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# Top Brass Stalls Korea Talks With Aggressive Acts

Events last week in Korea cast serious doubt on Washington's intentions to conclude any cease-fire agreement there. At the very least it becomes clear that U.S. nego-

tiators are trying to hold up a truce until after the signing of marked by the bombing of Rashin, the Japanese peace treaty next | North Korean town only 17 miles

man subcommittee meetings in morning last week. Kaesong indicated that discussions were taking place in a relaxed atmosphere. Further and even! more important, a Peking broadcast on Saturday, Aug. 18, quoted Korean negotiation chief Gen. Nam II as saying, "it is possible to adjust this (truce) line on the basis of the terrain and mutual defense positions of the demilitarized zone if they are reasonable and necessary." This statement plainly went a long way MacArthur in the following towards giving in to U.S. words: "The State Dept. has al-

morning, General Ridgway opened not a very long space in which a new major offensive with one to turn around and get back of the most devastating artillery out." And General Collins added bombardments of the Korean war. in further rebuttal, "Rashin, This developed quickly into the frankly, is of no great conhardest fighting since the start of sequence . . . you do not gain the cease-fire talks. Early the very much by bombing Rashin." same morning, 30 armed men invaded the Kaesong area, and the bombing of Rashin, which had attacked a Chinese MP platoon, become a symbol of MacArthur's killing the platoon leader and policies, capped the climax after

heels of these events were the struct a cease-fire, at least at the strafing of Korean jeeps flying present time, while the U.S. imwhite flags on their way to the perialists are trying to line up conference area, and finally the support for their Japanese peace sudden change in U.S. policy pact.

from the Soviet border.

A series of belligerent provoca- All of these incidents have not tions on the part of U.S. high been denied by the U.S. command, brass took place starting last which has denied only a still Sunday, just as truce negotiations further Korean - Chinese charge appeared to be making rapid that the Kaesong area was headway. Reports from the four- bombed with napalm early one

## MacARTHUR SCHEME

The bombing of Rashin was a pet MacArthur scheme, and his continued championing of this provocative act led to his dismissal from Far East command. "I was very anxious," he said in his first day's Senate testimony, "to bomb Rashin . . . (but) we were forbidden."

General Bradley replied to ways objected to the bombing of Suddenly on the following Rashin because . . . 17 miles is

The sudden change of tune on wounding one other soldier. a week of shameless aggressive Following rapidly upon the actions plainly designed to ob-

## MYRA T. WEISS STARTS TOUR IN NEWARK, SEPT. 7

Myra Tanner Weiss. known to thousands of workers in Los Angeles and elsewhere on the West Coast as a brilliant Socialist campaigner and speaker begins this week her two-month coast to coast tour D

She will speak in Newark, N. J. on Friday, Sept. 7 at 8:00 p.m. at 423 Springfield Ave on: THE

under the auspices of the Socialist |



MYRA TANNER WEISS

OUTLOOK FOR AMERICA: Lessons of the Korean War."

## ON WAR PLANS

Her talk, dealing with this timeliest of topics, will present the Socialist viewpoint on the Korea truce talks, the prospets for peace in Asia and in the world, and the repercussions of Korea and the arms program on the American people.

She will analyze in this connection political tasks and needs in the light of the dire threat to the living standards and popular democratic rights here at home Wednesday which has resulted from the arms | Thursday Oct. 11 St. Louis program of the billionaire pluto- Friday grats and Truman's unauthorized Saturday

Sunday war in Korea. Mrs. Weiss has run as the Monday SWP candidate for Congress, Tuesday Mayor and Board of Education in Wednesday Los Angeles; she received 18,752 Thursday votes in this year's Los Angeles

in Boston, Mass. on Saturday,

The Militant will carry detailed

information of dates and places

of Mrs. Weiss's speaking engage-

ments from week to week.

urther information may be ob-

ained by writing the Socialist

Workers Party, 116 University

Place, New York 3, N. Y.

After fulfilling her engagement in Newark, Mrs. Weiss will speak

tion of 100 families, to find out

Income Families.

LIVING STANDARDS

Fifteen years after F. D. | Labor says is a minimum family | Even after cutting all expend-Roosevelt shed his crocodile tears decency and health budget. How these American families report said, many families could

One-Third of a Nation"

REACTIONARIES

for "one-third of a nation, illhoused, ill-clad and ill-nourished," do it is a story of impoverished not meet minimum subsistence and promised to do something living that gives the lie to the levels for food. about it, one-third of a nation fancy claims of an "America way" remains in the same impoverish- that gives a high living standard ed condition. That is the only made by well-paid propaganda nation than it was 15 years ago. conclusion that can be drawn experts. Unlike such lying claims, from facts recently released by however, the report of this Conthe Conference Group on Low ference Group has been given very little notice in the capital-The Conference Group, comist-controlled press. posed of nine national welfare

How can a family eat nowaagencies, in a report for the Joint days on \$2,000 per year? The these postwar years," the report Congressional Committee on the Conference Group reports how it says, "such families have had dif-Economic Report, told a tale of was done in 1950, before food ficulty even in wedging into the niserable poverty and bitter sub- costs went up almost 30 points slums. standard living. Its findings were on the Bureau of Labor Statistics the result of a sample investiga- index:

#### MEAT AND MILK just how 10,500,000 families in

4,000 which the Department of means of economizing."

itures for clothing and rent, the

Nor is the housing situation any better for one-third of a While many new housing units have been built, these are almost entirely for the top and middle thirds of the population, with only a very tiny handful of lowincome housing projects. "In

## PROBLEM OF SHOES

How about clothing? Here the facts are even more glaring. the U.S., or one-quarter of all "The most frequent method "Shoes," says the Conference family units, manage to live on used to cut down the food budget Group report, "present the stifeliminate meat and fest all-family problem, not only milk. . . The habit was to because they usually have to be economize by eating starchy purchased new, but because cheap Not only this one-quarter of diets which are filling - bread, leather means that they wear out America's families, but fully half potatoes, macaroni, spaghetti, faster. A new suit, dress or overof the families of this country rice. Many families reserved meat coat we found mentioned as a with incomes below \$2,750, must for Sundays and holidays. The rarity for grownups. Most clothget along on far less than the use of day-old bread was another ing purchases were made on a

# **Union Ward-Heelers** And Labor Day

On Labor Day 1951, the American labor leadership has little to brag about. Although William Green patted himself on the back in his Labor Day message, saying "During the past year. labor at the local, national and international evel reached new heights of influence, prestige and constructive leadership," he could not avoid revealing at least part of the reverses suffered by labor in the past year.

Referring to the uncontrolled inflation and the ack of "equality of sacrifice" in the laws passed by the 82nd Congress, Green asserted: " . . . As we take stock, we come to the inevitable conclusion that unless we expand and perfect our political activities organized labor stands to lose through hostile legislation much of the ground it has gained over the years."

The fact is, the Big Business controlled Congress has already undermined the living standards of the American workers. Real incomes have been reduced by increased taxes, higher rents, and runaway prices. Wages, under the Wage Stabilization Board's control, have lagged far

behind living costs. The top union officials are no longer able to ignore the weakest spot in organized labor's armor, and that is, its political ineffectiveness. But their answer to the problem is meaningless, worthless. Echoing William Green, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO, states in its Labor Day message, "Labor must intensify its political activity. The time is long past when American labor has to accept as its candidates for office the political hacks, the ward heelers, the time servers who bring government into disrepute, and who are incapable of producing or carrying through a program to meet the critical needs of the times."

But there is not the slightest sign that any section of the official labor leadership is prepared to embark on a new road politically. They all continue to support Truman, political hack No. 1, and the Democrats or Republicans — both parties completely under Big Business control.

The situation can be accurately described as one in which the union leaders play the role of labor ward heelers for capitalist politicians. In exchange for this activity, they get a few "prestige positions," but the workers suffer one blow after another. Ward heelers butter their own

Although the labor movement represents the single biggest bloc of voters in the country, it does not have a single voice in Congress. The tiny minority of billionaires controls the House and Senate as well as the White House.

This situation can be reversed if labor breaks all ties with the Wall Street political parties, and organizes its own independent political party. But it cannot be done under the present do-nothing union leadership.

Many militant workers, especially in the CIO, have felt the need for a new leadership. Opposition groups have repeatedly sprung up, in such unions as the UAW-CIO, But thus far, these opposition groups have not been able to mobilize enthusiastic rank and file majorities, because

their programs have been totally inadequate. On the key issue of our times, political action, these groups have hesitated to break with the old policies and boldly advocate a new course - to-

ward a labor party. A new leadership cannot be built exclusively or the basis of a fight over plant problems, more militant economic struggles, even though a far more aggressive fight on this level is needed. It cannot be built by clique fights for power The workers are tired of this kind of internal union struggle; they will not be inspired by it.

An opposition can fight and win in the labor movement only by standing on the platform of a radical, totally new political outlook. Such a leftwing program must necessarily include as its most important plank: the formation of an independent labor party. This point alone would serve to show the way to the many militants in the unions looking for a new road.

For the building of a new left-wing leadership of the dynamic unions in this country, there is no halfway house. Build labor's own political party! That is the way to fight the Greens and now being borne by the American the Murrays and the Reuthers. That will mobilize the ranks. That will put the unions in a position to defend the workers interests on the decisive field of battle, the battlefield of politics.

# Truman Asks Robber Peace In Japan Pact

## 'Bring Dad Home,' Say Mo. Wives

ter" is was demonstrated once again last week when wives and children of Missouri National Guardsmen, now serving in the front lines in Korea, threw a picket line around the armory, demanding that their husbands be brought home. The little children, many of them infants, bore crude home made placards reading: "Let Daddy Come Home." "I Want My Daddy," read the sign borne by little Joseph, 21-month old son of Sgt. Robert Weeks and

his wife. Last June, Dr. L. F. Kimball, national president of the USO, blamed the "folks back at home" for creating a serious "morale problem" among the GI's in Korea by writing letters saying "this is just a political war and you're not fighting for anything but the politicians." From all indications, the Korean war has not gained in popularity at all.

## **Senate Eases Tax** On Rich, But Low **Incomes Hit Hard**

money these days sweating in denunciation of the treaty, last cupation economic policies like the Washington summer heat, week let it be known that she the anti-cartel law, the financial figuring out ways to make the would not attend the San Franworking people pay more in cisco conference. Nehru, in a which some of them believe held taxes, while easing up on the tax statement against provisions of back reconstruction of the counlead of the wealthy.

121/2 percent increase in income parley for the same reason. taxes for all groups. That would mean that the same number of the conference table with difdollars per hundred would be ficulty, fear that a revivified

with an income of \$100,000. working people as it is, is being parts of Asia that remain open posed. worked over by the Senate Committee with an eye toward keep- pines, U.S. puppet, will sign the ing the tax increase on the poor treaty unwillingly, fearful of the about the same, but drastically revived power of Japanese milipaid by the higher income treaty terms were greated with brackets. The big savings would angry disapproval, marked by getting is from puppet governcome in the incomes above \$40,-

Not satisfied with this income tax steal, the wealthy manipulators of the U.S. Senate have also gone to work on corporate taxes. On Saturday, Aug. 25, the Senate Committee re-opened a loophole in the corporate tax laws which had been closed by the House proposals. By means of this loophole, which permits each member of a chain of connected corporations to take certain deductions, corporations will steal about \$56 million next year.

Still not satisfied, the Senators went back to work the next day, and chopped a hefty threequarters of a billion dollars from corporate taxes. The biggest reduction of all was in excess profits taxes. This cut alone will save \$610 million for the corporations. Excess profits taxes are supposed to cut down on the wartime profits which corporations coin out of the slaughter of innocent young draftees and civilians in wartime.

Federal tax bills this year are designed to add the staggering sum of more than \$7 billion to the already stupendous tax load people. Cuts such as the Senate is making in corporate and higher income taxes increase the burden. carried by the poor.

## Britain, France Toe Line; How unpopular Truman-Ridgway's "Operation Slaugh-

Amid worldwide protest, the U.S. is preparing to compel Asia to accept a Japanese peace treaty which arranges Asian affairs in the best interests of American imperialism.

### U.S. DOMINATION

The proposed Japan pact pro- ing in effigy of the Republican vides for continued occupation by adviser to the State Dept., John U.S. troops of the Japanese main- Foster Dulles, who wrote the land, turning over the Ryukyu and Bonin Islands to U.S. imperialism, revival of Japanese militarism and continued U.S. domination of Formosa.

The treaty conference will open arrive at any cease-fire agreement before the conclusion of the rumblings of war in the Far East, would hamper the State Dept. in its pressure for the Japan pact. Also, a cease fire now in Korea would make it extremely difficult to justify a policy of exclusion of the new China government from the treaty table.

## TERMS OF TREATY

the treaty, makes a series of ob- try. The Senate Finance Committee | jections, all of which can be listed | is hard at work revising the under the single heading: the House proposals, already heavily Japan treaty maintain the power House has proposed a straight Burma has refused to attend the Britain and France, dragged to

This proposal, unfair to the industrial interests from those to exploitation. Even the Philip-

## **Union Hails** James Kutcher's Fight for Rights

"In these grim days of witchhunts and dim - outs of civil liberties, it is good to know that there are many in the labor movement ready and eager to halt this blight. We wish you success in the cause of securing justice to brother James Kutcher, whose fortitude in facing the massed might of reaction merits the respect and admiration of everyone who abhors injustice.

These words of encouragement accompanied a \$10 donation to the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee from UAW-CIO Amalgamated Local 722 of St. Paul, Minnesota, to enable the legless veteran to carry his fight against the loyalty purge to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. A similar contribution to Kutcher's defense fund was sent last week by Brier Hill Local 1462, United Steelworkers of America, of Youngstown, Ohio.

# By Harry Frankel

such protest actions as the burn-

## treaty. CHINA'S POSITION

China has expressed the bitterest opposition to the treaty, charging that the object of the in San Francisco on Sept. 4. It so-called "magnanimous" terms is generally recognized that the of the treaty is to establish a U.S. negotiators at Kaesong have solid prop for imperialism in the been under instructions not to far East, and a jumping off place for attacks upon the Soviet bloc.

In the meantime, U.S. occupa-San Francisco conference. Such tion policies in Japan have been an agreement, by quieting the steadily moving in the direction of a revival of Japanese imperialism as an ti-Soviet force. Lindsay Parrott, reporting from Tokyo in the N. Y. Times of Sunday, Aug. 26, summarizes this process. He says that occupation policies like the ". . . purge of former office holders, military officers and business people adjudged to have been collaborators Meanwhile, the terms of the with the militarists already are Japanese treaty are satisfactory being canceled. The government to no one but the U.S. imperialists also has a committee studying the are dictating it. India, in a the overhauling of various ocstabilization of the Dodge Plan,

on, "the Japanese are preparing to make something like a celebraweighted in favor of the rich. The of U.S. imperialism in Asia. tion of the San Francisco signing."

## **JAPANESE**

The bulk of the Japanese people, who continue to suffer under added to the tax of a family with Japanese imperialism, in cahoots foreign occupation under terms of an income of \$1,000 per year as with American imperialism, will the treaty, are not so happy push out all other commercial and about it. A poll on the U.S. pact showed a strong majority op-

Thus the Japan peace pact is being railroaded despite bitter opposition from almost every important force in Asia, both owering the tax increase to be tary force. In the Philippines popular and government. About the only support the pact, is ments which are being maintained by force of arms against the wishes of the people. The biggest powers of Asia, India, and China will either boycott the conference (India), or will be excluded (China).

## JOHN F. DULLES

The treaty was prepared by the Republican adviser to the State Dept., John Foster Dulles. corporation lawyer, and himself director in no fewer than 15 corporations. His grandfather, appropriately enough, was John Watson Foster, who in 1895 helped arrange the Treaty of Shimonoseki, by which Japanese imperialism robbed China of Korea, Formosa, the Pescadores Islands, the Liao-tung Peninsula, and a heavy cash indemnity at the conclusion of the Sino-Japanese War.

Imperialist U.S. has arrogantly announced that the San Francisco parley will last only from Sept. 4 to Sept. 8, and that the treaty is to be signed either intact or not at all. "Take it or leave it," the world is being told. "You can't amend it, or change it at all, and don't try to talk about it too long either." In order to enforce this extraordinary course of action. the U.S. is entering the treaty conference with a set of proposals on procedure which will limit debate and hamstring discussion.

## The schedule of her tour, after the Sept. 7 talk in Newark, fol-**TOUR SCHEDULE**

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	Tuesday		9	""

10 Chicago

12 Travel

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17 Travel

18 Salt

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16 "

13 Twin Cities

"

Lake City

## THE MATTER OF JUSTICE

The case of William N. Oatis, Associated Press correspondent sentenced to ten years imprisonment in Czechoslovakia, after confessing to a charge of spying, has stirred up American newspapers and newspapermen to a partisan interest in justice they never felt before. At any rate, they are expressing themselves about it, volubly and even excitedly, for the first time to my knowledge. Oatis is one of their own. His case also involves them, insofar as it affects the security of foreign correspondents. Oatis has become not simply a case to report but a cause to defend. As with the Catholic hierarchy in the case of Mindszenty, and American businessmen in the case of Vogeler, the individual is represented as the symbol of a principle - the principle of justice and fair play - and the American people are summoned to a moral crusade in its defense.

Our moralistic preceptors have learned to love justice late in life. Justice has been a poor vagabond in the world for a long time, with hardly a place to lay her head, and they never gave her a tumble. I, personally, am in favor of the principle laid down as a basis of this crusade, but I am somewhat mistrustful of late converts - especially those who have an axe of their own to grind.

Please don't misunderstand me. I do regard this awakening to the importance of justice for the individual as ludicrously sudden, and even contemptible in its hypocrisy. But I am making no jokes about the prisoners involved in these cases; or any other prisoners, for that matter. There is nothing funny about a defenseless man - any man - on trial for his life or his liberty, which is practically the same thing. When he is cut off from friends and all means of support. isolated and under pressure in a hostile environment, and deprived of competent legal counsel of his own choosing - it means in effect that he has no defense at all. That's wrong wherever it happens. I believe the world should be concerned about the matter of justice for the individual human being. And this concern is long

### Test of Justice Involves All

When the friends of Oatis, Vogeler or Mindszenty contend that their cases are the concern of all, they are right to a certain extent. When justice is at stake, all are involved. There is no such thing as the trial of one man; although this is seldom realized until a particular trial strikes home. When one is on trial, all are on trial. The accusers as well as the accused. Not only the victim, but those who impose the punishment. Not only the participants in the trial, but also the observers - the whole community. And they are all subject to judgment - the accused as to the facts in his particular case: the accusers by the manner in which they prosecute; and the observers, the whole community, by their reaction to the proceedings. By this reaction, by this attitude, they also should be judged. It is from this broader, more inclusive standpoint that I wish to discuss here not only the trial of Mr. Oatis, with whom I deeply sympathize, but also the other trials; and trials and confessions in general.

It is not my intention here to debate the

merits of the confessions extracted from the cardinal, the businessman, and the correspondent by their Stalinist inquisitors. Espionage, of course, is a business in which the U.S. government, like all others, is extensively engaged, and on which it expends huge sums of money and uses all kinds of people. Priests, businessmen and journalists are undoubtedly included in their network, like people of any other occupation in ordinary life. The defendants in these particular cases could all be guilty of the offenses charged against them, and such conduct would represent no contradiction to the things they stand for and the interests they

#### Moralistic Phonies and Spies

Neither would it be considered wrong by the moralistic phonies who are beating the drums in their defense. The U.S. Intelligence Service, which organizes espionage in foreign countries, is dear to their hearts. And the F.B.I., with its army of domestic spies and stool-pigeons, is the apple of their eye. Even General MacArthur, who sits on the right hand of God, maintained an intelligence service to ferret out those military secrets of the North Koreans and Chinese which the Lord neglected to tip him off to. The only criticism I have heard about this is that the five-star general's spies didn't find out

On the other hand, I would be the last person to put any credence whatever in anything coming out of a Stalinist court. I take it for granted, as a matter of course, that all Stalinist trials are designed to serve political purposes. The guilt or innocence of the particular person in the hands of the Stalinist police in a specific case makes no difference whatever. Guilty or innocent of the specific crime charged against him, he will be convicted just the same. I don't know whether the cardinal, the businessman and the press correspondent are guilty or innocent, and have no way of finding out. Their sponsors have made no attempt to prove their innocence; and the Stalinist proofs of their guilt are worthless. Therefore I am willing to assume, for the purpose of this discussion, what it is always safe to assume about any Stalinist trial — that these particular trials were frameups and that the confessions were false.

Assuming this, in order to get extraneous and - in the circumstances - unverifiable questions out of the way, I propose to raise other questions which can be verified. There have been many cases of frame-ups and false confessions right here in the United States. Their victims. being made of human flesh and blood, were just as good as Oatis, Vogeler and Mindszenty, and just as much entitled to fair play. What about them? What did our clerical bigwigs, business monopolists and publishing tycoons have to say about the violations of justice in these cases here at home? An examination of the record, which is wide open for anybody's inspection, will give the answer to this question. It should also throw some light on the worth of their pretentions and protests in the name of justice and morality - in Eastern Europe.

(Next Week: The Dirt on Their Own Doorstep)

# Notebook of an Agitator Iran Talks Flop As British Issue Ultimatum

tions between Britain and Iran the Iranian government with a over the nationalized Iranian oil \$25 million loan through the Imindustry have again collapsed. port-Export Bank, plus a vague These negotiations were imposed promise of further loans. upon the Iranian government by the relentless pressure of the Truman's "personal representa-Harriman.

neight of reasonableness and conciliation on the part of the British and the height of unreasonableness, "fanaticism," etc., on the part of the Iranians.

The British delegation, headed by Lord Privy Seal Richard as before. Stokes, started the negotiations talking tough and ended on the the British proposals was consame note - by an ultimatum to tained in a cable from London to Iran to accept the British terms employ force.

Harriman, portrayed as an "im-

oil resources of that country for tive," the millionaire Averell the benefit of the British oil oil inside the country, a tiny it, was assassinated; and the frontiers and a division of monopolists. The only point they fraction of the total output. The capitalist propaganda ma- are willing to concede is to pay chine in this country and in slightly higher royalties. Up to Britain has pictured these talks, now they have been paying from whose progress throughout was ten to 15 cents a barrel, or virkept in strictest secrecy, as the tually stealing the oil. They are now willing to pay a little more.

The British position is that they

have the right to stay in Iran

iously insist that the Iranian nationalization decree remain on be set up that would handle the paper, while the British run the operation of the oil fields and industry, lock, stock and barrel,

As for the rest, they imper-

An authoritative summary of the Wall Street Journal, the inpartial" . go - between, actually "Iranian" dummy, without any but that is all.

After more than six weeks and | About the only "soft" note he in- | two completely British-dominated | accept such terms is to capitulate | refinery, as it has every right to cores of conferences, the negotia- troduced was an offer to bribe corporations, with sweeping to the British. And this, no do, the British can then declare

"purely Iranian" agency, would ing mass opposition inside the force. formally take over the assets of country. It would mean the imthe nationalized oil industry, have an advisory voice in approv-American imperialists through and continue exploiting the vast ing "the oil production policy" and supervise the distribution of The previous Premier who tried been mobilized on the Iranian

#### BRITISH CONTROL

The purchase, sale and distribution of the oil would be in the hands of a British purchasing organization, with the Iranians barred from any voice on it.

Finally, a third agency was to the great refinery at Abadan. On "some Iranian directors."

the British have been seeking to at the Abadan refinery. This staff for oil, until the showdown came. or suffer the consequences, that fluential financial daily. On Aug. dictate to Iran since the beginning is under instructions not to allow Then they expected Uncle Sam s, a thinly veiled threat to 18 this paper reported that the of the Iranian crisis. The camou- the Iranians to take over the British demanded the setting up flage is a little more elaborate plant. of three companies. One an than the one originally proposed,

mediate downfall of any governto hold on to the oil monopoly. same threats have been made against the reighing Premier Mossadegh.

In this sense the Mossadegh government was left with no choice in the matter. Despite the terrific pressure exerted by Harriman, the British ultimatum was rejected.

#### PROVOCATION

this body, the British were tough." They have begun the magnanimous enough to permit evacuation of the British technical staff from the oil fields, but trolled the government of Iran, These are the same terms that intend to leave a "skeleton staff" and paid very little in royalties

This is a deliberate act of provocation. Should the Iranian backed the British at every stage. powers whatever, and the other For the Iranian government to government try to take over the

Iranian government can afford to the "lives of their nationals" in The "National Iranian Co.," the do in the face of the overwhelm- jeopardy and resort to naked

In preparation for this a British naval armada has long been stament that permitted the British tioned in the vicinity of Abadan, while air and land forces have

> been so crass that it has aroused "criticism" even from so conservative a capitalist politician as Sen. Malone of Nevada. On Aug. 23, he declared on the Senate floor:

The British continue to "talk simply continued largely con-

The Senator was then so incautious as to go on to denounce the "colonial system" practiced trained and lavishly equipped of date at this time. . . . Things troops. But the General had to can no longer be concealed. The various colonial peoples can no longer be controlled by the British, as they were for 100

The Senator did not openly

get out and stay out of Iran! The various colonial peoples, as the get our South Korean allies to Iranian experience once again confirms, refuse to be controlled any longer.

#### to American soldiers as "profes-groups captured there were "a brass hat hates to admit and that hunchback . . . two men of forty- is that poorly trained, poorly by Britain. "It is a great system," five and two kids of fifteen"; and equipped Asian soldiers can and he said. "But it will not work, He paid no such "compliments" House Appropriations Defense to the Chinese and North Korean second that they are poorly do stand up against elaborately because the colonial system is out

What U.S. Generals Don't Know

More of the secret testimony sional killers." of Brig. Gen. Michaelis before the subcommittee has been made soldiers but his testimony about trained. public by Washington columnist them was just as revealing. C. B. Allen. The General, former These soldiers, testified the Genassistant commander of the 25th cral, are "well-fed, sturdy, good fifteen days training and put him Division in Korea and recently Chinamen . . . look like they had on top of one of those hills and appointed as Eisenhower's train- been conscripted from the vil- tell him to dig in and stay there

reported two weeks ago in this obviously believed to be damaging there. . ."

"They take a Chinaman or

column, paid glowing compliments facts, first, that among the last! Now there is one thing that a

## **Kaesong Negotiators**



These are the members of the 4-man subcommittee set up to negotiate details of the cease-fire truce in the Korea war. They are (l. to r.): Chinese Gen, Hsieh Fang, North Korean Maj. Lee Song Cho, Gen. Hodes and Rear Adm. Burke, of the United States.

## Letters from Readers

## Can't Keep Up

local super market, in spite of my regular weekly visits there. of-this-world prices. - I'd just they've been adding a penny or about gotten used to not know- two on to just about everything clerks had sort of scorecards for

Editor: A note on current out- (Every week, now, for months, ing the prices of anything in our edible.) But I got really peeved

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#### latest system for helping the checkers keep up with the ever changing prices. Up till now, the standard items like eggs, milk and butter with the latest price hike written in, crossed over, and changed again. Now, though, the store has mimeographed the list of items and next to them they have stapled stacks of long strips of paper, on which the prices are filled in. When eggs go up 2c. instead of messily crossing it out they simply tear off a strip. It's nice that they figure out

last week when I saw the store's

ways to help the clerks - but I wish somebody would concentrate on helping the customers.

> R. T. New York City

## Man of Steel

Editor: I heard a radio program Sunday that still has me laughing. It was about the

Well it seems that Joe is a man of steel who does the work of a whole furnace crew, turning out himself, working day and night. subs from the six weeks deliveries the way you have." He likes nothing better than to work on the furnace.

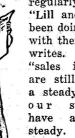
He doesn't want any more pay, he doesn't want shorter hours, he doesn't want any help on No. 7 furnace, where he works. One of the incidents in the radio sketch Philadelphia, writes, "I think you has Joe talking with the works will be interested in knowing for his contribution. superintendent. The boss offers that we held two election street Joe more money, but Joe doesn't meetings in the last two weeks want it. He offers him anything and at the first one we sold 12 he wants. "Joe," he says, "isn't copies of the paper and at the there anything you'd like besides working on No. 7 furnace?" Then tants and 4 pamphlets." there was a long pause. I thought my radio went dead. Finally, Joe says, "Boss, give me No. 8 furnace, also.

> Joe (not Magarac) New York

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## MILITANT ARMY

regularly each week. nedy and others?



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provements they would like to

see in the paper. C. J. H. writes from Kansas City, "I wish that all the real liberals and progressives would get together behind a third party county, state and national office.

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C. H. D. of Pottstown, Penna. been doing very well writes, "I read every issue from with their sales," he front to back and hope I'll never writes. In general be without it. I'm anxious to get "sales in Oakland each issue. You have a tough job are still moving at just now and I'll do all I can to a steady pace and help. Wishing you continued suc-

have also been M. G. of Long Island, New steady. I believe York, told us on renewing his since the campaign subscription to The Militant: "I we have averaged am glad to kick in my buck. I am at least one a week from one town proud to say that the paper has or another in our area. We have added converts on the Queens legendary Joe Magarac, the Paul used the campaign as a means of College campus, to the chagrin of Bunyan of the steel industry, starting discussion groups also. I the Stalinists. Your articles on who bends steel bars into figure- have never seen a more opportune Asia are the best. I would like time to sell our literature. Last to see a question box and letters week I sold 37 Militants, and this to the editor and a more complete coverage on what's going on Akron Literature Agent Kat inside Russia. Anyway, do the hundreds of tons of steel, all by reports continued good results in best you can and keep fighting

> M. S. of Los Angeles knows sold 2 more subs recently and that a fighting socialist paper like says that Lou sold 10 copies of The Militant depends on the sup-The Militant and a new six- port of its readers to meet printfellows." Many thanks to M. S.

## Detroit **ELECTION**

## HOWARD LERNER Socialist Workers Party

Candidate for Mayor Saturday, 9 P.M., Sept. 8, 1951 Fun and Refreshments

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## "One-Third of a **Nation" Still in Serious Poverty**

(Cont. from page 1) credit plan, or second hand, and there were many families who

depended entirely upon gifts." "Countless children," the report concludes, "are being brought up in squalor."

Among the worst cases exposed by the Conference Group were those of families in which the breadwinner had full-time employment, and still had to seek public assistance to provide for

he children. About one New York family of four which is supported by the daughter on a total cash income of \$1,820 a year, the case history reads:

"The stairways and halls are odor of poverty permeates the place. . . The son wants to be an he can attain his goal.

says, "We ruined her life."

A Texas family of six headed by a widowed mother of five killed." children, reports how it ate before the father, a migrant worker who earned \$1,475 in 1949, died: ". . . quite a bit of bread, and other starchy foods, such as imperialist yoke. Of course you beans, potatoes and spaghetti, which are cheap. Canned milk is his kind to understand that, any- Mo used exclusively, although they more than these military-minded prefer bottled milk."

but samples culled from among never docilely accept the role of the 101/2 million of America's 42 "killing or getting killed" - for million families who live on under the sake of enslaving other peo-\$2,000 a year.

North Korean and give him 10 or admit it just the same. When asked whether these troops surrender when "confronted with a hopeless situation" the General ing co-ordinator in Europe, as we liages." Then he added what he until he dies; and he will stay reluctantly confirmed that "relatively few" surrendered, and "that is one of the things we do not know the answer to." That wasn't the only thing the

General didn't know the answer to. He was also at a loss to explain why "it was impossible to perform the same way in battle." The General simply can't un-

derstand why the South Koreans won't fight for the corrupt, brutal Syngman Rhee regime when he Postal Workers himself supports it. They have tasted the fruits of Rhee's regime just as they have tasted the "liberation" brought them by all the generals from Mac-Arthur down. They have seen from one end to the other. It is the higher paid federal employees. "liberation."

## DESTRUCTION

To wage a successful war, ex-1 plained the General, "We have to the Detroit postal workers alone destroy their economy; we have have had to borrow over a milto destroy their means of mak- lion dollars from their credit ing war against us. That means union. In order to support their their government on down."

which have been carried out in perience . . . were forced to quit," life in Korea, it is just as obvious why the Chinese and North 37 percent turnover of employees Koreans, including "hunchbacks, occurs when spiraling prices old men and boys" are fighting so cvertake wage levels." courageously. On the one hand, they are fighting for their freedom, their right to determine since last December, but has their own fate, to improve their failed to act. "No raise has yet lot. They are fighting against all the white militarists who have pointed out Redmacher, "much so long ground the necks of the Asians under their military up the enormous debts which are boots. On the other hand, they piling up against loyal workers." are fighting against total destruc-

In a word, what inspires them is much the same cause that inspired the colonials in this country in 1776 to rise up against the British tyrants and their "professional killers." There is another annihilating

admission in the General's testimony, and that is that the GI's have no cause for fighting dingy and dark and the musty in Korea. After delivering the usual spiel about the saving the world from communism and engineer but does not know how "safeguarding democracy," the General had to admit that the "Sadie (the family support) at American soldier "fights because 24, has assumed a passive role, he's told to fight. And, frankly, has no friends, no interests, and he is fighting to save his own ing costs. "Enclosed you'll find a finds it simplest to accept, with- life." American capitalists in dollar," he writes. "Keep it up out rebellion, the breadwinner their determination to make the role. Lack of clothing and spend- world safe for their exploitation ing money have so narrowed her conscript American youth, train horizon that it seems inevitable them, put guns in their hands that she will continue as a friend- and teach them to become "proless, empty person." Her mother fessional killers" — by putting them in a position where the choice before them is "kill or get

The Chinese and North Koreans on the other hand are fighting because they have a great stake in the battle - freedom from the can't expect Gen. Michaelis and creatures will ever understand These are not isolated cases, that the American youth will

paratroopers stationed in the Mediterranean within easy reach.

The conduct of the British has

"Instead of trying to arrive at some fair method, the British trolling the government of Iran. It was well known that they conto get tough." The Senator omitted to add that Washington has thus far lived up to all the British expectations, and that one of the main reasons they refuse to budge in Iran has been the support they have been receiving from the American im-

years."

say so, but he obviously implied that the British should leave and let the American oil monopolists take over.

Let both Britain and the U.S.

# **Borrow to Live**

How deeply inflation is slashing into living standards of American workers is illustrated their cities and villages wiped by the plight of the postal workout, and their country laid waste ers, at one time reputedly among hardly surprising that they see Their condition is now critical, no reason to die for this kind of affirms J. H. Redmacher Jr., president of the National Association of Letter Carriers of Detroit, Mich.

In order to keep from starving families, deeply in debt, over From the General's own words, 1,300 "men and women of exsaid Redmacher, adding that "a

Congress has had pay-raise bills for postal workers before it come to a vote in Congress," less anything sufficient to take

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## Trenton's Killer Cops

In the last few months three coldblooded murders of Negroes by triggerhappy gangsters-in-uniform have taken place in the New York-New Jersey area.

The last of these victims was Robert Kelly, 26-year old World War II veteran shot to death by Trenton, N. J. policemen, two of whom were involved in the Trenton Six frame-up. In New York the killer-cops had previously taken the lives of Henry Fields Jr., 26-year old Negro and father of three children; and of John Derrick, another young Negro veteran.

These are not isolated incidents. They are the most glaring instances of the increasing terror to which the Negroes and other racial minorities are being subjected not in the Jim Crow ridden South but in the allegedly enlightened and "progressive" Northern communities. There is no record of the countless beatings, the abominations of segregation and other humiliations which are the day-to-day lot of persecuted Negroes.

Effective defense against murderous assaults — particularly against the unbridled police violence — is no minor issue for the Negroes. It is a crying neces-

Unfortunately, the leading Negro organizations, among them the NAACP, continue to center all their efforts upon official "investigations," and to rely upon the authorities for remedial measures

and justice. There is nothing wrong in pressing for investigations. What is dead wrong is to place the main reliance upon such legalistic procedures.

This has brought and can bring no real relief in the situation. On the contrary, it acts to obstruct a really effective struggle through a mass protest movement. Only when the mass of the Negroes launch such a movement and weld a close alliance with organized labor can damaging blows be dealt to the system of Jim Crow, of which police brutal-

ity is a component part. Jim Crow is not something superficial or accidental. It is rooted in the existing order of things. It serves the deepest interests of the capitalist class. They not only reap profits from it but keep the ranks of the exploited and oppressed divided by it, thus making it easier for a tiny minority of plutocrats to rule unchallenged.

That is why it is so fruitless to plead with capitalists and their politicians and their authorities to end Jim Crow. It is on a par with pleading with one of their killer-cops for mercy, let alone justice. This is the truth, the bitter truth.

Let an aroused Negro people mobilize its ranks in a vast protest movement and in an alliance with labor launch an all-out war against Jim Crow! Once that is done, success is assured. Anything short of it, will fail, as it has up to now.

## Watch Where the Smart Money Goes

Korean cease-fire talks were broken off on Thursday, Aug. 23. On Friday, the New York Times carried an editorial that insisted: "We want peace. . . "

The financial page of the same day's Times told a different story. One headline on that page read: "'WAR BABIES' PACE MARKET UPSWING. Trend Traced to Breakdown in Korea — Copper, Steel, Air Issues Share in Rise." Another headline about sudden rises in food futures said "TRUCE COLLAPSE SENDS STAPLES UP."

Needless to say, when it became clear the following day that negotiations had not been finally broken off, and there was still a chance that a cease-fire would be negotiated in Korea, the stock market suffered a relapse.

What the stock market tells us in this instance is that the editorial page of the New York Times is not being honest. "We want peace. . . " the editorial says, but the facts show otherwise.

Everything that is published on the editorial page of a capitalist daily newspaper is worked out for effect, and is therefore usually false and hypocritical. When the New York Times, or any other

statement made by W. Averell

Harriman, dated July 13, 1951.

HARRIMAN'S DISCLOSURES

them all the more valuable.

newspaper of the capitalist-controlled press, says "We want peace. . . "in an editorial, what it really means is "We want you to think that we want peace."

The stock market is different. It tells the truth about what the capitalist rulers of our country want, because it records | FIGHT ON KILLER COPS of our country want, because it records their actions, not merely their words.

When stocks rise as a result of the news that there is a set-back in the ceasefire negotiations in Korea, that means that a group of the most responsible master-capitalists who rule this nation is saying: "The prospect of continued warfare makes us happy, makes us more confident that industries will show a profit, makes us more willing to part with sums of hard cash to buy shares in industry."

If you ask the owner of a string of horses whether his entries will win on the racetrack, you may be sure he will give you a confident answer. But if you want to know what he really thinks, watch where he puts his money.

That goes for the newspapers as well. If you want to know what the capitalist class wants you to think, read the editorials. But if you want to know the truth of the matter, read the financial page and see how their money goes.

# Why Europeans Dislike U.S.

U.S. newspapers and magazines have to admit that America is far from popular among Europeans. In fact, the U.S. inspires awe more than sympathy. Neither force nor money, experience shows, can conquer or buy the genuine sympathy of peoples.

"Didn't we help them by the oillions for their rehabilitation?" asked. The answer is that the European exploiters of the Eur- of war. pean workers.

U.S. aid to Europe was aimed quite frankly at strengthening European capitalism. Yet, aled the situation of certain industrialists and their go-be-preparedness ends in war. They curable sickness of a completely with the longer military service rotten economic system.

#### EUROPEAN WORKER

What has the Marshall Plan lone for the European worker? The very modest wages of the French toilers, for example, are ontinuously reduced in value by feel that an unhealthy state of he rising cost of living. In Bel- affairs is forced upon them by gium increasing unemployment endangers the working class they have become U.S. satellites, whose situation is worse today and they do not like it. than at the beginning of American aid. That is why U.S. eco- "democracy" against the Kremlin nomic aid has not impressed the does not fall on sympathetic ears European masses. They are still in Europe. Workers ask, what

Besides, the period of "eco-Europe. Guns and tanks arrive in other cases of racial persecution,

against Trenton police

on the morning of Aug. 19 by

an attempt to frame six innocent

The New Jersey State leader-

for the Advancement of Colored

involved in the murder, two of

whom were also involved in the

Trenton Six frame-up attempt.

However, no indication has been

given by the NAACP leadership

that it has any plans for actions

community from further attacks.

Trenton was the scene of the

TRENTON MASS MEETING

EXPOSES MURDER, MAPS

A Trenton mass meeting on Aug. 22 at which the po-

lice murder of Robert Kelly, 26 year-old Negro veteran

was described by eye-witnesses, planned action to fight

terron The murder of Kelly early frameup attempt against six in-

he European nations defend forces. themselves against Russian aggression?" This is another ques- think that those responsible for tion we often hear. The answer is simple: Europeans are less U.S. should not assume the role hysterical about "Russian ag- of High Priests of Democracy in gression" than the U.S. press and State Department. They are at east as fearful of American provocations as they are of Marshall Plan? Didn't we spend Stalin's policies. The Europeans do not believe that the U.S. is against the Russians by their - We often hear these questions following a policy of peace. They see imperialist preparations for Marshall plan mainly helped the war. And they have had enough popular military occupation.

### EISENHOWER

Europeans do not think Eisenhower's headquarters in Paris are though it unquestionably improv- part of a peace plan. They know from experience how easily war tweens, it did not heal the in- do not want military aid - along and tremendous military expenses it entails in their own countries.

The people of Europe hate their own military cliques; they fear inflated military budgets at a time when post-war reconstruction is far from completed. They American imperialism. They feel

Propaganda about defense of kind of democracy, please? They read about the condition of the nomic aid" is closing. The U.S. American Negro, about the McGee now concentrates on militarizing case, the Cicero case and many Naples and Antwerp. These not only in the deep South but in cargoes do not bring the Eur-cpean workers well-being. the North. Europeans also observe at first hand the discrimination at first hand the discrimination

nocent Negroes in which the

and disorderly customer. The

police came, and without enter-

Mrs. Cora Lee Kelly, a friend,

made his complaint.

"What's wrong with helping against Negro GI's in the armed

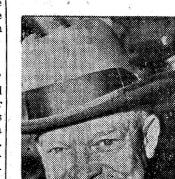
Thus, the people of Europe segregation and Jim Crow in the the world.

## WEST GERMANY

What about the West Germans? Aren't they glad to be protected American occupiers? The truth is there is no such thing as a Every occupation hurts the people's interests. The American occupiers immediately dissolved the new factory committees formed in the Ruhr in 1945, after Hitler's downfall. The U.S. supported the German capitalists from the beginning. Several months ago they released Krupp and restored him to his former position of industrial tycoon. The U.S. the occupying troops, and in authorities protected Schacht, von Papen and countless Nazi criminals.

Moreover, every occupation breeds violence, crimes and hatred. Recent events in Fulda, Germany, confirm this. A group of U.S. troops in Fulda raped withdrawal of all U.S. military tending the hand of cooperation some German girls, and of forces, and an end to military and solidarity to the European course a wave of indignation build-up. The people want to swept the region. The occupation pursue the peaceful pursuits of and support of workers across results in the demoralization of reconstruction and building up the seas.

Not So Popular Among Europeans



EISENHOWER

arousing the wrath of the oppressed nation where a foreign army is imposed.

#### WANT PEACE

Certainly in Western Europe the hope of the people is the

the production of consumer goods. not war goods.

In Eastern Europe, while the people hope for liberation from the Stalinist dictatorship, there is little reason to believe they look

to U.S. imperialism as the libera-

The U.S. State Department supports reactionary emigres who want to bring landlordism and capitalism back to the countries now dominated by the Kremlin. The people of Eastern Europe have no intention of exchanging the dictatorship of Stalin for the dictatorship of U.S. - sponsored landlords. They want to keep the land reform already achieved, the nationalization of industry, and other progressive economic reforms which the imperialists would

Eastern Europe does not want its old masters back. They want independence both from the Kremlin and U.S. imperialism.

A bond of friendship between Europe and America cannot be built by an imperialist government. Only a Workers and Farmers government in the U.S., exworkers, can win the sympathy

# Why I Am Contributing To the Weinstock Case

An open letter to Louis Weinstock, former Sec'y-Treasurer of N. Y. Painters District Council 9, indicted under the Smith Act.

which you have been indicted Socialist Workers Party. under the Smith "Gag" Act. I am sending a dollar for your defense.

"I am confident," you say, idly by and allow me to be railroaded to jail. Any attempt to destroy the right of free speech, a threat to our unions and our complaining that delegates to the right to seek better conditions." Council "were almost ready to Trenton police has stirred the police manufactured evidence and You go on to boast of your Negro population of the city prepared perjured testimony in wartime record, stating, "We and asked that dictatorial union which was recently the scene of an effort to secure their convic- were in the forefront selling tion on a murder charge. The U.S. Government Bonds, giving

Negroes on a faked murder frame-up fell through when four blood to the Red Cross." of the six innocent men were forgot to mention a few other acquitted by the jury, with the details like breaking strikes and ship of the National Association cases of the two defendants who hounding union militants who were found guilty on the same were against the no-strike People outlined a plan for legal evidence now going to appeal. pledge.

shown by their actions since the we are in a bad state of affairs to get information which would must be defended for all. collapse of their frame-up that when the government persecutes they are extremely resentful of anybody, as it is now persecuting victed for "sedition" instead of who in a letter to the Daily the fight put up by the Negroes you, because of his political and civil liberties supporters in views. It is also very true that movement." the case of the Trenton Six, and union men should oppose this inwhich could safeguard the Negro aim to intensify their persecu- dictment; not that I am sympathetic to you personally. Far Reservoir streets, Trenton. He your case involves the rights of complained to police of a drunk all.

## LABOR SOLIDARITY

I have always believed in the solidarity of labor against those who would destroy our civil liberties. The Smith Act is a reactionary law. The witchhunt must be stopped. I therefore believe your case should be fought through the highest courts.

portant that the members of under the very same sections of Painters District Council 9 know how you helped to put the noose around your own neck. They should know that while you are crying to high heaven today about labor solidarity in defense Mrs. Kelly continued to protest of civil rights, during World War as Williams was dragged to the II you sang a different song.

police wagon that drove up. At When you were Secretarythis point, cops started beating Treasurer of the Council you her about the head and shoulders helped to build up the very same with their billys and nightsticks. Smith Act under which you yourself are now being railroaded to

This should be a lesson, if not receiving, and Robert Kelly, to you, then to all honest memafter being beaten and forced to bers of our Council.

## MINNEAPOLIS CASE

You and your Stalinist henchmen helped prevent the labor movement from putting up an Contrary to police reports, effective fight against the Smith which attempt to give a riot Act. You supported the indictatmosphere by saying that there ment, prosecution and railroading to prison of the 18 leaders of eyewitnesses report that there the Socialist Workers Party and were only about a dozen people Minneapolis Teamsters Local present on the scene, and eight 544-CIO, back in 1944, remember?

In that way you helped to put yourself behind bars in 1951. a possible fractured skull, was You're paying today for the ratty held "under police guard" while role you played 7 years ago. cops cooked up a story. NAACP Today you advocate labor

investigators and attorneys were solidarity against the Smith Act not able to see her until they indictments of Communist Party procured a writ of habeas corpus. leaders. But in 1944 you went

Like the rest of the members into the District Council and the Smith Act which are being When some of the Council

members, whose locals had voted "that the painters will not stand advocated that the District Council back the Civil Rights Defense Committee, organized to defend the 18, you wrote a letter to free press and free assembly is Teamsters Czar Daniel Tobin. give these people a helping hand" to help prevent any aid from

## LETTER TO BIDDLE

That was on May 11, 1944. On the same day you busied yourself writing a letter to none other than U.S. Attorney General Anyway, it's certainly true that Biddle, stating you were anxious show that the "18" were con-

You received an answer from Assistant Attorney General Tom Clark, who replied "that the basis The events which ended in from it. I consider your record in of the prosecution had nothing to Kellv's murder started with a our union a dirty one. But prin- do with activities on behalf of phone call to police by the owner ciples are more important than the labor movement." In those of Alfonso's Bar at Wilson and you and your gang. It is true that days the Attorney General's word was as good as gold to you. You took this letter to the Council. You used it to defeat a motion to fight the Smith Act by supporting the defense of the 18 victims of Biddle and Co.

You don't mention this in your letter to our members. I don't plame you. Your past cannot stand the light of day.

The 18 Minneapolis defendants were convicted of "advocating" But I think it's just as im- the overthrow of the government,

Painters District Council 9, fought against the Painters giv- used against you. In 1944 you have received your personal ap- ing aid to the first victims under refused to fight against the Smith peal for support in your case in that Act, the 18 leaders of the Act because the people who faced imprisonment under its vicious provisions had different political views than yours. They were in to support the Minneapolis case, fact bitterly opposed to your policies. But when it comes to the prin-

ciple involved in the defense of civil rights, political differences are not decisive for principled people. All those in the labor movement who have an ounce of principle in them know this and act accordingly. That is why I am willing to

urge support of your case, although I am, as I was, an uncompromising opponent of all you stand for politically.

## A LESSON

There is a great lesson in this for all union members. If civil

I agree with Irving Abramson, "activities on behalf of the labor | Worker May 31, 1949, referring to your betrayal of labor solidarity in the Minneapolis Case, wrote:

"When any minority group helps the hangmen of civil rights place a rope around the neck of another minority the former must inevitably climb the same scaf-

That is what has happened to

Labor must stand united against the witchhunt. And it must expose its own betrayers, who like you, have paved the way for the wholesale destruction of civil liberties in this country.

Sincerely, Harold Robbins Member, N. Y. Painters District Council 9

## "THE JEWISH QUESTION" **A Marxist Interpretation**

By A. Leon

Leon died in the Auschwitz gas chambers at the age of 26, but the book he left behind is one of the finest products of the underground resistance movement against the Nazis.

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1946 he was U.S. Ambassador to the USSR. He attended every conference between Roosevelt. Harriman presents documentary | Churchill and Stalin - Teheran and eye - witness evidence that in Nov. 1943 and Yalta in 1945 -Stalin throughout worked hand and was at Potsdam in July 1945.

tion of the civil war in China in at the Moscow conference of 1946 is contained in an official October 1943. From October 1943 to January

ists, and with Chiang. His dis- Churchill met Stalin in October exhaustive because he seeks to Francisco United Nations Conrefute the Republican charge of ference in April-May 1945. In hem all the more valuable. had . . . many discussions with Harriman is in an exceptional Stalin," states Harriman. And position to speak authoritatively then goes on:

tion of American imperialism. A 1941. He represented Roosevelt China together and that he should willing collaboration that Soong WRONG MAN revealing exposition of Stalin's at Churchill's first meeting with be supported. Molotov reiterated made it clear to Harriman "that! real role in China throughout Stalin in Moscow in August 1942; this position when Mr. Donald M. his Government was anxious to who was seated in a car, protested August (1944) en route to Chung-

How Stalin Aided Chiang

At Yalta in 1945 Stalin not only reiterated to Roosevelt "his recognition of the need for a united China under Chiang Kaishek's leadership" but signed a secret agreement to enter the war in glove with the U.S. imperial- He was also present when against Japan at a price of the notorious concessions in China closures are so specific and 1944 in Moscow; and came to San (status quo in Outer Mongolia, restoration of South Sakhalin and adjacent Islands and the Chinese "sell-out" at Yalta. This makes addition "throughout the war I Eastern and Southern Manchurian given to the National Government railways, etc.).

> WELCOMES NATIONALISTS During the Hopkins' special mission in Moscow in May 1945, officially declared war on Japan, "Stalin reaffirmed his support of a unified and stable China (under Chiang) which would control all of Manchuria . . . and stated that he would support the (U.S.) opendoor policy. He said he would also welcome representatives of Chiang to be with his troops when they entered Manchuria in order to facilitate the establishment

affirms Harriman. From the end of June 1945 through August 1945 Chiang's

there of administration by the

Chinese National Government,'

ing the bar to determine the "In one of these talks, which | Premier T. V. Soong, later joined nature of the complaint, placed took place in June (1944), Stalin by Foreign Minister Wang Shiists, and stated that Chiang was Stalin. Chiang's representatives the bar, under arrest. the only man who could hold were so elated with Stalin's Nelson and Maj. Gen. Patrick J. reach an agreement with the to the cops, explaining that they Hurley stopped at Moscow in Soviet Union and to this end he were arresting the wrong man. was prepared to make concessions This has since been verified by which we considered went beyond the proprietor of the bar, who the Yalta understanding." has stated that Mr. Williams was not the man against whom he had

MATERIAL SUPPORT

Among the special provisions in this treaty between Stalin and Chiang it was specified that "the Government of the USSR agrees to render to China moral support and aid in military supplies and other material resources, such support and aid to be entirely as the Central Government of China."

(In the next installment we shall detail the historical causes which caused the Chinese revolualmost three months before Stalin | tion to erupt unexpectedly not only to Stalin, Chiang and Washington but also to Mao and his colleagues.)

> GIVE THIS MILITANT TO YOUR SHOPMATE ASK HIM TO SUBSCRIBE

Mrs. Kelly's three sons, who were also present, ran up and protest- prison. ed the beating their mother was run, was shot by a cop named Ernest Kuti, who, it is reported, had long held a grudge against the Kelly family. He died almost at once.

were "30 or 40 people rioting," Mrs. Kelly, hospitalized with

This is the furnace yard, a dusty or muddy wilderness, a red and brown and black desert lying flat at the feet of giant blast turnaces, walled in on one side by the unbroken cliff of the trestle and on the other by the ladle house and the gas washers, the scale houses and the blow-engine houses. It is a cheerless, desolate place, an ugly place - in spite of Elmer.

You see, Enner always had the idea that he could turn the Turnace yard into a garden. To him, the earth should bring torin truit and produce lite, and, naturally, the most barren places and the ugitest were the ones he selt most in need

And so, in the most outlandish, impossible nooks and corners he tried to impregnate the sterile dust with apple seeds and peach pits; and whenever the rest of the labor gang was resting he hurried here and there watering his plants from a whiskey bottle filled at a drinking fountain or at a hose on some furnace jacket.

He delighted in the tough, scrubby weeds that struggled stubbornly and desperately for life near the north scalehouse, and from time to time he tenderly dug one of them up and transplanted it in some incredible spot where not even the most ferocious will to survive could save it.

Nothing he ever put into the ground grew up again, not that I know. But that didn't stop him. It didn't even seem to disappoint him. He kept on planting and watering. He kept on hurrying from place to place in the stiff, broken, hobbling step of the aging worker, driven by some lusting urge to do, to make, to create life in living green things to freshen the place where he spent his days. It was as though something had gone amiss in the vast social and biological cauldron where

the genes of life are mixed and categoried, and this odd human being, who should have been born and bred to the country soil, saw life and lived it instead in a smoky steel plant suburb.

I remember once asking him why he didn't find himself a job on a farm. He smiled at me with his open, happy, uncorrupted smile, the kind of smile that is so pure-hearted that you see it most on the faces of either small children or dull-witted people. "You know," he said contentedly, "I used to think I'd like to do just that. But then, there's lots of fellows out there in the country to plant things and take care of them, and I figure they don't need me out there. But take a place like this here: Don't nobody take care of things but me, and if I was in the country, there wouldn't be nobody at all."

We used to laugh at him of course. It was funny to see the grotesque sites he always picked for his gardens and the dewy-eyed tenderness he displayed toward the grubbiest, homeliest little weed he chose to nurse. And it was funny to see the solemn, enduring earnestness of his efforts that were as constant and untiring as they were fruitless.

Jimmy once remarked, "Man, I hope they're gonna be that careful when they plant that old man in the ground. If they do, maybe his luck'll change and he'll take root and grow." But the middle of the coldest spell of last winter; so even if his luck had changed, there would have

But you know, thinking back over the whole thing, I'm sort of wondering if there wasn't another reason why we laughed so much at Elmer. The world we had known was changing and decaying. The leaders of this world were driving it faster and faster toward universal destruction. Those of us who didn't see this at least felt it in one way or another. And it seems to me now that this was perhaps the funniest thing of all to us about Elmer: not that he failed in his desperate fight to create living things, nor that he tried in such a burlesque manner - but that, in this day and age, he tried at all!

By Mary Callahan

A voice called "Close that line!" and suddenly we were shoulder to shoulder in one solid line just before 8:30 Tuesday morning. Some of us wore picket signs and the other girls were just "observers." The picket signs read "The Communication Workers of America are on strike against the Bell Telephone System." Seven thousand telephone workers were involved in the strike throughout the northwest. Here in Seattle we were doing our part.

There was a commotion. Someone was attempting to push through the line. The picket line pecame alive with song. The girls sang: "Uld scabs never die, never die, never die. Oid scabs never die, They just smell that way." Some pickets could be seen holding their noses.

Other Seattle workers scurrying along Second Avenue on their way to work would crane their necks over the shoulders of the pickets to observe who had crossed the line - who was the scab.

We were the accounting girls for the Telephone Company and following the "hit and run" strategy of the CWA it was our day for picketing the accounting office. Many of us had gathered at 7 o'clock that morning to prevent the few "loyal" employees from going to work. By 8:15 over a d girls were pushing and jovially kidding the official pickets. "Don't worry," they said, "we're not crossing the line but we want to see if anyone does."

A lot of the girls had just stayed home this morning enjoying an unexpected holiday, but the rest of us wanted to demonstrate our seriousness and strength on the picket line against "Old Ma

We all held our breaths as this particular girl approached the shop steward. Always known to be spouting company propaganda we considered her a potential scab. But we signed her up instead. She didn't just want to be protected from company reprisal for observing the picket line, she really wanted to join the union!

The squad cars approached soon after the line had become solid and several hundred girls were still excitedly shouting and singing outside. The cops informed us that we'd have to move ten feet from the building or keep moving back and forth without obstructing the public sidewalk.

We obligingly kept moving because ten feet from the building would put us out in the midst of traffic, and anyway our work was well done.

Out of 400 girls only 7 had crossed the line. This was a good demonstration of solidarity against "Old Ma Bell" on the part of the office girls.

The intense feelings of the pickets captured everyone else up and down Second Avenue. Bus drivers picking up their passengers would pause to listen to our songs, toot their horn, and drive along. People walking by on their lunch hour would stop to listen to the songs we had made up such as "Our paychecks make us cry, make us cry, make us cry. Our pay checks make us cry. They just fade away." Another song we made up went like this: "Old Ma Bell is just like she used to be, just like she used to be; just like she used to be. Old Ma Bell is just like she used to be. Tight with her money now!"

Invariably the fellow workers passing by would shout: "More power to you girls! Keep up the fight!"

Many of the supervisors stood outside to see to it that there was no "rough stuff." But after standing there for an hour or so and observing the reaction of the people passing by to our songs and our spirit, they walked red-faced back into the building.

There was a sudden tightening of our line Detroit! The courageous and perwith the alternative of capitulation of the young Negro candidate from again as a truck loaded with supplies for the sistent struggle by the Negro company drew up to the curb. In a body the girls people has placed this issue walked over to the truck driver and demanded, "You're a union member (Teamsters). You're Hall. Confronted with the real not crossing our line!" He stood there puzzled thing the buck-passing politicians Labor, under Frank X. Martel and scratched his head. "I'll call the union hall." he said. But the girls were skeptical of the answer because they remembered how Beck and into the courts, to be lost in and were kicked in the teeth for his lieutenants had ordered Teamsters to cross the Boeing picket line and had organized all the scabs into his union, The truck driver returned and crossed the picket line with the supplies. This has become a Dave Beck tradition in Seattle.

Our last song that day was "Solidarity Forever! For the Union makes us strong!" It was a fitting climax to the day's activities for this group of militant singing pickets. We knew that our demonstration was duplicated by the linemen, telephone installers, repairmen, and long distance operators. With such a display of strength and solidarity we went home confident that we would win our demands.

P.S. We won all right! The company granted our demands four days later, including a 10 percent pay raise and strengthened seniority. Soli-

# THE MILITANT

VOEUME XV

Socialist Candidates in San Francisco





FRANK BARBARIA for Mayor

tion of endorsing Branigan again

UAW-CIO Local 174, which

generally reflects Walter Reuth-

er's conservative opinions, has

endorsing a candidate to oppose

CIO, has been condemned in the

candidacy of Rev. Charles A.

Hill for Common Council. Hill is

a spokesman of the Negro peo-

The CIQ-PAC policy of sup-

pushing through an endorsement

The Detroit Federation of

last election they endorsed Cobo

tactics during the DSR strike

Another wing of the AFL, under

teamster leader Hoffa, has en-

capable of learning anything from

of Detroit. All unionists, house-

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 21 -

held in the state headquarters

The speaker was D. Schultz

who chose as her subject the

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"This century marks a new era

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## ironic part of it all was that when old Elmer went home one day and quietly died, it was in the even if his luck had changed, there would have been very little chance of his taking root in that

DETROIT, Aug. 27 - The Lerner for Mayor Committee of the Socialist Workers Party has completed plans for a whirlwind finish in the primary election campaign

to be concluded election day, Sept. 5-11. A high point n the campaign for refusing to join the union will be the distribution of 20,000 when he worked as a newspaper copies of the SWP election plat- journalist. This fact, coupled with form at plant gates, union meet- a general dissappointment with ings, workers' neighborhoods and the anti-labor program of the the Labor Day parade.

The platform carries a ringing opposition to Branigan. At a evolutionary message of opposi- recent meeting of CIO-PAC tion to imperialist war and delegates and precinct workers, capitalist profiteering, and a a move to endorse his candidacy socialist defense of the rights of for mayor was rejected. The the masses of people in Detroit CIO leaders will raise the quesas well as in Asia.

The SWP is presenting the at a meeting to be held Aug. 28. only working class candidate in the field. The platform contains the following statement by Comrade Howard Lerner, explaining the reasons for his candidacy:

"... The growing problems of unemployment, speed-up, housing, Branigan. Louis Miriani, presineed for FEPC legislation, decent dent of the Detroit City Council, public transportation with reduc- who in previous elections had ed fares, soaring prices, are all received the endorsement of the growing more and more critical as the drive for World War III ranks of the CIO as an active unfolds. More and more workers agent of the real estate inare being saddled with the costs terests. of the super-war program while the profits of corporations hit alltime highs. In my opinion, the question of war overshadows all ther questions in importance in this election campaign. The ef- rights over a period of many fects of the war program are felt in every home. . ."

On the important issue of an porting the Democratic Party Detroit, the SWP platform states, position: two weeks before the directly at the doorstep of City of Branigan. may seek a watered-down, tooth- has endorsed Branigan. At the less bill, or else throw the issue endless legal wrangling. Should their pains by his union-busting these spineless creatures turn the will of the people aside, we demand that the issue be placed on the ballots so the workers of dorsed Cobo to spite Martel. Detroit will have an opportunity These AFL bureaucrats are into vote yes!"

Howard Lerner is a veteran union man. He is a charter member of Ford Local 600, UAW-CIO. for Howard Lerner points the The misery and hell of war is way out to the working people well known to him. He was drafted for World War II. He wives and students who are inserved through six major cam- terested in helping may contact paigns. Lerner was cited for the Lerner For Mayor Committee, meritorious service under fire at at 6108 Linwood. Anzio beach head, and was honorably discharged a sergeant. He is a graduate of Wayne University.

Aside from the SWP campaign, Dorothy Schultz confusion and gloom prevail in | all other sections of the labor in Memorial Talk movement. All the other candidates for mayor are aspiring movement forfeited a golden opportunity to start the ball rolling for a labor party by refusing to night with a Memorial meeting put an independent candidate in the field. The result is that aside here. from Howard Lerner, the only serious opposition to the unionhating incumbent Mayor Cobo, is struggle of the colonial peoples Edgar Branigan, a Democratic for freedom. Trotsky, she said, party hack.

Branigan has been publicly condemned by the Newspaper Guild masses of the world would be



HOWARD LERNER

# Barbaria Enters Mayoralty Race

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Quoting from Eugene V. Debs'

ends up in war."

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eleven years ago.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25 — San Francisco candi- | Anne Chester, chairman of the dates Frank Barbaria and Harry Press formally opened their election campaign at the Socialist Workers Party joint Trotsky Memorial Meeting

and Election Rally.

"The main issue of this campaign is the question of the war," three months. The capitalists had both Socialist candidates declared. "We intend to oppose U.S. sums of surplus money. The only ROLE OF AMERICA imperialism unambiguously and answer was to turn to a war vigorously in its drive to enslave economy, and a war economy the world."

Harry Press, candidate for Supervisor, pointed out, "The dispute over where to build the showed how the loss of markets the specially important role of the American working class. next bridge over the Bay loses and the colonial independence its interest when compared to the movements have shaken the rulconstant threat of war and in- ing groups in this country and Trotsky developed." ecurity. It is because of this Europe. "Their attitude in spite asic question that we are enter- of their differences can be ing the city elections as Socialist summed up in the statement Anti-war candidates."

"Here in San Francisco hun- famous Canton speech the SWP dreds of longshoremen and seamen have been blacklisted by the anti-war stand flowed directly midnight approaches, the south-Coast Guard. The seamen are from the views of the great ern cross begins to bend, the driven from the industry and the Socialist leader of thirty years lookout knows that relief and rest blacklisted longshoremen are com- ago. pelled to work on commercial Democratic Party, has stimulated ships and docks only. Soon they life and work of Leon Trotsky, for the cross is bending, the midwill try to force them from these co-leader with Lenin of the jobs too.

"Keep your mouths shut and you can work! This is the command of the American capitalist class."

Frank Barbaria, candidate for Mayor, analyzed the basic causes of war in the economic roots of capitalism. "United States came out of the Second World War as since declared itself in favor of the major world power," he stated. "Yet less than five years Mayor Cobo. In the present cincumstances this could only mean later it found itself in a situation where steel production dropped 22 percent in capacity in four months, the fastest drop in its

## C. Turner Blasts The SWP is endorsing the Police Brutality In Philadelphia

ple, who has fought for their Socialist Workers Party City Council candidate Mrs. Clyde Turner called upon the Negro community of Philadelphia to FEPC ordinance for the city of has resulted in this disastrous from unrestrained police brutality. take measures for its protection Citing the recent grudge arrest "For an FEPC ordinance in primary election the CIO is faced of Mary Jackson and Betty Jones, the 5th District declared in a series of speeches given the past week, that as long as these race haters roam the streets no Negro

ment against the police in Philadeclared, "and this is proven by abolished." the reaction of our citizens to the many police provocations they

"Every victim of the police community and on many occasions this has resulted in forcibly resisting race - hating cops who are making an arrest. These incidents are headlined in the press as riots.

"But serious and clear thinking resentment and resistance on the part of the Negro community against the anti-Negro phobia that is widespread in the Police Department and the Courts as vell.

"In the latest incident the arresting officer charged that Mary Jackson and Betty Jones capitalist politicians. The labor The Twin Cities branches of the the city police usually stop such Socialist Workers Party honored a fight and advise its participants the memory of Leon Trotsky to- to move on. But in the Negro community any pretext or no pretext is sufficient for an arrest.

> "Later however the Police Sergeant of the District charged that the young women were responsible for a riot several weeks earlier. That is the real reason for the arrest. The riot the Sergeant refers to was an occasion of several hundred persons trying to prevent an unfor the colonial peoples," the justified arrest. speaker declared. She went on to

> "This is the time for every describe the developments in ment that means the Chinese Brutality. Every Negro organizashe said, stands as a challenge to only way to curb the race haters the foreign imperialists that the in uniform and restore some whole of their system may be security and tranquillity to the Negro citizens of Philadelphia."

Philadelphia workers who are interested in participating in Comrade Turner's campaign accapable of electing their own man. ously to a collection to further tivities, or who want to get more the building of the Socialist information on her program, may write to the Socialist Workers or call St. 4-5820.

meeting, is indebted to Trotsky, even as it is to Marx and Engels and Lenin, for the work he did in bringing Marxism up to date: in analyzing and explaining fascism and the process of degeneration of the system of capitalism.

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"For us in this country, one of his greatest contributions was the Connecting the economic crisis America on the world scene, and the specially important role of When you read our program, you will find embodied in it the ideas

She ended with the famous quote from Debs' 1918 speech to the jury. "When the mariner, sailing over tropic seas, looks for relief from his weary watch, he turns his eyes to the southern cross, burning luridly above the candidate showed how the party's tempest - vexed ocean. As the are close at hand. Let the people The meeting commemorated the everywhere take heart of hope, night is passing and joy cometh Russian Revolution, who was with the morning."

murdered by a Stalinist assassin | The meeting ended with a collection of \$265 to start the cam-"The world working class," said paign off on a solid footing.

## The Negro Struggle -Why "Critical" Support?

Last week we explained that the Socialist Workers Party supports independent Negro candidates for office because they represent the aemand of the Negro people for full equanty, and the recognition that independent political action by the oppressed is the road to that goal. But S.W.P. support for such candidates is "critical," or quali-

fied. Our criticism consists of teiling the truth, rather than remaining silent about the limitations of reformist programs for solving problems which require basic socialist changes in our society. Some people ask: When you urge workers to vote for non-social-

ist Negro candidates, doesn't that encourage false hopes that Jim Crow can be eliminated through capitalist reforms? What is gained through critical support? Our answer is that there are a number of distinct gains, and

that the first of these is the demonstration of the limitations of reform movements and the need for socialist change.

For example, in many cities throughout the country Negro communities have succeeded through independent mass action in electing Negro councilmen, or forcing passage of fair employment practices ordinances or state civil rights laws barring discrimination in public places. But instead of finding that such reforms actually eliminate discrimination, we see that it continues in only slightly changed form. Many states have civil rights laws, but "There is deep and wide resent- there is no state where a Negro can go into any restaurant he may wish and be served. Many cities have FEPC ordinances, but there delphia's Negro community," she is none where discrimination in employment has actually been

## Reforms Not Enough

In trying to understand why this is so, thinking people are forced to the conclusion, based on all their experience, that political eccives almost universal sym- reforms which leave economic power in the hands of the same capipathy and support in the Negro talist minority that profits from a divided working class cannot abolish Jim Crow.

At the same time, however, these movements demonstrate that small gains - more representation, legal victories - are possible, but only through struggle, mass action. In Cleveland, for instance, where there is representation for Negroes in the city council and the judiciary, and a local FEPC ordinance, honest leaders know that organized independent struggle by the Negro community must people see these as evidence of go on continuously to make these gains anything more than dead letters.

The big lesson of independent political action by Negroes is that in capitalist society the conditions for Jim Crow are constantly reproduced. The decisive power, economic control, remains in the hands of capitalists so long as they can keep the overwhelming majority of the people, the Negro and white workers, divided. Only when the masses unite to establish a workers' and farmers' government which will build a society that operates industry in the interest of all the workers, instead of for the profit of a relatively few capitalists, will the need for segregation and the conditions for it be eliminated.

#### Negroes and the Working Class Campaigns to place independent Negro candidates in office

not only demonstrate the limitations of programs for reform of capitalist Jim Crow, but at the same time form an independent Negro political force capable of uniting with and stimulating the decisive force for social change in our epoch, the working class.

Negroes have seen that in struggling to eliminate the segregation and misery of slums, they must aim at low-cost public housing for all workers; to guarantee that Negroes will get equal opportunities in employment, it is necessary to secure full employment for all. At the same time, the labor movement, in its struggle for better conditions for workers against the dominating profit interests of the capitalists, is powerless without the support of the Negro masses.

The labor movement, more slowly than the Negro people, who are spurred by the worst oppression, is also proceeding toward in-Negro leader and spokesman to dependent political action. This development is spurred on wherever make his position clear on Police independent Negro candidates run for office because they pose the question to labor of whether to vote for discredited Democratic or people have set foot on the road of tion should make this their Republican politicians or to support an independent candidate. This a revolutionary solution." China, number one task. That is the raises the whole problem of working class political action.

In St. Louis, for example, in the local elections for city Council last spring, the leading Negro newspaper raised the question in an editorial: Why not a labor candidate who happens to be a Negro? The point was made that the Democrats and Republicans have not served the interests of either labor or the Negroes, and that if these two unrepresented groups united they could easily form a majority

Unfortunately, the advice of the St. Louis American was not taken. But the fact that the proposal was made indicates the logical direction of independent Negro political action toward uniting Internationale completed the Party, 1303 W. Girard Avenue, with and developing the forces for an American Labor Party.

(Continued next week)

## Ever Slums

By Jeff Thorne

As Tammany ballyhoo for the Nov. 6 city elections, the New York City Housing Authority announces plans for a \$20,492,000 Harlem slum clearance project. The new project, called Jefferson Houses, will possibly be completed in two years, it is announced.

Even the Republicans will use this drop-inthe-bucket project for vote-getting in Harlem, in spite of the fact that their candidate for President of City Council, Congressman Henry Latham, has already been exposed as having voted consistently against Federal aid to such projects

John Sharkey, Democratic incumbent, will try to pose as a champion of "human welfare." He will seek Harlem votes with glittering promises of eventually making Harlem a fit place to live. But he will never explain why, under the present rule of his party, millions have to live in slums in this richest city in the world.

Precisely because of the Lathams and Sharkeys and their kind of parties and government, representing only the rich, even such a desperately needed improvement as Jefferson Houses will be no unmixed blessing to Harlem. The 2,526 families now living on the site will have to fight every inch of the way to avoid being evicted into worse slums at higher rents.

NYCHA has already bought up the site and is now their landlord. Before these 10,000 men, women and children are finally kicked out, their present hovels will be more rat-infested and disease-breeding than ever. This is the experience

in other city projects. Callous bureaucrats in the Housing Authority

Office will advise complaining tenants to "hurry up and get out." The victims will need mass demonstrations, a fighting organization and lawyers to enforce the laws that are supposed to protect them against such a kicking around.

The site between First and Third Avenues at 112 to 115 Streets, is now occupied by 2.526 families. Jefferson Houses will take only 1,945. The other 581 families will not be able to get back in under any circumstances. There simply won't be room. So at least one-quarter of those at present living in that area now will be made

homeless, and probably many more besides. Records to date on city projects show that no more than 15 percent of the families now living in the area will get back into the new apartments. Those who do go back in will have to prove very low incomes, practically relief level, to qualify.

This Harlem project, therefore, will leave some families entirely homeless, and will not materially improve the situation in Harlem housing. Facts show that housing for Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans and other groups clossified as "non-white" who live in the Harlem area is far worse than housing for the population as a whole. For instance, while 7 percent of the population as a whole is reported to live in completely broken down, dilapidated homes below even slum level. 27 percent of "non-whites" live in such homes. 11 percent of the nation's families have no bathing facilities in their homes, but 40 percent of the "non-whites" have none. And, where about 15 percent of the nation as a whole has no hot and cold running water in the home, fully 50 percent of the "non-white" people of the nation do without these facilities.

