How Socialists Plan to Raise **Expansion Fund**

By MURRY WEISS National Fund Drive Director

March 26 - How do the members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party plan to raise \$20,000 in the spring Socialist Expansion Fund despite limited forces, the spread of unemployment and the high cost of living? With today's receipts from the branches the fund has been 20% completed (see scoreboard page two). Although we are running 8% behind schedule word is coming from all areas to expect full payment by the May 31 deadline.

Well, how do they plan to do it?

One answer comes from Buffalo, an SWP branch where half the membership has been hit by layoffs and most of the employed members are working the four-day week with reduction in pay, Buffalo Fund Drive Director R. Riley writes: "One of our members, Chuck, used to maintain to his wife, Anne, that they should buy 50-cent instead of 30-cent hamburger. He is now on four days and Anne's unemployment benefits have

15000

10,000

5,000

run out. They have pledged \$325 to the Socialist Expansion Fund. Adding to this their \$12 weekly pledge, means they will contribute \$37 a week to the party during the fund drive. There have been no more arguments about 30-cent hamburg-

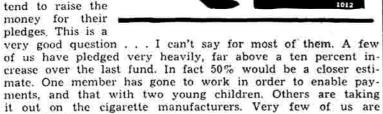
Riley adds, "It will take earnest effort (and some of our people going into debt) to make our quota with the dreary employment picture on the Niagara Frontier. But no one thinks of this as 'sacrifice.' Adapting to the needs of the party is built into our thinking. You can be sure we will be 'in full and on time.' "

Currently, Buffalo is leading the other branches, with 35% of their quota completed.

Across the country from Seattle comes a report similar to that from Buffalo. Ann Dorsey writes: "Although the Seattle branch has just finished an election campaign which was an extra financial burden on all our members, we know the necessity of fully participating in the Socialist Expansion Fund. All in all I feel that our people are displaying a fine sense of personal sacrifice in the face of immediate political needs. "Again I assure you that Seattle will be paid in full and on time, although it is pos-

sible that we will come in just under the deadline; we will make it branch members and friends have given me this assurance."

Twin Cities Fund Drive Director. Fannie B. Curran, tells how our Minnesota friends are doing it: "You ask how the members intend to raise the money



overweight." From Minnesota we also get another clue to how the drive will be successfully carried out. SWP State Organizer Vincent Dunne sent out an appeal to all friends of the socialist movement enclosing the text of the statement of the National Committee of the SWP entitled: "For a United Socialist Ticket in

the 1958 elections." Dunne says: "A reading of this statement readily answers the many questions in the minds of advanced-thinking workers as to what can be done in the present regroupment period to definitely advance the cause of socialism - and by so doing to offer a realistic and effective answer to the program of the disciplinary layoffs against a capitalist parties on all fundamental questions."

disciplinary layoffs against a worker with 25 years seniority capitalist parties on all fundamental questions.

The letter continues, "In order to reach an ever-wider and an excellent record is cited our activities generally. The Socialist Workers Party has launch-published by UAW Local 216 given the AEC by the Joint Congressioned a Socialist Expansion Fund nationally for \$20,000. We ask in South Gate, California. "Lo- al Committee on Atomic Energy after it you to help further the cause of socialism by contributing as cal Management," says the As- was caught in a brazen lie by I. F. Stone. liberally as you can to this Fund.

The letter requests that contributions be sent to Fannie press on the weak that no mat- had marshalled facts refuting an AEC B. Curran, 322 Hennepin Ave., Rm. 205, Minneapolis, Minn. We ter how much seniority you press release which claimed that last can only add our voice to this appeal and suggest that friends outside of Minnesota send their contributions to Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.

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Quietly Unloading

Ever since its steady fall

came to an end, the stock

market hasn't been acting

up. There are, however, new

disturbing signs. Reporting

the March 26 sag in prices,

the N. Y. Times financial-

page headline noted, "Reas-

surance by President and

Satellite Launching Fail to

Stir Market." More signifi-

cant is the report in Busi-

ness Week (March 22) that

"more and more big stock-

holders - those owning

thousands of shares of an is-

sue - are unloading blocks

that are too big to go through

the ordinary machinery of

the stock exchange." Put on

the market all at once these

blocks would depress or

panic the price. They are be-

ing unloaded by a "secon-dary" device of sale "by an

investment banking house in

the same way that a new

Auto Bosses

Harry Union

By FRED HALSTEAD

Reports from across the coun-

try indicate that the General

Motors corporation is engaged

in a concerted campaign to

soften up union strength in its

auto plants as the expiration

date on the contract with the

United Auto Workers approach-

es. UAW contracts with Gen-

eral Motors, Ford and Chrysler.

covering some 655,000 auto

workers, expire in May. By

April 1, separate negotiations

between the union and each of

the "Big Three" will have be-

The GM campaign includes

increased speed-up accompany-

ing mass layoffs, heavy increase

and disciplinary layoffs, and

in one Eastern assembly plant,

but who had perfect work rec-

ings and disciplinary layoffs.

six months that it often takes

to process these, the company

will have "built up a case" for

YOU'RE DEAD'

Militants

stock is floated."

during July through October

NEW YORK, N. Y., MONDAY, MARCH 31, 1958

Wall St. Big Boys Quietly Unloading RISING PRICES ADD JOBLESS WOES

That March Upturn



NEWS ITEM: Bankruptcies in March, the month in which Pres. Eisenhower predicted the beginning of recovery, stood at highest level since 1940.

The AEC's Deceit

AN EDITORIAL

The National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy made public, March 19, a in the number of "warnings" documented study of the conduct of the frame-ups of militant unionists. Atomic Energy Commission, the agency Supervisors have been "put- required by law to safeguard the public ting the pressure" on production atomic radiation. The report charges tion workers who have been most active in resisting speedup and on traditionally staunch vital responsibility, but instead, has union members. For example, "tended to foster the most optimistic incertain workers who had filed terpretation (i.e., which most minimizes speed-up grievances in the past, the expected hazard from fallout radiaords, have been shifted to jobs tion) . . . This evidence tends to show it out on the cigarette manufacturers. Very few of us are beyond their physical capacity that the AEC's evaluation of the fallout and then given repeated warn- hazard has not been based on the stand-The workers respond by filing ards of objectivity and candor that are grievances, but long before the customary in scientific matters."

This lack of "candor" springs from political motives. While the Administration is considering yielding to the worldwide demand for a test halt, it permits Another example, involving the AEC to carry the propaganda ball

A case in point is the whitewash sembler, "is determined to im- The publisher of I. F. Stone's Weekly may be against you, if they set had been detected only 250 miles away. The claim was made to bolster the AEC's fraudulent contention that an agreement to halt nuclear tests cannot be enforced. tion to fighting the recession is Stone presented evidence to show that the blast had been detected in far-off Alaska and forced the AEC to correct its used all of Herbert Hoover's first release.

Joint Congressional Committee held a his "private enterprise" approach was the following exone-hour "hearing" with but four Congressmen present. Brushing aside evidence proving deceit, they found the AEC had merely committed an "inadvertent of the El Paso Times asked

The incident is not isolated. The report of the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy reveals that for almost three of surplus food stocks. They years the AEC suppressed the fact that leukemia-causing strontium 90, released in the atmosphere by nuclear tests, finds its way into milk and is then absorbed in the human body. For almost a year the AEC kept secret the terrible extent of the fallout resulting from the 1954 Pacific H-test. Yet no one in the government has moved to discipline this agency.

Clearly, the decision to halt the dead- attack by the Federal Governly tests cannot be left in the hands of a Service now demands that government so completely callously un- Bridges along with J. R. Robconcerned with human safety. The people themselves should decide the issue through a national referendum.

Idle Pay Plan Drags; Labor's Tax-Cut Plea **Ignored by Democrats**

By GEORGE LAVAN

MARCH 27-The recession is spreading and deepening yet the Republican and Democratic politicians are callously refusing to take emergency steps needed for the

unemployed - who by official+ admission now total well over five million, and in actuality probably number between six and seven million.

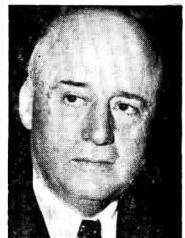
The desperate plight of over three million jobless trying to feed their families on the grossly inadequate unemployment compensation checks (national average: \$28 per week), of the unknown number whose compensation benefits have expired, and of the two million jobless not covered by the unemployment insurance setup, is aggravated by the fact that the cost of living has reached a new all-time high.

INDEX AT 122.5

This bitter example of the anarchy of the capitalist system was announced March 21 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics although working-class housewives already knew it from actual experience. The cost-of-living index for February rose 2 index points above that of January. With the al-ready-inflated prices of 1947-49 used by the government as a base of 100, the index for February stood at 122.5.

Eisenhower's main contribusynthetic optimism about the bottom of the slump being reached or even passed-he has old formulas except the fatal Confronted with this scandal, the phrase, "prosperity is just around the corner." Illustrating change at his press conference

of March 27 Reporter Sarah McLendon Mr. President, Sir. back to this food question. There are trolled Congress are going people out in New Mexico right about extending jobless comnow who can't even get beans pensation benefits at a leisurebecause they can't get them out ly pace. On March 8 Eisenhow-



SAM RAYBURN, Democratic leader in the House of Representatives.

are going hungry. There are some unemployed in this country who can't get anything but starches to eat, and that has been going on for months. Can't we do something to give better distribution of surplus foods or to get-meat into the surplus pile so that we can give these people a balanced

Eisenhower replied: (1) the price of meat was such that it couldn't be declared surplus (2) the extension of the period of unemployment compensation benefits recommended by him would ease the financial burden on the states give state governments "more opportunity" to take care of hungry people.

The Republican administration and the Democratic-con-(Continued on Page 2)

Govt. Launches New Persecution of Bridges

By ROY GALE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21 — Harry Bridges, President of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union has come for the sixth time under legal

ment. The Internal Revenue ertson, Vice-President, and Henry Schmidt, Executive Board member, pay income taxes on the funds collected to pay for their defense in the 1949-50 "perjury" trial.

This is the first time the government has ever tried to collect taxes on defense funds in civil liberties cases

"None of the defendants in

"It was done in the Tom

pay \$81,870, J. R. Robertson of our government and its ad-Bridges, Robertson, Schmidt De- is apparent that it grows out of Washington's first attempt fense committee is personal in- frustration after five deporta-



HARRY BRIDGES

Government has never attempt- the union by moving in this ed to collect income tax on this way against the three top officers. It is something that Bridges has been ordered to should be beneath the dignity

"This action won't fool

by the government is for the a smear. The Government men are lying and they know it.

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Policy Makers Accept Summit Reluctantly the USSR and then tried to de- At his press conference yes- consider a "comprehensive" dis- sidering for the summit a pro- sition of being dragged to the ESTABLISHED PRACTICE

a summit conference will force is arrived at by a conference of opinion, he carefully stated: "I continental missiles in return the State Department to again foreign ministers. in their struggle for peace.

keep propagandizing for a last- meeting." minute escape from the summit,

SHABBY GAME

designed to be unacceptable to place."

There are good prospects that until some tangible agreement further deference to world viet lead in the field of inter- weapons."

ease the cold war and, more However, the Soviet Foreign think that there will not be a in Europe. particularly, that it will result Ministry officially announced, summit conference. in a temporary U.S.-Soviet March 14: "At the present time ISSUES TAKE SHAPE agreement to ben nuclear tests. negotiations are being carried This would be a clear-cut gain on actively among the principal the "unpublicized" pre-summit tion of the European people to adds that "The American po- for the sake of profit-makfor the peoples of the world interested parties concerning negotiations are further ad- the presence of American bases sition is still not completely ing. Integral to realizing this \$82,267 and Schmidt \$81,604. ministration While Washington may well with the organization of such a to believe is contained in the tion on the agenda.

At the same time the Mos- the basis of information from ington of maybe offering to re- Thus, despite its fervent the pressure of world-wide anti- cow correspondent of the New "diplomatic officials," the Times duce U.S. foreign bases in re- wishes to the contrary, Wash- was participation in the ill- come for the men involved and tion and conspiracy gimmicks war sentiment has grown so York Times reported that while reports that "probable United turn for substantial reduction ington recognizes that it has fated intervention from 1919 to is taxable. Over \$500,000 was against our union and its ofpowerful that the State Depart- the issue of a preliminary con- States and Soviet bargaining of Soviet conventional weapons little chance of escaping a sum- 1921 in the Russian civil war. collected and spent by the com- ficers have failed." ment has been unable to slam ference had not yet been set- positions for a summit confer- and ground forces in East mit meeting and is even com- The anti-Soviet objective has mittee. The exact claim filed Bridges told reporters: "It's the door on the projected con- tled, "a Foreign Ministry ence are beginning to take Europe and the USSR itself, spokesman here said that 'new shape .

ideas' had been or would be According to this report. Finally, and of key impor- that would ease the cold war, pelled to accept a form of part- ILWU secretary-treasurer None of the money in our de-

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March 28 New York Times, On

Throughout. Washington has advanced during the unpubli- Washington is "believed to tance, the N. Y. Times reports If this is the case, the question nership with the USSR in Louis Goldblatt condemned the fense fund was ever received put forward proposals carefully cized talks that are now taking lean" toward a reversal of its the following: ", . . the United arises: Why is Washington put- World War II. they held to government action and said: as income by any of us." previous stand of refusing to States is understood to be con- ling itself in the damaging po-

More, there is talk in Wash- into the works." SHIFT ON TESTING

MARCH 26 - Despite ter- pict Soviet rejection of these terday, Secretary of State armament agreement without posal for a suspension of two summit? rible reluctance, born of the proposals as a bar to the parley. Dulles declared that proposed prior agreement on German re- or three years of nuclear tests.

a test ban was also reported, Big Business While the possibility of the March 13, by the Christian Sci- BIG-BUSINESS GOAL U.S. accepting this proposal is ence Monitor. The Monitor cor- That perspective is ultimate money before."

> pelled to consider the need of never been abandoned. granting certain concessions

The question is answered nei- the Bridges' case saw five cents knowledge that it has nothing The two principal issues being Soviet terms raised the ques- unification. Also, the U.S. is re- This proposal is divorced in all ther by the mistaken notion of this money," ILWU attorney to gain, the Big-Business con- utilized in this fashion are the tion of whether it was worth ported to be examining the but semantics from the earlier that Dulles is a fool nor by the Anderson said. "This sort of trolled U.S. Government is be- demand for hig-power negotia- agreeing to a conference. But idea of trying to bargain over United States requirement that correct one that he is a war- thing has been going on in ing pushed toward a conference tions for the unification of Ger- Dulles was quick to add that the Soviet proposal for "con- suspension of tests be accom- monger. The significance of the other unions all over the counof heads of states with the So- many and the proposal that a "many of these things they talk trol of outer space." This pro- panied by a cutoff in produc- projected top-level conference try for years." summit meeting be postponed about are negotiable." And in posal would relinquish the So- tion of fissionable materials for and of Washington's attitude toward it comes into focus only Mooney case and the Scottsboro is an attempt to twist the law The possibility that the U.S. when they are related to the case. It is being done to defend for a continuing program of do not want to imply that I for abandonment of U.S. bases may accept the Soviet offer for basic perspective of American Negroes at Little Rock. The harassment and persecution of

A significant indication that more than remote, the opposi- respondent, however, wisely domination of the entire globe concrete questions connected vanced than the public is led is apparently forcing the questions objectors may aim is restoration of capitalist. The government contends that still toss a spanner [wrench] property relations throughout all the money collected by the single member of our union. It the Soviet bloc.

While the allies were com- years of 1952-53.

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"This is petty vindictiveness. It

Socialist Unity Promoted at Chicago Banquet

By ISADORE WARWAK

CHICAGO, March 23—Socialists of several tendencies gan's 16th congressional district. in his district for his insulting labor movement must break VOTE FOR DIXIECRATS? filled the Forum Hall for a dinner-meeting last night on the topic "Prospects for United Socialist Political Action

The speakers urged united endeavor to place Rev. Joseph P. King, Pastor of the International Church and President of the Washington Park Forum, on the ballot as socialist candidate in the Second Congressional District.

Howard Mayhew, Chicago organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, was the first speaker. "This meeting is a victory celebration," he said. "Just one month ago the prospects for a united socialist candidate in Chicago was an idea. In the brief time of one month remarkable progress has been made. Two organizations have oined forces in this campaign The Washington Park Forum and the Chicago branch of the SWP, plus independent radicals, key socialists and trade unionists. The forces gathe ed here are moving toward the formation of a united socialist campaign committee to get the candidate on the ballot and bring a socialist program to the

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY The next speaker was Rev William T. Baird. Minister of Essex Community Church and head of the Midwest Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. He said he had been thinking about a campaign like this for some time. "This is my first opportunity since the Progressive Party to vote as a free citizen. I resent it when the State Department calls for political freedom in the Soviet Bloc when we haven't had it here. Where are the ary peoples of China and Korepresentatives of the masses rea and was defeated. of people in government? Prospects have never been better for a socialist campaign. We to educate people to the socialist solution to capitalist war and depression."

John Hamilton, Washington Park Forum chairman and veteran trade unionist, commented on the Chicago Police Department's Red Squad parked outside the hall. "We are beginning to do a job when the Red Squad is looking around counting noses." Referring to the struggle to build the Packinghouse Workers Union of which he was a founding organizer, "When we built Packing, we had to fight an empire of Capital. We had to fight and sweat. We didn't quit. We had to do a job, and we needed the help of people and got it. We here know that the old parties cannot serve the interests of the people. Maybe we but we can open the eyes of a lot of workers.'

Rev. Joseph P. King then was introduced. He received a standing ovation.

"For 48 years I have lived in America," King said, "Everyday I have felt oppression and the group with selections on discrimination.

"new" areas of the country.

Buffalo

Chicago

Detroit

South

Boston

Newark

Seattle

Oakland

Philadelphia

San Francisco

Totals through

March 25

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St. Louis

Denver

Cleveland

Los Angeles

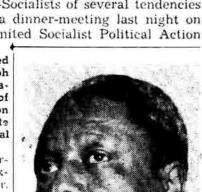
New York

Milwaukee

Allentown

Youngstown

Twin Cities



REV. JOSEPH P. KING, independent socialist candidate for Congress, 2nd District,

"Despair mongers say that this is not the time for a socialist campaign. The time will never come unless you make it. How can the workers get eady for Socialism unless we. the socialists, explain it to them. The men who founded America were radicals, not 'decent' people. 'Decent' people have never done anything but conform.

"The America of today is an America of reaction and imperialism, an America that went to war against the revolution-

within it the seeds of its own miles begins with a single step.'

"If I was alone in not voting for Democrats and Republicans PLANS GET SETBACK then I would do it. I say to American radicals let's strike a blow for freedom. American capitalism can't stop Socialism just as feudalism couldn't stor capitalism. This is the starting ground now with socialists all over the U.S. recognizing the need for a socialist electoral coalition. We have a world to win and nothing to lose but our chains."

Dorothy Mack chaired the meeting and described the role the Militant is playing and will won't send King to Congress play in the election campaign. Contributions and pledges toward the paper and the SWP national expansion fund were made at the meeting.

Between a well - prepared chicken dinner and the speechs. Louise Urquiza entertained her accordion.

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This is most appropriate for an Expansion Fund! You will

from Denver. The group of supporters to the Fund from the

South are in the thick of the fight against segregation, young

people who are already tested veterans of civil rights battles.

The group from the Rocky Mountain area are likewise young

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\$20,000

We welcome these forces and hope to hear from other

SCOREBOARD

\$525.00

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and also deeply involved in active work for the cause.

Stellato Candidacy Poses Issue: Can Labor Reform Democrats?

DETROIT, March 23 - At to run in the Democratic pri- fight for labor's interests.

enter the campaign by the important civil rights bills. man and a Democrat."

policy of subordinating the Stabler leadership of the Michilabor movement to the Demo- gan Democratic Party. cratic Party machine and of retoward the formation of a conservative nature of the labor 600 continues to endorse as an policy. the AFL-CIO policy of supporting Democrats.

WHAT STANDARDS? the Meany-Reuther leadership lato's candidacy. uses for evaluating candidates. TWO CHOICES

on the ground that he has a to recognize that American that he has voted "right" on tical action:

pecially on civil rights and civil will represent the workers' in- the cost: liberties) on which the liberal terests. (They have been followtoday's meeting of UAW Ford Democrats duck or vote wrong, ing this policy for over 20 years the obstacles and be elected on Local 600, its president, Carl and so it doesn't at all mean and the more they work at it, the Democratic ticket, the very Stellato, announced his decision that Lesinski and Co. really the more the Democratic Party first thing facing him after be- the March issue of Workers

members in that district. If represents a way to express their a few bills to get PAC endorsedissatisfaction with the Reuther ment - including the Williams-

In either case, and even if

gressive character of the work-Stellato's candidacy can have noting certain positive possibil- talist parties? a number of positive results, ities, socialists also have the

has always endorsed Lesinski ly, we believe, it is necessary the Democratic Party?

Meany-Reuther leadership — to Lesinski does. But with what rather than efforts to reform This list is deliberately com- try to reform the Democratic results? And at what cost?

moves to the right.)

by John Lesinski, Jr., of Michi- 600 members and Negro voters left-wing unionists — that the resentatives. Stellato had been urged to opposition or indifference to with both capitalist parties and form a labor party along with Democrats organize the House, unanimous recommendation two The Wayne County CIO-PAC the Negro people, working then he automatically votes at weeks ago of Local 600's gen-eral council. He said today he runs it are going to be put on 600 still remains on record for of the House and all its combelieves workers should have the spot by Stellato's candidacy. a labor party, although in prac- mittees for two years to the guard, has been nominated. In

The members of Local 600 they don't, then they will anger and enthusiastically support a legislation favored by labor of the former membership of are pleased and enthusiastic by Lesinski and all the other campaign for Congress by Carl and Stellato. Stellato's decision. For them it Democrats who vote "right" on Stellato if he would run as an That's a high price to pay. (Communist) Party. Their leadindependent labor candidate - isn't it? And yet if he doesn't ers were expelled recently by independent of the major vote with the Democrats, then the party's national leadership parties, sponsored by and re- he in effect reads himself out which is headed by Tim Buck sponsible to Local 600 and other of the Democratic Party, gets who is following a course of unions. For that would be a no appointment to committees, total ideological subservience to lying on "friends of labor" the Reuther machine remains genuine step in the direction and becomes a pariah with the Kremlin. rather than electing labor's own "neutral" in the primary, the of a labor party, with results great difficulty in even getting representatives to office. Many experience is going to open a that could only be healthy all the floor. And also raises the Educational Councils are Henri view it as some kind of step lot of eyes to the essentially the way around, win or lose. | logical question: why did he Cagnon, formerly a leading

farmer-labor party, which Local movement's official political the Democratic ticket would be place? a different thing, immediately

Democratic Party?

ing sworn into office would be Vanguard, voice of the Social-Representatives seat now held is strongly disliked by Local cated by socialists and other organize the new House of Rep-

If he votes to have the their own representatives in Congress, and that he will run congress, and that he will run congress, and that he will run congress and that he will run cong Now socialists would welcome or defeat all of the progressive councils represent the majority

But Carl Stellato running on run as a Democrat in the first spokesman for the LPP, and

Many of our friends in the announcing these nominations, eventual goal while it follows But after recognizing the pro- raising such questions as these: union movement, we know, will the Socialist Educational Coun-Does such a candidacy help disagree with us when we in- cils declared their hope of realers' desire for working class workers to grasp the need for sist that EFFECTIVE working izing the unity of socialist candidates in office, and after a sharp break with both capi- class representation in govern- forces in Quebec. The release ment can be won only through charged that the Buck leader-Does it expose, or does it running candidates indepen-ship of the LPP has "been For one thing, it will focus at- duty to point out the negative reinforce, illusions about the dently of the capitalist parties, mummified and ossified since tention on the "standards" that aspects and dangers in Stel- possibility of reforming the To them we can only explain the 20th Congress to the point our views patiently, hoping that of complete isolation from the Will Stellato's election as a a majority will sooner or later Quebec population and keep The Wayne County CIO-PAC To understand these correct- Democrat change the nature of be convinced by our explan- back the unity of the socialist ations - and by their exper- forces. We socialists readily grant ience. For we are willing to let REAL SPLITTING MOVE "near-perfect voting record" in labor is faced with two funda- that as a Democratic congress- experience show whether or Congress. But all this means is mental choices regarding poli- man Stellato would far more not we are right when we say of the LPP has denounced faithfully express the needs and that there is no short cut, the these candidacies as a "splitting a small and carefully-selected One is the policy of the grievances of the workers than need is still for a labor party, move" and an "anti-working hammered out a common pol-

Socialist Election Bloc in Canada

Prospects for united socialist electoral activity and If Stellato should get past all development of the socialist regroupment process are now advancing in Canada, according to information in

Independent socialist candidates have been put forward in the election for Parliament in Montreal and the Quebec region. In Montreal, Ross Dowson, national secretary of the

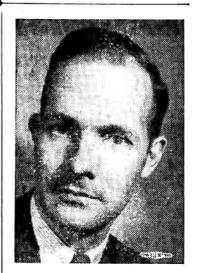
The nominees of the Socialist Jacques Roubeau. In a release

The Canadian Tribune, organ

class action." Commenting on points out that actually it is splitting role in the election by where the Cooperative Comda's labor party) has a chance

CCF. For its own candidate, a work to be done. Here is an In every respect the U.S. sit- district was selected where the excellent opportunity to cam-

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ROSS DOWSON

peace and effective action to combat the effects of the deep economic slump. His planks include a half to H-tests, a break from the NATO pact, and the re-opening of idle plants by the government under union administration.

Discussing the electoral situation. Workers Vanguard declared: "The Socialist Educational League does not pose itself as the organization around which the regroupment of Canadian socialists must take place, nor its program the one which those concerned with the vital need for regroupment must underwrite 100 percent.

"It would have been desirable that prior to the election. the forces for socialist regroupment could have callied and icy: and if agreed, run three this charge. Workers Vanguard or four candidates of their own choosing at strategic points so the LPP which is playing a that their views could be heard.

"Failing this possibility, we running candidates in districts hope that the Dowson-Cagnon-Rouleau campaigns will provide monwealth Federation (Cana- a focal point for socialist activity in this election. No one in and champion of peace . . . a new summit - this time with of defeating its Tory opponents. the Toronto or Montreal areas Ross and the SEL is urging need sit on the sidelines waitnew socialists. Make these cam-Dowson is running on a rev- paigns a positive step forward

...U.S. State Dept. Reluctant about Summit national arena as the advocate That is why Washington faces

(Continued from Page 1) "American capitalism has their basic anti-Soviet perspective. Several years prior to the destruction - unemployment outbreak of that war, Leon have a wonderful opportunity and war. All it has to offer Trotsky predicted that regardyouth is death on the farflung less of what alliances might exbattlefield fighting Communism. ist when the war started, it The Chinese say it is a 'paper would finally develop into a tiger.' They also have a saying combined imperialist assault that 'a journey of a thousand against the Soviet Union unless prevented by the action of the masses.

This analysis was confirmed by events. U.S. imperialism's intentions were fully spelled out at the war's end by its effort to keep troops garrisoned across the globe in order to forge a military encirclement of the Soviet Union. The timetable for World War III was already being plotted. But it received a crushing setback with the giant "get-us-home" demonstrations of the American soldiers.

In 1946, came Churchill's speech at Fulton, Mo., initiating the cold war. Then came Truman's intervention in Korea and the drive to the Yalu River with its implicit threat of ex- summit conference at Geneva tending the war into China. But again a combination of

bloody Korean intervention, and by the time it ground to a halt it had become the most unpop-Other reinforcement is coming from areas of the country, ular war in U.S. history. which we are hearing from for the first time in many years.

hunt and propaganda designed to whip the Simultaneously, the combined witch notice that the scoreboard carries quotas from the South and drive designed to whip the American people into line against the "Soviet menace" helped to make the U.S. gov- out to get you, you're dead, ernment hated throughout the Union or no Union." world. Everywhere it was increasingly viewed as the repre- action and piled up grievances sentative of imperialist reaction is similar to that which preand war. And then these set- vails in many Chrysler plants. backs were capped with the ex- It brought the Dodge Main plosion of a Soviet H-bomb in plant in Detroit to the verge of August 1953, ending the U.S. a strike last month. The GM nuclear monopoly on which so plant in Texas has 275 grievmuch of its war plans were ances in the mill. At Doreville,

NEED NEW TACTIC

Even prior to the Soviet Hbomb, there were straws in the wind that Washington was considering the need for a new shift in tactics. Writing in the Militant of Jan. 12, 1953, when the cold war was going strong, Joseph Hansen anticipated the turn that finally led to the are also hitting some aircraft if it were a question of spend-

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Georgia, a strike vote has been taken at the GM plant where 36 disciplinary cases and 70 speed-up grievances are in process. At the Framingham, Mass. VINDICTIVENESS plant, which has 860 workers, there are 20 discipline and which holds that persons forced speed-up cases before the griev- to ask the public for financial ance committee.

ing 92,000 UAW members at living requirements. To make Douglas and North American it worse, it is the very governplants continue. A contract inoluding hourly increases of makes the contention and seeks

in Bridgeport, Conn. Farm Bridges case are not just perequipment contracts, covering constitutional liberties of all

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in July 1955.

... Militants

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The pattern of "disciplinary

Layoffs, and even speed-up,

workers as negotiations cover- ing for a luxury or normal

nine cents to 14 cents has been to collect taxes. Furthermore,

signed for the Sikorsky plant civil liberties cases like the

60,000 UAW members, expire Americans. It is because they

a turn in the diplomacy of the peace.

After that there must, reasonably, be at least the story of its nounts again.

GENEVA GAME FLOPS

In this observation lies the plosions. for the third world war. The has thoroughly disquieted Wall resolve world tensions also col- the summit sessions. U.S. military machine was Street's major allies. Thus one lapsed. Instead the great bulk fought to a standstill by the of the problems facing the of the people of the world has revolutionary North Korean and Eisenhower administration is become more convinced than opposition developed to the - how to appear in the inter- is responsible for the war drive. life expectancy of 39.

(Continued from Page 1)

us that there is no civil or

going to follow up with puni-

tive action against other fund-

raising activities. Joseph H. Cul-

len, district director of the In-

ternal Revenue Service declared:

"It is quite possible there will

be an investigation of other

funds where there is an indica-

tion that the funds were ex-

It is a monstrous contention

aid to beat back frame-up per-

secutions are really spending

the money for personal use as

ment that attempted the frame-

up in the first place which

sonal cases. They involve the

are public issues, that the pub-

pended for personal use."

"Our lawyers have advised first place.

The logic of the international even less chance of establishsituation, consequently, calls for ing itself as the champion of working class support to the ing this election out. There is

In August 1954, as Geneva uation is far more difficult than CCF has little strength and paign with fellow-socialists, to drew closer, an astute analysis it was at the time of Geneva. therefore would not be jeopar- rally ex-socialists, and educate of the developing "co-existence" Today, the Soviet Union is dized by Dowson's bid. was made by Joseph Harsch, closer to military par with the foreign affairs expert for the U.S. The NATO alliance faces olutionary socialist platform in the realignment of socialist Christian Science Monitor. Pro- disintegration. The colonial rev- centering around the fight for forces in Canada!" ceeding from the conviction that olution has not lost its power. eventual war against the USSR The imperialist position in the is a certainty, Harsch explained that two intervening stages

Mideast grows increasingly insecure. Across the globe, the were necessary before the popular anti-war sentiment is launching of that war. (1) "The an objective factor in world

present extreme reluctance to been pushed back by interna- courage banks and other credit accept a top-level conference tional mass pressure and revo- agencies to lend for private that it has little chance of es- lutionary opposition. While the housing (at the same time upcaping. The story of "attempted daily press paints the summit ping the interest rates banks coexistence" was written at as a place where powerful can charge on veterans homes). Geneva, then it collapsed, but leaders settle the fate of hu- This bill, described by Senator this produced the very opposite manity, it is becoming even Monroney as "a billion dollar He wrote: "Truman's success of the anticipated result. The more apparent that not they major obstacles compelled a in impressing on the world the effort to prove the Soviet Union but giant social forces will depostponement of the timetable fact that Washington wants war responsible for the failure to termine the final outcome of

THE AMERICAN WAY The once robust American Chinese forces. At home strong how to change this impression ever that the U.S. government Indian today has an average

lic contributes to them in the

More to the point is the action

The local will urge California

Congressmen to sponsor legisla-

tion reimbursing the union for

"legal expenses to which it has

been put by reason of the un-

justified attacks made against

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creasing Communist competi-

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criminal tax liability involved of Warehouse Local 6 which

and we will fight this demand." passed a resolution asking the

Bridges persecution the gov- of Bridges' long fight against

ernment revealed that it was repeated efforts to deport him.

Close on the heels of the Government to repay the costs

The most dramatic expression now been in Congress for to \$700, or a 90-day withholdcollapse before the war tension of this development has been weeks without passage. Con- ing tax holiday. the swelling world demand for trast this to the emergency a halt to the deadly nuclear ex- treatment the House gave a bill appropriating \$1.8 billion explanation of Washington's Step by step, Wall Street has to guarantee mortgages and en-

bounty for money lenders' when it passed the Senate, was adopted on March 19 by the House without debate - one minute after it had been brought onto the floor.

A clear example of how little the leaders of the Democratic Party heed the demands of organized labor is seen on AFL-CIO Emergency Confer-

story of attempted coexistence politics and is beginning to er at long last called for exten- labor proposed was an increase must first be written." (2) manifest itself in this country, sion of benefits for 13 weeks. in the basic dependent's ex-Bills for such extension have emption from the present \$600

Despite AFL - CIO pressure the Democratic leaders concluded a deal with the administration against any move on tax cuts before mid-April, the time Eisenhower has set for opening the question. As the New York Times (March 24) observes, "Democratic leaders of Congress have been quietly exerting their influence, with apparent success, against any rank-and-file agitation for tax reduction."

WAGES IN SOUTH

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U.S. and Algerian Independence

For three-and-a-half years French imperialism has been slaughtering Algerians who want their country's independence. The steadily increasing number of burned-out Arab villages is grim evidence of the terror and reprisal war the French military is carrying on. The concentration camps are filled, thousands of Algerians are at random subjected to French "raking" raids in which women and children suffer brutalities and men are often wounded or killed as examples. Torture of prisoners by the French police is a standard procedure.

The American people, recalling the origin of this country, believe that if a people want their independence they should have it. Thus there has never been any popular sympathy in the U.S. for French imperialism's war in Algeria. But that does not acquit Americans of responsibility in the current burning, killing, and torturing in Algeria.

The fact is that French imperialism has been able to carry on its war against the Algerian people for this long, and can continue to carry it on, only because of U.S. military and financial aid. The huge sums and huge quantities of munitions supplied by Washington explain the French government's obstinate course on the Algerian question. How many billions the U.S. has already furnished at the American taxpayer's expense is a closely kept "security" secret. But practically everything being used against the Algerians-except the electric torture machines,

the French police from the Nazi Occupation-has its origin in the U.S.

This was shown in the bombing raid the triumph of the "Republican item about the "terrorism of a on the neutral Tunisian village of Sakiet- Front" led, not to peace, but to minority from which France is Sidi-Youssef last month. The planes, total war against the Algerian protecting the Algerian Peorockets, bombs and bullets came from the people, Servan-Schreiber as a ple": "Yesterday at — the oc-U.S. — weapons for "defense of the free army volunteered for active world."

Algerians be passed off as a help to the colonial war he supposedly op- REBEL ASSASSINATION people of France. The French common people detest the "dirty" war in Algeria. story of Servan-Schreiber's six been wounded, all right-mor-The young draftees have staged repeated month tour of duty in Algeria. tally wounded, shot down withdemonstrations and mutinies against be- It is an illuminating book - out reason and in cold blood ing sent to Algeria. But the French people illuminating as to the nature of by a hero of the Army of Pahave had as little to say about participation in that war as the American people had to say about participation in the Korean War.

Bolstered by U.S. arms and U.S. funds, the rulers of France have taken one step after another to destroy civil liberties in France. The wholesale suppression of newspapers, the special laws against Algerian workers in France, the "treason" trials of opponents of the war, have brought France to the present situation where the political atmosphere is full of talk of possible coup d'etats and a fascist regime.

American workers can bring the bloodshed in Algeria to an end and help the French people maintain political democracy by forcing the U.S. government to stop acting as the quartermaster and finance officer of French imperialism.

Judge Kaufman's Promotion

Judge Irving R. Kaufman is now waiting for promotion. On March 23 the N.Y. Times announced that President Eisenhower is expected to send his name to the Senate soon for appointment to the Court of Appeals for the Second Cir-

"An unusual aspect of the prospective appointment" according to the Times, "is the fact of a Republican Administration's picking a Democrat for what is, after the Supreme Court, the most important appellate court in the country."

The Times' explanation for this "unusual" Frocedure is the strong backing Kaufman has in Congress. This includes Republican Senator Styles Bridges, Democratic Senator Estes Kefauver and Representative Emmanuel Celler.

But it is clear to us that the pressure for Judge Kaufman is motivated by the feeling that he should have a vote of confidence for decreeing Julius and Ethel Rosenberg's execution and sentencing Morton Sobell to 30 years in prison. Indeed Senator Bridges has praised Kaufman highly for his handling of the Rosenberg trial.

Judge Kaufman's notoriety rests on his role in that trial. It was an unusual role. Although it wasn't customary, he assumed sole responsibility for the cruel sentences he imposed upon the defendants in that period of war and hysteria It was customary for a judge in his position to ask the government for its recommendation before sentencing. Kaufman

The Supreme Court, contrary to popular opinion, never reviewed the case or Kaufman's sentence. As Justice Hugo Black pointed out after the Rosenbergs were executed, "It is not amiss to point out that this Court has never affirmed the fairness of the trial below. Without an affirmance of the fairness of the trial by the highest court in the land there of Arab women, and this has even, in some cases, do the photographer came to take pic- ers this fact to be the central thinks it is possible for a promay always be questions as to whether become one of the driving forces daily marketing. Because of tures of the troops, the women problem of French policy in these executions were legally and rightfully carried out."

In the years that have passed since then the doubts have spread. In our opin-

When Kaufman heard the pleas for mercy that followed his shocking sentence, he pointed out that the defendants had refused to admit guilt. They therefore sought "justice, not mercy," and he added, "What they seek they have attained." To Kaufman, only a confession could have brought mercy. The Rosenbergs insisted they were innocent; so they

Should Kaufman realize his ambition and get the appointment, the innocent will have better cause for fear than

French Liberal's Plan for Holding Algeria

LIEUTENANT IN ALGERIA, by Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, Moslems, had fled in terror and Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1957, \$3.50.

Reviewed by Philip Magri

W. Germans Show Solidarity

Jm Nomender

German and Afro-Asian students stage demonstration

for Algerian freedom fighter, Jamila Bouhired, a 22-year-

old girl that French had sentenced to death. Demonstration

was part of world outcry against the barbarous sentence,

which French President Coty commuted to life imprison-

Jean-Jacques Servan-Schrei-Irevealing of the author's own ber is a young French journal- political position (which is also ist, editor of the liberal weekly the position of many other L'Express and a close political Frenchmen who pass for opassociate of former premier ponents of the war.) Pierre Mendes-France. In the Nor can the means of murdering tellectual went off to wage the

Lieutenant in Algeria is the

Servan-Schreiber is outspokwhich appear to have been inherited by the other "Mendesists," like the tion of the French methods of Socialist Party of Mollet, cam- "pacification" in Algeria. The paigned against the Algerian book begins with the story bewar and promised peace. When hind an everyday newspaper reserve lieutenant in the French cupants of a truck machinegunned people in the streets. duty in Algeria. The liberal in- Fortunately, only one man was wounded.

The reality, of course, was somewhat different, A man had the Algerian war, and equally cification. The witnesses, all

question the driver. "The driver trembled like

would have to beat him up."

lets, killed on the spot."

In his six months in Algeria

jeep when the local French militia arrived on the scene of what obviously was another "rebel assassination." At this point a truck bringing six Algerian workers back from their day's work in the local mine arrived in the town. The militia stopped the truck-could these be the rebels?-and began to

leaf. The more he stammered. the angrier Prato and the others grew, and the more they shouted at him, the worse he shook. The dialogue became completely nonsensical. They

Afraid of being lynched on the spot, the workers took advantage of a momentary distraction to flee. A French Army truck quickly set off in pursuit of the "terrorists." "As the Arab truck continued its headlong flight, the operation was carried out without a hitch. At five minutes past eight the Arbateche mine truck was in the ditch by the road and the workers were riddled with bul-

A book much longer than Lieutenant in Algeria could be the "rebels" politically by win- army into a police force to filled with stories of this sort ning the Algerian people to maintain the status quo." And and worse, much worse, but this is not Servan-Schreiber's purpose. He is content to establish the real atmosphere of the failure. Rejected by the Alger- is try to "humanize" the colwar, which he can sum up toward the close of the book like this: "The war continued its monotonous course. Operations and encirclements succeeded night patrols; outrages and destructions followed their usual cycle." His basic concern is to tell the story of the "good" French soldiers, those seeking genuine "pacification," those who reject the policy of systematic atrocities against the Algerian people.

BLACK COMMANDOS

Servan-Schreiber was closely associated with soldiers of this sort in a project called the 'Black Commandos." The French soldiers sent out to nove through the Arab villages, living among the people, gaining their confidence who are still trying to talk to BLIND TO REVOLUTION

French Gestapo

A detailed account of the gruesome tortures he was subjected to by French paratroopers and their officers, was somehow smuggled out of a French prison in Algeria by Henri Alleg, editor of a Communist newspaper. The tortures included use of electric-shock machines with electrodes connected to various parts of the body, including the sexual organs, to send the victim into excruciating and repeated convulsions, as well as the forcing of water under pressure into the victim,

In its attempt to keep Alleg's unchallenged story from the public, the French government has unleashed an attack on freedom of the press. The well-known, independent socialist paper, France-Observateur, which tried to print extracts of Alleg's book, was seized by the police. Similar treatment was given the liberal weekly L'Express. On March 9, Paris police raided a printing plant and smashed the type for a pamphlet by Jean Paul Sartre on Alleg's exposures.

Alleg tells how in intervals between the tortures his jailors boasted that they were more expert than the Gestapo. One torturer told him: "You will talk. Everybody talks here. We fought in Indo-China - that's where we learned about you people. This is like the Gestapo. Have you heard about the Gestapo?"

assistance. In this way, it was the long run . . hoped, they would not only A cruel and hopeless probgain information leading to the lem! For Servan-Schreiber is military destruction of the Al- well aware that "the decision gerian Liberation Army units has been made. The French in the area but also undermine government . . . has turned its the French side.

The "Black Commandos" ians they were equally distrust- onial war. ed by the French High Command, blind to any methods but extreme, undiscriminating repression.

Servan-Schreiber is saddened and perplexed by the failure residents as it is now," the of attempts like the "Black need to modify "the present Commandos." He sees that the forms of colonization." Behind good and humane soldiers are his "sympathy" for the Algera small minority, lost in a sea ian people appears the reality of brutality. He quotes one of -Servan-Schreiber, the liberal, the leaders of the "Comman- is just as much a colonialist as dos," Colonel Galland, about the any "rightist;" just as much in attitude of the French govern- favor of "a durable future for ment: "They refuse to see that France" in Algeria, just as what's wrong isn't a series of 'cases' but the whole system. They get very indignant about 'abuses,' 'extortions,' and 'de-'Commandos" were units of plorable incidents'—as if they were exceptions. The exception is just the opposite. The exceptions are people like us . . the Arabs. But the torches these men carry are being extinguished one by one."

And Servan-Schreiber sees too, what is behind this all-out the economic interests in France Once when a nationalist itself tied to them. He consid-

"An immense army has been about ten women present, dress- army's job to see the transition ed in their best silks and em-through by enforcing a certain men when that is necessary.

"Or is the army's sole objective a simpler and more natural one, the protection of the French residents in the social which they exist? Such an at- are not covered.

through friendship, respect and | tempt is obviously doomed in

faced with this decision, Servan-Scheiber can propose no were, of course, a thorough alternative-the best he can do

The reason for his bankruptcy is spotlighted by the things he himself emphasizes in his analysis: the necessity to change "the position of the French much opposed to independence for the Algerian people, just as much in favor of suppression of the "rebellion" by force. He differs from the "ultras" on only one point-the methods to be used to preserve French domination.

Where Servan-Schreiber is

blind to realities is not on the French side, but on the Algerian. He fails to grasp that whatis happening in Algeria today is not a "rebellion," "uprising," or some other euphemism, but full-fledged revolution, a struggle for freedom on the part of an entire people. He ject like the "Black Commandos" to win the sympathy of the Algerian people when one Saturday Evening Post. Kraft, Every single woman that "Sorry," the photographer said, an American correspondent who Kraft met behind the national- "these pictures are only of the taining for a few years more "exemplary severity with the spent three weeks with the st lines was full of self configures." One of the women the position of the French residence and eagerness to learn. If the spent three weeks with the list lines was full of self configures. One of the women the position of the French residents, as it is now, is force. That the French Army sent to modification of the present son emerges clearly from his Kraft attended a women's forms of colonization, and this book, so clearly that even he meeting, reminiscent of the transformation will be pain- half-sees it-a counter-revolutionary war can be fought only by counter-revolutionary meth-Shakes The World. There were sent down to Africa. Is it that ods, only by brutality, torture, and mass murder.

> The concern of the Algerian people, and of all revolutionary socialists, is not how to pregle for the real interests of the French people.

> > UNPROTECTED

Only 25 million U.S. workers are covered by the federal Fair and economic set-up which Labor Standards Act (minimum they have established and for wage law). Some 20 million

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Praises Article And Speech

breeze for Socialist education ist education. in this country. Secondly, my old friend James P. Cannon's long speech, an appeal for unity of all Socialist and other pro- A Housewife Speaks gressive groups, was excellent stuff, and I enjoyed it very O Capitalist! Don't you know

I am a charter member of the CP here but everything

BLACKLIST UPHELD

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in this state capital city.

that I read. While in my kitchen, of your greed? Millions of workers you have

starved;

be done.

Millions of workers you have robbed. O Capitalist! Don't you know that I pray,

While in my kitchen every day, For peace and freedom for everyone, And that your system shall soon

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About the GNP

Statisticians often express the races. That means you! national output as consisting of goods and services. This lumps

different entities and falsifies

seemed to have died completely same value as entities. Service, if productive, creates output. Please accept a buck for the Much service, however, is not trial legislation, and to the paper, which is all I can spare productive. Such servicers, Communist Party leaders, who, just now. In closing, please therefore, are parasitic consum-First let me congratulate you keep up the good work and ers. In fact, in our modern for the Government, advised on your "Socialist Cure for the may socialism be discussed and economy, there are more con-Depression" article in the explained in the columns of sumers than producers. This provisions of the new industrial Party members in Parliament, that we have difficulties. Our March 17 number of your pa- your paper every week. I re- accounts for the inflation of legislation. per, which was like a fresh main for socialism and social- prices and the high cost of living. To reduce prices and costs, the economy must be Trenton, N. J. inverted, so that there will be more producers and fewer consumers, All unearned income must be abolished.

This interpretation is not tra-

Redirect Budget

A time for action has come with the Government on beto direct that big war budget- half of the workers. With the were the engineering workers, er how far apart to plant olive and sleep well. Not organize rupees (\$3.68) and the promise workers' strike, were settled going to win? our unemployed young men to readjust the wage scales with the companies agreeing to into armies to murder our less without delay, the strikes were pay the 17.50 rupees with ar- of the women said. "The French wealthy brothers of the world called off. in the name of war corpora- The government, anticipating engineering companies are re- To his question as to what fallout affects humans of all new cost of living allowance because they are waiting for pendence, the reply was, "To-

Service and output are dis- reaper. How many of you are Court. According to this legis- Court will make the same were beasts of burden. We will tinctive. They do not have the tired of the fume-filled city? lation, the parties to the dis-award.

Women in the Liberation Army By CONSTANCE FARR upper-class Arab women were villages. Many have joined the ests of a tiny minority of fanmer army as nurses and even as tastically wealthy colons and

ment at hard labor in mid-March.

Joseph Kraft in the Jan. 18 garded with contempt.

cant reform the nationalists unable to keep household ac- fighters. have attempted is emancipation counts, nurse sick children, or of the whole movement," writes their ignorance, they were re- in the village crowded around

as purdah. Even middle and left in virtual charge of the we not fighters?"

Ceylon Strikers Make Gains; Defy New Restrictive Law

COLOMBO, CEYLON, March 18 — The wave of dren. They were addressed by a sides during the difficult period strikes initiated by the Ceylon Federation of Labor in tary to the political officer for ing as an umpire, meeting the but how to abolish it. And in the private sector of Ceylon's economy is just coming to the district. Kraft describes her Arabs when that is necessary this they and they alone strugtrolled by the Lanka Sama Samaja Party (Trotskyist), biggest working-class party in the lockoute both decision of the Industrial Court and avoid all strikes or lockoute both decision.

guided by their line of support

about two months ago. Under red to an Industrial Court, pressure of the rising cost of ADVISE STRIKE living, government workers, led

Sama Samaja Party negotiated the country,

ports that up to the outbreak Hardly any still wore the veil. ers? We cook for the soldiers, Any other method, if it is to Algeria to crush the revolution of the war for independence, With most of the men away we wash, we clean, we mend; have some chance of founding could do this and at the same Arab women were still kept in in prison, in the Liberation also we make uniforms, deliver a durable future for France, time be an "umpire" between seclusion from the world known Army or in France-they were the mail and stand guard. Are will automatically lead to a Algerians and colons. The les-

lockouts both during and after the court proceedings. Criticism HOLD FAST FOR FREEDOM vere blow to the Government's of the award, too, is illegal. The opposition to the Ban- began, "but must hold fast for new anti-working class indus- daranaike government in Par- freedom and to be respected in

liament, led by the LSSP, ex- the world. We have good morale posed this legislation—as an and unity. The enemy will anti-working class measure. In break his head on our unity. their criticism they were sup- Justice and victory will go to their unions to adhere to the ported by the three Communist men of good will. It is true too, but after the enactment men are in prison. Our women The wave of strikes in the the Stalinists advised their and children are alone. But we private sector followed that in unions to agree to having their must sacrifice everything for the state-owned sector of the dispute over the 17.50-rupee liberty. We must keep abreast economy which came to an end cost-of-living allowance refer- of our brothers. We must do

by the railway workers, struck ation, on the other hand, ad- our duty today, tomorrow we ditional, conventional or orth- for a readjustment of their vised all their affiliated unions will be free." odox, but who would refute it? | wage scales. The strike para- to resort to strike action on this When the girl had finished

around \$47 1/2 billion — towards government's immediate in- shop and office employes, hotel trees. building up the country and crease of the workers' special and gas workers. All these the world. We want to live, eat cost-of-living allowance by 17.50 strikes, except the engineering they were so sure they were rears. The management of the fight for the price of tomatoes." tions. Remember that nuclear a demand for extending the luctant to settle on these terms they hoped to gain from indewon by the government work- the Industrial Court to award morrow, with independence, we R. H. ers to the private sector, passed a lesser sum. It is hoped, how- will be able to instruct our-P.S. It won't take too much legislation empowering it to re- ever, that if the strike-bound selves. There will be women to regear from cannon and fer any industrial dispute at firms can be forced to grant policemen and postmen." Anrocket to farm tractor and any stage to an Industrial the 17.50 rupees, the Industrial other answered, "Before, we

and asked to be included. 'MODIFY FORMS'

meeting of Chinese women des- ful. . . . cribed by Jack Belden in China broideries. A few carried chil- order on the extremists on both 17-year-old Arab girl, the secre- of change? If so, it will be act- serve French rule in Algeria, as looking like a Pocahontas and opposing fellow French-"She spoke in short, fiery, hortatory sentences . . . Her theme was courage."

"We must not be afraid," she everything we can to fight for our country. It is the way to The LSSP-led Ceylon Feder- raise our women up. If we do

Joseph Manlet lyzed island-wide rail transport issue. In this wave, the princi- speaking, the women flocked in particular. The Trotskyist pal strike was that of the oil around her asking questions. leadership of these strikes was workers at Shell, Standard- She translated the instructions widely recognized and Comrade Vacuum and Caltex. It nearly on a can of condensed milk er: Daniel Roberts, SWP Can- former candidate for U. S. N. M. Perera of the Lanka paralyzed the road transport of from French to Arabic. Once, she consulted with the political Others involved in the strikes officer and then told a question-

Kraft asked the women why

"We fight for principles," one never return to that."

Calendar of Events

man, editor, Southern Newslet- Place, ter. 306 E. 43rd St., 2nd Floor. Admission free.

NEW YORK

April 5, 8 P.M. "U.S. Ausp.: Militant Labor Forum. Contrib. 50 cents.

Patrick Hehir, Transport Party.

Workers Union militant witch-Washington Park Free Speech hunted out of his job, will tell Forum. Sunday, April 6, 3 to his story, Friday, April 11, 8 6 P.M. "A White Southerner P.M. Contribution 50¢. Free to Looks at Civil Rights for Ne- unemployed. Ausp.: Militant groes." Speaker: Eugene Feld- Labor Forum. 116 University

MINNEAPOLIS Socialist Action Rally

Present Prospects for United Socialist Political Action in Policy in North Africa." Speak- 1958" Speaker: Dorothy Schultz, didate for Senator from New Congress, 4th Dist. Discussion Jersey, 116 University Place. follows. Donation 50¢; unemployed free. 322 Hennepin, Hall No. 201, Saturday, April 5, 8 P.M. Ausp.: Socialist Workers

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India Celebrates Paul Robeson's 60th Birthday

To the chagrin of the Washington politicians and Big Business' kept press throughout the country, news comes from India of preparations of a nation-wide honoring of Paul Robeson on April 9, his sixtieth birthday.

This tribute to the great Negro artist and victim of the witch hunt, cannot be dismissed by America's reactionary propagandists as a "red-inspired" action because Prime Minister Nehru, his daughter, Mrs. Indira Ghandi, and "Indians prominent in the arts, science and government have lent their names" as sponsors of the event (Mar. 21 N.Y. Times.)

Nehru's letter to the celebration committee said in part: "This is an occasion which deserves celebration not only because Mr. Robeson is one of the greatest artists of our generation, but also because he has represented and suffered for a cause which should be dear to us all - the cause of human dignity. Celebration of his birthday is something more than a tribute to a great individual. It is also a tribute to that cause for which he has stood and suffered."

It is not only from India that the U.S. State Department will receive this direct slap in the face. We may be sure that in other countries similar preparations on Robeson's behalf are being made.

Robeson is a symbol for all the world

-and especially for the Afro-Asian world which has had its own bitter taste of white supremacism-of the struggle of the American Negro. One doesn't have to agree with him politically to recognize that he is a figure who, against all racist restrictions, prejudices and injustices, has achieved full stature as a man and artist. In him is seen a man who scorns contentment with mere personal success, who participates publicly in the fight for career and fortune. For who will deny prayer demonstration by thist the mainspring of Robeson's political city's Negro community against this pressure, the Christian that the mainspring of Robeson's political activity and his consequent persecution been scheduled for March 23 stead of the march, another proby the witch-hunters, who have made it almost impossible for him to appear as a prayer meeting in front of Poconcert artist in America and by refusal lice Headquarters. of a passport prevent him from appearing abroad, is his dogged devotion to the struggle for Negro equality?

The masses of India feel great soli- a motorcycle policeman. Bell Socialist Party-Social Democradarity with the Negro people of America. had fled the scene of a minor tic Federation, he owes his They feel contempt and hatred for U.S. traffic violation. It is charged election mainly to deals with imperialism's witch-hunters. So wide- that upon catching Bell the pospread and strong are these feelings that shot him in the back. Public closer accord than with those even the top leaders of India voice them. dissatisfaction with the police This is why Robeson's birthday has been whitewash of the killing forced seized upon as an opportunity for trum- the reluctant District Attorney peting them to the U.S. Such solidarity is to schedule an inquest. heartening and helpful to the Negro Bell in the back because the people and class-conscious workers of latter drew a knife. A white population is 2.734,000,000.

W. Side Romeo and Juliet

- By TRENT HUTTER -

An "American" boy loving a Puerto Rican girl amidst a juvenile gang war between "Americans" and Puerto Ricans on New York's West Side, a modern version of the Romeo-and-Juliet theme with the dance becoming the dramatic medium, a musical about "two young lovers destroyed by a violent world of prejudice" -these were the provocative ideas that director-choreographer Jerome Robbins, author Arthur Laurents, composer Leonard Bernstein and lyrics-writer Stephen Sondheim had to work with in putting together the Broadway show "West Side Story." The ideas, originally conceived by Mr. Robbins, the show's real star, were full of possibilities and dangers.

There is no reason why juvenile gangs and discrimination should not provide the subject matter for a serious play, half ballet, half spoken and sung. It is a bold project indeed, but there is nothing wrong with boldness in the arts if coupled with genius and sureness of taste. "West Side Story" is a hit on Broadway. That is not surprising: Juvenile crime is topical, and so is Leonard Bernstein who tries to be the glamor-boy of music. And Robbins dances are brilliant and imaginative; his staging is very good.

Yet the plot did not entirely satisfy me. Mr. Laurents is a competent craftsman but no genius. His outcry against discrimination is unequivocal, but I am under the impression that he does not know too much about Puerto Ricans. His "Puerto Ricans" remain somewhat abstract, with a few picturesque traits added. And why are most of these stage Puerto Ricans played by non-Puerto Ricans? There are quite a few talented Puerto Rican actors, actresses, singers

and dancers around, some of them desperately looking for work.

Psychologically, I have certain doubts about the scene where we see the lovers in bed immediately after the boy-friend has - unintentionally - killed the girl's brother. And there is an atrocious number in the second act, a mixture of low comedy and smart-alec lyrics, which, coming after this killing, completely shatters any unity of style and mood.

Shakespeare knew how to fit comic or tragi-comic interludes into his tragedies, intensifying mood and atmosphere by a kind of dramatic counterpoint. But Mr. Laurents is definitely no Shakespeare. Nor is he an Oscar Hammerstein.

As for Mr. Bernstein's music, it certainly is far from being the worst I have rights was roused from its secretary, charged that the ban world's population living on tions during the discussion from net of 4% less in 1957 than in heard on Broadway; but, lively as it is, it isn't the best either. It does, however, succeed in evoking the candy-store juke boxes and in conveying the rhythm of the big city; and it also has some moments of greater sensitiveness.

Despite its shortcomings, the play quite truthfully depicts the role of teen- from an article on the Cleveage gangs formed to fight minorities that land Tafi-Hartley case by Sam are moving or have moved into their neighborhood, and of those gangs formed peared in the March 18 Labor's by the minorities primarily for self-de- Daily. - Ed.)

Moreover, the play does not attempt defendants found guilty in the to glorify the police. And although it may Cleveland Taft-Hartley "connot be perfect, it still represents a worth- spiracy" case have announced while experiment of the contemporary blanket sentence imposed by American theatre-a gripping dance- Federal Judge Paul C. Weick drama with a background of present-day tension and a hope of future brotherhood \$2,500 fine each. symbolized by the lovers, the tragic victims of a society that generates so much distrust and hatred.

Fringe Benefits

Fringe benefits for executives includes hideaway hunting lodges, yachts, private planes and railroad cars, jaunts to exotic watering places and spectacular soirees. I got the list from a recent article in the Wall Street Journal which explains that corporations consider expenditures of this kind necessary to aid executive morale and spur business.

Executive morale must be at a new low judging by the extraordinary measures that are required to prop it up. For example, a plywood firm spends \$10,000 a year on a quiet woodland retreat, just for running expenses. This covers well-stocked fishing and hunting preserves and plenty of free liquor.

The Florida ranch of a food manufacturer sounds even better. A typical breakfast menu -platters of fried eggs, pancakes, hominy grits, pork chops, country fried steaks, sausages, biscuits, ham and bacon-is enough to indicate that it promotes physical well being, but it's the hunting that makes the place so popular. Stocks of pheasants are released in such numbers that "birds come at you like a freight train and it's kind of like shooting fish in a barrel." Anyone who can hold a gun is sure to bag some game, and this gives dispirited executives a wonderful sense of achievement.

A Texas oil company supplies its chief executive with a Boeing Stratocruiser so that he can travel comfortably. It requires 2,000 gallons of expensive aviation fuel for a single filling of its tanks.

The Conrad Hilton Hotel rents suites for executive conferences at \$300 a day. For this you get a 2,000 square-foot living room, and a couple of bedrooms with color TV, satin sheets and cashmere blankets, which explains why it is possible to spend as much as \$9,000 on a three day conference. Entertainment comes even higher. "Oil men are big spenders," a hotel manager concedes, "but it takes bankers, particularly Eastern bankers, to throw a real shindig. A cocktail party costing \$8,000 to \$10,000 is about standard for them."

But the recession is affecting all areas of

U.S. economy and even the company expense budget, which covers so many items obviously BLANKET TRIAL vital to the promotion of new business, has begun to feel the pinch. A Southwestern manufacturer has ordered its traveling vice presi- non-Communists and Commu- for his acts, the question of dent to eat in hotel dining rooms instead of nists, a blanket finding of guilty whether the specific acts pertaking his breakfast in bed. A steel company and a blanket sentencing in the formed were actually authorizfamous for its parties for visiting oilmen has Cleveland case demonstrate the ed or subsequently ratified shall discontinued the customary raffle of pretty

Further hardship is caused by investiga- doctrine and law when applied Whereas in a prosecution for tions to the jury advised their both Democrats and Republi- posing the application of the tions of the Internal Revenue Service which to groups. This is particularly a crime the accused is charged to consider whether in the first cans before they find them- "conspiracy" doctrine to union check company expense deductions to deter- true for unions today. And the only with his own acts or con- instance there was a "conspir- selves enmeshed in the web of activity, the Detroit and Wayne mine whether they are for legitimate business unions are the most vulnerable duct, in a conspiracy case he is acy." They could consider all "conspiracy" woven for the County CIO Industrial Union costs, or just a form of tax-free compensation if associations, similarity of charged with the acts or con- the odds and ends of evidence unions. . . for executives. But I'm sure a visit to a hunting lodge or ranch would convince any doubt- are substituted for individual may have met. In the Cleveland, the defendants were enmeshed, convictions, the government ful official that these investments are valuable responsibility for individual case the prosecution's answer, even if it were uncorroborated achieved its step in introducing acy charges, because of their for building goodwill and maintaining happy action in a criminal or civil when asked by the defense for evidence or testimony given by the "conspiracy" doctrine into broad and undefinable charrelationships with customers.

In fact, living it up in one of these re- tion. treats sounds very attractive to me, and I Practically every court in- bluntly: "An act may be an in- found that a "conspiracy" ex- troversial labor figures and by Therefore be it resolved, that certainly don't think corporations should dis- junction applied to labor strikes, nocent or insignificant act, but isted they must determine the linking them to an unpopular the Wayne County CIO Council continue this kind of luxury spending. On picketing, etc., implies a "con- if done in furtherance of the individual guilt or innocence of political grouping, it has es- go on record as condemning the the contrary, I have been suddenly inspired spiracy" aspect in union ac- conspiracy such act becomes an the defendants in relation to tablished legal precedents which extension of the undemocratic with an idea for the more extensive use of tivities. Contained in the Taft- overt act. . . corporation yachts, Stratocruisers, ranches, Hartley law is the following in- To hear the prosecution's Philip Murray, late leader of labor activity can be applied into new and even more danlodges and executive suites.

If executive morale is so shaky, the morale of unemployed workers, which is being subjected to even greater strain, must need bolstering, too. President Eisenhower has said on numerous occasions that the most important thing we can all do to aid recovery is to maintain a cheerful and optimistic attitude, and I know that business executives want to do everything they can to aid recovery.

I think they can make a real contribution by opening up all of these luxurious facilities to the unemployed. After five days of job hunting, a worker could go cruising in a yacht, or step on a plane and spend the weekend in Florida. The food, rest and entertainment would certainly put him in a better frame of mind for looking through help wanted ads, hanging around employment agencies and tramping the streets.

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Police Brutality Angers Negroes in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, March 21 - Pressure, threats and string-pulling had to be employed by the administration equality although this jeopardizes his of Mayor Frank P. Zeidler to prevent a mass parade and

police brutality. The parade had Civic League had to retreat. In-

Anger with police brutality liceman, without provocation,

witness to the killing, put on the stand at the insistence of the stand at the insistence of the dead man's family, testified **Post** that there was no knife in the victim's hands. Nonetheless the all-white jury refused to in-

A citizens committee was spontaneously formed, and from a protest meeting emerged the Christian Civil League with initiated by the Post Office De- Office."

Negroes. Policemen visited Nelowed, an investigation of Rev. of finding material for a smear. as the professional Uncle Toms tons by postal workers. were mobilized to speak against the protest movement. The C. Eustace, President of the Mayor's commission on human union, and Thomas H. Monroe, slumber to oppose it. In face of on union buttons was "just fur- 7% of the world's land area,

Zeidler is described in many newspapers as a "socialist" reached the boiling point on mayor. This is an erroneous or Feb. 2 with the killing of Dan- bogus description. While he is iel Bell, 22-year-old Negro, by a luminary of the right-wing the Democratic Party machine with whose politics he is in of actual socialism

> A NEAR MAJORITY China and India have a combined population of over one billion. The estimated world



David Dubinsky, Pres. of Int'l Ladies Garment Workers Union addressing recent mass strike rally at New York's Madison Square Garden. Walkout of the 105,000 dressmakers was most complete in union's history and secured tangible gains.

Dismisses

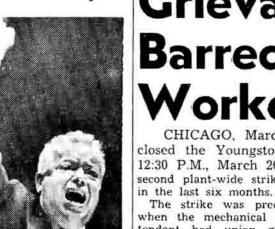
SAN FRANCISCO, March 19 ther intimidation of union offi-"radicalism," leading advocates better working conditions last ards." of the protest march were fol- November 17. Then to make sure that no postal worker mis-

prevent a protest by Milwaukee Workers Union were fired for Office wants employes with gro ministers warning against stration for higher wages and periors and not the shop stew-The two fired men have the

assistance of the American Civ-Lathan was made in the hope understood that new and tough- il Liberties Union in their er regulations meant business fight to regain their jobs. Ern-Negro political appointees and the Post Office Department ban- est Besig, Northern California others tied to city hall as well ned the wearing of union but- Director is in charge of the USW leadership stand up to the

U. S. STATISTICS

Union Chief



Grievance Man Barred; 10,000 Workers Strike

CHICAGO, March 23-Ten thousand steel workers closed the Youngstown plant at Indiana Harbor from 12:30 P.M., March 20, to 4 P.M. yesterday. This is the second plant-wide strike with-+

when the mechanical superin- ejected union griever to his job. tendent had union grievance man Bernard White ejected from the plant by two company does not live up to the conguards while he was in process tract," said the strikers. of bargaining a grievance. The grievance involved the downgrading of an employe.

When the workers in the Electrical Department saw their ship insisting the strike must union griever being ejected, end before griever White was they walked out. They were reinstated. followed by the men in the Mechanical and Blacksmith de- (1) the union must obey the partments - some 300 in all.

union hall they picketed all five pany is right in contending that gates of the Youngstown plant. The outgoing day shift and the incoming second and third shifts joined the line. The plant addition the officials told the was shut down solid.

NO HELP FROM GERMANO

But the workers got no help from the Germano district lead-The campaign of intimidation cers still employed by the Post United Steel Workers of America, and they didn't like it one Rev. R. L. Lathan as president. partment two months ago The order to leave union but- bit. On the picket line they It issued the call for the parade. against postal workers was step- tons at home came from Reg- stated their opinion that Fore-The Zeidler administration for ped up here yesterday. The two ional Postal Director C. Verne man Holt and Superintendent six weeks did its utmost to top officers of the United Postal Scoggins who said: "The Post Theis had the gall to eject leading a "picket" line demon- grievances to consult their su- leadership had become so soft White only because the union with management that they thought they could get away with it.

On the picket line and at yesterday's jam-packed union meeting, the rank-and-file spokesmen demanded that the company and police the con-

The vote to return to work The U. S. has 6% of the was prefaced by many asser-

would closely watch forthcom-The strike was precipitated ing negotiations to return the "This is not the last strike at Youngstown if the company

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The Germano leadership had prepared the "return-to-work" meeting with utmost care. Then they went before the member-

The reasons they gave were contract even while the com-After a brief meeting at the pany violates it; (2) the comthere can be no negotiations while the workers are on strike; (3) the Taft-Hartley law. In ranks they must have confidence in their leadership.

The strike itself is best testimony that the local's confidence in the Germano leadership has about reached the bottom of the barrel.

The strike means that the day is not far off when the rankand-file will present an ultimatum to the do-nothing union officers. The membership is beginning to say: "Do the job you were elected to do or get out of our way. And to show that we mean to protect our union conditions, we are gathering together to select from among us a leadership that will put the interests of the workers before those of the steel

INCOME DWINDLES

American farmers earned a

'Conspiracy' Verdict Endangers Unions

(The following are excerpts Pollock, President, Meatcutters Local 427 in Cleveland. It ap-

CLEVELAND - The seven - 18 months in prison and a

Should the appeal fail, the abor movement will be confronted with the most serious erosion of basic union rights since 1840, when it won its first major court decision in the Massachusetts Supreme Court that unions as such do not constitute a conspiracy. Prior to 1840, associations of workers or unions were viewed by the courts as "conspiracies."

blanket trial for all defendants, such other person responsible dangers to civil rights and lib- not be controlling."

known or understood by labor: was only the Communist Party in his grave at the obvious dis- unions and unionists.



ERIC REINTHALER, prominent Cleveland unionist, is one of seven persons convicted in T-H "conspiracy" trial.

"In determining whether any person is acting as an 'agent' of A blanket indictment, a another person so as to make

erties inherent in the conspiracy GUILTY OF INNOCENT ACT

teresting language, not too well version of what happened, it the CIO, must have turned over against the more "respectable" gerous areas as evidenced by

ganizing campaigns.

these positions, the positions tion to the act. were evil and carried within DEMOS, GOP, LOOK OUT! them the kernel of conspiracy To heighten the irony of the which was charged against the Cleveland "conspiracy" case is defendants. When this type of the position of the Democratic reasoning was compounded with Party for repeal of the Taftthe admitting of uncorroborated Hartley Law, and the position evidence, hearsay, coincidental of the Republican Party for union policies see in the Cleveor unrelated acts, guilt through amending the act to make it land Taft-Hartley convictions associations - evidence inad- "fair and just" - with the the broadening of the scope of missible in ordinary criminal Eisenhower Administration now proceedings but permitted in proposing, among other things, The labor movement, they feel, fendants' position was fore- 9(h). With the infinite varia- ous development. doomed.

'CONSPIRACY' WEB

ideas and coincidental actions duct of others whom he never as part of a web in which all In winning | the Cleveland | proceeding charging law viola- a listing of all overt acts charg- paid informers. He also in- the Taft-Hartley Law. By the acter, have always been used to ed to the defendants, stated structed the jury that if they selection, in this case, of con- undermine and subvert unions; this conspiracy.

zation taking those positions. Section 9(h) | which provides Cleveland "conspiracy" charges. They were also impatient with for the "non-Communist" oath]. the defense position that in fact It so stated in the 1954 hearings in labor circles with the threat it was the unions that first op- before the Senate Committee to unions implicit and apparent posed the law and then decided on Labor and Public Welfare in the Cleveland Taft-Hartley to comply only because non- on proposed revisions to the case. When viewed in the light compliance had serious disad- (Taft-Hartley) Labor-Manage- of the Eisenhower Administracantages for the success of or- ment Relations Act of 1947, tion proposal to eliminate Secwhen a parade of union of- tion 9(h) from the Taft-Hartley The jury got the picture that ficials affirmed the labor move- Law, and when Communist since the Communist Party took ment's uncompromising opposi- Party influence is at an all-

'conspiracy" charges - the de- the outright repeal of Section must be alerted to this insiditions through which the con- WAYNE CO. CIO COUNCIL spiracy doctrine can be applied, Judge Weick in his instruc- care had better be exercised by unions already on record as op-

had originally opposed tortion in this trial of union | That the government intends Taft-Hartley and then later history and the accrediting to to extend the scope of the "concame to the opinion that it should be complied with. Both stand taken by virtually every with Taft-Hartley is no longer the prosecution and the court international union, whether speculation. Today, in a civil were very impatient with sug- AFL, CIO or independent. . . . suit, the National Labor Relagestions by the defense that the The labor movement . . . has tions Board is moving against Communist Party should not be not altered its original stand of the Sheet Metal Workers Union, given credit as the only organi- opposition to Taft-Hartley and using concepts identical to the

There is a growing concern time low, the purposes of the government prosecution in the Cleveland trial take on an omi-

nous aspect. Many unions that sharply disagree with the Communist Party and oppose its trade the antilabor Taft-Hartley Law

Joining the many other

Council stated recently in a sharply worded resolution: "Whereas historically conspirin the next stage of the anti- and antilabor Taft-Hartley Law the Cleveland trial."

LOS ANGELES

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APRIL 12-SATURDAY-7 P.M.-\$10 PER PERSON-PARK MANOR, 607 SO. WESTERN AVE., L.A. PROCRAM GUESTS: Rev. Erwin A. Gaede, Westwood Unitarian Society; Prof. Malcolm P. Sharp, Univ. of Chicago Law School and Mrs. Morton Sobell
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