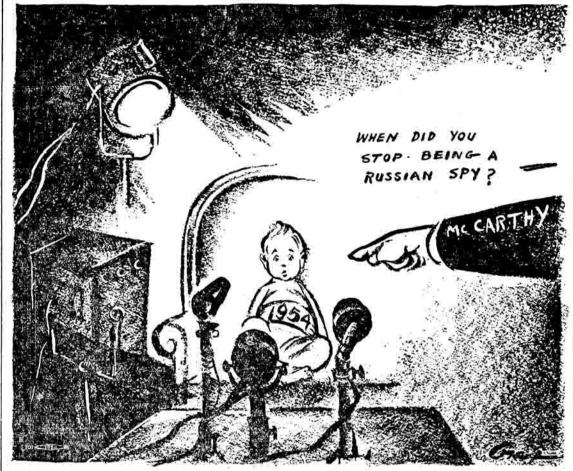
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New Year's Greeting



EISENHOWER AND MALENKOV REACH A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING?

By Joseph Hansen

By all the rules in the history books, the third world war and so on and on. should have been upon us long since.

This Christmas Day observation to believe that a kind of precarious by the well-known columnist balance has been achieved since Stewart Alsop has a real basis, the war." In no period of history has there been such tension, such belligerent Carthy, because it has the most and provocative shoving around, preparation for war, now thinks to lose if it does not fight," says as in the eight years since the

is to call a General Congress of the Berlin blockade, the revolu- is possible.' All Labor and make this Congress tion in China, the Indo-Chinese an anti - McCarthy, anti - fascist war, the Yugoslav revolt, the Business doesn't mean immediate rallying center, to call demonstra- Korean war, and Chinese inter- war. It means "a non-aggression tions and rallies throughout the vention in Korea. We can add pact" - a pact in which Eisen Truman's atom-bomb diplomacy, hower would make "concessions," Such a labor congress would the Truman doctrine of "con-giving "guarantees for the bare McCarthy's whole dirty tainment" of communism, the Soviet" in return for "equal or financial and legislative record building of military bases in a superior concessions" from the

of the most fearsome military | World Report, assured its readers alliance the world has ever seen

Yet Alsop himself declares that more and more people are coming ahead:

And the Wall Street Journal, which has not been last in urging that the projected Big Four foreign ministers' conference in Alson lists the Greek civil war, Berlin Jan. 25 indicates "anything

By "anything," this voice of Big

Another ultra - conservative

Jec. 11: "You can be reasonably sur-

"Appeasement, in modified form, will be offered to Communist Russia.

"Trade barriers against Communist countries will be lowered Trade, to be allowed to revive will give Communist countries many strategic products. "Agitation, to cause unrest in

he Communist empire, will be "Communist China, slowly but

surely, will be eased into the "European Army idea will be allowed to die, gradually. German rearmament will be delayed some more. Liberation for nation

postwar years will no longer be imphasized by American officials. (Continued on page 4)

gobbled up by Communists j

First Shot Is Fired in Minnesota

By Manuel Rodriguez

Senator Joseph McCarthy, leading candidate for American Hitler, plans to stump the entire country with his fascist smear attacks and use ais powerful machine in the Republican Party to build his strength and mobilize his movement. He is preparing to intervene in 1954 Congressional elections throughout the country and make McCarthyism — his program for establishing his fascist power in Congress and the White House - the central issue of this year's political campaigns.

His first shot was fired on Dec. 26 through the Minnesota State Central Committee of the Repubican Party. This McCarthyite body opened its Congressional campaign with a red smear of its Democratic Party opponents and proclaimed the "red menace" the No. 1 plank in its platform. Mc-Carthy promptly announced his "availability" for highly specialized smear jobs in the Minnesota

Most significant of all, is the isclosure that McCarthy's own ieutenant is now boss of the Naional Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee and is personally guiding the Minnesota GOP electoral drive. The Dec. 27 N. Y. Times reports:

"Victor Johnston, former administrative assistant to Senator of the following in the period McCarthy and now director of the National Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, conferred with [Minnesota] State GOP leaders and told them Senator Mc-Carthy would come into Minnesota and campaign against Senator Humphrey [Democratic incumbent] if he were invited to

> Frightened Minnesota Demorats, bleating like panicked heep, protested this "embracing of McCarthyism" by Minnesota's GOP leaders. They accused Republican Governor C. Elmer Anderson of "adopting McCarthy smear tactics" and "doing a disservice to the democratic process in impugning the loyalty of three of Minnesota's" leading Demo-

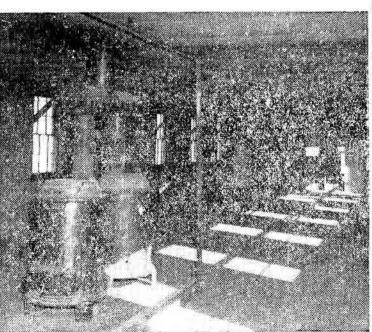
The new political year thus (Continued on Page 2)

The Concentration Camps Are Already Built

By Harry Ring

a system of concentrations camps without trial. Ironically, these

already built and ready. He will camps and this law were sup- to keep their concentration camps a crime or probably will conspire! Let those who look to the



Barren interior of barracks building above is typical of installations at Tule Lake, Calif., Federal Prison Camp 38, one of six such places of detention set up by former president Truman's Justice Department and now ready for the McCarthyites to hold political prisoners in concentration camps without trial under a McCarran Act section originated by Trumanite "Fair Deal" senators in 1950.

If Senator McCarthy achieves also find a law on the books giving plied by the Trumanites - the from general public knowledge. hese concentration camps if Mc-Carthy comes to power.

concentration camps." James V. has an estimated capacity of four whether he read it right. Bennett Director of the Justice to seven thousand inmates, in-Department's Bureau of Prisons, cluding women and children. in a Mar. 26, 1952 letter to the National Committee to Repeal the Calif., used as a concentration McCarran Act deplored use of this camp for 100,000 Japanese-Amer- then Socialist Workers Party inister label.

"It is unfortunate," he said, been readied for immediate octhat the term 'concentration cupancy. amps' has been used in connecion with these facilities since it entirely foreign to our laws, demo- Fla., and El Reno, Okla. cratic processes and methods of

And we may add, the term

President and Congress."

But what if McCarthy wins con- sabotage." rol of the White House and Con-

icans during World War II, has

Four other camps have been concentration camps under the prepared at Florence, Ariz., American flag will prove more mplies institutions and procedures Wickenburg, Ariz., Avon Park, discriminating than they were in

FUTURE INMATES

Who are potential candidates example, can you guarantee the trikes an ominous chord in the for incarceration? Virtually any Jews of America, including mind and heart of every freedom- one. According to the McCarran yourself?" oving American, especially among Act, the Attorney General is workers and the minority peoples, authorized, whenever an emer-That's why Bennett piously gency is declared by the President fremendous new weight to the declared in his letter about these dent, "to apprehend and detain," alarm signal sounded then? 'facilities," that "If the need for indefinitely and without trial, their use as places of detention "persons as to whom there is ever arises, they will be con- reasonable grounds to believe ucted humanely and strictly in probably will engage in or seeping with the policies of the probably will conspire with others camps in the light of the fascist

ower administrations have tried lieves you probably will engage in one a Negro.

to engage in one. That's "probably Lehmans and Stevensons as fighthis ambition of becoming fascist him legal authority to incarcerate so-called "liberal" Democrats like But at least six have been set up will" not "actually did." The At- ers against fascism engrave in dictator of America, he will find in these camps anyone he pleases Senator Lehman - who would under provisions of the McCarran torney General determines his their minds this fact: The proviprobably be among the inmates of "Internal Security" Act of 1950. beliefs about what you might do sions for the establishment of One at Allenwood Pa., covers by reading your mind. After concentration camps in America 8,400 acres. It is surrounded by you're behind barbed wire you were drawn up by Democratic Of course, they are not called a 12-foot barbed wire fence and may be permitted to question Schator Kilgore and sponsored

> In an open letter to Senator Lehman of New York, written im-A vast camp at Tule Lake, mediately after passage of the McCarran Act, Joseph Hansen, candidate for U.S. Senator, asked: "Do you have any guarantee that the standards of admission to Germany, once the monstrous system you propose gather momentum? What immunity, for

> > Does not the rise of the fascist movement led by McCarthy give alarm signal sounded then?

FORT MONMOUTH

Consider whom a figure like Mc Carthy might choose to fill those to engage in acts of espionage or sepator's recent spy hunt at For-Monmouth, where without Read that again. It says you can shred of evidence he got 40 gress, or even becomes President? be thrown into a concentration scientists suspended or declas-Both the Truman and Eisen- camp if the Attorney General be- sified. Of these, 35 were Jews and

by Lehman, who boasted that this "would . . . really meet the Communist threat to our security."

The existence of these camps in present-day America is the most dangerous kind of threat to the workers and minority peoples of this land. They must organize a powerful movement to wipe them out before they fill them!

Detroit SWP Rally To Fight Coughlin NEW YORK, Dec. 28 -

Warning that the return to politics of the notorious fascist priest, Father Coughlin, is a clear indication of the menacof McCarthyism, Farrell Dobbs, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, today declared that he will "expose to the full" Coughlin's real program when he speaks at the anti-Coughlin rally sponsored by the SWP in Detroit, Sun., Jan. 10. The meeting will be held at the Danish Brotherhood Hall, 12th and Forrest.

Adlai Stevenson, 1952 presidential candidate of the Democratic Party and darling of the liberals, recently made an indignant speech about the witch-hunt methods of the fact that there are important dif- to smear him." (Expose, December Republicans. Speaking in Philadelphia on Dec. 12, he struck a strident note seldom heard in his previous public utterances. Now that the Democratic ox is being gored by the Republicans in power, and particularly by ruthless McCarthy, Stevenson is bewailing the course the "anti- them: Communist" drive is taking and has been constrained to utter some truths. For instance, he said in his speech:

"The Bill of Rights is besieged, ancient liberties infringed, reckless words are uttered, vigilante groups are formed, suspicion, mistrust and fear stalk the land, and anti-Semitic. That was partly bepolitical partisanship raises strange and ugly heads, the security of secret files is violated, and the specter of a

political police emerges."

Absolutely true! But that doesn't mean Stevenson is an indispensable feature of fasagainst any and all witch hunts. Positively not! In this same speech he proposes to continue and extend the witch hunt— against "Communists" and "subversives" only, of course - provided only the Republican Administration and McCarthy "include me out," as the saying goes. "If the ed only after Mussolini made his Administration is looking for a good crusade," advises Stevenson, "I would recommend a crusade to combat the Communist conspiracy without resorting to Communist methods to do it. They could get a lot of help from Demo- gressively anti-Semitic. It is un- Its racist character will become

The truth is they've been getting a lot of help from the Democrats for years and years. And not a little bit from Stevenson. For the methods Stevenson claims to deplore are in nowise "Communist." They are tried and true methods long known to capitalist politics and extensively employed by the Democratic administrations under Roosevelt and Truman in the initial stages of the current witch

The "suspicion, fear and mistrust" that stalk the land were set in motion, in part, by Truman's "disloyalty" purge among two million government employees. The "disloyalty" smear, guilt by association, conviction without trial, etc., were all employed against legless veteran James Kutcher and numerous others by the Truman administration without a mumble of protest from Stevenson. His sensitivity to the danger facing the Bill of Rights saving virulent Jew-baiting for a guided by revolutionary policies. arises as he sees his own political cronies, including Truman, trapped amidst the flames that the Trumanite arsonists helped to light.

No part of Stevenson's plaint has a more hypocritical ring than his words about the "specter of a political police." That "specter" is no disembodied spirit. It is a live and active body that has been with us for a good many years. Stevenson is talking about the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the FBI, under J. Edgar Hoover. It was this be separately organized and who very "specter" that Stevenson himself_promised to call don't find it expedient at the forth to fight "Communism" less than 15 months ago.

On Oct. 7, 1952, in a campaign speech in Detroit Stevenson derided McCarthy and his other Republican opponents as mere "noisy amateurs" and called for the employment of the "cautious, silent professional" - that ic the FBI snoopers, wire-tappers and mail-tamperers to ferret out political dissenters and destroy the Bill of that railroaded the Communist Party leaders to prison under the infamous Smith's "Gag" Act.

This "specter" grew under Roosevelt and Truman from an FBI force of 801 agents when the Democrats took power in 1933 to 15,181 in 1952 - more than a 15-fold increase. FBI appropriations in the same period grew more than 30 times their 1932 figure.

In his statement on the Harry Dexter White case before the recent Senate hearing, FBI Chief Hoover revealed that "the responsibilities for internal security (were) assigned the FBI in 1939 by Presidential directive" - that is, Roosevelt himself converted the FBI into a fullfledged secret political police. As for the FBI's illegal methods, such as wiretapping, Hoover likewise disclosed the tune for strategy in the elecin a public statement in Jan. 1950: "The policy we follow on wiretapping was set by the late President Roosevelt on May 21, 1940."

Brownell, Hoover and McCarthy haven't invented a thing. They've even inherited concentration camps from the Truman administration, as described in Harry Ring's article on page one. Someday Stevenson may find himself in one of these camps and he can then reflect on what his liberal Democratic colleagues, Senator Lehman of New York, said back in 1950 to the New York State Democratic Convention that renominated him:

"I, myself, have sponsored legislation to put all Communists and would-be spies and saboteurs in detention camps during times of. . . national emergency. In my judgment that would in a practical manner really meet the Communist threat to our internal security. I hope my bill will pass."

It did, as incorporated in the McCarran Internal Security Law. Only, the McCarthys and Hoovers are direcling the operation of that law now.

Union leaders who really think Democratic liberals like Stevenson are any kind of bulwark against McCarthyism should have their heads examined. Stevenson's very speech, made ostensibly in defense of civil liberties, is, in fact, a pledge of further attack on these liberties. It is a plea to the Republicans, including McCarthy, just to lay off the Democrats and "they could get a lot of help from Democrats" to witch hunt all other alleged "Communists."

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Phony "Defender" Of Civil Liberties McCarthyism -- the American Pattern of Fascism When we say that McCarthyism is the American form of fascism, is not financed by the October 1971 of the Manager of the demands of Hitler and Musclessive sections of Big Business asked, "What do you think of Separate McCarthy?" A control of the Manager of the demands of Hitler and Musclessive sections of Big Business asked, "What do you think of Separate McCarthy?" A control of the Manager of the development salini. The Mattern of Big Business asked, "What do you think of Separate McCarthy?" A control of the Manager of the development salini. The Mattern of Big Business asked, "What do you think of Separate McCarthy?" A control of the Manager of the development salini. The Mattern of Big Business asked, "What do you think of Separate McCarthy?" A control of the Manager of the Mattern of the Manager of the Mana

some people think we are indulging in name-calling or exaggerating, and they justify their reluctance to accept our conclusion by pointing to the unquestionable ferences between European fas. 1953.) cism, as it is generally conceived, and McCarthyism. Following are both sides of the street, recruit some of the objections that have ling the rabid Jew-baiters to the been raised, and our answers to Smith wing and leaving McCarthy

Cathyism isn't." Everyone knows that the Gercause anti-Semitism had deep roots and a long history in Germany. It does not follow, howthe fascist movement before it pact with Hitler.

In the 1930's all the American fascist groups and would-be leaders were unmistakably and agcertain whether this aided or hurt clearer and more open as time them. But when World War II goes on. came, and almost universal revulsion greeted Hitler's mass murder of the Jews, anti-Semitism of the type that could be associated with Hitlerism became a handicap.

McCarthy learned a lesson from put some Jews on his staff any of these characteristics." precisely in order to ward off the harge of anti-Semitism. In his Jewish background or associations - but he does it craftily. He is later stage of the game.

Meanwhile, there is a division of When we speak of McCarthysm, we don't mean only the movement of the people who avow Mc-Carthy as their fuehrer; we mean the whole coalition of different groups who are united behind his real program, but who may still present time to be too closely. linked to McCarthy himself.

GERALD L. K. SMITH Gerald L. K. Smith, for example,

- I don't want to say anything to hurt him." Question: "You'd rather not answer that?" Answer "Yes. I dont want my name used

Thus the McCarthyites play free of the "smear" that would (1) "Hitlerism was anti-Semitic attach to him if the Smiths spoke and racist from the start; Mc- their views openly. Later on these groups will all unite. There was a similar division of labor in th man fascist movement was overtly German fascist movement on various issues.

The same division of labor exists over the Negro and other colored people. McCarthy says ever, that open anti-Semitism is nothing openly to alienate or frighten them today, and even has cism. In Italy, for example, anti- the support of a few Negroes like Semitism never amounted to much the journalist George S. Schuyler, the activities and ideology of But his real base in the South is the Ku Klux Klan and similar came to power, and was emphasiz- white supremacist outfits, and much of his big money is coming rom Dixiecrat oil millionaires in

This is still an early stage in the development of McCarthyism.

SHIRTS AND STORM TROOPS

(2) "But European fascism had storm troops, anti-labor militia, shirted hoodlums who broke up meetings and burned books in the this. He went out of his way to streets; McCarthyism doesn't have

This difference is due to the special conditions of American public utterances he is careful to politics, and is no proof of the woid sounding like Goebbels on non-fascist character of McCarthythe Jewish question. He fans anti- ism. In Europe there were big Semitism - a large proportion of Social Democratic and Communis his victims are Jews, many singled parties, strong enough to bar the out primarily because of their fascists from coming to power and strong enough to take power themselves if they had been convince the capitalist class that abor within the fascist movement. they were capable of destroying the demands of the working class independent working class organand Mussolini needed troops

McCarthy operates under difcialist Party means nothing in this country, the Stalinists are



GERALD L. K. SMITH

Department burns books in furnaces. When the organs of state power achieve so much of the mass intimidation that the storm troops in Europe aimed at there is not the same objective need for their existence in Amer ica today.

Moreover, this is a temporary difference. At the first opportune change in the political and socia situation that will warrant it. Mc Certhyism will summon the fascis scum into uniform and into the streets. And because McCarthyism is already so much stronger than Hitlerism was at a comparable stage of its development, the American storm troops will ap pear in far greater numbers at represent a far bigger threat than the German storm troops did on

their first appearance. SOCIAL DEMAGOGY

(3) "But the European fascist movements were notable for their use of radical social demagogy while that element is lacking it McCarthy, who sounds like an oldfashiened red - baiter pure and

simple." It is true that Hitler and Mus solini advocated very radical sounding social demands (which of course they had no intentior To attract a mass following, to of fulfilling) which were intended to appear at least as advanced a and revolutionary parties. It was izations, and to win power, Hitler not accidental that Hilter included storm the word "socialist" in the name of the Nazi party, or that Mussolini kept "Socialist Daily" a ferent circumstances. The So- the sub-title of his fascist paper for many years.

There were two main reasons small persecuted minority without for this demagogy. One was, as a mass following. The Depart- already stated, that the Euroment of Justice and the FBI, with pean fascists had to compete with their "subversive" lists and "con- strong Social Democratic and spiracy" prosecutions, have driven Communist parties, and in order the CP more than half-way under- to make headway they had to take is a veteran anti-Semite. He is ground. McCarthy cracks his whip into account the socialist symalso a McCarthyite, but he has to and under his pressure the State pathies and aspirations of the

masses. McCarthyism, on the in their boldness with many of him, is not financed by the Republican parties, and doesn't have the same objective propaganda needs.

A second reason for the radical propaganda in Germany and Italy was the acute social crisis, disloeations and despair that made the people yearn for a radical solution to their problems after World War I. In this country an equally acute social crisis is accumulating; one can already observe the tremors that foretell the coming earthquake. But the social crisis has not yet broken out in full force in this country and the need for radical demagogy not yet so compelling.

Nevertheless, it would be a misake to say that such demagogy altogether absent from Mcasualty lists together with the abvious effort to exploit the wrath of people discontented with present economic and social congitions. Does anyone seriously doubt that his demagogy will beccme more radical, even "revolutionary," when a social crisis is precipitated by an economic depression or war?

Coughlin, with the permission silenced him for political reasons in 1939, is a clear sign that there will be a marked increase in social iemagogy from the McCarthyite movement in the period ahead. loughlin's demand for the lifting of tax burdens first of all from he assembly-line workers, the granting of the guaranteed anmual wage and the resumption of Democratic party. It is already phase of his movement. rade with China, can be compared

The Big Money **Behind Movement** Of McCarthyism

(Continued from page 1) Harry E. Rogier, president of the unionists, imperialists," etc.) First National Bank; William N. Blanton, another Texas oil multi-millionaire; American Legion in 1921-22 when have a few millionaires behind jections to our analysis. t conducted raids on headquarters of the IWW and other radical and abor organizations and participated in lynch attacks on their

THEIR MAN ON HORSEBACK

This circle of no mean wealth ave adopted McCarthy as their man on horseback" and are supplying the powerful financial sinews of his movement. They represent an immense source of ndependent financial backing in addition to "normal" revenues he s said to derive from services endered to housing, sugar and China lobby interests.

In addition, McCarthy has potent press backing. Col. Mc-Cormick of the Chicago Tribune. with a mid-west circulation of over a million, is a McCarthy man. So are William Randolph Hearst, Jr., and Frank E. Ganett, owners of big newspaper chains, and John Fox, controller of Western Union and the Boston

The previously cited articles by Timmons in the Cleveland News Nov. 20 and 21) report that in Washington "McCarthy's most ardent supporter is Mrs. Garvin (Bazy) Tankersley, niece of Col. Robert McCormick. . . Her elaborate farm home in Maryland is the gathering point for McCarthy intimates who aim to promote the senator's cause in the 1956 presidential race. . ."

It is well to remember that Hitler and Mussolini during most of their rise to power had nothing like the kind of financial and press backing that McCarthy starts with in opening his drive to become fascist dictator of the United States. McCarthy's machine is financially well-greased and fueled as it gathers speed. . .

Can Say That Again

The "new American tribalists and witch hunters" have the communists only as their secondary American life," Theology Prof sor A. C. Outler informed the recent national conference of the Methodist Student Movement.

the demands of Hitler and Mus- decisive sections of Big Business. leadership of the McCarthyite of labor within it.

McCARTHY'S PARTY

(4) "But the European fascist movements were independent parcredited political parties, while McCarthy is a Republican and the Republican party, though reactionary, is not fascist."

them ever got an absolute majority of the votes, and the governments usually consisted of McCarthyism will need the concoalitions of two or more parties. An independent party in Europe therefore had more of a chance of Carthy. As he demonstrated in his getting a hearing than it would Nov. 24, 1953 "answer to Tru- in a country like ours, where most man," he is beginning to show a of the people still think that anycertain amount of skill in tying thing outside of the two-party high taxes, high prices and high system is not practical or serious. For these reasons McCarthy spies in government" issue in an continues to operate inside the Republican party. It's advantageous to him to stay there for the ime being; he can do things there that are impossible for someone ike Gerald L. K. Smith; he can and does use it effectively to

mobilize his movement. Yet at the same time he has no oyalty to the Republican party. At any rate McCarthyism, as does not subordinate himself to it understands that he is trying to e will not hesitate to take his fascist aims. followers out of the party, try to smash it and replace it.

McCarthyism is in actuality an ndependent movement, operating temporarily not only within the Republican but also within the an independent political force in Washington and throughout the separate party, challenging the old parties if it fails to take one or both of them over for its own

(It wasn't until the third con-Mussolini's movement was formally transformed into a party. Ignazio Silone, in The School for nan of the fascist America First Dictators, recalls: "Don't forget rganization; Gen. Albert E. that members of other parties Wedemeyer, Chiang Kal-shek's were freely accepted in the first Vorld War II U.S. military Italian fasci. No ideological creed

(5) "But Hitler and Mussolini W. G. Vollmer, president of the had the support of their respective valuable lesson when we approach Texas & Pacific Railway; and capitalist class, or of the pre- the problem of McCarthyism. Hanford MacNider, banker and dominant sections of it. McCarthy, manufacturer who headed the on the other hand, while he may

This is a historical confusion. indicates both competition for Hitler and Mussolini had Big Business support when they came to movement and a further division power, but not at the beginning of their movements. Fascism serves the interests of capitalism, but it is an expensive and dangerous proposition for the capitalists. They must be convinced ties, separate from the old and dis- that it in necessary and that it will win. It took Mussolini a few years and Hitler several before they succeeded in the convincing. Before then their finances came Party traditions in Europe were from a relatively few capitalists. of course different from our own. McCarthy is in no different posi-There were many parties, few of tion in this respect than his Euro-

pean counterparts were in during

the first years. To attain power,

sent of the ruling class; to con-

stitute a growing fascist menace,

MASS FOLLOWING

(6) "But European fascism was mass movement, with millions of followers and active supporters. Can you say that about McCarthyism?'

Yes, you can. For reasons given bove, and especially because Mc-Carthyism is still in the early stage in which its cadres are being selected and mobilized, the Mc-Carthyite movement is compelled to assume different organizational forms than the European fascist movements. Instead of one independent party, it appears as we have pointed out, is a broad in any way, and feels free on all the right wing of both capitalist movement, and the public reap- occasions to disregard its leaders parties, plus several smaller ultrapearance in Detroit of Father and its "discipline." Everyone nationalist "crackpot" parties, plus "patriotic" and reactionary organof the Catholic hierarchy that capture the Republican party and izations like the American Legion, onvert it into an instrument of the Ku Klux Klan, etc., all united McCarthyism; if he fails in this, in fact and in action around

This is already a mass movement, make no mistake about it, and one that everyone from Eisenhower down knows is growing rapidly. Hitler never had anything like it at such an early

Naturally there is room for differences of opinion over what nation, and will appear as a criteria to use in determining when a movement has reached a "mass" stage. But it should not be hard to understand that movement can properly be designated as fascist even before ress of Italian fascism that it wins a mass following. So this objection is not decisive for our purposes.

It is sufficient to recall that in Spain the fascist movement never succeeded in recruiting anything like the mass following that Hitler and Musselini had before dvisor and now connected with whatever was imposed on those they came to power. Yet that the American Viscose Co.; Gov. who presented themselves for didn't prevent Franco and the Allan Shivers of Texas; Maj. B. membership. Among the Fascists fascist military caste from win-A. Hardey, former president of of 1919-20 were Catholics, anti- ning state power. And the fact the Independent Petroleum Asso- Catholics, Protestants. Jews, that he did not come to power in ation; Lloyd E. Skinner, wealthy atheists, republicans, monarchists, the same "classic" fashion as Omaha macaroni manufacturer; Socialists, anti-Socialists, trade Hitler and Mussolini did not prevent the whole world from enderstanding that Franco and his movement were fascist.

That ought to teach us a

Next weeks's article will consider other and more serious ob-

THE MILITANT ARMY

included in the final tally have renewals, and five one-year come in since the last scoreboard renewals."



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Seattle Literature Agent Helen sary Militant Mobi- Baker writes, "Sunday we had our lizations. Among final mobilization for the camthese were six from paign. The comrades sold six subs Seattle and six from and 45 single copies door to door. We are all hoping that these will Literature Agent count in the final score. We have Clara Raymond more subs promised that we will sends in the follow- send along, as we intend to keep on up these very successful routes Philadelphia sales, that we have established.'

Oakland's concluding sales of experience during the campaign are reported by the campaign we found an in- Literature Agent Dolores Seville. terested and critical reaction in She writes, "Friday 17 Militants both Negro and white areas, were sold on the campus by Generally speaking we found a Paul, Dolores and June. The next real receptivity to our ideas on day in door-to-door work Bill, Leo the Labor Party slogan, and more and Paul sold 15 more copies and particularly its application in Lil sold a six months sub."

Detroit Literature Agent Janet MacGregor writes, "Last Sunday was the high point in our camiterature sold during the cam- paign. We sold 95 copies of the paign: 164 single copies of the Militant in one day at the housing paper, four copies of the project in which we are working. pamphlet 'The Socialist Workers We also have been selling on the Party, What It Is and What It campus, and sold six copies of Stands For,' six 'Welfare State or the McCarthy issue there. Our Socialism,' sthree 'A Letter to total points were 743 - eight six-American Negroes,' two 'Amer- months subs, five one-year subs,

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Rights. At that time, he hailed that "specter," the FBI, particularly its chief Hoover, for "providing the evidence" McCarthy Opens Drive To Grab Congress Rule

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Republican Party plans for the elections. It is now clear what Eisenhower and the Republican high command mean by "Republican unity." They mean unity with McCarthy on McCarthy's program, with McCarthy calling

Thus, the fascist wing of the Republican party has again scored victory. The Eisenhower wing, in which liberals and labor officials placed desperate hopes, is down on all fours grovelling before the fascist senator.

content of Republican strategy in 1954, now spelled out n Minnesota, is taken intact from McCarthy's Nov. 24 speech, where ne told Eisenhower to stop chattering about "Communism will not be an issue in 1954." Mc-Carthy proclaimed instead: "The raw, harsh, unpleasant fact is that hower and to bloc with Eisen-Communism is an issue and will be an issue in 1954."

CENTRAL SPOT

established his own place in the Carthy every step of the way. coming elections. For himself he reserved nothing less than the central spot. He answered "Demo-Carthyism is the issue in this Democratic Party swamp. They campaign" with, "I guess it is." 'spies." "Keep the Republicans n power," declared McCarthy, so cratic Party's strategy. that "I shall continue as chairman of the investigating com- who set the tone and give the line It will couple its demagogy about

ral Brownell's "experiment" in give voice to the line of the his "spy" smear of Truman will Reutherite wing of the labor bur- fascist mob for direct action now be put on the assembly line eaueracy. And the same is true against the unions for mass production under the direction and personal supervision leading a section of the radical change in policy for 1954. A of the master smear-demagogue, as Minnesota developments amply Party as the "bulwark against reaction and sweep the elections. testify.

DEMOCRATIC "ANSWER"

| Humphrey, gives the following | radio-active abyss of an atomi opens with a plain indication of answer to the Republican attack, war. the pattern of McCarthyized according to the N. Y. Times: "Senator Humphrey...told a pub- sharpening social crisis the polilic meeting here (St. Paul, Minn.) tical alternative is posed: Amerthat a single joint Congressional ica will either take the road to Investigating Committee should fascist slavery and ruinous war replace the three committees that or a Workers and Farmers Govnow vie for headlines on their ernment with socialist abundance Communist chasing activities.' He and peace. said he would continue to support President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles in their present foreign policy program.'

This is indeed a program for combatting the McCarthyite men-imitating the policy that utterly ace! McCarthy must be trembling demolished the German, Italian in his boots at the prospect of and Spanish labor movements Humphrey's threat to make the The sinister threat of McCarthy-Congressional witch hunt more ism demands of the American efficient, more centralized and labor movement a sharp aboutless cumbersome.

And the promise to support Eisenhower and Dulles is likewise and capitalist politicians. characteristic of the policy of the between McCarthy and Eisen-

SUICIDAL LABOR POLITICS The tragedy of this political cratic office seekers . . . (who) farce is that the labor officials have been proclaiming that Mc- are up to their necks in the are trying to commit the organiz- not shoved out of the way, Mc-And he explained how the election ed American workers, without will be: For McCarthy or for the consulting them, to a suicidal social crisis of capitalism. It wil course of supporting the Demo-

The same is true of the liberals, to the labor officials. The same is the "Communist menace" with What began as Attorney Gen- true of the Social Democrats who unrestrained Jew and Negro baitfor the Stalinists, who are mis-

McCarthylsm." ing skirmish. The Minnesota are threatened by the drive of an era of democratic freedom Democratic Party leader, Senator Wall Street to hurl us into the never before equalled.

Under these conditions of

NEED A LABOR PARTY

History will not wait long for the labor bureaucracy to learn the lessons of Europe and cease face in its policy. American labor must break with capitalist politics

The labor movement must turn Democratic Party. They mean by its face to the vast majority of that to exploit the antagonism people in this country who are seeking a way out of capitalist wars and depression. It must turn hower against McCarthy. But to the Negro people and the other Eisenhower is moving in a dif- minorities, to the small working ferent direction. He is blocking farmers, to the small business with McCarthy against the men and to the professionals and In that same speech McCarthy Democrats, giving ground to Mc- mobilize them around a powerful independent Labor Party. Such a party would proclaim a crusade that would rally the people to struggle for a new society.

If the labor bureaucracy continues to stand in the way of this absolutely imperative turn, and is Carthyism will thrive from the exploit the frustration and des pair of the middle class. It will make promises of radical change ing. It will mobilize the frenzied

It is not too late to make workers into the Democratic Labor Party can turn the tide of It can turn the course of history The United States is facing the in the United States, smash the threat of a catastrophic depression. fascist threat, break the hold of target - "their real aim is to The reply of the Democrats to Layoffs already are spotting the the fascist-minded billionaire wipe out the liberal movement in this strategy has also been clearly industrial map with the fever clique on the industrial and poliindicated in this Minnesota open splotches of a sick capitalism. We tical life of the country, and open

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Wall Street and McCarthyism

The campaign launched by the Socialist Workers Party and the Militant against Mc-Carthyism as the American form of fascism is already beginning to draw howls from the McCarthy-lovers and force into the open some of the fascist Senator's undercover supporters. Among the latter, it now appears, is no less an organ of the financial oligarchs than the Wall Street Journal itself. This newspaper, which reflects the inmost thoughts and feelings of finance capital, has issued a screed against any anti-McCarthyite movement.

Written by William Henry Chamberlin, who also doubles in brass for the social-democratic New Leader, the Wall Street Journal article seeks to discredit anti-McCarthyism as "Communist" and falsely seeks to link it with the Stalinists. It recalls in this connection the fact that Stalinist groups in the Thirties founded "'anti-Fascist' leagues, committees and whatnot." It states that "now a new build-up of this kind is under way in Communist circles, with 'McCarthyism' as bogeyman instead of 'Fascism'."

The Wall Street Journal then anxiously bids the American people not to get "worked up" over the deadly fascist menace represented by McCarthy and his movement. This organ of America's ruling plutocrats thinks "it might be a good idea to approve or condemn Senator McCarthy on the basis of what he says or does as an individual" but "not to get worked up to

a crusade against 'McCarthyism.' Fair warning has now been given that 'anti-Carthyism' is the newest thing in Communist slogans and would-be Communist fronts."

This was the same kind of counsel that the and mis-education of "students." financial organs of German Big Business gave For "directing bureaucratically by surprise. the German people during the rise of Hitler the preparation of mechanization and before these same organs gave him open Tractor Stations."

At this stage of McCarthy's campaign, the the opening of the secret trial of major sectors of American capital are still Beria and the pointed attack on deliveries" of grain and other re-sowing next spring. Again, the trying to operate politically through the two the Ministry of Agriculture - is old party machines. They have not decided, as other fact. The indictment of of potatoes remained unharvestyet, to take the fascist road. But they want to Beria was amended. A new charge ed;" as of Oct. 2 the Novgorod question mark now hangs over the of this machinery been operated of winter and the problems of keep McCarthy in reserve. Tomorrow they may was added. Beria was accused of Province, a major producer of want to use a terroristic fascist dictatorship plotting "to create food difagainst labor. That is why the Wall Street Journal is so anxious not to have McCarthyism exposed for what it is - American fascism and is so quick to smear as "Communist" the "crusade against 'McCarthvism'."

The Wall Street Journal's tender regard-for McCarthyism should further convince the labor movement that powerful financial interests look sympathetically on the fascist Senatori from Wisconsin or directly support him. This advice of the anti-labor Wall Street Journal chanization cadres" must be sent Estonian, Latvian and several not to crusade against McCarthy should be the into the villages in 1954 alone, other Republics." (Same Source, cue to organized labor to take up in earnest an all-out fighting crusade to smash McCarthyism five-year plan (from 1953 to 1957) did not fulfil the plan" for storing before it smashes us and sets up Wall Street's had been adopted for "training fodder." naked capitalist dictatorship on the crushed bones of labor.

Tainted Witch-Hunt Witnesses

Even if we had nothing else to go by but the unsavory characters the FBI and Department of Justice have been parading as witnesses in the Smith Act trials of the Communist Party leaders, we would have ample reason for declaring these political prosecutions deliberate frame-ups. Naturally, these well-coached stoolpigeons are hard to nail as outright perjurers and liars. But the whole dirty business has been unexpectedly exposed. Two paid FBI informers have been unmasked as perjurers in the Smith Act trial of six Michigan Communist Party leaders.

The two undercover FBI agents had sworn that they had not known each other as FBI men inside the CP. One of them, Milton I. Santwire, was then forced to admit that he had lied when he said he had received money from no other source but the FB1. The other, Stephen J. Schemanske, finally confessed on the stand that he actually was drawing \$300 to \$400 a month from the Ford company while on the FBI payroll and that he had paid Santwire \$75 a month out of Ford expense money from 1948 to the middle of December

How many other lies have these two moneyhungry FBI informers told on the stand? And what reliance can anyone place in paid informers to begin with? But these are typical of the government witnesses in all the Smith Act trials. Sudden affluence and an affinity for the easy dollar seem to go with such stoolpigeon careers.

Take that star witness Louis Budenz who graduated from editor of the Daily Worker, after 10 years' loyal service to the Stalinist GPU, to chief informer in númerous government hearings and the Smith Act trials of the Stalinists. He not only got a steady job as a professor at the Catholic Fordham Uni- hiked sevenfold, with all of them enterprises. And when winter ments." This bureaucratic neglect versity out of the deal, he was forced to admit to graduate in the space of 12 struck, they had all the more has now caught up with the before a panel of the Subversives Activities months! Control Board last April 15 that he made not less than \$71,000 in seven years from his writings and lectures after the publicity he received for turning informer.

Likewise, Whitaker Chambers, whose unsupported testimony sent Alger Hiss to prison, has made a small fortune out of the business of informing, including big sales on his bestseller book. Elizabeth Bentley burgeoned from a dowdy frump to one of the capital's betterdressed women on her proceeds as writer and lecturer after she got her first big play before the Senate and House committees in 1948.

key witness at the recent Boston hearings on refurbish our apparatus of repres- say: "Beria was a victim of his life proved greener than Cochran's subversion" in the General Electric plants. William Teto, McCarthy's chief stoolpigeon, was revealed as a bad-check passer who had the easier to carry out future place a new personal power based been sentenced to prison in 1938. This star frame-ups along with the current primarily on the secret police. witness was described in the Nov. 19 Boston ones." (John G. Wright, Militant, His sudden elimination was felt Post as follows: "In 1946 he purchased the large Main Street (Ashby, Mass.) house and Beria we said: "A purge of this universally detested institution of furnished it extremely well; it might easily be the home of a \$30,000 a year executive, from the interior. He ran two cars, a Lincoln and pattern that gained world notoriety began the most important turn a Packard." Teto's brother-in-law said: "People kept wondering where the hell he made his money.'

There is a tainted smell about the government witnesses in all the witch-hunt cases. It is the odor of paid informers who will lie about anything for dirty money.

"Brainwashing" for American Labor

In Nazi Germany when Der Fuehrer spoke on the radio everybody had to listen - or else. In witch-hunting America, where Mc-Carthyism is raising its fascist head, workers may now be forced to listen to the anti-union rantings of the employers and their agents in the plants - or else.

That is the real meaning of the National Labor Relations Board ruling, on Dec. 21 in Washington, that employers have the right to address workers in the plants and on the job on anything the bosses please, including unionism. without the workers or their union spokesmen being allowed to reply. The only exception is for 24 hours before a collective bargaining election, when no one can speak. However, the ruling provides no penalty to employers even for violations of the 24-hour provision.

The Talt-Hartley Act legally sanctioned the practice of employers corralling the workers on the job, when they could not escape, and forcing reactionary anti-union propaganda down their throats along with capitalist political poison and the usual veiled threats and intimidation. But where strong unions have been established it has been difficult for the bosses to exercise this form of "free speech" without the unions taking the occasion to reply.

The present NLRB ruling, which reverses a vious decision granting a "retort" privilege ne unions, specifically excludes the right of orkers to have their say, no matter what or lies and slanders the employer may vhen he has the workers trapped and ed to listen. The ruling says, in fact, n employer's premises are the natural or him." But it is not a "natural forum" for the workers who sweat and toil their lives away inside the plants. The ruling expresses "our refusal to open up to them (unionists) the employer's premises for group

In attacking the new NDRB ruling, Arthur I. Goldberg, general counsel of the CIO, denounced the Taft-Hartley Act for sanctioning any kind of "captive audiences" of workers about the prospect of new blood in the interests of democracy, on the job. "We have never regarded com- purges? pulsory attendance by workers at a small brainwashing session conducted by an antiunion employer to be any form of protected free speech," said the CIO attorney. He added: "However, even Taft-Hartley - until the decisions of the NLRB in the Livingston Shirt and Peerless Plywood cases — at least required an in the USSR on a scale identical employer to give the union an opportunity on or comparable with that of 1936company time and property to reply."

We have heard a lot of propaganda about correct analysis of the present Their researches into the methods compulsory "brainwashing" in China or the reality." Soviet Union. But the NLRB, under its interpretation of the Taft-Hartley Act, is virtually inviting the employers to introduce a grand orgy of "brainwashing" of millions of American workers. And one more area of free speech has been marked "Verboten" to labor.

This is one of several new weapons the capitalist government has recently handed the employers to slash and club organized labor. The Supreme Court recently ruled "disloyalty" to an employer primary grounds for dismissal General Electric has announced it will suspend and fire workers who stand on their rights not to answer witch-hunt questioners like Mc-Carthy. It's time for labor to fight back.

The Real "Food" Crisis Loaded on Beria

By John G. Wright

diktov and three of his top aides came under fire as "Leaders Losing Their Sense of Responsibility." They were accused of "open deception," "do - nothing attitude," and "irresponsibility." cadres for the Machine and

This ominous "coincidence" ficulties in our country."

Pravda's sudden concern for delivery of potatoes." the welfare of students has on the surface a "liberal," if not a humanitarian, air. As we shall "students" and Ministry of Agriculture, and (Pravda, Nov. 11). In Kirghizia tion. The number of these students failing to fulfil the plan were the is remarkably large. More than a collective farms of Kazakhstan, million. Over a million "me- Karelo - Finnish, Byelorussian, Prayda said.

skilled machine operators" for the MTS. It projected the organization of 550 "trade schools and And just as unexpectedly the neglect the collective farms

million mechanizers of agriculture sary to reinforce them with "over a million" more. Why?

Beria's "confession," Pravda savagely attacked the Ministry of The full extent of the losses is How much of the 1953 graduations (The full extent of the losses is the much of the 1953 graduations).

Province after province has failed to fulfil state deliveries of crops, including grain. To cite a 'not yet fulfilled the plan of state crops; "in Molotov Province, as of potatoes and vegetables, "had not fulfilled even a fifth of its state

In the Republic of Kazakhstan "about 800,000 hectares [almost two million acres] of mowed hay resently explain, the connection remained unstacked, buried under the the snow in rows and ricks' Prayda has little to do with the collective farms "have stored liberal attitudes or liberal educa- less hay than last year. Also Nov. 21.) The collectives in the Only 90 days before, an entire Moscow Province "this year, too,

PUT OWN PROPERTY FIRST

Malenkov's opportunist economic factory training schools . . . for turn, with its sweeping conces 240 to 270 students each," or a sions to individualist tendencies maximum of 148,550 graduates in agriculture, was apparently no over the five years. This mid- sooner applied than it boomerang-September "training plan" has ed. It spurred the peasants, therefore been suddenly scrapped. especially the well-to-do, to number of students has been favor of their own individual do not meet the repair require- quality." reason for salvaging first their Kremlin. There are already "about two cwn crops, cattle, etc.

"Especially large losses" in our Soviet villages," Mikoyan, cattle have been officially reported ficiently is something else again, brooked in this matter," warned the new Minister of Home Trade, in the "Provinces of Novoselovsk, Involved here is the contradiction recently boasted. It is now neces- Minusinsk, Krasnoturan and in between solving problems of techthe Khakassk Autonomous Prov- hology and solving problems of twelve months course for "allince. (Pravda, Nov. 20.) Among productivity. The bureaucracy has around tractor driver-mechanics;" crisis has already turned into a

the Soviet farm crisis. Frosts | dairy-farm provinces and cattle-| technical successes, for its ability | drivers and

Agriculture. The Minister Bene- unknown. But on Nov. 21 Pravda crop has been lost? There was a on the basis of nationalized 16 attack on the Ministry of stated editorially: "It is no secret sufficient supply this year be- economy and planning, the Soviet Agriculture. It is now in charge that an obviously alarming situa- cause 1952 brought a bumper Union has acquired a technology of training over a million teention has arisen in many prov- crop. The Kremlin has still reinces." "Winter has caught certain leased no figures about this leaders by surprise," Pravda had year's grain harvest. But whether previously reported, omitting to 1953 grain losses have been small For what? For the mistreatment mention that the Kremlin tops or large, a new situation now were among those caught most exists in this key branch of agriulture as well.

In addition to damaging crops, few important ones: by mid- next spring's sowing. Winter head. November the Gorki Province had wheat, if sown, may have been killed, requiring re-ploughing and loss of fodder and cattle renders shortages And finally, a huge operating efficiency of the Makey to next spring sowing and crop yields.

MACHINES SNOW-BOUND

bines, plows, etc., along with the general lag in preparations for with authority in this field. spring sowing, have been dotting the columns of the Russian press since October. Early winter has drivers, combine operators and The regime is thereby provided caught most of the agricultural workers of the varied trades. machine out in the open, too, be- Until now these cadres were Anyone who so much as excause most of the MTS lack trained very badly. A boy would presses doubts over the food difgarages, sheds and other shelters, spend 2-3 months at courses, he ficulties or about Malenkov's ad-Machines must now be repaired would be taken around the maand serviced for use next spring, chine several times, then put solve them, or fails to carry these

and repair their machines properly, even if spare parts were also are the facilities. As Khruschev admitted in September, out inadequately equipped shops which machines and

Producing agricultural machines s one thing; operating them ef-

By October, food and fodder ties" are already a deadly reality machines, including those needed buried under the snow. to produce atomic explosives. And And here we come back to the How much of the 1953 grain it is a fact that despite its rule, real motives behind Prayda's Dec.

second only to that of the United agers; needless to say, without States.

Kremlin bureaucracy has failed to number. The dignitaries in charge solve the problems of productivity. are seeking to turn out "trainees" Far from aiding in the solution on a rush-order basis. of these problems, it bears all the blame for the monstrous lag "that the [training] program is early winter must have interfered in this connection. Winter has oriented, just as in past years, with the ploughing of land for brought this contradiction to a toward graduating half-educated

RUSH-ORDER OF TRAINEES

We already heard from Khruschev about the bureaucratic given added significance by an- Oct. 5, more than 10,000 hectares still more acute the fertilizer method of taking care of agricultural machines. How has most in the post-war years? And by productivity in the MTS is an chine and Tractor Stations, the whom? By ill-trained teen-agers, administrative measure, a draft. They are given some elementary driving lessons, then put behind eve of 1954, whose training, as the wheel, in the hope that they can somehow "complete their "Alarm signals" concerning the training." in the fields. Unag in repairing tractors, com- believable? We yield the floor to Khruschev, who surely speaks farm crisis. It underscores the

> changing the system of training ficulties" into the Beria purge. amid'snow drifts and icy winds. behind the wheel - and so, the More than 60 out of every 100 tractor driver is ready. In the MTS could not possibly service spring this tractor driver would somehow manage to drive out "the Beria gang of spies and into the field but if the machine plentiful, as they are not. Lacking happened to stall he would sit down beside the tractor and wait first to warn that Malenkov's until the mechanic came along, of 8,950 MTS today in the USSR, since he himself did not know '429 MTS have no repair shops at what to do. Hence low producall; and about 5,000 MTS have tivity, frequent break-down of in a revival of the peasants' work of poor

> > Amid great fanfare a "drastic reform" was announced in September. Henceforth the whole training system would be changed "Not a single day's delay can be Khruschev. And a law was immediately passed decreeing a

On Dec. 16, the same day the

either the facilities or the means But it is also a fact that the for taking care of one-tenth that

> "Isn't it clear," raged Pravda, people, technically untrained? Isn't it clear that this program calculates to finish the training of tractor drivers in the field?

MAKE IT A MILLION

Malenkov's answer to the blows of a million teen-agers, on the Pravda assures, has not altered an iota from the past.

This emergency labor draft points up the aggravation of the reasons for suddenly injecting the "There is an urgent need for charge of "creating food difwith both scapegoats and a whip. ministrative improvisations to measures out, as they keep multiplying is henceforth laid open to the charge of secretly aiding assassins."

> The Militant was among the struggle for "abundance" was nothing but a cover for an unfolding agricultural crisis, rooted struggle against the state. It was, we explained, a struggle to overcome within the next 2-3 years shortages of cattle, fodder, fertilizer, potatoes, etc.

It is now necessary to amend this. Malenkov's struggle for abundance has turned out to be the struggle to save the 1954 spring sowing and 1954 crops. To this must be added that the farm Because winter has aggravated the hardest hit appear to be major claimed all the credit for the and six-months courses for tractor crisis of the Fifth Five-Year Plan.

Beria Case Shows Kremlin Policy

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the frame-up of 15 doctors for Nor should we overlook Senator McCarthy's more than it is. It is intended to Nov. 1953, the Pabloite editors place in the Soviet Union. But ions and frame-ups, the better April 13.)

July 20.)

In an analytical article by in the Aug. 3 Militant we declared that the Beria purge, which was followed by a wave of purges in all corners of the Soviet Union, would "shatter all illusions that the purge system was a personal twist on Stalin's part; that the caste can rule by discarding the nethod of the purge." Referring to the contention that the "nev course" reforms were incompatible with blood purges, the article said: "Let us recall that the cover of 'reform,' of 'liberation' was originally employed by none other than Stalin as a prelude to the blood baths of the Thirties."

PABLOITE POSITION

Now what did the Pabloites say

regarded our forecast of the events now taking place as a manifestation of the bankruptcy of "old Trotskyism." Pablo wrote to the SWP National Committee in this vein on Sept. 3: "The idea of bloody 'purges' now in prospect

The "present reality," accordnew relation of forces between which is unfavorable to the latter, obliging it to make real concessions and limiting its possibilities was Pablo's explanation of why in a vulgar and mechanical conception of the Stalinist bureaucracy as the unwilling but neverthless actual performer of revolutionary functions, rather tionary caste in irreconcilable

contradiction to the revolution.

[examine the Pabloite theory of | Cochran attempts to show by don't mistake Beria's exposure of what the Beria purge is all about. comparing the two epochs why a

to exert it, the better to mask the quick end to the rule of 'collective place. big political frame-ups of the past, leadership' substituting in its the Soviet masses as a Immediately after the arrest of new blow directed against the

scope and intensity cannot fail to the secret police. It was after the be a mass blood purge in the elimination of Beria that there under Stalin." (Wright, Militant, in the entire history of the economic development of the country since 1928 - that is, the emphasis Morris Stein and John G. Wright put on the necessity of henceforth developing all the branches of Soviet economy 'harmoniously' and making up for the lag in light

industry and agriculture.' Then follows a series of quotes from speeches of Malenkovist functionaries. These were the sole proof the Pabloites offered of the splendid turn affairs took after 'the elimination of Beria" in the interests of "collective leadership" vs. "personal power." Can anyone imagine a more gullible Malenkovist rationalization of the Beria purge?

According to this, we should now hail the execution of Beria and cheer Malenkov on while he frames up and executes thousands of others, because it is all against the secret police and for They flatly denied them. They the 'harmonious" development of Soviet economy with emphasis on consumers goods. All we need now is Pablo's assurance that Malenkov does not have a new secret police chief to replace the executed Beria.

Bert Cochran, leader of the American Pabloites, wrote before Beria's execution: "The Militant 8 . . . is based on schemas and writers see a new blood purge old reminiscences and not on a under way today in the USSR. . of Stalinist rule bring them to the conclusion that the bureaucracy ing to Pablo, consisted in "the has no way of regulating the contradictions of Soviet society the masses and the bureaucracy except through the application of force and more force . . . hence the purge system,'. . . This thesis is faulty on two major counts. of repression and purges." This First, it bases itself on a static view of Russian society and histhe bureaucracy couldn't do what tory. Second, it attempts to t is doing today. His error lies analyze the mechanics of Soviet ule in a vacuum without reference to the social conditions underly-

ing them." Cochran implies that some 20 all he understands of the real dif- tion of This is made clear when we ference between the two epochs, reports.

In Quatrieme Internationale, blood purge is not going to take impatience in wanting to put a theory. A blood purge is taking

Malenkov's purge, it is true, is different from Stalin's, but it is nevertheless a blood purge of the type predicted by John G. Wright. t is different from the purges of the Thirties because the worldwide crisis of Stalinism is deeper oday than it was then.

The bureaucracy is on the defensive, it is trying to ward off the shocks of the rising socialist revolution which unleash centrifugal forces within its world structure. In the last analysis it is defending itself, knife in hand, from the Soviet proletariat, a class with a revolutionary potential of unexampled power.

WITH A BLOODY AXE

The new conditions do not prove he fat-headed assumption that the Soviet Bureaucracy "can no longer betray" or does not have the "possibility" of carrying out purges. The bureaucracy will display its greatest ferocity precisely during this period of its death agony. It seeks to cow the masses by waving the threat of blood purges at them. It is determined to regain political supremacy over a completely prostrated working class. Concessions from the bureaucrats can be of only the most temporary and superficial nature. They are maneuvers

with a bloody axe. When Trotsky observed Stalin's maneuvers in 1935 with the New Soviet Constitution (the "most democratic in the world") he said "It is clear that something frightful is being hatched.'

When Malenkov proclaimed the 'new course" last April he was preparing the "frightful" crime suppressing East German workers last June, and the blood purge that opened with the arrest of Beria in July,

The world situation is more favorable than it was in the Thirties for an anti-Stalinist political revolution of the working class within the USSR. We have the right to expect that the Soviet masses will intervene against Malenkov's plot to consolidate his position as a new Stalin. Therein lies the difference between Malen kov's and Stalin's blood purges.

26,000 railroad workers were laid off during October and years or so have passed since the November of 1953, as compared Mexico 1, D. F. than a basically counter-revolu- Thirties, and in this he is ab- to 11,000 laid off during the same solutely correct. But that is about period a year ago, the Associa-

THE BOLIVIAN Revolutionary | Fruit Co. has declared the U.S. Workers Party (POR) continues Chamber of Commerce in Guateto get out its paper, Lucha Obrera | mala a "subversive organization." Workers Struggle), despite gov ernment efforts to suppress the ciation in the U.S. is convinced Protskyist organ. The Dec. 20 that "communists" are so deeply issue repeats the principled entrenched in Guatemala, it is stand taken by the party in "no longer possible to eliminate defense of the Bolivian revoluthem peacefully." iton. Despite the repressive measures, the Trotskyists will fight A LARGE BODY OF LATIN on the government side against a AMERICAN opinion is convinced new attempt at a coup d'etat now that the U.S. is "unnecessarilybeing prepared by reactionary alarmed" over the alleged Comforces. "This attitude derives from munist "threat" represented by our revolutionary line and not actions the Guatemalan governfrom this or that concession made ment has taken against native by the government." Lucha Obrera landlords and Wall Street insavagely criticizes the Estenssoro terests and "insufficiently aroused regime for betraying the Bolivian over the threat from rightwing revolution, bowing to the U.S. dictatorships," according to the State Department and making it Dec. 23 N. Y. Times. Many Latin

terests," appeared in Mexico in foreign oil companies were ex-

November, "Que Hacer?" (What propriated here in 1938.

possible for fascist-like forces to American leaders "would be grow in strength in Bolivia. It outraged by an attempt to concalls for a Workers and Farmers demn Guatemala at the inter-Government to replace the present American conference opening in administration as the only way to Caracas March 1." As an example safeguard the gains made by the of the feeling, the Times reports, revolution, such as nationalization "It is difficult . . . to convince of the tin mines, and says that the Mexican people that there is the Trotskyists are penetrating any difference between Guatedeeper into the mass movement in malan reform and what their own revolution achieved. Official Guatemalan harassment of United A NEW MAGAZINE, "QUE States business concerns does not HACER?", published "in defense make much impression either. of the workers' and farmers' in- The Mexicans remember that

COMMENTING ON THE FAS-CIST DANGER in the United Workers and Farmers Govern- States represented by McCarthyment. It attacks the imperialist ism, the Dec. 17 Samasamajist, interests that have been op- English weekly of the Lanka pressing Mexico, warns about the Samasamaja Party, Ceylonese sectortuous maneuvers of the Stal- tion of the Fourth International, inist groups and governments," declares: "Surely it is high time and declares that the native capi- the labor bureaucrats gave up talists cannot carry forward the their impotent policy of clinging revolution begun in 1910. The to the coat-tails of the capitalist table of contents includes, "The Democratic Party and put labor's Agrarian Problem of Mexico," faith in its own political organ-"The Working Class and the ization. And if they are unwilling Mexican Revolution," "Workers' to perform this task, it is high "The Bolivian Revolu- time they were ditched by the "Bolshevism and Stalin- rank - and - file. American labor ism" (a reprint of an article by must accept its responsibility and Leon Trotsky), and a book review seek its salvation through its own section. Lively and thought- undoubtedly great strength. And provoking, "Que Hacer?" promises the first step to be taken if it is to play its historic role is the out Latin America for a genuine formation of a Labor Party to speak exclusively for labor." tical level. A year's subscription Samasamajist reports the warncan be obtained by sending five ings of the Socialist Workers pesos (obtainable through an in- Party about the grave menace of ternational money order form at McCarthyite fascism in America, your post office) to the editor, and declares: "All strength to Martin Arriaga, Apdo. 9240 the Socialist Workers Party in its consistent efforts to rally American labor round the banner

TURNABOUT. The Guatemalan of Revolutionary Socialism and American Railroads government which has been ex- lead it to victory against the propriating the holdings of United fascist forces of Wall Street."

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Marxist magazine of high theore-

order to accomplish this aim.

to Do?) calls for the workers to

continue the Mexican revolution

to its necessary conclusion - a

The Eisenhower administration has announced its legislative policy for 1954: a multitude of legislative proposals in the interest of various sections of the capitalist class, programmatic quibbles with the Democrats, wiretapping for the McCarthy's - and no civil rights legislation!

What are the Negro and labor leaders going to do about it?

Up to now they have been able to pretend they have a program for political action lobbying for their so-called "legislative demands." They could jockey around with proposals of the administration, deciding which to support as "lesser evils." But what will they do with an administration that bluntly says, "No civil rights legislation"?

We saw some plain and fancy white-washing of Eisenhower in 1953 by Negro leaders who adopted the line that the President's civil rights program is being sabotaged by his subordinates and advisers - administrators in the Army, Navy and Air Force, Secretary of Agriculture Benson, etc.

We even saw, in the case of the appointment of race-hater Byrnes as U.S. representative to the UN, some slight criticism of the President's action as ill-advised, naive, or incorrect. But we did not see any clear-cut, bold leadership say, "This is it! We must break with the administration; refuse all posts aimed at buying us off; condemn the Jim Crow policies of the government and map out an uncompromising program of struggle against

Now that Eisenhower has stated in so many words that he will seek no civil rights legislation in the next session of Congress, let's hope the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will measure up to the challenge. It was not Byrnes, or Benson, or Brownell who said it - it was the man himself. No more apologies, please!

The time has come for a new program of political action. It must be a program of independent political action — independent of the thoroughly rotten capitalist parties. It Blacklisting must be a program aimed at ousting the anti-Negro, anti-labor government from power and replacing it with a government responsible to the overwhelming majority of the American General Brownell from designatpeople, the workers, regardless of color, religion or national origin.

Such a program of independent political action requires breaking out of the limita- may develop into a constitutional tions of capitalist legislative traps, of polite test of the government's arbitrary pleading with the politicians who have nothing but contempt for the Uncle Toms of the labor and Negro movements.

It means calling a Congress of Labor - all labor - to form a broad united front for a grounds that it was "Communistbold counter-offensive against the well-organized reaction which is driving toward fascism in America. It means an unambiguous ordered the Guild to file affidavits boycott of the Republican and Democratic by Jan. 16 to prove that it is not "subversive." Brownell will then

It means a return to the methods that have hearing. He can dictatorially deproved their effectiveness in winning gains cide to place the Guild on the for Negro and white workers - class solid- "subversive list" with or without arity, "an injury to one is an injury to all," such a hearing. and a "March on Washington," not a "gentle-tion suit to block the hearing as

manly" conference on civil rights legislation. well as to prevent such a listing. We're not dealing with "gentlemen" in It contends that Brownell has Washington; we're dealing with class-conscious capitalist thugs. Let's take off the kid

THE MILITANT

Guild Fights "Subversive"

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DECEMBER 23 - A Federal Judge today refused to issue an injunction stopping Attorneying the National Lawyers Guild as "subversive." The Guild has announced that it will appeal the Judge's decision. Their doing so izations as "subversive."

Brownell first proposed to put he Guild on the government blacklist last August on the dominated" and a "legal mouthpiece" for the Communist Party.

The Justice Department has decide whether to hold a public

The Guild has filed the injuncbe denied due process of law at such a "hearing."

Professor Scores

testify if granted immunity from

criminal prosecution, thereby

denying them protection under

the Fifth Amendment.

Association of America.

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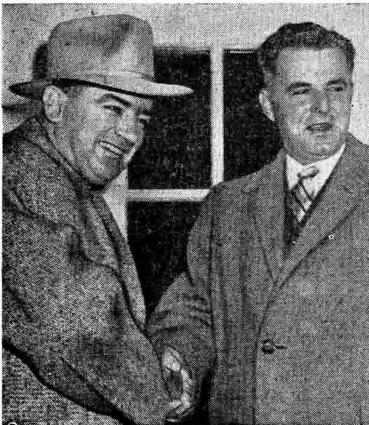
common law, which is older than

"The proposal brings into the

Professor Aly's fighting speech

was warmly applauded by the

Fascist Congratulations



Delighted with the outcome of their conference with Eisenhower and other GOP conferees on 1954 legislative plans, Sen. McCarthy (left) and Rep. Velde, chief House witch hunter. shake hands. The meeting accepted McCarthy's program to in-tensify the witch hunt. "I wasn't displeased with anything I heard," commented McCarthy.

Mahoney Upheld On Democracy Issue in SUP

SEATTLE, Dec. 17 - John Mahoney, central figure in a hard-fought, rank-and-file battle against Harry Lundherg, AFL Sailors Union president, four years ago received

legal vindication today when the State Supreme Court ruled that Canada to smash the striking his expulsion from the SUP was illegal and that the SUP must oay him monetary damages.

John Mahoney, a well-known and respected member of the Seattle branch of the Sailor Union for many years, was summarily expelled from the SUP when he questioned the right of the SUP officials to break the Canadian seamen's strike of that time. AFL seamen officials, Harry Lundberg and Paul Hall had moved into

militant rank and file seamen were expelled. Putting out their own organ, the Defender, they fought Lundberg for a considerable period. This rank-and-file challenge to

The Seattle branch of the SUP

rallied to the defense of Mahoney

and at one time a number of the

Canadian seamen's union.

Lundberg was against overwhelming odds. Lundberg evenually won control of the Seattle branch of the SUP and supressed the rank-and-file movenent, but in the fight he built up vast store of hate and bitteress against himself and his ma-

The case of Mahoney went into the courts and dragged on for a four-year stretch. He was upheld in all the lower courts, but their NEW YORK - The eleventh decisions were challenged by the anniversary of the death of Carlo SUP. This final legal blow at Tresca, editor of Il Martello (The Lundberg opens the door to a number of other suits on illegal expulsion from the SUP.

The majority opinion of the Court held that Mahoney's right to free speech was violated by Lundberg's action. A minority opinion held that it was proper to expel Mahoney since he expressed a minority point of view, thereby aiding a rival union which the SUP attorneys characterized as communist-led. This assertion When Tresca was killed, the of the SUP attorneys was enough to outweigh all other considerations in the minds of the court's minority.

> The court awarded Mahoney \$3,533 damages and \$453 a month, less earnings from October 30, 1951, until the judgment of his case became final. Lundberg will attempt to call this a blow against the union. The silent rank-andfile members of the SUP will evidence on how expensive Lundberg's machine rule is to the SUP.

Memorial Meeting For Carlo Tresca Planned in N.Y.

Hammer), will be commemorated Saturday, January 9. A meeting will be held in his memory at the Rand School, 7 East 15th St., at After the meeting, flowers will

e laid at the northwest corner of Fifth Avenue and 15th Street, where this courageous labor leader and anti-fascist fighter was shot down by a still unapprehended assassin in 1943.

gunman got away in an automobile which was found abandoned a few blocks away several organization, according to its magazine, the American Student, hours later. No one was ever are the California Department of prosecuted for the crime, although the American Legion, the DAR's one of two suspects was identi-Council, according to the Dec. 20 National Chairman and executive fied by a parole agent as having secretary, and last but not least, entered the escape car (recognized by its number) an hour and a half before the murder.

The organization was originally Recently, after a Walter Winfounded in 1951 as the "National chell column said that District Collegiate MacArthur Clubs." It Attorney Frank Hogan had placed switched over to the present name an "urgent" label on the Tresca case, Norman Thomas, chairman Its "Handbook" includes the of the Tresca Memorial Commit-Government's "subversive" list tee wrote Hogan asking if this and gives detailed information on were true.

In reply, Alexander Herman. "How to Identify a Communist Homicide Bureau head, said that that would function as a group of Peace Drives," and "The Anti- his office had always considered the case urgent, "Unfortunately," Herman added, "although our investigation continues actively, I annot prophesy when it will ter minate successfully."

Thus, after 11 long years of allegedly "actively" investigating them to headquarters "for sug- the murder of a well-known labor gestions or instructions as to the figure, New York's "finest" can't

even promise any results! Carlo Tresca was a militant, ireless opponent of reaction you may rest assured that many everywhere. One of his last possibilities of appropriate action activities was support of the 18 Socialist Workers Party leaders convicted under the Smith Act in 1941.

In the years prior to World War I he was a dynamic strike leader, well know in the textile mills of Paterson and Lawrence and the Messabi iron range of Maybe these aren't "Kinder- Minnesota, where he won the love

Sheriff Kills Man Who Named Him

Negro prisoner in his custody.

Jones had moved out of town because he feared for his safety, after testifying that Hill had taken \$2 a gallon "protection" money from him on illegal whiskey that he manufactured. Jones was brought back on a trumped up "fugitive" charge and placed

U.S. Attorney Percy Founthe shooting.

Tax Cut for Mothers

"WORKING MOTHERS TO GET TAX CUT" - When I read this headline in the N.Y. Herald Tribune, I thought, "At last they passed that law on child care!"

A working mother obviously can't hold down a job unless she sends her child to nursery school or pays someone to take care of him. But the money she spends for this care is not considered a business expense. Executives casually deduct steaks, champagne and luxurious hotel accommodations; but a mother struggling to support her child on \$50 a week is not allowed to deduct a nursery-school fee. Women's organizations throughout the country, backed by the indignant protests of miltions of working women, have conducted a vigorous campaign to change this law.

I eagerly read through the Herald Tribune article for details, but I'm afraid I couldn't find much cause for a victory celebration. It's like the income tax cut on January 1 — the average worker will be lucky if he gets another dime a day to cover the increase in subway

The maximum deduction under the child care law is \$300. This allows approximately \$6 a week for the care of your children and means a tax saving of \$60 a year.

Only widows, widowers and parents who are divorced or separated are permitted to make this deduction. Eleven million married women are working but the "Treasury and Congressional staff experts" who worked out this curious law evidently think married women work as a hobby, not to pay the bills.

This deduction is allowed only for children under seven. "Care for school age children." says the newspaper report, "is not so much proposal of Attorney General of a problem." Apparently there will be no coddling of mature seven-year-olds. Just turn them loose in the jungle of city streets. About time they learned to take care of themselves! Brownell's proposal, if carried out, would "effectively destroy the most personal of all rights

The law as originally proposed would exempt from tax all child-care expenses of all working mothers. For most mothers this would mean a few dollars extra a week. We need it Bill of Rights," charged Bower and we're entitled to it. It's such a modest Aly, Professor of Speech at the request, so obviously long overdue, I thought we might get it - even from the present administration. I guess anyone who expects justice from the men who control our lawmaking bodies has lost touch with reality.

Working mothers and their children have a right to a great deal more than this adjust- violate not only the American ment in taxes. We need free public nursery tradition of civil rights; it would schools, hot school lunches, after-school play centers, better schools, more parks and recreational facilities, camps and day-care programs nation. for the summer when schools are closed.

I don't expect to get these things from the "Congressional staff experts" who begrudged us a few dollars tax relief. We need our own republic. representatives in Congress to fight for this program. We need our own party, a Labor Party, that will speak out for the rights of all working people.

Notes from the News

"A LUXURY HOTEL complete with bars, cocktail lounges, a star-lit room and a west rn steak restaurant . . ." is being built in Se. l, Korea, with American dollars," at the insistence of President Rhee . . . while "assistance to the hungry, freezing people must wait," charges Cong. Brownson (R., Ind.) who recently returned from a tour of Korea. (Cleveland Plain Dealer, Dec. 21.)

THE GEORGIA PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD will not consider before 1955 appeals for the release of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two teen-age sons, a mass delegation of the Women's Committee for Equal Justice was informed after they were curtly referred to the Board by Gov. Talmadge. Mrs. Ingram and her son are serving life terms for the self-defense killing of a white farmer who attempted at gunpoint to assault Mrs. Ingram.

AN APPEAL FOR CLOTHING, particularly shoes, has been made for the twelve children of the imprisoned Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram by Mrs. Geneva Rushing, eldest daughter in charge of the household, according to the Pittsburgh Courier. Mrs. Rushing explained that the NAACP contributes \$100 a month through its local branch for the children's food, but this does not go far enough for their other needs.

AIRCRAFT SUB-CONTRACTING DROPS. A significant drop in the sub-contracting of aircraft work is reported by the Dec. 22 Wall Street Journal. "Our volume of sub-contracting has been down about 35% in the last three months," says a spokesman for Solar Aircraft Co. At Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Co., "all our sub-contracting activity is being retrenched." Employment at their plant is down to 18,000 from a peak of 26,000 and it will continue to drop next year, the company

MEANY SHUNS POLITICS FOR LABOR. The N. Y. Times reports, Dec. 10, "Asked why labor had not tried to make use of its great voting strength, Mr. Meany (AFL president) answered that political power as an end in itself was not desired by labor. He expressed the belief that it was not right for any one segment of the population including labor, to run the government."

DEFENDS DEAD BROTHER. Nathan L. White, brother of the late Harry Dexter White, has branded as "unproven and groundless" the

charge that his brother plotted with the Soviet Union to obtain printing plates to produce her own supply of Allied occupation currency. Pointing to the exhaustive investigation made prior to his brother's death by a combined Senate and Armed Forces Committee and its failure to produce any evidence against him, White declared Dec. 19 that this unsubstantiated charge against his brother was one more of the groundles: air by official and unofficial seekers of 'the truth.'" accusations "rampant in the press and over the

"REACTIONARIES, FASCISTS, LIBERALS, faith. The basis now is being laid political stalemate which neither progressives, business men, tycoons, workers, So- for 1954 talks designed to fix a cialists, Trotskyites, Commmunists, Catholics, price to be paid the Communists atheist, and all the infinite variety of crackpots, for a period of promised peace." fanatics and self-appointed saviors of mankind," must enjoy full civil liberties, asserted Corliss Lamont at a dinner of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. Dr. Lamont, a prominent civil libertarian heavily influenced by Stalinism, was recently dropped from the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union, which now the Armed Forces for the coming will accept support of civil liberties only from those not adhering to "Communist, Fascist, KKK the Army has been reduced, two or other totalitarian philosophies.'

THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATE last week rejected an amendment which would allow the state to abolish public schools in case the Supreme Court outlaws segregation. The amendment was move was a concession in its defeated by a tie vote of 24 to 24. In rejecting the amendment, legislators said the time was not ripe Instead of a ban on manufacture for such drastic action. (Pittsburgh Courier, Dec. of the horror weapons, the Krem-

AT ENIWETOK last year, a hydrogen, or much to relax tension in Washingthermonuclear test device released the equivalent ton, if not among prospective of considerably more than five million tons of victims of the atom bomb. TNT, reveals military analyst Hanson W. Baldwin. (N. Y. Times, Dec. 10.) Compare this to the fifteen to twenty thousand tons of TNT equivalent Churchill and Malenkov through that reduced Hiroshima and Nagasaki to ashes and rubble!

ANTI-FASCIST PAMPHLET OFF THE the two leaders actually met," peace. PRESS. Key articles of the Dec. 7 issue of the according to Peter Lyne, London This prognosis, made before isolated to France. The horizon Militant are now available in pamphlet form for parliamentary correspondent of Eisenhower took office, has been is also darkening in Italy. sales and distribution by fighters against Mc- the Christian Science Monitor fully confirmed by the events of Carthyism. The pamphlet, "McCarthyism: Amer- (Dec. 24), and the evidence ap- the past year. It is sufficient to nowhere more acute than in the facilitate this, might even be ican Fascism on the March," can be obtained by pears impressive that a shift cite the truce in Korea as counting houses of Wall Street carried to its logical conclusion writing Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Pl., away from war is in sight in evidence of the desire to relax and the inner sanctum of the New York 3, N. Y. The price is ten cents a copy. 1954.

M'CARTHYITES SET UP **Brownell Attack** CAMPUS FASCIST GROUPS On Bill of Rights The McCarthyite fascist movement is now establishing NEW YORK, Dec. 28 - A courageous college professor to-

foothold on the American campus. The junior Mc-Carthyites are banded in an organization called "Students day branded as "tyranny" the for America." They recently ap-Others who have praised the Brownell to compel witnesses to

plied for a charter at the University of Virginia but had their application rejected by the unanmous vote of the 15-man Student issue of the Washington Post.

"Students for America" is orguaranteed to Americans by their ganized under the banner of "Truth! Loyalty! Honor!" The University of Missouri, addressing official "Handbook" of the movethe convention of the Speech ment says it is the "Student's answer to the Marxist challenge.

University of Virginia students have branded it a "junior grade imitation of McCarthyism," and a "Kindergarten Ku Klux Klan" "self-appointed vigilantes."

The council's rejection of the harter application does not pu the Constitution, older than the an end to the organization, but simply prohibits it from using the University's name. It continues to sharpest focus we have yet ob- function with about 21 members served the conflict between under the leadership of Fulton tyranny and freedom in the Lewis III, son of the notorious anti-labor radio commentator, Fulton Lewis, Jr.

CLAIM 2,500 MEMBERS

thousand college and university The organization claims 2,500 speech professors at the convenmembers from more than 120 ion, many of whom gathered to congratulate him as he left the schools. Its national headquarters is at Hollywood, Calif.

Listed in its "Handbook" as Salaries paid to college and supporters are such unsavory university professors still rank figures as General Douglas Macamong the lowest in the profes- Arthur, Fulton Lewis, Jr., Sensional field, the National Educa- ator Karl Mundt and Walter Winchell.

To deal with "pink professors, its members are urged to take notes, have them verified by a fellow student, and then forward : appropriate course of action. For obvious reasons we cannot be more specific in this handbook. However

Front," "Pink Professors," "Phony

Anti Communist Hysteria."

STUDENT STOOLPIGEONS

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy.

"Student contributions don't even pay for postage on literature mailed," its magazine points out, but the "SFA has printed as many as 100,000 pieces of literature in a single month"

are always available. . ."

garten" McCarthyites after all. of thousands of workers.

In Moonshine Case Sheriff Jenkins A. Hill, of

Clark County, Ala., on Dec. 28 shot to death Moses Jones, a Jones had testified against him in a moonshine liquor case three months ago. The sheriff claimed "self defense."

in the sheriff's custory.

tain of Mobile, Ala., says he is "very much interested" in

the Cold War Turn Into Cold Truce?

"Mr. Eisenhower is backing with Russia until after the Com-

tion Ass'n reports.

If that appears to be laid on thick, certain facts nevertheless seem to confirm such estimates.

PRESSURE EASED

For example, the budget for year has been cut, the size of more sinister afoot? divisions have been recalled from Korea, a conference has actually been arranged with the Kremlin. In return, the Malenkov regime has eased the pressure. Its latest demand to outlaw the atom bomb. lin now asks for only a ban on their use. That concession did Add to this that secret talks

have been underway between

away from his stand against deals that the "cold war seems to have to prepare for war on the Soviet forces? The solution reached at sunk to what might be called a Union. munists give an earnest of good kind of cold truce - a militaryof altering to its advantage"? (Dec. 24.)

and the projected Berlin meeting labelled a "mutual non-aggression that Eisenhower's representatives pact"? Or is something much will do their utmost to utilize it without any "mutual non-agmore sinister afoot? will do their utmost to utilize it without any "mutual non-agmore sinister afoot?

EISENHOWER'S DIPLOMACY

A year ago in the Militant (Jan. 12, 1953) I called attention to the fact that Eisenhower inherited a bad diplomatic position from the Truman administration. exists. This is the rise of revoluprojected the possibility that tionary potential in Europe. Eisenhower would attempt to relax world tension and even go revolution than at any time since 'quite far in 'peace' gestures." A meeting with Stalin," I said, titanic general strike of last would fit in with such a pat- August, the greatest since 1936, tern."

contradict the major course of workers taking power. The recent American Big Business toward crisis over the election of a new another world war, but would in president was nothing but a ed by Wall Street to complete it. their Ambassador since Nov. 28 the final analysis facilitate it by shadow cast on the parliamentary and that these talks have been giving the Eisenhower administra- screen by the colossal forces now 'almost as effective as though tion the appearance of seeking gathering on the class arena.

tensions; and the recent effort to State Department.

Must we then agree with Walter | secure military bases in Pakistan | Millis of the N. Y. Herald Tribune as evidence of the long-range aim hope to contain these elementa! aside with the fascist broom.

side sees much present prospect nower's design, particularly when under Moscow direction, rescued the lines of the one at the end as credentials and evidence that Are the secret diplomatic talks his feet really fit Stalin's shoes. The Berlin conference schedul-

aimed simply at reducing the ed for the end of January fits into ready indicated their capacity in 'cold truce" to some kind of of this pattern of Wall Street this respect, having deliberately ficial document that can be diplomacy, and we may be sure and cold-bloodedly betrayed the gandize the "peaceful" world aims of American Big Business.

> In addition to this, however, new powerful impulsion toward temporary agreement between the Kremlin and the Allied powers

France is at present closer to the end of World War II. The shook the country to the bottom This turn, of course, would not and posed the question of the

The storm signals are not

The alarm over this situation is

Not even the death of Stalin was problem at once leaps to mind, ment is now reached between permitted to interfere with Eisen- The French and Italian Stalinists, Malenkov and Eisenhower along Malenkov presented Beria's head tottering French and Italian capi- of World War II between the talism. Can they not play the Allied powers and the Kremlin, same treacherous role again?

The French Stalinists have al-August general strike, and that and Washington. In fact, they performed this service simply as a token of good will.

UNREST IN SOVIET ORBIT

From the Kremlin's side, the June 17 uprising in East Ger many demonstrated what unrest exists in the Soviet bloc. From the viewpoint of the bourgeoisminded Soviet ruling caste this underlined the need to reach agreement with western imperialism on handling what is clearly a common problem.

An unwritten cold truce or written warm one would be utilizwar preparations on the domestic front; that is, by appearing as a peace-lover and by utilizing the interim before atom-bomb hostilities to stun the labor movement through a series of heavy blows The witch hunt, designed to - Wall Street giving McCarthy the approval and backing needed

We may therefore legitimately the end of World War II to this assume that if a temporary agreeits secret protocols will be directed against the socialist revolution that threatens both the Stalinist bureaucracy and world capitalism.

By that token, the agreement would not assure peace, no matter how its paid publicists might lie about it, but would actually serve to speed atomic war - that is, f the workers did not smash the whole reactionary calculation by throwing their own colossal power in the balance of world politics.

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