## Get Out of Asia! That Would Be a Real Cease-Fire

An Editorial

What will a cease-fire in Korea bring? Will it be only the

and old people. We know that renewed war in Asia would also probably mean World War, and that means atomic war.

How can the war in Asia really be brought to a close, a permanent close? Only by the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea, and for that matter, from all of Asia.

It is absolutely impossible that a permanent peace will come to Asia as long as there are foreign troops, or naval forces maintained struck the plant last Thursday there. When we look at Asia today, the most striking and un- morning in protest against the deniable fact that meets the eye is the determination of the Asian people to be rid of all foreign oppressors, occupiers and exploiters. If you read the roll of Asia, from India to China, through the nations of Southeast Asia such as Burma, Malaya, Indo-China and Indonesia, out to "our own" Phillipines, and then on up to Korea, you will find quotas provoked the strike action. that the peoples of these nations have expressed a universal The department walked out imdetermination to clean out the gangs that have ridden their backs for so long. They have expressed that determination with arms in hand, and with their lives staked upon the outcome.

They will never make peace with foreign imperialism, and they are right. In their places, we would act the same way, and did act that way in 1776. If their leaders betray them to foreign imperialism, they will dump these leaders and get others. This too has been clearly shown by the events of the past ten years. Washington is the strike. The leaflet called trying with might and main to teach Mao-Tse-tung to act like attention to the "intimidation of Chiang-Kai-shek used to and crawl on his belly to imperialism. Dodge workers" and to the fact And Washington may succeed in doing this. But if this does happen, the Chinese people will find other leaders, and the same thing will happen to Mao as happened to Chiang.

There is no basis for a permanent cease-fire other than the withdrawal of all U.S. troops, battleships, airplanes from Korea, and from all of Asia. But Truman and the Pentagon warlords have made it quite plain that they have no such intentions, and that they therefore don't intend permanent peace. They balk at withdrawing the troops even from Korea alone; they announce a war budget \$30 billions higher than the last, and they make it plain in the Dodge plant more than 2,000 every word and deed that they mean to "stay in" Asia. This may be workers stand to lose their jobs." what Big Business needs, but it is suicide for the American people.

The American people have made it clear, in polls, letters and actions, what kind of a foreign policy they want. They want the troops withdrawn from Korea and fair recognition of the existing membership for action against governments in Asia including the New China. Short of this foreign policy, we do not have any chance for peace. A real cease-fire must include these conditions as the only safeguards against a renewed

## **AMERICAN TROOPS IN KOREA** WANT TO COME HOME AT ONCE

ican troops in Korea want to go Army will move to Japan and

This is made clear is an Associated Press dispatch from treaty is in the works with Japan Kaesong, July 22.

the dispatch states, "using a parody on the 'Prisoners Song' Korean war the American troops that goes like this:

"Now if I had ten thousand

But the reporter continues. "Peace in Korea will not mean no means given up its plan to that Johnny will be marching dominate Asia, to suppress and home right away. Even after destroy the independence of the withdrawal from Korea, the Asian peoples.

Above everything else, Amer- | chances are that the U.S. Eighth Okinawa. The latter is being developed as a U.S. base and a on stationing American troops in "American soldiers in Korea," Japan after the occupation ends."

Since the beginning of the have told reporters that they did not know why they were there, "I'd go to the general and say: selves and the overwhelming ma-I'm leaving Korea tomorrow, jority of the American people "Because no boats are leaving have wanted to bring the troops home and end the war.

But U.S. imperialism has by

"Bartell's personal record, and

## **Gladys Barker Endorses Socialist** Candidate to Head N. Y. City Council

NEW YORK, July 25 - An ap- of John Derrick in Harlem and peal to the people of Harlem to Henry Fields in Brownsville by lend their support to the drive to trigger-happy, Negro-hating cops, secure the petitions necessary to who walk their beats unpunished nominate Michael Bartell, So- to this day, demonstrate the crycialist Workers Party candidate ing need to elect a champion of for President of the City Council, Negro rights as the next Presiwas issued today Gladys Barker. dent of the City Council." Miss Barker is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Lenox - Fifth that of his party," the statement Ave. Tenants League. In 1950 she concluded, "as militant and efran for Lt. Governor on the So- fective opponents of jim crow cialist Workers Party ticket. clearly point him out as the only

In a statement issued today, candidate worthy of the support Miss Barker declared, "The Negro of the Negro people. Every people of this city have a vital signature on his petition is a stake in the outcome of the elec- blow against police brutality." tion of the President of the City | In order to win a place on the Council. The issue of police ballot Bartell must file a nominatbrutality in this city will be a ing petition signed by 7,500 major one in the coming cam- qualified voters. His campaign paign. For the Negro people it is committee has announced its inliterally a life and death ques- tention to secure at least 12,000 tion. The cold blooded murders such signatures.



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# Speedup Drive

DETROIT, July 23 — 12,000 workers in the Dodge main plant of the Chrysler corporation speed-up drive of the company.

Disciplinary measures taken against workers in the trim shop for failure to meet company mediately in response to the disciplinary action, and the company then shut down the plant. The next morning Dodge work-

ers were greeted by a picket line and a leaflet issued by Dodge Local 3 Executive Board calling that "workers have been ordered to get 25 percent to 50 percent more production or go home."

Pointing out that "a number of workers have been sent home" the Board leaflet stated "this situation can be tolerated no longer." The statement continued, "If speed-up is not controlled in

This firm stand by the Local 3 Executive Board came in response to increasing demands from the the speed-up. The company drive had been stepped up as production cutbacks and layoffs offered the corporations an opportunity to starve the workers into submission. As the speed-up drive developed in department after department, plant after plant, and corporation after corporation, the anger of the workers has mounted.

Hudson wokers have averaged less than 10 hours per week for the past six weeks.

Norman Matthews. Regional Director of the UAW-CIO and head of the union's Chrysler department, charged that the corporations were misusing the recent 4 percent per hour annual improvement factor wage increase and that they did not believe in as an excuse for increasing send arms to the butcher of the they saw, during the recent rapacity of Franco's administrative implied that Negroes are on the war. Both the soldiers them- production demands upon the d strike action should this policy

But this threat was not carried return to their jobs.

But the Dodge workers, who ecently witnessed the discharge fidence in this method of meeting the speed-up problem. They feel action is necessary.

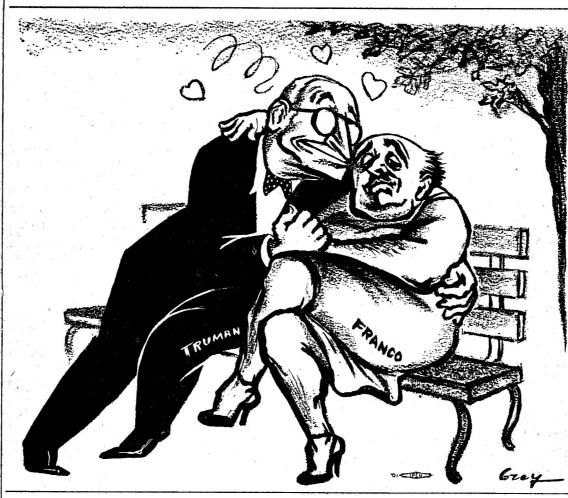
DeSoto workers also walked out workers. They are to take a strike vote this week to force reinstatement of the disciplined members and to end the speed-up drive.

A recent conference of Chrysler Local union representatives called for corporation - wide strike action. They seconded the call of Ford Local 600 for an emergency conference of the UAW-CIO to map an all-out fight against

labor news.)

of the Nation says:

# prelude to another "open-fire?" Or will it bring permanent peace to Asia? As cease-fire arrangements enter their final stages in Korea, these questions become more pressing. All of us have a vital interest in the answer to them. We know that renewed war in Asia will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of will be at the Means New Tax Boost



## U.S. Woos Franco Spain With Arms, Bases Pact

By Fred Hart

workers. He threatened authoriz- ficers for his army, while the U.S. who sympathized with the strik- "El Pardo" palace began to into his home and found a "rap- an inflationary boom because Navy and Air Force Spanish bases.

through. At a mass meeting of Spanish officers in this country striking Dodge workers, Interna- has been disclosed in the New tional union representatives York Times of July 23. And, ac-chance to save its regime. How revolution anywhere in Europe branded the strike as unauthoriz- cording to the N. Y. Herald stupid! Who would fight the or Asia. American capitalism ed, and ordered the workers to Tribune of July 24, Generalissimo Russians in order to defend prefers Franco's capitalist totali-Franco told a group of seven American senators he would "put of three stewards during a fight and be willing to use it outside on working conditions, lack con- of Spain if the United States equipment."

alike try to justify an alliance as the company disciplined 22 with the totalitarian fascist dictator by the alleged military necessity of using his army and bases in the defense against "2,000,000" men are as big a bluff "Russian totalitarianism." It is, however, difficult for those who repeatedly declare that they oppose both communism and fascism II? to excuse this alliance.

MILITARY VALUE?

'Nation' Condemns Government's

**Purge of the Legless Veteran** 

ington Post and numerous other publications and organizations

in denouncing the government's purge of James Kutcher as an

attack on democratic rights. An editorial in the July 21 issue

Veterans Administration acted properly when it dismissed

James Kutcher in 1948 from the position of clerk in the

Newark, New Jersey, branch office. Kutcher, who lost both

legs in the battle of San Pietro in 1943, admitted membership

in the anti-Stalinist Socialist Workers Party. Apparently no

one in the Department of Justice entertained any serious

doubt as to Kutcher's personal loyalty or thought that he

might take advantage of his position to injure the United

States, but since he admitted that 'force and violence" might

have to be used to overcome 'a minority of capitalists' in order

to usher in the socialist regime in which he believes, he has

been denied employment and branded as 'disloyal.' As the

Washington Post has pointed out, the process by which Kutcher

has been ousted from his job 'seems to have about as much

relation to reality as the voodoo rites which primitive tribes

devised to ward off evil spirits. And it entails, besides, an

immeasurable corruption of cherished American institutions."

The Nation, liberal weekly magazine, has joined the Wash-

"Federal Judge Edward M. Curran has ruled that the

The American imperialists have (See page 4 for additional Detroit Africa. Do they really need bases in Spain too? What is the real

Washington is negotiating a equipped army? Several military decided upon shortly after the military agreement with the specialists have pointed out that Spanish people started to move Franco Government: It is report morale in the dictator's army is against the Falangist fascist ed that the United States will very low. Eye-witnesses report tyranny and the corruption and Spanish workers and train of strikes, many Spanish soldiers tion - when the dictator in his the prowl, and that if he came March 1951: "The Franco gang ish workers? sees in a world war the only Franco?'

Of the 6000 miles of Spanish

want an agreement with so doubtful a military power whose

Is it a mere coincidence that

military value of Franco's ill-negotiations with Franco were ers. Even among the officers there tremble as news of a big strike ist," he "would call the undertakexists no enthusiasm for any war wave proved to the world the er, not the police." outside Spain. One officer said in indomitable courage of the Span-Wall Street does not want a

tarianism to a socialist Spain.

This is one of the main reasons a 2,000,000 man army in the field railroads, only 600 are fit for why they now openly try to military traffic. For transporta- strengthen the rotten Franco tion, the Spanish army relies on regime despite protests from would provide arms and heavy horses and mules to a large Britain and France. Their aim is extent, although the Madrid gov- to preserve Spain as a bulwark the Holland Mills Restaurant, Democrats and Republicans ernment spends 60% of its budget of conservatism by arming Franco 1075 S. Main St., when she asked on the armed forces and police. and by the threatening presence for service last week. Why then does Washington of American warships and planes.

CONDITIONS IN SPAIN

No legal opposition is possible as Mussolini's non-existent "8,- in Spain. No party is tolerated chasing activities to industrial 000,000 bayonets" that so im- except the fascist Falange. There plants in Akron. Akron workers pressed Hitler before World War are no free unions. There exists would do well to beware of this

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## Labor Conference Is Needed To Protect Living Standards

The big push against the standard of living of the working people of this country has only begun. The tax steal and the rent gouge, runaway prices and the wage freeze will all take a heavy toll:

This is clearly shown in the plans outlined in Truman's midyear economic report to Congress

In this message Truman announced a \$30 billion increase in

## **Akron Preacher** Tries to Whip Up **AntiNegro Feeling**

By Lou Cooper AKRON, July 18 - Attacking the desire of Akron Negroes for equality, Baptist preacher Billington spoke to an all-white congregation last week on the "controversial Negro question." "We will never allow them on this hill" (where the "Temple" is lo-

cated), boasted Billington. "Put the different races together and you have bloodshed," he said. What a slanderous lie this is to the rubber workers of Akron, who work in harmony in the plants.

Attacking the NAACP for "defending the rights of Negroes in court," Billington echoed the recent editorial of the Akron Beacon Journal for sterner judicial punishment for "Negroes committing crimes against Negroes."

Announcing that he had invited a "small group of intelligent Negroes into the balcony," Billington told them "that in heaven we would all be one race" (he didn't say which race), but on earth we must be segregated.

The Negro people of Akron seek an end to jim crow, such as in the case of Helen Fikes of 278 Otis St., who was ousted from Actually, although he does not

dare say so to his predominantly rubber unionist audience, Billington would like to develop his race no genuine religious freedom, for enemy of labor unity and Negro the 13 - man committee members social and political rights.

of workers' incomes in the coming | military expenditures by the middle of 1952.

BIG WAR PRODUCTION

While Korean cease-fire negotiations raise the people's hopes for peace, Truman outlined a steppedup war preparation plan, which would triple plane production and quadruple tank production.

These tremendous increases in war production are only "interim goals," Truman said. "These goals may need to be raised."

These plans would bring the total annual war output to \$65

Who will pay for this program? The same people who have been paying for the war up to now the low income working men and women.

Included in Truman's proposals s a \$10 billion increase in income taxes. Plans are already under way to put the heaviest burden of this tax hike on the low income section of the population. The United Automobile Worker

(July issue) states the American people are in for: 1. Price increases of 320 dollars a year for a family of four: 2. Rent increases of 20 per

cent over 1947: 3. No effective control over prices of beef and other meats. because of the prohibition against

OPC slaughtering quotas. . . ; 4. Depressions and soft spots of unemployment in the midst of consumers will be priced out of the market.

The auto workers' paper called attention to an editorial in Life magazine arguing that only "an honest universal sales tax" can provide the \$90 billion in federal revenue needed for the coming

year. On top of all this, the wage freeze will continue, to make sure that the workers will not be able to compensate themselves for higher prices, the tax and rent

INSULT TO CIO

The CIO and AFL have been lobbying for a more equitable tax, price and wage program. But. the CIO News reported July 23, that when their representatives went to speak before the Senate Finance Committee, only three of

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## The American imperialists have already obtained bases in Britain, France, Germany, Italy and North Africa. Do they really need bases | Wetbacks' Used As Slave Labor

By Murry Weiss

migratory agricultural labor in Southwest United States.

But Truman admitted, in his message to Congress the next day, that this Bill "hardly touches our basic farm labor problems." Moreover, "this Act "scarcely faces" the "really crucial point," the socalled "wetback" problem (Mexican workers transported illegally across the Rio Grande river by rich farmers in collusion with feudal border patrols in order to mass large supplies of "cheap labor").

LEGALIZES MISERY

The truth of the matter is much worse than Truman pretends; the Bill he signed virtually legalizes system operates openly with the Centro, Cal., to get help in collectmisery and exploitation for mil-cooperation of local, state and ing \$47 he said a near-by farmer lions of workers so horrible they federal agencies in the South. It owed him for ten days of carrothave been characterized by con- is tied in with Draft Boards and bundling. . . Last fall he had servative sociologists as "slavery Social Security offices which taken more than a month's Mexiand peonage." The Bill deals with issue fake registration cards. can wages to buy a train ticket and additional thousands from

labor with Mexico. But the real | tice and are great friends of the | miles south of the border. He had capitalists dream about - an lion were deported. oversupply of labor without union organization.

This is the situation that is shocking the conscience of the whole country; American capitalism's version of slave labor camps with a few diabolical twists added by the perverted racistlynchers who own the huge and labor, but it is admitted that this profitable "factory" farms of Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and California.

Every year, according to official eports, over 1,000,000 povertystricken Mexican workers and promise of high wages. This

On July 12, Truman signed a problem is the "unofficial" re- ranchers. After the crop picking walked across the line in the Dixiecrat - Republican sponsored cruitment of an enormous number season is over many of these desert and worked intermittently Bill, S. 984, which is supposed to of workers across the border in workers are deported back to relieve the appalling conditions of order to create the situation all Mexico. Last year one half mil- six months since. In his pocket

CHEAP LABOR

The total result of the "wetback" system is as follows: An enormous supply of cheap

labor is secured by the rich farmrs. Official estimates place wages et 25c. an hour for "wetback" comes to much less after "deductions" of every kind - for meals, special assessments, charges for powerful weapon against the 3,binding wire for vegetables etc.

Gladwin Hill, New York Times Moreno who had come into El the problem of "legal" traffic in Border patrols wink at the prac- from Santiago, Guanajuato, 800

in cotton and vegetables in the he had 20 cents."

HUGE PROFITS

No wonder then that a recent statistical study showed that the valley farmers had raked in a minimum extra profit of \$5,000,-000 due to these illegal wages.

By importing this mass of cheap labor, the Southern farmers create an additional advantage for themselves. They acquire a 000,000 Mexican-Americans who live in the Southwest. The long feature writer reported last struggle of the Mexican-Amerifarmers are deliberately lured spring: "A few days ago I talked cans for economic, political and across the border by the cruel with a 'wetback' named Felix social equality is undermined and opportunities for whipping up prejudice increase.

The artificially created "oversupply" of labor operates like a chain reaction throughout a vast region. Every year 10,000 Texans

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## Notebook of an Agitator

### THE ART OF LYING

and developed it into a philosophy and a way of life. In that curious better, suppose some group wants to form a separate party and lingo of Stalinism, by which they communicate among themselves put up its own slate of candidates. How do they go about it? and with others who are properly conditioned, this philosophy and way of life goes by the name of "ideology." The Stalinists have since 1917, and still am. I have comrades in the Soviet Union who discovered that the human brain is a delicately sensitive organ, easily are formed into an opposition party - the Russian Section of the affected for good or ill, depending on what hits it first and hardest, and susceptible to befuddlement as well as to enlightenment. The brain may be knocked into malfunctioning by blows of a club; and virtually the same effect can sometimes be achieved by the steady form of their long heroic struggle. But these honest revolutionists bombardment of propaganda disguised as instruction or indoctrination. The Stalinists know this and work at it.

The main feature of the business is the recourse to assertions and pronouncements which, like the revelations from the papal throne of the Catholic Church, are not subject to doubt or investigation. The believers are supposed to take the stuff as it is dished out without examination, inquiry or demands for proof.

A Stalinist operator, skilled and practiced in this indoctrination technique, is Betty Gannett, who delivered the report on "Ideological Tasks" at the Fifteenth National Convention of the Communist Party, U.S.A. - the proceedings of which, insofar as they relate to the theme of peace, are now under review on another page. She laid down the line on what it was necessary for the faithful to believe and repeat on other matters also. And like all other reporters to the Fifteenth Convention - or any other Stalinist convention, for that matter - her pronouncements were unanimously approved by the assembled delegates. That's what they were

### WHERE IS SOVIET DEMOCRACY?

One of the things the delegates were instructed by the reporter to believe and propagate to the multitude was that democracy is growing and flourishing in the Soviet Union, crowding out everything else, it seems, like crab grass in a lawn. Another instruction was the desirability and necessity of loving and admiring Stalin. There were other commands, but these two in particular leaped out of the report and hit me in the eye. Being a heathen and public sinner, however, with an inquiring mind and a fancy for evidence to support assertions, I am not bound to take her say-so. I want the privilege of asking questions and I want further information, which I suppose I will have to supply myself.

You may have heard whispers to the contrary, but Betty Gannett states categorically that Stalinist party members must believe in and explain "the profound and pervasive democracy in the Soviet Union; the participation of the ordinary man and woman in government; how elections are carried through; how local Soviets function - in order to give the lie to the charge of 'totalitarian-

Just a moment, please. Let's have some detailed amplification on this point. I am interested in democracy and profoundly believe ther believe that only by direct participation can the masses work out and solve the many and complex problems of the transition period after the proletarian revolution.

Just how is "the participation of the ordinary man and woman have the right of free speech, free press, and free assembly, the prerequesites of free democratic action? They do not. Betty Gannett knows, what everybody else knows by this time, that all the talking in the Soviet Union is done by the ruling bureaucrats; and that all the newspapers and other mediums of information and communication are controlled by them. She knows, also, that the only time the Russian workers ever get a chance to assemble is when they are called together to vote for resolutions and decisions made in advance and handed down by the same ruling bureaucrats. No, there is not a particle of free speech, free press or free assembly in the Soviet Union. Therefore there is no democracy, "pervasive" or otherwise. Everybody knows this, and anyone who says otherwise is a liar by the clock.

### THE FREE ELECTION MYTH

By Charles Hanley

ist Interpretation" By A. Leon.

Introduction by E. Germain,

Pioneer Publishers, 1950, 232 pp.,

Having briefly described the life

of A. Leon (in the June 25, 1951

about his book too: for it is a

new standard work of Marxist

historiography, a fine example of

The history of the Jews has

often been considered a unique

and miraculous phenomenon. Is it

their religion which holds them

together throughout the centuries,

shattered as they are all over

Why did Zionism, Jewish na-

tionalism, arise precisely at a

hecame weaker? And why did the

a mass return to Palestine?

a distinct minority.

MARX'S DISCOVERY

the Marxist historical method.

"The Jewish Question, a Marx-

ed on "how elections are carried through in the Soviet Union." That's a hot one. Just how are they carried through? The reporter their lies. didn't tell us that, so I'll tell her. Everybody has the right to vote for Stalin and the rest of the slate of bureaucrats selected in ad-

Militant) I wish to say something without an investigation of their

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siahs" those Jews who advocated makes this book so fascinating

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continue to be Jews, to be part of the Jews have lived.

attitudes of peoples, but only the

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discovered by Marx.

Jews," says Leon.

WORLD HISTORY

interests. This is a great truth

Therefore the peculiar history

of the Jews, the strangeness of

their fate and the problems it has

created, cannot be understood

social and economic function and

situation. "Only a study of the

economic role played by the Jews,

can contribute to elucidating the

causes for the 'miracle of the

Thus Leon is the first to replace

idealist improvisation by a scien-

old rabbis of former centuries ing Leon's book is like travelling slaves and downtrodden, was

not only for Jewish readers, but

The Stalinists didn't invent the art of lying, but they expanded | vance. But suppose someone wants to vote for another slate. Or

Fourth International. It is an honest and revolutionary party, profoundly devoted to the October Revolution and the defender of its heritage. Soviet democracy was one of the first planks in the platare all in prison; that is, those who have not been murdered for demanding some of this "pervasive democracy" which Betty Gannett speaks of with such cynical falsity in her report to the CP convention. All other groups who tried to speak out against the defamation and betrayal of the Revolution and the suppression of democracy suffered the same fate. The martyred victims of Stalin's profound and pervasive democracy" number millions in the Soviet

The convention reporter on "ideology" instructed the delegates to "give the lie to the charge of 'totalitarianism.'" She said, "analysis and data should be furnished" on this "pervasive democracy" and other subjects. But she neglected to furnish any of the data, or even to suggest what such material would look like and where it could be found. In case any of the delegates, and party members or sympathizers to whom they relayed the convention instructions, are interested in this specific information, there are two ways to discover it. One is to read the numerous volumes of former beneficiaries of everything "pervasive" in Stalin's domain who have escaped and live to tell the story; the other is to make a personal investigation.

### A WAY TO FIND OUT

If you doubt the unanimous testimony of all who have escaped from Stalin's torture chambers and forced labor camps, just take a trip to the Soviet Union and see for yourself. If you get in and look around and ask questions, I can guarantee you - on the basis of the experiences of thousands of others who went to the Soviet Union as devoted supporters of the regime, as it had been represented to them by all the Fosters, Gus Halls and Betty Gannetts - you will see all the democracy there is to see; all there is to see, that is, through the bars of prisons or over the gun towers of the forced labor camps, where at least ten to fifteen million work, suffer, starve and die without recourse, without any attention to their cries.

If by keeping your mouth shut and your eyes closed, you escape prisons and concentration camps and enjoy the life of a free worker in the Soviet Union as it is operated under Stalinism, you will get a good chance to find out through personal experience what is really going on there, You can't miss the ubiquitous police terror penetrating into every corner of the people's lives. You will carry a "work card" on which every tardiness or absence from work or in it as the mechanism by which the masses will organize the vic- any little dereliction, real or cooked up by the foreman, is noted, torious struggle for their own emancipation from capitalism. I fur- marking you for punishment and discrimination in any factory wherever you may work thereafter. You will learn about passports - not for foreign travel, for that is forbidden to Soviet citizens except bureaucrats on official business - but internal passports necessary for the individual worker merely to travel from one town in government" manifested in the Soviet Union today? Do they to another, one of the most hated regulations of the old Czarist regime. You will discover "trade unions" whose function is to speed up production, but which have nothing to do with negotiating wage scales and adjusting grievances.

I merely offer this suggestion that curious Stalinist party members and fellow travelers make a personal investigation of this 'pervasive democracy" which Betty Gannett demanded they should advertise far and wide. But I don't expect any of them to take up the suggestion. They purposely blind themselves to a lot of things, but deep down they know more than they pretend to. They prefer to talk up the glories of the Stalinist regime in the Soviet Union from a distance. The truth is becoming too well known for anybody in his right senses to take chances on investigating it at close range. The percentage of reckless adventurers who want to verify the facts of the situation by personal observation and experience is decreasing to the vanishing point. The curiosity about "democracy in the Soviet Union" is not as "pervasive" as it used to be, The report of Betty Gannett demanded that people be enlighten- It will take a lot of "ideological campaigns" to change that. You can score this as a victory for truth over Stalinist "ideologists" and

Next Week: The Importance of Loving Stalin.

book.

landed proprietors" who viewed

any mercantile activity with open

contempt, although they needed

Leon explains what modern

capitalism did to the Jews who

"represented a primitive capital-

ism (mercantile and usurious),"

and what created the differences

our readers will be curious to

where it might find shelter from

He also demolishes the lies o

traders and usurers.

ROLE OF ZIONISM

the causes of the development and about the changes and develop-lideology of the ruling class of

"Above all," Leon states, "the

Jews constitute historically a

social group with a specific eco-

nomic function. They are a class,

or more precisely, a people-class.

In reality, while Jewish history

is the history of the preservation

of Judaism, it is at the same time

the history of the assimilation of

large sections of Judaism. .

Wherever the Jews cease to con-

stitute a class, they lose, more or

less rapidly, their ethnical

religious and linguistic char-

acteristics; they become assi-

What were the Jews doing in They preserved their religion the tempests sweeping the modern

the societies of antiquity or the because it is a religion of mer- world." The formation of the tiny

Middle Ages? What changes oc- chants and "admirably expressed Jewish state in Palestine does not

curred when capitalism destroyed their social interests." They solve the Jewish question in the

feudalism and how did they affect resisted Catholicism throughout period of capitalist decay, Leon

milated."

traders.

tions had to be answered. Read- tianity at first the religion of the Zionist myths.

provide a satisfactory explana- scientifically as an isolated matter, the destruction of Jerusalem by hard hit by the mounting anti-

portance. But most of them still history of the countries in which Palestine, they were a people of to attain the Promised Land

time when the religious tradition the Jews? These and other quest the Middle Ages because "Christer explains, as he destroys the

in which the Jews exercised a through the social and economic rapidly transformed into an the racists and embraces all the

ments in human society.

## Kremlin Bureaucrats Worried By East European Labor Unrest

The Astra Works is a plant in manded too. Chemnitz, Saxony, which is own- This is only one of many such Frankfort printed in the July 23 regime. N: Y. Times.

Officials of the Stalinist Free German Trade Union appeared furious anti-Tito spech made in before the workers of this plant to demand that they accept a new | Deputy Premier Molotov. vage scales.

### OFFICIALS REPRIMANDED

Astra Works. Higher officials,



MOLOTOV

even ministers, have been repri-

ed by the Stalinist - dominated incidents reported from Germany East German government. It em- and other East European counploys over 1,000 workers, and tries during the month of July. defy Stalin, the masses of East there are behind the iron curtain. was the scene early this month The Times dispatch refers to six of a significant demonstration of other cities in East Germany chance for them to follow the of them to indicate that Moscow, the German workers' continuing alone where the workers are Yugoslav example and throw off like Washington, has internal resistance to Stalinist despotism, fighting back in whatever way their Stalinist oppressors. And problems that cannot be ignored according to a dispatch from they can against the Stalinist the Kremlin is evidently so and that can, under favorable

> probably the explanation, for the necessary to counteract some of well as the plans of the bureau-Warsaw, last week by Soviet

ment, Molotov pointedly assured The Astra workers shouted his listeners, top representatives them down. After the meeting a of the Polish and other East vote was taken and the contract European satellite regimes, that was rejected almost unanimously. the "Tito gang" in Yugoslavia would not last much longer.

Coming in the midst of the As a result, Police Councillor cease-fire negotiations in Korea Otto Weise was suspended, in and a renewed Kremlin campaign Chemnitz and expelled from the for "peaceful co-existence" and a Stalinist Socialist Unity Party for "Five Power peace pact," Molohis "passivity and failure" in toy's far from pacific remarks dealing with the events at the about Yugoslavia occasioned a lot of comment and speculation in

### NOTHING UNUSUAL

Actually, there is nothing extraordinary about this. Stalin's desire for peace with the imperialists does not imply peace with all his enemies. On the contrary, one of the fundamental propositions underlying his clamourous efforts for a deal labor movement to deplore the authorities were engaged in a with Washington is the under- continued frameup of the Trenton conspiracy to hide real evidence standing that both sides in the Two, and it is not enough to and manufacture fake evidence deal will work together in putting contribute some money toward for the purpose of sending six down opposition in their "spheres | their defense. Important as those | innocent men to their deaths as of influence."

regime has swung sharply to the create a mighty protest moveright, especially in foreign policy; ment, action to light some fires it surely has dissipated its under Governor Driscoll and the prestige among the revolutionary state government, action to conmasses of East Europe by giving vince the capitalist politicians of ammunition to the Kremlin's both parties that they will suffer propaganda that subservience to the consequences next election American imperialism is the only day unless they open the prison alternative to domination by the gates to free these two victims of Soviet bureaucracy.

regime in Yugoslavia remains a Tito will go unpunished. thorn in the flesh of the Kremlin. As long as Tito continues free to many Astra Works incidents Europe will feel there is still a But evidently there are enough worried by the signs of unrest in East Europe that it finds it conditions, upset the power as

In spite of that, the continued ganda" by publicly warning its existence of the anti-Stalinist satellites not to get the idea that

It is impossible to say how the effects of its "peace propa- cracy.

## contract calling for increased individual output with no change in celebration of the Polish govern Punishment Urged for Cops Who Framed Trenton Two

NEWARK, July 25 — Redoubled efforts to free the Trenton Two, Collis English and Ralph Cooper, were urged today by George Breitman, Socialist Workers Party candidate for the New Jersey Assembly?

from Essex County in the November elections.

state and country, and especially frameup. the labor movement, make it unmistakably clear that they are not going to tolerate this foul injustice any longer."

### PROTEST MONUMENT

That is why, Breitman declared, "it is not enough for the steps are, they are not enough. victims of a legal lynching. During the last year the Tito Also needed is action — action to Jim Crow frameup."

As an immediate step, the SWP candidate called on the "How much longer will English labor, Negro and liberal moveand Cooper rot in prison for a ments to demand an immediate crime they did not commit?" he probe of the Trenton Police Deasked. "Until the people of this partment which engineered the

> "The latest Trenton trial did two things," he continued. "It exploded the case of the Trenton police by acquitting four of the defendants on the same 'evidence' that was used to convict the other two. And it proved beyond any question that the Trenton

"That conspiracy is surely as criminal as the murder which the cops tried to pin on the Trenton Six, but it has gone unpunished. None of the politicians in this state, Republican or Democratic, has lifted a finger to punish this conspiracy by men in high places and in police uniforms.

"But it is to the interests of the labor movement to demand punitive action against these people who break the laws they are paid to uphold. Cops who can get away with frameups against Negroes today will try to frame striking workers tomorrow."

DEMANDS INVESTIGATION Breitman promised that, if elected to the State Legislature, map a fighting program, and lay a resolution demanding a speedy The causes underlying this war the foundations for a Labor investigation, trial and punishment of the perpetrators of the out in joint committee, covering rectly analyzed by liberal column- Such a party could rally the Trenton frameup. He urged the ist I. F. Stone, who wrote July majority of the people by cam- labor, Negro and liberal groups who have protested the frameup 1. No taxes on income under not to wait until election day but to raise the demand for such an

> He also called for full moral tee for the Trenton Six, the "Armament and war, inflation 4. A Federal Housing pro- American Civil Liberties Union and destruction, are the classic gram, adequate to provide low and the NAACP. He pledged the ism; if better ways to prime the families now suffering sub-cialist Workers Party to all pump cannot be achieved, capital- standard housing conditions and moves, in the courts and outside the courts, to compel the New 5. A national federal health Jersey authorities to release the

## Increased War Budget Means New Tax Boost

CAPITALIST STAGE

"A planned economy on

end of Jewish martyrdom.

**Blame Cocktails** 

Washington is agog these days over "morality." One Representa-

tive, a Florida Democrat, an-

nounced that he had been ap-

proached "several times" with

offers of "substantial sums . . .

with the idea . . . of getting a

government contract." The auditor

of government accounts, Comp-

troller General Lindsay C. War-

ren announced that the "Maritime

Commission could not account for

two billion dollars. . . . To this

day, that money has never been

accounted for and never will be."

The experts in Washington in-

cline to place the blame on

"cocktail parties."

and strengthen wage controls.

26 (N. Y. Compass): "... the economy has become

dependent on the business created \$5,000 a year. Tax the rich. in rebuilding the ruins of the last | 2. A strict rent rollback and investigation immediately. war and preparing for the next. freeze. It was Korea which gave business 3. Put price control in the and financial aid for the three orits last and biggest boost and hands of local consumer com- ganizations in charge of the fear of peace may be read every- mittees composed of trade union- legal defense of English and where in the business papers and ists, housewives, small farmers Cooper - the Princeton Commit-

ism will stand morally con- high rents.

### CAPITALISM NEEDS WAR

Capitalism can live only by war; and wars can be prepared only by driving down the standards of the majority of the people. The big corporations get richer, as the two old capitalist comes of the workers.

nothing to change this picture. They serve on government bodies as "partners" of the capitalist

against workers' standards be tors. They don't even have bathstopped.

tional Congress of Labor, repre- Worker.

paigning on a program for:

and small business men.

program to provide free medical Trenton Two. care for the masses of people. 6. For elimination of all wage

controls. 7. For the immediate with-

drawal of all American troops in Korea, and everywhere else in the world.

8. No interference in the affairs of the people of other nations. Full support to the right of the colonial people for independence. World cooperation, not world domination.

Many of the 7,000 employees of Wm. H. Ruffin, president of the National Assn. of Manufacturers. ninistration politically, and are living in what Ruffin calls launching labor's own political the "American Way." They don't party, armed with a program for have automobiles, telephones, the common people, can the drive washing machines or refrigeratubs or inside running water What is needed now is a na- according to the United Rubber

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## from all indications weaken the | senting local unions of the CIO. (Continued from Page 1) vere present. And they didn't already loose price regulations, AFL, and independent unions, to his first act would be to introduce

Meanwhile, the House and

Senate bills, now being worked preparations program are cor- Party. wage and price controls, will

A Marxist Analysis of the Jewish Question

capitalist world, in which, the people-class itself is divided into business pages. Jewish workers, Jewish middle classes. and Jewish capitalists, with the middle class in the expedients of distressed capital- cost housing for the millions of unqualified support of the So-

### Modern anti-Semitism began to demned."

between the Jews of Eastern and develop when the development Western Europe. I hope many of of the productive forces by capitalism began to halt. "The learn about this through Leon's elimination of Judaism accompanies the decline of capital- for and fought under capitalism, ism ... the Jewish tragedy of the 20th Century is a direct con-Leon's book provides the only sequence of the decline of capitalthorough Marxist analysis of ism. Therein lies the principle Leon points out that the Jews Zionism, "the reaction of the obstacle to the realization of parties in control of the governthe world? This theory prevailed tific study of Jewish history. But of antiquity were spread over Jewish petty bourgeoisie (which Zionism . . . Zionism wishes to ment legislate billions in booty for a long time. Yet, it does not Jewish history cannot be studied numerous countries even before still forms the core of Judaism) resolve the Jewish question with- for Big Business, and lower inout destroying capitalism, which the Romans, because owing to Semitic wave, kicked from one is the principle source of the The labor leadership has done

ceased to be of primary im- and especially with the economic the geographic character of country to another, and striving suffering of the Jews." Does Leon thus annihilate every hope for the Jewish people? war drive. He only fights widespread Only by breaking with the adillusions but points to a genuine solution - socialism.

global scale will bring the peoples much closer to each other." Socialism, he states will bring the

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## Why Cicero Culprits Go Scot-Free

Trial of 117 persons arrested during the anti-Negro rioting in Cicero, Ill., has been postponed to Aug. 6. No one seriously expects that the court will impose severe sentences on the 117: in fact, it is most likely that they will get off with suspended sentences and reprimands.

It won't matter much either way. Most of these people were the unwitting tools of the forces really responsible.

Walter White, secretary of the NAA-CP, who is by no means a radical, went to Cicero to make an investigation and came to the conclusion that:

"The real culprits in the savage Cicero outbreak are (1) the bankers, real estate interests and mortgage companies who, despite invalidation of judicial enforcement of racial restrictive covenants, block every attempt of Negroes to escape the ghetto; (2) the big employers in the township, who disavow any responsibility to maintain ordinary observance of civil rights in Cicero; and (3) corrupt local politicians who have more than a nodding acquaintance with the notorious gang leaders who infest the township."

White should have added: (4) the Cook County law enforcement officers, who refused to nip the riot in the bud in the early stages, when this was still easily possible; (5) the State's Attorney office, which took the same hands-off attitude toward the hoodlums; and (6) the FBI and the Department of Justice, who also

looked the other way and to this day still claim to be pondering whether or not the case comes under their "jurisdiction."

Equally culpable are the press, the schools and the other Big Business-dominated educational and information agencies which promote race prejudice and hatred in both crude and subtle forms.

If these are "the real culprits," then what is being done by the government to punish them and to prevent them from repeating their crimes? Nothing at all.

This is not because the government lacks the means for taking effective measures against the guilty parties. When it wants to stamp out "communism," it shows that it has real coercive powers. The government's failure to try to stamp out racism proves that it doesn't want to stamp it out, even though events like the Cicero riot, by thoroughly refuting its claim to be the champion of democracy, serve as an acute embarrassment to American imperialism in all parts of

And the government doesn't want to stamp out racism because it is profitable to the ruling class whose interests the government protects. That is why the struggle against Jim Crow goes hand in hand with the struggle to end the power of the ruling class and institute a social-

## Rats Bite Children-Still No Housing

Startling facts about the housing situation of soldiers and their families have been revealed by a Senate preparedness subcommittee. The subcommittee cites the landlords near military installations for "cruel indignity, irresponsible greed and casual disdain for the self-respect of our men in uniform."

Among cases cited by the committee is that of a \$25 a month apartment rented by a parson, and partly occupied by him. It seems that the pious man of God rents out the remainder of the apartment to two soldiers and their families for a total of \$149 per month! Further cited are a corporal and his family of three who live in a house made of whiskey bottles and empty beer cans held together with mortar. This doll house for a child was built measuring 14' x 9' and occupied by a family of 5 people, at , the cost of \$45 per month, a chicken coop that brings \$27.50, without water but with all the rain you want.

Near one army post, a garage was "converted" into two apartments by means of a cardboard partition down the center. In this "home" a baby was bitten by a rat 3 times in one night last May. and is still under medical care.

The Senate subcommittee is planning to make recommendations on this situa-

tion. We suggest that some attention be paid to the following thoughts:

1. First of all, the landlords directly involved should not be made the sole target for the indignation of the committee. Equally guilty is every Congressman and Senator who has helped to scuttle the low-rent housing program, every mogul and lawyer of the real estate lobby, and every builder, contractor and builder's supplier who has diverted his capital into more profitable high rent home, apartment and commercial building. The real estate interests and the contractors, are even more guilty than the landlords cited in the committee report. Their actions make it possible for the rapacious landlords to charge high rents for such hovels, and are committed for the same reason: to make more money, without regard for human welfare.

2. We further recommend to the subcommittee that it begin a real drive for a revival of the plans for a low rent, absolutely non-profit housing program. We doubt, however, that this senatorial committee will do this, because the whole of Congress is so completely under the thumb of the real estate lobby by this

3. We propose a housing program on the basis of the appropriation of as much money as is required to solve the present gruesome housing mess.

## Revolutionary Socialist Policy On 'Truce'

By Murry Weiss

In the July 16 issue of Labor Action — the Shachtmanite almost revolutionary but slightly patriotic paper - Hal Draper raises an extremely serious question in his characteristic frivolous manner. He devotes half a printed page to jibes at us for not coming out with the slogans: "Down with the cease-fire!" and, "North Korean revolutionary comrades! On with the war - we mean, the Revolution!"

According to Draper's reason ing, The Militant is in principle bound to oppose the cease-fire "as such" since it believes that the fundamental nature of the Korean war is that of a colonial people fighting for their liberation from imperialism. Draper of course doesn't see any revolution in Asia - only the spread of Stalinism, and therefore he has nothing to say to the Korean and Chinese peoples. In his eyes they are merely puppets of the Kremlin. Draper cannot resist instructing us on how to carry out a revolutionary position consistently Quivering with shrill laughter at his own wit, Draper gasps, Can it be that it (The Militant) is permitting the Revolution to be betrayed, for lack of its advice. merely because a denunciation of cease-fire AS SUCH would be somewhat unpopular?" Let us

NOT AGAINST CEASE-FIRE

We are not opposed to a ceasefire "as such" - why should we be? We are for the cease-fire with the removal of imperialist troops from Korea. That is the demand of the Chinese and Koreans and for our part we fully support that demand. As a matter of fact if a democratic referendum were taken in the country today and

## **Bill of Rights Too Radical Now**

In Madison, Wisc., a reporter of the Capital-Times drew up a which consisted exclusively of excerpts from the the Bill of Rights. Then he went out on the street to get people to sign it. He approached 112 people; 111 of these refused to versive," but even those who did not share this view felt it would be wiser for them not to sign it.

The Washington Post, commenting on the report, said: "Anyway, in Sen. MacCarthy's part of the country it isn't considered safe

That's true enough. But why mit such a comment to the Wisconsin area alone? How about Washington, D. C., which is Truman's part of the country? Could the Post contend that the effects of the witch-hunt - originally initiated by the Truman administration, it must not be forgotten - are any less per-

The truth is that the fundamental principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights have been virtually cutlawed in this country.

among the American troops in Korea, they would be in favor of such a cease-fire by an over- imperialism? Of course not Kremlin. The difference is based tendencies of the process and whelming majority.

colonial people and the imperial- and China. ists — as a principle. There is no such principle in the program of ultra-left caricaturists of Marxism have made a principle of "no compromise."

### CONCRETE CONDITIONS

been warning that the Kremlin settlement and if it gets the chance will make it at the expense of the Korean and Chinese just as they made their previous deals at the expense of the Euro- the only variant. The Militant has Kremlin sell-out line plays a role pean and Asian masses.

In any case, it is utterly false marauders they spell the con- munist parties, despite their play — the struggle against our to oppose a truce, armistice or tinued enslavement of the South Stalinist leadership and program, own imperialists. Along this line any other temporary agreement Koreans and the threat of further

But if the Koreans accept a compromise, should't we say that revolutionary socialism. Only the they have betrayed the revolution against American imperialism? That depends. We don't need any are Stalinists and under the For us it is always a question pressure of the Kremlin. This of the concrete conditions under opens up the danger we have conwhich a compromise is made, who sistently warned about - that the tion in Asia. This is the only way makes it and why. That is why Kremlin will exert all its power in this situation the Militant has under certain conditions to make a deal with the American imwants to make a diplomatic perialists at the expense of the

### OTHER VARIANT

Asian peoples.

also pointed out that there is a in the situation. But we are transaction.

conditions dictated by American Chinese and Koreans and the These are conditions of imperialist on the fact that the Asian Com- help us achieve the role we must are also mass parties lifted to between the working class the military moves against the North power by a revolutionary upsurge. That is why the possibility for a cleavage between the Kremlin and

these parties on the one hand, and the formation of left wing groups within these parties on the other, must not be overlooked Draper to tell us that the leaders at any stage of the development. of the Chinese and North Koreans Revolutionary workers in every country are working for such a cleavage as part of the struggle to advance the socialist revoluto guarantee a complete victory of the anti-imperialist struggle.

We don't know what the relations between the Kremlin and the Asian Communist parties are in these cease - fire negotiations. There is no way of estimating But a Kremlin sellout is not exactly to what extent the

Are we for a cease-fire under profound difference between the guided by a class line which enables us to mark out the basic their are two fundamental points to keep in mind:

> 1. We distinguish between the permissibility of the Chinese and Koreans compromising with the imperialists due to temporary exigencies of the struggle and a Kremlin sell-out.

2. There is a great difference between the acceptance of the harshest terms of a truce by the oppressed of Asia and the support of such a truce by the socalled friends of the Asian people in the imperialist countries. An example will suffice. If a man is forced to hand over his belongings to a bandit who holds a pistol to his head, it is a terrible mockery for the victims "friend" to support the "settlement" because both parties "agreed"

The Stalinist Peace Program -- VII --

## What Washington Wants

of straight-faced lying, of proclaiming high-sounding prin ciples in order to prepare the moral climate for a military struggle for practical aims and needs - and this is generally taken for granted by grown-up people — then it is necessary to look behind the official statements, speeches, prayers and pronunciamentos emanating from Washington and examine the economic necessities and drives of American imperialism. The real program is rooted there, and it cannot be replaced by any alternative program motivated by other considerations as long as the U.S. government remains what it is - the executive committee of the ruling capitalist class.

The cold war of economic sanctions and propaganda malarkey — with the occasional and incidental slaughter of a couple of million people, as in Korea — is allegedly waged in behalf of a "free world." The money-sharks who decide American policy have dedicated it, so they say, to a high-toned crusade for "democracy against totalitarianism." The labor skates and the social-democrats of all Declaration of Independence and grades and breeds, for their part, second the motion. Some of them even claim they invented the phony formula.

The "free world" we are supposed to be defending just accidentally happens to include Spain, Greece, Turkey, sign. Some of them called it "sub- and Portugal, and all the lands of colonial slavery where the word freedom is not even in the dictionary and the word democracy has not yet been coined. And our precious allies in the fight against "totalitarianism," include, by mere coincidence, Chiang Kai-shek, Syngman Rhee, Fran co, Salazar, the fascist king of Greece, the colonial overlords, the Latin-American dictators and other blood-smear-

manifestation of new and more progressive economic forms, of every revolutionary movement of the workers. and of every struggle of the colonial peoples for national independence and freedom anywhere in the world, regard less of the leadership of these movements at the moment That is the real line-up. That is the real content of American diplomacy, stripped of its hypocritical verbiage. Freedom and democracy have nothing whatever to do with it,

### AMERICAN IMPERIALIST NEEDS

The simple fact of the matter is that the productive apparatus of American capitalism is piling up ever greater surpluses of goods and capital which its domestic market cannot absorb. Having fallen heir to dominion over the capitalist world system, it needs the whole world for markets and fields of investment. But while its requirements in this respect have been growing in the post war period, its field of normal operation has been cut down even from what it was at the end of the war, to say nothing of the immense prospects for which it had waged the war in the Orient and thought had been won with the defeat of Japan.

The more areas torn out of the capitalist orbit by Soviet expansion and colonial revolutions, the narrower becomes the field for American imperialism and the more desperate its need. From this flows its frantic and ever more belligerent foreign policy and the stupendous arms program designed to back it up. The Truman doctrine of "containing communism," a declaration of belligerency and aggression in its time, is already out of date. The Soviet Union remained "contained" at the formal borders established at Yalta. But other areas, considered as "belonging" to imperialism, have been slipping away. The imperialist orbit has been shrinking and the position of the United States has been steadily worsening.

More than a year ago the policy makers at Washington woke up to the realization that the imperative need of world capitalism is no longer to "contain communism" - a word they use indiscriminately to describe the Soviet Union, its satellite states, revolutionary China, and popular movements against imperialism everywhere - but to push it back and reconquer the lost areas. This new and drastic extension of the Truman Doctrine was enunciated by Secretary of State Acheson in his famous Berkeley speech of March 16, 1950. There he calmly announced as

If one understands bourgeois diplomacy as the art tone of the important aims of American foreign policy the introduction of "orderly representative processes" into "the old group of countries we are accustomed to thinking of as the satellite area." These are none other than the buffer states of Eastern Europe, which were solemnly recognized as in "the sphere of influence" of the Soviet Union at Yalta.

Acheson ostensibly is not satisfied with the degree of "democracy" prevailing in the "Peoples Democracies" dominated by the Kremlin. It can be admitted in passing that he has something there, for all the democracy you find in these "Peoples Democracies" you could put in your eye. But that complaint is only window dressing on Acheson's part. They were all police states before the war, and neither he nor his predecessors lost any sleep about it. Washington is not worried about the democracy or the lack of it in Greece, Spain, Turkey, South Korea, Latin-America, or any place else open to American trade and investment. The real grievance which American foreign policy aims to redress is the new economic system established in these countries of Eastern Europe under pressure of necessity, and the political control which closes them off from American exploitation. The real meaning of this point in Washington's program is to push the Soviet political influence out and replace it by American influence, to restore the system of private property and landlordism, and open up the countries in general to the exploitation of foreign capital.

### THE CONQUEST OF THE WORLD But the satellite states of Eastern Europe are only

any longer to sign a petition for ed tyrants who have been admitted into the free world the starting point of the new program enunciated more than a year ago and consistently adhered to ever since. Diplomatic double-talk aside, what is really involved It is not only Eastern Europe. Now it is the vast market in the cold war is a conflict of class interests and social of China, the prize for which the war with Japan was and economic systems, which cannot be reconciled. Amer- fought, the prize which slipped away and which they hope ican imperialism, the main representative of a decayed to regain. The frank speech of Assistant Secretary Rusk social system, whose fate is inextricably tied to the fate in New York recently is only a public announcement of of capitalism on a world scale, is of necessity the ally this aim which has been implicit in Washington's refusal of reactionary capitalists, landlords, usurers and colonial to recognize the new revolutionary government and estabexploiters everywhere. It is the mortal enemy of every lish normal relations with it. It is Korea. It is Indo-China where Eisenhower in a recent radio speech saw the "aggression of Communist imperialism" in the struggle of the Indo-Chinese people for independence against their French overlords. It is the colonial revolutions and workers' movements everywhere in the world. That is what is meant by Point 5 of Acheson's Berkeley program, in which he demands that the Soviet Union "cooperate in efforts to prevent indirect aggression across national frontiers" — the diplomatic definition of popular movements against capitalism and colonialism anywhere.

And even all this does not measure the full scope of the aims of American foreign policy as it is now fixed. The ultimate aim is nothing less than the overthrow of the Soviet Union, its dismemberment, and the re-establishment of the private property and landlord system, overthrown by the Revolution in 1917. The United States is driven, as the price of its own existence as the leading imperialist power of the world, to include all these aims in its program. That is what its diplomacy works for and that is what they are arming for.

Pacifist sermons will not deflect them from their course. Pseudo-serious chatter about the "necessity and desirability of peaceful co-existence" can deceive and disarm workers and sincere but impractical people who think the boon of peace can be bought with shibboleths. But peace cannot be secured that way. The only road to a stable and enduring peace for the people of the world is the hard road of struggle pointed out by Lenin.

Next Week: The Road of Lenin.

## This Is the Kind of Foreign Policy The American People Really Want

- 1. Stop the war now. Don't let it spread!
- 2. Withdraw all American troops from Korea!
- 4. Let the American people vote on the issue

3. Recognize the government of New China!

of war and peace in a national referendum!

(Continued from Page 1) reserve army for the factories in ing pressure on other industries. Gladwin Hill observes that "It is possibly more than a coincidence that the number of migrant farm workers who course the nation annually has been independently estimated at 1,000,000 - on the order of a conservative estimate of the number of 'wetbacks.'"

WEAK UNIONS

It is not surprising that the Southwest is therefore extremely weak in trade union organization. Gladwin Hill shows that "even such nationally powerful unions as the teamsters' and the building trades' are only sketchily organiz-

In the face of this menacing pattern of Southern Style conditions of labor, which if unchecked can only continue to spread deeper points out that the bill 'is a standards in short order. thinly disguised subsidy for a large number of agricultural and every important agricultural comprocessing employers who hire munity that engages in seasonal now be followed by a revolution into a dump.

other harvest areas in search of calls for carrying out the prothis boils down to putting an migration and the improvement of the "legal" machinery for importing a labor supply.

THE HIRING HALL

This leaves the solution of the problem in the hands of the very people who created it and profit by it. That's not the way to do the job. The whole control of the problem must be torn out of the hands of the wealthy farmers and their agents - the government apparatus.

The seamen and longshorman pointed the way to the solution in their own industry. As a result of their militant struggles there are now a network of union controlled hiring halls on all three must be done in agriculture.

If Green, Murray and the rest into the country, the leadership did something more than write of the labor movement stands letters to Truman, and allowed impotent. William Green of the the organized power of the AFL addressed a letter to Tru- American labor movement to man before he signed this bill exert itself, the conditions of the calling upon him to veto it. With migratory agricultural worker this we have no quarrel. Green could be brought up to union

seasonal labor." Likewise correct, crops and processing, a union in the conditions and organiza other "wetback" states migrate to Buttwhat does Green propose? He hiring hall would be the sole tion methods of the agricultural agency for securing labor. These work at living wages. This serves posals of the President's Com- halls would be connected, like the called the sit-down strikes and to maintain a constant industrial mission on agricultural labor; maritime unions, by telephone and the CIO a revolution — and in a teletype communications. The the fields and to exert a threaten- army at the border to stop the supply of labor could then be

rationally planned and routed to farmers out of business? In the meet the real needs of production first place, the profits to these instead of the schemes of the wealthy parasites are so fabulous growers. By taking the mechanism of agricultural labor supply for the agricultural worker would out of the hands of those who only take a bite out of the profit by fostering planlessness and anarchy, the unions will be in annually. In the second place, a position to come to an understanding with the Mexican workers on a firm basis of common class interests and solidarity.

HOUSING PROBLEM

Working in conjunction with these hiring halls a system of government subsidized and union controlled modern housing units and camps could be established. The big farm owners would then coasts. The same thing can and have to pay decent wages and they can be run in a decent and transportation costs to all work-

> This solution of course requires militant organization and action by the powerful forces of labor. such as they took in the 30's to build the CIO.

plan is revolutionary. What's year. Even at 50 cents a box, bewrong with that? That's just tween 2,000 and 3,000 carloads How would this plan work? In what is needed; the technological remained on their hands. They revolution in agriculture must used a bulldozer to push ther

workers. Remember that they sense they were right.

But won't this plan put the big that decent pay and conditions enormous wealth they accumulate why not put them out of business? These are not working farmers. The vast industry they own should, like the whole basic food producing industry and all big industry and banking, be nationalized and then

under workers control. If the big farmers say tha they can't run these farms with out slave labor conditions then let's introduce a new system se human way.

### **Apples Dumped**

Apple growers near Yakima Washington, are unable to find It may be objected that this buyers for their bumper crop this

Here is a "murder" mystery from the deep South that was solved in short order by two

Young Robert McKinney was reported missing by his mother last week, and the Sunflower County (Mississippi) Sheriff put two fast men on the job. C. H. Sheffield, deputy sheriff, and a private detective, Charles R. Underwood, went right to work.

In no time, they found three Negroes, one suspiciously named Jesse James, who of course, were reported to have been "the last to see the murdered man." Sheffield and Underwood "questioned" them "way up into the night," said the Sheriff later. The questioning included the use of modern aids in criminal detection. "I imagine they probably used a leather strap," said the Sheriff. "I was not there," he continued, "but about 9 or 10 o'clock, after some heat probably had been applied to try and get the truth" the three victimized Negroes admitted the murder. One of them required medical attention, according to the authorities.

How badly the three were beaten was not made clear. The beatings must have been pretty bad. You have to beat a man pretty hard to make him admit that he killed a man when he never did anything of the kind. Because the "victim" of the alleged murder turned up safe and sound the next morning in East St. Louis, Ill. His mother received a letter from him and notified police, who were left with three useless confessions on their hands.

Those who doubt that the "Trenton Six" trial and other similar trials of Negroes were based upon extorted confessions and frame-up evidence upon extorted confessions and frame-up evidence should look this story from Mississippi over very carefully. This very well might have become another frame-up, only it exploded too soon. If the letter from the victim had not arrived when it did, if he had decided to drop out of sight and stay out of sight, these three Negroes would probably have been railroaded and executed for a crime that they did not commit and that was never committed by anyone.

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**VOLUME XV** 

By Mike Burns

ment Practices law, is shaping up

A battle for a Fair Employ-

Heart of the General Motors

ndustrial empire, Flint represents

one of the focal points of Big

Business interests in maintaining

discriminatory practices in hiring

and job opportunities. Discrimi-

nation severely affects approxi-

one-sixth the population of Flint.

In the GM auto industry Negroes

have rarely been allowed to rise

to any skilled positions, and

businesses discriminatory prac-

tices are even more severe. By

playing off white against black,

General Motors Corporation ef-

fectively prevents formation of a

among its 50,000 workers in

An FEPC law introduced under

CIO International Representative.

known as the "cooling off" period.

sent representatives to this meet-

ing of the City Commission, in-

cluding the Flint CIO Council, linger proposes:

the FEPC, water down the pose independent mass action.

ascribed to FEPC by the Flint trade unionists and professionals.

Journal, GM mouthpiece in Flint. FEPC has become a topic for

The Journal calls the bill a "hot sermons in negro churches in

potato." "political dynamite." It Flint. A growing militant FEPC

reports that the politicians will movement can defeat the racial

LAYOFFS GROW GREATER,

BUT UAW DOES NOTHING

industries are experiencing drastic mass layoffs. These

DETROIT, July 21 — Workers in the auto and allied

"tread easy," that they will "try war of the business class.

Union's FEPC bill and then, if rely on your own strength."

Not a single organization which

COOLING OFF PERIOD

mately 25,000 Negroes or about to determine whether the end

If the "victim" had not written so soon, they might have been lynched. Or if the victim had written later, after the State of Mississippi was involved in the case up to its dirty white-supremacy neck, the State might have concealed the evidence. Anyone who doubts this has only to examine the record of Southern states in lynch trials involving Negroes such as the Scottsboro case. In that case, the State of Alabama went ahead with the frame up after one of the "rape victims" blew up the whole case by admitting that it was a frame-up and explaining why the frameup had been invented.

The Sheriff of Sunflower County brazenly remarks that he is going to take no action against the brutal cops who illegally extorted the "con- in the city of Flint. fessions." "I don't know what I could do to Underwood" (the private detective), he said. "As for Sheffield, he's only been with the office a few months." He did not explain how these facts excuse or immunize the cops involved.

## Con Man and the Priests

By Thomas Raymond

Two priests of the Greek Catholic Church testified last week before a Senate committee that they had given \$150,000, possibly even \$200,-000, to an "influence man" who claimed he could get them government leases that would repay them with a profit many times the amount of their

The exact amount they gave him is not clear. He claims it was far less than the figures given by the priests, and they themselves are not sure of the amount since there are no bookeeping

The "con-man," Sam Mason, or Mussman, told the priests, as well as others whom he swindled, that, if they gave him large amounts of what he called "sewer money" he could use this money to influence Washington officials. He claimed to have inside information that the government is going underground to escape the dangers of atomic attack, and would lease existing government buildings for a song if a little "sewer money" were spread in the right places. The priests hoped to make a big killing through this bribe route, and use the money for new church buildings, according to their story.

We can learn a lot from this instructive in-

- 1. It is plain that there is a widespread fear of atomic bombings during the coming war if there are people who are so readily convinced that the whole government is going underground.
- 2. It is also clear that there is pretty general belief that in Washington, anything may be bought for money, including the official services

and public consciences of government officials. Nothing else will explain the readiness with which particularly Negro women are otherwise sane people give up fantastic sums of forced into the most menial jobs in the GM plants. In small money to those who claim to be in a position to place it among government officials.

3. It is furthermore apparent that large sums of money are handled by church officials without any accounting or responsible procedure. These priests claim to have given Mason anywhere from \$100,000 to \$200,000. They can't spot it any closer than that. This money is presumably church funds donated by individual church members, many of whom may not be in the most prosperous circumstances.

4. Next, it is clear that at least some churchmen have more confidence in bribery than they have in prayers to the Almighty. This deduction Regional Council, by Robert thousands of dollars extra a is self-evident; if I had no doubts about the Carter, Regional Director, and efficacy of prayer, I would leave my money in Earl Crompton, chairman Chevthe bank and get down on my knees without any rolet FEPC Committee and UAW-

These two priests of the Greek Catholic Church was postponed. The City Comare complaining to a Senate committee. Their mission of nine members, seven complaint is not that Sam Mason is a briber and of whom represent business, voted with if a firm refuses to follow complaint is not that Sam mason is a brider and in conformity with their class Fair Employment Practices. A not. They complain that he is less vicious than he interests to bring the FEPC law represented himself to be, when he took their money. And poor Sam seem to be having a hard This in business strategy is time answering them.

We wonder what the priests would have to say if the many thousands from whom they have taken influence money to get them in good with the Lord were to turn up. What good has that "sewer money" done for those who have paid it the UAW-CIO, the Socialist

## Solidarity House

national headquarters of the UAW-CIO in Detroit, Michigan, is a very fine building. It is reported to have cost over \$1,250,000, and has all the best points of modern design. Walking through the various offices, particularly those belonging to the officials, makes one think of swank offices seen in the movies. It is located on the banks of the Detroit river, on a piece of property that used to be a part of the old

Solidarity House is a high point in the campaign of the Reuther leadership to establish a reputation for respectability. Unfortunately for the rank and file, who paid for this monument to respectability, the auto magnates are not impressed by such things. The more respectability the UAW acquires, the less respect the auto industry has for the union. The auto manufacturers go right ahead cracking the whip on the production line, throwing thousands of workers onto the streets, holding the color bar against minorities, and in general playing the familiar role of billionaire monopolies.

The hundreds of well-paid hirelings of the international bureaucracy who hang around, all show signs of smug satisfaction. Such things as shop conditions, lay-offs, job discrimination and high prices, do not affect them directly. However, the members sweating it out in the plants, have little or no reason to feel satisfaction. The life of the Reuther administrators grows farther and farther away from the rank and file. The existence of the international is

DETROIT - Solidarity House, the new inter- closer to that of professional people and politicians who scrounge around for favors and deals, ion than the and who get far more con members. A house divided against itself cannot

Solidarity House is a testimonial mainly to Reuther's success, not the success of the union. A rank-and-filer can hardly feel at home. It stands in sharp contrast to the UAW headquarters during the great organizing days of the UAW, when the corporations were taught respect. Then the union offices didn't have so many departmental pigeon holes, so many specialists and experts, and so many hundreds of \$125-aweek staff men. The headquarters then were a bee-hive of activity by volunteers from the shops who had unionism in their blood.

These men and women risked life and job for industrial unionism, at GM, Briggs, Ford, Chrysler and elsewhere. Everyone who wanted to pitch in and help was welcome, and no one had to kowtow to an international officer or representative to join in the work of organizing. The modest, poor little business-like offices were places which put the emphasis on organizing and struggle. Unlike Solidarity House, the watchword was struggle and not respectability. That was why auto was organized.

Solidarity House is a fine building, but modern design and architecture is a poor substitute for aggressive union tactics and program. To win in 1951, the union will find mass action and leaders who are willing to struggle more effective than the most modern architecture and finest

## U.S. WOOS FRANCO WITH ARMS PACT

(Continued from Page 1) the Roman Catholic Church War. The regime is even more beings have to live in mountain enjoys the privilege of being the totalitarian than Mussolini's was caves because they are unable to "Religion of the Spanish State," in Italy. and other denominations are dis-

Prices are seven times as high This is Franco's Spain. couraged by various obstacles. as in 1936, wages only three It is the duty of American tempered only by their corrup- scarce - for the poor, while a agreement between the U.S. govtion. Thousands of republicans minority of black market pro- ernment and the oppressors of

years after the end of the Civil in luxury. Thousands of human find cheap apartments or houses.

> aid for fascists! No aid for labor's workers of Spain hate the hate Franco and Falangism. They

In the long run, neither America's big guns, nor his own big speeches or his police will save Franco must fall.

The tyranny of the police is times. Bread and potatoes are workers to protest and oppose any for an emergency UAW con-polite recommendation to Conare still imprisoned - twelve fiteers and landowners is living their Spanish fellow-workers: No speed-up in the industry. Instead, machines. It only mentions in arch enemy, whether he uses a that the Ford Company refused enact legislation to supplement monarchist front or not. The to plan together with the union state unemployment benefits to and reliance on investigation com-Monarchy almost as much as they willing to recognize the simple for the period of their unemployfact that the auto industry, allied ment. have not forgotten the dictator- with both Democratic and Repub- The employers and Washington Senator Moody signed by Mazey, ship of Primo de Rivera under lican politicians, will do only what will not give serious heed to the Matthews, and the Hudson local

the mass layoffs.

ployers.

artificial shortages produced by the giant monopolies in cahoots issue says not one word about with federal and state officials; speed-up, although it devotes a 1. Go on record publicly for a hog-wild profiteering by the em- spite of the fact that speed-up is negro population. increasing the layoffs. The Dodge ington. Reuther does not offer a alone.

single proposal to mobilize the The international officers comnembership of the UAW for a plain about material cut-backs. determined mass struggle against and the building of run - away plants at government expense. But the only action taken to date EMERGENCY CONFERENCE has been a delegation of Chrysler For example, the UAW of- local union presidents which went ficialdom has to date turned a to Washington, July 10, with deaf ear to the demands of Pres. regional director Matthews. The Carl Stellato, of Ford Local 600, international is now featuring a ference to map out a program of gress in the form of a fancy plan action to fight the lay-offs and for the mass production of tool Reuther wastes time complaining passing that Congress should also

members of the union. The entire off workers. In sharp contrast is tical results.

## Detroit Drive Started to Get LERNER SWP Referendum Vote on Issue

DETROIT - William Hood, recording secretary of Ford Local 600, representing 60,000 workers, and chairman of the Greater Detroit Negro Labor Council. raised the fight for a city FEPC? ordinance for Detroit to a higher, of a city FEPC by the city coun-

are interested in a city FEPC to sincerely interested in the passage work and co-operate as a unit for of an FEPC ordinance. the basic goal: a city FEPC rdinance for Detroit. Local 600 has assigned a full others in an effort to see how time staff of workers to support best to unite for passage of an the petition drive and later work FEPC ordinance as quickly as

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for the victory of the FEPC possible. referendum at the polls. This The strategy of business to marks the greatest progress which strangle FEPC in a referendum the movement for FEPC in this if it can't eliminate it outright, city has made since the fight will lead to a struggle which Mrs. started.

RIGHT WING VIEW

GENORA DOLLINGER

Dollinger characterizes: "They

year," since firms which give low

bids on city contracts might not

comply with FEPC and therefore

the contract would go to a firm

giving a higher bid. Which means

trying to postpone, emasculate

and destroy FEPC, Genora Dol-

would be no scabs.

justifies the means."

will try to pit white against Right wing labor, liberal and black, skilled against unskilled, Negro leaders as well as the conbrother against brother." Only on servative Detroit Council of the basis of stirring up a cam-Churches have countered with a paign of race hatred can Big typical red - baiting, campaign, Business hope to defeat an effecdesigned to sabotage the referpowerful united labor movement tive FEPC law and prevent labor endum campaign and thereby frustrate the fight for an FEPC The Flint Journal in its openlaw with teeth. Their viewpoint ing salvo appeals to the moneyis summed up in the July 19 minded "taxpayer" who is cautioned "it (FEPC) could have statement of the Michigan CIO the leadership of the CIO the result of costing the city News:

"The Detroit chapter of the League of Women Voters has joined a number of civic, labor, religious and liberal groups in the drive for a common council enacted fair employment practhat the law should be done away tices commission (FEPC) or-"The league told its members

that council approval of a Detroit scab might as well complain that FEPC ordinance is the only into the Legislative Committee. if there were no unions there step which will avoid a bitter To defeat the underhanded referendum on the question. "The referendum is threatened tactics of the business interests

by a group which calls itself the Greater Detroit Labor Council and the Detroit Negro Labor "Common effort can win FEPC. Council.

"It was to meet the threat of Workers Party, the National To this end the Socialist Workers a referendum that the Michigan Association for the Advancement | Party advocates the unity of all of Colored People, the Urban groups. It proposes the formation Committee on Civil Rights called League, was allowed to be heard. of a United Action Committee a meeting last month to mobilize In a widely circulated handbill of interested organizations support for immediate action by of several thousand copies, through which pressure can be the common council. The MCCR Genora Dollinger, chairman So- generated to bring the FEPC bill blasted the referendum group as cialist Workers Party (Flint) out of the City Commission being neither a civil rights nor a warned that "Big Business and Legislative Committee. Take this labor organization.

"The MCCR said that the boss politicians intend to stall stand in your organization. Proreferendum drive would unleash they can, defeat FEPC in Flint." Already an awakening interest campaign which would set back This is evidenced by the labels has begun among negro workers, FEPC legislation for a number of years.'

only force which got any res-Reutherite labor leaders was the referendum campaign. It also reveals that the Reuther and liberal leadership fears to come to grips with the Jim Crow forces in the area, and prefers to avoid the issue. Many workers have expressed the belief that the right wing forces were so panic-stricken it would put all their liberal political allies on the spot on the eve are caused by the ravages of inflationary high prices; of an important election.

Their strategy appears to be as follows:

the general economic dislocations full page to attacking John L. city ordinance on FEPC in order caused by war preparations; and Lewis and Local 600. This in to save face before Detroit's 2. Appear at the back door of

In the face of this blow, the Local 3 executive board stated the city in pure Uncle Tom Reuther administration offers that if the Chrysler speed up rashion, hat in hand and beg or only talk, pleas and empty plans, program is successful it will make a deal with the City Fathers all addressed to the corporations mean 2000 fewer jobs per- to pass any kind of a weak and their political tools in Wash- manently in the Dodge plant proposition that may be paraded as an FEPC ordinance - thereby killing the issue before the 1951 fall election.

3. Conduct a savage redbaitng campaign against the Greater Detroit Negro Labor Council and smear their referendum proposal as red inspired.

UNITED EFFORT

But Hood correctly called their bluff when in a letter to the Michigan Committee for Civil Rights he stated: "We believe that the guarantee of the passage

Reuther's program of empty talk to avoid lay-offs. Reuther is un- pay a full 40 hours pay per week mittees. This is shown in a full page ad issued by the international consisting of a letter to profits them, unless forced to union unless it is backed up by officers, protesting the Hudson The July issue of the United proposed by Local 600, which also vestigation by the Moody Comthe Spanish dictator. The Spanish international, does not offer a practical by demanding a such investigations take weeks

realistic and progressive level. cil requires the united effort of Mayor of Detroit, Friday, July 27. He called upon all groups who all organizations and individuals

> "We are more than willing to meet with your organization and

It is imperative that all serious individuals and organizations, labor, liberal, church and negro the powerful labor movement of groups organize as one solid Detroit, I feel it is necessary that force and wring from the city we of the Socialist Workers Party council a strong, effective FEPC enter into the municipal camordinance.



HOWARD LERNER

DETROIT, July 23 - Howard Lerner, Chairman of the Detroit Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, will file as a candidate for Although the election is called non-partisan ,at the time of this writing there is every indication that both major capitalist parties will back the incumbent. Mayor Cobo, in tribute for the vicious strikebreaking job he did on the city transportation workers, the DSR strikers, early this summer.

M. Lerner stated. "In the absence of a candidate from the ranks of labor and endorsed by paign to present labors' opposition to a public official who so samefacedly defends the interests of Big Business in this city against the interests of labor."

On the all-important question of war, Mr. Lerner asserted "The Korean War could and should be stopped to-day. The heart-felt sentiment of the bulk of American workers, according to all public opinion polls is: "Bring the troops home from Korea now!" Howard Lerner is known in this industrial area through previous campaigns as the Socialist candidate for Mayor and the Board of Regents. He is a Charter member of Ford Local #600 UAW-CIO and a veteran of four major campaigns in World War

## The Negro Struggle

## Importance of The Kutcher Case

Last week's Militant reported the unanimous decision of Ford Local 600 in Detroit granting moral support and \$500 in financial aid to the defense of James Kutcher. The action was taken following a joint report by the Fair Practices and Political Action departments of the union, which noted that in view of recent Supreme Court decisions and of an additional executive order of April 8, 1951, making "reasonable doubt" of loyalty enough basis for dismissal the forces of hate in a bitter the "Kutcher case has become even more decisive in the fight for civil liberties."

The union resolution stated that "This case directly affects the labor movement" in that the witch-hunt procedure is being ap-This statement reveals that the plied to all industries which have defense contracts; a section of the House Un-American Activities committee "is about to investiponse from the do-nothing gate, among others, the Detroit industrial area."

## Union Busting Maneuver

"We recognize this move for what it is" — the resolution con-tinued, "a thinly-disguised union-busting maneuver. We do not propose to stand idly by while the anti-labor and anti-democratic forces in this city have a field day at our expense."

The Kutcher case is equally significant for Negro workers as such, and particularly government employees, who have already by the referendum drive because been victimized as in Cleveland, Ohio, and in Santa Monica, Calif. The Kutcher case, our readers will recall, is the only loyalty

test case now before the higher courts. It involves the veteran who lost his legs in the battle of San Pietro, Italy, in 1943, and his job as clerk in the Newark, N. J., office of the Veterans Administration in 1948. The Purple Heart veteran was fired not for anything he did but for his socialist ideas and membership in the Socialist Workers Party, which was arbitrarily, without a hearing, placed on the Attorney General's subversive list,

In recognition of the general importance of his case as a test of the undemocratic procedures of the government's loyalty program, Kutcher was granted the opportunity to tell his story at the 1949 annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Los Angeles, at which a strong resolution was adopted condemning the government loyalty purge. A similar resolution was passed at this year's convention in Atlanta.

Negro postal employees and other government workers are acutely conscious of the way the government loyalty program is being used to intimidate them, to prevent them from struggling against discrimination and segregation and to limit their right to freedom of opinion.

Frank Barnes was fired from his post office job because he led an NAACP picket line attempting to end the discriminatory hiring policy of the Sears Roebuck store in Santa Monica. The flimsy excuse for his dismissal was the allegation that Communists joined the picket line. His case was appealed by the NAACP and Barnes was re-instated, but without back pay for the period he was unjustly removed from his job.

## A Reign of Terror

In Cleveland, as the Call and Post recently reminded its readers, the postal officials and their hand-picked underlings have for a long time worked to wipe out forever any spirit of militancy, of self-help, of independence that the postal workers, especially the Negro postal workers, might develop. . . For over five years the post office employees in Cleveland have lived under a reign of terror with discharges, loss of income and community disgrace lurking behind every peephole in the system."

In the interest of all such victims of the witch-hunt as well as himself, the legless veteran is fighting the home front battle for grant concessions by giant mass mass action. This can best be Motor Company conspiracy. The democracy. His case will be appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals actions conducted by the union. accomplished along the lines only demand made is for an in- in the District of Columbia this fall, and then, it is expected, to the U.S. Supreme Court within the next year. It may become decisive Auto Worker, speaking for the made the jobless pay proposal mittee. Experience shows that in determining the legal status of the entire loyalty purge.

Contributions for this important civil liberties fight should be people must live, and therefore single action proposal for the minimum of \$60 weekly for laid- and months, and bring no prac- sent to the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, 19 West 10th Street, New York 11, N. Y.

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