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## WHAT FORCED CHANGES IN SEGREGATION PATTERN

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## Jim Crow School Fight Enters New Crucial Phase

By Art Preis

The Voice of America has been broadcasting the lie to all parts of the world that racially-segregated public schools have been "outlawed" in this country. But the battle against separation of Negroes from whites in public education, far from being over, has in fact entered its most crucial phase. Both sides in the struggle are lining up for what is likely to be the bitterest part of the fight.

Although the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on May 17 that segregated public schools are unconstitutional, it reserved indefinitely the decision on how and when its ruling shall be put into effect. Thus, while Wall Street imperialism can use the ruling as a propaganda weapon to impress the people in Asia, Africa and Latin America with our "democratic way of life," the white supremacists and race-haters are afforded ample time and opportunity to prepare new defenses against the ruling.

The anti-segregation forces, with the Negro organizations taking the lead, are preparing to launch an offensive with the new legal weapon placed in their hands by the Supreme Court. At the same time, the white supremacist leaders are rallying the Jim Crow forces to resist, from their long-established and deeply-entrenched positions, any effective assault on segregated schools.

### NAACP PLANS ACTION

While elated over their legal and moral victory, the Negro people by and large have few illusions that the court's ruling will automatically end segregation in the schools. This is indicated by the prompt action of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in calling a conference of Southern Negro leaders in Atlanta, Georgia, May 22 and 23, to map out plans to secure enforcement of the court ruling.

This conference issued an "Atlanta Declaration" which de-

clared that the Negro people would "resist the use of any tactics contrived for the sole purpose of delaying desegregation. The delegates insisted that Negro representatives, selected by the Negroes themselves, be part of all state and local committees and boards which are concerned with the procedure for "desegregating" the schools. Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, warned against "funny business" by some white and Negro leaders to promote the policy of "keeping things as they are."

There was a certain amount of talk at the conference that "calm reasonableness prevail" and that "the difficulties of adjustment be realized" with the "spirit of give-and-take" in discussions over implementing the desegregation ruling. But emphasis was laid on the need to combat obstructive and delaying tactics.

The principal tactic adopted by the conference is for local NAACP branches to petition the local school boards to end school segregation "without delay." A letter will accompany such petitions, most of which are expected to be filed within two weeks of the conference, requesting that school boards arrange meetings with Negro representatives to work out promptly the practical details of the new school arrangements.

### NEGRO-HATERS PLANS

White supremacist leaders in the South have responded to the anti-segregation ruling with expressions ranging from outright defiance to promises of formal compliance with indications that they will concentrate on various legal tricks and gimmicks to keep actual school segregation in effect.

Georgia's Gov. Herman Tal-

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## Segregation in Housing Impedes School Ruling

The segregation of the Negro people in housing and in the community as a whole may largely nullify the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling that racially-segregated public schools violate the Constitution.

A warning to this effect was issued by Dr. Frank S. Horne, assistant to the administrator of the Housing and Home Financing Agency, in his keynote address on May 20 to the sixth annual conference of the National Com-

mittee Against Discrimination in Housing.

"It is my personal observation," said Dr. Horne, "that the practical effect of this (Supreme Court) decision in eliminating public school segregation will be negated in many cases so long as non-white families are excluded from residence in many existing and new neighborhoods, on the one hand, and are forced into occupancy of certain areas on the other."

### CHICAGO EXAMPLE

He cited the example of Chicago where, he said, some 10,000 Negro pupils "attend racially segregated schools, although such schools are prohibited by state law, since state law also permits racial segregation in housing even when it is publicly aided."

Chicago for the past year has been the scene of mob violence and continuous race terrorism against Negro families which have moved into the federal housing project at Trumbull Park.

### "SHOCKINGLY SMALL"

Ira S. Robbins, president of the National Housing Conference, told the same meeting:

"The amount of housing built for minority groups is shockingly small. Not more than 1% of the new housing built from 1935 to 1952 was available to minority families. In that 17-year period only 105,000 new privately built homes were provided for a non-white population of almost 16,000,000."

In New York City, which has the largest Negro community in the world, most Negro pupils are attending separate schools from whites because of residential segregation, although New York state has had a law since 1900 forbidding separate schools for Negroes.

### On Ellis Island



CARL SKOGLUND

## Carl Skoglund, Minn. Unionist, Held at Ellis Is.

NEW YORK, May 25 — An Immigration Department hearing on the case of Carl Skoglund, 70 year old Minnesota labor leader, was completed at Ellis Island today. Skoglund, who is threatened with deportation to Sweden, under the notorious McCarran Act, had appealed for discretionary relief, which the Attorney General is authorized to grant and which would suspend the deportation proceedings.

The examiner's decision is expected within two weeks, and can be appealed if it is adverse. Meanwhile Skoglund, who was ordered to Ellis Island on May 20, is being detained on the island.

The veteran labor leader's counsel, Stanley Lowell of the American Civil Liberties Union's Alien Civil Rights Committee, is making every effort to secure his release from detention.

### BACKGROUND

The government claims that Skoglund should be deported under the McCarran Act because he was a member of the Communist Party during the 1920's, even though he was expelled from that party in 1928, and has been an outspoken opponent of Stalinism since that time.

But Skoglund's real "crime," in the eyes of the government witch hunters, is his unblemished record of militant labor and socialist activity since he came to this country 43 years ago. This led to his imprisonment in 1944 as one of the first victims of the Smith Act after he rejected an FBI proposal that he become an informer against his collaborators in the Minneapolis labor movement.

In recent years Skoglund has been suffering from a severe cardiac condition. His illness and his advanced age, were cited as reasons for the granting of discretionary relief. The Board of Immigration Appeals refused to consider the appeal in 1953, and government officials tried to rush the deportation proceedings to completion last January. Vigorous intervention by Skoglund's attorney led to the issuance of a new order authorizing the hearing held this week.

### FUNDS NEEDED

The long fight to prevent Skoglund's deportation under a law that has been condemned by all sections of the labor and liberal movements, is being handled by the Civil Rights Defense Committee. The committee is a non-partisan organization, which has pledged to help Skoglund appeal the constitutionality of the McCarran Act if necessary.

To aid the labor leader, the committee needs funds. Defenders of civil liberties and opponents of political persecution should send contributions to the Civil Rights Defense Committee, 19 West 10th St., New York 11, N. Y.

## Ford Union Paper Hails Kutcher Tour

James Kutcher's coming visit to Detroit on his national speaking tour is greeted with enthusiasm by Ford Facts, paper of Ford Local 600 of the CIO United Auto Workers, largest local union in the country.

"Citizens of Detroit will enjoy a refreshing change from the Clardy, McCarthy witch hunt atmosphere when James Kutcher arrives in Detroit June 5," says an article in the May 22 issue of Ford Facts. "He will stop over here during the course of a national tour designed to publicize his new book, 'The Case of the Legless Veteran.'"

Describing how Kutcher was purged from his Veterans Administration job because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party the article notes that the SWP "was arbitrarily placed on the 'subversive list' by the U.S. Attorney General without a public hearing and in a manner that spoke of the most flagrant disregard of our elementary democratic rights."

The fight for the legless veteran's reinstatement, it declares, "has become a rallying symbol to all those who see in the rising McCarthy menace a threat to our civil rights and a fascist program designed to smash the labor movement."

Speaking of Kutcher's book, the article says it is "a model on how to fight the witch hunt. In simple, forthright language, he tells his story — in the words of a man who lost both legs in the World War II Italian campaign, only to return and be fired from his clerk's job as a 'subversive.' His story offers an eloquent commentary on this monstrous injustice."

### NOW IN BUFFALO

Before reaching Detroit, Kutcher will complete his stay in Buffalo, where he opened his tour on May 19 and where he is busy visiting labor and liberal organizations and spokesmen, explaining the present status of his fight for reinstatement and its connection with the general struggle against McCarthyite reaction.

His visit to Detroit (June 5-21) will be followed by two weeks of activity in the Chicago-Milwaukee areas (June 22-July 8). He will then head for the Seattle area (July 14-26). He is booked to spend all of the month of August in California. Sometime in September he will return east, stopping off to cover several important midwestern centers.

## Flint CIO Urges 30-Hr. Week, 40-Hr. Pay

A resolution for the 30-hour week with 40 hours pay as an immediately effective answer to mass unemployment has been adopted by the CIO Council in Flint, Mich. A large part of the delegates to the council represent key General Motors locals of the United Automobile Workers.

Originally submitted by Chevrolet Local 659, the resolution for "30 for 40" was recommended for adoption by the council's executive committee. The council's action was taken after UAW President Walter Reuther got his International Executive Board to put a dictator-receiver over Local 659 and place 14 of its officers and members under charges.

Reuther has opposed the fight for the 30-hour week at 40 hours pay in favor exclusively of his program for the guaranteed annual wage. This demand will come up for negotiation only a year from now at the termination of the current five-year contract. Reuther's particular GAW plan would guarantee the employers a

### This Is Still Going On



This shabby, one-room schoolhouse in Ways, Ga., is the kind in which Negro children are segregated. The Supreme Court ruling on May 17 is supposed to have "outlawed" such segregation. But Southern white rulers are making plans to defy or evade the court's decision.

## GOVT. VICTIMIZES ILA ON EVE OF DOCK VOTE

By James O'Hara

NEW YORK, May 26 — The federal courts moved in today and legally took charge of the independent International Longshoremen's Union. This move, coming in the

midst of that union's desperate struggle against a united front of federal and state governments, all the metropolitan newspapers, the shipowners and the AFL, was designed as a crippling blow on the very day of the port-wide elections to determine whether the ILA or the AFL-ILA is to represent the dockers.

Every anti-labor force has joined with the AFL wrecking crew headed by David Beck and Paul Hall to bawl for the blood of the ILA and to break the bond that union has with the majority of the dock workers.

Last week a full propaganda smear campaign, charging that the ILA is "red," was launched. The AFL tried the witch hunt on the ILA by charging that it was being financed by Harry Bridges, leader of the West Coast dockers. A committee of the Brooklyn longshoremen had appeared on the West Coast to ask for aid and received some \$3,000 from the membership of several locals on the West Coast.

The AFL witch-hunting smear was an attempt to erase the rank and file strike that was spring. As a result of their open scabbery, the dockers are without a contract settlement to this date, and numerous ILA members have been victimized by the court because of their strike participation.

industry, the steel union's leaders are holding the threat of a possible demand for the 6-hour day at 8-hour's pay over the heads of the steel barons if the latter do not come through on the union's other demands.

Thus, the union coupled its set of four major demands, including the guaranteed annual wage or "supplementary unemployment compensation," as CIO Steelworkers President David J. McDonald recently called it, with the warning that "failure to overcome the present crisis in employment will lead us to propose the development of a program based on the six-hour day with eight-hours' pay."

Naturally, if this demand is such a potent threat and if it is considered so desirable, many steel workers must wonder why McDonald doesn't raise it right now when more than 400,000 steel workers are either laid off or working less than a full week with correspondingly reduced take-home pay.

## Probe Buries Issue Of Fascist Network Inside Armed Forces

By Murry Weiss

MAY 26 — If one thing has emerged from the welter of procedural wrangling and pettifoggery at the McCarthy-Army hearings, it is this: McCarthy is operating an underground fascist "cell" network in the Army and all other government departments. Yet when the hearings resumed this week, the Army, approaching the close of its case against McCarthy, continued to refuse to fire a single shot at this, his most vulnerable point.

The Army persists in confining its charges to the paltry accusation that McCarthy and his staff sought "preferential treatment" for Private Schine. So what? Where will it get them even when they prove it? What will it prove? How will it stop McCarthy?

The Schine affair has significance only insofar as it bears on the main issue. Why did McCarthy and Co. want preferential treatment for Schine? Because for them it had become a kind of test case of their infiltration of the Army as a whole. Failure to get special treatment for their boy Schine might set a precedent obstructing their campaign to grab control of all the levers of power in the Army.

How pointless and futile it is for the Army to hinge its whole case on the Schine affair and be silent on the larger and more sinister purpose of the McCarthyites in which Schine is only a petty and incidental figure!

### ONE LOYALTY

What is this fascist underground McCarthy is building in the military establishment? The operatives in McCarthy's "cells" accept only one loyalty and one



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discipline — loyalty to the fascist leader McCarthy and the discipline of an underground secret fascist conspiracy. The McCarthyite operatives transmit secret information to their chief. They recruit to the "cells." They advance their members into the higher echelons of the Army through secret channels of pressure, blackmail, bribery and forgery.

And for what purpose is McCarthy building this fascist "cell" system? By placing McCarthyites in every nook and cranny of the structure of the capitalist government McCarthy hopes to build the skeleton of a totalitarian fascist regime.

The strategy of the fascist leader is to bore from within the

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## Seattle Longshoremen Pledge to Fight Velde

SEATTLE, May 21 — Two thousand longshoremen in Seattle are prepared to stop work if necessary when Representative Harold H. Velde brings his House Un-American Activities Committee

to town June 14 to 18.

The decision of the union was announced by Bill Gettings, regional director of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union.

"If Velde comes to town . . . and monkeys around with any of our members we won't take it lying down," Gettings said. "We'll shut down and stay with him till he leaves town."

An announcement along these lines was also made by Art Olsen, Secretary of Local 1-19, ILWU.

In a similar situation in San Francisco last December 6,000 longshoremen quit work when Velde began to red bait their union. As a result of the militant action of the longshoremen, Velde cut his investigation, which was originally scheduled to last eleven days, down to five. This was a notable victory for the San Francisco longshoremen and a resounding defeat for Velde.

SMEARS EXPECTED

Now the Seattle longshoremen are prepared to follow suit. That they have good grounds to expect a renewed attack on their union by the Velde Committee is indicated by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, which reported on May 6 that at the scheduled hearings "the ILWU may share the spotlight with the University of Washington."

But theirs is not the only organization whose members face attack. The Velde Committee intends to make full use of Barbara Hartle, former local Stalinist leader, who turned renegade two months ago and who has indicated a readiness to serve as a professional witness against alleged "communists."

She can be expected to finger members of many leading union locals in Seattle as well as Negro organizations, liberal groups and the Democratic Party, regardless of whether the individual

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## Anti-McCarthy Campaign News

By Myra Tanner

While the Anti-Fascist Literature Campaign was successfully concluded last week with the St. Paul Branch of the Socialist Workers Party as the winner, the drive to raise \$14,000 to finance all the anti-fascist activity of the party in the period ahead will continue until June 15. In the remaining three weeks all of the branches will attempt to complete their quotas in full.

This week Boston has been added to the growing list of branches that have already reached the 100% mark. Rena Bradley of Boston sent in the final payment. "Hurray! We made it. I'm sending in \$113 to complete our quota of \$500. Here's hoping the other branches have as much luck as we've had."

But I doubt that much luck was involved in Boston's victory. It was probably due more to a correct appreciation of the importance of this fund and the effort that is made because of this understanding.

Detroit reached its goal several weeks ago. But these comrades are not satisfied with 100%. Comrade Stall sent in-

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