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TRUMAN APPEASES CAPITALIST CLASS

Exiled Venezuelan Leader Links U. S. Oil Interests to Army Coup

By Joseph Hansen

American oil interests were directly involved in the Venezuelan army coup. This is the sensational charge made

by exiled President Romulo Gallegos upon his arrival in According to the publicity hand-Havana. In a press conference out, "Our companies were as sur-Dec. 5, Gallegos accused United prised as anyone else over the States oil companies and local Venezuelan capitalists of instigating the army clique to overthrow the government.

The oil corporations, who hold some two billion dollars worth were angered, according to Gallegos, by a 50 percent profits tax which was recently levied.

The exiled President also implied that the U.S. State Department was not without knowledge of the conspiracy. The military attache of a "large power' was at army headquarters when the coup was staged, he said. Gallegos did not name the "large power" but it is inferred he meant the United States.

This fits in with the accusations made by the well-known columnist, Drew Pearson, who declared Dec. 3: "What's happened in Venezuela-and will soon take place in other Latin-American republics - is the direct product of . . . incredible State Department double - dealing."

NO WARNING

Department promised to consult friends of the Truman Adwith Gallegos as well as the governments of Ecuador, Colombia and Chile before taking any acspirators who recently seized warning," recognized the Peruvian army clique.

ezuelan brass hats as a rebuff to Gallegos and "showed Washington's lack of confidence in Gallegos." The plotters drew the logical conclusion that the Truin Venezuela as it had in Peru.

The Gulf Oil Corporation hastily issued a denial that it

turn of events."

Even if Gulf, Shell and Standard Oil did not directly organize the coup, it is not likely that the central conspirators in the army clique would have of investments in Venezuela carried and their brazen plot without first getting the green light from the dominant power in Venezuela, the American oil

MALIGNANT SWAY

Working hand in glove with the most reactionary national capialists and land - holders, these imperialist giants have exercised a malignant sway over national their approval.

While Gallegos today accuses the American oil interests of being involved in his overthrow, it cannot be said that he fought against them while in office. In fact Gallegos tried to win the favor of both the oil interests and the Truman Administration. Hartley Act. He was wined and dined by the White House and publicized as ministration.

February, for the overwhelming ple." However, when the ultra-reacappease them by giving them ple?" asks the UMW Journal. Administration would more posts in his cabinet. This

The military plotters, now tuitously included in its denial American imperialism. On Dec. 5, the right to strike. the other oil corporations who the same day they dissolved Conhave so far remained discreetly gress and all the state legis- they are willing to accept in-

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Truman Admits Greek 'Stalemate' Despite Half Billion from U. S.

Despite the \$550,000,000 in arms, supplies and money poured into Greece to aid the monarcho-fascist regime in its war of extermination against the Greek workers and peasants, the efforts of the Greek army have resulted in a "stalemate," Truman admitted in a report to Congress on Dec. 6.

He further acknowledged that the guerilla forces are now more numerous than when the civil war began. Truman blamed the impasse on "the failure of the Greek army to make a determined effort to liquidate the guerrillas" in September.

The Greek conscripts aren't so eager to fight and die for their dictators and U.S. imperialism, especially since, as the U. S. News reported recently, the "rich men of Greece are getting richer" from the flow of U. S. dollars.

'Powder-Puff' Labor Leaders offairs for decades. No regime has been able to survive without Betray Fight on T-H Repeal

in the unions who are talk-? ing compromise and preparing issues involved in a wage con-

"early surrender" in the fight for troversy, are betraying the memunqualified repeal of the Taft- bership they represent," the This editorial attack by the

According to Pearson, the State one of the best Latin American is unquestionably aimed at the thew Woll, AFL vice-president Similarly, Gallegos made no virtually inviting Congress to turers in which he pointedly serious effort as head of the pass a "substitute" anti-labor law spoke of "revision" instead of tion toward recognizing the con- government to cut down the fer the Taft-Hartley Act, in- "repeal" of the Taft-Hartley power of the military clique. This cluding government intervention Act, and did not even mention erans Committee Convention in happened to me. At this point power in Peru. Three days later he could have done without much against strikes affecting "the the Wagner Act. the State Department, "without difficulty on taking office last health and welfare of the peo-

> time and what union, irrespective tionary officer caste indicated of the issues resulting in a work their dissatisfaction with the gov- stoppage, are imperiling the ernment, Gallegos attempted to health and welfare of the peo-

"We do not believe that the recognize a totalitar an regime taste of blood only increased teamsters, the bus drivers, street their thirst for absolute power. car operators, the dairymen and Hartley Act. various other union-manned serpressing for early recognition of vices are willing to accept "had anything whatsoever to do their regime, are demonstrating prohibitions that rob them of with the army coup." Gulf gra- how well they intend to serve their only economic weapon -

"Labor leaders who imply that silent: "Nor do we believe other latures, Pedro Aguerrevere, the junctive processes to force men to work, irrespective of the

The United Mine Workers Journal on Dec. 2 denounced the "equivocating pussy-footers" and "powderpuff leadership"

Journal concludes.

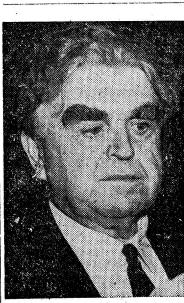
Just the day before this scath-UMW, headed by John L. Lewis, ing statement was issued, Mat-AFL leaders who passed a resolu- made a lick-spittle speech to the tion at their recent convention National Association of Manufac-

A secret meeting between AFL top leaders and Secretary of the AVC Convention: majority of the people, including "After all, who is going to Labor Tobin was held in Wash- Four or five years ago legislation. It was learned that several anti-labor restrictions later incorporated into the Taft-

> It is no secret that the AFL craft moguls long sought tochange the Wagner Act to favor craft unionism against industrial unionism. They welcomed the yellow-dog "non-communist" affidavits of the Taft-Hartley Act

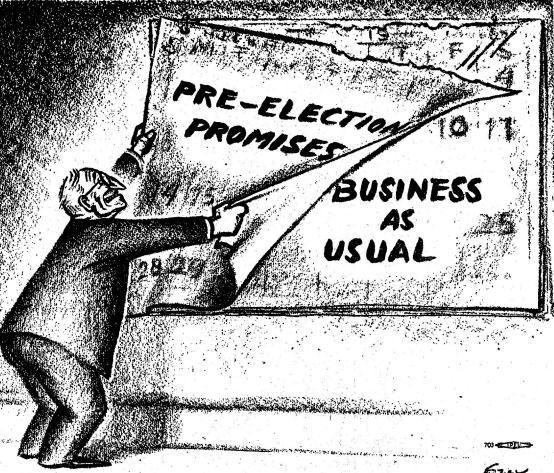
they think will be an organizational advantage over the CIO the AFL leaders are clearly preparing to sell out the fight for full and unconditional repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

They are ready to scuttle ever the most treasured right of labor the right to strike-for the narrow organizational advantage will offer them over the in dustrial unions. The latter must available for minority parties contend with national monopolies using the Socialist label was and would be most immediately therefore much smaller than in affected by any ban or limita-Adding Washington and Con- previous elections. To this fact tions on industry-wide strikes. should be added the low total However, any infringement on vote although the total electorate the right to strike would pave has increased by many millions the way for further restrictions since 1944. The SWP was that would eventually affect even the most localized AFL craft union.



JOHN L. LEWIS

Post Election Calendar



Kutcher's Civil Rights Plea to AVC Convention Convention Plea to Prise and the capitalists. "First of all," he said, "Government of ficials should remember that business men are working for profits. Profit is the main motivation of business; it is the ignition system of our economic engine. The importance of profit must be rec-

Kutcher to the American Vet-

all of us in uniform and we wondered among other things the AFL gave a qualified promise about the kind of world we would to go along with a law on the be coming back to and above ines of Truman's proposals of all we were wondering what kind January 1947. These included of treatment we would get back here at home.

I have a beef. I am not asking end to wars and depressions. for anything special, but I think

about it myself briefly, and then to ask if you can support my

I know that this is not a political meeting and L have no in-

Transport Union Ousts Stalinists After 14-Yr. Rule

In the wake of their smashconvention, the Stalinists suf- steel shrapnel. fered another major blow in the The Army surgeons never asked CIO when they were swept out me about my political beliefs of their 14-year rule over the when they amputated my legs Transport Workers Union, at its and the Army did not ask me convention in Chicago last week. about those things when it

ne had learned both from the Stalinists, whom he loyally served my job as a clerk in the Newark for many years, and the Murray Regional Office of the Veterans bureaucracy whom he now serves. Administration solely because of TWU President Michael J. Quill my politics and the party to and his machine ousted the Stalinist national officials on the first day of the convention. The election was held before any discussion of issues.

Austin Hogan, executive vice- right to hold a job in the govpresident; John Santo, organization director; and Douglas Mac- and vote for any party I choose. Brookfield, Ill. Mahon, secretary-treasurer. Five of six vice presidents and eleven was fired the next day.

In the showdown, the Stalinists support of the members whom else. they had abused and misled for

The following is the text of tention of making a political fight; I personally hated getting the speech made by James speech. However, I must say a my name and picture in the few words about my own politics papers and having people corporations, claiming they "have Cleveland, Nov. 26:

also I want to say that I am not necessary. I saw that the gov-done so in the face of steadily mr. Chairman and delegates to asking anyone here to endorse criment purge of federal emmounting costs." Emphasizing

my right to hold them. SOCIALIST BELIEVER

A long time before the war ers Party because I wanted to

I was a member of this organization when I was drafted into Perhaps some of you have read the Army in January 1941. My of my case in the AVC Bulletin. draft board never asked me However, I would like to tell you about my politics or the party to which I belonged. They drafted

> The Army never asked me anything about my political beliefs. They assigned me for training mental and irreconcilable. Neverwith the 9th Infantry Divis on theless, we believe that they too rights program is almost certain at Fort Bragg. In October 1942 was sent overseas where I participated in the North African the Sicilian and the Italian camaigns.

When I was at San Pietro, Italy, in November 1943, the German mortar crew on the other side of the lines never asked me about my politics or the party any foreign government. ing defeat by the Murray to which I belonged—they fired machine at the recent CIO at me and filled my legs full of

Using the steamroller tactics awarded me the Purple Heart. But now I have been fired from which I belong.

> POLITICAL PERSECUTION I call this political persecution

Among those voted out were people to help me to defend my clude: I hope you will agree with me.

of seventeen executive board to be fired, I did not know what Methodist Church. members—all associated with the to do. I knew that if I resigned, Stalinist machine-were dropped. I would never be able to work United Steel Workers, CIO, Oak-Harry Sacher, TWU attorney and for the government again. And land, Calif. reputed key man in the machine, after giving up five years of my life and my legs in the Army, chapters of the AVC. I felt I was as much entitled to leaders could not command the a government job as anyone

> On the other hand, I did not relish the idea of making a Angeles.

denounce me, and so on. my political views, but merely ployees was extending to a large that "there is nothing sinful about ideas on social and political quesin power in Washington, I felt began, I became a believer in that the fight I could put up large profits and "unreasonably" Socialism and I joined an organ- might be of some assistance to ization called the Socialist Work- them. If a man can be fired solely because of his ideas, then Well, here I am, three years do something to bring about a we are living under a totalitarian after I took off my uniform, and socialist change and thus put an form of government and not a democratic one.

> Now this is the situation. In November 1947, Attorney General Clark issued a list of socalled subversive organizations. At this time I should say that I am not and never have been a member of the Communist Party. My party's differences with the Communist Party are fundahave constitutional rights which must be guarded and defended.

My party, the Socialist Workers Party, was placed on this Democratic Party. subversive blacklist although it is not subversive, it does not advocate the overthrow of the government by force and violence

SWP PROTESTS

ed out that no public hearing had been held where it could defend (Continued on page 4)

Support for Kutcher Continues to Roll In

James Kutcher's fight for civil rights continues to attract support from all parts of the Truman Administration's policies. country and from most branches of the labor and liberal moveand I am asking the American ments. The newest additions in-

Electromotive Diesel Workers ernment and also to belong to Local 719. United Auto Workers

The Commission on Social When I first discovered I was Justice, New Jersey Conference,

Machinists Union Local 1304

The Cleveland and Hollywood Local 1111, UE-CIO, Milwaukee.

Democratic Action. Local 87, ILGWU, AFL, Los billion he proposed in January

'Nothing to Fear,' **He Tells Conclave** Of Manufacturers

By Art Preis

Truman took the occasion of the National Association of Manufacturers convention last week to assure Big Business that his blasts at "gluttons of privilege" and "Wall Street reactionaries" before Nov. 2 were just election ballyhoo. As the spokesmen of the country's powerful monopolies met in New York City, the President told his largest press conference since the elections that the corporations have "nothing to fear" from his program. He pointedly offered as evidence his past three and a half years in office when corporate profits broke all

records, in peace or war. The very next day Secretary of Commerce Sawyer made an extremely conciliatory and reassuring address to the NAM convention. Sawyer's speech, it was emphasized, was approved in advance by Truman.

'NOTHING TO FEAR"

Repeating that "business has nothing to fear" from Truman's program, the Commerce Secretary lavishly praised "private enter-prise" and the capitalists. "First importance of profit must be recognized and utilized."

He whitewashed the scandalous profiteering by the major shown admirable restraint in rais-However, I decided a fight was ing prices and have reluctantly corporation pirates merely "give tions happen to differ from those careful and thoughtful consideration" to the inflationary effect of

high prices. The Big Business press has expressed both surprise and pleasure — but more pleasure than surprise — at Truman's demonstrative peace overtures to the economic royalists he so roundly denounced little more than a month ago. They are further reassured by the mounting evidence that Truman intends to hedge all along the line on his promises to labor. He is now preparing, it is well known, a "substitute" law for the Taft-Hartley Act which will contain some of the worst features of the latter. His civil to be buried or compromised as a conciliatory gesture to the stillpowerful Southern wing of the

SAME CABINET

On the same day as he reassured the NAM gang in New and it has no connections with York, Truman punctured the fond hopes of the Trumanite liberals and labor leaders that he would rid his cabinet of the profession-When this happened, my party al militarists and Wall Street m mediately protested the bankers who are directing U.S. issuance of such a list and point- foreign policy. Marshall, former Army Chief of Staff, and Forrestal, former Dillon, Read investment bank official, have been asked to continue as Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense respectively, Truman told reporters, and they "are willing" to

Marshall and Forrestal are the chief symbols of the Wall Street-Big Brass domination of the Their retention in the cabinet affirms the continued drive of Truman toward militarism and war.

This program rules out any substantial social improvements at home. Sawyer, in his speech to the NAM, admitted that the major drain on the economy and the biggest inflationary pressure is the enlargement of our military program." Further military expansion must "further intensify that pressure."

Truman now talks about a \$15 billion "limit" on direct military expenditures for 1949. What most The Cleveland Americans for people don't realize is that this is nearly 40% more than the \$11

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The Vote for Trotskyism

By George Clarke

Official returns from nine states give a total of 12,771 votes for candidate for Governor: 356. Farrell Dobbs, Presidential candi-Party, and Grace Carlson, Vice-Presidential candidate in the 1948 | Connecticut. election. Returns from two states, Connecticut and Washington, are yet been received.

The vote according to states was distributed as follows:

rado: 228; Utah: 73. New Jersey: George Breitman

candidate for U.S. Senate: 8,076; circumstances surrounding the William E. Bohannan. Con- recent election. gressional candidate, 11 District (Newark): 2.387. Minnesota: Vincent R. Dunne, candidate for U.S. Senate: 4,951. by a mobilization of workers a

Francisco): 3,495. William H. Yander, candidate for on a razor's edge: Republican thousand ahead of Dobbs and Secretary of State: 1,024; Genora reaction or "lesser evil" Truman.

Senate: 886. Wisconsin: James Boulton, No returns have yet been redate of the Socialist Workers ceived for the SWP Gubernatorial candidates in Washington and

still missing. The SWP was on necticut returns to the total the ballot in 11 states. No write-listed above, the vote for Dobbs in votes from other states have and Carlson in the 1948 election will add up to over 13,000. This figure represents only a partial measure of the electoral strength New Jersey: 5825; New York: of the SWP because discriminatory 2675: Pennsylvania: 2133: election law kept the party off Michigan: 672; Minnesota: 606; the ballot in Ohio, Illinois, Cali-Wisconsin: 303; Iowa: 256; Colo- fornia and Massachusetts where the party is active and influential. Votes for other candidates of Small in relation to the total the Socialist Workers Party in vote and to the number received the various states were as fol- by the major parties, this figure represents a significant achievement in view of the complex

As has been repeated many imes, the outcome of the last Presidential contest was decided California: Myra Tanner Weiss, few weeks before election day to Congressional candidate, 19th elect the "lesser evil." Truman's District (Los Angeles): 1,016; victory was achieved by cutting other comparison. In every in-Harry Press, State Senatorial deeply into the Wallace total, candidate. 20th District (San who received a drastically smaller vote than was previously granted | national ticket as in New Jersey Michigan: Howard Lerner, him. To the bulk of working candidate for Governor: 870; class voters, the issue was posed

Dollinger, candidate for U.S. | And the question was decided by the election of Truman without a popular majority in the country as a whole and by narrow margins in many states.

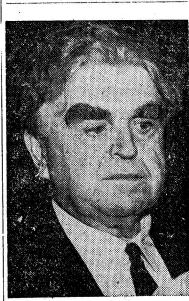
The number of protest votes competing for votes in an election where the line-ups were sharply drawn with a minimum number of independent voters participating. As will be seen from the figures, the SWP did not receive any sizable number of protest votes except in New Jersey where it was favored in a few counties by its place on the ballot. Even the vote for Norman Thomas, which usually derives largely from this catecory, although larger than his otal in 1944, was still far below the expectations of the SP leaders. The Socialist Labor Party

vote was lower than in 1944. The character of the Dobbs-Carlson vote is illustrated by anstance, the local SWP candidates received a larger vote than the and Minnesota where the U.S. Senatorial candidates ran a few

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I have gotten a raw deal.

as an aid to their raids on noncomplying CIO and other unions. For the sake of gaining what



Meaning of Justice Douglas's Speech to the CIO

By Art Preis

vention was far more than the sense, that defense. hypocritical tributes and trite generalities usually bestowed by capitalist politicians on labor audiences. It was a serious attempt by a capable leader of provide a rounded and reasoned never been before." thesis for the American union leaders. This thesis formulated strategic position and strength, and justified in theoretical terms their fundamental social philosophy and perspective. That is why CIO President Philip Murray hailed Douglas's words in such extravagant terms and why the CIO leaders plan to publish the traditional trade - union activispeech and c'rculate it widely.

NATIONAL FIGURES

The official union leaders in America today rest on the potentially most powerful organized force in the world, the 15 million-member trade union movement. They are conscious of themselves as national figures. wielding immense influence. They have been pushed by social developments and social forces into the sphere of "labor statesmanship," in which they are called upon to present solutions to the basic economic, social and political questions of this country

and the world. The need of the union bureaucracy to formulate a fundamental perspective, to justify and defend it, is made especially imperative by the direction in which the ranks of the unions have been traveling with ever more persistence. That is toward a break with capitalist politics. Although they had resisted and obstructed this movement with all their means, some of the union bureaucrats themselves were forced before the elections to concede the need for a "new party," even a 'labor party."

The unexpected outcome of the elections - unexpected particularly to the union leaders felt with redoubled strength on at its knock."

trenchment of the Murray

bureaucracy, the invasion of the

autonomous rights of interna-

tional unions and unabashed

violations of democracy coupled

with the debacle of the Stalinist

The smash-up of the Stalinist

machine in the CIO is not ex-

plained merely by the red-bait-

ing hysteria in the country at

large and its factional utilization

against the Stalinists by the Mur-

rays and Reuthers. This smash-

up was made possible by the

activities of the Stalinists them-

selves in the CIO over the past

From the start, they labored

with might and main to help first

Lewis and later Murray to con-

laboration with the employers

and cement the bloc with the

Roosevelt Administration. They

were in the front ranks in cor-

rupting the most advanced work-

bureaucratic cynicism and Peo-

ples Front ideology.

1936 EXPERIENCE

ers and instilling into them

file militancy was at a high point, place.

the mood for setting up an in-

10 years.

are mindful that now, more than woven the European fabric with economic power in the hands of throes of severe economic convul- will never sell Wall Street's "hu-Justice William O. Douglas's their policies before the workers. omitted from our own." Its basic industries, banks, railroads, speech to the recent CIO con- Douglas's speech is, in a large development from feudal times utilities, oil and mineral resources,

And by virtue of this new leaders - "can no longer take it is no part of our tradition. . . days. It cannot indulge the luxury | but to opportunity." of complete preoccupation with

"a missionary of the American state" over the entire globe. way of life" to the whole world.

'HUMAN WELFARE"

of an industrial serfdom" and rights alone—became standards of industrial justice."

Unfortunately, stated Douglas, 'human welfare state" which it becomes necessary for American labor "to bridge the gap that has been growing between has momentarily relieved them of the United States and Europe." the pressure for a new and funda- If American imperialism cannot and poor has reached extremes mental turn in their political speak in its own name, "American policies. But it has not altered labor carries good credentials to the deep underlying forces that western Europe. Doors tightly produced this pressure. It will be closed to all others may open top and a vast mass of wage- the tens of billions being spent

Instead, the Stalin'sts.

Lewis in steering the most ad-

vanced workers back into the

Roosevelt fold and in killing the

promising Labor Party move-

Thereafter for eight years -

with the exception of the short

he Stalinists kept drumming

ers of Roosevelt and the virtues

Another example: After the

init al strike struggles were over

Lewis, Murray and their hench-

machines and isolating all dissi-

dent and oppositional elements.

could they, when they were the

worst offenders on this issue?

This Stalinist record of pro-

Did the Stalinists attempt to

of supporting liberal capitalist

politicians of his stripe.

struct a bureaucratic machine, to men began the process of

steer the CIO unions into col- strengthening their bureaucratic

In 1936 when the young CIO machines were installed and the

crusading zeal, when rank and oppositionists and critics took

dependent Labor Party was capitalist politics, bureaucratism

widespread. The Stalinists with and class collaboration was

their considerable strength and climaxed by their conduct during

period of the Stalin-Hitler Pact-

into the workers' ears the wond-

foundation.

has been based on the concept etc. "Today labor stands astride a of 'class society.'. . . This was world fraught with fear," said the historical condition which Douglas. "It occupies a strategic Marx—and those socialist writers position in the affairs of na- and thinkers who both preceded ions. By reason of its new and followed him - observed. American bourgeois liberalism to strength, it is woodd as it has This then formed the base for their economic thought."

But "the idea of class is foreign to us in this country. We Douglas concludes, American are unable to function on a class labor—and by that he means the lasis for the simple reason that refuge in the slogans of by gone Man is born here not to class.

DOUGLAS THESIS

In short, what Douglas presents No, it is the duty of America us with is the thesis that Amerto show "how a human welfare ican capitalism has solved the state creates health . . . show problems of human welfare, that Enrope that it need not be the it has resolved the class strugvictim of the concept of a class gle which has torn all other society. . . show how a human capitalist countries, that it has welfare state has managed to hit upon a "democratic middle distribute in an increasingly course"—capitalist to be sure quitable manner the dividends which if spread by American of modern technology. . ." In diplomacy, dollars and arms will short, American labor must be in tiate the "human welfare Let us look more closely at our

model "human welfare state" here at home where we have no What is this "human welfare class struggle and where everystate"? It is already here, accord-thing is distributed in an ng to Douglas, in the United equitable manner. If there is no States of America in 1948. It is class struggle, what have been nothing less than the "classless" these truly titanic strike strugtate achieved when the "tide of gles that have swept this coun-'iberalism" from Bryan to Roose-velt finally succeeded in sweep- Why have even the traditionally ng away "the remaining threats most conservative workers railroadmen, printers, AFL long- | WAR BUDGETS human rights - not property shoremen-been involved in bitter conflicts with the employers and the government? What is this he European workers don't seem has a Taft-Hartley Law on the ed, but stumbled flat on his face. o understand the virtues of this books, that permits the lynching "Violent swings in the business of Negroes, that can't find ade-Washington seeks to export quate housing for tens of milthrough the Marshall Plan. They lions, that swings ominously beare downright suspicious and tween inflation and depression even hostile to it. And therefore that conducts Hitler-like "loyalty" purges and witch-hunts against political dissenters?

This is a country where, in fact, the division between rich never before known-a tiny and ever-narrowing class of multi- of swollen government expendimillionaires and billionaires on tures for armaments. Without earners, proletarians - the pro- annually for both American milithe morrow. The union bureau- The reason for this sad state pertyless—on the bottom. Every tarism and "aid" to military dic-

response to the orders of the attacks on strikes and their ad-dissipated all the capital which

Despite this record of hypocrisy

and sell-out, despite their funda-

mental collaboration with Mur-

ray for ten years, they con-

tinued to call themselves the "left

monopolize the oppositionist fac-

tion to the Murray bureaucracy.

But they could not, pursuing

these rotten policies, build a

renuine fighting force of the most

militant and advanced elements

demoralized time and again the

militant ranks, including numer-

ous members of the Communist

Party itself. They placed in posi-

ions of leadership numerous op-

and finally, by their zigzags,

they proved to the CIO member-

In all the unions under their hip that the American Stalinists structures at Camp Shanks: Two

fice Workers, etc., bureaucratic their twists and turns at the assembly hall, two mess halls, a

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vast new expenditures to arm

lion to \$5 billion a year," writes

MILITARY COSTS

Greece alone.

nortunists like Quill and Curran

Kremlin rulers, joined hands with vocacy of speed-up in the plants. they had in the early days of the

10-YEAR RECORD

The Portland convention of strong fractions could have or-the war. It is common knowl- Thus when the "cold war" com-

ving on a solid programmatic the no-strike pledge. They even

line up the militant ranks for a | who are today in the forefront

struggle for democracy? How of the red-baiting in the CIO;

control, the UE, the NMU, Of- are merely puppets executing all

movement was imbued with most ruthless hounding of all the Kremlin tyranny in Russia. and four miscellaneous buildings.

the CIO was characterized by ganized this Labor Party senti- edge that they became the loudest menced between the United States

ever before, they must defend a strange twist that has been an owning few, who control the sions

THE DEPRESSION

that time dropped practically to force was idle. The dent in our that it completely wiped out the gain in wage rates that had THE MIRROR been painfully obtained since the early 1890's.'

Douglas does not say what has appened since the end of the to spread Douglas's thesis -CIO under the heading: "Percentage Distribution of Our National Income-1945-1948."

The share of all employees in the national income fell from 67.6% in 1945 to 61.2% in 1948 — and this in spite of the greatest strike struggles in American labor history. Imagine how low it would have fallen had this class struggle never taken place! Corporate profits, however, rose in the same four years from 4.8% to 9.1% of the national income Non-incorporated business profits rose from 9.2% to 11.5%. Farmowning incomes rose from 6.8%

But the depression, relieved only by the forced march of war economy, was a hurdle which "human welfare state" that still Douglas could not evade. He leapcycle" under capitalism, he maintained, "are not as certain as death or taxes." And he added, "It is indeed ironical and shocking to conclude that it is only through war that we can get maximum production and full employ-

But that is precisely the case. The "human welfare state" has thus far escaped a terrible postwar depression solely on the basis crats, capitalist - minded beneficiaries of the capitalist system, Douglas, is that "history has concentration of wealth and talism would right now be in the The Stalinist Debacle in the Clo

fight at the CIO Convention be-

cause they could not count on the

support of the ranks in the unions

That is the real story behind

the disgraceful disintegration of

and why the Murray bureaucracy

was able to triumph so com-

pletely at the Portland conven-

GOVERNMENT GENEROSITY

Not all housing comes high. For

only \$2,100 the Government gen-

erously gave the Edward Asch

Wrecking Company the following

motion picture theatres, a large

posed far smaller sums for mili-

education, health, housing, social

security, etc., was only a half

Against a total of \$42 billion

ly indicated by his latest ap-

they still control.

went beyound Murray and chines which they still con-

in the unions. Instead, they the Stalinist forces in the CIO

behest and in the interests of service club, a dozen guard towers

1948 and which the bi-partisan congress boosted by \$3 billion. tary purposes, the total of all new sums his budget allowed for

the so-called "Western Union" or more that the government will

countries and all the capitalist spend this fiscal year, the whole

dictatorships being lined up for cost of the social improvements

the contemplated war against the Truman promised in his election

Soviet Union. "Foreign military campaign - health, education,

aid may wreck Truman's budget housing, reclamation, higher so-

.. No one knows what it will cial security payments, etc., adds

TRUMAN TELLS BIG BUSINESS

IT HAS "NOTHING TO FEAR"

The Administration also plans billion dollars.

cost. Estimates run from \$2 bil- up to \$573 million.

CIO.

in Reuther in their condemnation and trolled. They had long since

welfare state" we are actually convince the American workers bringing to Europe. Paul Hoff- either that we are already enjoyman, Marshall Plan administra- ing the blessings of such a state tor, told the NAM convention last here under the domination of Even Douglas admits that be- week that the average per capita monopoly capitalism. fere the war "the effects of the income in 1947 in Europe "was depression in the 30's was so only \$347," but "if after four severe that the real earnings at years the European average can here. The Truman Administration be raised to \$500, that will be the and bi-partisan Congress will the level of forty years earlier kind of recovery we are thinking heap new burdens on the masses One-fifth of our national labor about." The "human welfare state" - maybe in four years national income was so great on an average income of less than \$10 a week!

And Europe is the mirror of America's future. In it we can see the whole life-span of the capitalist system, which was born war, but Murray—who is so eager and flourished there. There too, bourgeois liberals like Douglas stated it in cold figures in his once abounded and spread the official report to the CIO con- thesis of the "classless human vention. You will find it on page welfare state" that would arise 5 of his printed Report to the on the foundations of the profit SOCIAL FORCES system. There too, the reformist labor leaders and the Social-Democrats envisaged the amelioration of the class struggle, its modification and disappearance as capitalism provided an ever-growing abundance for all. But they proved wrong. And American capitalism will follow the European road, if the system is permitted

No, the Murrays and Reuthers less system of socialism.

man welfare state" to the Euro-What in reality is the "human pean workers. And they will not

> Rather, the division between wealth and poverty will grow through an unbridled program of militarism and war preparations. 'Classless" America will experience new and greater class struggles between the workers and the capitalists over the distribution of the national income. And there will be a vast extension of this | feat. class struggle into the political arena. In this sense above all we will embrace the "traditions" of Europe — the traditions of Marx and Marxian socialism — of class

Against the great stream of social forces unleashed by the contradictions and crisis of American capitalism, the thesis of Douglas and the union leaders who seek to float themselves upon it will be swept under. The "human welfare state" will be - can be no other — than a Workers State under the genuinely class-

Seeks Aid for Chinese Dictator



Mme. Chiang Kai-shek (l.) sent by her warlord husband to tap the U.S. Public Treasury for as many billions of dollars as possible to bolster up his crumbling, corrupt dictatorship, is met at the airport by Mrs. George C. Marshall, wife of the Secretary

the definitive victory and enthereby forged a national left the most bellicose defenders of the Murray left of the most bellicose defenders of the most bellicose defenders of the circumstance of the most bellicose defenders of the circumstance of the most bellicose defenders of the circumstance of the cir

(Continued from Page 1) conspirator in the office of

That is why, when Murray, Minister of Development, told a Reuther and Co. began to crack conference of oil and mining comdown on the Stalinists, the latter pany representatives that their found themselves suspended in investments are "safe and mid-air, with no support in the sound." ranks anywhere. That is why they wing" and were able to largely did not dare launch a defiant

Aguerrevere assured the oil parons that the new dictatorship would work out a policy toward he petroleum industry that 'everyone will accept and support in the future."

Another plotter, Jose Rafael Pocaterra, has arrived in Washington to discuss recognition of the new regime with the State Department.

OIL DIPLOMACY

Washington's main concern in Venezuela is over the interests of the oil corporations. The first innouncement of the State Dethe Gallegos government was not and a totalitarian regime installed, but that the property of U. S. investors was "safe."

Since the end of the war, the Fruman Administration has folowed a calculated policy of Dam Still There bolstering the reactionary military cliques throughout Latin America. Washington brass hats have toured the countries south of the border to tighten relations Law, was asked whether he with the militarists and bind thought the new Congress would them closer to the American military machine.

entire Western Hemisphere into a gigantic armed camp in pre- talking about the repeal of the calls for standardization of arms qualification prior to the Novemin Latin America and the en- ber Second election are now talktrenchment of Washington's mili- ing in terms of just repealing tary influence in the officer caste the name and, then, rewriting of those countries.

the Scripps-Howard Washington tions - these will have first call. staff on Dec. 4. A half billion Who will foot the bill? Not the has already been sunk in tiny monopolists, as Truman has plain-With these big increases for peasement gestures toward Big the Scripps-Howard newspaper the name but the dam is still the military and "foreign aid" al- Business. As always, it will be chain. Since April 1947, Venezuela there." "has bought \$677.758 worth of ready scheduled, while Truman the working people who will be promises a "balanced budget," forced to carry the load. The bullets, bombs, tanks, airplanes, how much will be allocated for "new New Deal" will be a scraw- gas masks and bayonets for social improvements? In his Jan- ny, short-lived infant indeed - \$46,746."

uary 1948 budget, when he pro- if it isn't dead before it's born. In Peru, where the military

clique recently staged a successful coup, \$6,200,000 worth of tanks, planes, guns and spare parts were purchased from the U. S. Government for \$479,000. Similarly in Chile, where only

few weeks ago the military clique attempted an armed revolt. \$4,800,000 worth of U.S. arms were purchased for \$265,000. In addition to this, "Combat

equipment worth \$19.800,000 has been sold for \$1,800,000 to military establishments in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Uruguay, Guatemala, El Salvador, Cuba and Mexico. Argentina has paid \$302-000 for \$5,000,000 worth of military supplies. Brazil has bought \$4,100,000 worth of combat equipment for \$586,000."

The State Department policy of fostering militarism has strengthened totalitarian tendenpartment upon the overthrow of cies throughout Latin America. The crushing of democracy and hat democracy had been crushed the establishment of military dictatorship in Venezuela simply a glaring instance of what American imperialism is nurturing south of the Rio Grande.

In a broadcast Nov. 26 over the

Mutual Broadcasting System, Fred A. Hartley, joint author of the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Truman's campaign promise. Part of the plan to convert the Here is Hartley's reply: "I find a great many who were

paration for the next world war Taft-Hartley Law without any something else, and probably rewriting a number of the features Fourth International. Even twoof the Taft-Hartley Law. I think How the Truman Administra- what they're going to do is the tion has deliberately strengthened same as they did when they the military cliques is graphically | changed the name of Hoover Dam revealed in a survey prepared by to Boulder Dam. They changed

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World Events

By Joseph Hansen -

Eight-Week Strike of French Miners Called Off by Stalinist CGT Leaders

The strike of the French coal miners which started Oct. 3 was called off Nov. 27 by the Stalinist heads of the General Confederation of Labor after the rank and file had spent eight bitter weeks battling governhad it not been for the treacherment police and troops.

Despite the savage government assault, the miners had a good chance to win their strike for a \$13-a-month wage boost and a sliding scale to protect their standard of living; but the Stalinist union heads led them to de-

The Stalinists refused to mooilize the workers of other industries to come to the aid of the Party in Zagreb, Nov. 25, Marminers through a general strike. shall Tito was forced to acknowl-They insisted on limiting help to edge publicly that the 5-year 'whirling" strikes; that is, short | so well. stoppages here and there.

When the Queuille regime or dered troops to fire on the strikers, indignation mounted high among the French workers. Even | cialist countries - has declined the ranks of the Stalinist Party to a great extent, and for this indicated sentiment in favor of reason we have greater difficula general strike. But the Stalin- ties than otherwise.' ist chieftains, fearful of losing control over such a movement referred to the brutal pressure and its revolutionary repercus- which the Stalinist bureaucracy sions, did everything possible to is exerting on his regime to crush stifle this sentiment.

Since the French Trotskyists ence from the Kremlin. Moscow were among the strongest advo- and the satellite countries of cates of a general strike to back the coal miners, the Stalinist chieftains labelled the demand "Trotskyist" and "ultra-left" and overturn in Belgrade. at the same time tried to smear it as inspired by the fascist-like De Gaullist movement.

Benoit Frachon, General Secredistributed by the tens of thouminers. This delegation was com- | jects for our heavy workers.' posed entirely of members of the Stalinist Party.

Frachon said the demand had been raised by "Gaullist agents and Trotskyist elements." And he that certain militants are so the Yugoslav Communist Party, thoughtless as to be influenced recently boasted that Yugoslavia by the propaganda of the enemy agents. But when one is in a leading position, having the honor of being elected by his comrades cialism. to the post of leadership, one must never be so thoughtless."

The Stalinists tried to gag those cooperative efforts of a number

general strike could not be organ- lated Yugoslavia is not only utoized because some sections of the working class are more backward than others and would not respond to the call. This argument the western powers. To replace did not prevent them from ad- coke supplies cut off from Poland, vancing the contention in the next | he had to apply to the Economic breath that a general strike would Commission of Europe for coke cause the Queuille regime to fall, from the Ruhr, Belgium and Italy. there would then be no responsible authorities with whom to carry ning. on negotiations and thus the strike would drag on endlessly!

off the mine strike, the Stalinist CGT leaders declared, "We must regroup our forces in order to continue the struggle in different ways, to press our claims in a permanent manner so as to suc-

not have smashed the mine strike disaster.

Moscow Blockade Forces Tito to Revise 5-Year Plan

ous policy of the Stalinist leader-

In a speech at the second congress of the Croatian Communist the collection of funds and token plan for Yugoslavia is not doing

"Today, not through our fault," said Tito, "certain conditions have come about that precisely this position — help from friendly So-

In this roundabout way. Tito every manifestation of independeastern Europe have set up an economic blockade of Yugoslavia, hoping by this to effect a political

Since the Yugoslav 5-year plan originally envisaged the aid and cooperation of the Soviet Union The Stalinist CGT heads organ- and the satellite countries, it must zed an energetic campaign to now be revised, Tito declared. educate" their own ranks against | The revision means sacrificing all the demand for a general strike. local projects and the production of consumers' goods and concentary of the CGT, issued a leaflet, trating on construction of heavy industry. "Local interests must sands, ostensibly answering a not dislocate the general plan. We delegation from the Chenard and must never lose sight of the prin-Walker metallurgical factory who cipal targets — the blast furhad demanded that the CGT call naces, Marten furnaces, foundries, a general strike to help the coal coal, coke, oil, and housing pro-

Tito's proclaimed end is to build socialism in one country, that is, accomplish in Yugoslavia what Stalin could not possibly do on the scale of the Soviet Union. added: "We note with amazement | Borba, the official newspaper of "possesses all the conditions" for "the normal development of its economy" and the building of so-

Since socialism cannot be built in a single country, especially a At the 27th Congress of the small, backward, agricultural CGT the question of the general country like Yugoslavia, revision strike was an important issue of the 5-year plan does not mean since delegations from the mines an end to Tito's difficulties. The and other industries favored it. building of socialism requires the ly advanced lands. To try to build The Stalinists argued that a a miniature of socialism in iso-

pian; it is suicidal. Already Tito finds himself forced to seek economic ties with This, of course, is only the begin-

In addition, driven by Yugoslavia's economic needs, Tito will In explaining why they called find it increasingly difficult to resist the political pressure of Anglo-American imperialism on the one hand and the Moscow bureaucracy on the other.

Only by breaking clean from Stalin's reactionary theory of of building socialism in one coun-The coal strike was broken by try and returning to the Marxist armed force employed by the program of building socialism on Queuille government; but the gov- a world scale can the Yugoslav ernment terror and violence could dissidents save themselves from

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Many new readers were helping

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Capitalist monopolies, having corroded the middle classes, are devouring the democracies. Monopolies themselves were a result of private ownership of the means of production. Private ownership, having once been the source of progress, came into contradiction with modern technique and is now the cause of crisis, wars, national persecutions and reactionary dictatorship. The liquidation of the private ownership of the means of production is the central historical task of our epoch and will guarantee the birth of a new, more harmonious society. The act of birth, daily observation teaches us, is never a "gradual" process but a biological revolution. -Leon Trotsky, Interview in St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Mar. 1940



A Blow Against the Witch Hunt

One of the strongest resolutions in defense of civil rights ever enacted by a union body was unanimously adopted by the recent CIO national convention. This resolution, a progressive highpoint in the convention, calls in forthright terms for legislation abolishing racial discrimination and segregation in industry and the armed forces, and special laws to safeguard civil rights of minorities. It demands laws to protect longresident aliens from persecution and deportation. And it takes an unambiguous stand against the current government witch-hunt and purge of political minorities.

Assailing "the growing hysteria which has blinded many to our American traditions of democracy," the convention resolution concludes by demanding "the enactment of guarantees to protect the freedom of thought and the freedom of political views of government workers and the revocation of Executive Order 9835."

Thus, the CIO is on record for the abolishment of the most dangerous expression of the witch-hunt, the Nazi-like victimization of government employes, and workers on government contracts in private industry, for holding views which Attorney General Clark has arbitrarily labeled "subversive" and

In its first session following the convention, the newly-elected ClO National Executive Board adopted two implementing resolutions. One calls for the immediate abolition of the Thomas-Rankin committee and adoption of "specific rules" for the procedure of Congressional committees to prevent misuse of Congressional powers and the "maligning and abusing" of individuals for "selfish and political ends." The other calls for "speedy revision" of Truman's "loyalty" program as a "stand-by" measure to protect millions of workers until the entire program is discarded.

The CIO Board stated that the "lovalty" purge and charges are based on "rumor, gossip, malice and ignorance"; that they uphold "theories of guilt by association wholly alien to our American principles"; and that accused persons are denied "the elementary requirements of due process and the most rudimentary protections afforded by our Constitution, even to persons accused of the most trivial crimes." It therefore demands that accused persons be given "precise particulars" of charges and as CIO President Murray stated, "a fair trial, open hearing and the right to hire counsel.'

In commending this stand by the CIO, we call the attention of all CIO affiliates to the two outstanding cases of victimization in the "loyalty" purge. We refer to James Kutcher, legless Newark veteran fired from the Veterans Administration because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party, and to Herb Lewin and Frank Garner, CIO members fired from government work in the Westinghouse plant near Philadelphia. There is no better way to carry out the spirit of the CIO resolution than to pass resolutions and give material aid for the defense of Kutcher, Lewin and Carner.

Referendum on War Question

Costa Rica having signed the Treaty of Rio de Janeiro, this military pact drawn up 15 months ago at the Brazil Conference under General Marshall's guidance became binding upon all Latin America and the United States Dec. 3.

If the United States now engages in war against the Soviet Union, or any other country, every Latin American country is obligated to take the following measures outlined in the Chapultepec Act: "Recall of chiefs of diplomatic missions; breaking of diplomatic relations; breaking of consular relations; breaking of postal, telegraphic. telephonic, radio-telephonic relations; interruption of economic, commercial and financial relations."

Ratification of the pact thus places the official stamp upon Washington's efforts to commit all Latin America in advance to give up neutrality in the projected World War III.

In addition to armed attack, the pact becomes operative if "any American state should be affected by an aggression which is not an armed attack or by an intra-continental or extra-continental conflict, or by any other fact or situation that might endanger the peace of America." Any squabble anywhere in the world could be interpreted as "aggression" under this sweeping

In interpreting the pact at Rio de Janeiro, Marshall declared that "no state shall be required to furnish armed forces without its consent." This is obviously nothing but a

Strikes French and German

When the French coal miners went on strike for higher pay and a sliding scale of wages, the entire capitalist press set up a clamor that it was all "Communist-inspired." the work of "agitators," and a "plot" to disrupt the Marshall Plan.

With this hue and cry they tried to divert attention from the genuine, real grievances which had forced the French miners out on the picket line and drown out the crackling rifle fire ordered by the Queuille regime against the hungry strikers.

The Stalinists, who dominate the French unions, for their part did the striking miners no good. They sought to utilize the workers' grievances for their own sordid ends.

Now the shoe is on the other foot. In the Soviet-occupied sector of Berlin the workers in the biggest electric power company staged a strike to secure removal of policemen from the installation and the freedom of six workers arrested last week by the Stalinist authorities. Some hundreds of these workers, not securing their demands, have left the plant and gone over to the British zone to seek new jobs.

The Stalinist press at once set up a hue and cry about an imperialist "plot." The Dec. 8 Daily Worker, for instance, calls the

legalistic formula to avoid the accusation that the treaty would commit the armed forces of the United States to a possible major foreign war without the consent of Congress.

Upon ratification of the Rio Pact, spokesmen of the Truman Administration utilized the occasion to press for an Atlantic Pact based on the same pattern. The Atlantic Pact would include not only France, Britain, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg but traditionally neutral Scandinavia, Iceland and Portugal as well as other powers.

The Atlantic Pact would interlock with the Rio Pact so that a single incident in Berlin, Greece, Korea or Chile, for instance, could be utilized to plunge every country in Wall Street's sphere of influence into war. Every signatory is committed in advance.

In these circumstances it can easily be seen how rapidly America can be sucked into a major conflict. The decision really rests in the hands of a small circle of Big Business men and brass hats. Declaration of war by Congress would be no more than a formality.

If the people themselves are to decide such a weighty issue as war or peace of their own free will it is obvious that the war-making powers must be taken away from Congress. That power must be placed where it belongs

—in the hands of the people. Let America decide the fateful question of war or peace not by a poll of a time-serving Congress but through a nation-wide referendum vote.

strike "an anti-Soviet, anti-Communist provocation which is being promoted, incited and organized by agents of the Western powers as part of a schedule of aggression." With this clamor they hope to divert attention from the real grievances of the Berlin

The spokesmen of the Allied powers of course are commending the strikers and seeking to draw all possible advantage for their own predatory aims.

Thus we see both Moscow and Washington trying to utilize the workers in Europe as pawns in their monstrous game of power politics. Neither Moscow nor Washington cares about the independent interests of the working people who constitute the vast

majority of the population. To defend their own interests against both the Moscow bureaucracy and Western imperialism, the workers must revive the great tradition of independent political action exemplified in the international working class parties that once towered over the continent. Only by building mass parties on the program of revolutionary socialism can the European workers hope to control their own destiny and end the vicious game that uses them as pawns.

NAM's Political Theories Peddled By Labor and Liberal Spokesmen

By George Breitman

Lewis, William Green, A. Philip differences not only among themelves but with such spokesmen chairman of the influential Nevertheless, on certain questions affecting the whole future of the accept ideas advanced by Mosher better. Whatever they peddle for and help to spread them far and public consumption, they proceed these questions concerns the that the government is the exits function in society.

NAM CONVENTION

At the recent NAM convention ioned.)

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purpose is to bring the message articles.

of revolutionary socialism to

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political causes of militarism

and shows how to fight it, a more.

CIO convention at Portland, Oregon.

United States today.

contending economic and social any more than the Marxists do. Philip Murray, Henry Wal- forces and moderating their they do want the workers to beace, Walter White, John L. clashes in the interests of the lieve it. They want it because the "public." The advocates of this belief produces false political theory do not pretend that the ideas among the workers and leaders openly subservient to Business? Randolph, Norman Thomas and government always acts in accord strengthens not only the twoeon Henderson have a lot of with this ideal, but they insist party system but the structure that it can, and should.

We don't know if Mosher perassurance is that the ruling circles of the capitalist class cer-American workers, they all tainly don't believe it. They know wide. One of the most basic of on the basis of the knowledge nature of the government and ecutive committee of the ruling

CAPITALIST GOVT.

They know that the governin New York, Mosher put for- ment always and everywhere ward the conception of this seeks to promote the interests of question that Big Business wants the ruling class as a whole, even the people to hold. The function when for tactical political reasons of the Department of Commerce, it becomes expedient to don the he said, is to protect the in- guise of liberalism and even erests of businessmen just as it "anti-capitalist" reformism, a-las the function of the Depart- Roosevelt. They know that the nents of Agriculture and Labor Department of Agriculture helps o protect the interests of farm- the farm corporations, and not ers and workers. (To strengthen the working farmers. They know he impression that capitalists that the Department of Labor old this view themselves, Mosher | gives nothing to the workers that iven indulged in a little criticism they are not able to take by of the Department of Commerce their own organized strength. for not doing its duty as well as They know that they have nothing the other departments men- whatever to worry about from the administration as a whole The theory of government no matter how much anti-capitalwhich Mosher was here trying to ist demagogy the executive head advance is all-too-familiar to is compelled to spout in order to

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wife, entitled "How Lenin Studied

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Book Review

The Young Marxist is a new short story by a member of the

students and young workers. It appeared in July, are still availis the only magazine of, by and able. This number features an

for youth which does this in the article by N. Krupskaya, Lenin's

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CIO RESOLUTION

ON CIVIL RIGHTS

The following is the final section of the resolution on

"Civil Rights and Protection of Democracy" adopted by the

WE DEMAND:

1. The passage of federal and local fair employment prac-

The passage of federal and state legislation outlawing poll

The passage of measures to ban segregation in inter-state

The enactment of safeguards against racial discrimination

The enactment of civil rights laws in all states which now

The enactment of laws protecting aliens long resident in

The abolition of segregation in the armed forces.

The enactment of a federal anti-lynching bill.

in federal appropriations for state aid.

taxes and other restrictions on the right to vote.

do not have such laws eliminating segregation.

The abolition of the Thomas-Rankin Committee.

the United States and regularizing their status. 10. The establishment of guarantees to protect the freedom of

should be of interest to students for students of Marxism.

of class - collaboration without which the capitalists could not f Big Business as Ira Mosher, sonally, or any other individual keep their power for long. Alone capitalist, really believes in this and by themselves, the capitalists finance committee of the NAM. theory. What we can say with could not maintain this deception of the workers. Unfortunately, they get powerful assistance in its dissemination from those very people to whom the workers look for leadership.

THE LIE

Take the whole lot of themthe leaders of the CIO, AFL, UMW, Progressive Party, Social Democratic Federation, Socialist Party, Liberal Party, ADA, NAACP, AVC, etc. Don't they all echo the lie that the government is the representative of all classes? Aren't they all responsible, therefore, for the pernicious effects of this lie, including the practice of class collaboration which always weakens the position of the masses and strengthens the position of the oppressors?

To be sure, they all at one time or another engage in criticism of the administration or Congress or even the Supreme Court. But that, they invariably point out, is because the administration or Congress or the Court don't measure up to the ideal of their theory about the "true" role of the government. Theirs is at most a criticism of personnel or detail, but never about the fundamental class character of the government as an agent of the ruling class, which they strive to conceal just as zealously as the capitalists.

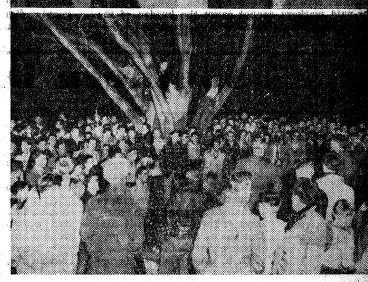
If Ira Mosher came out for higher prices and lower wages and the leaders of the labor and liberal coalition endorsed this view, it would serve as a shocking magazine published by the In- I. S. Y., Leon Trotsky's "An revelation to the workers and ernationalist Socialist Youth, Address to Young Communists would start them on the search Youth Section of the Socialist and Socialists Who Think," and for new leaders. But as the work-Workers Party in New York. Its a number of other important ers have had the occasion to learn during recent years, political

| eral" welfare, mediating between | "impartiality" of the government | problems are as important as | the economic policies

economic problems and as a Business continue to tolerate matter of fact cannot really be leaders who are openly subseparated from them. Why should servient to the political illusions workers who wouldn't tolerate and policies fostered by Big

Against Jim Crow





Students and faculty of Lafayette College (Easton, Pa.) are against Jim Crow. An invitation to their football team to play Texas College of Mines in the Sun Bowl at El Paso on New Year's Day was turned down because Lafayette's Negro halfback, Dave Showell (above, right), was barred from playing. Following rejection of the bid by athletic director William H. Anderson (above, left), students staged a campus demonstration against discrimination (below) and wired Truman: "Denied Sun Bowl bid because Negro on team. Is that democracy?"

WORKERS FORUM

Recommends Debs' Book

I was very happy to see in your last issue Pioneer Pubarticle which traces the economic ssue sells for 25c. a copy or 15c. lishers' advertisement of Eugene factors which persuaded Negro but with the rest of the working writings at a reduced price of

After reading this remarkable book at the time of its publication I regretted that its circulation would, be limited by a four dollar price tag. Now that it has been made available at a more reasonable price, I sincerely hope that it will reach the hands of every fighter for socialism.

I found many things in this book. It gave me a vivid picture and a better understanding of a truly great American revolutionist and the times in which he

But I think above all, I found in it an unexampled demonstration of how the ideas of socialism can be expressed in simple, understandable, yet wonderfully inspiring language.

Few of us can become great orators. All of us can learn to convey the message of socialism more effectively. This book is a tremendous aid in doing so. H. R.

New York City

thought and the freedom of political views of government How Philadelphia workers and the revocation of Executive Order 9835. Negroes Voted Many people are puzzled by the

large Negro vote for Truman and the Democratic Party in a city which has traditionally been controlled by the Republican Party machine. The majority of Negroes did

not vote for the Republican machine though the party spent large sums of money in Negro neighborhoods and ran Negro candidates on the ballot. The mass of Negro workers did not identify these Negro candidates with the Negro masses and when they went to the polls voted against such candidates. Negroes

SWP Party Building Fund

The SWP Building Fund Campaign Manager announces that additional funds have been received since last week's announcement closing up the campaign. Local New York sent in \$200, bringing it up to 100% on its quota of \$7,500. St. Louis sent in an additional \$2 bringing up its total to \$71 or 142% of its quota.

Republican beer, but because a Democratic Party. man drinks your beer does not mean he has to vote for you. The aspects of the election was that Republicans know this now.

oters not to cast their ballot for tion and depression.

The Negro press here came out whole-heartedly for Dewey and his party, especially the larger newspapers. This too did not influence the Negro vote, which is a healthy sign that the Negro masses have begun to move to the left and to free hemselves from the propaganda shackles of the capitalist white and Negro press.

As for Henry Wallace and the Progressive Party, many Negroes were very sympathetic toward the party and responded to the party's appeal on its Civil Rights program. But the fact that Truman did speak like Wallace for Civil Rights and had a better chance of being elected guided

went in great numbers to drink the votes to Truman and the

One of the most significant when the Negro workers moved There were two very important they not only moved together Dewey and his party. Dewey in Truman and his party expose his campaign said very little themselves as being unable to about Negroes and the problem satisfy the people's needs for of racial minorities. Negro work- peace, equality and abundance ers, like other workers, associated the Negro people together with the Republican party with reac- their white brothers will come to the program of socialism. 0. J.

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priest, the poet, the man of science. . ." The American Medical Association today gives striking confirmation of this profound observation about the universally-corrupting influence of capitalism. It is the powerful medical monopoly, controlled by a bureaucracy of high-paid officials and supported in part by the drug corporations, which is devoted to maintaining the high cost of medical aid.

Last week the AMA Board of Trustees, after a secret meeting of its House of Delegates in St. Louis, announced it is raising a \$3,500,000 fund to campaign against the proposed federal health insurance bill. This fund is to be raised by exacting a \$25 assessment from each of the 140,000 physician-members of the AMA.

The high moguls of the AMA, who represent the well-to-do physicians and "society doctors" mainly, claim that any government measure to provide low-cost medical care to millions of American workers is nothing less than "a variety of socialized medicine." These staunch medical royalists want to solve the "economic problem of the distribution of medical care within the existing framework of private enterprise."

Unfortunately, as every public health survey and the tragic figures of the medical rejections by Selective Service reveal, "private enterprise" has failed miserably in providing even minimum medical care for tens of millions. Even the higher-paid workers cannot carry the burden of the exorbitant fees demanded by doctors, specialists and hospitals. The wreckage of "private enterprise" in medicine is crowding to bursting the inadequate public hospitals now available.

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Of course, the AMA officials' talk about the "American way" and the "catastrophe" of "any scheme of political medicine" is pure cant to hide naked self interest. They fear that if the government provides a system for better medical care at less cost to the workers, it will cut into the big fees of the medical monopoly. And it will help to break the grip of the AMA over the medical profession.

Fronting for the AMA in Washington is the ligh counding. National Physicians Committee.

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high-sounding National Physicians Committee for the Extension of Medical Service (NPC). This is a lobby composed of former officials of the AMA which has spent millions to fight public health insurance over the last nine years. The AMA, as a tax-exempt organization, cannot engage in direct lobbying. A large part of NPC funds comes from the big drug firms, who fear the unfavorable effect of national health insurance on their \$750 million annual sale of patent

Not every physician is concerned solely with "callous 'cash payment'." Many doctors are, or would like to be, selfless and hard-working, devoted to alleviating suffering and raising the health standards of the people. But they too suffer from the general insecurity of the capitalist system and their ideals are swamped under the cynical philosophy of "hard-cash" that pervades capitalist society.

It is precisely under socialism, where the profit motive and "dog-eat-dog" philosophy will be eliminated, that the physicians and men of science will be able to serve society selflessly, with genuine dignity and honor, free of economic pres-

Southern Drive

By Albert Parker

The CIO convention in Portland took so many reactionary steps that some people have begun to ask themselves if there is any longer any impor-



tant distinction to be drawn between it and the AFL. Such a question would never have occurred to anyone in the early days of the CIO, when it contrasted favorably and progressively with the moss-back

AFL in every field - in organizing drives among the mass production workers, in economic struggles and in social outlook. But with the sharpened trend toward conservatism, bureaucratization and red-baiting which were manifested at the Portland convention, doubts about the over-all progressive character of the CIO as against the AFL are bound to appear and spread.

In our opinion, there still remain many important differences demonstrating the superiority of the CIO. We can illustrate one of these differences by an incident at the Labor Department's 15th annual conference on labor legislation, which is attended by CIO, AFL and independent union representatives as well as federal and state labor department officials.

A proposal was made at this conference to endorse Truman's civil rights program. Most of the 143 delegates declined to vote on the question, and it was defeated by a vote of 23 to 21. More significant, than the vote, however, was the way the CIO and AFL people divided over the question, with most of the CIO representatives voting for the resolution and most of the AFL representatives joining the Jim Crow Southern state officials in defeating it.

Why did this happen? Not because the CIO leaders are personally wiser or more moral people than their AFL counterparts. It happened because the AFL's main base is still the conservative craft unions, in which the Negro plays little part, while the CIO's main base is mass production industry, which could not remain union-Kutcher's Civil Rights ized without the support of Negroes. Despite what goes on in Philip Murray's mind and de spite the resolutions he can push through at CIO conventions, the very composition of the CIO still compels it to play a different and more progressive role in American society.

Both the AFL and GIO launched big organizing drives in the South after the war. In most cases the AFL has adapted itself completely to the Southern Jim Crow system and has not hesitated to use anti-Negro prejudices in order to win contracts. The CIO's record in the South is much better, but still not 100% clean. It too on occasion has soft-pedaled on the Negro issue or tried to evade it, which is one reason for the lack of hearing was formally denied. progress made in Operation Dixie.

Because the roots of the national Jim Crow system are in the South, the unionization of the South, and particularly of the Negro masses in the South, is of paramount concern to militant Negroes everywhere in the country. Despite the growing conservatism of its leadership, the CIO remains the best instrument for achieving this task. The job of the Negro people then is to make their weight felt in the CIO, both from inside and outside, so that it will really come to grips with this problem. When it does, radical changes will take place both in the status of the Negro and in the position of the labor movement.

Not Worth A Red Cent

There is much speculation about precisely what Truman will recommend to Congress on most important issues of the day. But on one matter he has spoken plainly. He proposes to boost the salaries of cabinet members from \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year.

It is argued that such an increase is necessary to get "qualified" men, because private corporations offer so much higher salaries. Quite a propaganda campaign is under way to show how small even a \$25,000 salary is compared with what executives in private industry get.

One commentator, Andrew Tully of the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain, says that the cabinet members are the "biggest businessmen" in the country. Secretary of Defense Forrestal, for instance, runs an organization worth over \$100 billion, spends nearly \$12 billion annually and has a million and a half employes under him, "Compare," says Tully, "the \$15,000 salaries of those cabinet heads - and the size of their businesses - with those paid to the heads of private indus-

American Telephone & Telegraph Co., with 27,000 employes and \$150 million annual expenditures, pays its president \$209,000. The Chase National Bank, Douglas Aircraft, Montgomery Ward, Eversharp Inc., Radio Corp. of America, Bethlehem Steel, and American Tobacco - to name just

the few cited by Tully - all pay their presidents in the six figures. The conclusion you are supposed to draw is that certainly \$25,000 is a mighty small sum to pay cabinet members.

The conclusion we draw from this comparison is not that cabinet members are under-paid, but that the executives of private corporations are being paid a damn sight more than they're worth. In fact, we don't think they're worth a cent and that industry could be run far more efficiently and to the benefit of the American people if it were taken over by the workers and operated un-der their control by committees elected from the assembly lines, and technicians and qualified experts hired by the workers.

Nor are we particularly worried that cabinet members will starve on a mere \$15,000 a year. Most of them, like Forrestal, a former Wall Street banker, have a little nest egg to fall back on. Besides we don't think they're worth a red cent either, because they too serve just the capitalist

Under a Workers and Farmers Government we'll have plenty of competent men and women who'll gladly and efficiently function in public office for no more than what a highly-skilled worker generally receives. There won't be any \$200,000 business executives to incite the envy of cabinet members. But there won't be any wage slaves either.

Notes from the News

WORLD REVOLUTION - Lichty in "Grin and Bear It" shows a teacher called before the school principal for teaching "Un-American



thoughts." The teacher asks: "Who says I'm teaching world revolution? I merely pointed out that the world keeps revolving."

IN A BAD WAY — The latest issue of The Socialist

Call, newspaper of the Norman Thomas Socialist Party, may be its last. The editors explain their situation is "desperate" and unless \$10,000 is raised by Christmas, the paper may have to discontinue publication.

DIVORCE MILL — New York City newspapers are full of the investigation which District Attorney Hogan has launched concerning charges of perjury and collusion used in obtaining divorces in New York. The situation arises out of the New York State law which permits divorce only on grounds of adultery. Thus many couples who wish to separate fake an adultery charge to comply with the law. All attempts to liberalize the exist-

under Truman's Executive Order 9835, are presspostal workers.

STALINIST CHIVALRY - Alex P. Pavlov, U.N. Soviet delegate, told the U.N. Legal Committee that Russia would not permit Russian women to leave the country with foreigners that they had married because they would become kitchen slaves abroad and might even, like one unfortunate victim, have to pawn their jewelry.

CARELESS - While attending the opening night at the Metropolitan Opera House, Mrs. Estelle August dropped her \$23,000 ring in the ice bucket where the champagne was cooling of Dobbs-Carlson voters to mis-Bartenders found it while cleaning up and understand the meaning of their no Wallacite "Gideon's band" to returned the ring with its 102 diamonds intact. votes.

ing divorce law have been resisted by the strong Catholic Church influence in the state.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835 — Between 70 and 90 Negro, Catholic and Jewish government workers face discharge for "disloyalty" because they fought against discrimination. In 11 cities the FBI and Government loyalty boards, operating ing charges against Federal employes, mostly

Plea to AVC Convention tion. So it seems that before I (Continued from page 1) itself against the charges. The will be able to clear myself, it agreement with my political empire, and the nations representwhole thing had simply been will be necessary for the name of handed from above in a most unconstitutional manner and the my party to be cleared.

When Mrs. Mary Canning (standing, right), a member of the AFL Hotel & Club Employes

Union, and her seven children were evicted from their New York apartment, they were taken in

by a hospitable neighbor. But the neighbor had seven children too and the landlord objected to

14 children in one apartment, threatening to evict both families. Mrs. Canning took her children to

the dismal Municipal Lodging House while the union presses their case with the City Housing

Housing Shortage

APPEALS CASE I have appealed my dismissal. That is why I am in my present predicament. They won't give us the democratic right to answer

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expect to go through all the channels provided by the government and the Civil Service. But passing, that local organizations the charges about subversiveness know that I can't win that way but treat us as though we are guilty even though we have not justice this way, I intend to go country. into the courts and all the way selves if that is democratic procedure-or if it is an imitation of the dictatorial and totalitarian

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up to the Supreme Court if me needs backing. It needs to get public support. It needs to I must say that thus far I am have organizations pass resolu-

The Vote for Trotskyism

(Continued from Page 1) they exceeded the presidential in the months before the election, vote for a minority candidate band which will not be cowed or in the decisive contest.

In view of all these factors, it s correct to interpret the bulk registered a notice of allegiance of the Dobbs-Carlson vote as a with the extreme left wing of vote for revolutionary socialism, American politics and a demonfor Trotskyism. This was the stration of faith and conviction Swedish Stalinist basis on which the campaign was conducted from beginning to end, United States and the world. the main theme of all the campaign literature published by the speeches of the candidates, and ups in the capitalist press.

comforts and rewards of respectability so eagerly coveted by achievement of this aim, success-Norman Thomas. We made no ful beyond our fondest hopes, and attempt to conceal the conviction clearly indicated before the and imprisonment of our banner- balloting began. We started a bearers for opposition to the war process of thinking and questionbut on the contrary proudly ing among large numbers groping acknowledged and advertised this for answers to the grave problems fact. We openly fought the list- posed by the world crisis of ing of our party as "subversive," our Presidential candidate leading the fight, denying the charge convictions and thence into action of violence and conspiracy but as the crisis deepens and the frankly affirming the revolutruth of the Trotskyist doctrine tionary socialist character of the is confirmed by life and exparty. Under these conditions, it perience. would be difficult for the majority

In the atmosphere of reac-|skirmish with the enemy. They Carlson and in Michigan where tionary hysteria which prevailed are the first division of the ticket by a few hundred votes. the votes for Dobbs and Carlson will grow and whose victory is In view of the closeness of the constituted an action far more assured because they march in election, even those who were significant than a marking of step with history with the prepared to vote their beliefs for paper ballots. These votes were banner of truth at the head of lesser office, were reluctant to a demonstration of the pioneer the column. intimidated by all the power of American imperialism. They

Our chief aim of our first Presidential campaign was to party, all the radio and tour smash our way out of obscurity and to bring the Socialist Workthe nature of most of the write- ers Party and its program before the eyes and ears of the workers We pulled no punches in our of the entire nation. In the size propaganda and eschewed the and magnititude of this nationwide audience we measured the

> capitalism. That thinking will become crystallized into positive

Those who answered our first nation-wide call at the polls are be disintegrated in the first

socialist army whose numbers

We salute you - voters for Dobbs and Carlson! You are the soldiers of socialism and freedom. The future belongs to you!

in the socialist future of the **Opposition Ousted** From Key Posts

Unrest in the Swedish Stalinist party has led to a reshuffle of the leadership, according to a Nov. 28 dispatch from Stockholm to the N. Y. Times.

The oppositional group, which blamed the party's recent setbacks in the elections on the of these Donora workers. The Kremlin's foreign policy, has been ousted from the most important responsibility.

The exact differences between the factions was not reported.

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The International Military Tribunal set up by the victorious Allied powers has condemned Premier Hideki Tojo and

24 of his associates as war. criminals. Some of them are manently profit by it." row appealing their cases to the United States Supreme Court. which appears to be a higher Military Tribunal, and consequently their sentences have been stayed.

There can be no doubt of the guilt of these representatives of sacres of civil populations in Japanese imperialism. They re- Hiroshima and Nagasaki." sorted to imperialist war as an instrument of national policy. Far East and in particular for

But what about the representatives of the Allied powers? Are they innocent?

In the opinion of one of the judges on the Tribunal that conare equally guilty. Justice Radha Binod Pal of India filed a dissenting opinion in which he challenged virtually all the conclusions of the other ten judges.

VICTOR'S JUDGMENT

In the opinion of Pal, as reported by the N. Y. Herald Tribune, "any trial such as that just conducted by the International Military Tribunal for the Far East is merely the judgment of victor upon vanquished and therefore must lie outside the realm of justice."

Japan's war leaders "were merely working the normal machinery of Japanese government to obtain the objectives of views but they are willing to ed in the tribunal, including their help me anyhow, because they own leaders, are equally guilty of any offenses alleged against the

The Indian jurist observed that at the present stage of international society the word "aggressors" may mean only "the leaders of the defeated party." He pointed out that during the 1930s the conflict between Japan place among the criminals in the and China was not called a war dock." although it was one; and that the United States in violation of condemnation by loading all the its so-called neutrality policy guilt on their vanquished opactually took part in that war ponents. But it is not likely they against Japan long before Pearl will escape so easily. The voice

ern powers for their hypocrisy hand-nicked Interne repent of their violence and per- Allied camp expect.

The most stinging criticism levelled by the Indian judge was over the use of the atomic bomb. judicial body than the Allied He ruled in effect, "that the victor powers cannot condemn the Japanese leaders for war-time atrocities with justice, as long as their hands are stained by mas-

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To underline his point he recalled that in World War I the They are fully responsible for Allied powers called the German the horrors of the conflict in the Kaiser a criminal for making war on civilians to shorten the milithe sufferings of the Japanese tary conflict by terror. "It would be sufficient for my purpose to say that if any indiscriminate destruction of civilian life and property is still illegitimate in warfare, then in the Pacific war the use of the atom bomb is the demned Tojo, the Allied powers only near approach to the directives of the German Empire in World War I or Nazi leaders in World War II."

"Future generations," said the iurist, "will judge the powers that used the atom bomb."

As for the charge that the Japanese were cruel to fallen American aviators, Justice Pal replied: "We should not fail to remember that the real horror of air warfare is not the possibility of a few airmen being pitilessly killed, but the havoc wrought by indiscriminate launching of bombs and proiectiles. The conscience of the world revolts not so much against punishment meted out to the ruthless bomber, as against his ruthhless form of bombing."

TROTSKY'S VERDICT

In 1940, Leon Trotsky in assessing the guilt of the imperialist rulers for plunging humanity into World War II declared: "Before the judgment bar of the proletariat all the present rulers will answer. Hitler will do no more than occupy first

The Allied rulers seek to escape of the Indian jurist, striking an Justice Pal rebuked the West- unexpected jarring note in the in defending their interests in tary Tribunal itself, is but a faint Asia: "These interests are usu- indication of what the great ally founded on the past success | majority of mankind feel toward mercial profit." In his opinion, prediction may be much closer

POISON GAS CONTINUES THREATEN DONORA

report on the cause of the fatal suffocating smog that killed 20 moved into Donora, one month after the deaths, to conduct an investigation "which will take workers here on the weekend of many months." The Federal gov-Oct. 30 was issued today by ernment too is ready to white-Phillip Sadtler, an independent wash the case. Philadelphia consulting chemist. The impartial report was quickly eliminated if the company were denounced by Charles Stacey, not so greedy for profits and so stooge for U.S. Steel Corp., which indifferent to the welfare of its owns the Donora Zinc Works. Stacey holds the post of Presi- that the poisonous fumes could dent of the Donora Board of be removed by the following Health.

Mr. Sadtler's report states that, "Chronic fluorine poisoning has been killing people in Donora for a long time. . . . It has left taminated the air with hydroits characteristic trademark on fluoric acid. the valley's animals, crops and vegetation. They have been noticeably weakened for some time."

that hundreds who have died of materials. "asthma" and "heart trouble" were actually incorrectly diagnosed cases of fluorine poisoning. Every effort is being made here to cover up for the killers company, naturally, disclaims all

DECLINES CHALLENGE

Dr. Joseph Shilen, State Director of the Industrial Hygiene Bureau, was quick to denounce zinc company from responsibility. criminal responsibility for the Dr. Vaux declined the challenge. Donora deaths.

DONORA, Pa., Dec. 1 - A | The U.S. Health Service has

The condition could be easily

workers. Dr. Sadtler points out steps: "1 Complete the study to

show what industrial plant materials and processes have con-"2 Change the chemical and

chemical engineering processes in the valley to prevent the Mr. Sadtler further claimed emission of fluorine-containing

"3 Make improvements in combustion to eliminate_smoke. "4 Use Cottrell electric precipitators to remove dust from the

exhaust of stacks. "5 Use scrubbers to absorb

acid gases and prevent their release into the air. The company, however, has

made no move to eliminate the hazard. It is clear that until the workers of the Donora Zinc Co. act in a decisive manner to compel the impartial findings of Mr. the company to install these im-Sadtler. Shilen's claim is, that provements, the plant will conbecause the investigation of tinue to operate in the same Sadtler was not "authorized" it fashion and continue to kill workmust be discarded. Sadtler in ers and their families. Meanturn has challenged the State while the forces of the town, Health Secretary, Dr. Norris state and national governments Vaux, to reveal the methods and are united behind the company techniques used by the state in and helping to whitewash the its report which absolved the company officials of their