By George Lavan

PRINCETON, Oct. 15 — The aims of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee were outlined for The Militant the officers of the newly formed

chairman, and James Imbrie, acting secretary.

professions; determined to help he had agreed to help form the mobilize public opinion, nationally new group because he saw a need traditional American liberties; arouse public attention and enlist and pledged to follow a nonpartisan policy in rendering whatever aid they could to victims of the witch hunt, regardless of for cooperation." politics, race, color or creed.

Both Prof. Lehman and Mr. Imbrie, interviewed separately, stressed the point that the new group does not intend to compete with existing organizations.

SEEK TO AROUSE PUBLIC

"We felt that there was a deep need for some civil liberties organization that could move with immediacy in the situations that frustration of the average citizen come up, and that would not be where such a person could take confined to the purely legal hold and discharge his respon- by the Pentagon to mean that defense of civil liberties," ex- sibility. investment banker now living in the concern for and defense of Lawrenceville, a small town be- civil liberties is emphatically not tween Princeton and Trenton.

be construed as a competitor of the American Civil Liberties Union, which for years has done a good job, as have several of the organizations of university decided. Various proposals are professors in the field of academic being considered. Both Imbrie and peace in Korea, Ridgeway has freedom," he continued. "The need Lehman felt there was a need to stepped up the pace of warfare, we see is to supplement their guard against the committee until at this time, the war is back work. In this particular juncture being taken over and dominated to the bitter fever-pitch of the I don't know if the country has ever seen such abridgements of constitutional rights."

A similar view was taken by Prof. Lehman, who is Stephen Colwell Professor of Applied Christianity at Princeton Theo- without fear or favor in any logical Seminary and an ordained

the current attacks on civil liberties in politics, education and the work the ACLU does" but said Cease-Fire and regionally, in support of for an organization "which could GI Casualties Rise various volunteer groups together

THREE CONCERNS

Prof. Lehman said the initiators f the committee had three concerns in mind:

"1. To dig in with our respon-

expression and action for the

the exclusive concern of the Com-"Our organization should not munist movement."

ORGANIZATION FORM

The organizational setup of the committee has not yet been by any one political group. The organizational form will be determined at a future meeting.

"I conceive of the committee as a task force," said Imbrie. "Hardhitting, equipped to move quickly

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Policy Guide of Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

PRINCETON — The following is the text of the policy guide of the new Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

1. That fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution to all Americans are denied by prosecutions for teaching and advocating ideas, under the Smith Act or similar leg-

2. That the Smith Act is unwise legislation in a democracy and that its restrictions on freedom of speech and press are unconstitutional for the reasons outlined by Justices Black and Douglas in the case of the eleven Communists.

3. That there should be a rehearing of the case by the Supreme Court seeking a reversal of the majority decision and that the Smith Act should be repealed.

4. That in view of the doubts and qualifications expressed in the majority, concurring and dissenting opinions of the Court, prosecutions and arrests under the Smith Act should

5. That all defendants in civil liberties cases are entitled to legal counsel of their own choice. The legal profession has a responsibility to see that adequate legal counsel is made

6. That the constitutional guarantee against excessive bail should be afforded to every defendant.

LEFT WING FIGHTS FOR **BRITISH LABOR VICTORY**

lutionary socialists are fighting majority - small though it was that they would agree to a confor a Labor Party victory in the Oct. 25 election are cogently exeditors of Socialist Outlook, the to transform this country from Finally, Moscow made public an paper of left wing forces in the Labor Party. Their statement, THE MAIN ENEMY printed in the October issue of the paper, follows:

The Tories are cock-a-hoop at is rubbing its hands in anticipation of even greater profits, and the mad scramble on the Stock Exchange which followed the announcement of a general election shows clearly enough what private enterprise expects from a shall exterminate them by can be extinguished by imperial-Tory government. Meanwhile, all abolishing the system which gives their little lieutenants in the them life or they will exterminate them by ist armed forces at the present time may cause Washington to factories — from the managers us as an organized working class. go slower in Korea too. down - are eagerly looking forjob for Socialists from now on history.

The Socialist Outlook didn't want this election. We campaign- down the miners of Tonypandy. ed against it and our slogan - | They batoned, prosecuted and | Stay in Power but Change the jailed thousands of trade union-Policy! - found, we think, an ists who fought them for a living want. End the war once and for echo throughout the Labor move-

the pass against the Tories while the exceedingly confined space the Party worked out a program which they had proposed earlier. capitalism to socialism.

Our differences with the leaders of the Labor movement are Soviet Union on the truce talks. serious and fundamental but they the prospect of returning to full do not prevent us from recogniz- be compelled to warm up still power once more. Big Business ing the Tory Party as the main further to the idea of ending the

> employer and the landlord. We East blaze is forcing Washington can neither change their ways nor to go slow. The fact that there alter their policies. Either we are more fires breaking out than

The whole history of the Tory ward to the protection of a Tory | Party - personified in the person government in settling accounts of the old buzzard who leads them with militant trade unionists. - is a history of violence against Let's wipe the grin off their the workers. It will surely do no until all imperialist armies are faces! Let's work with all our harm if, during this pre-election withdrawn. Even if a temporary strength for the return of every period, we remind ourselves of agreement were arrived at, it Labor candidate. That is the only some of the highlights of Tory could only bring an uneasy,

> In 1911 they - and their miserable little Liberal allies - shot

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As negotiations resume in

By Harry Frankel

Korea, an ultimatum issued by General Ridgeway on Oct. 15 to the Korean and Chinese negotiators makes it doubtful that a

cease-fire will be reached unless sibility as citizens at what could he changes his attitude. Ridgeway hardly be ignored any longer in insists in his latest statement that the present crisis of civil liberties. the U.S. will agree to a truce "2. To provide an avenue of line only if it is at or near the existing battle line. This stand has previously been interpreted Chinese and Korean forces will

plained Imbrie, who is a retired . "3. To try to make plain that have to retreat and surrender lot of ground in order to give the invading armies of U.S. imperialism "defensible" positions. It is the very issue which deadlocked previous negotiations.

In addition, at the very moment that he is supposedly seeking pre-negotiation style. American casualties in Korea, which are far higher for the 15 months of this police action" than they were in the first 15 months of World War II, are almost up to the casualty rate of last spring.

U.S. VIOLATIONS

The first action of U.S. ne gotiators as talks resumed illustrates the primary pre-occupation of the top brass in Korea. They insisted that the neutral area be stepped-up U.S. offensive. They proposed to reduce the neutral ground to a bare 25 square miles. The Chinese and Korean proposal is for a neutral zone of 175 square miles. While this area would be a better safeguard for the negotiations, it would place a restraint upon U.S. forces intent upon renewed attacks, and Ridgeway opposed it for that reason.

Repeated violations of the neutral zone by American planes also show that Ridgeway is subordinating the cease-fire to the needs of the stepped-up war. Such provocations could be avoided only if the U.S. brass-hats were willing to exercise caution and restraint in their air war in order to make the cease-fire talks succeed. Apparently they are not.

APPROACH TO MOSCOW

However, concessions by the Pentagon show, that whatever the final plans of U.S. imperialism as to a cease-fire, it still wants to keep, the negotiations going. Ridgeway admitted last week that U.S. air attacks were responsible for the death of one Korean child and the wounding of another in the neutral conference area. After The reasons why British revo- ment. We considered that Labor's this, U.S. negotiators indicated - should have been used to hold ference area slightly larger than overture from Washington through Ambassador Alan G. Kirk on Oct. 5, in which Kirk tried a direct approach to the

> Clearly, U.S. imperialism may war in Korea by the new crises rich and the reactionary, the world. The Iran-Egypt Middle

WITHDRAW U.S. TROOPS!

Whatever the end result of the cease - fire talks, there cannot possibly be a real peace in Korea armed interval between wars.

The Militant has repeatedly demanded: Bring the troops back home! That is what the American soldiers themselves want, and that is what the American people all by getting out of Korea!

Civil Liberties Committee were outlined for The Militant in interviews granted here and in Lawrenceville, N. J., by the officers of the newly formed group, Prof. Paul Lehman, acting Prof. Paul Lehman, acting Church. Formerly active in the acting secretary. The impression they made was of people seriously concerned by the current attacks on civil liberties in politics, education and the professions; determined to help mobilize public opinion, nationally, in support of traditional American liberties; and pledged to follow a non-individual American liberties; and pledged to follow a non-individual American liberties; and pledged to follow a non-individual pledged to follow a

Security - For Whom?



reduced to a tiny patch of ground, in an obvious effort to keep the talks from interfering with the Proposed by Bartell

NEW YORK, Oct. 18 — Cutting through the trivialities and personalities which the capitalist He stated the SWP's complete system. Bartell replied: "I don't the area. This application of soize upon the "threat" that the area. parties raise in city elections, support of the union and said the know the purpose of the question brute force in Egypt has been Michael Bartell, Socialist Work- situation could be solved in one but its effect is to prejudice backed by the Truman administraers candidate for President of day: "Give the men the 40-hour voters against minority opinion tion and had previously received evoking enthusiastic response.

that if elected, he would take tioned the suspended men or the steps for holding a referendum anti-labor commissioner. of the people of New York on immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Korea; that such referendums would then spread throughout the country giving the people a chance to demonstrate their opposition to the war. Bartell then asked Rudolph Haliey, the "reform" candidate of the Liberal Party, where he stood on the proposition. Halley, who has confined his campaign to promises of gang-busting, was of the Korean War.

BARTELL FOR STRIKERS

On this same program a surprise was sprung on all the candidates when Stanley B. Krasowski, president of the AFL Sanitaworkers, was permitted briefly to state the case of his union which is trying to force the The Tories are the party of the that are breaking all over the 40-hour week from the city administration by staging a slowdown. Over 300 union militants have been suspended to date by the Sanitation Commissioner

Next Week

An interview with Ramon Martinez, delegate from Latin America to the Third World Congress of the Fourth International, on the anti-imperialist and workers' struggles in South America.

Why American Capitalism Cannot Live Without War, an analysis of current economic trends, by John G. Wright.

Revolution in the Philippines, a report on the latest developments in the Huk-led agrarian revolt against Washington's puppets, by John Black.

TWO PARTY FRAUD

In an October 15 television program, Bartell was asked if

the City Council, on television, week immediately, reinstate the and pressure them to conform to the approval of France and radio and in forums, has raised the suspended workers, and fire Com- the major parties. I deny that the Turkey. demand that the GI's be brought missioner Mulrain for his at-Republican and Democratic home from Korea at once. Bar- tempted union-busting." The Re- parties are political parties at EGYPT AND IRAN tell's whole program, including publican, Democratic and Liberal all. They are rival electoral ma- Egypt's struggle against the support of the city employees' candidates all hemmed and chines representing Big Business, British imperialists differs only in fight for the 40-hour week, is hawed. Each declared for the 40- which itself is a tiny, privileged details from that of Iran. Whereas hour week in theory, but stated splinter of the population. There the British in Iran exploited the ruption in the government and On an October 12 television the streets had to be kept clean are no real differences between oil wealth of the country and dictated the selection of cabinets. program at which all five candi- and that therefore the men should these parties. Both dragged us kept the people impoverished In the Egyptian parliament, they dates were present, Bartell stated stop the slowdown. None men- into the Korean slaughter. . .

an armed camp and police state. population for the production of the most reactionary elements in minority, sir. What this country In addition, the British have was raised in the Cairo parlia-

Both are turning the country into exploited the native soil and have worked hand in glove with

not "confuse the voters" and in-

needs are not conformists but maintained their stranglehold on ment in favor of the British stay-(Continued on Page 2)

U.S. Backs London in Attack To Retain Sudan, Suez Area

Seizing the Egyptian city of Ismailia, 75 miles from the country's capital city of Cairo, the British imperialists on Oct. 16 turned machine guns at pointblank range upon

thousands of demonstrating workers and students who had gathered in the center of Ismailia, the cite of British military headquarters, to demand that these foreign occupiers get out of their country. The number of dead is not known; 100 are reported

The news of this massacre touched off mass demonstrations at Port Said, at the head of the Suez canal, and in Alexandria. In Cairo, where the Egyptian police had earlier declared a "state of emergency" and banned all demonstrations, thousands roamed the streets at night, chanting anti-British slogans and shouting "Nahas, give us arms!" Mustapha Nahaş, is the Egyptian

Premier Nahas went on the radio to express "deep regret" and to tell the aroused Egyptian people that "they had shown their sentiments sufficiently and should cease all demonstrations." The Egyptian authorities have proclaimed a three day "state of

BRITISH RUSH TROOPS

The British General Sir George Erskine — who ordered the massacre and who had previously declared "I shall take charge myself" - then imposed martial law, a curfew, and sent British tanks to patrol the streets of Ismailia.

The British who already have some 60,000 troops stationed in the Suez area, are rushing more Bartell was the first to answer. terfere with the two party troops, planes and battleships to

in the process, in Egypt they have many paid hirelings. They "Yes, I prefer to be in a cotton (in the territory of Sudan). the population. But not a voice the Suez Canal and the whole

No French Soldiers For Korea Battalion

The French press reports that the survivors of the French battalion in Korea will be withdrawn beginning with December 1st, after one year of service. The French government has not been able to raise enough volunteers to form a second battalion to relieve the one under General Montclair now in action. Declarations of those repatriated also show they have no intention of re-enlisting for Korea.

surrounding area, where they "treaty" kept troops

As in Iran, the demand that the British get out and stay out of the country has the support of the overwhelming majority of the population. Even prior to the mass demonstrations and the Ismailia killings, Egyptian pilots had refused to take British military supply ships through the canal, and the workers on the railway servicing the canal area have refused to load or run the trains supplying the British.

NO COMPROMISE!

In Egypt, as in Iran, there is no question whatever of "communist aggression" or of intervention by the Kremlin. In the seize upon the "threat" that the strongest party in the country is the outlawed "communistdominated" Tudeh Party. In Egypt even this flimsy pretext is lacking. The strongest political force there is the nationalist Wafd Party.

In Egypt, as in Iran, the British have for decades promoted cor-

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Independent Policy for American Labor

forced to reveal his full support Board last February they vowed they would never return unless the government took "affirmative action to meet their basic position that equality of sacrifice must be the guiding and indispensable principle in the defense program."

They charged that price control was a fiction, while "wages and salaries of all Americans are now bound under the most rigid controls in the history of our country." They would refuse, they said, to act as window dressing "to

cover the back-room activities of the leaders of industry who staff the Office of Defense Mobilization." This action of the labor leaders; this uncommon display of spirit; this unwonted show of fight, gave rise to a wave of en-

thusiasm in the ranks of labor. Instead of taking heart at this magnificent response, the lilylivered labor skates, appalled at the storm they had raised and fearful lest it sweep them into an irreparable break with the capitalist government, crawled back, before the first blow had hardly

In the ensuing eight months, price control has become a tragic farce while wages have been tightly bound under rigid controls by the wage-freezing WSB. The boodle boys still run the show in Washington while the

labor leaders provide the window dressing (a little shabby and motheaten to be sure) "to cover the back-room activities" of the Wall Street plunderbund. And as for "equality of sacrifice," we have at the one pole, record profits, the accumulation of fabulous wealth, the concentra-

tion of enormous aggregates of capital, the mushroom growth of monopoly, and at the other, frozen wages, bounding prices and punitive taxes slashing at the living standards of working men and will be worst of all. Labor is being taken for a ride! Big Business is in the driver's

end to this farce. THE WAGE-FREEZING WSB! REMOVE THE LABOR WINDOW- AMERICAN WORKERS AND FARMERS GOVERNMENT!

When the labor leaders walked out on the Wage Stabilization | DRESSING FROM THE ROTTEN, CANCEROUS GANG OF UN-ION-HATERS, WITCH-HUNTERS AND WARMONGERS WHO ARE COINING GOLD OUT OF THE BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!

When the AFL leaders blew up the United Labor Policy Committee they dashed the hope of labor's rank and file that the welding together for united action of 16 million organized workers would stem the tide of reaction and provide a more adequate defense of labor's rights and living standards. The argument over organic versus functional unity is nothing but a hoax. The two are neither contradictory nor mutually exclusive.

With the approach of the 1952 elections the AFL mossbacks were prepared to seize upon any pretext to free their hands for bargaining deals with the candidates of both capitalist parties. The CIO, they complained, was too firmly wedded to the Democratic Party and thereby constricted their freedom to shop around on the open market.

This policy was enunciated amid great fanfare at the recent AFL convention and has since been hailed as a "new" and revolutionary departure in the field of political action by AFL president William Green and secretary George Meany. A microscopic examination of the "new" policy fails to distinguish it, in any particular, from the discredited old Gompers policy of rewarding friends and ounishing enemies. It's as hoary and moss-covered as the crusty

AFL top leaders themselves. And if they fail to find a genuine "labor friend" among the Republican and Democratic candidates, then a half or quarter friend will do. This comedy is repeated by both the AFL and CIO leaders in every election. Each succeeding Congress is dubbed worse than the one before. And we can be sure that with this policy the next

An end to company unionism on the political field. The only "friend" upon whom labor can count is the organized strength of seat with the labor leaders hitch-hiking along. It's time to put an its many-millioned numbers.

BUILD AN INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY! ELECT LABOR DEMAND THAT THE LABOR LEADERS RESIGN FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO PUBLIC OFFICE! FIGHT FOR AN

The working people of New York City, caught in the squeeze play between rising prices and the wage freeze, with the shadow of another war in the making darkening every home, are being offered a slick package of entertainment to take their minds off their fears and troubles. The promoter of this diversionary circus is Dubinsky's Liberal Party, and the attraction they offer is the new "crime-buster," Rudolph Halley, candidate for President of City Council. You can catch him on television most any night between the wrestlers and the so-called comedians. Halley is running on a one-point program. He calls it, "the fight against crime." He and his political sponsors promise to put a stop to that sort of thing, and to that end Halley, writing appropriately in the New Leader, calls for "a movement of reform, a New Reformism." The first step in this all-saving crusade, of course, is to elect Halley to the office of Council President.

Unless my ears are playing me false, I've heard all that before — and so have you if you aren't deaf or recently arrived in this country. The crime-busting racket is as old and familiar as the calliope and the shell game when the carnival comes to town. It has been played so often for the special benefit of new crops of suckers, that one more exhibition, even with a brand new performer, would hardly be worth notice if it were not for a new gimmick in the act. This white-haired television boy, who boils all the great political issues of the day down to the one issue of crime; this Fearless Fosdick who is going to straighten out New York City and solve all problems by stopping the bookmakers in their tracks and pinching a few crapshooters — this preposterous phoney is running for the top city office, next to mayor, with the endorsement and support of people who call themselves "socialists."

The Socialist Party has withdrawn its own candidate and formally endorsed Halley "as their contribution to the movement to end the alliance between crime and politics." That's new. And that's a crime against principle and the interests of the working people, - a defamation and betrayal of the name of socialism - beside which the offenses of all the Costellos, reprehensible as they are in themselves, shrink into trifles.

The Tradition of Debs

The Socialist Party, organized 50 years ago, has come to this shameful and treacherous end under the leadership of Norman Thomas. Viewed retrospectively, in the light of world experience of the half century, the party, even in its early days, its best days, was never free from grave defects and contradictions. But all things considered, the work of the party in the time of Debs, with Debs himself in the forefront, will occupy a place in the history of America not without honor. Debs, and the party with him, never thought of political action as a means of electing some shyster to office on his mere promise to clean up the town and put a stop to minor crimes. On the contrary, Debs, in his great campaigns, used the elections as a forum to discuss the real issues, the real crimes, of capitalist exploitation. He scorned and denounced piddling "reformers" who dealt only with minor excesses of the capitalist system while supporting the system itself.

Debs laid his axe at the root of the tree. His election campaigns were the occasion every time for intensified agitation and propaganda for the abolition of capitalism. Young workers were educated in these campaigns; they became staunch anti-capitalists, and were inspired in their work by a vision of the socialist future which Debs held out to them. What education will the youth of today acquire from the ignoble

position of the Socialist Party in this present campaign? And what inspiration, what goal of the future, does it hold out to the youth?

The Final Capitulation

This action of the Socialist Party was not unexpected. Rather, it was somewhat overdue. The fact of the matter is that the party, in withdrawing its own candidate and supporting the Democrat Halley in this local campaign, is only formalizing a political position long ago arrived at in essence. When the Socialist Party, under the direction of Norman Thomas, betrayed its tradition and its specific pledge and promise by supporting American imperialism in World War II, it surrendered its basic position as an anti-capitalist party and therewith the right to an independent existence. When these misnamed "socialists" lined up in support of the cold war program of the Truman administration, endorsed the massacre in Korea and gave lackey support to obvious preparations for another war to conquer and enslave the world, they compounded the crime. The half-hearted campaign of Thomas in 1948 was already anomalous; his program was basically no different from Truman's.

The final capitulation, the renunciation of an independent Socialist Party ticket in favor of supporting "good men" or "liberals" or "reformers and crimebusters" on other party tickets, had to follow as a matter of logic and necessity. The withdrawal of their candidate in the New York City election only sets the pattern. It presages the withdrawal in all elections all along the line. The Socialist Party of Norman Thomas has become a miserable appendage of the twoparty capitalist political system, which it started out so bravely to fight under Debs 50 years ago.

In the meantime, the greatest crime against humanity remains the outlived capitalist system itself, with its exploitation and its wars; and the need for a party that speaks out in every election with an honest socialist voice is more imperative than ever. The American underworld is a vicious and ugly social manifestation; but it did not fall from the skies. Graft and crime and extortions and rackets are the symptomatic products of a diseased social system and its false values. These dark and evil symptoms can't be eliminated, or even seriously curbed, until they are tackled at the source. A party which says this, a party which tells the truth as Debs told it, is not excusing crime and criminals or evading the issue; it is, rather, dealing with the issue realistically and fundamentally.

Upholding Socialist Banner

The members of Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party have a right to be proud of their accomplishment in putting their own candidate on the ballot for President of City Council. It was not easy to gather 15 thousand signatures on the petitions in the face of the witch-hunt and the public fears it has engendered. But they did it. They stood their ground when others capitulated. They worked when others lagged and quit, and they accomplished their task. They could do this because they have the courage and driving energy that comes from genuine socialist conviction.

In the person of Michael Bartell they have a candidate who is worthy of them and their party. He is a worker, a trade unionist, an activist in the fight for human rights. Most important of all, he is a revolutionary socialist who campaigns against capitalism and its war program. That's the real issue in the New York election, and every other election. Let the traitor socialists have Halley and his popgun shots at "crime." But I believe the real socialists will agree with Bartell and vote for him.

Notebook of an Agitator Officers Explain Aims of Abner Zwillman, CRIME AND POLITICS New Civil Liberties Group Political Boss

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it. But please remember the committee is just starting and too much shouldn't be expected of it in the first few months."

Lehman explained that the persons - Henry Pratt Fairchild, professor emeritus at New York University; Prof. E. Franklin Frazier of the sociology department at Howard University; F. Stone, columnist of the N. Y. Daily Compass; Imbrie and imself.

Within a few weeks they had eceived replies from almost 200 oin you in founding the Emeree." All of these are regarded as ellow-initiators.

KUTCHER CASE

The public announcement of the committee's formation ineases in which it would take an we would." active interest; among these, mention was made of James Kut- EDUCATIONAL WORK cher, the legless veteran who was purged from the Newark Vet- principally of clergymen, educa-

Bois and his associates in the ?

who ran against him in the New

York U.S. Senate election last

As your Socialist Workers

Party opponent for U.S. Senator

from New York in last year's

election campaign, I wish to

inform you that my party,

despite its political differences

with you, is unalterably opposed

to the government's persecution

of you and your associates in the

now defunct Peace Information

Center of New York, and sup-

ports your right to express your

problems freely and without fear

f intimidation and repression.

pinions on world and domestic

The government's attack on you

direction, to help people who need his membership in the Socialist sional elements. But it "most Workers Party.

said that he had been aroused other places, Imbrie declared. about the Kutcher case from the beginning, and had tried to get on educational and informational original letter sent out to invite action on it from the Progressive activity. It is now preparing to membership was signed by five Party at that time. (He is still publish in pamphlet form I. F. Progressive Party.) He said that Struik-Winner case. he had been pleased to receive a Imbrie would like to see the of the police. This was done, but now Governor.) But don't all pression of support.

Prof. Lehman said: "These are types of cases the committee had in mind. However, the commiteople in 39 states, who signed a tee has no connection with any card approving the provisional of the cases cited - they are policy guide and a statement: "I still examples for us. In Boston the Herald and Traveler, I am gency Civil Liberties Commit- told, botched our release and made it appear that the committee was set up to handle the cases of Struik and Winner (indicted under a state "anti-subversion" statute). Their case was an excluded examples of the types of it, but if we were asked to help ample, we have no connection with

SWP HITS GOVERNMENT'S

PERSECUTION OF DUBOIS

cratic liberties, and an attempt to you that we will do our utmost

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 — The Socialist Workers Party

The committee is composed way."

during World War II, you came

to the defense of the rights of 18

ers Party and Minneapolis Team-

the Smith Act, although you did

socialist opposition to the war.

It would truly be disgraceful,

after this display on your part of

a principled attitude toward civil

liberties and after your long

service in the struggle for Negro

equality, if labor, liberal and

certainly" will seek support from When asked about this, Imbrie the trade union movement, among

For the time being, it will carry chairman of the New Jersey Stone's recent articles on the to take into account the insistent Republican candidate, Alfred

letter from the Kutcher Civil defenders of civil rights go over to make sure that there would be businessmen, before making dona-Rights Committee thanking the to the offensive. "I feel that we no slipups, Zwillman went into tions to capitalist parties, seek a new organization for its ex- have been on the defensive for a politics himself, and on a big long time, running here and there, scale (just as when he needed dates and assurances that their trying to put out a little fire beer, he bought or fought himself interests will be protected? here and another there.

"My personal experience dictates that the American people was with the Newark Third Ward are quite canny, and if they are Political Club, of which he soon really given the straight truth became boss. In part, this served they'll generally come up with a as a front for bootleggers, numsound public opinion. Unfor- bers men, etc. But in part it was tunately, they are apt to get like all the other ward-heel outfits, their news varnished or twisted engaged in "getting out the vote." by partisanship. Like on this last And like many of them, it was outrage in Trenton (the brutal not "partisan"; that is, when the to Zwillman.) police murder of Robert Kelly). Republicans were in office, it It doesn't need any propagandiz- worked mainly with them, but ing or gilding of the lily,. Just give the people the straight, un- take over, it saw no reason for varnished facts on such a case, not working with them too. and they'll react in the right

TOTALITARIAN WEDGE

Prof. Lehman said the response to the committee's first letter was nmediate and widespread from eachers, clergymen and professional people. He feels the tradition of academic freedom is still very much alive, and pointed to "loyalty" oath fight in California as an example.

today informed Dr. W.E.B. DuBois that it is unalterably are beginning to draw back," he a church. It was claimed that opposed to the government's frameup persecution of Du- added, "And that concerns me be- Newark Community Chest ofcause it is what happened in Ger-Peace Information Center. Fol- your persecution, and call upon many. I was in Germany the week lowing is the text of a letter sent the labor, liberal and Negro move- after Hitler came to power, so collecting campaigns. Zwillman to Dr. DuBois by Joseph Hansen, ments to rally to your support by that business is very fresh in my had evidently learned from the demanding the cancellation of the mind. I know that the attack on indictment and the trial, now set ideas is the entering wedge of charity makes good "public totalitarianism in a free society. relations." We have not forgotten that I've seen it happen, so to say."

members of the Socialist Work-Bartell Proposes sters Local 544-CIO when they were indicted and convicted under not agree with their program of war in Korea

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honest. . . You call the Socialist businessmen? silence everyone who is opposed to inform the public of the real oppressors are overthrown everywon't end until all exploiters and issues in your case, and to where, including the U.S. and That is why we have protested mobilize support in your behalf. Russia. . . We are in step with this great movement and we are trying to bring this country into step with it."

FAKE GANGBUSTERS

An example of audience response to Bartell's clear answers on the issues of the election was solvable dilemma of the American given at a recent forum in Long "A big factor in the Chinese capitalist class which can neither Island City. Bartell got far and quarters. Several workers and revolution," she asserted, "has win a war in the face of the away the most applause of all the status of women. Rising from nor can it afford to cease fighting punctuated by handclapping and Mrs. Weiss nailed the lie that centuries of ignorance and op- in the face of stock-piled arma- shouts of approval. The audience Korean and Chinese communists, pression, the women of China ments and a war economy at broke into laughter at his digs at acting under Stalin's orders, are have organized 'speak-bitterness' home. "We think we have the Liberal Party's candidate, who responsible for the Korean con- groups to win for themselves the troubles!" said Mrs. Weiss. "I had preceded him on the platform. flict." In a thumbnail sketch of rights so long denied them." With often tell the young people I "Halley isn't the first gang-Bartell observed. "O'Dwyer, too, was a 'crusading' prosecutor belively discussion and a pleasant fore he got into office and then social period followed and we all took it on the lam to Mexico. And had the opportunity of becoming Governor Dewey started as a gangbuster. He put Luciano in he let him out."

WITHDRAW TROOPS!

When the socialist candidate demanded that U.S. troops be withdrawn from Korea there were a few hisses from the audience ican workers are rapidly learn- of 250. Turning to the hissers, ing that the promises of a better Bartell told them he was voicing vorld after World War II were the overwhelming sentiment of a lie," Myra Tanner Weiss told the American people and that he St. Louis workers and house- proposed a referendum on withdrawing the troops. This brought

After the meeting people crowded around the SWP canever, it is possible for workers to didate. One young girl said: "It's sure good to have one rebel in During the question period a Bartell of a "family-full of worker asked, "How can we be votes." Offers to aid in electioneering were made. Others asked for the address of the campaign headquarters.

Newark Fri. Night

Fri., Oct. 26 8:30 P.M.

By George Breitman

Socialist Workers Candidate for New Jersey Assembly NEWARK — As a big-time bootlegger, Abner (Longie) Zwillman learned that business and politics were

closely associated. It was not enough to pay off the police so that they would either ignore or provide convoys for rumrun- from returning to power in the ning trucks; it was also necessary party, swung their votes to the demands of the political bosses Driscoll, who was elected and is into the illicit brewing syndicate).

His first political connection when the Democrats began to

It was at this time also that Zwillman began to acquire his reputation as a patron of charity, which (his lawyer later told the Kefauver committee investigators) won him the friendship of thousands, including "priests, rabbis, doctors, men in public life, businessmen and people in all walks of life.'

During the early years of the depression he secretly financed political power except for the "But the college administrations a soup-kitchen ostensibly run by ficials used to consult him when they were planning their fundexample of Rockefeller that

ADJUSTMENTS MADE

With repeal, he had to make some adjustments in his activities. He invested his capital in so- UNION CONNECTIONS TOO called legitimate businesses (although he prefers privacy, transactions involving well over \$1,-000,000 have already been made public) and he dissolved the Third Ward Political Club. But he had no intention of quitting politics. people with courage to stand up If political power was good for that helped oust the Hague, maand fight against the war and the his business during prohibition, chine in Jersey City, and assistwitch hunt. We don't confuse the why shouldn't it be equally good ant corporation counsel of the voters. Our program is direct and now, just as it was for other Kenny administration. He was

ticians, investigators and edibusinessmen active in politics.

It is true that Zwillman retained his connections among the place Zwillman's friends in poli-Republicans when he went over to tical office piously bemoan his the Hague-dominated Democratic influence over many union lead-Party in the mid-thirties (as late ers, pointing out that this works as 1947, former GOP Governor an injury to the interests of the Harold Hoffman went to him for labor movement. That is unhelp in a primary battle). But doubtedly true. But it is no more don't all the big capitalists do the damaging than the bureaucrats' same thing? Don't the corpora- associations with and subsertions make donations to both capitalist parties during election campaigns?

LIKE ALL CAPITALISTS

It is also true that after he decided Hague had become a liability to the party and helped to upset Hague's control of class in general and capitalist Jersey City, Zwillman sent an politicians in particular. In that emissary to the Democratic candidate for Governor (a Hague man) success story in politics as well and offered to put up \$300,000 as business. Those who think for his campaign if he could be highly of Truman or Taft or assured of getting a friend in the Boyle or Gabrielson ought to have office of Attorney General, the chief law-enforcement officer in Abner Zwillman too. He may not the state. (When this offer was operate on the same big scale as not accepted, Zwillman and his they do, but he does operate along friends, determined to keep Hague essentially the same lines.

voice in the selection of candi-

In his Collier's articles, Lester Velie charges that "the Zwillman wing" helped elect three of Newark's five city commissioners, including the mayor, and by control of this majority dominates City Hall. (Velie was only partly correct; the whole Newark City Commission, minority as well as majority, is friendly and obligated

MUNICIPAL POLITICS

Naturally, Zwillman's interest in municipal politics is not confined to helping his friends. One cf the truck agencies secretly controlled by him sold the city of Newark over \$500,000 worth of equipment in a four-year period, although it was underbid on some contracts by other agencies. Another of his businesses leases washing machines to the city housing projects, bossed by one of Zwillman's friends. But what is unusual about that? Do any businessmen acquire purpose of profit to themselves or their class? It is easy to understand the anger of Zwillman's competitors; is it also envy that motivates the editorial writers?

Finally, there is the matter of Zwillman's connections with a number of union bureaucrats. He began to cultivate ties with them during the depression, when, in advance of many Democratic hacks, he realized the potential power of the labor movement.

He is known as a close friend of Joseph Fay, head of the AFL Operating Engineers, who is now n prison. He is intimate and adviser of Harold Krieger, second biggest AFL lawyer in the state, organizer of the labor support Negro leaders are permitted to Workers Party a 'splinter' party If anything, he expanded this leaders when they were thinking and your associates for failure to use their political differences with but there are great social changes but there are great social changes side of his activities. It is this of firing the head of the State register as "foreign agents" is a you as a pretext to avoid defense taking place throughout Asia which has evoked so much sound Building Trades because he had and fury from the reform poli- backed Driscoll instead of the-Democratic candidate for Govtorial writers. But a study of the ernor. His lawyer served as camfacts fails to reveal that Zwill- paign manager for the CIO canman was exceptional among didate for Newark City Comcapitalist party politicians and mission in 1949, and later was appointed city corporation counsel.

The reformers who want to revience to other Democratic and Republican political bosses, whose influence is equally corrupting and conservative. The reformers never object to that.

What is the aim of capitalist politics anyhow? To do good? Yes, but to do good for the ruling sense. Zwillman's career is a a warm spot in their heart for

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Myra Weiss Debates Professor on Korea

students attended the debate between Myra Tanner Weiss and Abba P. Lerner at Roosevelt College last night on "Who Is the Aggressor in Korea?"

Undoubtedly most of the students were attracted to the debate by Prof. Lerner, who is a noted Keynesian economist. But as one observer put it, "Mr. Lerner brought the audience, but Mrs. Weiss took them away from him." The enthusiastic ovation at the end of Myra Tanner Weiss' presentation contrasted sharply with the polite applause received by her opponent.

"The United Nations is fighting the cause of freedom against slavery in Korea," claimed the Roosevelt professor.

"Freedom?" demanded Mrs. Weiss. "Ask the Chinese people how much freedom they enjoyed under the American puppet Chiang Kai-shek. The Koreans are being freed by the United States of their land, their homes and their very lives. All of Asia is up in arms against just this kind of freedom!"

Lerner defended imperialism's role in Asia by commenting favorably on the doubling of the

WEST COAST **MEETINGS**

"The Outlook for America: Lessons of the Korean War" Speaker: Myra Tanner Weiss Seattle

Fri., Oct. 26, 8:00 P.M.

at Washington Hall 153 14th Ave. Donation 35c. San Francisco Sat., Nov. 3, 8:30 P.M. 1739 Fillmore St., 4th fl. (near Sutter) Admission Free

broke the camel's back as far as time. the audience was concerned. They expressed their disapproval with half suppressed groans.

group of interested students purthe debate.

at the University of Chicago earlier this week on the same introduction of many UC students to revolutionary socialism.

CHICAGO Socialist Forum

The Cost of the War: **Our Living Standards** Go Down

Oct. 28, 7 P.M. Questions and Discussion Socialist Workers Party Hall 732 S. Wabash Ave. Ha 7-0400

Admission 35c.

Friday, October 26

Monday, October 29

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Monday, October 22 9-9:15 PM WNEW "People's Choice"

Wednesday, Oct. 31 6:30-6:55 PM WNBT "Tex and Jinx"

Friday, October 19 10-10:30 PM WCBS "The New York Story"

TELEVISION

Monday, Nov. 5 7:30-8:00 PM WOR-TV "Press Conference"

he asserted.

The Militant, the Fourth International and many SWP pamphlets were on display and a large

Myra Tanner Weiss also spoke subject. This address was the first

Sunday Evening Series

Speaker: Dorothy Mack

Indian population under British | MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 12 - An | and of China, and introduced long | CHICAGO, Oct. 11 — Over 80 rule. "This shows that the British overflow audience greeted Myra overdue land reforms." increased productivity in India," Weiss here tonight at SWP head-This remark was the straw that students came here for the first been the complete change in the mighty Asian tide of revolution speakers and his speech was

chased literature at the close of of the Korean peoples to unify ing of the Chinese women, strugopposition, that brought on the a new China.

war, and eventually, the defensive intervention of China. "Stalin, with his police state, can dictate to the Russian people," she said. "But he cannot export that police state to Korea and China. If the Chinese soldiers are matching their flesh against the cold steel of America's brutal war machine, it can only mean will win the kind of freedom they

the reasons for this fervor of the Over coffee and cake, the dis-Chinese soldiers. "They are inspired by the great sweep of the Asian revolution which drove the imperialists and their puppet, Chiang Kai-shek, from the main-

that they believe their struggle have never known under imperialist domination."

THE ASIAN REVOLUTION Myra Weiss explained some of

Korean history, she established these words the speaker conveyed would not want to be in capitalist buster to come down the pike, the fact that it was the attempt to the audience some of the feel- shoes!" their nation in the face of U.S. gling, playing their part, to build

A SOCIALIST AMERICA

For those who doubt that the American workers will make their revolution, the speaker reminded her hearers of the rich revolutionary traditions of American history. "The American workers are not accustomed to being pushed around. They have some rights and they won't surrender them without an argument. The American workers will establish a socialist America."

A lively question period followed the talk, and the audience contributed a generous collection. cussion continued long afterward.

TOLEDO, Oct. 5 - A serious and attentive audience of Toledo union militants and their wives heard Myra Tanner Weiss speak reports in The Militant of Mrs. Weiss' visits in other cities fore warned us that we could expect we disappointed!

In clear and vivid strokes, she

As customary in our party, a better acquainted with Comrade Myra, long known to us as a real prison. When he became governor, fighter for revolutionary social-

By Lee Ryan ST. LOUIS, Missouri - "Amer-

wives. An interested audience heard her explain why, under general applause. capitalism, we expect chaos, fascism and World War III. Howreplace this mad world of capitalism by the world of socialism, the crowd." A taxi driver assured sure your party will not degen-

Myra explained that the conditions that were responsible for an exceptional talk . . . nor were the degeneration of the Russian CP do not exist in this country.

America is the most highly industrialized country. American workers have the know-how and machinery to see immediate benefits after gaining control of industries. Shortened work weeks destruction in atomic holocaust will leave them time and energy or forward to the world order of to play "a leading part in building world socialism.

Socialist Forum

The British Election a lecture by Paul G. Stevens

at 423 Springfield Ave.

in this city during the course of Michael Bartell's Schedule erate like the Russian Communist her national tour. The enthusiastic Party?'

painted the national and international scene, analyzing the causes and consequences of the Korean War and demonstrating that the final outlook for America is either

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ach in foreign countries.

Promising Sign for Civil Rights Struggle

Ever since 1947, when Truman unleashed the present witch hunt by issuing his "subversive" blacklist and "loyalty" purge order, The Militant and the Socialist Workers Party have insistently advanced the proposal for united action by all labor and liberal forces to combat the witch hunt and to defend the rights of ALL its victims.

But such united action was not achieved. The labor and liberal leaders, while protesting one or another aspect of the attacks on civil liberties, refused to come to the defense of the Communist Party when it was subjected to attack. The Stalinist leaders, on the other hand, went to the length of torpedoing a promising civil liberties movement in 1949 rather than permit it to express support for the rights of both the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party.

The labor and liberal leaders on one side and the Stalinists on the other used the same argument — namely, that they disagreed with the policies of the group whose rights were being violated. This argument, we repeatedly pointed out, was false and beside the point. It is necessary to defend the rights of all persecuted groups, not because you agree with their policies, but because successful persecution of any one group emboldens the witch hunters and sets the precedents which are used to destroy the liberties of ever broader sections of the population.

The failure to achieve united action in this struggle has been a costly one. The witch hunt has grown with alarming speed during these four years, and now menaces the rights of all kinds of groups and individuals who have nothing to do with the Communist Party. If it is not stopped, it will lead inevitably to the creation of a totalitarian police state

More and more people are beginning to realize this. Some union leaders and

Egyptian People

Demand British

Troops Get Out

(Continued from Page 1)

of the "compromise" offered by

Washington, London, Paris and

is, to station American, French

and Turkish troops there in addi-

medans throughout the world.

Egypt itself is involved in the

Anglo-Egyptian struggle can have

on French North Africa."

here to fight."

HANDS OFF EGYPT

fired at Ismailia on Oct. 16 are

destined to have repercussions

throughout the Near East and the

whole world even more fateful

than the British shootings of

American colonial insurgents at

The cause of the Egyptians is

a just one. They fully merit the

support of the American people,

all the more so because Washing-

in blood the Egyptian struggle

for freedom and independence.

Lexington and Concord.

HANDS OFF EGYPT!

COLONIAL UPSURGE

entire area of the globe.

tion to the British!

papers have already publicly stated that the rights of labor and freedom of the press are the real targets of the witch hunt. Evidence is accumulating that large sections of the workers, students, professional people and even a part of the ruling class are beginning to react against the drive to impose thought-control on the American people.

It is against this background that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee has been formed. (For details, see interview with its officers on Page 1.) Although this group is still in process of organization, relatively small in numbers and composed mainly of middle class and professional elements, we greet it with enthusiasm and wish it the best of good fortune in its activities.

For it starts out on the right foot. Firmly rejecting the factionalism that has characterized many of the civil liberties movements influenced by the Stalinists in the past, it pledges to aid any individual or group whose constitutional rights are being infringed. It offers to help not only the Stalinist victims of the Smith Act, but also James Kutcher, the legless Socialist Workers Party member purged from the Veterans Administration because of his political views.

The example it sets cannot help having a healthy effect on the whole civil liberties struggle. (It is worth noting that the Stalinist Daily Worker made no comment of its own when it reported the committee's position on the Kutcher case, although previously the Stalinists have discredited themselves and alienated support of their own rights by opposing aid to the legless veteran.)

The lessons of the last four years are beginning to be learned. Conditions are maturing for effective united resistance to the assaults on the Bill of Rights. Every defender of civil liberties should be on the alert to take maximum ad-

vantage of these conditions.

LEFT WING FIGHTS FOR

(Continued from Page 1) ing in the country, or in favor

> They starved the unemployed in the Thirties — and then cal- stand at the factory gates and the living standards of the employed.

IMPERIALIST BRUTALITY

The struggle of the Egyptians to get rid of foreign domination is backed by the Arab League, comprising all the Arab countries in the Middle East, and, what is more important by the hundreds of millions of Moham-City offices.

Actually, much more than It is the memory of this Tory rule in the colonies which today unfolding struggle which at one inspires the great revolt of the stage or another is bound to colonial workers and peasants engulf the entire Middle East, which is sweeping inexorably comprising roughly one-fourth the across Asia.

The Tories - and particularly "American officials," reported the Washington correspondent of Mr. Churchill — used all the force the N. Y. Herald-Tribune on Oct. at their command in an un-17, "conceded that the Arab successful attempt to crush the world's situation is highly danger- young Workers' Republic of ous." After citing Iraq as the Russia in 1917. Today they are next possible spot threatened by the loudest advocates of war "a new surge of nationalism" against the peoples of China, this dispatch singles out French- Persia (Iran) and Egypt who in dominated Tunis and Morocco their own way are being forced where "French officials are to emulate the example of the worried about the impact the Russian Revolution.

ALLIES OF MILLIONAIRES

The Tories hate all progress be-On Oct. 14 the newly appointed French Resident General of cause the existence of the wealth Morocco, General Guillaume, de- and privilege of the class they rounced the Arab nationalists as represent is bound up with the 'terrorists, extremists, racists," perpetuation of slavery for the charging that their role was to vast majority of mankind. That prepare "the ground for com- is why they are the firmest allies munism, and my job is to fight and the most willing supporters and defeat them . . . and I am of the American millionaires who very glad to find (these) enemies are planning a counter-revolutionary war against the peoples of Russia, Eastern Europe and British guns in Egypt are China. The Tories will never be carrying out in life this war- happy - because they will never mission of the French colonial feel safe — until the Soviet Union Japanese workers and inteldespot. But the shots the British has been dismembered

MYRA WEISS Tour Schedule

Tues, Oct. 23 to Mon., Oct. 29 San Francisco Wed., Oct. 31 to Sat., Nov. 3

ton is "strongly backing" the attempt of the British to drown Los Angeles

wage in the great General Strike turned into a vast prison camp for the working class. . . If the employers no longer

the Turkish satellites to "internationalize" the Suez area, that jobless to drive down even lower in the Turkish satellites to "internationalize" the Suez area, that jobless to drive down even lower formationalize. The second is stated and anti-imperialist and anti-imperialist and anti-imperialist masses. It is attempting to sub-imperialist and anti-imperialist and anti-imperialist and anti-imperialist masses. It is attempting to sub-imperialist and anti-imperialist and anti-imperialist and anti-imperialist masses. It is attempting to sub-imperialist and anti-imperialist and anti-imperialis they have changed. It is because skyist majority to parliament. the workers have grown strong, They have shot, hanged and they have organized themselves join with our party on the con- democratic policy of the Congress rorist acts in certain cities. The imprisoned hundreds of thou- into a powerful trade union move- crete points of this program we sands of our fellow workers in ment, they have built a great can form a united front with it. peasants and workers, its inability repression against the Communist India, in Ireland, in Africa, and political Labor Party which they throughout the Empire which have placed in power, and in this on our party, which now has 14 to raise the standard of living of they have looted to build their way have compelled a little more seats, winning at least 30 out of the masses, to check the corrup-

vote to the Tories or the Liberals the Assembly. is a pitiable object. He is volunchopping block.

We have no hesitation in saying must prevent us during the next peasant masses. few weeks from exerting the government and throwing the samaja Party fighting for? Tories back into the wilderness where they rightly belong.

crushed and the whole world

the masses, fought for the adoption of the national language in Vietnam? place of English as the official Answer: In our manifesto-proanguage of the country. But in gram for the elections we have

By M. Stein

country by the combined action face with superior force every

of the American Army, Navy and place they turn, they will pre-

n the war: "Operation Killer"

and "Heartbreak Ridge." While

these terms have been applied

only to specific campaigns in the

Korean war, they are so apt that

they can well be given a broader

curately to the whole war in Ko-

tion inflicted on the unfortunate

French Trotskyist paper:

and speaker of the Assembly re-

signed from the government and

went over to the opposition to-

gether with five other members of

the United Nationalist Party, gov-

ernment party. His resignation

The minister, under pressure of

almost caused the fall of the gov-

n Ceylon?

ernment.

reality the conflict reflected the discontent of the masses with the government which has been unable to meet the unemployment problem. to solve the housing question, to stop the rise of prices. The consequence of this break ples' Republic. We conceive of s to still further weaken the

bourgeois government party and to affect its chances of regaining the Asian revolution and for the majority in the next parliament which will be elected in 1952.

your party participate in the Cevlon elections?

Answer: We will fight on a socialist class program against the capitalist system and against situation in India and the trends imperialist domination with the demand for a National Constituent Assembly.

forget, is what they certainly program we will call upon the stitute repressive measures by was its adventurist policy since used to do! - it is not because toiling masses to elect a Trot- the state apparatus for its loss the beginning of 1948 which was

If the Stalinist party agrees to

sembly in Ceylon?

Answer: Above all, real indeo our readers - and to every pendence through a break with ment with a popular appearance. member of the working class - the (British) Commonwealth, the whatever your differences are denunciation of all unequal Party? with Mr. Attlee and the leaders treaties, the removal of all Engof the Labor Party, you have a lish military bases in Ceylon and duty to your class, to your women the promulgation of a really Party, which broke with the Conand children, to KEEP THE democratic constitution in the in- gress three years ago, the means TORIES OUT. Nothing whatever terests of the great worker and of defeating the Congress Party. reaction are beginning to unfold.

maximum effort to return a Labor and government is the Sama- conscious workers and youth are mined primarily by the resolution Anglo-American Imperialists and

ty of Ceylon to the recent Third World Congress of the Fourth International, is in the hands of the working after the defeat of the 1950 strike ranslated from La Verite, masses who form the great which lasted three months. At Question: What is the meaning class against the national capitalf the recent governmental crisis ist minority and their imperialist framework of this party. masters. Answer: The Minister of Health

mired truce negotiations and the

What is this foreign policy?

satellites and China with "posi-

on U.S. foreign policy.

This state will derive its strength from the strength of the masses organized in their committees. It should nationalize the principal means of production and place them under the control of the workers.

Question: What relationships should the Workers' and Peasants' Government enter into with the Chinese Revolution and with

proclaimed our intention of immediately establishing treaties of friendship with all the independent nations of the Far East, among them the Vietnam of Ho Chi Minh and the Chinese Peoour struggle in Ceylon as part of the struggle for the victory of Socialist United States of Asia. In addition, a victory on our Question: In what manner will island would have a great echo among the Indian masses and would stimulate their struggle for

Question: What is the present of the principal parties?

Answer: The Congress Party, led by Nehru, has now lost most of popular support.

In the next elections we count to solve the agrarian question, Party. fine houses and their imposing respect from the "other side."... a total of 95 to be elected and of tion which has prevailed in the India? A working man who gives his becoming the strongest party in four years it has been in power, has ruined the popularity it Question: What would be tasks earned in its struggles against tarily placing his neck on the of a democratic Constituent As- the princes and by its foreign in effect for the first time, the old oppression finally exploded policy. It is Nehru alone who temporarily invests the govern-Question: And the Socialist

> Answer: The masses in this situation see in the Socialist The Socialist Party is ex-Question: What kind of state periencing a rapid growth; class workers' and peasants' govern-strong; for example, in Bombay proletariat.

Prospects in Far East Discussed by K. Tilak The following interview | ment, a slogan for which we have | where the textile industry alone with K. Tilak, delegate of fought for more than 15 years numbers some 225,000 workers, the Lanka Samasamaja Par- and which has had the approval almost the entire working class of the workers and the village is under the influence of the poor. The state should be a work- Socialist Party despite the decline ers' state; that is, an instrument of the trade union organization majority in the nation and under present the revolutionary upsurge the leadership of the working of the Indian masses finds its expression primarily within the

> The Stalinist party has been very much weakened since the



NEHRU

threefold.

The first was its opposition to expressed by military adventures The anti-working class, anti- in the countryside and by tergovernment, its shooting of third is the Congress government

> Question: What is to be expected in the near future in

Answer: In the Indian elec tions, to be held in January 1952 struggle will above all center into open rebellion. around the conflict between the Socialist Party and the Congress creating parliamentary illusions, but on the other hand violent struggles between the worker and peasant masses and the forces of

India. Its outcome will be deterjoining it. Its positions in the of the problem of the revolu-

sented only as a remote possibili- | test has taken place under con-The Korean war has been a proving ground not alone ty — be annihilated in all-out of U.S. armed might but of its entire foreign policy. The war. In pursuit of this goal, the U.S.

results to date are best summarized in two terms coined has taken under its "protection" every regime in the world, no frustrating effect it must have matter how shaky, corrupt or oppressive, so long as it remains within the capitalist orbit. In line Its strategic goal, say adminwith this strategy, the U.S. was istration spokesmen, is to encircle committed to uphold the Chiang application. The first applies ac- the Soviet Union, its European Kai-shek regime in China, the Syngman Rhee regime in Korea, rea - to the death and destructions of strength." Once these more recently the Franco regime countries find themselves face to in Spain, etc.

Asia Is Test of U.S. Strategy of 'Strength'

But it was first in China and now Korea where this "position Air Force: the second character- sumably become meek and sub- of strength" strategy received its izes the impasse of the war, the | missive or else - and this is pre- | real test. One might add that this

ditions most favorable for the State Department and the Pentagon. In China, Chiang disposed of an army, four to five million strong, trained and equipped under American supervision. An army of such size and power had never before been placed in the field on the Asian mainland, not even by the Japanese. In addition to getting several billion dollars in aid, Chiang received vast quantities of U.S. armament, tanks, ships and planes; a great deal of surrendered Japanese equipment and other huge amounts of U.S military surplus handed over at a nominal charge of one cent or

STRUCTURE FELL APART

The scope of the aid extended to Chiang, asserted the State Department in 1949 in its White Paper on China, was "of proportionately greater magnitude in relation to the budget of that Government than the United States has provided to any nation of Western Europe since the end of the war." In addition. Washington had for a period of years the collaboration of both the Kremlin and the native Stalinists in support of Chiang. Bu in vain! The Chiang regime col lapsed like a house of cards.

South Korea was still another position of strength," laborious ly constructed following the de feat of Japan. American money again poured unstintingly. The South Korean army, like that of Chiang, was trained and equipped by the U.S. from bases in Japar where the U.S. was the sole oc cupying power and could do as t pleased without consulting any body. Yet in the first test of strength against the colonia masses in revolt this whole elab orate structure fell apart.

A RUNNING SORE

American intervention in Ko rea came less than a year following the decisive defeat of Chiang. The Chinese dictator's fate three American imperialism into a pa nic. The fact that no amount of money or military supplies could save Chiang's rotten regime, convinced them that they could no rely on Syngman Rhee, Chiang's cpposite number in Korea.

Truman moved in with the full power of the American Army. Navy and Air Force - but what has that achieved? The Korean war has not created any "position of strength" in that tortured country and never will. On the contrary, Korea has become a sore, sapping the war, the reasons for which are strength of American imperial-

NOT ISOLATED EVENTS

The experience of China and Korea are not at all accidental or isolated events, to be resolved truce. Any truce arrived at in Korea could at best be only temporary, so long as the U.S. clings to the "positions of strength" strategy which runs counter to the interests and aspirations of the Asian and European masses China and Korea have made it clear that American armed might cannot and will not subdue the colonial people whose grievances where universal suffrage will be against imperialism's centuries- strength" dissipated not only in

ize the whole strategy of building "positions of strength" foreshadow its failure elsewhere in Asia as in Europe. The people of Asia and the entire world are more anti-American as a consequence of Korea than they ever were. Korea is to them a graphic example of the cost of American "liberation" and "protection." This is why even the Egyptian monarchy, which is trying desperately to get rid of the British 'protector," is so reluctant to buy American "protection."

ROAD TO WAR

But above all Korea exposed the hypocrisy of the claim that the "positions of strength" strategy is the road to peace. It is an insult to the intelligence of the American people to repeat now after Korea, as Truman and Acheson do, that theirs is really a peace policy, and that military strength is the road to peace. On the contrary, Korea proved that this line leads to war.

The peace through military strength watchword is only a a smokescreen under cover of which the fate of the country is placed at the mercy of the Brass Hats. The military caste is now ostensibly in charge of peace its guardian angel. The men trained for war, the professional killers accustomed to the army system of autocratic command and unquestioning obedience, these people have been elevated to the position of our society's elite.

Virtually all the agencies of government are today subordinate to the military and every request of the chiefs of staff is treated as a command in Congress. Even before any formidable "nositions of strength" have been built anywhere else in the world, the military has dug itself into a position of sunreme ower within the United States

In world history there has been only one other military caste devoured by such global ambitions - the generals of the Mikado. The Pentagon, too, would make the entire world its parade

A DEADLY DISEASE

To the American people Korea demonstrates the cost and consequences of such "positions of strength." The story is told in the casualty lists, in inflation, in ever higher taxes. In the actual showdown in Korea the U.S. had to contend with the opposition of the native population on the one hand, and no real help from its capitalist allies in the United Nations. In Korea, American imperialism could count in the final analysis only on its own forces in its battle to stem the tide of he colonial revolution.

Powerful as U.S. capitalism is this power is not inexhaustible. It grows weaker as it underwrites all oppressive and bankrupt regimes in the world. By extending itself over the entire globe American capitalism becomes infected with the diseases afflicting the very regimes it seeks to save. In ts ruthless and costly drive to build "positions of strength" American imperialism will sooner or later find its "positions of Asia and Europe but right here

Party. On the one hand, the institution of universal suffrage is FI FEATURES TAN MALAKKA

imperialist war between the complete independence. the Japanese . . . the people of himself to be influenced by the for a treaty which is of a nature of his life." that is before us."

With these words. Colvin R. de Samasamaja (Cevlonese Socialist) Party, section of the Fourth International.

ARTICLE BY TAN MALAKKA

chairman. Suzuki, has been op- in this issue a portion of a moods of the masses of the peothe trade union council which Malakka. Written in May 1948 theory that the Soviet regime is ism. Despite this, the unions, it is directed towards the educa- Germain, European Marxist. along with the Socialists last tion of the young partisan cadres.

"The Partisan. - The partisan

"Historically this Treaty con- and to complete independence and stitutes the inevitable imperialist is ready to destroy all forces that A great crisis is maturing in conclusion of what was utterly an oppose this proclamation and this

"The partisan does not allow Answer: We are fighting for a working class movement are very tionary leadership of the Indian Ceylon showed clearly that they duration of the struggle. He will were against participation in that perform his duty with courage, imperialist war . . . it will be perseverance and confidence, even impossible for our Party to vote though the struggle take the rest

Tan Malakka, one of the foundimperialism in the Ceylonese greatest of Indonesian comquestions have been identica with, or close to, the views of

> ON STATE CAPITALISM An extremely interesting in-

terview with two Ukrainian refugees from Stalinism in this issue of Fourth International Fourth International, the maga- gives a revealing olimpse into zine of Marxist theory, also has the internal political life, and the wing grouping in the S. P. and Indonesian revolutionist, Tan tion, a very full analysis of the while the author was in prison, "state capitalist" is made by E.

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Rising Opposition in Japan Brands Treaty as War Pact By Thomas Raymond American imperialism. The 3½ | "By driving us into the American | the "peace" to the economy and | Silva, Cevlon revolutionary social- | Party shortly after the Russian

evidence that the war alliance U.S. imperialism under the guise unions. of a "peace treaty" is overwhelmingly opposed throughout the Far East. Widespread organ-Security Pact."

organized a Tokyo anti-treaty foreign power. demonstration of more than 50,armament and an alliance with people." Another writer said: by the inevitable consequences of against the treaty.

cisco pact was reported among widely supported attack on the complain: treaty. In a special 270 page opened debate on the ratification lectuals contributed their views to intellectuals everywhere in the of the treaty and the accompany- on the treaty, and of these, only world today — defeatism, tender ing so-called "Japanese-American one or two fell in line with the sentiments toward Red China and wing of the Socialist Party of that Japan remain "neutral" in ing, and a lack of any realistic Japan, major party of the op- the world conflict between the knowledge of the nature of Composition, which, together with the Soviet and imperialist blocs, and munism. Nevertheless, the special

000 workers last August. They of the contributors an influential of the present intellectual climate said they were against a peace educator, wrote: "It is not so in Japan."

"All 270 pages of the magazine war plans of U. S. imperialism. the Soviet Union, neutralism National Council of Trade Unions, refuse to lease any bases to any issue is a best-seller and has gone through several large extra edi-

From Japan last week came new million strong NCTU is largely camp, the treaty will aggravate standards of living of the Jap- ist, defied the colonial lackeys of Revolution of 1917. became the Socialist Party-controlled, al- the worldwide and Far Eastern anese. Since the treaty makes though the Communist Party has crisis, and place us in the role of Japan an advance war base for Parliament in a sneech on the munists. In 1927, he broke with which was imposed on Japan by influence in a small number of war-provoker." This theme is American imperialism, this can Japanese "Peace" Treaty which Stalinism, and his views on most constantly repeated throughout only result in Japan's becoming is printed in the September-The liberals and intellectuals, the magazine, which sold out "the orphan of the Pacific," they October issue of Fourth Inorganized around the important five large printings within a few point out. Without the possibility ternational, now on sale. Dr. de Tokyo magazine Sekai (The days, causing the Tokyo cor- of trade with Asia, and especially Silva is a leader of the Lanka ized opposition to the San Fran- World) have opened a bitter and respondent of the New Leader to with China, Japanese economy would be doomed. This probable doom is absolutely sealed by the lectuals as the Japanese Diet issue, 160 representative intel- display the same traits common imposition of a rearmament burden on the already failing

Japanese economy. The Socialist Party executive Leading the protest is the left Almost to a man, they demanded masquerading as 'liberal' think- posed in this stand by a right namphlet written by the famed ple of the Soviet Union. In addiproposes capitulation to imperial-Yoshige Abe, who is, like most tions — a significant indication August organized a "National Tan Malakka describes these parthat did not include the Soviet much a peace treaty with Japan The Socialists and other op- of mass meetings, street discus- is the young Indonesian. the of the Socialist Workers Party.

Congress for the Promotion of tisans in the following words: Peace" which pushed a program bloc, and that provided for re- as a war treaty against other ponents are particularly angered sions and petition-collecting proletarian who remains faithful Single issues are 25c., subscripBattle of the Pipeline

On Tour for Socialism

By Myra Tanner Weiss

"I'll be glad to, though it is a most unappetizing subject," said John. And he proceeded to do so at considerable length, for, to tell the truth, he enjoyed talking. When he finished, he imitated one of their teachers by loudly clearing his throat and barking, "Any questions?"

After the laughter had died down, Maurice said, "No, I don't think so. The McCartny type is not unfamiliar in Europe. Hitier was only one of many demagogues who sought to get or keep power by promising to expose and destroy communism. What I did not realize before was that your Communist Party was so numerically small and uninfluential."

("I wish," thought John uneasily, "that he wouldn't use that expression 'your Communist Party.' Somebody overhearing us might misunderstand.")

"Another thing I did not realize until your explanation," continued Maurice, "was that McCarthy and McCarran are Republicans, If, as you say, there is now a public revulsion against this kind of anti-communist demagogy, then that should be of benefit to you Democrats in next year's election, should it not?"

"Yes, but I am afraid you have a misunderstanding," John replied. "You see, McCarran is not a Republican. In fact, he is a Democrat, one of the most influential in the Senate." "Ah," said Maurice, "then he must be one of

those Southern Democrats you were telling me about last week. You see, I have not forgotten your exposition about the two kinds of Democrats - liberal and Southern."

There was a pause, and then John said, "No, McCarran is not from the South, but from Nevada, which is in the West."

The first victory has been scored in the "Battle

of the Pipeline" which is being waged in Hart-

land, Michigan. To date, the landowners of Hart-

land and its environs are one up on the invad-

It all started when the gas company decided

to build a new pipeline. They went at the busi-

ness quite efficiently. They decided where to run

the new line. They hired pipeline engineers and

pipelayers. They assembled all the equipment and

men - in fact, they took everything into con-

sideration except what must have been to them

This small, insignificant detail turned up with

When the gas company decided to run their

line through the Shimerly farm they neglected

to ask permission of the owner to dig up part

of his land and clutter it up with a few small

items like bulldozers, pipes and various other

tools - not to mention the 30 workmen required

When the crew showed up to commence tearing

things apart they found Joseph Shimerly com-

plete with shotgun and moral indignation. "You're

not going to cross my property," he told them,

the shotgun serving as a powerful exclamation

mark. The work crew beat a strategic retreat

Joseph Shimerly stood near the boundary of

his property and waited. He was fortified with

a case of beer, potato chips and pretzels brought

by a sympathetic neighbor. The crew was also

fortified - with all the power and money of the

The lawyers came into the picture at this time

with writs and injunctions against the farmers

stopping the progress of the pipelayers. Joseph

Shimerly responded with a lawyer of his own

The two student meetings in Chicago on the

University of Chicago and Roosevelt campuses

were quite successful. I particularly enjoyed the

latter because I had the opportunity there of

debating Professor Abba Lerner. The power of

our Marxist analysis of the Korean war becomes

much more apparent when placed side-by-side

with a defender of U.S. foreign policy. After the debate one of the younger comrades said to me

I felt rather sorry for Professor Lerner though

I guess he doesn't deserve much sympathy. It's

a heck of a job to have to match abstract talk

about the "fight for freedom" with concrete fact

about the defense of a regime like Syngman

Rhee's. In answer to a question put by one of

the students Lerner reluctantly admitted that

freedom wasn't too well represented by the South

Korean government - which should be recorded

they couldn't provide me with a busy schedule. He

thought it was an imposition on a tour speaker

to have to go so far just for one meeting. But I

assured him that the stops in those cities where

we have only a few but tenacious forces were the

most important. Chicago and other big centers

have plenty of speakers for their public meet-

ings. It is precisely in those places where our

comrades are more isolated that a tour is most

From St. Louis I flew to Minneapolis, the last

stop in the eastern part of the country. (And

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I was in St. Louis just one night, and one of the leading comrades there apologized because

"I'm sure proud to be socialist."

as the understatement of the year.

a shotgun, however, and delayed things for quite

a while. It seems the gas company forgot what

only a small, insignificant detail.

we may call the human element.

to manipulate this machinery.

Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.

and waited.

ing army of Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.

"But he is an individual, an exception, is he not?" Maurice was becoming a little frantic in his desire to feel that he was learning some things about American politics. "He does not command the support of the Democratic majority, does he?" he persisted.

stammered, "I must admit that he does command it on certain occasions - for example, on recognition of Franco, and on passage of the McCarran Internal Security Act, better known as the thought-control bill, enacted last year."

"I think I will go for a walk," said Maurice. "I have been studying too much, or else the room

'No, don't feel that way," said John. "I admit it is complicated, and not only for foreigners. But there is one thing you can be sure of - and that is that the liberal Democrats, the real liberals, are enemies of everything McCarthyism and McCarranism represent. Senators like Lehman and Douglas and Benton represent everything that is finest in American -

"Benton? You mean the man who is asking the expulsion of McCarthy from the Senate? That reminds me I meant to ask you something about him." Maurice rummaged around the room until he found a newspaper. "It says here that of countless numbers of victims Benton in a radio speech yesterday described McCarthy as a 'Joseph-come-lately' in the fight brutal nature of capitalist rule against communists and accused him of 'jumping with its cynical disregard for into the act and bringing only a great talent for honesty and decency in human personal publicity.' What does this signify?"

"Why, it means that the credit for exposing WALL STREET WAR and purging the communists really belongs to the Truman administration and the liberal Democrats, and that McCarthy is trying to steal this credit. After all, Truman issued his loyalty order and got the Communist Party indicted long before anybody heard of McCarthy. But instead of thanking the liberal Democrats for their initiative in opening the drive against the subversives, Mc-Carthy tries - wait!'

But Maurice had already gone out for his walk.

and scheduled a hearing in court to obtain an

that the company never got a right of way to

cross his farm, "My rights as an American and

a taxpayer are being affected," he insisted. He

demanded that the gas company go through the

proper legal procedure in order to use his prop-

erty. His friends and neighbors, who would also

be affected by the outcome of the "Battle of the

Pipeline," backed him up. Support ranged all

the way from having two of his neighbors stand

watch with him - equipped with guns of their

own — to expressions of sympathy by the sheriff

I suppose it would seem silly to a lot of people

to see the spectacle of one man, aided by a few

neighbors, trying to fight a big corporation.

We've gotten so used to stories about large

companies riding roughshod over the rights and

needs of the people that it sometimes seems

that nothing can stop them. But this company

Shimerly \$325 to be paid by the company for a

mediate condemnation of the property. So Shim-

erly won his particular phase of the battle.

those of you who don't think of the Twin Cities

as in the east, please check the map.) I expected

to encounter bitter cold weather but instead I had

to shed my overcoat. It was a warm, sunshiny

day, and our comrades insisted that this was

typical Minnesota weather except for an

occasional month or two of snow. However, I

headquarters. Every time I look out the window

I could see the large front windows of the head-

quarters with SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

In addition to being centrally located, the head-

painted on them in huge letters.

for moments of leisure.

a lot to teach all of us.

Howaver the folks around Hartland are

A three man condemnation board awarded

Shimerly's complaints were based on the fact

injunction against the gas company.

busy trying to keep peace.

got stopped this time.

THE MILITANT

chings about American politics. "He does not command the support of the Democratic majority, loes he?" he persisted. Again there was a pause. "In all honesty," John stammered, "I must admit that he does comstammered, "I must admit that he does com-

Mrs. Clyde Turner, Socialist at campaign headquarters.

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"Every brutal blow of a laborhating, race-hating cop against his helpless victim lays bare the true nature of the capitalist state. Spokesmen for the ruling class would have us believe that these outrages are exceptional, frowned on by local and federal authorities, but the bitter experiences of police brutality expose the relations."

Mrs. Turner linked the grow-

"Effective struggle against police brutality and for civil Elimination of the "merit" system rights coincides with the pro- and rate ranges which enable the gram of the Socialist Workers Party for a workers government union shop; (3) improved steward and a socialist America," Mrs. system and (4) a wage increase Turner concluded, "A society orright of way across his property. "All I wanted ganized by the workers, under to do was to prove that they had to take the which the workers govern themland legally, and I've done that," Shimerly said selves, can put an end to the when the gas company attorneys pressed for im- brutalities of life as we know them under capitalist rule."

through with the company. Mrs. Fanny Fenton, enraged because trees on her farm had been S.F. Candidates dynamited without permission, threatened to take legal action against the company. She had obtained a court order restraining them from crosstained a court order restraining them from crossso the battle goes on as one by one the farmers come into conflict with the plans of this By Ed Harris

not permitted time to tell you now" the workers were not going director of the civil rights departeverything we socialists would back. try to do - but one of the first things we would do is pass a law two directions. First, the WSB slashing attack upon the witch making it illegal to scab. I would mediation formula is a slick hunt and the state of fear it has direct the police to protect striking union members from employer leaders to keep the workers in suspect they just trotted out some California violence. I would order them to line. If the Reuthers, Murrays silence and suppress groups like

the police always against them.

quarters in Minneapolis is equipped with every-Barbaria and Harry Press, SWP thing a branch could want. A large meeting hall, candidate for Supervisor, spoke beautiful pictures, very complete library, offices, big kitchen with everything it takes to prepare to five more unions during the meals and snacks and the famous "oak room" past week: the Pressmen's Union, Furniture Workers, the Printing After a very well-attended public meeting in Specialty Workers, the Terrazzo Setters Union, and the Pile Drivers Union, Local 34, A.F. of Minneapolis and joint meeting with the St. Paul branch for a discussion of the 1952 election L. This brings the total number campaign, Grace Carlson, our proposed vicepresidential candidate for '52, took me on a little of unions which have heard the tour to see a few of those ten thousand lakes socialist candidates to 33.

Minnesota boasts of. We visited the falls where Last Sunday afternoon, Bar-Grace recited the Longfellow poem which I too of Jackson and Kearny Streets, had learned as a child but long ago forgotten. in the center of San Francisco's "By the shores of Gitchee Gumee, by the shining | Filipino district.

daughter of the moon, Nokomis." After seeing in their struggle for the re- Reutherite leadership against the breaking down discrimination in "They are not a program for the recording secretary and top this land of Hiawatha the poem of Longfellow division of the land. The land and rank and file demand for prompt the Ohio Works plant of the distant future. We will discuss grievance man of his local. He all industry in the Philippine Is- action on the many speed-up United States Steel Corp. He said the practical answers to these For many years I have looked forward to seeing lands should belong to the people. the Twin Cities where so much of the history of We condemn the American capi- bargaining committee reported our movement has been written. But the quality talist government for using milof our movement here and the work they are lions of dollars of taxpayers' been made in two day-long doing surpassed my expectations. I only wish money, yours and mine, for guns sessions with local management.

Growing UAW Opposition Adopts Militant Program

By Everett Kennedy

Signifying the rapid growth of the anti-Reuther opposition in the CIO United Automobile Works ers, the recent meeting called by the Committee for a Democratic UAW-CIO to elaborate a fighting program for the union was the largest held in recent years. The gathering was attended by several hundred from dozens of local unions in the Detroit, Flint, Pontiac, Saginaw, Bay City and Lansing areas.

The conference centered its attention on the most vital probems confronting the auto workers: unemployment, speedup and wage policy. Incorporated in the caucus program were planks designed to rally the ranks for

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 -

on disputed questions by the

Wage Stabilization Board.

Anti-Witch Hunt

At Ohio CIO Rally

By Bruce Peterson

YOUNGSTOWN, Oct. 12 - A

the problems of anti-Negro dis-

Some 150 rank and file trade-

ATTACKS WITCH HUNT

The high point of the meeting

was a speech by Edwin J. Lukas,

ment of the American Jewish

Committee. Mr. Lukas made a

crimination.

ing key demands: . THREE MAIN PLANKS

guaranteed full wage compensation for the unemployed. For an immediate ten percent

increase in the basic wage scale living against the ravages of inand the inclusion of taxes in the ilation. Bureau of Labor Statistics costof-living index to which the UAW scalator wage clause is tied.

peedup conditions.

REPORT ON PROGRESS

The program adopted by the Committee for a Democratic STELLATO LASHES REUTHER UAW-CIO is the fruit of long | In his opening remarks at the discussion and arose out of the enlarged caucus meeting, Carl experience gained from grappling Stellato, president of Ford Local with the day to day problems of 600 and chairman of the Comthe auto workers. The steering mittee for a Democratic UAWcommittee of the caucus had been CIO, lashed Reuther's "master engaged for several months in planning" approach to the critical the work of developing a state- problem of unemployment. LOS ANGELES. Oct. 14 — As | economic matters. The strikers the strike of 10,000 Douglas Air-should demand that the union ment of caucus aims and proment of caucus aims are caucus aims a been made to a state-wide caucus Stellato, "in a serious fight for plant neared the end of its sixth Wage Stabilization Board and not meeting some weeks ago and an full unemployment compensation week, President Truman directed lend themselves to any of Truintense and lively discussion took for all our unemployed members, place on the various aspects of to be paid for by a tax on the the program.

workers - speedup, unemploy- soon end the alleged shortages Walter P. Reuther, president of American strike of 10 years ago the CIO United Automobile Work- ment and a constant lowering of caused by various monopolies ers, announced today that the their standard of living - re- and would arrange production to union's executive board was order- ceived most attention in the report assure full employment for the ing the strikers at Douglas to and discussion. In addition, such auto workers." return to work pending a decision related questions as decentralization and the runaway shops, the nadequacy of the Reuther pension of Flint, Michigan, and recording program, the Reuther 5-year contracts, labor unity, UAW-CIO inernal democracy and the inadequacy of the political action pro- unemployment he correctly pointgram of the International Union, ed out that more and more were raised for discussion and Reuther was developing the idea

> THE ESCALATOR CLAUSE In the preliminary caucus meet-

ing of a few weeks ago the points which received most attention DEMAND WAGE RISE were the escalator clause and strong speech against the witchpolitical action. In the discussion hunt was greeted with marked of the escalator clause at that | ing on the distribution of mimeoapproval by a CIO-sponsored time it became clear that resentseminar on civil rights here toment against the shortcomings Program for Auto Workers" to day, indicating a growing feeling of the Reuther-Wilson escalator the GM conference, raised the among trade unionists that govclause had led considerable num- demand for an immediate reopenernment persecution of left-wing bers of the best elements in the ing of all UAW contracts to political groups should be halted. UAW into an "anti-escalator" The gathering of active unionists attitude. also gave much attention to

212, cautioned the group not to to the fact that the BLS index permit its legitimate opposition constituted an inadequate measure around from here to Washington union delegates from a four clause to mislead it into an More and more auto workers untenable anti-escalator position. are daily expressing their dissatis He pointed out that the escalator faction with the policies and pracprinciple was not the brain-child tices of the do-nothing Reutherite of General Motors' C. E. Wilson leadership of the International but was based upon sound and Local unions. Every speedup economic grounds and was the fight lost, every discharge case batting the inflationary assault down by the corporations, adds on the workers' standard of liv- new forces to the opposition.

year agreement in exchange for UAW-CIO.

militant action around the follow- | an escalator clause tied to the phoney BLS cost-of-living index. Instead of throwing overboard the essentially sound escalator prin-For a 30 hour week at 40 hours ciple, the group was urged to lead pay to expand employment and the fight against the Reuther-Wilson version and for a cost-ofliving clause capable of protecting the workers' standard of

That his remarks had a telling effect on the group was evident in the recent meeting where the For the full support of the question of wage policy arose Union to all workers engaged in again for discussion. A proposal speedup fights and an end to the that the caucus advance the use of the union constitution and demand for an immediate revision other such devices by the Inter- of the escalator clause to include national Union officers to force all taxes in the cost of living members back to work under index met with such widespread support that it was unanimously adopted as part of the caucus program.

swollen profits of the corpora-The main problems of the auto tions, the companies would damn

> Bill Genske, officer of General Motors' Fisher Body Local 581, secretary of the caucus, reported on the recent GM conference. In dealing with Reuther's speech on that "he, Reuther, is the UAW-CIO and little or no attempt is made to involve the ranks of our union in this important fight."

Walter Quillico, education director of Ford Local 600, reportgraphed copies of "A Fighting provide for a ten percent basic wage increase to compensate for Ernie Mazey, of Briggs Local the loss in purchasing power due

only effective means of com- unresolved, every new clamping What is required to advance

It was not the escalator prin- the struggle for militant unionism ciple that was defective, said in the UAW to a higher stage is Mazey, but the perverted version the uniting of the scattered ranks cooked up by Wilson and Reuther of the opposition throughout the n a horse trade in which the country around the program of UAW was saddled with a five- the Committee for a Democratic

Vince Copeland, Lackawanna Unionist

"Today, ten years after the CIO conin America practically to their quered Little Steel," says Copeland, "we are still fighting the curse of Jim Crow. His speech received a tremend- This evil hits the colored worker first and ous ovation, showing that there is foremost. But it cripples the cause of the white worker too. By keeping the working political atmosphere among the people divided with Jim Crow, the bosses

*How can the Negro worker get equality crimination, several Negro work- on the job and off the job too? How can ers asked bluntly how the CIO he get so-called "lily-white" jobs? How can held its first regular membership some of the higher - paid and actively on his side? How can Blast Furnace department. After

"Every one of these things can

Vince Copeland is well known

the workers won their point, Copeland was fired. Then 17,000 plant — went out in protest.

In the seven years he spent in had the reputation of never letting a brother down in a grievance.

Grant Hanesworth, a young Buffalo worker, will chair the meeting. Hanesworth was very to steel workers. He was distactive in the Willie McGee case in the new sintering plant. This which dramatized the McGee case University of Minnesota. After that I shall head severely punished, by heavy fines for the west.

Severely punished, by heavy fines and jail sentences," he stated.

Severely punished, by heavy fines be called by the local officers.

Severely punished, by heavy fines and pledging themselves to follow percent walk-out of the whole execution.

TRUMAN INTERVENES TO

CLYDE TURNER

intervene and effect a "settle-

longest strike of aircraft work-

ers in this area since the North

was broken by the use of army

The length and effectiveness of

the present strike indicate a

serious effort by the UAW to

tions in this area up to the

standards in other parts of the

With a unanimous vote of 8,000

at midnight Sept. 4th. The

demands of the union are: (1)

company to use favoritism; (2) a

of ten percent plus ten cents an

hour retroactive to the dates when

these increases were given to

workers in other Douglas plants

at El Segundo and Santa Monica.

The latter two plants are affiliates

of the AFL International Associa-

workers to uphold their bargaining committee the strike began Speech Cheered

country.

Workers Party candidate for councilman from the Fifth District in Philadelphia, analyzed the roots of police brutality at an election rally last Saturday held "Police brutality is a capitalist disease," Mrs. Turner declared.

ing intensity and fierceness of physical assaults and legal lynchwar and Wall Street's preparation for World War III. "These offenses against American Negroes are meeting more and more stubborn resistance," she affirmed. "On two occasions in the past three months several hundred Negroes have come to the aid of victims of police brutality in the craft workers at the Long Beach leaders promptly get off the streets of Philadelphia. The life of Lt. Gilbert, court - martialled and condemned to death in Korea, the War Stabilization Board to man's strike-breaking. was saved by the response of thousands of Negro and white ment." This is the largest and workers to Mrs. Gilbert's appeal

"The NAACP leadership," Mrs. Turner asserted, "has been forced to launch a legal offensive against troops. segregation in housing, transportation, education, and the armed forces. This leadership cannot for long escape the con- bring aircraft wages and conditradiction between the struggle for democracy and equality at home and support of Wall Street's plans for subjugation of the darker peoples in the rest of the world."

SWP PROGRAM

big sea waters, stood the wigwam of Nokomis, that everyone had the opportunity to visit the and ammunition to crush the Twin Cities branches. The comrades here have Philippine revolution."

THE RUN-AROUND Federal government mediators

have been giving the union a runand back again but with no effect county industrial area surroundso far. Truman's directive to the ing Youngstown participated in

War Stabilization Board was ac- discussion panels on housing, emcompanied by the usual strike- ployment, civil rights, and other breaking formula of "hoping" current issues confronting work-SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14 - the workers would go back to ers. The panel concerning dis-What would you do if you were their jobs while the Wage crimination inside the plants was elected mayor?" This question Stabilization Board pressured the the best attended. was posed at a union meeting union committee to take someto which Frank A. Barbaria, thing less than their demands. Socialist Workers Party candidate However, local strike leaders anfor mayor, recently spoke. "I'm nounced yesterday that "as of

The strike is in danger from device for utilizing the union caused. ministration by remaining on the Barbaria reports that the faces board, it will put heavy pressure of his audience plainly showed on the strikers. Second, Truman astonishment at this idea, so can use the Taft-Hartley Act to accustomed were they to having force the strikers back for a long "cooling off" period of 80 days.

This strike is a good example of how a political question in-

By J. Roberts

the speed-up.

Two UAW International repre-

trudes upon a conflict over purely Date Set for Strike Vote at Fleetwood

DETROIT, Oct. 14 - Fleet-

When the Reutherite leadership tion. failed to sway the determination This vigorous and principled charged by Bethlehem Steel last last spring. He spoke at several Harry Press spoke of the need of the membership for a strike position was warmly received, and year after he led a fight against street corner meetings and one I still have two more meetings before I leave for a Fair Employment Practices vote, they pressed for a post-set the tone for the whole panel the company's unfair and dis-indoor meeting. He spark-plugged the Twin Cities. A public meeting in St. Paul and Act with teeth in it. "Employers ponement. A motion was finally discussion, with most Local Union criminatory violation of seniority the highly successful motorcade a meeting with the students on the campus of the who discriminate should be passed to take the strike vote on presidents endorsing the stand

arrest all scabs and company and Greens persist in their the Communist Party indicated very hospitable group. They also saw to it that hoodlums who tried to break alliance with the Truman ad- not strength but terrible weakness. Such conditions as exist today cannot be forever tolerated, he said, and it is within the power of organized labor to end ers could set the social pattern own choosing.

real desire for a change in the econdary trade union leadership, push us all around that much easier." During the discussion on dis-

wood Local 15, UAW-CIO, today intends to help them break into he get some of the whites to fight Hiawatha is said to have carried Minnehaha baria and Press addressed a group meeting in six months. Over 300 hitherto "pure - white" depart- he force a lazy steward to members turned out for the ments. Speaking on this point, represent him? How can he inmeeting demanding action against | Sam Camens, President of United | fluence a union organizer to take | Lackawanna workers — the whole Steelworkers of America (CIO) his part? Local 1330, pointed to the advanced "We support the Hukbalahaps sentatives united with the local record of this Local Union in be done today," says Copeland. grievances now in process. The that the jobs-for-Negroes issue questions Saturday night at must be met head on by the union Frontier Elks Hall." The meeting that little or no progress had leadership, and this leadership is sponsored by the Socialist must be prepared to stand or fall | Workers Party. on the principle of no-discrimina-

To Speak on Problem of Jim Crow BUFFALO - Vince Copeland will speak them. He pointed out that the Saturday evening, Oct. 27, 7:30 PM, at sixteen million organized work- Frontier Elks Hall, 311 William St.