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Drug Monopolies Plan \$20 Million In 2-Month Test of Strength

By Carl Goodman

Drug houses licensed to manufacture the Salk vaccine will hit it rich this year, thanks to the miracle preventive. It's theirs, all theirs, to profit on.

Dr. Jonas Salk, the vaccine's discoverer will collect no royalties. As a man of science he refused to patent the vaccine, giving it to the nation. But the U.S. government handed it to the private

According to the May 3 N. Y. Post, the vaccine is expected to bring about \$20,000,000 in pretax profits to its manufacturers this year.

DIVIDENDS TO CLIMB

Dividends on stock are exyear for Allied Laboratories, a voluntary code of ethics. from \$3.25 per share in 1954 to \$5.50. Other drug houses expect similar bonanzas.

Stock market speculators also stand to gain a handsome profit. They quietly bought up stock in the six drug houses a few months | Health Dept. official told the

That they didn't operate entirely on guesswork is hinted in a private newsletter circulated to its clients by Carl M. Loeb, Rhoades and Co., one of the nation's largest brokerage firms.

"While the Francis report on the Salk polio vaccine was supposedly a well-guarded secret," says the newsletter, "the financial By UPWA community with its usual per spicacity and aplomb, discounted (that is, invested in) the findings well in advance of publication."

Scandal has piled upon scandal. A black market exists in the vaccine. The preventive was supposed to be administered to children first in a strict order of age priority. Doctors were suppected to climb about 70% this posed to follow the priority unde.

> But when U.S. Health Dept. officials checked vaccinations by serum from Cutter Laboratories last week, they found that a number of adults had received inoculations. Jerome Trichter, N. Y. Post April 29 that in checking the five-to-nine age group, highest priority according to the voluntary allocations, he found a "very low" proportion of inocula-

Mother Pleads for Vaccine



Mrs. Rachel De Palo of Brooklyn, N. Y., mother of the only child to die in New York field test of antipolio vaccine last year, pleads for Salk serum for her surviving child, Peter, 2, and her unborn child. Told by Board of Health to go to a private doctor, she said: "Even if we could afford it, the supply for doctors is very uncertain."

U.S., French Puppets In Saigon Gang War

By John Thayer

In refugee-crowded Saigon, capital of South Viet Nam. the past week saw shells bursting, tanks rolling, and machine guns firing, as the puppet politicians of French

imperialism fought for power. against the puppet politicians of U.S. imperialism. The helpless inhabitants of the teeming Indo-Chinese city ran screaming with General Nguyen Van Vy, whom their children from pitiable Chief of State Bao Dai had put shanty towns as mortar fire set them ablaze and as machine gun namese army. At gun-point he fire raked the streets.

The fighting began when the U.S. puppet, Premier Ngo Dinh Diem, till now a powerless figurehead, tried to squeeze out the ized fighting against Diem. Mean-Saigon Chief of Police. This was a challenge not only to the crime syndicate with its own army, the Binh Xuyen, but to Frenchowned Bao Dai, the Chief of State, who is Diem's superior.

The Binh Xuyen, which runs ed a "revolutionary" committee. all the prostitution, gambling, other rackets of South Viet Nam weren't going to be muscled out of their profitable business easily. still hasn't "recognized" the stallments from its take on the declared their "revolution" rackets.) Backed up by Bao Dai against the "legal" government

While his U.S. friends were buying up politicians and generals for him, Diem kidnapped in command of the South Vietwas compelled to declare for Premier Diem and against Bao Karl Marx is being refuted Dai. As soon as he got free, however, he recanted and organrefused. He organized a meeting of his supporters, which appointthe power to Premier Diem.

The New York Times, which population. (Binh Xuyen pays alone to Bac Chinese Revolution after all these James P. Cannon, founder of the Dai the playboy emperor, who years, did the quickest recog- Socialist Workers Party, relives on the French Riviera, 3,- nizing act in history. The State minds us what happened when 000,000 annually in monthly in- Department stooges in Saigon the spokesmen of capitalism got and the French imperialists, the of Bao Dai on Saturday April in many basic economic respects. Binh Xuyen fortified itself in 30. The Sunday edition of the That's why we say — hold onto government buildings and opened Times had an editorial hailing your hats. If history is a guide, (Continued on page 3)

The annual convention of District 1 of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America, held April 15 and 16, passed a resolution to fight for a "30hour week with 40-hour pay.' The resolution, according to the

> for a long-range campaign for a shorter work-week at higher pay. District 1 is the most important section of the Packinghouse union, including in its jurisdiction the huge stockyards and packing plants of Chicago. Over 100 delegates from Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana attended the convention

in Chicago.

union paper, was a response to

'30-for-40*'*

A possible reflection of the important UPWA District's endorsement of "30 for 40" was seen in a report in the April 30 issue of Business Week. The well-known Big Business magazine, published in New York, states: "A 30-hour week at 40 hour's pay is proposed by the United Packinghouse Workers (CIO) as a top contract demand for 1955 in the meatpacking industry. It's necessary, district UPW meetings are being told, because 'streamlined methods and new automatic machinery' are cutting into job

If it is true that UPWA will demand 30-for-40 in 1955 negotiations, the whole pattern of CIO demands for 1955 may change. Because of its timeliness, and the solid gains it would bring, "30for-40" has tremendous support among the workers.

Textile Strike **Partially Settled**

A partial settlement in the strike of 25,000 New England cotton - rayon textile workers took place on May 2. Bates Manufacturing Co., which operates five mills in Maine, signed up with the CIO Textile Workers Union and its 6,000 workers returned to their jobs. The settlement was a renewal of the old contract without any increases and without the 10c. an hour cut demanded by the employers. The union dropped its demand, which it raised after the strike began, for restitution of a 1952 pay cut of 6 1/2c. The settlement is inconclusive for the strikers, however, in that it contains a clause promising Bates any cuts in pay or fringe benefits secured by the struck companies who are still adamant in their demand for a 10c. an hour cut. A mill in New Bedford, Mass., settled on the same basis. However, the bulk of the strikers, two-thirds of them in Massachusetts, are still manning the picket lines.



Union in South: "Seize And Integrate Schools"

ment to seize and run on an in- we are an interracial group." states, urge the Executive Board armed with deadly weapons . . . tegrated basis such schools of As reported in the April issue of UPWA to call for the con-Southern states that refuse to of end segregation. At the same Packinghouse Worker, the histime it urged the AFL and CIO. as soon as merger has been completed, to undertake a gigantic organization drive to unionize all workers in the South.

at a historic Anti-Discrimination of the CIO Packinghouse Workers in Atlanta, Georgia, at the junk the public schools and set tween workers in Northern areas was held on the campus of Atlanta University, one of the declared: leading Negro institutions of the South, and was attended by 150 That this first joint Anti-Dis- for a labor-sponsored and laborwhite and Negro delegates from UPWA District 8 (Southwestern states) and District 9 (South-

BREAK CERTAIN LAWS"

President Ralph Helstein and union. As George Thomas, Director of District 8, pointed out in his speech, the conference was called "to break certain laws" and as a matter of fact "Our coming together here at Atlanta this first joint Anti-Discrimina- the plants.

A section of Southern labor has | University is against the laws | tion | Conference | of Districts | 8 called upon the federal govern- of the State of Georgia because and 9, representing 13 Southern convicts . . . causing them to be the pickets, most of whom are

> toric conference passed three particularly important resolu-

The above actions were taken fit to seize mines and railroads, unions in the new federation, with and that the "corrupt state lead- the objective of once and for all Conference of the Southern locals ers of Georgia, Mississippi and ending the unfair and dangerous Louisiana" were preparing to wage differential that exists beend of March. The conference up "private" schools to evade and workers in other sections of desegregation, the delegates America." "Therefore, be it resolved:

crimination Conference of Districts 8 and 9 condemn the the South" aimed at (1) abolishsabotage of the public school system by the Governors of eliminating poll tax and other gia and call upon President FEPC legislation; (4) outlawing The conference wa addressed Eisenhower and Attorney Gen- discrimination and segregation in by Rufus E. Clement, president eral Herbert Brownell to fulfill of Atlanta University and Negro their obligations to the citizens and (5) wiping out segregation in member of Atlanta's Board of of the above-mentioned states by Education, as well as by UPWA placing the school system of these states under Federal control and other international officers of the opening them to all students regardless of race, creed, color or national origin."

END WAGE DIFFERENTIAL

vening of an 'Economic Conference for Southern Workers', for all unions in the South: this con-

ference to be devoted to planning and setting into motion a com-Noting that the federal gov- bined economic drive throughout ernment in the past had seen the South, to be conducted by all

> A third resolution called for the creation of a \$10 million fund led "Crusade for Democracy in ing racial segregation laws; (2) hospitals and medical institutions; tranportation and public places and institutions of all kinds.

Additional resolutions, based on panel discussions, dealt with women's problems, the desirability of a similar conference of all CIO unions in the South and Another motion resolved: "That problems of discrimination within

Rail, Phone Pickets **Defy Company Thugs,** Injunctions and Cops

George Lavan

MAY 6 — As the great strikes of 80,000 telephone and railroad workers in the South neared the two-month mark, there was no sign of physical weakening or sagging morale on the picket lines. The

no concessions whatsoever. Fighting the unions with injunctions, company-minded sher- any picket line - without auiffs, scab-herding cops, and thority of law or in defiance of private armies of thugs, the companies are attempting to operate. assaults or unlawful acts toward Their big hope at the moment is any person in furtherance of any that through scarehead news- scheme to discredit the union or paper reports blaming all violence any of its members . . . hurling

get the national guards out to reak the strikes. A glance at the states below the Mason-Dixon line gives a picture of fierce guerrilla warfare. Southern Bell Telephone Com-

armed with shotguns and backed

up by cops smash the way for hem through the picket lines. In Irvine, Kentucky, the strikng non-operating railroad workers have filed a \$25 million damage suit in the Circuit Court against the strikebound Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The suit charged that the company "unlawemployed a large number of outlaws, thugs, gangsters and ex-

members of the unions." In the same area criminal the road and running over a picket, and against another, a intense that a general strike convicted killer, for shooting at

In Knoxville, Tennessee, Judge J. M. Garden granted the strikers

companies, both of them monopol- an injunction against Southern istic public utilities, backed by Bell Telephone Co. in the nine Wall Street capital, have offered eastern counties of the state. The injunction forbade the company from "sending armed men about and destruction of company lighted cigarettes at lawful property on the strikers they can pickets . . . furnishing guns, arms or ammunition to any person in any unlawful manner."

SYMPATHY STRIKES

The worst violence in the strikes has occurred in Birming. pany has flown in hundreds of ham, Alabama — the Pittsburgh supervisor-scabs. Company guards of the South. In addition to the hard time police and company thugs were giving the railroad pickets, and the pickets in several small strikes in town, the police had singled out the telephone picket line for special terrorism. Police on motorcycles charged into demonstrations in front of Birmingham's main telephone exchange. Helmeted cops with fully, corruptly and maliciously billies, assisted by 58 Pinkerton detectives carrying shotguns and clubs, did their dirty work against women.

to go forth and to shoot, beat, run It was attacks like these that over, curse and intimidate the brought some 25,000 Birmingham steel workers out in a sympathy strike April 14-15. Indeed, anger proceedings have begun against against Birmingham Police Comone company thug for driving off missioner R. E. Lindberg and Sheriff Holt McDowell was so movement began. Besides the steelworkers, employees of Southern Line Material Co., which

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MILITANT OPENS 6-WEEK SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Following the successful conclusion of the recent Mississippi, Louisiana and Geor, voting restrictions; (3) passing Militant Fund campaign, friends of the Militant throughout the country have undertaken a six-week subscription drive from May 1 to June 15.9-

Plans for the campaign were dis- Militant subscription drive. In cussed with Farrell Dobbs, Na- this period workers are looking tional Secretary of the Socialist for answers to the threat of an Workers Party, in the course of A-bomb war and depression. They his recent national tour. An in- want to know about radioactive tense, lively effort to introduce our Socialist weekly to new readers was projected.

the friends of the Militant feel the importance of the annual

fall-out and the growth of technological unemployment. And only the Militant tells the real story Farrell Dobbs reports that all and offers a real solution.

On every side, the workers and youth hear the stale and depressing "answers" to these problems presented by the liberals and labor bureaucrats. They need to know the socialist analysis of events. Above all they need a goal that's worth fighting for, a goal that will inspire them with a future of peace, a free and fruitful life. The Militant' sub-Not only are times good, the scription campaign will help meet this need.

As a special feature to aid the campaign the Militant is presenting a timely series of articles: "20 Years of the CIO," by Art Preis, one of the most capable labor and socialist journalists in America. This series (starting in this issue) will be of special into throw millions out of their terest to the youth who hardly know of the great battles that gave birth to the modern labor movement. Old-timers will look back on a history that they made. And all will get a fresh perspective of where American labor has been and where we can expect it to go from here.

> The Militant Army (Page 2) will carry regular reports on the progress of the campaign. We invite you to follow the weekly reports and join the campaign.

Henry Ford the Second vs. Karl Marx ism foreshadow real trouble for Marxism - just about as con- | Henry Ford the Second, speak- | After all, what nation has ever

By George Breitman Hold onto your hats. Poor old the American economy.

This is an old pastime. It's been going on for over a cenwhile Bao Dai ordered the U.S. tury. Whatever else you want to owned premier to report immed- say of Marx, it must be admitiately to him on the Riviera to ted that he's the most refuted get his walking papers. Diem man of all history. The only trouble is that it doesn't seem to stick, and the job has to be done over and over again. Mean-This committee thereupon de- while, the conclusions of Marxopium, police department and clared Bao Dai deposed and gave ism are accepted by an everlarger portion of the world's

> The adjoining quotation from done refuting Marx in the booming 1920's, a period like our own the current refutations of Marx

Ford the First 'Refuted' Marx, Too

"The American bourgeoisie entered the great boom of the aiding its concentration. Twenties with the exuberant

The latest funeral oration for was delivered by none other than

confidence and enthusiasm of alchemists who had finally discovered the philosopher's stone which turns everything into gold. In that golden age of American capitalism a new school of bourgeois economists. came from the colleges to proclaim the glad tidings that

Marx had been refuted by Henry Ford; that American business genius had discovered the secret of full employment and permanent prosperity without interfering with the private ownership of the means production, but on the contrary, strengthening it and

vincing as its predecessors -

"They continued to beat the drums on this theme up to the year, the month and even to the day when the stupendous myth of the Twenties was exploded in the stockmarket crash of 1929. The very week in which the whole structure came tumbling down, the most learned articles were published in the name of the most eminent college professors explaining that this prosperity was going to go higher and would continue endlessly." -From "The Coming American Revolution" by James P. Cannon, Pioneer Publishers, 10¢.

ing at a dinner of the Bureau had it so good?". of Advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers Association in New York on April 28. to keep them that way: The Second is not only an instructive example of how alive lieve they will stay good so long in this country today; he also is and our spirits high." a man who hires the most expensive speech-writers available. Let us examine some of their over 5% even at the height of pearls of wisdom.

STEADY NERVES

and tension charged," the Second notes. "People . . . worry son to worry as long as you about the possibility of strikes. remember that the answer is: They get all worked up about Keep your nerves steady and things like automation, guaran- your spirits high. teed annual wages," etc. Some But why should there be? and the other capitalists the Times really are good . . .

"There's every reason to be-

the Horatio Alger tradition is as we keep our nerves steady Now that's a real prescrip-

Second says, but he knows how

tion. Unemployment remains production, automation promises jobs during the next decade, The atmosphere is "volatile farm income falls, consumer debt mounts. But there's no rea-

(Wasn't Marx unbelievably stuare still "fearful of prosperity pid not to think of that? And after so long and pleasant an not only Marx. It's too bad that acquaintance with it." There are the Second wasn't around in the "periodic spells of uneasiness." | 1920's to give his grandfather

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were met with brutal suppres-

sion; many were killed, wound-

On March 7, 1932, a demon-

jobs at the Ford River Rouge

plant was dispersed by machine-

guns, with four dead and many

wounded. Then, in July, came

the savage attack on the un-

who had come to Washington

his troops, drove out the 25,000

ed and jailed.

20 YEARS OF THE CIO -- First of a Series

Industrial Organizations, A new generation has grown up since back to the earliest struggles ing them. the CIO's birth on Nov. 9, 1935. of modern American labor. The Young workers now in their twenties, who join a union as a combining all workers of an in- AFL. Today, the CIO alone has try has ever known. matter of course, remember dustry regardless of craft, skill, CIO was, without doubt, the the great inspirations of the greatest event in modern Ameri- pioneer American unionists and, can history.

The heroic past of the CIO, the titanic events that brought it forth, are dimmed not only by time. The capitalist propagandists and the union leaders themselves have deliberately tried to bury and hide the true nature and significance of the CIO's history. It has been surrounded with falsifications, distortions and myths.

The CIO merger with the American Federation of Labor able pages in American labor provides an occasion to recall young workers with the CIO's lessons and traditions as a War I strikes. powerful weapon for the further

year American labor heads of a few of the more vision of industrial unionism - three million members in the organization any capitalist coun-

especially, the socialists.

an attempt to organize the They had no rights - no means fessional strikebreakers. American Railway Union as an of self-defense from even the Today, strikes are so comindustrial organization of the most brutal aggressions of the monplace that only the most railroad workers. The Industrial employers. They were fired at gigantic industry-wide walkouts has gone ahead with startling Workers of the World (IWW), will, speeded up to a killing are treated as front-page news success," he boasted. Even "the called themselves the Left Oppopularly known as the Wob- pace, worked for 10 and 12 in the national press. When 35,and in several great post-World back in 1929.

emerge full-blown from the that continues to this very day, almost twice as many; the AFL There are some big differ- itself boasts 101/2 millions. When celebrates the 20th anniversary aggressive AFL leaders like ences between the America of these two labor bodies merge, of the CIO — the Congress of John L. Lewis, the CIO's found- 1929 and 1955 — and the CIO they will form a massive oring president. Its origin goes played a major part in produc- ganization almost six times as

large as the AFL 25 years ago. In 1929, there were less than This will be the biggest labor

dimly, if at all, when there was no CIO. Yet, the rise of the ligion or politics — was one of The "Golden Twenties" and Today

blies, in the decade before and hours a day straight-time at 000 workers in 19 plants of the awakened to the necessity of

battles which wrote imperish production workers are union the April 2 N. Y. Times rated to be accepted more and more form of the Left Opposition, towns where evicted families zed. Even where they suffer the story at five paragraphs as a preventive of labor dispioneers of the Socialist Work- were forced to live. An estimathistory. The Communist Party poor leadership, the unions in buried on an inside page. for the new generation the rec- of the Twenties, before its de- industry put some restraints ord of the CIO, its achievements generation under Stalinism, ad- upon the unrestricted brutaliza- strikes, involving 289,000 work- 1916 to 629 in 1928. and shortcomings, its victories vanced the program of industion of labor that was practiced ers for a loss of 5,352,000 manand defeats. We must arm trial unionism within the AFL by the monopoly corporations days. In 1953 there were 5,091 detail would fill pages," he

rovement.

year 1929 — to the beginning of strikes. A few hundred or a few the labor front.

The CIO did not suddenly the great depression-and-war era thousand strikers in the Twen- A change has a

In the "golden Twenties," | ties evoked screaming headlines workers in the mass production in the capitalist press. Almost Eugene V. Debs, the great industries — steel, auto, rubber, all picket lines were crushed socialist leader, had led the textiles, oil, chemicals, etc. — with bloody violence by police. famous 1894 railroad strike in were unorganized and atomized deputies, troops and armed pro-

strikes involving 2,400,000 work- opined. "It is sufficient to say The difference between the ers and a man-day loss of 28,- that labor is progressing at a unable to overcome the serious But the immediate origin of two periods is shown markedly 300,000. The bosses themselves greater speed than for any year depressions in agriculture and American capitalism. advance of the American labor the CIO dates to the fateful in the scope and character of called 1953 a "quiet" year on in the past, that it knows what in the coal, oil, textile, lumber,

> enterprise," a phrase now gen- ture." legs. It must be propped by depression, which continued to severe crisis . . . vast government aid, especially war spending, to stand up even temporarily. Moreover, few will now dispute the responsibility of Even die-hard Republicans voted tant emphasized: "The main But this catastrophic decline in the 1954 Congress for social reservoir of labor militancy is in stock values was merely the security improvements. Yet, as in the masses of unskilled and reflection of a profound dislocalate as 1932, the third year of semi-skilled workers in the un-tion of the entire American the great depression, the AFL organized, basic industries. The economy. Between 1929 and 1933, officially opposed federal unemployment insurance.

> Twelve years of depression. followed by 13 years of wars, war preparations and war scares, have undermined the sense of security that prevailed back in 1929. The American people are no longer blind believers in a masses, put itself at the head the employment index fell from natural and inevitable progress of their struggles and lead in 94.8 points to 76.5. under capitalism. Their minds the work of organizing them Unemployment rose almost are plowed deep with doubts and into new industrial unions."

> But there were no doubts and storm forecast in the Militant the jobless ranging from 13,300,fears in the mind of AFL Presi- was signaled by the collapse of 000 (National Industrial Conferdent William Green on Sept. 1, the stock market in Oct. 1929. ence Board) to 17,920,000 (Na-1929, when he issued his annual Blue-chip stocks, which had tional Research League). Labor Day message. "The or boomed to hundreds of points,



wage earners of the South have position, the Trotskyists, who became the "Hoovervilles"—the during World War I had fought wages dictated by the bosses. United States Rubber Company organization." He found that munist Party for fighting bur-munities that grew up in the Today, a majority of mass were on strike in April, 1955, "collective bargaining is coming eaucratic Stalinism. The plat-dumps of America's cities and employed World War I veterans putes" and bragged that strikes ers Party, reported "a standing ed 1,500,000 homeless — includ- to seek payment on their bo-In 1929, there were 921 had been reduced from 3,789 in army of unemployed workers ing thousands of women and nuses. On Hoover's orders, Gen.

"To give labor's victories in

widely recognized that capital- ticular. Within a few weeks and up with its world economic inism cannot stand on its own months, the onset of the great terdependence, are maturing a

The Economic Storm Strikes

The declaration in The Mili- five, four, three and even zero.

pression and coming crises strike total pay-rolls sank in one year,

them first and hardest." The from Nov. 1929 to Nov. 1930, working-class party must "turn from 95.1 points to 68.5, or al-

its face to these unorganized most a third. In the same period,

The full fury of the economic | March 1933, with estimates of

he very year of America's en-lity of the situation. His own After the first shock of the try into World War II, blasted committee, headed by Col. Ar- economic crisis the unemployed every claim of William Green, thur Wood, had reported in Dec. began to organize. The leaderalthough he never admitted it 1930 that there were "probably" ship of this movement was first to his dying day. between 4,500,000 and 5,000,000 in the hands of the Communist

On Sept. 1, 1929, Green did unemployed and had recommend- Party. It pursued, at that time, not so much as mention unem- ed a \$2 billion federal construc- an adventuristic, sectarian policy ployment or even hint at the tion program to provide jobs that in the end disorganized its possibility of depression. The Hoover claimed, however, there own movement. But the demonsole reference to unemployment were only 2,500,000 jobless. He strations initially led by the that day came from the Secre- asked for an emergency "em- Communist Party first aroused tary of Labor James J. Davis, ployment" fund of from \$100,- the American workers from who conceded that "we do have 000,000 to \$150,000,000. But his their shock and pressured the a bit of unemployment in Ameri- failure to grasp the situation first relief measures. The demca" but that it existed "even in was not unique. The then Demo- onstrations of the unemployed the best of times" and that cratic governor of New York, much of it was "seasonal."

It is unlikely that Green or 1931 when there were more than Davis had read The Militant of a million unemployed in New Feb. 15, 1929, containing the York state, asked only \$20,000, stration of unemployed seeking predictions of the faction who 000 for relief. were expelled from the Com- tarpaper-and-tinsheet shack comnumbering several millions" and young girls - wandered the Douglas MacArthur, riding a a "growing series of wage cuts." It stated:

"American capitalism has been it wants and is aware of the shipping and other industries, A change has also taken place way to secure it, and that it nor will it be able to prevent in the attitude of the American will grow in numbers and in the coming decline in iron and people toward capitalist "free strength every year in the fu- steel and automobile industries . . . the internal contradictions

erally held in derision. It is Green was wrong in ever par- of American imperialism, bound

What did the labor leaders, policy (this had always been his headed by Green, do on the policy anyway) if the employmatter of unemployment? J. B. ers would pledge not to cut

roads of the country. Mass hun- white charger at the head of

to produce - was the sign of veterans and their families with

S. Hardman, editor of Advance, wages. A "gentlemen's agree-Clothing Workers, in a 1934 "gentlemen" turned out to be symposium in a book called the AFL leaders. In June and Challenge to the New Deal," July, 1930, 60 corporations and summarized the AFL leader- industries announced wage cuts. ship's attitude:

Franklin D. Roosevelt, in Sept.

The symbol of the depression

ger amidst plenty — want despite an unparalleled capacity

"The Communists staged hunger demonstrations and marches. March 1931, the Bureau of La-The liberals organized unemployment insurance conferences. 525 workers in manufacturing The socialists advocated remedial legislation and relief meas- cuts of 9.4%. In mining, 110,full horror of the capitalist ra- industrial production dropped ures. The men of the Conference 669 anthracite workers were tionalization falls directly on 48.7%. The national income fell for Progressive Labor Action slashed 9.2%, while 213,028 bitthem, and the attacks of the from \$81 billion in 1929 to \$39 promoted Unemployment Leag- uminous miners received wage capitalists in the present de-billion in 1932. The index of ues. The AFL alone carefully cuts of 16.2%. At that time, guarded its record of safety and United Mine Workers President sanity and did about nothing."

> Green marched a mile from the the AFL leaders. AFL headquarters to the White House and asked Hoover to spend some money for relief. Then they marched a mile back. This ended their "uprising" for the duration of the depression.

Seeking to preserve their profits and to foist the whole weight of the depression on the workers, the corporations instituted wave after wave of wagecuts. By 1931, wages and sal-

aries were halved over 1925. fow months after the stock market crash, Green had, attend- | narrow ed a conference of employers mass production country. summoned by Hoover. There the

fire and bayonet. AFL Do-Nothing Role in Crisis organ of the Amalgamated ment" was made. The only

The AFL did nothing.

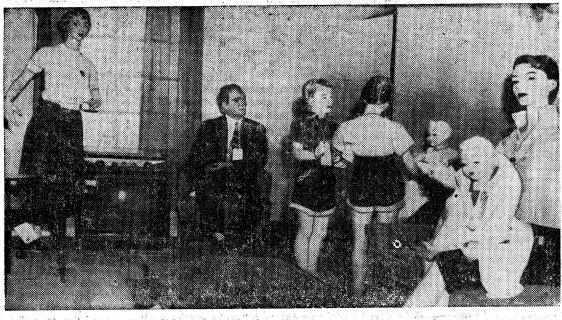
Between March 1930 and bor Statistics reported 2,937,industries suffered average wage John L. Lewis toured the min-Not absolutely nothing. One ing areas putting down strikes day in Feb. 1932, about 100 and counseling acceptance of the AFL bureaucrats led by William cuts. That was the role of all

By 1931, Lewis' union had shriveled to 60,000 members from a 400,000 peak in 1920. Green's 1929 prophecy of the AFL's uninterrupted growth was swept away in the depression. The AFL membership, which had stood at 4,029,000 in 1920, was declining at the rate of 7,000 a week by 1931. It fell, by 1933,

to a low of 2,127,000. Those figures are history's commentary on the policy of

[Next Week: The Myth of the AFL leader pledged a no-strike New Deal.

Don't Be Dummies Like These



These dummies - representing a "typical American family" - await extinction by atomic explosion in living room of target house built for destruction in current A-bomb tests in Nevada. The American people don't want to be dummies and just wait for the capitalist rulers to kick off an atomic war. The struggle for socialism is the only way to prevent atomic war and to keep imperialist war-makers from making dummies out of us.

ganization of the unorganized on the index, fell overnight to Hoover simply denied the sever-Money Lords Feud for Atomic Energy Control

atomic energy. empire. The Second World War upset When Congress last year passthis relationship. The du Pont ed the new atomic energy law, Ponts along with the other mon- in this case chemicals. dynasty, which ranked last it was correctly called the big-opolists who have contracts from The last year in which we among the tops, previous to the gest steal in American history. the AEC do not get exclusive were able to obtain any inforwar, garnered in the greatest This law took \$12 billion of patents for any discoveries that mation was 1950. In that year, amount of extortionate super- American taxpayers money, they make in the course of their Union Carbide & Carbon, their profits as a result of the war, which was used to build up the atomic research activities, they nearest competitor in chemicals. The relationship of forces today atomic energy industry, and vir- do acquire another asset which obtained about 80 patents, where-

is changed to the extent that tually made it the private prop- is of inestimable value - ex- as the du Pont Corp., averaged the du Ponts probably rank erty of the biggest monopolis- perience and know-how by the about one patent every day durequal to the Rockefellers in the tic cliques in America.

Before the Second World War, forgotten, are the chief stock- ranks first. It is the chief bene- the du Ponts to the other cliques. projects working simultaneously the corporation, is an unequivothe standing of the top ruling holders in the General Motors ficiary of the new law which Naturally, it is difficult to state in different stages of develop- cal sign, not only of the caution factions in American finance Corp., the largest single indus- made America's atomic energy what share the du Ponts have ment, and spread over 13 depart- and uncertainty involved in the capital, was as follows: Morgan trial unit in the world, as well facilities wide open to exploita- carved out as against the other first, with \$30 billion; Kuhn, as the beneficiary of the most tion by the private monopolies. principal contractors, prime Loeb & Co. ranking second with lucrative cost-plus, fixed-fee con- One of the biggest assets of the among whom are General Elec-\$11 billion; Rockefellers, third, tracts from the government. du Ponts, is its research fa- tric, Phillips Petroleum, Westwith \$61/2 billion; Mellons fourth, That, however, is only one facet cilities. As an AEC contractor inghouse Electric, and Union with more than \$31/2 billion, and of the du Pont empire. The sec- during the course of the war Carbide and Carbon. the du Ponts last with \$2 2/3 ond, of course, is its standing years, the du Ponts have had However, there is a way of billions. The du Ponts were a as the leading chemical production their research virtually financed gauging it, and that is by the and the competition between GE lent clue to their general estistable satellite in the Morgan er in the country. The third is by the government at the tax- amount of patents which a compavers expense.

of the six principal Atomic employ — and this is of key industry. Du Pont was able to

pany obtains during the course While it is true that the du of a period in a related field -

hundreds of scientists in their ing the year, the highest in the

ments, staffed by more than situation, but also a portentous

eration of one of the companies which has been in the headlines - General Dynamics, the conthe first atomic-powered submarine, the Nautilus, and is now engaged on a new one, the Sea Wolf.

Just about a year ago, on

The publicity given to the rise junctural circumstances. of General Dynamics (the N.Y. Times gave it almost a half of Energy Committee Chairman, is to the working men and women a page last Sunday) would lead the representative of the Rocke- of Detroit. one to believe that this is the fellers, and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. herald of a new era for capital- and is probably only too happy says, "Our route work is in high ist growth. However, their fi- to lend a hand in the buildup gear. We sold 16 papers today nancial status shows that the of General Dynamics, since he, and are building up interest in washed our hands of those old banking groups supporting it do as well as the Morgans and our May Day meeting. We were not show nearly as much con- Lehmans, is interested in ob- delighted to welcome Leon back big battle for the recognition of fidence in it as the stock mar- taining an equilibrium among in our Militant work for now ket ticker, and the articles of the dynastic financial cliques. would have us believe. For the loan agreement, which Consolithe new merged corporation) follow it. The cutting of the their constant effort is rewarded

The du Ponts, it must not be Energy contractors, du Pont | significance in the relation of | do it because it had over 1,000 | tations, however, are imposed on 2,000 scientists and technicians. sign of the extreme instability As stated above, another prin- in the economic situation in the cipal AEC contractor is General U.S. The latitude which the

continuously to its peak in

Republican President Herbert

HAND OF MORGAN

And so, particularly under these circumstances, how could a smaller company take over two such large corporations? The reason for it is that the cern which last year launched acquisition of Consolidated Vultee and Stromberg Carlson presumably has the backing of the House of Morgan (which is linked to General Dynamics through

> its Bankers Trust Co.) and Lehman Bros., which has just underwritten a \$60 million

create a blueprint for stable relationships between the financial oligarchies. It is another to campaigns the year-round, And precious cloth of atomic energy, when they receive a letter like to fit the ugly pattern of monoexplosive politically as the atom tant during a street-corner sale): this. He still has Dixon-Yates I enjoyed reading your newspaper staring him in the face.

[Eighth of a series. Watch for next installment: "The Dixon"Rush more Militants!" This is the message we're get- of your papers, I know that I will



Campaign, which of this issue.

Detroit anticipated the campaign, ordering a big increase three weeks ago.

Dynamics absorbed in the past entirely new and as yet untried 9, Eddie and Sherry sold 12 Miliyear, two other corporations; field. Thus the alliance between tants at a UAW meeting which workers - both those who have Consolidated Vultee, which is the Morgans and Lehmans, bit- followed the convention." On twice the size of General Dy- ter banking rivals over the long April 14 and 17, 23 Militants were namics; and just a week ago, course, in this particular in- sold at NAACP meetings, and stance is based strictly on con- again on April 21 these re-Mr. Lewis Strauss, the Atomic their efforts to bring the paper

> again we have our top team back It is one thing however, to in the field. Leon and Ann are a combination hard to beat."

New York is another city that the following (sent in by a reader the Militant very much. So I would like for you to send me one of it, with the full and final text of the Africa - Asian conference when it is all over. Be-

THE MILITARY cause, by sending to you for one

over the country. And it's all in preparation for the Big

order over 200%. Cleveland's increase is 400%, and

However, many of our enthusiastic sub-getters don't just sit tinue each week to bring its readon their thumbs waiting for a ers the only genuinely socialist campaign to begin. Some, like analysis of the news - both the Detroit contingent carry on a American and world-wide - pubyear-round campaign. Jean Blaine writes from there: "On April be sure the Militant will condoubtable campaigners continued

And Helen Baker from Seattle

ting from Militant sub-getters all get all the true facts of it." Of course, the present subcampaign couldn't have been possible without the preceding Press Fund Campaign. And the you've just read fact that it went way over the

about on page one top will be a spur to everyone to make this the biggest and best Philadelphia has ever. Even at this late date increased its more than a month after the weekly Militant | Press Fund is officially finished - Chicago sent in \$37 more,

bringing their total to \$1740 (\$140 above their quota). And the grand total nationally -\$15,665 or \$665 over the top! With this fund to draw on we

can be sure the Militant will conlished in this country. We can tinue to reach the most advanced already made its acquaintance and know it as an old friend, and those many more who are waiting for an introduction.

Book - A - Month Plan

May Selection Two Friends of Man

By Ralph Korngold Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and the Abolitionist

Movement (originally published at \$5.00) Special April Price

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strike movement was killed in its infancy by Steelworkers' President David J. McDonald. as they walked out was exempli- in court by the union with loadfied by the answer given a ing and pointing a shotgun at reporter who asked strikers at the two women strikers in the course

phone company, walked out.

Woodward Iron and Jackson In-

dustries were also idled by

gate of the huge U.S. Steel of an argument on the picket Fairfield plant how long they line. They had jeered at the would be out. The reply was, "One women: "I'd rather be a scab than day, a week, or as long as the phone men stay out - we'll stay of the pickets told them to watch out as long as the union says."

WORKERS' SOLIDARITY

At this plant the sympathy strikers stationed pickets and STRIKES MOUNT found members of other unions. Only by bringing a steel union it possible to get the reluctant railroaders through the lines.

- rained into it.

sympathy strikes. The general item - typical of many from the local press. Two special deputies The spirit of the steelworkers for Bell Telephone were charged a damn Communist." When one

their language, the reply came:

"I would if there were white peo-

ple present.'

willing to strike. Passes obtained thing, growing. Three operating tically from the trees, have eviroaders were honored neither by Kentucky and Indiana Terminal the pickets or the railroaders. railroad. The Greyhound workers of advancing labor in the South. in 10 Southeastern states remain official to the struck plant was out solid. In Miami the strike behind the long telephone and ously to the sugar strikers. On

makes equipment used by the collect their pay. A wash tub | This AFL Hotel and Restaurant | melting away. American [Sugar was put before the gate for Workers strike is receiving aid Company] was tempted to do the donations to the phone workers from the New York locals. It same, but wisely thought better and money — including \$20 bills could be the spearhead of a drive of it. to organize the 20,000 hotel work-The atmosphere in Birmingham ers in this city of wealthy trying to 'stick their finger in may be sensed from the following vacationers and underpaid work- the dike' and save the Old South

Southern Strikers Defy Thugs and Cops

The CIO Packinghouse Work. ers furthering its drive to narrow the wage differential between both Negro and white, had to Southern and Northern sugar refineries, closed the Colonial and bread and sow belly, and the Godchaux plants in New pretend to like it. Orleans. Speaking for the 1.500 sugar strikers District Director George Thomas declared:

"This sugar strike is not an isolated event. It is part of the all over the South. Southern dustrialists, who see the South as the Thirties and Forties. Instead of abating, the strike a low-wage paradise where superlast chance to hold back the tide

steelworkers who had come to at unsegregated strike meetings. South wage differential begin

"These money interests are which they used to own lock. stock and barrel. They liked it when all workers in the South. work long hours, live on corn

"We Southern workers have days and are ready to stage our labor's right to a complete 'new big struggle that is breaking out deal' in our part of the country - the same battle that Northern businessmen and Northern in- workers fought and won back in

> "We are ready to stand up and corner."

"I believe this is the reason locals have contributed gener- of total assets. impromptu rally was staged by gro and white on picket lines and than see their precious North- to the striking phone workers. | ergy. The fact that these limi- Yates Contract."]

Electric, which operates the banks allow a corporation in the AEC plant at Oak Ridge, Tenn. gap between current assets and GE is also in the Morgan orbit, total assets, is often an exceland the du Ponts has created mate of the economic situation. difficulties for the Morgans.

GÉNERAL DYNAMICS

This brings us to a consid-

April 30, this company's shares were selling on the stock market at 22½. Last week they were flotation for General Dynamics. selling at 65½ — a gain of Morgan needs General Dynam-196%. What accounts for the ics as a possible buffer against rise? The contracts to build two one of its own satellites, the submarines? Hardly! The real du Ponts. For the Lehmans, it reason for it is that General constitutes a venture into an Stromberg Carlson.

newspapers like the N.Y. Times dated Vultee (the mainstay of such as the railroaders, only too movement in the South is, if any-profits are to be plucked prac-trade the punches with the bosses, has with a group of banks but we want to feel that the rest which extend credit to it, reby company officials for the rail- rail unions recently struck the dently decided that now is their of the labor movement is in our stricts that company to retain polistic cliques, may prove as who was introduced to the Milinet current assets of at least Already other Packinghouse \$25 million, out of \$147 million bomb itself. Mr. Strauss knows "I just want to let you know that

These are mighty strict finanof hotel employes has spread railroad strikes. I believe this is May 2 the CIO announced that a cial limitations, especially when from eight to nine luxury hotels, why Colonial and Godchaux have group of its international unions you consider its field of eco-At the Ensley steel plant an forging new bonds between Ne- decided to 'take us on' now, rather had arranged to lend \$1,250,000 nomic operations - atomic en-

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A Deal against the Working Class Following the treaty between the Soviet

Union and Austria and the offer of Chou En-lai to negotiate the Formosa Strait issue. President Eisenhower declared: "I will confess I have a feeling that things are on the upswing."

Eisenhower thus indicated that both sides in the "cold war" are apparently moving toward a negotiated settlement a kind of world balance of power deal.

Does this mean then that the hopes of the people of the world for peace are at last being realized?

As the Militant has previously explained, the main factor forcing the U.S. government to come to an agreement with the Soviet bloc and China is the strength of the revolutionary movement, particularly in Asia.

If genuine revolutionists stood at the helm in the Soviet Union and China, the working people would have good reason to regard Eisenhower's willingness to negotiate as a victory — and as an important step toward a socialist world of peace.

Revolutionary leaders would negotiate terms of a temporary settlement - making sure that such agreements leave working people in other lands free to carry on the struggle against their landlords and capitalists.

They would not sow illusions that such deals could be permanent. They would warn that imperialism will at the first opportunity resume its offensive. They would ceaselessly promulgate the doctrine that only by establishing workers and farmers governments in every country could mankind live in peace.

That was how the government of the Soviet Union headed by Lenin and Trot-

The press refers to the present "rash"

of strikes and wonders if it will become

an "epidemic." Lagging government fig-

ures show an increase of 32 strikes in

three weeks bringing the total to 104 and

involving 100,000 workers. Moreover, all

papers — capitalist or labor — remark on

the "more than usual belligerency" of the

antagonists. Is there a pattern to the strug-

One point is evident, the big strikes

were caused by corporation truculence.

Southern Bell refuses to grant a clause

for arbitration of all disputes in return

for a no-strike pledge, claiming it would

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad

refuses "on principle" to accept a health-

welfare plan granted by all other Class I

railroads. In textile the corporations

Business Week magazine explains. "In

1954 bargaining, many employers not only

escaped high-priced settlements but man-

aged to insert some management-demand-

ed clauses in the new contracts. They got

a taste of winning on 'principles' and don't

Labor's Daily, April 29, points out that

the bosses are emboldened by the "cush-

ion" of 3 1/2 million unemployed. "There

is a jobless worker breathing down the

neck of the chap who is employed, ready

and willing perhaps to work for less," and

the boss knows this, the article says. Also

corporations are more willing to "take"

strike losses because they can write them

off their income taxes in years to come.

Thus the government is, in effect, sub-

like giving them up."

sidizing strikebreaking.

demand a 10c. an hour cut. How come?

be an invasion of "management rights."

gles and if so, what does it portend?

Pattern and Portent of the Strikes

sky took advantage of a stalemate between the working class power and the imperialists after World War I.

Unfortunately, at the head of the Soviet Union and China today, there stand not revolutionists but Stalinist bureaucrats. And this means that there is a grave danger that negotiations will result in the international interests of the benefit to imperialism.

conclusion that for the time being they must retreat from plans for a frontal attack against the Soviet bloc. But they brief sketch will indicate, is far have hopes that they can salvage at the from stable. negotiating table some of the ground they lost at the hands of the revolutionary people. And they have good reason for these hopes.

Stalinism has over and over again proven that it will trade the revolution for flimsy diplomatic concessions. And today by the machinations of the U.S. the Stalinists are preaching poisonous lies about lasting "peaceful coexistence," about 'peace-loving capitalists" and the rest of the pacifist mythology.

The Stalinist bureaucrats offer imperialism their power to betray the revolutionary movements of the colonial people in return for a promise that the war dogs will be called off.

If the Stalinists succeed in this program they will deal the world socialist revolution another blow — but it will not bring about peace. For once the working people are deflected from their revolutionary course, counter-revolutionary regimes will triumph in country after country — and the road to World War III will be wide open to capitalism.

That's why the struggle against the lies and illusions about peaceful coexistence is the first duty of socialist internationalists.

These factors explain much of the cur-

rent toughness of Big Business and the

reappearance of attempted scab-herding.

But corporation toughness has met an

unlooked-for militancy of the workers.

remarks: "Last year when the unions got

up to a strike deadline, they'd extend the

date and keep on working. Now, when that

time comes - boom, they go out." Even

more startling is the immediate and mili-

Equally noteworthy is the unusual

longest in U.S. history since the 1922

Railway Shopmen's strike. Unity of the

topped by the enthusiastic respect for the

picket lines of the independent operating

unions. Indeed, several of them have al-

ready gone out themselves rather than

scab. Examples of AFL, CIO and inde-

pendent support for all the Southern

strikers is legion. Outstanding was the

aborted sympathy strike begun by the

steel workers of Birmingham, Alabama.

The portent of the strikes for the future

of labor in the South is clear. They have

tant response displayed by pickets.

Nixon's Lies about Latin America

By Jose Gomez Vice President Nixon, returning from his "goodwill" trip to Central America, the Caribbean countries and Mexico, declared, among other things, that those countries were entering a "new

era" of economic and political

Apart from the fact that his trip wasn't inspired by a genuine feeling of goodwill towards the peoples of the countries he visited, but above all was designed to serve the reactionary United States ruling class, his True, the imperialists have come to the statement about the "new" era and political "stability" comes into open conflict with the facts. The situation, as the following

GUATEMALA

"stability."

Central America. Nixon's first other than one of the original stop was Guatemala. What "new" era of political "stability" did he find there? With the Castillo Armas group thrust into power State Department and the United Fruit Co., the old forces of semifeudalism and semi-colonialism, returned to a leading position in the national life. The economic salaries of federal employes. organize into trade unions. Castillo Armas was forced to beg situation.

gang was faced with a number of jority of the votes.



revolts and plots. The latest took place shortly before Nixon's Let's first take a glance at arrival and at its head was none military Junta - Colonel Mon-

HONDURAS

In Honduras the retrogressive forces of semi-feudalism and semicolonialism predominate now, as before. It is only recently, under the impact of last year's general situation of the country is so which later spread into other incritical that the government lacks dustries, that the regime was the necessary funds to pay the forced to permit the workers to

The political situation is un-Nixon to use his influence to help balanced, even from the point of American countries in that it has him overcome this insoluble view of the ruling interest. Last a somewhat larger middle class, year's general elections ended in based on small landowners. The In the political field, the situa- a stalemate, Through a par- same semi-colonial features nevertion isn't much better. It is no liamentary trick the traditional, military secret that the Castillo ruling, ultra-conservative and Armas clique has no roots in the reactionary element made it imnational life. It is under constant possible for the candidate of the fear of armed revolts and plots. More moderate forces to assume

The situation in El Salvador | PANAMA isn't basically different from the rest of the Central American countries. The same economic interest | Central America, economically of semi-feudalism and semi- and politically is dominated not colonialism rules the country. A only by semi-feudal forces but is military clique is in the saddle. virtually a direct colony of the great mass of workers and pea-In the Thirties these cutthroats massacred thousands upon thousands of peasants and workers who dared to rise in the struggle for their human rights.

NICARAGUA

As far as Nicaragua is conerned, the only thing that distinquishes it from the others, is the exceptionally cynical and brutal character of the reigning feudal ord — Anastasio Somoza. This symbol of Wall Street's "free world" not only considers Nicaragua his own personal "hacienda," but is even trying to spread his power and domination to other Central American countries, especially those who try to be a ittle bit more human toward the needs of the popular masses. His plot to overthrow the regime of Jose Figueres in Costa Rica, is the most recent manifestation of Somoza's appetite for broadening his dominion. The picture of Costa Rica dif-

fers from the other Central American countries only insofar as its political regime isn't milistrike in the banana plantations, tary. It is the only country in Political "stability" in Cuba con-Central America that hasn't got sists in maintaining a constant an organized military force and bloody vigil against the plots of tradition, and is politically more opposition cliques and above all democratic, In the economic field, it differs from the other Central uprising. theless predominate in its social structure. Moreover, it is in con- cannot be said about its economic stant danger of attack from the situation. The single fact that the belligerent military dictatorships that surround it. Costa Rica can to devaluate the peso by one beings will sweep away the whole In the few short months of its the post of president, despite the hardly be characterized as living third, from its 8.60 per dollar to imposition to power the Armas fact that he obtained the ma- in a "new" era of political

The national life of Panama, which is on the border-line of United States. With the construction of the Panama Canal, Washington imposed extraterritorial rights for itself within the heart of its territory. Bilbao, for all practical purposes, belongs to the United States.

As far as its present stage of political development is concerned it just went through a period that could hardly be called an indication of "stability": not only was its president, Remon, assassinated, but the Vice President, who took over power was found to have been involved in the assassination plot and, consequently, was condemned to a six-year jail term. What "new" era of political

"stability" did Nixon find in Cuba? The economic situation in Cuba is rapidly deteriorating. Politically it suffers under the oppressive military dictatorship f Maj. Gen. Falgenica Batista who came to power through a military coup overthrowing the legally elected government with the approval of Wall Street. the ever-present threat of mass

MEXICO

In Mexico, true, în a relative ense, there is some political Mexican government was forced a sick economic state. And as far

as the great mass of the people is concerned, it represents a deep cut in their already low substandard of living.

In this connection, it should be noted that the conditions of the sants in each and every country visited by Nixon is even worse than those of Mexico.

Dr. Charles G. King, who after survey in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and Panama, reported to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund that chronic hunger is so severe that it is ... taking an "appalling" toll. Statistics revealed that more than 50 percent of deaths among children in some of these countries is due to malnutrition.

But Vice President Nixon wasn't interested in giving an accurate report to the American people about the conditions of the masses in the countries he visited. On the contrary, he tries to cover up and hide the truth about the anti-social nature of the whole system that dominates the life of Central America.

"SMILING NIXON"

Floyd Barger in the N. Y. Daily News describes Nixon as a man who "never wastes a smile or forgets to wave a hand when two or more people are together." But all of Nixon's handwaving couldn't wave aside the terrible poverty and misery of the people in the countries he visited, nor erase the reactionary purpose of

nis tour. The people of those countries weren't taken in by the Nixon smile. They know the brutal reality that it masks. And in the end the great masses in their struggle for their piece of bread and the right to live as human imperialist - propped semi - feudal above 12 pesos, in itself indicates structure that the Nixons are try-

ARTHUR DEAKIN, czar of

man in the British labor move-

"mumbo-jumbo." Nonetheless his

had had the audacity to leave Dea-

union. Deakin was an especial

favorite of Sir Winston Chur-

chill, who regarded him as the

greatest of British labor leaders.

PILOT FATIGUE CALLED A

MENACE by the airmen of 20

nations meeting in a six-day con-

ference in Montreal on April 21.

A resolution was passed calling

for the eight-hour day. Pilots are

often expected to do continuous

duty for as long as 16 hours.

Our Readers

Take the Floor

Polio Vaccine Assistant Federal Mediation Chief Mills And Battleships

4. that research on a life-saving total of \$22,400,000. This fund came from voluntary contribufor a few battleships. This sum, and the \$42 billion that will craft-jealous AFL non-operating unions is be spent this year for military ment, was also "contributed" by the American people - but not

Does Ford Co. Want a Strike?

an equally direct bearing on Northern Last week's issue of Ford labor. Michigan phone workers go into Facts was pinned up on the bulnegotiations in June. Similarly the steel letin boards in my department and aroused a lot of discussion. workers, GM and Ford workers. Four The front page had been divided operating rail unions are now in national into three columns; the left-hand negotiations; the non-ops plan to open nacolumn had highlights of the tional wage talks this summer. Victory or union's proposals on contract defeat, strength or weakness of the South- changes, the right-hand space listed the company's demands and movie about John Brown, "Seven in the middle were highlights of Angry Men." With such an exern strikes will affect them all. With its Southern Exposure soundly trounced, Big the present contract. Men gath-Business will come into Northern negotiaered in front of the bulletin boards, comparing the three columns and discussing such company proposals as elimination of full-time committeemen and of to "Charles Marquis Warren's men, the company's desire to have a voice in selecting alternate

> After reading, discussing and one fellow at work had been saying, "I don't want to strike for a Guaranteed Annual Wage! I don't cellent biography by David want to strike for 30 for 40! I Karsner, entitled "John Brown, don't want to strike for a wage Terrible Saint," published by strike?" Comparing the union's proposals with the company's has

An even clearer picture of meeting Sunday, April 24. This meeting was called by the Tool rank-and-filers from their district

ing to hear John Orr, member of the National Negotiating Committee and vice-president of Local 600, give a detailed report of the

speakers reported, "There is no enthusiasm among the men in my district for the GAW. But they received the most enthusiastic applause. "When our contract expires we should take a strike vote immediately! Tell the company, else commented on the company's demand that the number of fulltime union committeemen be cut down. Another unionist answered. "Let's tell the company we want a committeeman for every foreman. Even if he's only able to committeeman for every fore- lation of Saigon has buried its tu Education Bill. Under the new work at it part-time, let's have a man." Another person there asked dead. Having found out how that overtime be eliminated so the high the pay is for switching Africans are being taken over their own democratically-run company couldn't stock-pile cars. sides, some of the generals may by the government. The African Ford Worker

Detroit, Mich.

God's Angry Man'

Trent Hutter's review of the cellent recommendation it is possible to look forward with pleasant anticipation to seeing the picture.

deserve a great deal of attention and study.

In this connection I would like to mention another work, an ex-Dodd Mead & Co. in 1934. This

[J. M. is right. The novel, "God's Angry Man," is by Nam. men were asked to choose five with Ehlich's novel brought no in- try). Thus he owes his high Committee." Over one hundred Man." - Ed.1

| ... Puppets War In S. Vietnam (Continued from page 1)

it and calling the handful of Diem supporters behind it, a popular assembly."

U.S. agents appear to have

have been effected. Bao Dai has wing of the Christian Democrats Union died on May 1. Deakin backed down — he no longer also voted for Gronchi. The re- was probably the most hated revolution that his "popular asing is still reported on the outskirts of Saigon.

Since power rests on the support of a handful of generals in control of mercenary troops, the defection of a few generals from Diem might start the whole part of the campaign of boy- trying to put down a revolt thing up again before the popube tempted to collect again.

American reporters cabled nome that the unfortunate population of Saigon, caught in the midst of the fighting, didn't even know what the issues in the bat- In the Benoni ghetto about tle were. The great mass of the people know the rulers are agents of the foreign imperialists and n no way represent the people's interests. The issues - who gets the loot and how much the French and American imperialists are bidding for generals and politicians is of no interest to them.

Their choice would be the Vietminh, which rules the North. But, the deal at Geneva, by which the Vietminh and China agreed to the partition of the country, makes them feel that they can do nothing now but wait for the elections which were promised

Whether these elections will ever be held, or if held, held honestly, is a very dubious proposition. The U.S. State Department has for some time been encouraging rumors that the U.S. isn't bound to the promised elections because it didn't sign the Geneva agreement. The U.S. has been elbowing

French imperialism out of Viet Nam. The London Economist has pointed out that in the last year the U.S. has replaced France as the number one country for both export and import with Viet

Premier Diem had no support even in that thin layer of the population which is tied to imperialism. Only a section of the Roman Catholic hierarchy was post solely to the U.S. State De-

World Events

ITALIAN STALINIST DEPU-| grade has resumed publication. TIES and Nenni Socialists swung It was banned at the height of their votes behind Giovanni the Stalin-Tito struggle. The Gronchi for President of Italy. Hungarian Parliament has inbought over the decisive gen- Gronchi, an industrialist, is a vited the Yugoslav Parliament erals in the army, the religious- member of the ruling Christian to exchange good-will delegamilitary sects and the Binh Democratic Party, but he is on tions. The Chinese are due to Xuyen in the midst of the strug- the outs with Christian Demo- open their Embassy in Belgrade gle. The U.S. State Department cratic Premier Mario Scelba. any day now. Finally, the leadis expert in such work. It has The votes of the left deputies ing singers from Moscow's Bolstaged countless army "revolts" added to those of the pro-Gron- shoi Theatre are now performing and palace revolutions in the chi wing of the Christian Dem- in the Yugoslav National Opera. Latin American countries. At ocrats made his election inevithe same time the U.S. brought table on the fourth ballot of the heavy pressure to bear in Paris. Chamber of Deputies and the the 1,300,000 member British A compromise now seems to Senate. Seeing this, the Scelba Transport and General Workers sult is considered a dangerous turn has forgotten about the omen for Scelba's ministry. The ment. A reactionary and red-Stalinist newspapers hailed baiter, he referred to the Brisembly" declared. However, fight- Gronchi's election with hysteri- tish Labor Party's demands for nationalization of industry as

AFRICAN SCHOOLCHIL- control of the bloc vote of his DREN in the mining regions of union made him one of the most South Africa threw mass picket powerful individuals in the Lalines around schoolhouses as | bor Party. He had recently been cotting the racist regime's Ban- among longshore members who law 5,000 church schools for kin's prison house and organize National Congress is bitterly opposed to this. In Brakenburg, an African ghetto in Johannesburg, five schools were closed by picket lines and police were called. 2,500 children were involved. Adults participated in the demonstrations.

SOVIET OVERTURES TO YUGOSLAVIA are in high gear. The information bulletin put out by the Soviet Embassy in Bel-

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-- But They Can't Erase It from Life

The coming merger of the CIO and AFL is anticipated eagerly by the American workers who have seen their power weakened and working conditions deteriorate despite the fact that the labor movement, numerically, is at its peak strength. But unity alone can't solve the problems of the workers. Unity for what? On what program? That is always the question confronting labor.

The top labor bureaucracy has drafted a new constitution for the merged organization. In this document they reveal their greatest weakness.

The preamble to the old constitution of the AFL, written in the tradition of workers' organizations, reads: "A struggle is going on in all the nations of the civilized world between the oppressors and the oppressed of all countries, a struggle between the capitalist and the laborer, which grows in intensity from year to year, and will work disastrous results to the toiling millions if they are not combined for mutual protection and benefit."

The Joint Unity Committee that is preparing the merger proposes to omit this simple statement of fact from the new constitution. The language of class solidarity, internationalism, and struggle against oppression is completely alien to them. The soft, complacent, labor "statesmen" of today have none of that spirit and seek only to win for themselves the capitalist tag with slowdowns and unauthorized 1932. Of course, it's not excluded of "respectability."

tions properly chastened.

The new constitution they have drafted is composed of warmed-up capitalist the men voiced the same thought, demagogy about "strengthening our way "The company must want a of life," and preserving "our institutions strike!" Until he read this paper, and traditions."

Whose traditions and whose way of life is labor-to preserve and strengthen? Henry Ford's way of life? Morgan's? Rockefeller's? Or the workers' way of increase! I just want to work." life — full of insecurity, long and arduous Now even he was asking, "What is a fine job and deserves to be hours of labor and fears of atomic wars? does the company want? A more widely read. Labor began its history determined to create its own traditions. It destroyed the been an eye-opener for many of tradition of the open-shop. Unionism be- the men. came a "way of life."

won't change the fact that the class strug- can be expected was given at a gle exists. The strike wave that is transforming the South, the year-old fight of and Die Unit to inform their story and screen play is credited the Kohler workers, are testimony to its members of the progress of con- to Daniel B. Ullman. Inquiries at friendly to him. (Catholics are a reality and its vitality despite the false tract negotiations. All committee- Allied Artists about a connection minority in this Buddhist counprophets of class peace.

Reuther and Meany can erase the class Reuther and Meany can erase the class to participate in and form a formation, save that the movie's partment — this makes him struggle from the constitution. But they "Unit Action Contract Policy first title had been "God's Angry 100% dependent, a perfect pupcan't erase it from life.

men showed up at this first meet I read in the N. Y. Times, April negotiations. After Orr's talk the floor was polio vaccine since 1938 cost a open for discussion. One of the

tions of the American people. Just are getting steamed up about the solidarity of other workers with the the other day the House of contract." Several proposals were strikers. The present rail walkout is the Representatives voted \$1.3 bit made from the floor and this one purposes by the federal govern- 'No contract, no work'." Someone New York

Editor: I read with great pleasure I am puzzled by the reference

plant-wide seniority for skilled novel, 'God's Angry Man'," as the story basis for the movie. I have before me a copy of a novel committeemen and a tighter entitled "God's Angry Man," wording of the contract dealing written by Leonard Ehrlich in than once among the many books digesting what they saw most of written about John Brown, whose principled life and actions surely

Los Angeles, Cal.

But the words of the labor bureaucrats what's been going on and what Leonard Ehrlich. Charles Marquis Warren was the director of the movie, "Seven Angry Men," the formation, save that the movie's

No Scabs Allowed

The UAW Resolution on Women Workers

In reporting the United Auto Workers' convention in the Militant last month. George Breitman called attention to the open expression of discrimination against women workers heard during the discussion of the resolution on job security for

Space limitations do not permit reprinting the ten-and-a-half pages of printed convention proceedings on that discussion here, but every reader of this paper is urged to secure a copy of that convention debate and read it carefully.

Several points will become clear to all workers opposed in principle to any form of discrimination used to divide the work-

The first, and most ominous fact that emerges is that growing post-war insecurity, fear of unemployment, and the failure of the union leadership to propose a realistic program to defend the workers' standard of living, is opening the door to growth of backward, narrow-minded and bigoted sentiments.

Colored workers, in particular, will note the familiar ring of one argument that was raised against the resolution: women do the same job as men for less pay, and that endangers men's working conditions. That was the same faulty logic that made it possible in the past for unions to bar Negroes "because they work for less money." The industrial unions were built by recognizing you can't refuse one group of workers the protection of the union, then blame them for working for whatever they can get in order to eat.

One delegate openly stated: "I cannot agree with the sentiment that I see on the floor saying that a woman has the right to compete with a man for a job."

As an earlier speaker, Delegate Szur of Local 174, correctly said: "... who is to say a woman should work or should not? Where is our democracy in this country if a woman cannot be a free individual and make up her own mind? I think that when you start telling women you can or cannot work you are infringing upon their civil rights, which I as a woman resent."

Another delegate pointed out that his local had learned "that if management could discriminate against women they could discriminate against you because of your color, they could discriminate against you because of your age, or they could discriminate against you because you were injured."

The shameful role of UAW-CIO President Reuther, who chaired the convention session, was reported by George Breitman. He pointed out that Reuther deliberately misrepresented the resolution by saving: "It does not deal with whether you think women ought to work or not work. It deals with whether women are going to be protected when they are working. . .'

The resolution itself is a good one, and specifically spells out that "local unions (shall) continue to work toward the elimination of discrimination against

But it will be up to the women workers and the Negro workers and all class conscious workers in the UAW to organize and fight for the implementation of the B. Groat thinks juvenile delin- small, dimly-lit lounge areas. been converted into a dormitory resolution. If they don't stem the tide of reaction in the union a future UAW convention may hear Reuther weaseling on a these punks and not just social jection at the second-floor level. apart, are in violation of Dept. resolution for equal job opportunities for Negroes or some other minority group.

Labor Skates and May Day

By George Flint

Working people in other lands will certainly take note that Walter Reuther and George Meany, "heads" of the CIO and AFL respectively, did not lift so much as a finger in observance of May Day.

Evidently they thought they could get away with flouting the traditions of the international working class movement and bury the traditions of U.S. labor into the

For May Day not only had its origins in the struggles of the working class in this country, but the original call for May Day came from the parent organization of which Mr. Meany is now president. May Day 1886, was decreed by a resolution in the 1885 convention of the Federation of Trades and Labor Unions of the U.S. and Canada. In 1886 this organization changed its name to the American Federation of

Huge demonstrations involving tens of thousands of workers were sponsored for several years by the AFL in observance of the holiday and to demonstrate labor's demands for an eight-hour day. The Second (Socialist and Labor) International then made May 1st a world-wide workers'

Yet, here are Reuther and Meany completely silent about the holiday, hiding decking them with gardenias and from their own members the fact that the orchids and feeding them lollievent was brought into being by Meany's own organization.

Worse. They collaborated with the American capitalist class in a deliberate effort a feature story on Youth House, to change the workers' holiday into its op- detention quarters for delinquent posite. On April 28 President Eisenhower boys from 7 to 16 years of age, proclaimed May 1 as "Loyalty Day" loyalty, that is, to American capitalism abandoned and runaway children and its government, which the AFL of 2 to 16. The headline; ERIoriginally set out to fight.

tion seeking to observe May 1 as the in- orchids and lollipops. ternational workers' holiday was denied use of Union Square because of prior permits given to "Loyalty Day" programs mits given to "Loyalty Day" programs equipped to handle 120 boys. It sponsored by a businessmen's organization. equipped to handle 120 boys. It averages 165 and in 1954 had to sponsored by a businessmen's organization.

Other nursery children sleep two of treatment, the Society for the Protesting his "General Dis-July 1953, charged that: Thousands of members of "patriotic" groups paraded in honor of Eisenhower's of space. Here's how the Post 'Loyalty Day."

Reuther and Meany did not protest the perversion. In fact, Meany used the occasion to speak from the same platform as cubicles, two to a room. They floor where 25 or more beds are punishment, but if I had to de- or the opportunity to earn one, after the form of government of Eisenhower at the laying of the cornerstone for the AFL's new building in Washington. Meany joined Eisenhower in speaking about "the American free way of life" under capitalism.

Mother: Because there is too much coal.

MANY VIOLATIONS OF THE PURE FOOD

Bradshaw Mintener, Assistant Secretary of

Health, Education and Welfare, including "per-

haps serious ones." Only 213 inspectors are avail-

able to check 96,000 establishments that handle

food, drugs and cosmetics. About 9,000 of these

businesses are checked and 20% of the samples

tested reveal violations. Mintener concluded, "We

think there must be a lot of violations that are

SQUARE D COMPANY, which last year tried

to bust the United Electrical (Independent) union

in its Detroit plant in a bitter 107 day strike, has entered wage negotiations with the UE under

ON THE EVE OF MAY DAY, 1955, (the holi-

MAN IS ENTERING AN AGE of "a new

barbarism." the 26th annual conference of the

Eastern Psychological Association was told by

Dr. Robert Lindner, Baltimore psychoanalyst and

chief consulting psychologist to the Maryland

State Board of Correction. "The remedies for the

new barbarianism do not consist of such simple-

minded solutions as banning comic books, censor-

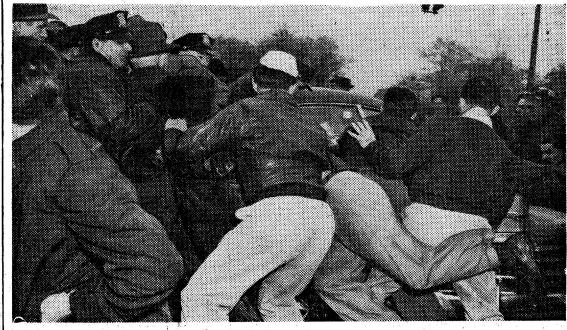
social structure," Dr. Lindner said.

day that marks the struggle for the eight hour-

a re-opened clause in the contract.

not being detected."

54 hours a week.



Scene at entrance of Sperry Gyroscope Co. plant in Lake Success, L. I., as scabs tried to drive cars through picketlines. A number of members of the striking CIO Intl. Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers were injured and 13 were arrested before mass picketing was ended by an injunction.

women at the hiring gate, in training and promotional opportunities." "Cream Puffs and Lollipops"?

By Joyce Cowley

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workers who consider them to be victims of society." This statement was warmly applauded by 1,000 members and friends of the St. George Association of the N.Y. Police Department. Judge Groat went on to denounce the "cream-puff treatment" that delinquents are now receiving which consists, he said, of "be-

By a coincidence, the same issue of the N.Y. Post which and the Children's Shelter for CHILD, TEEN SHELTERS, in-

the 32-bed infirmary every night. of treatment, the Society for the equipped to handle 120 boys. It describes the accommodations:

"MINIATURE PRISON"

quate seating space. Many of the immediately surrounding them. and lollipons.

boys are forced to stand through- The children rarely get an un-Queens County Judge William out the lesson. Between classes interrupted night's sleep. On the quents are "wild animals" and The one outdoor recreation area by packing 22 beds into the wants to see "policemen handling is a small, fenced-in roof pro- area. The beds, spaced inches There is no play equipment there. It is a miniature prison yard."

Arthur Popper, president of supervises Youth House, says that it's a "dangerous situation.' "The boys get very restless. They can't get out of doors to work off their energy. It has a

Runaways who are not ye considered delinquent, and children who are legally adjudged abandoned or neglected, wind up carried Judge Groat's speech has at the Children's Shelter which was opened in 1947 with space for 323 children. It generally ous feature has been the necessity of feeding and bedding children of the nursery age groupfrom 2 to 6-in the shelter's in-Eleven years ago the city set diseases. From 15 to 20 of the as 'tools of control'." up "temporary" quarters for de-

makeshift classrooms, some of ring and work continues all night feed him for quite some time on ship." them without windows or ade long in the admissions offices an exclusive diet of cream-puffs The allegations against him,

of Health regulations."

THE MILITANT

If Judge Groat read this article, he must feel much happier. I could cheer him up even more the Board of Directors which by describing some of the brutal punishments inflicted on delinquents in "training schools" and detention houses throughout the country. Here's what Albert Deutsch reported to members of the American Prison Association:

WORDS COVER SORES

"Ugly practices are hidden behind slick modern phrases: 1 found cellblocks referred to as 'lost privilege cottages,' caretakers and custodians called 'cothouses 400. "The most danger- tage parents,' a mass juvenile prison regime referred to as 'individualized treatment,' isolation cells called 'meditation rooms,' kitchen drudgery and other forms firmary, among children showing of industrial exploitation of child In New York City, a workers' organiza- dicates a conspicuous absence of the first signs of measles, whoop- labor called 'vocational rehabiliing cough, or other contagious tation' and whips and paddles

Sperry Strikers Bitter at Govt. Strikebreaking

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., May 5 — The strike of 10,000 production workers at the Sperry Gyroscope plant here on Long Island looks quiet and deserted compared

to the first tumultuous days of mass picketing, when the strikers | terness among the workers in shut down the plant 100% two this defense industry plant at the weeks ago and made national strike-breaking role of the fedheadlines with their militant demonstrations.

Now, in accordance with a court injunction there are only five pickets to each gate — and property." ven these are being crowded by police interference. But the of the International Union of Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, remain solid, The engineers and office workers are going through the picket lines, the production workers are fully behind the strike.

When the strike first broke on April 21, the workers made a determined effort to shut down the plant completely and prevent the non-production workers from going through their lines. They succeeded magnificently. But the government stepped in with threats of military intervention.

After promises of speedy and fair mediation of the 18-cent an hour wage-increase demand, the union attorneys consented to an injunction which, in effect, opened the gates to thousands of nonproduction workers. This inunction undid what the workers had accomplished by their mass

There is a great deal of bit-

eral government. The government threatened to call out the Mili-

As one worker on the picket line put it: "If this is governstrikers who belong to Local 450 ment property, why does all the profit go to the owners of

tary Police on the grounds that

they had to "protect their

Sperry's? The company has been living off lush government contracts for many years. In 1954 it hit a but the overwhelming majority of record profit take of \$28 million

profits of \$15,801,411. The most insidious anti-strike propaganda weapon of the Sperry corporation is the persistent rumor campaign to the effect that it is prepared to starve out the strike: "Now that you've forced this on us," the companyinspired rumor goes, "we're going to farm out our work and sit back until you come to your senses."

It was with this threat in mind that the rank - and - file strikers sought to bring a speedy and conclusive end to the strike by decisive action in the very first days. The evidence of unprecedented militancy displayed by the Sperry workers in those days are ample warning to anyone who thinks that the strike can be easily smashed.

From Detroit

ANOTHER WITCH-HUNT VICTIM FIGHTS BACK

By Jean Simon

CLEVELAND, May 1 — Charging he is the victim of liscrimination for his socialist views, Edward L. Spira, a local youth, has filed an appeal with the Army Discharge

charge under Honorable Condiin the building, in cramped, have to sleep here while phones of handling Judge Groat, I'd ing him to "second class citizen-

cited in a letter from the Army

Forty-two percent of the chil- judge who holds the future of tions" under the army regula- an active member of the Indren are "short termers" who many of our victimized young tion governing discharge of "disnever get beyond the reception people in his hands doesn't think loyal and subversive personnel," which is cited by the Attorney dormitory. "This is nothing more that conditions are tough enough. Spira is requesting that he be General of the United States as "They live in narrow, dingy than an office lobby on the main I'm not much of a believer in granted an honorable discharge an organization which seeks to attend Board of Education classes squeezed in. The short-termers cide on an appropriate method and removal of the taint reduction the United States by unconstitutional means.'

(2) In 1949 he was "in contact with the Labor Youth League which is cited as a Communist front by the Attorney General

of the United States." (3) In 1951 and 1952 he "attended meetings of the Socialist Workers Party, an organization cited as subversive and Communist by the Attorney General

In his reply to the letter Spira

"The IWW in Cleveland, where and other union activities. My activity in the IWW was that of ism were in the 1920's, and an active industrial unionist; and that's what they are today. The it did not include the seeking,

His "contact" with the Labor tion and political power threat- Youth League, he explained, cona leaflet handed him in a street nomic catastrophe. Now, as in distribution, requesting informa-

> litical science, I make it a practice to keep abreast of current events. In 1951-52, one of my ways of doing this was by attending occasional public meetings of various groups, among them those of the Socialist Works Spira was discharged from the

army in October 1953 after 14 months in the Army. In November 1954 he sent his 112-page appeal letter to the Review Board, and is awaiting a reply.

Contributions to the South-

ern strikers can be sent as

follows to the phone strikers -Southern Strike Relief Fund. Communications Workers of America, 1808 Adams Mill Rd. NW, Washington 9, D. C. To the rail strikers - L & N Strikers c/o "Labor," 10 Independence Ave. SW, Washington 24. D. C.

... Henry Ford vs. Karl Marx

Mother: Because we can't afford to buy any.

high?

One way is by telling our- way. selves we never "had it so good." (This is really a plagiarism from the Democratic-labor coalition's election propaganda of 1952.) We tell this to our-AND DRUG ACT occur annually, according to selves over and over again, etdoctored and not altogether com-

the past. But, he adds trium:

gives it a whirl.

phantly, we're not: mass of people."

benefit of his advice; perhaps cumulated flotsam and jetsam, 160 million of us!" we would have been spared a the 19th century economic dog-

on the nerves, and the Second the distribution of horsepower contract negotiations? among our people we can, per- Ah, but there's a little catch. But still, even if you agree haps, learn something new The Second was only "suppos-

before — bust after boom — can And the Second proceeds to cumulated wealth or goods" nor happen again. It might, the "lump together all the stand-by "as the productive power po-Second almost concedes, if we potential of all public and pritential stored up in our major ism cannot be resolved by word-were living under the kind of vate machinery except for that chinery." Suppose we indulge in juggling, no matter how fantaseconomic system that existed in in military use - machinery our own brainwashing and look tic, and the economic developranging from giant generators upon capital, say, as the ability ments flowing out of the very to power lawn mowers." And he to produce socially useful nature of the profit system canhantly, we're not: to power lawn mowers."
"We have experienced, with makes this discovery:

day) a Woolworth store in New Jersey was cited tion of a new kind of human ture fown an estimated power used to be called a worker would hearty. by the State Department of Labor and Industry institution. . . The primitive potential of about 11/2 billion now be called a capitalist, and The solution lies in the indefor violating the maximum hours law which and relatively unstable capital horsepower; public power sour- everyone who used to be called pendent action of the workers, forbids employers from working women and ism of the past has given way ces amount to about 75 million a capitalist would now be called through their unions and through minors more than ten hours a day or more than to a consumer-dominated, self- horsepower; and "what we might something else. That would help an anti-capitalist Labor Party. regulating, system that broadly call home capitalism — every- a lot, wouldn't it? serves the interests of the great thing from your auto to your But let's dispense with supelectric shaver — adds up to posing and return to reality, ing to nationalize the means of That sounds pretty good. If an estimated work potential of Capital is accumulated value production and to replace capitalwe're living under a new sys- at least four billion 700 million (means of production, money) ist anarchy and exploitation with tem then maybe the economic horsepower - or more than which is used in order to get socialist planning and cooperation. laws that applied to the old twice as much as all other non-surplus value (profit) out of After they've done that, maysystem no longer operate today. military power combined. Now the toil of the workers. You're be they'll feel generous and hire But where is the proof of the I submit that when you find rot a capitalist because you own the Second to keep their spirits basic change claimed by the people possessing many times a piece of machinery; to be one high by touring the plants to

| washing to wipe away the ac- | benefit of the capitalists - all | able to compete with other cap-So we're all capitalists now,

of the workers represent more capital. "Suppose, for example, we "capital goods" than the plants look upon capital not as accum- and banks of the capitalists. ulated wealth or goods but as Which means that the workers the productive power potential have greater economic power Second and the small class of or do I now seek, to alter the stored up in machinery . . . It than the employers? Or that should be possible, then, to maybe the Second will be coming statistics real or slightly measure our capital in terms of pelled by the workers' superior- control of the means of produca common denominator - stand- ity in "capital goods" to grant plete. It has a soothing effect by horsepower. And by studying their demands in the current ens the great non-capitalist ma- sisted of mailing in the stub of

real wealth of our country." | upon capital" as neither "ac- on the cumulated wealth or goods" nor duced. things? Under this definition we not be overcome by appeals for ers Party." out quite realizing it, the evolution Private industry and agricul- could say that everyone who steadier nerves, no matter how

ing movie and television or proscribing unpopular opinions. Both the causes and remedies strike much deeper. They go to the very heart of our social structure." Dr. Lindner said says, "we could all use a brain- after all, being run for the in modern times, that is, to be ther vs. Marx.]

italists, you need large amounts of the United States." of money, or credit, machinery, good deal of unnecessary hard- gerel, that confuses our brains the River Rouge worker with raw materials and workers. The stated: and muddies our vision." In other his electric shaver just as much Second, unlike the Ford worker But HOW do we keep our words, we've got to look at as the Second with all his fac- with the electric shaver, is one I belonged, was a labor union nerves steady and our spirits things differently, we've got to tories and millions. And the of the rulers of society because with plants organized by it enquit defining them in the old combined mowers and shavers he controls vast amounts of such gaging in collective bargaining

That's what capital and capitaljority of the people with ecothe 20's, anarchy prevails in pro- tion about the organization. duction and the workers are still As for the Socialist Workers doesn't prove they're going to just who it is that controls the remain good. What's happened real wealth of our country."

We can do that too. Supduction and the workers are still pose that we decide to "look unable to buy back the goods as tudent upon capital" as neither "ac- on the market which they pro- interested in social-economic-no-

The contradictions of capital-

They can assure themselves of economic security only by fight-

Boy: How come; no coal? MONOPOLY CONTROLS WHAT YOU READ. While newspaper circulation increases by 600, 30 Boy: But why can't we buy any? each year, the number of newspapers is decreasing. In 1954 the U.S. lost ten morning and ten Mother: Because Daddy isn't working. evening newspapers, the biggest decline since Boy: Then why doesn't he go to work? Mother: Because he can't get a job. 1943. Recently the only liberal pro-Democratic Party newspaper on the West Coast (Daily Boy: Why can't he get a job? News, Los Angeles) was swallowed up b Mother: Because the mines are closed. Boy: Why are the mines closed? Chandler's reactionary Daily Mirror.

Notes from the News

HOW MISERLY CAN THEY GET? Several railroad companies made wholesale layoffs just before the holidays to save holiday pay. Some trucking employers refused to pay holiday rates for Nov. 11, which is in their union contracts as Armistice Day, because the name of the legal holiday has been changed to Veterans Day.

PENNSYLVANIA has improved its unemployment compensation law. Maximum payments have been increased from \$30 to \$35 per week and the period of compensation increased from 26 to 30 weeks. It will still take a wizard to support a family on \$35 a week, and if no jobs are available after 30 weeks, what then?

IT PAYS TO HAVE INFLUENCE in Washington. The Government's Export-Import Bank has extended \$10 million in credit for export sales by General Motors. The exporter only has to obtain 20% of the sales price in cash. The bank guarantees 75% of deferred payments.

"A MYSTERIOUS HUNDREDFOLD IN-CREASE of iodine in the thyroid glands of cattle slaughtered in various parts of the Middle West' was reported by an American expert in San Francisco according to the New York Times, April 18. The discovery was reportedly made by Dr. L. van Middlesworth of the University of Tennesse Medical School who was making iodine tests in cattle thyroids. The increased iodine is thought to

200,000 UNEMPLOYED COAL MINERS have cause today to recall this old favorite of the

Little Boy: Mother, I'm cold. Why can't we Mother: Because there is no coal.

be due to atomic fall-out.