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Brownell, Hoover Bare Plan to Use Anti-Union Law

Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. announced on Sept. 12 that the Department of Justice, which includes the FBI, is preparing a "stepped-up anti-Communist program" to put into effect the eight new witch-hunting laws enacted by the recently-adjourned 83rd Congress. The Justice Department head, following a conference with Eisenhower and FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover, placed special stress on that section of the so-called "Communist Control" Law dealing with "Communist-infiltrated unions."

Brownell said that if the Subversive Activities Control Board rules that a union is "Communist-infiltrated," that union will not only lose all rights before the National Labor Relations

Board but also its collective bargaining rights with the employer. He said the law forbids an employer to bargain with a union proscribed by the SACB, even if this means a strike.

Under this law, any union could be labeled "Communist-dominated" or "Communist-infiltrated" if it engages in a strike involving a government contract or if the SACB "finds" that even a single member of the union had been a member of a "Communist action" organization within the previous three years. There is not a union in the country that the hand-picked SACB could not fit into one of these categories.

ANTI-LABOR OFFENSIVE

The persecution of unions as "Communist-infiltrated" is part of a three-pronged anti-labor offensive being waged by Big Business and its government. The offensive also includes a wage-cutting campaign, modeled on the Studebaker Plan, and open police violence against strikers as in the Square D strike in Detroit.

In the course of the press interview with Brownell and Hoover, reporters reminded the FBI chief that he had spoken favorably in the past of fascist Senator Joseph R. McCarthy. They asked Hoover if he would welcome McCarthy's help in the "stepped up anti-Communist" campaign. Hoover said he welcomed the support of any Congressional committee. Asked if this meant McCarthy's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Hoover said: "That includes all committees."

Name V. R. Dunne As Candidate for Senator in Minn.



VINCENT R. DUNNE

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 8—Vincent R. Dunne, veteran Minneapolis labor figure, was named the Socialist Workers Party's candidate for U.S. Senator from Minnesota at the party's state convention held here today.

A program to smash McCarthyism, nationalize basic industries and establish a Workers and Farmers Government was adopted as the party's platform in the 1954 election. The SWP anti-war stand was dramatically expressed in the concluding plank of the platform: "Vote Socialist — The Boy You Save May Be Your Own!"

Keynoter for the convention was Dorothy Schultz, St. Paul party organizer and former candidate for Congress, who gave the principal campaign address. Stressing the importance of fighting McCarthyism, she declared, "The real issue in this campaign is fascism, and its American name is McCarthyism. No other party is making this fight right!"

V. R. Dunne has often been the SWP candidate for political office. He has led a life of devotion to the working class, both as trade-union leader and revolutionary socialist fighter. To thousands of Northwest workers, the life and record of Vincent Dunne is the record of Minneapolis Truck Drivers' local 544, which broke the hold of the open shop in this area. Later, Dunne was sentenced to 16 months in prison for opposing World War II.

An important part of today's meeting consisted of laying plans to obtain the 2,000 signatures required under Minnesota law to place Dunne's name on the ballot. Launching of an election fund by enthusiastic campaign workers from several Minnesota localities, marked the conclusion of the successful convention.

Myra T. Weiss Tour Schedule

New York	Sept. 17
Boston	Sept. 18
Pittsburgh	Sept. 23
Youngstown	Sept. 24
Cleveland	Sept. 26

UAW Pickets Mass to Fight Police Violence in UE Strike

Trumbull Park Racists Win Ouster of Official

CHICAGO, Sept. 11 — The racist forces behind the anti-Negro violence at the Trumbull Park housing project on Chicago's South Side scored a victory last week when Elizabeth Wood was discharged as secretary of the Chicago Housing Authority.

The Negro community here is aroused at the discharge of Miss Wood, which followed a telecast in which she accused CHA commissioners of deliberately thwarting efforts to integrate Negroes into public housing. "Their policy of no discrimination was adopted in 1950 and has been reiterated three times since then. Yet there are still all-white projects," said Miss Wood, who was first demoted and then dismissed from the post she had held for 17 years.

Her charge that violence at Trumbull Park had something to do with her demotion was denied by the CHA commissioners, but opinion was widespread that the truth was on Miss Wood's side.

Calif. SWP Nominates Candidates

By Louise Manning

The Socialist Workers Party launched a state-wide electoral campaign with the nomination of candidates for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and United States Senator at a special Nominating Conference held at the West Coast Vacation School, Sept. 6.

The conference nominated Frank Barbaria of San Francisco for governor, Lillian Kiesel of Oakland for Lieutenant Governor, and Erroll Banks of Los Angeles for U.S. Senator.

In making the keynote address, Tom Kerry, organizer of the Los Angeles SWP Local, explained that just as the economic resources of the country have become the monopoly of a few multi-millionaires, so the capitalist parties have grabbed a monopoly in the political field, making it very difficult, and even impossible for minority parties to get on the ballot in many areas. He showed that their terrible fear of any independent political expression from any section of the working class has finally culminated in the passage of a law to outlaw the Communist Party, the first step in their plan to silence all opposition to their drive towards war.

"Only through terror against 'undue haste.'"

UNIONS PROTEST

Also this week the CIO and AFL packinghouse workers unions published a full column in the daily press demanding that the mayor end violence at Trumbull Park or resign of their own accord against the major next election nothing will be changed at City Hall.

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H-Bomb Victim in Japan



Aikichi Kuboyama, wireless operator on a Japanese fishing boat contaminated by fall-out of radioactive ash from a U.S. H-bomb test, explosion in mid-Pacific last March, lies in a coma at a Tokyo hospital, while his wife, Suzu, 33, his mother, 70, and daughter Miyako, 9, watch over him. The fall-out occurred 80 miles from the blast point.

WATKINS PROBE PONDERES CENSURE OF M'CARTHY

By L. P. Wheeler

What will the Watkins Committee recommend to the Senate now that the hearings of the six-man committee to consider censuring McCarthy has been concluded?

It makes no difference what they recommend. The hearing was a mockery to start with. It was like trying a murderer on the charge of spitting on the sidewalk. While the killer's victims are buried, the argument fronted on as to whether the defendant did or did not spit.

It's true that some of the five charges considered by the committee touch the heart of McCarthy's fascist activity. But only in an indirect and secondary sense. Just as if, in the case of our hypothetical killer, the court were to delve into the question: Did the defendant, while stabbing his victims to death, use loud and abusive language?

Thus in the Watkins hearing: Did McCarthy while building a fascist underground network in the military and in government departments, in order to press toward his goal of establishing a McCarthy fascist dictatorship in the United States, violate the security procedures in the handling of a document?

Another fact that makes a double mockery out of the Watkins Committee procedure is the fate of the Army-McCarthy hearings. Actually, for all their ambiguity and mildness, the totality of the reports submitted by the three Democrats and four Republicans on the Mundt Committee, finds McCarthy guilty of the charges made by the Army. So what happened? Nothing happened. Nothing will happen.

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41 Detroit Auto Locals Deal Stinging Blow to Anti-Labor Witch Hunt

DETROIT, Sept. 14 — Protesting police violence and scab-herding against a rival union smeared as "Communist-infiltrated," more than 1,000 members of the CIO United Automobile Workers today swarmed to the defense of the independent United Electrical Workers picket line at the Square D plant.

The mighty UAW is throwing the weight of its 450,000 members in this area into the fight to halt police strike-breaking in what has been called a "test tube" case for the whole of American industry.

This city's organized workers have not been so aroused since the 1945-46 post-World War II strike wave spearheaded by the General Motors strike. The atmosphere here has been transformed from apathy to something like that of the fighting days of '37.

BLOW TO WITCH-HUNTERS

A stinging blow has at last been dealt to the country's witch-hunters and union busters. The Square D strike had been picked by the open-shoppers and their government agents to teach labor a "lesson" and signal a violent offensive against the whole union movement. If they can get away with open police strike-breaking here in Detroit, they can get away with it practically anywhere.

The embattled Square D Local 657 was regarded as "easy pickings" by the labor haters. It is a relatively small union of 1,200 members and, as an affiliate of the UE, it is a prime target of the new "Communist Control" Law. The UE was one of 10 unions bureaucratically expelled from the CIO in 1949 as "Communist-dominated."

But the Detroit auto workers have seen through the red-baiting smokescreen. They have been quick to understand that the attempt to break the Square D strike, if successful, would spread fear and demoralization to the

(For more on Square D strike, see pages 2 and 3.)

CHALLENGE GOVERNOR TO JOIN SQUARE D LINE

DETROIT, Sept. 11 — Three Socialist Workers Party candidates challenged Gov. Williams today "to come down and march with the Detroit workers on the Square D picket line and see for yourself the scab-herding being done by the Detroit police."

The challengers were Frank Lovell, SWP candidate for Governor; Rita Shaw, candidate for U.S. Senate; and Robert Himmel Jr., candidate for Congress, First District.

Ever since Sept. 2, the candidates told the Governor in an open letter, when the Detroit cops began herding scabs through the picket lines, "the Square D workers have been subjected to continuous harassment by hordes of police armed with clubs, black-jacks, tear gas and riot guns. Mounted police send their horses charging into groups of peaceful pickets with their clubs swinging. Workers with families to support have been dropped from the relief rolls because they refuse to scab."

SEE OPEN-SHOP DRIVE

Pointing to the thousands of rank-and-file members and the many influential leaders of the UAW that are giving support to the Square D strike, the candidates said, "They recognize in this strike an attempt by the corporations to break the back of the union movement and throw Detroit back to the open shop days of the 1930's."

"If, as you claim, you and your fellow Democrats are really friends of labor, you are duty bound to take a clear stand on behalf of the union and against the strike-breakers. You are the acknowledged leader of the Demo-

cratic party in this State, yet neither you nor any other Democratic politician has made a single statement in protest against common and police department strike-breaking."

The SWP candidates reminded Williams that during the recent Labor Day parade in Detroit, he was accorded the privilege of leading the line of march together with CIO President Walter Reuther and other leaders of the Michigan labor movement. He was also the featured speaker at the mass meeting at Cadillac Square that followed the parade.

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Hidden Dangers of Atomic Bomb Tests

By Art Preis

A-bomb and H-bomb tests have already filled the earth's atmosphere with dangerous amounts of radioactivity. The effects of gamma rays and other penetrating products of atomic fission and fusion may not appear in observable physical disease or injury like burns. But the level of accumulated radioactivity can have very damaging results on generations yet unborn and may reveal itself even sooner in an increase of such diseases as leukemia—cancer of the blood.

Dr. A. H. Sturtevant, world-famed authority on heredity and the Thomas Hunt Morgan professor of genetics at the California Institute of Technology, recently sounded the alarm about the possibility of hereditary changes caused by the action of A-bomb and H-bomb radiation on the germ cells in plants, animals and man. Dr. William C. Maloney and Dr. Robert D. Lange of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission have discovered

ed a very high incidence of blood cancer in Japanese survivors of the first A-bomb dropped on human beings.

HEREDITARY EFFECTS

Dr. Sturtevant has raised the question of the long-term hereditary effects of the A-bomb and H-bomb tests. The geneticist points out that a single photon or energy ray can cause a change in key elements of the ova and germ cells. He further emphasizes: "It is already true that all of us have been subjected to irradiation from these sources (A-bombs and H-bombs)." He adds:

"There is no possible escape from the conclusion that the bombs already exploded will ultimately result in future generations in the production of numerous defective individuals, if the human species itself survives for many generations. And every new bomb exploded, since its radioactive products are widely dispersed over the earth, will

result in an increase in this ultimate harvest of defective individuals."

Drs. Maloney and Lange have discovered that the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945 is claiming a new crop of victims in 1954. They report "convincing evidence of the high incidence of leukemia" among A-bomb survivors who had previously shown no effects of radiation poisoning. The doctors uncovered 10 cases of leukemia while giving "routine medicals" to 3,480 people. This is a high incidence if you "consider the rarity of the disease," they state in the medical journal Blood.

This disease, they point out, began to appear in some A-bomb survivors two years after the explosion. Others may yet develop it in years to come. It appears that the phosphorus in the body absorbs some of the radioactive particles and rays. The radio-activated phosphorus settles in the bone marrow, which is involved in the manufacture of

blood, and prepares the way for cancer.

SOCIALISM OR DEATH

In the light of these new discoveries about the hidden and prolonged effects of radioactivity, we cannot dismiss lightly incidents like the fall-out of radioactive particles on Long Island, N.Y., after A-bomb tests in Las Vegas, Nevada. Revealing this event in the Aug. 11 N.Y. Herald-Tribune, the Alsop brothers claimed that the fall-out was "no longer noxious and no one knew about it but the Atomic Energy Commission."

If even the explosion of a few atomic bombs can pollute the atmosphere and endanger future generations, we can readily understand why atomic scientists have repeatedly warned that the use of A-bombs and H-bombs in a war might result in the annihilation of the human species. Dr. Edgar Douglas Adrian, Nobel Prize winner and one of England's greatest scientists, re-

cently said, as reported in our last issue, that "We must face the possibility that repeated atomic explosions will lead to a degree of general radioactivity which no one can tolerate or escape."

These same atomic rays which capitalism uses very largely for mankind's destruction could be a great boon to humanity under socialism's non-profit, planned, cooperative economy. An example of how atomic energy can be harnessed to benefit man is indicated in the Sept. issue of Architectural Forum. An article on irradiated structural materials states: "Despite vigorous denials, the news is beginning to leak through the screen of industrial atomic secrecy that massive doses of gamma radiation have been harnessed to make an ordinary soft sheet of plastic stronger than the same thickness of today's structural steel and so resistant to heat it could be used in the afterburners of jet engines."

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Claims McCarthy Isn't Fascist

By Murry Weiss
(First of a series)

Will Herberg, ex-Marxist, ex-Stalinist, ex-Lovestonite, recently turned religious mystic, sallied forth in the liberal weekly New Republic, Aug. 23, to refute those liberals who have noticed the analogy between McCarthy and Hitler. Herberg says, "It is surely obvious how flimsy this parallel between Hitler and McCarthy really is and how utterly irresponsible is the line of argument leading to it."

Herberg's attempt to clear McCarthy of the fascist charge did not meet with warm response from the readers of the New Republic if we judge from the unanimous protest in the letters to the editor published in the following issue. (Sept. 6) A few excerpts from these letters will show this:

"... I was amazed. I would have expected such dishonest statements as that from Westbrook Pegler... When anyone tells me that legal and constitutional procedures have not broken down in this country, he is just taking me for a damn fool, and I resent that."

"McCarthy exhibits a certain concert of characteristics that make the parallel to Hitler valid."

"Will Herberg's (article) mustn't pass unchallenged. Few opposing McCarthy entertain the notion that he's the incarnation or exact image of Hitler. However, the parallel was drawn not alone on what McCarthy was doing but on his being capable of imitating Hitler if conditions permitted."

"... And now a subtly constructed defense of Senator McCarthy by the chameleon-like Will Herberg!... I was in Germany in 1930 and I find astonishing resemblances to things happening now."

NO "RED VIRUS" LEFT
A good argument could be made for leaving Herberg to the readers of the New Republic to dispose of. He is of no importance in and of himself. He is just another turncoat who daily tries to prove that he has fully expiated for his youthful Marxist "sins" and that there isn't a trace of the "red virus" left in his system. This type is found in great numbers, swarming in the cracks and crevices of the bureaucratic structure of the unions and in the stables where the ex-radical creatures of the witch hunt are kept.

However, Herberg happens to have expressed arguments that are current, if unvoiced in public, among certain sections of the radical movement. They are a symptom of the intellectual blight that has affected the radical movement insofar as it reflects the political bankruptcy of the American labor bureaucracy.

The labor officials don't do their own thinking and whatever vigor and hostility they display is only toward the militants. The labor officials in general are silent on all subjects of vital concern to the American people. If they do speak, it turns out to be a mere echo of some catch phrase current among the liberals.

The bulk of the radical groupings in turn either reflect this intellectual vacuum, or as a consequence of the disease of sectarianism are incapable of realistic analysis. The result has been a remarkable display of sterility on the problem of meet-

Fontana Invites Negro Residents

The city of Fontana, Calif. near Los Angeles last week invited Negroes to live anywhere in the city limits, according to the Pittsburgh Courier of Sept. 11. In 1946 racists in Fontana burned a Negro family in their home, killing a father and mother, and their two children. Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers Party Vice-Presidential candidate in 1952 played a leading role in organizing a protest movement at the time. She wrote a pamphlet attacking the racists, called "Vigilante Terror in Fontana."

On the Picket Line at Square D

By Bill Talbot

DETROIT, Sept. 12—Here is what has happened in the Square D strike up to now:

On June 2 the 1,200 production workers, members of Local 957, United Electrical Workers, Independent, voted to go on strike. They had been denied renewal of their contract and a 15-cents-an-hour wage increase. The company insisted on an extraordinary no-strike clause that would not even allow a strike over production standards.

On June 15, the plant was struck. For 11 weeks the company prepared for an open strike-breaking attempt. It refused to negotiate, while the daily newspapers red-baited the union as "Communist infiltration," and described its defense action as "a Communist push-button strike." The papers quoted liberally from Congressmen who attacked the leadership of the UE as "Communists," and the Square D workers as "Communist dupes."

The union trimmed its wage demands to within one cent of the company's offer of four cents, and offered to take any strike clause now in effect in the auto or electrical industry. The company refused to budge.

On Sept. 2, in the eleventh week of the strike, the company began its open strike-breaking attempt with a "back-to-work movement" (in violation of an agreement with the union not to attempt to operate the plant without 24 hours notice).

ARMED COPS ARRIVE
About 100 heavily armed police and mounted patrols appeared in front of the plant to herd the scabs through the picket lines. The first day only about ten entered the plant, although the police outnumbered the pickets.

The news of the police action and the attempt to run scabs through a picket line ran through the surrounding area like wildfire. Workers in nearby plants were dumbfounded. By the end of the day-shift, there were hundreds of onlookers at the street corners around the plant. The picket line had swelled to about 200 and the surrounding crowds grumbled at the cops who pushed them back or broke them up.

That evening the newspapers came out with fresh headlines about "Communist infiltration" and a "push button" strike at Square D. Advertisements called for workers to walk through the picket lines the next day. Every radio news broadcast told how to get a job at Square D the following morning, and said that the strike was "communist led."

The next morning, Friday, Sept. 3, there was a picket line of several hundred, but the strikers still seemed bewildered by what had happened. There was very little organization, and about 75 scabs entered the plant

under heavy police guard. Applicants for work continued to enter the plant in twos and threes throughout the day. There was much noise and confusion, but no violence by the pickets.

COURT HELPS COMPANY
In spite of this, an injunction barring mass picketing was granted "to prevent violence," and the newspapers lied in front-page stories about "violence" on the picket line. Eighteen of the local union leaders were subpoenaed under this injunction.

At the end of the second day, hundreds of workers from all over Detroit came down to take a look. Most of them openly expressed sympathy with the strikers and grumbled at the police. In spite of the terrific red-baiting and the silence of the CIO and AFL leaders, the word "communist" was rarely heard in the constant discussion among the onlookers, and then only to observe that "you sure can't believe what you read in the papers." The issue seemed crystal clear to those at the scene. This was brutal union-busting, pure and simple, and the sooner it was stopped, the better.

The plant shut down for the Labor Day weekend. The mounted police, the very same cops herding scabs at Square D, rode at the head of the Labor Day parade. Mayor Cobo, who had ordered the cops out to strike-break, and Gov. Williams, the great "friend of labor," who allowed the strike-breaking to take place without a single word of censure, were featured speakers at the celebration.

The Square D strikers, who had no place in the parade itself, circulated among the CIO flying squadrons as they formed for the march, bitterly explaining their plight and passing out leaflets asking for support. The red-baiting campaign of the newspapers continued over the weekend.

LOOKED LIKE A TRAP
On Tuesday morning, Sept. 7, about 150 applicants for jobs stood in a long line at the plant entrance. The pickets, kept from the gates by the cops, angrily milled around on the street. Only a few cops, without tear gas or riot guns, stood between the strikers and the potential scabs. Around the corner, just out of sight, stood an army of cops complete with riot guns, tear gas, and horses. It looked like a trap.

From the group of onlookers across the street stepped a man in work clothes. He walked slowly along the line of potential scabs speaking now softly, now loudly, cajoling, explaining, begging them not to go through the picket line. "We know you're hungry, been out of work a long time, but this is stealing from your brothers," he said.

After a few minutes of this, a group of three left the line of applicants, shook hands with the man and left.

A cheer went up from the pickets, and they crowded in around the line to talk the scabs out of going in. By the time the doors of the plant were opened only about 15 of these people became scabs. Many of them turned around, and with their arms around the pickets begged their former companions not to scab.

The man who started it waved to the strikers as he left and said: "I'm a CIO member; now you people stick."

"We will; We will!" shouted the pickets.

About as many scabs worked this day as the previous one, but few new ones were hired. That evening, when the scabs left, strikers and cops moved around shouting at one another as far as a block from the plant. Philip Saba, a UE organizer, was arrested for "throwing something."

THINGS GET WORSE
Wednesday morning, Sept. 8, the plant was opened before most of the pickets arrived, and about 100 new applicants for jobs were bitter and discouraged. That evening, after the 200 scabs left under tight police guard, the pickets were attacked by mounted police.

One man was crushed against a steel fence by a cop's horse, and taken to a hospital. A man and a woman striker were surrounded by 15 cops and three horses, mauled and arrested for "assaulting an officer."

Broken up by the police the pickets tramped dejectedly to their union hall for a meeting. There they were told by their leaders that they would receive important support from UAW locals. Some were jubilant, some said bitterly: "We'll see, We'll see."

The next morning, Sept. 9, official support from nine UAW-CIO locals appeared on the picket line. Dodge Local 3 and Ford Local 600 sent the largest contingents, headed by their officers. Paul Silvers, president of local 351, UAW-CIO, one of those instrumental in getting the support for the strike also appeared with a strong contingent.

"SOLIDARITY FOREVER"
There were scenes of solidarity such as have not been witnessed here for many years. Tears came into the Square D workers' eyes when they saw their picket line being filled up with men and women wearing the bright colors of their UAW locals.

The old union songs were broken out, and lusty singing filled the air. Solidarity forever, Hold the Fort, Picket on the

Murry Body Local 2 (Murry Body is going out of business because of the recession) came swinging into the street in military formation behind their flags and to the tune of Hold the Fort. Most of the men in this squad are gray-haired veterans, and they marched like they remembered 1937. The cops tried to stop them from entering the street, but they marched right on without stopping, and the cops made way.

More and more support has been coming forth. AFL caps are appearing on the picket lines now. The UAW International has not directly supported the strike as yet, and in this, the Reuther bureaucracy is showing itself up for the cowardly bunch it is. About the best that can be said of them so far is that they have not apparently tried to stop the other support.

ISSUE NOT YET SETTLED
The issue is by no means settled as yet. The company is still bent on breaking the strike, and

Mayor Cobo has announced that he will supply as many police as are necessary.

Every union person here knows, however, that there aren't enough cops in the whole damn country to break this strike if the workers and their unions just stick together the way they have the past week. There is nothing but confidence among the Square D strikers and their CIO and AFL comrades in this fight as they mill around the plant and discuss old struggles, curse the bosses, politicians, and shake their fists at the cops.

The power of the workers is proved once again, and the witch hunt has taken a set back. Would that the same working-class solidarity could soon be shown on the political front. It would make short work of "friends of labor" who outlaw unions and support strike-breaking, not to mention the avowed enemies of labor like McCarthy and the present Big Business government.

LIKE THEY REMEMBERED
The following day was much the same, except that the number of scabs fell noticeably. The high point of the day came when the flying squadron of

SCHOOL SEGREGATION MAP
This map shows states that had laws on school segregation last May 17 when the U.S. Supreme Court issued its ruling that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional. Seventeen states (black) had laws making segregation compulsory and four states (lines) permitted it. Dots indicate states whose laws forbade segregation. As schools opened this month, the anti-segregation ruling was either evaded in most of the South or mere token desegregation was instituted. Negro children, North and South, are still largely kept in separate schools because of residential segregation, as in New York City and Chicago.

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all political opponents, can the capitalists maintain their rule, and cling to their power and privileges against the needs of the majority," said Kerry.

Underscoring the determination of the SWP to be heard, Kerry explained that since the requirements for getting on the ballot for state-wide elections in California are so stringent as to be prohibitive for small parties, the SWP is forced to turn to a write-in campaign.

He further emphasized the fact that the election campaign was a continuation of the anti-McCarthy campaign which the party has conducted nationally to warn of the dangers of this incipient fascist movement and to suggest methods of fighting it.

In his acceptance speech, Frank Barbaria, who had previously run for mayor of San Francisco in 1947 and 1951, and for supervisor in 1953, emphasized the need for a Labor Party.

This issue is particularly acute in California, where the labor movement is divided, part supporting the Democrats, and part the Republicans.

Barbaria flayed the labor factors for offering the workers the same bankrupt policy, which has led to defeat in the past.

"We need a combat party with audacity in order to move forward to Socialism, because liberalism is dead, and there is no middle road; only a fundamental change can solve the problems caused by the dread reality of unemployment or atomic annihilation."

FOR FULL EQUALITY
Lillian Kiezal, who also has a background of socialist electoral activity, having run for Mayor of Oakland in 1953, accepted the nomination for Lieutenant-Governor. Scoring the false promises of the liberals to fight against discrimination, she called for the formation of a Labor Party and the ultimate victory of socialism as the only answer to the demand of the minority peoples for equality.

She exposed the opportunist evolution of her Democratic opponent, Roybal, who was elected to the Los Angeles City Council by the Mexican-American people and their allies within the labor movement as a representative of the Mexican-American minority.

In 1949, the SWP gave critical support to Roybal, who at that

Square D Strike Underlines Need For Union Program for Jobless

Those scabs going through the Square D picketline in Detroit speak more eloquently of the real state of the country's economy than any statistics. Of course, some of those slipping through the line are paid thugs and strikebreakers. But some are desperate unemployed workers, so beaten and demoralized by prolonged joblessness and poverty, that they are ready to take a job at any wage and under any conditions. And the heaviest pressure on the strikers themselves is not the cops and the boss propaganda but the knowledge that there are thousands of workers waiting at the gates for jobs.

The government, of course, continues to give out its cheery statements about the "good health" of American capitalism and issues, with much fanfare, statistics designed to put the economy in the best light. Thus, the government statisticians sniped 101,000 from the July unemployment figures to bring the mid-August total down to 3,245,000. These figures do not include some 250,000 laid off with promises of recall to jobs within 30 days. They do not include 1,500,000 short-time workers on normally full-time jobs and 900,000 who have taken part-time jobs but would have liked full-time ones.

UNEMPLOYMENT TO STAY
At the annual forecasting session of the American Statistical Association, held in Montreal, Canada, on Sept. 10, the gathering of experts foresaw a slight rise from the annual production rate of \$355.9 billion in the first half of 1954 to \$356.5 in the second half and to \$360 billion

in the first half of 1955. This compares with a 1953 level of \$384 billion.

But these forecasters were not so optimistic about unemployment. They all agreed that there would be no decline in the number of jobless. The U.S. statisticians think the figure will hold at around 3,300,000 for the next nine months; the Canadians expect it to rise to 3,500,000. The actual number of unemployed right now is closer to 5,000,000.

SIGNIFICANT FACTS
Detroit's story is told in the Ward's Automotive Reports statement on Sept. 10 that auto and truck production as of that week was the lowest since Nov. 1953. What is more significant for the future, as indicated by the report in the Sept. 13 Wall Street Journal, is that, as of Aug. 31, there were still 562,000 unsold cars, 6% more than a year earlier. "Lower August sales and production of new autos turned out to be little help," says the Journal. "August new car sales amounted to about 440,000, or 2% fewer than in July and 13% below the 503,000 in August last year." Passenger car production in September is scheduled at 282,000 compared to 435,000 in August.

Steel production continues to hover around 63% of rated capacity. The best "recovery" steel companies foresee, reports the Wall Street Journal, is "an average operating rate in the fourth quarter of 70% to 75% — far below the year earlier level."

sumers' buying power. Sales by the country's retailers in August fell 3.5% below those of July and 2% below the year ago level, when the economic decline was already well under way.

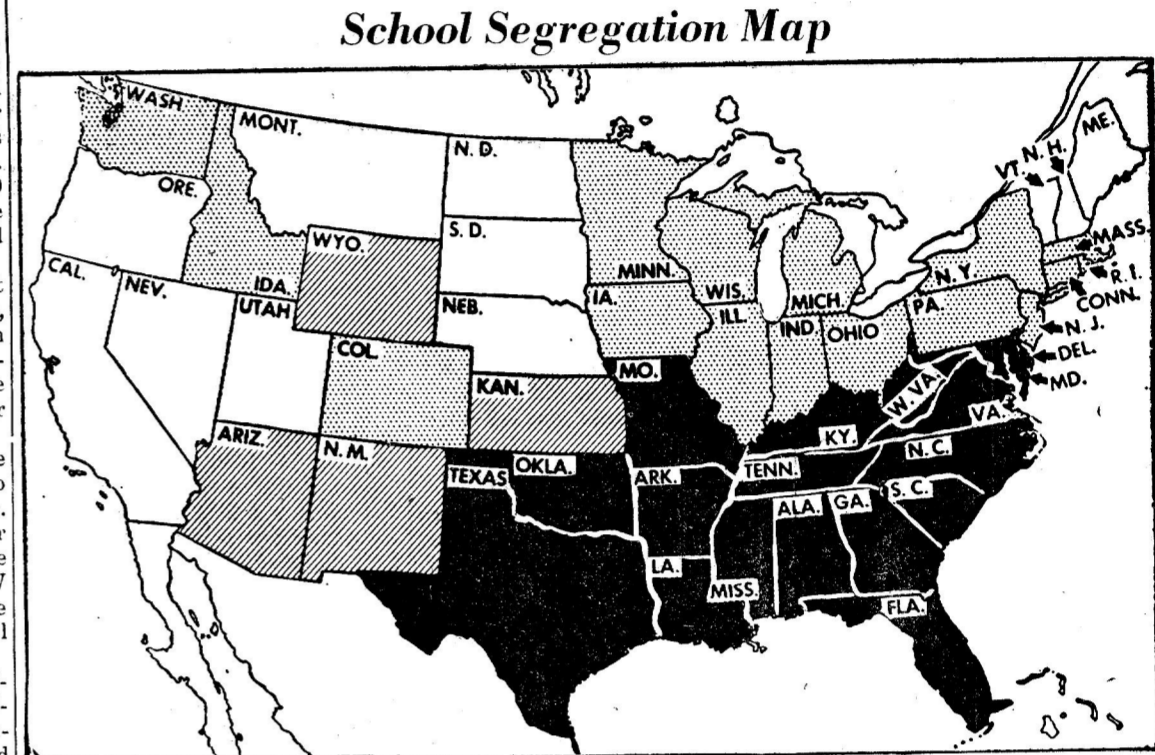
PROGRAM FOR JOBLESS
The corporations and their economists have the unemployment angle pretty well figured. They anticipate a certain "healthy" amount of mass unemployment and are acting accordingly. That is one of the big reasons why they dare to attempt open strikebreaking in a union-conscious city like Detroit.

Here is a lesson that organized labor must absorb with all possible speed. As the union-busting offensive of Big Business gathers momentum, the use of the unemployed as strike-breaking reserves might become a major threat to the unions. This threat can be met if the unions fight for a broad program of demands for the unemployed.

It is noteworthy that Ford Local 600, one of the CIO United Automobile Workers local unions that took the initiative in going to the aid of the independent United Electrical Workers' Square D strike, has also been advocating the program of the 30-hour week at 40-hours' pay and other measures to increase employment without reducing individual take-home pay. Unemployment compensation equal to full-time union wages for the entire period of unemployment; federal public works to provide jobs at union pay; and government operation of all idle plants under workers' control are additional measures the labor movement should fight for to keep the unemployed from being driven into scabbery by fear of hunger and evictions.

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This map shows states that had laws on school segregation last May 17 when the U.S. Supreme Court issued its ruling that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional. Seventeen states (black) had laws making segregation compulsory and four states (lines) permitted it. Dots indicate states whose laws forbade segregation. As schools opened this month, the anti-segregation ruling was either evaded in most of the South or mere token desegregation was instituted. Negro children, North and South, are still largely kept in separate schools because of residential segregation, as in New York City and Chicago.

... CALIF. SWP NAMES CANDIDATES

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all political opponents, can the capitalists maintain their rule, and cling to their power and privileges against the needs of the majority," said Kerry.

Underscoring the determination of the SWP to be heard, Kerry explained that since the requirements for getting on the ballot for state-wide elections in California are so stringent as to be prohibitive for small parties, the SWP is forced to turn to a write-in campaign.

He further emphasized the fact that the election campaign was a continuation of the anti-McCarthy campaign which the party has conducted nationally to warn of the dangers of this incipient fascist movement and to suggest methods of fighting it.

In his acceptance speech, Frank Barbaria, who had previously run for mayor of San Francisco in 1947 and 1951, and for supervisor in 1953, emphasized the need for a Labor Party.

This issue is particularly acute in California, where the labor movement is divided, part supporting the Democrats, and part the Republicans.

Barbaria flayed the labor factors for offering the workers the same bankrupt policy, which has led to defeat in the past.

"We need a combat party with audacity in order to move forward to Socialism, because liberalism is dead, and there is no middle road; only a fundamental change can solve the problems caused by the dread reality of unemployment or atomic annihilation."

FOR FULL EQUALITY
Lillian Kiezal, who also has a background of socialist electoral activity, having run for Mayor of Oakland in 1953, accepted the nomination for Lieutenant-Governor. Scoring the false promises of the liberals to fight against discrimination, she called for the formation of a Labor Party and the ultimate victory of socialism as the only answer to the demand of the minority peoples for equality.

She exposed the opportunist evolution of her Democratic opponent, Roybal, who was elected to the Los Angeles City Council by the Mexican-American people and their allies within the labor movement as a representative of the Mexican-American minority.

time refused to accept any financial support from the Democratic Party, because he ran as an independent candidate representing a minority people. Today he has made his peace with the capitalist politicians and is bent on making a career for himself as a machine politician.

Linking the struggle of the minority people and the needs of the labor movement, Kiezal declared, "We are the only party participating in this election campaign which has shown by its history and its present activity its ability to fight for civil rights, which is directly connected with the struggle to safeguard all the gains achieved by the workers."

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1. The Battle Line Is Drawn

The battle line between unionism and the open shop in the United States has been drawn in Detroit. The Square D strikers, who belong to the independent United Electrical Workers, and their brothers and sisters from CIO and AFL locals are marching on a picket line in defense of the interests of 17 million unionists throughout the country. They are the advance guard in labor's battle for survival.

The club-swinging, scab-herding Detroit police are the advance guard of the union-busting combination of employers, government and witch-hunters.

The outcome of the battle at Square D will count heavily in deciding the final outcome of the struggle for survival of unionism in the United States. Thus, problem number one on the agenda of the union movement is: How to win the Square D strike.

From the beginning of the strike, which was provoked by the employers 13 weeks ago, it was clear that a lot more was involved than a contest between one corporation and one union local. Square D management was setting up a major test in behalf of the top councils of the auto barons and their political servants.

2. Why They Tried It

Here are some of the factors the employers figured would support their strategy:

(1) The Square D workers belong to the independent UE which has for a long time been a target of the witch hunters as a "Communist infiltrated" union. In 1949 the CIO top officials, trying to turn aside the heat of the Taft-Hartley witch hunters, thought they could beat the game by going on their own red-hunting spree. They expelled the UE, along with other unions, from the CIO and opened these unions to raiding attacks, strike-breaking, and harassment from the government.

Thus the employers counted on the union officials looking the other way while the strike was broken, and maybe even helping to mobilize some finks.

(2) The national hysteria over the Communist "peril" is at its peak, with the McCarthyite fascists cracking the whip, and the Republicans and Democrats jumping to prove how anti-Communist they are.

Thus the employers considered the national atmosphere favored a strike-breaking attack on a "marked," "red" union.

(3) The passage of the "Communist Control" Act in the last days of the 83rd-Congress provided the machinery for outlawing any union that incurred the displeasure of the witch hunters. As soon as Eisenhower signed the bill the Department of Justice announced that it was taking steps to enforce the anti-union clauses, particularly against the UE.

Thus the employers felt they could step up the police violence and scab-running on the Square D picket line. They now had a federal law behind them.

(4) It was "labor's friends," the liberal Democrats, who were chiefly responsible for

This was the test: Can a major strike be broken in Detroit — the heart of the industrial union movement — by direct union-smashing tactics?

The eyes of the American capitalist class are on this test. On Sept. 11, Business Week, a mouthpiece of corporation executives, stated the capitalist class outlook on the Square D strike with more eagerness than accuracy: "The first effort by a major employer in the Detroit area to break a strike since before the auto union seemed assured of success this week."

Business Week spoke too soon. As the reports in this issue of the Militant show, the bosses have far from won their strikebreaking objective. As a matter of fact the tide has turned against them. But a burning question remains: How did the employers get the nerve to try such an experiment? Where did they get the idea that for the first time in 15 years they could launch an old-fashioned, scab-running, police attack on a picket line and smash a strike right under the noses of hundreds of thousands of unionized Detroit workers?

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the passage of the union-busting, "political outlawry" bill. Thus the employers had added confidence that the labor officials would interfere less than ever with their strike-breaking.

(5) Detroit is one of the main centers of unemployment. Tens of thousands of workers are in desperate circumstances. The Square D employers counted on this great pressure for jobs to work in favor of their scab-herding. Thus the employers tried a double play: Get the union officials to "legalize" scabbing in the name of "anti-Communism," and use the goad of hunger to force the unemployed into becoming scabs against their fellow workers.

(6) Another prong of the union-busting drive, the Studebaker Wage-Cutting Plan, met with no resistance from the Reuther bureaucracy. After one or two threatening gestures from the corporations, the Reuther leadership collapsed. For years the Reutherites proclaimed that only higher wages could bring lasting prosperity. Suddenly they discovered that prosperity depended on — wage slashing.

This further demonstrated to the employers that there was little combat potential among the union officials.

(7) Back in the spring of 1952 the Velde witch-hunting committee invaded Michigan, whipped up a red hysteria, and attacked Ford Local 600 of the UAW-CIO. Reuther, instead of rushing to the aid of the Ford Local, stabbed them in the back by lifting their charter. He didn't get away with this dirty move.

But the employers had good reason to believe that against the hounded and isolated UE, Reuther's services would be more effective.

All these reasons led the employers to hope that they could smash the Square D strike and "teach the workers a lesson."

3. The Rank and File Intervene

The employers, however, made two important mistakes. First, they assumed that Reuther and company were the only factor to consider in the ranks of labor. They discounted the rank-and-file Detroit unionists and those elected officials most receptive to the will and pressure of the rank and file. Second, they mistook the relative inactivity and passivity of the rank-and-file workers during recent years as an eternal condition.

But the Detroit workers have acquired a rich experience during the past year. They have seen the tinsel of capitalist prosperity peeling off and revealing the ugly gray of unemployment and depression. They have seen the corporations launch a wage-cutting drive. They have had their fill of red-baiting from witch-hunters like McCarthy, Velde and Clardy — and from the union officials.

And now they see scabs, recruited from the unemployed, being taken under police protection into a strike-bound plant. They read in the labor-hating press glorifications of scabs as "fighters against communism."

As Bill Talbot's report (page 2) shows, the Detroit workers began to take a hand in the situation. They consulted among themselves and added up the score. They acted. They put heat on their organizations. And they got results.

After 12 weeks of holding the fort, reinforcements finally came to the embattled Square D workers picket line. A bloc of UAW-CIO locals representing over 150,000 workers took their stand with the strikers and declared unequivocally: This is our fight! You are not alone!

Officials from these locals marched on the picket line. Flying squads from the locals moved in. Overnight the whole situation changed. The employers now face a different relation of forces than they had expected. Now they are beginning to see the odds evened up somewhat — and they don't like it.

This magnificent development must be credited first of all to the Square D strikers and picketers who stuck it out and took all the heat for twelve weeks. They were red-baited by the press, bullied and beaten by the cops, starved by the company, and stabbed in the back by the top officials of the AFL and CIO.

Their cause was taken up by the Detroit workers who brushed aside the treachery and cowardice of the bureaucrats. The workers moved with a sure instinct for mass action and brought their organizations into the struggle. And now victory is entirely possible. Everything must be done to assure it.

(1) Every union local in Detroit and throughout the country should rally to the support of the Square D strikers. The entire union movement, AFL, CIO and independents, should take up the challenge of the bosses. The employers wanted an experiment in union busting. Let's teach them a lesson they will never forget.

(2) Pour the heat on the government officials who claim to be "friends of labor." This is an election year. Drag the "friends" out into the open and force them to show where they stand. Are they for the scabs and cops and union-busting employers? That's the way they act. If they want to disprove that, let them take up the challenge of the Michigan SWP candidates and get down on the Square D picket line.

Wide Support Rallies to "Socialist Outlook"

A storm of protest continues to mount against the ban placed by the National Executive Committee of the British Labor Party against the Socialist Outlook, weekly left-wing Socialist publication. "Few issues in recent years have aroused so much protest," says G. Healy in the August 27 issue of the newspaper. Leading publications grouped around the British Labor Party have denounced the ban as undemocratic and as a threat to the democratic rights of all members to read and support what papers they like.

"Frank Allaun, editor of Labor's Northern Voice, wrote: 'Once you start on the outlawing game you may start with the OUTLOOK and finish with TRIBUNE (the newspaper of the Bevan forces in the Labor Party), and the other Socialist publications.' John Harris, editor of Forward, an influential pacifist paper which strongly disagrees with the opinions of the Outlook, also took issue with the proscription.

"The National Executive has issued a challenge not just to Socialist Outlook but to the entire Socialist Press," said Harris. "Their intolerance of views which do not coincide with their own . . . indicate not only a basic insecurity on their part, but almost total rejection of the rights of a Free Press in a democracy."

Railway Review, stated "Whatever the faults of this lively little paper (the Socialist Outlook) . . . the clumsy attempt to dictate what Labor Party members should or should not read is an astonishing decision." Railway Review concluded by warning

that the ban on the Outlook could very well be extended to the Tribune if the NEC decision is not set aside by the forthcoming Annual Party Conference.

The Tribune itself has already protested the undemocratic ruling of the right-wing majority on the NEC, and the Bevanite members of the Committee voted against the proscription.

The Labor Party bureaucrats have received support for their outlaw measure from the most reactionary sections of the capitalist press. Thus the Daily Sketch, one of the most reactionary papers in the country stated about the ban "for about the first time on record, we would like to agree with the Socialist Executive."

The Socialist Leader, organ of the Independent Labor Party, which upholds a line in England similar to that of the Shachtmanites in the U.S., also came out in defense of the Labor Party right wing in a weasel-worded statement. This shameful action has produced many protests from their own readers.

UNIONS OPPOSE BAN Besides publications, important union bodies supported the democratic rights of the Socialist Outlook. Thus the Birmingham District Committee of the Amalgamated Engineering Union passed a resolution expressing "its disgust at the recent circular issued by Morgan Phillips (author of the ban). Such action is a direct attack on the freedom of the press and is contrary to the declared aim of the Labor Party on the press and is contrary to the declared aim of the Labor Party on the rights of minorities to express their point of view. . . . We call upon the Executive Council to immediately demand that this circular be completely withdrawn."

Numerous branches of the Labor Party have lodged similar protests notably in the Manchester District. The London Federation of Labor Leagues of Youth on August 29 carried unanimously a resolution condemning the NEC ban and calling for its immediate and unconditional withdrawal. The right-wing bureaucrats followed their attack on the Outlook with demands in a number of party areas that Outlook supporters sign a "loyalty oath," the paper reports in the Aug. 27 issue. A typical example is the oath that the organizer of the Leeds Labor Party presented to Outlook supporters. It states: "Having been associated with the production and/or distribution of SOCIALIST OUTLOOK (I) hereby declare that my activities in support of this journal and its policies will cease forthwith, in accordance with the decision of the National Executive Committee of the Labor Party."

REFUSE TO SIGN

"Refuse to sign these loyalty oaths as unofficial," said Michael Foot, M.P., a leading Bevanite, in speaking to 400 people at a meeting organized to protest the ban imposed on the Socialist Outlook. "That'll keep them scratching their heads in

Transport House until Morgan Phillips returns." "The National Conference must rescind the cowardly, totalitarian decision—and then go on with the job of making the Labor Party more democratic," he added.

Others who spoke at the protest meeting were Kingsley Martin, editor of the New Statesman and Nation, John Harris, editor of Forward, J. Allen Skinner, editor of Peace News, Monica Pearson, member of the staff of Co-op News, and Gerry Healy, a member of the Editorial Board of Socialist Outlook. Jack Stanley, member of the Outlook Editorial Board and General Secretary of the Construction Engineering Union, was the chairman.

A collection of \$84 was taken and the meeting closed with the unanimous passage of a resolution pledging to do everything possible with the Labor Party units "for the lifting of this undemocratic ban on Socialist Outlook."

CONTINUES TO FIGHT

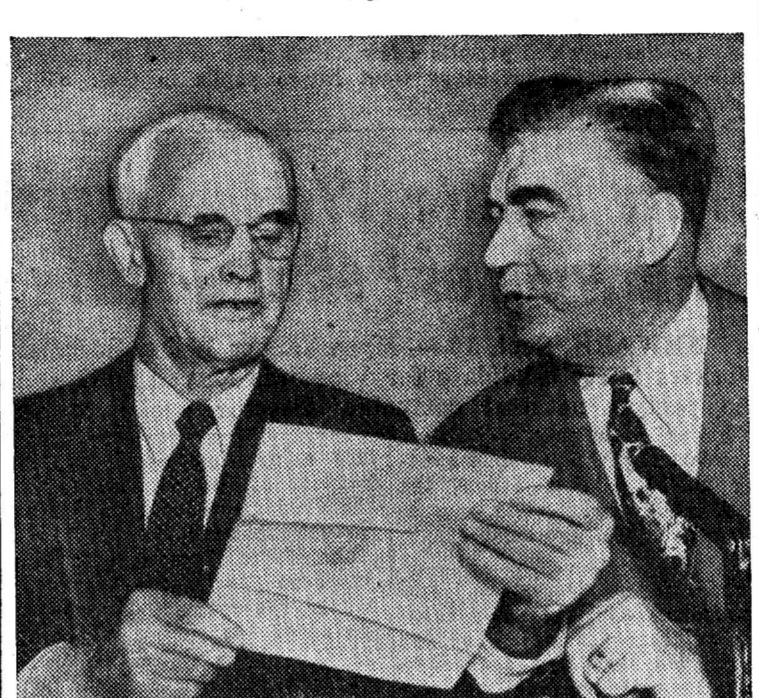
The Socialist Outlook itself continues to wage a militant struggle for its democratic rights and hasn't given up one inch in expounding its principles despite the proscription which is aimed not only against the paper but its policies. The periodical realizes that in struggling for its own rights it is fighting for the democratic rights of all members of the Labor Party to disagree with the official leadership and to change the policy of the Labor Party along socialist lines.

"The ban on Socialist Outlook arises," writes G. Healy in the Sept. 3 issue, "because the Labor Party is more and more tending to accept genuine socialist policies and rejecting the policies of . . . the right wing." The masthead of the Socialist Outlook reflects the determination of the paper to resist the outlaw measure. It states "Join the Labor Party Today," which has been the regular appeal of the paper since its inception, but adds "And Still Read Socialist Outlook."

The editors of the paper are organizing a vigorous campaign to get the Scarborough Conference of the Labor Party, which meets this month, to withdraw the ban.

... Watkins Probe of McCarthy

McCarthy Probers



Chairman Arthur Watkins (R-Utah) of the special Senate committee hearing, seated at a table with other men, including Sen. Edwin Johnson (D. Colo.), who is being questioned by McCarthy.

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will be recalled to act on the report before the elections.

The Senate showed its pre-election attitude toward tangle with McCarthy in the last week of its session, when it stampeded like a frenzied lynch mob to outdo McCarthy's witch hunting. In those few days, the Democratic liberals, who led the pack, committed every lying, smearing, frame-up, double-crossing, red-baiting trick they had learned from the fascist McCarthy.

But even if the Watkins Committee strongly proposes censure and the Senate is summoned to consider the proposal before the November election—what then?

The stage would surely be set for accomplishing McCarthy's fondest objective — the use of the 1954 elections to press with all his demagogic force the fascist program for America. This is not because a Senate session, in and of itself, would give McCarthy this opening. If there were even a few authentic representatives of labor in the Senate such a session would result in a crushing political defeat for McCarthy.

The fact is however, that all of McCarthy's Senate opponents are absolutely incapable of fighting McCarthy politically. In the first place, they accept his premise, the Big Lie that "Communism" is a menace to the American people.

In the second place McCarthy's Senate opponents cannot answer the fascist line, a line that is tailored to appeal to deep segments of the population in America. Essentially McCarthy understands (from his fascist point of view) that the American people are deeply discontented and disturbed. McCarthy appeals to this feeling. He offers an "explanation" and a way out.

He says: All our troubles stem from the fact that the United States was betrayed by its leaders. That the country fell under the control of a network of insidious spies and traitors who have been playing into the hands of the "red" enemy for over 20 years. The way out of our difficulties is to purge the government and the country of treason.

In other words McCarthy is essentially calling for an overturn, a drastic solution, a new road for America, under his fascist leadership. The Republicans and Democrats haven't the remotest idea of how to fight this fascist demagoguery. It can be fought from only one vantage point — that of the working class and its organizations. To the budding fascist movement, with its would-be Hitler, its phony, mythical explanations and its reactionary solutions, the working class must counterpose its own political program and organization. A Labor Party would cut the ground from under McCarthy. It would proclaim a program for a genuine fundamental change in America from a system of capitalist insecurity, depressions and atomic war, to a system of socialist production for peace and plenty and fraternal co-operation with the peoples of the world.

As long as the fight with McCarthy is entrusted to his capitalist political opponents, McCarthy gains ground politically among the disturbed middle class.

That's why it was far more important to watch the show McCarthy put on every day before the TV cameras — outside the hearing room — than to cry "victory" every time the chairman rapped the gavel on McCarthy inside the room.

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Three New York City builders ran an investment of only \$90 up to \$1,251,079 in "windfall" profits on three apartment house projects, according to testimony presented before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on Sept. 14.

"The Caine Mutiny" -- A Movie Worth Seeing

By Trent Hutter

Based upon Herman Wouk's best-selling novel, "The Caine Mutiny," deals with the problem of responsibility in the Armed Forces. Captain Queeg, commanding a minesweeper in World War II, is a sick man, slowly breaking down under the strain of many years of service. We see how his mind deteriorates and how, during a dreadful typhoon in the Pacific, he doesn't know what to do any more, endangering the ship and its crew until the second officer, Lieut. Maryk, forcibly relieves him of his command and saves the "Caine."

Maryk is accused of mutiny; for three Navy psychiatrists testify that Queeg is mentally sound. Things look bad for Maryk at the court martial; but after a clever cross-examination by Maryk's counsel, the brilliant lawyer Lieut. Greenwald, Queeg gets one of his spells of insanity; and the court is convinced that Maryk was right in taking over, acquitting him because a captain's mental disease is one of the special cases permitting the immediate subordinate to arrest the commanding officer in an emergency, according to Articles 184 and 185 of Navy regulations.

Greenwald, however, is not happy about his victory in court. He feels pity for Queeg, a worn-out, sick man who did not get the co-operation and help he once did. Greenwald thinks that Queeg deserves credit for "standing guard on this fat, dumb and happy country of ours" before the war when countless civilians did not worry about Hitler and the Japanese. . . . The lawyer openly scorns Keefer, another officer of the "Caine" (and a novelist in civilian life) who dislikes the Navy, and who first incited his fellow-officers against Queeg and who, being a coward, testified against Maryk at the trial.

These are the picture's main points. Herman Wouk, the author, does not question the system of a military hierarchy that denies ordinary soldiers and sailors any voice in carrying out military operations or routine matters, a system that forces them to obey even the officers' most absurd orders.

What would have happened if Maryk had gotten a lawyer less able than Greenwald? If Queeg had not lost his composure in court? (An insane man can sometimes appear completely normal.) Maryk would have been shot as a mutineer, Maryk who had shown courage and resolution and saved a ship with its crew.

We don't believe that such a system is good or natural. We believe in soldiers' and sailors' councils whose task would be to advise and to control the officers. The symptoms of Queeg's illness became obvious before the typhoon. A sailors' council would undoubtedly have recommended his replacement by another officer without waiting for a dangerous test like the storm.

But even if Queeg's mental disease had not shown before, Maryk's sudden action when the captain failed during the typhoon might afterwards have been examined by a sailors' council of the ship concerned and legalized if the captain's failure were confirmed by a sufficient number of competent witnesses.

Let's make no mistake about it. "The Caine Mutiny" is an exciting, movie, well acted by Humphrey Bogart, Van Johnson, Fred MacMurray, Jose Ferrer; its scenes are intensely dramatic; the photography excellent. Herman Wouk's ideology is not ours; yet this is a motion picture worth seeing because it stimulates thought. And that can't be said of many of today's Hollywood films.

World Events

By Fred Hart

THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION was able to push through a part of its war preparations against the Soviet Union and China in the Far East with the signing on Sept. 8 of the South East Asia Treaty Organization. However, only three Asian countries, whose governments are under the domination of the U.S. — namely, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand — signed the pact. That is why Hanson W. Baldwin, military analyst of the N.Y. Times describes the treaty in the Sept. 12 issue as having mainly "political and psychological" value for the Eisenhower regime at this time.

THE GERMAN SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY inflicted a heavy defeat on Chancellor Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union Party in elections held for the state parliament of Schleswig-Holstein on Sept. 12. The Social Democrats increased their vote over the 1953 elections from 26.5% of the total to 33.2%, while that of Adenauer's party dropped by 13.9% to 32.2% of the total. The election was fought over the question of German re-armament. Adenauer favored EDC or some other form of rearmament whereas the Social Democrats, reflecting the sentiment of the mass of the workers, opposed it at this time.

What was considered most significant about the Socialist's victory is that it came in a conservative, agrarian state.

SEVERAL HUNDRED MEMBERS of Iran's armed forces have been rounded up and arrested as alleged Soviet spies during the last several weeks. A number of them have been threatened with execution. Iranian military intelligence also charged that these individuals have been plotting a coup to overthrow the Anglo-U.S. puppet government of Premier Fazlollah Zahedi, according to the Sept. 8 N.Y. Times. The purge, using the standard technique of the witch-hunt, is evidently a move to increase the stranglehold of imperialism over Iran and its oil resources.

THE GUATEMALAN STALINISTS seek, in an article that appeared in The Daily Worker of Sept. 13, to whitewash both

the role of ex-President Arbenz and their own role in allowing Armas and his United Fruit Company Army to take power without any attempt to mobilize the masses for all-out struggle. "Up to the last moment, Arbenz remained firm and loyal to the interests of Guatemala and to his democratic convictions," the Stalinists say. They blame the defeat upon "vacillation, cowardice and even treachery of some of his collaborators." The Guatemalan Stalinists make it clear that they will continue to back Arbenz. They thus urge the Guatemalan workers and peasants to continue to tie their fortunes to this capitalist politician who led them to defeat.

JULIEN DE DONDER, veteran member of the Belgian Trotskyist movement died seven months ago of silicosis. De Donder had been working in the coal mines of Charleroi for many years before retiring on a small pension. The letter reporting his death states: "He was an indefatigable and courageous fighter for the Fourth International, a regular contributor to the Belgian Trotskyist paper La Lutte Ouvriere, and the very model of an honest militant, greatly admired and loved by his comrades."

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA has announced that it will withdraw seven divisions — about 70,000 men — from Korea within the next two months, according to a Sept. 6 press report.

"FOR EIGHT YEARS and particularly since the Korean War in 1950, United States Air Force and naval planes have skirted the borders of the Soviet Union and in a few cases have crossed those borders and frontiers," Hanson W. Baldwin, military expert of the N.Y. Times, admits in the Sept. 14 issue. "They have been seeking positive and negative information of diverse character. . . . A few . . . American — as well as Soviet — aircraft probably deliberately penetrate the other nation's air frontiers." This confirms what the Militant said in its Sept. 13 issue about the Soviet plane shooting "incidents."

Their Morals and Ours

By LEON TROTSKY

All the "moralistic" arguments of anti-Marxists — from the hoary charge that Lenin and the Bolsheviks were "amoral" to the current accusation that the guiding Marxist maxim is that "the end justifies the means" — are answered in this classic work.

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By Jean Blake

Lesson of the Unions Under Malan

"No better way can be devised for destroying working class unity," says the British Trades Union Congress in a recently published report of a delegation to South Africa, than the Malan government's latest proposals for enforced segregation within the labor movement.

Under the new laws now being proposed, unions with mixed memberships (Europeans, Asiatics and colored) will be forced to dissolve and form themselves into three separate unions. Some 90 trade unions would be affected.

These new laws are a logical extension of the Native Labor (Settlement of Disputes) Act of 1953, the African Taft-Hartley Act, which, according to the report, "not only establishes that African trade unions are without legal recognition but takes away from African women the right which they formerly enjoyed as being recognized under the Industrial Conciliation Act as employees. This means that the 2,500 African women formerly organized in the Garment Workers Union must leave that organization and . . . form their own separate trade union which . . . will not be recognized for collective bargaining purposes."

The "African Taft-Hartley Act" of 1953 was itself preceded by the equivalent of the American Wagner Labor Relations Act and other New Deal and Fair Deal legislation. In the Union of South Africa they were called the Industrial Conciliation Act and the Wage Act of 1937, the Shops and Offices Act of 1939 and the Factories Act of 1941. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, these cover most industrial and commercial occupations and provide for the fixing of minimum wages, hours of work, etc., and also deal with industrial health.

But the 870,000 African workers in in-

dustry (this excludes those in agriculture, government and professional services, railways and personnel services) have no legal recognition under the Industrial Conciliation Act which governs the industrial relations of the European, Asiatic and colored workers.

In a country with an estimated total population of less than 13 million of which over 8 million are of native Bantu stock and another 2 million non-European, the exclusion of Africans, the overwhelming majority of the working class, thus leaves the labor movement weakened to the point where it is powerless before the intensified government attack on its conditions.

And now, in a witch hunt being conducted by Malan in concert with the nations of the "free world," the government is using laws, passed ostensibly for the suppression of communism, to further undermine the labor movement. Under acts which give such a wide definition of "communism" that the government can legally remove from office any trade-union official (with no right of appeal to the courts), more than 50 trade-union leaders have been removed from office and banned "from attending any gatherings within the Union of South Africa during a period of two years."

"When one recalls," states the TUC report, "that the very concept of trade union organization for natives is regarded as a Communist philosophy, it does not call for much imagination to visualize the Act being used . . . to deny completely any form of industrial organization for the natives. . ."

American Negro and white workers: Take heed and close ranks against the double-barrelled attack of capitalist white supremacy!

There Is a Choice

By Joyce Cowley

George Sokolsky, the Hearst columnist sees a close relationship between the rise of juvenile delinquency, which indicates a lowering of moral standards, and the "moral weakness" of many U.S. soldiers in the Korean war. He quotes Hanson Baldwin, a military expert:

"Most of our men fought because they were drafted and had to fight, they did no more than they had to do. They were not cowards in a collective sense; rather, they fought for no positive goal."

Sokolsky thinks this reveals a "total lack of ideals" and advocates a revival of religion and nationalism. As a first step he suggests singing of the national anthem at the opening of all public gatherings, concerts, baseball, football and basketball games, and all sorts of meetings.

I think this is a significant indication of what is really behind the police drive to "stop coddling young hoodlums." It quite obviously does not arise out of any concern for the teenagers or any interest in their problems. I'm also skeptical as to whether the police care as much as they say about the safety of decent citizens.

But they're really worried about these sullen, rebellious, disenchanted kids. A million of them under 18 years of age appeared in U.S. courts last year. When they do reach 18 and are old enough to be drafted, what kind of soldiers will they make? If you can't keep them in line when they're 15 or 16, how can you drive them

into the army a few years later? Even more than the soldiers in the Korean war, they will see no purpose in fighting, no goal they want to achieve, no "ideals" to serve.

Personally I don't think a few clubbings from the police will bring about a fundamental change in attitude, and I doubt if singing the national anthem at basketball games and concerts will be any more effective.

What these young people want is a society in which they find recognition of their problems and needs, instead of being publicly branded in courts and newspapers as hoodlums, punks and teen-age beasts. They want a useful place in the world, they want to make plans, they want a future. All that they can see ahead is destruction and violent death. They feel that they have no choice and there's no way out.

There is a choice. It's not inevitable that young people wind up in the blind alley of narcotic addiction or tearing down the highway at 90 miles an hour in a souped-up car, with police bringing up the rear.

These youngsters have totally rejected the false ideals of modern capitalist society but they have not yet learned to fight against capitalism and its grim alternative of joblessness or war. In this struggle, in organizing to build a new society of peace and abundance, in the ideas, program and perspectives of the socialist movement, they can find that positive goal that was so conspicuously lacking on the battlefields of Korea.

Notes from the News

THE "JOE MUST GO" MOVEMENT is getting up a new head of steam in Sault City, Wis. Labor's Daily reports that Leroy Gore, local editor who directed the first unsuccessful drive to recall McCarthy to the Senate, is appealing for national support. "It is apparent," he said, "that neither the United States Senate nor the Administration will curb McCarthyism. Only the people can curb McCarthyism."

BIKINI SEA WATER, poisoned by the hydrogen-bomb explosions, has drifted thousands of miles and radioactive fish have been found as far away as India and Northern Japan. Frank Edwards in the Sept. 6 Farmers Union Herald reports that "in spite of official warnings that the water along the beaches of Japan is radioactive, many persons have gone swimming." Although there have been no fatalities so far, "Japanese medics anticipate plenty of trouble later on." Edwards asks: "What happens if the radioactive water swings around the North Pacific and down along our own West Coast?"

"IF THEY WILL ONLY POSTPONE STARVING for a while, the economy will adjust itself." This promise, says Congressman Robert H. Mollohan (D.W.Va.) is all that is offered to the thousands of "involuntary idle" in West Virginia who have exhausted their unemployment benefits. Mollohan is quoted in Labor's Sept. 11 issue as stating that "employment in the coal mining industry is at the lowest level since 1900."

A WORK-RELIEF PROGRAM, the first since WPA of depression days, was put into operation recently in Cleveland. James Gorman reports in the Cleveland News that 324 of the 3,324 city relief clients — "involving 8,199 people" — will go to work immediately at 75 cents an hour. Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze commended the new program and noted that it would serve a two-fold purpose: (1) "The mothers and children of men on relief will get a lift seeing the head of the family going off to work with a lunch under his arm. (2) The man himself will have his pride restored in the feeling that he is earning his monthly allotment and not getting charity from the city." No report was made about plans for taking care of the exactly 3,000 left on relief rolls.

APPEALS FROM AMERICAN PARENTS caused one of New York's largest publishers of comic books to discontinue its line of "horror and crime comics." Wm. M. Gaines, president of Entertaining Comics Group, said that six books with a combined monthly circulation of more than 2,000,000 copies will be dropped. The comics are "The Hunt of Fear," "Tales From the Crypt," "The Vault of Horror," "Crime Suspensories," "Shock Suspensories" and "Two-Fisted Tales." According to the N. Y. Herald Tribune Gaines said that "a large portion of our readers are adults," and "some of our biggest sales in horror comic books are on university campuses." He added: "We have a tremendous following at Harvard, Ohio State, Penn State and many others."

FEWER THAN TWO MILLION of the 18 million white-collar workers in the country are members of labor unions. This figure, states the Racine Labor of Sept. 3, was "quoted in a resolution" passed unanimously at the recent convention of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor. The resolution called upon the WSFL to immediately put into operation a plan designed to bring the white-collar group into unions and to seek national support from the AFL convention slated to meet in Los Angeles next month.

SHIPPING INDUSTRY GETS A \$400,000,000 HANDOUT. The taxpayer will foot \$173,000,000 of this melon and underwrite the balance, reveals William V. Shannon in the Sept. 12 N. Y. Post. The four bills, quietly pushed through a recent session of Congress, provide for the construction of 40 new privately owned ships, the modernization and repair of 54 others. Shannon concludes that the "Administration has now gone all the way and eliminated all risk from the shipping business," leaving "the private owners only the profits."

FOR THE THIRD MONTH IN A ROW, the consumer price index increased in July. The rise of one-tenth point brought the index to within two-tenths point of the record high last October. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says the rise is mainly due to higher prices for food.

Register in Baltimore School



A white and a Negro student register together for the first time in the history of Baltimore public schools. Lillian Hobbs, 13, and Thomas Mason, 13, shown at the opening of Clifton Park junior high school. Many places adopted token desegregation which permits a few Negro children into formerly all-white schools but keeps most Negro pupils in their old separate schools.

Myra Tanner Weiss Scores Outlawing of Political Party

NEWARK, Sept. 10 — Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Vice-President in 1952 and the party's national campaign director spoke to an enthusiastic audience of workers here last night. The public meeting at 52 Market Street, the local SWP headquarters, opened Comrade Weiss' national speaking tour.

"The day of August 12," said Comrade Weiss, "marks a turning point in the history of our times. On that day Democrats and Republicans, McCarthyites and liberals, joined hands to rush through the Communist Control Bill. Afraid that the deepening depression would

produce a growing revolt of the majority of the population, the whole Congress lined up behind the union-busting measure." The workers' response to this attack on their rights has come swiftly, the speaker pointed out. She cited the action of many UAW locals in Detroit in rallying to the support of the Square D workers, victims of the first police scab-herding that Detroit had experienced since 1940.

"The employers, the newspapers and the cops denounced the striking union — the UE — as Communist infiltrated and dominated and the strike as a Communist plot. But the militants throughout Detroit recognized scab-herding for what it was, and once again as in the Thirties, the flying squadrons of the UAW went into action."

The fight of the workers against strike-breaking will not stop at militant defense of picket lines, the speaker stated. It will pass over to a political offensive through the building of a Labor Party. "We will put into Congress men and women of courage and principle, the most devoted fighters for the working class. Only then will there be a Congress that legislates for the benefit of the bulk of the population."

More colorful notes included a group of letter carriers marching with a black-draped casket labeled, "Postal Pay Raise."

Floats voiced such themes as "Vote Democrat! Down with the Republicans!" and labor-management team-work. These official slogans were rather ironic in view of the Democratic record of failing to live up to their pro-labor promises and voting for anti-labor legislation. The labor-management peace signs were even more at variance with the real truth in Detroit where management is driving to institute speed-up, wage-cuts and non-union shops throughout the plants.

While these ornate floats and large, printed placards tried to bolster the myth of management's co-operation with labor, the striking workers from the Square D plant were passing out a leaflet which proclaimed "Detroit is Still a Union Town" in defiance of the force and violence used against them by the company and Detroit police force in an attempt to break their strike and their union.

Gov. Williams was the main speaker of the day. The applause he received from the spectators as he marched to the reviewing stand was scattered and unenthusiastic. He discussed unemployment and measures to combat it during his speech as did all the other governmental and union officials who spoke. The crisis of mass unemployment has reached a new high this month and the politicians paid their usual lip service to the task of solving this problem.

All the radical groups in Detroit were at the scene distributing leaflets and selling their papers and magazines. Although the anti-communist, anti-radical propaganda has been pouring out thickly from the official daily press there was a remarkable lack of hostility towards the leaflet-passers and sellers of papers.

Supremacists Threaten Violence over Schools

By Fred Hart

Threats of violence, economic pressure and swift legislative action were prominent features of the Jim Crow movement to preserve segregation in the Southern schools as children returned to class for the fall term this month.

Most of the Southern states stood pat, thanks to the Supreme Court's failure to order the abolition of segregation this autumn. It will be October before the Supreme Court will even begin its anti-segregation decision of last May should be put into effect. The Southern white supremacists are using the time to work out various schemes for evading eventual desegregation orders.

In some of the border states, local officials, deciding that evasion would be too difficult and costly, voted to allow Negroes to begin attending some previously all-white schools. West Virginia was one of these states. In some of the northern counties initial integration moves were carried through without incident.

JIM CROW VICTORY

But in White Sulphur Springs, a mountain resort town in Greenbrier County, the enemies of Negro equality stirred up a "revolt." They induced 300 of the high school's 400 students to walk out of class and march through the streets carrying placards that said, "No Negroes wanted in our schools."

The next day they held a meeting, attended by 700 whites, who announced that they would "remove bodily any Negroes who attended class."

This threat to use force and violence was enough to get the Board of Education to cancel its previous instructions to permit Negro students to attend the schools closest to their homes. The schools were closed down to let the Negro students get their belongings and clear out to return to the "Negro schools."

Negro parents responded by pledging to keep their children home until "equal school facilities" were provided by the board of education. But the victory was clearly with the white supremacists. They had won their demand and set an example for the Jim Crow forces of the whole South on how to put pressure on vacillating school board officials. It is certain that their example will be widely imitated.

Meanwhile in Mississippi, where no school board would dare to even suggest non-segregation, the state legislature wasted little time in approving a proposed constitutional amendment, to be ratified in an election in December, to permit the legislature to abolish the public schools as a means of retaining

segregation. South Carolina, Georgia and Louisiana have taken or are planning similar action.

But, as Mississippi State Senator Willis Matthews said, the abolition of public schools is contemplated only as a "last resort." Before taking this step the white supremacist leaders propose to try many others, including the use of terror to force Negroes to agree to "voluntary segregation."

Whites, said Matthews, are going to be organized to put "great economic strain" on the Negro people. They will be threatened with the loss of jobs, foreclosures on mortgages, denial of credit, etc., unless they "volunteer" to demand the continuation of segregation in the schools.

Their leaders are already being ordered to "get out." The

NAACP reported on Sept. 9 that its branch officers in several sections of Mississippi have been receiving "threatening visits and telephone calls by white persons." In the recent primary campaign Sen. Eastland and other candidates ran for office on a pledge to "run the NAACP out of the state."

The threats against Negroes who continue to demand the end of segregated schools are hardly veiled. Gov. Talmadge of Georgia openly stated on a national TV program on Sept. 12 that any attempt to implement non-segregation in that state would be "the most dreadful thing we have known since the period of Reconstruction." This was a reference to the period when the Ku Klux Klan was formed and murdered thousands of Negroes demanding first-class citizenship rights.

ACLU Backs Ballot Fight of Chicago SWP

CHICAGO, Sept. 10 — Official endorsement was granted last week by the Illinois Division of the American Civil Liberties Union in the legal fight over the attempt

to deny the Socialist Workers Party its right to a place on the ballot. The SWP candidate for Congress, Howard Mayhew, was ruled off the ballot by a three-man election board Aug. 27. The board made its ruling less than 24 hours after a public hearing on the validity of Mayhew's petitions, which contained 2,400 signatures over the legal requirements.

At that time, Mayhew noted that the board had acted so fast that it could not have studied either the petitions or the stenographic record of the hearing. He charged:

"It is obvious we are being discriminated against on the basis of our political views and not because we failed to comply with the election law."

The American Civil Liberties Union stated that its decision to help was in line with the ACLU policy to defend the right of minority parties to a place on the ballot and to insure a democratic election. F. Raymond Marks, Jr., attorney for the Illinois Division of the ACLU, will continue to represent the SWP in court.

At the same time that the capitalist machine politicians denied the socialist candidate a place on the ballot and thus disfranchised the thousands of voters who signed his petitions, it gave a seat in the Illinois House of Representatives to James J. Adduci, pal of Capone mobsters.



HOWARD MAYHEW, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Congress in the Illinois 2nd District who was ruled off the ballot by biased election officials, is receiving American Civil Liberties Union aid in appealing for his ballot rights.

Through control of the Republican Senatorial Committee, Adduci arranged for the sole Republican candidate to withdraw, got the Committee to appoint him as candidate, and so he goes to Springfield. All this is perfectly okay under the capitalist election laws.

Our Readers Take the Floor

Urges Better Policy Toward New China

Editor:
The imminent collapse of Western civilization because of a senseless and preventable thermo-nuclear war is a distinct and horrifying possibility. The cities which created our magnificent industrial power with the potential to supply the world with the goods it needs at a small and reasonable cost are future target areas for atomic, hydrogen, and even cobalt bombs. The treasures of Western literature may well be burnt to a crisp. The depopulation resulting from such a bombing would cause an irreparable obstacle to any possibility of a potential rebirth of civilization such as followed the barbarian destruction of the Roman Empire of antiquity.

Perhaps this seems to some people a lamentable but inevitable possibility. However it can be avoided if the present policy of the U. S. State Department towards the U.S.S.R. and the People's Democratic Republic of China is changed. China is no longer a helpless giant over whose prostrate body the imperialist powers fought for economic and military privileges.

China is now a rapidly growing industrial power. The combined industrial might of Soviet Russia and China will, in future years, put that of the U.S. and Europe in the shade.

Our policy must be fundamentally revised to meet these new conditions. The U.S. must relinquish its customary imperialistic preconceptions of China or else face the responsibility for beginning the unmitigated calamity described in the first two sentences of this letter.

K. F.
New York City

Vivid Picture In 'Future Frutero'

Editor:
As I read Amargo's story about "A Future Frutero" in the Sept. 13 Militant, each paragraph pulled me on to the next and I finished the story with a vivid picture of the dismal future facing the six-year-old Central American boy.

I thought of him again this morning when I saw the little Puerto Rican kids in my block enjoying the "benefits" of their sidewalk-gutter playground. I wondered what they'd be when they grow up — if they live to grow up.

There's no wondering about the six-year-old in Central America, however. His future has been foretold by United Fruit Co. The company's file card says he's a "future frutero."

R. A.
New York, N. Y.

Labor Should Offer Road for the Youth

Editor:
I would like to add one point to Art Preis' excellent article, "Why Do They Kill?" in the Aug. 30 Militant. That point is the responsibility of the labor leaders and the labor movement as a whole for the alarming growth of juvenile delinquency.

It is absolutely correct to say that it is the lack of perspective that capitalism offers to the youth plus the insane brutality of the system itself that turns youngsters in growing number

down the destructive road of crime. But it should be added that the youth is frustrated because the working class movement is not showing them a way out. It is not offering a road of struggle against the capitalist system.

The passivity of the labor movement thus has repelled the youth and forced it to turn down the blind alley of delinquency. This is the essential difference between the present generation of youth (and all the generation of teen-agers that have come up since World War II) and the youth of the Thirties. The Thirties were depression years and the outlook then for life under capitalism was either more depression or war. Yet juvenile delinquency was not the serious problem it is today. There was an alternative to war and depression at hand that the teen-agers of that day could see. That was the insurgent working-class movement which enlisted the enthusiasm and readiness for self-sacrifice of big sections of the youth.

This is missing today. Once the labor movement again gets into motion through the building of a Labor Party, the youth can be expected to rally to its side and the problem of juvenile crime will correspondingly decrease.

D. R.
Newark, N. J.

'Wonderful Job Cops Are Doing'

Editor:
What's happening to the New York "experiment" called "Operation 25"? Hundreds of new police have been sent into East Harlem ostensibly "to determine if an increase in the number of police would not cut the number of crimes committed." The following letter, signed "Juvenile" and published in the Sept. 9, N. Y. Post

will give readers of the Militant an idea of what is really happening:

"Let me tell you the wonderful job the cops are doing massed on the upper East Side. I had a summer job up there. During lunch hour, some of us had a game of stickball on 127th St. Two Fridays ago, we were playing when a patrol car stopped, saw us playing but didn't say anything. Then one of them remembered the cleanup. He told us to get off the street. And we did. As we fled away, the cop asked the baby of the group, a 15-year old kid brother of one of the workers, how old he was. 'Old enough to know better,' said pee-wee. 'You wise little b —', snarled the cop as he smashed him over the head with his nightstick, pulled him into the car and drove off. We got our foreman to go to the station. He came back alone. An hour later, the kid came back in the patrol car, practically in hysterics, showed us bruises.

"Maybe I should have sent this to The News. They'll be so happy to know cops aren't 'coddling dangerous delinquents' anymore."

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