"Labor Friends" In Congress Do Job for Wall St.

By Myra Tanner

Last November the labor

There are many ways to evaluate the first half of the ises made in anxious moments

THE BOX SCORE

The labor movement asked for a minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour. A modest enough request, of Big Business now requires considering the high cost of living. But at best there will be lin. But the preparations for a bill raising the minimum to only \$1.00. Perhaps Congress thought it would compensate for for it. dropping 25c by boosting its own wages 50%. But for those who need the money most, the minimum will still be far below

Civil rights were promised Many a speech predicted the end of segregation. But Rep. Powell an E for effort. got a presidential scolding for daring to propose a desegregated exposes of crooked doings in the itism toward the Department of national guard. Did anyone hear a cry of protest from Congress at this outrageous blow to civil labor - no hits, no runs, just Democratic Action and a leading rights?

eral legislation to stop the ava-

But perhaps it isn't fair to compare the record with prom-

But do they? War tensions have diminished somewhat. But that's not because of anything Congress did. The war strategy temporary deals with the Kremwar go on; and this Congress voted 65% of the federal budget

The witch hunt has subsided. McCarthy, at present, no longer frightens the Senate out of its trial examiner. wits. But the Democrat, Eastland, is trying his best to carry on the witch-hunt tradition of during the election campaign. prying, spying, stooling and per- L. Rauh Jr., attorney for the ISL, secution. He should at least get to Brownell, citing at great

capital. But that takes place Justice attorneys. Rauh, National every year. Sum it all up: For Chariman of Americans for

Big Four

Pres. Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden, French Premier Edgar Faure, and

Soviet Premier N. A. Bulganin. The big four used the Geneva Conference as a sounding board for

high-powered publicity about their wish for peace, but what they accomplished is another story.

Ten Years After Hiroshima

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first session. Perhaps before the weekend is over Congressmen will be running home or taking some nice long "official" junkets to various parts of the world at government expense. Last November the labor Last November the labor and lagislation to stop the average of the Taft-Hartley Acteral legislation t movement went to a lot of trouble to fill the Semate and the House with Democrats. Isn't it time to tally up the score and see just what the unions got for their trouble? Tast November the labor movement went to a lot of trouble to fill the Semate and the House with Democrats. Isn't it time to tally up the score and see just what the unions got for their trouble? The election campaign was over eight months ago. The victors were busy collecting their pay. But perhaps it isn't fair to

congressional term. Let us start by comparing the record with the promises made during the the promises made during the record with the promises made during the days a little that the promises made during the look a little large transfer then. Examiner's Bias Half of the lises made in anxious moments by eager job-hunters. Let's compare the 84th Congress with the days a little large transfer then. "Subversive" Hearing

The first hearing ever granted an organization on the Attorney General's "subversive" list bogged down after two days with the blacklisted organization, the Inde-

pendent Socialist League, protest-9 ing to Attorney General Brownell examiner who would conduct an against the patent bias of the

The protest was in the form of

length hearing examiner Edward There have been some juicy M. Morrissey's undisguised favor-Washington lawyer, demanded an

impartial hearing. REFUSE TO DEFINE TERMS

The hearing, which began July a lengthy telegram from Joseph 25 with the government present ing its "case," has been a mockery so far. The government lawyers have consistently refused to define the terms used referring to the ISL's alleged guilt. Rauh's demlands for definitions have been steadily overruled.

Further, the government refuses to present its "theory of the case," i.e., what it hopes to prove. This elementary procedure of American law customarily forms the prosecution's opening statement at every trial.

Without explaining what is would try to prove the ISL guilty of, the prosecution began introducing into evidence isolated sentences and passages, ripped from the context of "The Fight for Socialism," by Max Shachtman, ISL Chairman. Demanding the whole book be introduced, Rauh denounced the government moves as "cheesy tricks" and

munist" with a big C. That has meant, in past government usage, munist International.

Since the ISL is rabidly antiout against it as "Communist." despite the loyalty order and sub- from now. versive list. Rauh asked the reason for the shift, the government's definition of communism

with a little c. etc. dispute Morrissey ruled in the government's favor. Some time later when Isaac Groner, Rauh's associate, happened to refer to "little c communism and big C communism," Morrissey inquired what that was. This was a tipoff that the examiner had not even bothered or been able to follow the long previous arguments, but had nevertheless ruled

Following Morrissey's refusal to disqualify himself, Rauli sent the protest telegram to Brownell. When the hearing reconvened

automatically for the govern-

terrorists destroyed four electric a toehold in South Vietnam. A transformers with bombs. On national election was promised tary shift in relations with Pe-

Commission - Canada, Poland the outcome. and India - protested the ter-

aimed at the "elimination of Polish and Indian pro-Communist elements" from the armistice commission. Thus all the talk that goes on run them all the way out." in the United Nations about negotiated settlement of disputes.

the sanctity of treaties and free and democratic elections is exposed as so much hogwash in the Indo-China truce. THE TRUCE

A year ago the workers and peasants of Indo-China were close to winning a complete vic-

Kremlin to arrange a truce at this move is to parallel the On July 23 Diem's gang of Geneva which gave imperialism shift in its diplomatic relations in two years time to determine the wishes of the people. If All three governments that are elections were held, the revoluresponsible for the Armistice | tionary forces were confident of

A year ago the Wall Street Journal, puzzled at Stalinist Saigon, July 20, to intimidate charged in addition that the motives in signing the Geneva South Vietnam regime had pass- truce, asked itself: "The quesed an inflammatory resolution tion arises why they are now agreeing to call off the war . . They already have the French on the run - now would be a better time than later to

> But if the Stalinists were quite ready to sacrifice the victory of the people of Indo-China in order to convince the Wall Street imperialists of their readness to negotiate settlements of lisputes, U. S. Big Business has no intention of letting the Indo-Chinese decide their fate. The time arrived to negotiate the arrangements for next year's election and Diem, who is financed armed and directed by Wall

The Pay-Off ADJ OURNED

moves as "cheesy tricks" and "vicious distortions." A big dispute raged over Communist with a big C and communist with a little c. The loyalty order on which the "subversive" list is based refers to "Communist" with a big C. That has

JULY 25 - The Geneva ac- ing for it to be completed - be achieved without further (Stalinist) parties or the Com- cords that brought a truce to and then blamed it on Commu- bloodshed they permitted the

the civil war in Indo-China a nists." Stalinist, no case can be made 16 by Ngo Dinh Diem, the U. S. Therefore the government has puppet that rules South Vietnam, July 24 they blew out five teleshifted its ground to calling the when he made it clear that there phone relay stations. ISL communist with a little c, would be no elections a year

But this was not enough. A wave of terror was unleashed in ror. The Indian government At each point in the long the International Armistice Commission whose job it is to enforce the terms of the armis-

Diem's armed gangs broke into the Majestic and Gallieni Hotels in Saigon where most of the members of the armistice commission live. They burned and sacked their way through the rooms. Sixty people were injured. According to the N. Y. Times, July 21, "A few policemen watched, but seemed unwilling or unable to stop the demonstrators."

According to Max Lerner of July 27. no reply from Brownell the N. Y. Post, "the national tory over the French imperialhaving been received, it was ad police stayed away for hours, ists who occupied their country

knowing about the job and wait- In the hope that victory could Street, called off the deal. journed to August 1. And the capitalists of America can no longer piously say as did PM the day after Hiroshima: "Thank God, It's OUR Atomic Puerto Ricans Fight Peonage in New Jersey

ets who carried signs sponsored AFL Teamster's Local 701.

By Virginia Rivera

From the Spanish language ston, New Jersey, who had been on strike for eleven montas there that could keep men fighting for so long a time.

So last Friday I made a trip ed the area of the quarry and saw trucks loaded with rock leaving the area. I wondered if the strike had failed to stop

Suddenly I turned the bend and saw a group of about twenty pickets blocking a road that went off to the left. Obviously this road led to the quarry and these were the pickets I had been looking for.

Let's decide to remember that as we TEAMSTERS ON STRIKE I was surprised to see that alongside the Puerto Rican pick-

The Executive Board of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the largest union in the AFL, purchased Dave Beck's home for \$160,000. Beck, the union's president,

house rent free. The estate is located in one of Seattle's most fashionable neighborhoods. It is a luxurious lake-front ranch house which includes a motion picture projection room, a swim-

fall and extensive gardens. The Teamster's union is reputedly the richest in the world. It has a \$35 million treasury. The gift of Beck's house is in addition to his

Beck was quoted as saying that it wasn't his idea for the union to buy his house. He said he was outside the Board room when the vote was

Union officials explained that the organization is only giving Beck what his predecessor. Daniel J. Tobin, got. In 1943 the union bought Tobin an estate in Miami Beach. In 1946 it bought a summer residence for Tobin at Marshfield, Mass. After all; they say, no one stays in Florida during the summer months.

Labor bureaucrats think like capitalists; they look like capitalists; so they figure they might as well live like capitalists.

by the International Hod Car- My spirits picked up. With sters had been out for five riers Building and Common the truck drivers out, the Puer- weeks.

We were standing at the foot were non-Puerto Rican workers ed in their struggle. After park- of a steep hill which was the main entrance to the quarry While I was talking to some of the pickets several empty trucks pulled up to a stop to hear what the pickets had to say. After a few minutes conversation the trucks started to roll again. They made a wide turn at the foot of the hill, and went roaring off, away from the quarry. This was a good lesson in how effective a picket line can be.

The strike began last August when 75 quarry workers walked off their jobs. Only 15 strikers have been able to remain as pickets. The others were forced to find work elsewhere. The only help the fifteen have received steadily is from three strikers who got jobs just to pay the rent and food expenses of the fifteen pickets.

STRIKE DEMANDS

Before the strike the Puerto Rican laborers were being paid just the federal minimum wage,

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By Joseph Hansen The chorus of praise for the Geneva Conference, which ended July 23, is wide and loud. Eisenhower spoke of the assurances that were made of intent "to pursue a new spirit of conciliation and cooperation" and his hope that these assurances will be faith-

Parley with

Mao Regime

To Follow

that "both sides won the conviction that neither side wants Of the 1,500 correspondents sent to Geneva to cover the parley for the capitalist press, even those inclined to play down its importance still put the label

fully carried out." Khrushchev.

first secretary of the Soviet

Communist Party, echoed Eis-

enhower by declaring July 25

"encouraging progress" on the results of the gathering. Moreover, the conference was immediately followed by a simultaneous, prearranged announcement in Washington and Peking of a meeting to begin Aug. 1 between representatives of the two governments. This meeting at the ambassadorial evel will take up such issues the release of American

It will also seek "to facilitate further discussions and settlement of certain other practical matters now at issue between both sides," according to the

State Department. Washington's obvious aim in king. It follows the earlier exploratory trip to Peking by United Nations head Hammarskiold and a series of consular meetings in Switzerland between

U. S. and Chinese officials. Both the capitalist and Stalinist press praised Eisenhower as "peacemaker," publicity that did the Republican president no harm as an aspirant to re-election in 1956.

The general impression that the Geneva Conference marks a turning point in the cold war is correct. It marks the end of the stage of military disengagement that began with Eisenhower's agreement to a truce first in Korea and then in Indo-Chinaa retreat forced by the powerful revolutionary resistance of the Asian peoples to western imperialism.

And the Conference can be said to mark the beginning of a major effort by Washington to appear before the world as a 'peacemaker" — a power interested more than all others in preventing war.

SCORES GAIN

As a major opening move on this plane, the State Department certainly scored a big gain. This success, of course, was made possible only by the cooperation of the Stalinist bureaucrats representing Moscow. Instead of ex-

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NAACP to Probe Peonage in N. J.

The National Association for

the Advancement of Colored People announced July 21 that it was sending its labor secretary Herbert Hill to conduct an "on-the-spot investigation of alleged violations of federal anti-peonage and involuntary servitude statutes" at the Kingston, Pennington and Lambertville, New Jersey rock quarries. The NAACP said that "approximately 75 Puerto Rican workers have allegedly been detained under armed guard and forced to live in company - owned compounds while working long hours for substandard wages." story on this page about the strike of these quarry work-

teeming cities of civilians behind the lines — the aged and the sick, men, women and children, workers outside of uniform — on orders of the President of the United The capitalist press shouted its approval.

The jellied gasoline fire-bombings of

Tokyo late in May 1945 had been officially

reported by U.S. military authorities as

extraordinarily successful. "The attacks

this week (following five others) burned

with a similar speed and destructive

results and it is possible that 1,000,000 or

maybe even twice that number of the

The capitalist press acclaimed the pro-

gress in murdering defenseless civilians,

yet looked for something even better. "You

Can Cook 'Em Quicker With Gas," said

Something much better than gas was

On August 6, just ten years ago, the

Three days later on August 9 a second city of helpless civilians was selected as

That was the world's introduction to

The two bombs were made in America.

They were dropped without warning on

the target for another atomic bomb. The

entire city of Hiroshima, population 344,-

000, was obliterated by a single bomb.

name of the city was Nagasaki.

the practical uses of atomic energy.

Emperor's subjects perished."

the N. Y. Daily News.

even then on its way.

"Conditions for destruction at Nagasaki were even more favorable than at Hiroshima," said the N. Y. Post. "The congestion among the city's population of 253,000 had caused the eave-to-eave building pattern to be described as a 'sea of

A single bomb weighing 1,200 pounds was reported to have the destructive power of 20,000 tons of TNT.

"The present bomb was understood," said the United Press, "to have the power to blind persons within a five-mile radius and to kill within four miles. The searing blast was said to fuse the earth, resulting in a silica-like formation."

Truman told the Japanese people that they now faced "a rain of ruin from the air the like of which has never been seen on this earth."

"This isn't a new bomb," said physicist John W. Campbell in the liberal PM. "It's something that never was before. It's the power to reach the stars and the power to kill the human race."

That was 10 years ago.

Today the Hiroshima-type bomb has been converted into a mere trigger for bombs so powerful, so destructive and so dangerous that even experimentation with them has brought repeated warnings from the world's most eminent scientists on the consequences to mankind.

Their use in a Third World War has become the nightmare haunting our planet.

The consequences of a Third World War are so grim that it seems impossible any press in New York City I human being, even a capitalist, could learned about a group of Puerto Laborers Union, AFL, there to Ricans were no longer isolatdeliberately plan for it or so much as Rican quarry workers near Kin; dream of using the H-bomb.

Yet we must never forget that it is now against the Lambertville Quarry known that the Japanese government had Company. I wondered what kind already offered to surrender before the of working conditions existed first atomic bomb was dropped. The conclusion seems inescapable that Hiroshima and Nagasaki were wiped out as menacing to the scene of the strike. It gestures toward the Soviet Union — as was the hottest day of the year first great steps toward the cold war that and the long ride was tiring. I was intended to be the prelude to World felt even worse when I approach-

It is true that social and political forces beyond their control have now forced the men of Wall Street to draw back and even begin to sing hymns of peace and good

But it would be fatal to believe what they say today or to think they would not use the atomic bomb again.

recall the two cities that were deliberately obliterated 10 years ago.

"It Wasn't My Idea," Says Beck

carrying picket signs from the ing the car, I learned from one

will continue to live in the

ming vool, an artificial water-

\$50,000 salary.

The American Way of Life

If Ruark Had to Choose Over Again

Several layers of dirt and World-Telegram have been lying on my bathroom floor for some weeks. Through all lier Senate action, voted the in- Senate and the House. The Senate these weeks, the printed face of one Robert C. Ruark has crease and Secretary of Labor been looking up from that floor. The face looked as though that he was recommending to Rico slightly, in order to mainit meant business. And the business looked phony.

Having heard somewhere that this Ruark had written | signed. a book — something for the blood-and-guts trade, I decided to clean up my bathroom, and find out - in passing, what makes Ruark scribble.

Well: Mr. Ruark turned out to be straight from the shoulder, all right - straight from the shoulder-pad, that is. He was beefing about white American male waiters: they have no pride in their profession — like European waiters, like American colored waiters, etc. etc. Waitresses, represented a slightly higher it seems, also don't suit Mr. Ruark. He, if he had to choose percentage of their party in the over again, would become a waiter - one proud of his House than did the Republicans profession. All this is the straight-from-the-shoulder style; no fancy ideas; no fancy language; the kind that reg'lar guys even tough guys appreciate — guys like Pegler, Winchell, etc. etc.

After Einstein made his "I'd be a plumber" statement, Ruark, in step with the giants of his time, opined that "he'd be a waiter," and he has a column to prove it.

Now the question arises anent Mr. Ruark: What profession does he think he's in, anyway? He writes from the standpoint of one comfortably seated at the table. passing judgment, not unpatronizingly, on the food, the service, etc. However, a closer look will disclose that this is an illusion Mr. Ruark shares mainly with those other as the New York Times then only increase the minimum wage gents with the tough shoulder-pads. Indeed, Ruark is lucky he is only a menial. If things really get tough for his bosses, Mr. Ruark will find himself coming to table along with the rest of the Mulligan stew.

However, let us not dwell on what happens to the faithful retainers when a newspaper like the Sun folds up; or more recently, the Brooklyn Eagle; or when the bosses are really in trouble. Let us rather look at the toughness of a Ruark, or a Winchell. How are they tough? And with whom?

Well: we must concede that they're pretty rough on punchbags, toy ballons, and the toes of anyone who finds himself flat on the pavement. From his safe distance, Ruark subscribes to the view that big bombs and hot lead made good Africans, good Asians — and good Americans too, if hard work and right thinking do not. But Ruark himself takes fright easily — beats it the hell out of America when his impressionable nostrils smell an A-bomb war right around the corner. He comes back, with a book and a swagger, only when his mature political savvy has proven itself safely wrong.

And Winchell? America's fearless reporter? He can scarcely open his mouth without the smell of Edgar Hoover's boots reeking from his tongue - a prevalent halitosis with publicists and politicians, these days. But with "Commies," washed-up movie hams, and society bums: with these, Winchell neither asks nor gives quarter.

An integral ingredient in the phonyness of present-day capitalist society is its "toughness," its willingness to either "take it," or "dish it out." But we know this only from their own mouths, from the mouths of the Winchells, the Ruarks, from that peculiar aperture in the face of John Foster Dulles. We have yet to see them "take it." We have yet to see them fight when the odds are really - William Godspeed

How Much of a "Gift" to Labor We're Water Boys Is New \$1 Minimum Pay Law? For Walter

John Thayer

mum wage to \$1-an-hour appeared assured as the House of Representatives, following ear-Eisenhower that the bill be

The House finally passed the Democrats and 25 Republicans. Not only were more Democrats against the increase but they who were against.

Indeed, the final stages of the streaming of Republican Congressmen away from Eisenhower's 90 cents-an-hour recommendation to the \$1 figure. This assured passage of the bill. On the other hand the strongest supporters of the 90-cent figure vere Southern Democrats.

The Senate passed a \$1 minmum wage bill on June 8. What

vote on the important bill.

James P. Mitchell announced imum wage levels in Puerto tain the existing wage differential between that low-wage. bosses' paradise and the main- House bill does so? The answer bill on July 20 by a vote of land U. S. The bill passed by 362 to 54. Of those voting for the House does not mention the \$1 minimum, 192 were Dem- | Puerto Rico. Also the Senate ocrats and 170 Republicans. Of bill would make the \$1 minimum those voting against, 29 were effective as of Jan. 1, 1956, while the House bill would postpone it two more months.

tical capital of this. Secretary of Labor Mitchell, while recommending the bill to Eisenhower, fight on the bill saw a steady deplored the fact that it was only "half a bill." The minimum wage law change that Eisenhower asked in his State of the Union message to the opening session of this Congress "would have given to many millions of low-paid workers the protection

hey need," Mitchell added. Before the election of this Congress, Democrats in the he two-party lineup was at that North campaigned with promises time, however, is unknown since, to labor that they would not

Model of Medical A-Reactor

reported, "fewer than 25 Sena- to \$1.25 but would extend the rocketed by the Korean "police Increase of the national mini- tors appeared to be on hand" to law's coverage to at least four action" and the huge cold-war million more workers in inter- military budgets. Nor will the There are a few differences state commerce and remove the new minimum of \$1 represent between the bills passed in the exemptions on occupations employing another two and a half

> Thus both capitalist parties were committed to broadening the coverage of the law. How come neither the Senate nor to this "riddle" is that the strategists of the Democratic Party, who control both Houses, decided to extend the law's coverage next year rather than this. They hope thereby to pass themselves off as "friends of Conspicuous by its absence in labor" twice rather than just both bills was any extension of once. Moreover, doing it next coverage. Trying to make poli- summer will help the Democrats in the 1956 presidential election

> > campaign. In the meantime the Congressional "friends of labor" are quite content to let millions of underpaid workers and their families continue for another year trying to get along on wages below \$1-an-hour.

> > Both the AFL and the CIO have long been agitating for a \$1.25 minimum wage. Many labor-supported Democrats said they would fight for it in Congress. Yet no serious fight was made. Those few Congressmen who went on record before at hearings for \$1.25, did so in a perfunctory fashion. The \$1.25 proposal was voted down in the Democratic-controlled labor committees in both House and Sen-

> > The Democratic Party propagandists are trying to pass off the \$1-an-hour minimum wage as a great gift to labor, and the trade union press is abetting them in this. Actually the figure is pitifully inadequate. It represents a big retreat from labor's original, modest demand.

The first federal minimum tion figure of 25 cents-an-hour was increased to 40 cents. In 1949 the Democratic 81st Congress under Truman made 75 cents the minimum. This was hopelessly the bill, called it "inadequate."

while prices again were sky-ling the \$1-an-hour minimum.

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misunderstandings, then the

world could sleep with tranquil-

lity following Geneva. But cer-

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Secondly, despite the sancti-

monious discussion about dis-

armament, the war plants con-

tinue to hammer out the case-

ings for H-Bombs and all the

rest of the instruments capable

of leveling civilization to the

PUBLICITY STUNT

U. S. would not be much.

Yet Khrushchev, Bulganin,

What prevents the world pow-

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occupies.

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any real increase.

CIO statisticians have shown tivity would demand a new minimum of at least \$1.06-an-hour merely to maintain the "inade, who counts most — the guy with quate" minimum set in 1949.

Furthermore there has been a deterioration in the law's coverage since it was originally passed in 1938. More occupations have been excluded from the law; more employers have been granted exemptions from the wage and hour provisions. Those workers now getting

from 75 to 99 cents-an-hour, if they are covered by the law, \$10 maximum to 40 cents (less increased tax deductions) for a of Labor estimates that ap-(less deductions) for a 40-hour week or \$2,000 (less deductions) for a year (assuming two weeks of vacation or unemployment), when the law goes into effect next year.

The Research Department of has brought up to date the annual cost of a "necessary minimum" budget for a family of a survey of prices in 34 American cities. The figure today varies from \$3,812 in the least expensive city up to \$4,454. Thus to live on the "necessary minimum" in the cheapest city (New Orleans) the breadwinner for a family of four today needs a minimum wage of \$1.95-an-hour.

During the depression the WPA drew up an "emergency wage law went into effect in budget . . . which may be nec-1938 during the Roosevelt ad- essary under depressed condiministration. It set the starva- tions" for a family of four. It warned of "health hazards if as the minimum. In 1945 this families had to live at this level for a considerable period of time.

Brought up to date by CIO statisticians, this budget comes insufficient to meet the inflated to \$2,430 for a year. That would cost of living. The very House require a minimum wage of \$1.22 Labor Committee which reported an-hour for a full work year of 2.000 hours. Yet the ten-cent Yet this obsolete figure re- "friends of labor" are crowing mained in effect for five years about their great work in pass-

For Walter

It was to be expected that following the recent contract settlement in the auto industry, CIO leader Walter Reuther would picture himself as a great labor statesman

that the increased cost of liv- pioneering a new advance with ing and the national average his so-called Guaranteed Annual followed the negotiations of Reuman-hour increase in product Wage. And it appears that this ther's team. After he finishes, image of himself is accepted by about everybody except the one the lunch pail.

The worker on the production line does not share the general esteem for the UAW chief and he gave convincing demonstration of his feelings in the series of rank-and-file strikes that broke out upon the signing of the new agreement.

This gap between the ranks of the auto union and its lead will receive increases of from ers is duplicated almost every where in the American labor movement. It is rooted in the 40-hour week. The Department simple fact that the labor bureaucracy, having won a place proximately 2,100,000 workers, for itself close to the front tamostly in the South, will be so ble where the feeding is pretty benefited. They will receive \$40 good, is determined to prove that it can be of service to big American capital.

But to be of service in the year 1955 is, in the last analysis, to join up with the foreman, the supervisor and the time-study men to get more production out he CIO Textile Workers Union of the line. An unending and continuous battle goes on daily between those subject to the murderous pressure of the line. four fixed by the U. S. Bureau and management forces seeking of Labor Statistics in 1951 after to maintain and increase speed and output.

In this daily struggle al union politics begin. All the wiseacres and smart commentators fail to understand the first thing about what is going on in the auto union because they cannot understand this vital and basic conflict.

IN REUTHER'S CORNER How revealing it is then to

read what the spokesman of the American Stalinists in the labor movement has to say about developments in auto. George Morris, labor expert of the Daily Worker, writing a series in that paper July 11-15 on the auto and steel settlements puts the Stalinists four-square in Walte: Reuther's corner.

Apparently concerned that Communist Party adherents working in the plants might follow their class instincts and respond to the discontent and dissatisfaction of the workers on the line. Morris does a job from the left for the labor statesmen Acting as water boy for Reuther and McDonald, knowing full well that they won't acknowledge the service publicly, is no deterrent to Morris.

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the credulous reader of the Daily Worker would have to believe that these rank and file explosions were really pro-Reuther demonstrations.

And to make the point stick, Morris charges that it is unfortunate factionalism that sees the local strikes as anti-Reuther when in effect they were against the company FOR additional local demands."

Of course these strikes were against the companies, but at the same time they expressed the deep hostility and resentment of the ranks over the agreement negotiated by Reuther. The desperate attempts by the Reutherites to end these strikes made clear how they viewed them.

RANK-AND-FILE STRIKES

These rank-and-file strikes, so-called "wild cat strikes," won concessions that had otherwise been ignored or bargained away by the Reutherite negotiators. All the subsurface power and militancy of the ranks came pouring out in great demonstrations. All the discontent, dissatisfaction and resentment of the auto workers exploded in hese strikes. Can the Reutherites contain

and defeat this power? By themselves it is hopelessly out of the question. To head off the discontent and antagonism of the ranks a new and more skillful lemagogy is needed. And this s. the service that the Stalinists offer.

Why, it may be asked, should he Stalinists make such a determined bid to get into the leuther tent?

The answer becomes obvious vhen the current Stalinist poitical line is understood. They have set their course upon the creation of a new popular front. They seek unity with the top abor bureaucracy inside the Democratic Party; and in order to achieve this they have taken their stand with them in the conflict between the rank and file and the leadership of the auto union.

George Morris's articles are the most serious bid to date for admission into Reuther's camp. They must be understood as giving the line for the coming pocampaign political coalition with the labor bureaucrats in the Democratic With just enough criticism to Party, the Stalinist leaders conmake his pitch plausible, the sider that knifing the interests Stalinist labor expert goes to of the men on the production work on how to interpret the so- line is a small enough price to

75c an hour, for work that pays cooking meals. This is where the \$2.45 in other New Jersey areas. pickets go to eat and sleep after The work was dangerous and a long day of picket duty. the hours were long, and they had to live in a Company camp, picket line I asked one of the

rates for jobs that are the most ers also got a contract. "Of dangerous. In addition, they course," was the reply. "These want overtime pay and fringe fellows have been fighting longbenefits including paid holidays. er than we have. We picket to-We heard dynamite blasts while we all go back.

we were talking. The pickets told me that the company im- Teamster's sign told me he was ported Puerto Rican strike- not a truck driver He is an enbreakers from New York City. gineer "Three engineers are They brought them in during out," he said "I came out with the night and kept them under the Teamsters and they're going armed guard in the Company's to get me back on the job. My

One of the pickets took us to see their present living quarters. We rode down the hill and turned off the road into a kind of gulley. There was a large red from peonage labor conditions. shack—the rooms were barren And I admired the spirit of therefore, the introduction into trary military jurisdiction" over without furniture. In the front these strikers. But as I made of the "house" were some rocks | my way back home through the standing peace-time army based and tin cans that had been ar-

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When we returned to the The Puerto Ricans are asking truck drivers if their union for \$1.25 an hour and higher would stay out until the labor-The quarry is still operating. gether. No one goes back until

> One of the men carrying a union hasn't done a thing for

The pickets had high hopes of winning the strike against the Company that rakes in profits heavy traffic, I couldn't help why they had to get along on of the country. practically nothing and live in to cook on - when they were members of two powerful and rich union organizations.

The Teamsters' Union, I have heard, is one of the richest unions in the world. What is all that wealth and power for, if not to help the workers get organized?

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... Puerto Ricans Fight UMT BILL TO GIVE BRASS (Continued from page 1) ranged to serve as a stove for 75c an hour, for work that pays cooking meals. This is where the

A scale model of the first atomic energy reactor designed

for medical research is viewed in Los Angeles by Dr. Stafford

L. Warren (left), dean of the University of California; Gen.

Omar Bradley chairman of the hoard Calif Inst for Cancer

Research; and Dr. Chauncey Starr, vice-president of the company

which will build the device. The reactor will be constructed

underground on the UCLA campus. With the machine, radiation

can be directed on a patient a few feet away.

A peacetime universal military training system will go into effect for the first time in U.S. history when Con- states, on the clearing up of gress passes the Reserves Bill this week. Both houses

sion of the draft law voted by Congress on June 28.

On previous occasions, draft laws were always presented as war-time measures or related to specific alleged "national emer-However, the current draft

extension and Reserves Bill are being enacted without even the benefit of such excuses. On the contrary their passage coincides with negotiations to bring about a truce in the cold war.

These two measures mark, the U.S. of the system of a on compulsory universal military but ask myself why these strik- training. Under this system the ers had to live in such terrible reactionary officers' caste is poverty month after month - given mastery over the youth the ready reserves would suffer meant by way of reciprocity war on a scale never seen in

It was to escape similar a barren shack with only stones blighting of the best years of they might have to lose work- graphs of the Soviet Union -Now the Prussian system is becapitalist rule in the U.S.

It is true that under the system being enacted by Congress, young men will not have to give up the staggering number of gives the lie to Eisenhower's etc. were so eager to prove their years to the military brass which proclamations at Geneva that he amiability that they let Eisenthe 19th century. These usually The Administration's "new look" gross piece of hypocrisy. numbered a minimum of five military program - of which by numerous years in the re-

Nevertheless, the current U.S. compulsory military training system will subject every male youth to from six to eight years | III. control by the labor and Negrohating U. S. brass hats.

Thus, if drafted, a young man

have already adopted variants 9of the measure and conferees will have to serve a two year

have agreed on a final draft. hitch in the active army, follow-This Reserves Bill is a sup- ed by three-year service in the plement to the four year exten- ready reserves and one year in the stand-by reserves. Service in soothing talk about peace, neiththe active reserves would require that he participate in 48 single troop from the areas it drills plus 17 days of field training per year. Or youths 17 to 181/2 can escape

the two-years draft by volunteering for six months in the active army, followed by sevenand-a-half years in the ready reserves.

In opposing passage of the Reserves Bill the CIO, through Thomas Burke, chief of congressional liaison, denounced what it called imposing "arbiyoung people, when they "should be awakening to the fuller dimensions of American life."

number of inequities members of would accept the offer since it for capitalism only by war as working men. For instance, if | trat American planes would be | history. they worked afternoon shifts, permitted to make aerial phototheir lives that innumerable time to attend weekly night an operation that we may sup-Europeans in the 19th century drills. Then, they would prob- pose is indicated as highly de- lation of forces. They discovered fled from Europe to America. ably have to devote their vaca- sirable on the really secret bluetion time to field training. And prints of the Third World War coming a permanent feature of they might be discriminated projected by Wall Street. What long political experience in analagainst in hiring or promotion Moscow would learn by similar ogous situations always does, because of conflict between job aerial reconnaissance over the it called a retreat in hope of

and military duties. Enactment of a UMT measure featured the Prussian system of pursues the goal of world peace, hower get away with even this move the curse of being openly years of active service followed the draft extension and Review from achieving enduring drive toward atomic destruction. serves Bill are part - rather peace are certain deep-going conunderscores that for U. S. Big tradictions in capitalist economy, Business the Geneva truce is above all the American sector. on the world stage, olive branch only a breathing spell in which For example, the enormous profbetter to prepare for World War its in the hands of the capitalist

serve Bill-fight.]

means foreign governments under Wall Street's control.

posing the drive toward imperialist war that is inherent American Big Business requires monopoly control over the in the capitalist economic sysraw materials of the globe tem represented by Eisenhower. Khrushchev and the others of Maintenance of that control reis crew granted precisely what quires troops, either native or Dulles wanted, an admission of American. The American capitalists can-

he peaceful intentions of Amernot suffer competition, in the long run, even from other cap-If peace were so easy to italist classes, including the asachieve, if it hinged simply on piring capitalist classes of the the goodwill of the heads of colonial areas. personal misapprehensions and

WORLD RESISTANCE Yet in the face of such basic

needs that drive American capitalist interests across our frontiers, the majority of the world's population seeks independence, the development of national security and their own well being. In fact there are tens and even hundreds of millions of people abroad who seek to transcend the capitalist system and achieve the higher order of socialism.

This desire had its first successful explosive action in the November 1917 revolution in Russia. In the wake of that revolution a series of further revolutionary explosions occur-Eisenhower, it is true, offered red after World War II, above to open up America's military all in China. blueprints and military areas to The leaders of American Big

Soviet inspection. This was Business understand full well greeted by the press as a clever that in the final analysis they publicity stunt. There was no can put down these develop-The CIO also pointed out a indication that the Soviet heads ments and make the world safe

But they also know that such a war can prove suicidal, particularly under the present rethis in action in Korea. As the bourgeoise with its

gaining time, strength and a better position. American capitalism especially needed to mend its diplomatic fences — to rerecognized throughout the world as the main fountainhead of the Relaxing world tension, Amer-

ican Big Business now stands

But the world had better lisclass require investment on a ten to that sound off the stage. [See Negro Struggle column world scale. But this financial It is the beating of steel into on page four for more on Re- and economic operation requires armaments in preparation for political stability abroad — that another war.

THE MILITARY ARMY

from 800 to 1,000 extra copies of the Militant for and distributions. It is too early as yet for the reports on these activities to be in. However, Myrna Woods writes from Cleveland: "On Saturday Woodrow Chace, Andrea Morgan, Maryin Scalia and I distributed the thousand Mili-

tants. As soon as any results

come in we will let you know." During the sub campaign the practice of mass distribution proved quite effective. In a number of cases sales attempts were made at the same points where distributions had taken place. The sales results proved that considerable interest in the paper was aroused by the initial distribution.

Every day brings in some sub-

The heat wave that has blank- | the country. This is another indication of the serious approach taken at the end of the campaign to continue the work begun at that time. Roberta Freholtz writes from Allentown: "I am sending money for two one-Militant Army, year subs, one a new one and one a renewal.'

The New York Local informs us that "19 papers were sold in an hour-and-a-half on a Brooklyn street corner by Eleanor Forstmann and George Hauser. Three copies of the issue containing the text of the Einstein statement were sold by Ronald Breck while Bert Fenner and Ruth Hutzler sold eight of the same issue, and Johnny Tabor and John Adams sold five at the New School for Social Research. Two of the students were interested in further discussions, while one wants to attend forums.

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Attention J. Edgar Hoover

We respectfully call the attention of J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the FBI, to a most sinister case of subversion that could well mean the end to the whole security system so painfully built up since Truman issued his Loyalty Order in 1947 and purged the government of communists, socialists, radicals, free thinkers and sexual perverts.

The derogatory information that has come to our attention is nothing less than an offer by the present incumbent of the White House to a gathering of top Kremlin agents behind closed doors in the foreign city of Geneva that should make what hair the FBI chief has left stand on end.

The offer was that we "give to each other a complete blueprint of our military establishments from beginning to end. Next to provide within our countries facilities for aerial photography."

We expect that the head of the FBI will take immediate action in accordance with the Loyalty Program.

First of all, the guilty government employee should be fired at once as an obvious security risk. If he demands a hearing, we suggest he be given the standard run-around as part of the punishment.

Next, it should be determined whether he was given the usual Loyalty Oath on taking office. If not, his accomplices in avoiding the Oath should be fired at once. If he did take the Oath an investigation should be launched at once for possible perjury proceedings.

We respectfully suggest also that the FBI at once determine just who in the State Department was responsible for issuing a passport to this government employee permitting him to travel abroad troops now there? in foreign countries where he could meet Kremlin agents in secret gatherings.

This, it seems to us, is the minimum action required by the FBI. More, of course, should be considered.

For instance, we note that the Rosenberg couple were charged with passing on to the Enemy only some minor blueprints. They denied the charge to the end. Nevertheless they were electrocuted.

In this case not a few minor blueprints are involved but "a complete blueprint of our military establishments from beginning to end." And as if that were not! enough, letting down our immigration barriers and radar defenses to pilots and who should get the prize. In planes of the Enemy and letting them take fact World War I nearly broke aerial photographs of the entire country out in 1906, rather than eight including our A-bomb and H-bomb plants. What should the punishment for that be? TREATY OF ALGECIRAS

To be sure, Hoover can take another course, one more in keeping with reality, averted war with the Treaty of that is to publicly acknowledge that the Algeciras. This treaty guaranwhole Loyalty Program and Spy Hunt were deliberately cooked up as a gigantic hoax on the public — part of a nationwide witch hunt aimed at all dissident thinkers, but especially radical-minded workers. That was why they were hounded from jobs, blacklisted and terrorized.

The hot potato is yours, Mr. Hoover.

The Most Important Right of All

In the last several weeks, U.S. courts have handed down the following rulings: The Federal government can't deny a citizen his passport without due process

of law, because that is arbitrary. The Federal government can't — without due process of law — evict a tenant from a housing project who refuses to sign a "loyalty oath," because that is

Thus a U.S. citizen has been found to have the constitutional right to travel, and to live in a government housing project.

But when will the courts uphold the most vital right of all - namely, to hold a job and earn a livelihood?

Thousands of government workers have been fired arbitrarily for alleged political ideas or association with organizations arbitrarily listed by the U.S. Attorney

as the freedom to a livelihood is taken away. And it's not only a question of government employes. The Attorney General's "subversive" list has been utilized by employers in industries far removed from any "security" areas to build up a political blacklist and victimize thousands of workers who have the "wrong ideas."

If, as the courts now maintain, the government must observe constitutional safe- Jigsaw Puzzle guards in its capacity of passport Editor: dispenser and landlord, why not also in its capacity of employer?

What's In a Name?

The name of the merged labor move- as a bloc among top bureaucrats rather ment will be the "AFL and CIO" according to the agreement reached by conferees of both organizations.

This dual name is symbolic. It points up all the weak sides of the unification. The merger does not take place as a result of an upheaval in the class struggle that brings about genuine fusion of all organized workers under a new program and leadership.

It takes place through agreement among top bureaucrats without actively involving the membership in formulating unity

The top agreement leaves the entire bureaucratic structure in the affiliates of both organizations intact. All the baronies continue undisturbed. Labor czars rule over their respective empires as before. None of the revenue, prestige and power of the top officialdom in any of the unions is to be disturbed one iota by the merger.

What the dual name symbolizes, therefore, is that the AFL-CIO merger begins General as "subversive." All talk of freedom is a mockery as long

than a genuine unification. But the impact of the merger will carry the AFL and CIO much further than that. For, in future upsurges of the working

class, the ranks will take a hand. Even now they sense the vastly increased potential power that unification brings to labor, and they favor the merger,

despite its bureaucratic auspices. When the merged organization launches great new organizing drives; when it undertakes a fight to win a thirty-hour week at forty-hours pay; when it breaks with the Democratic Party and builds a Labor Party — then this will also mean a ors has given their approval; complete overhauling of the structure of

the labor movement. New leaders will come forward from the ranks of the workers to put this program into effect. They will collide with and replace the present class-collaborationist and bureaucratic gang.

The labor movement will be united from top to bottom and will emerge invincible in its struggles against U.S. Big Business.

The Talbott Case

The current investigation of Secretary of Air Force, Harold E. Talbott, is part of the Democratic Party strategy for 1956. This strategy is quite simple. The Republicans are attacked as the "party of Big Business" and the Democrats represent themselves as the party of the common

Talbott, in addition to his \$18,000 government salary draws \$50,000 a year as a partner in the engineering firm of Paul B. Mulligan and Co. According to his testimony it is mere coincidence that his firm and personal profits zoomed while he was Secretary of the Air Force.

Talbott's case is one of a series. There was the case of Defense Secretary Wilson, formerly head of the General Motors Corporation. Wilson tried to explain that there was no contradiction between his being a big wheel in GM while handing out contracts to it as head of the Defe se Department. "What's good for GM is good for the country," he argued.

Then there is the more recent case of Adolphe Wenzell. He was a paid consultant for the Budget Bureau which approved the Dixon-Yates contract. At the same time he was vice-president of the First Boston

Corporation which became the financial agent in the Dixon-Yates deal.

These Democratic Party revelations about Big Business greed and crookedness conceal two important facts.

(1) Under the Democratic administrations Big Business executives also infested Washington. Remember the "dollara-year" men during World War II? Remember Knudsen, also a president of the GM corporation? Remember the costplus contracts through which these boys handed out billions to their pals?

(2) Big Business does not depend on direct representation in Government departments to maintain their rule in the U.S. They are the real economic and political power by virtue of their private ownership of the means of production. This private ownership of the huge industrial power of the U.S. gives them their control of newspapers, radio, TV, movies, schools, and above all the two capitalist parties.

Big Business rule in the U.S. will be smashed only when this power of ownership of wealth in the means of production is taken away from the capitalists and turned over to a Workers and Farmers Government where it belongs.

Background of Civil War in Morocco

By George Lavan

Each day's newspaper chroniles the speed with which Morocco is moving toward revolution. This has more than ordinary interest for the thousands of American families whose GI sons, husbands and brothers are stationed in the seething French colony. If Morocco becomes another Indo-China or Korea, what will be the role of the U. S.

What are the issues in Morocco? Where should the sympathies of American workers lie? To answer these questions, the background must be briefly sketched in.

Morocco, which resembles California in area, population, topography and climate, had been an ndependent country for over 1,000 years when the 20th Century dawned. But in the first decade of this century, the imperialist powers, having carved up the rest of the world, turned their eyes on Morocco. For a while its independence was preserved by a stalemate as to years later, over Morocco.

A conclave of the imperialists teed the independence of Morocco, "internationalized" it economically, i.e. opened it to all imperialist nations. The U. S. along with other nations, signed and ratified this treaty

However, secret treaties between Britain and France about Morocco existed. These were carried out in 1912 when the solemn guarantee of Moroccan independence was ignored and France forced a Protectorate on he Arab kingdom.

Technically, Morocco was still country. It kept its own Sulan and ambassadors to other countries, etc. In fact the French Army and a French Resident General took over running the country. The "protection" racket

door they take over the protectee's business.

The Moroccan people resisted inch of the way. In fact the most remote sections of the country were not subdued until 1934 - 32 years after the in-

Part of the secret imperialist deal was that France would not keep all of Morocco - a section would go to Spain and Tannational commission. Thus French imperialism after forcing a protectorate treaty on the Moroccan Sultan, sublet, as it were, considerable sections of this "independent" country to other nations.

FRENCH RULE

of over 40 years of French "protection." The Moroccan peasants' ated. One of the results is that lower standard of living than of Morocco. before the French took over.

in scale, from the practice of fore French occupation, Morocco example there is a 15% tax on of even having definite civil or American gangsters. Once the was an important exporter of sugar, while jewelry, furs, and criminal laws. While there is a protectors get a foot in the grain, today it is an importer. other luxuries bought by the Moreover, famines, far surpassing any known before the French, now recur as in 1937 and in the French imperialists every 1945 when over a million Moroccań peasants and workers died

of starvation. Forced labor is imposed on thousands of native peasants. Those that still have plots of land are often forced to leave their fields and work on the crops of the 'colons' or anyone in authority. Landless peasants gier would be run by an inter- are forced to work on French estates for practically nothing (the minimum wage in industry is 11 cents an hour, in agriculture it is non-existent.)

French capitalism uses Morocco as a milk cow. It is forced to import products from France at high prices and export to France at low prices. French Here are some of the results capitalists, banks and colons own almost everything, the Moroccans nothing. Super-exploited land has been steadily expropri- labor yields tremendous profits. French capital manipulates the the Moroccan people, who are Moroccan currency to the bene-90% agricultural, now have a fit of itself and impoverishment

The poverty-stricken Moroc-For example 21/2 million acres cans are burdened with taxes, of the best land now belongs to 4,- while there are hardly any on

U.S. Planes Used Against Algeria

The U.S. government is no neutral in the struggle between the Algerian nationalist movement and French imperialism. U. S. aid is going to the French.

The July-August issue of Toward Freedom, a newsletter on colonial affairs, published in Chicago gives the following information: The Air Force press desk in Washington on Feb. 21 confirmed that an American plane and pilot dropped French paratroopers over Algeria on Feb. 4 in an operation against the revolutionary forces.

On June 23, the French

government announced that Washington granted priorities for helicopters to be used by the French army in Algeria. The "whirlybirds" are of crucial importance in guerilla

"the House of Representatives without opposition called for a foreign policy to support other peoples to achieve self-

imperialism.

warfare. "On precisely the same day," says Toward Freedom.

government or independence."

That resolution was aimed solely against the Kremlin and conveniently overlooked Eisenhower's aid to French

Our Readers Take the Floor

Craft Union

In the June 13th issue at the pottom of page 3, there appeared an item that stated: "The Brotherhood of Railway

Trainmen, largest of the independent rail unions, is understood to be talking merger with labor federation the BRT would have to surrender 8,000 bus drivers and 8,000 switchmen to other AFL unions.'

I know that this is an awfully late date to comment on it, but here goes anyway.

It would be better if you'd spell it Brotherhood of Railroad

The BRT claims about 80,000 switchmen, and the Switchmen's Union of North America, AFL, has about 10,000 to 12,000 members. The BRT president has been negotiating inclusion in the merger; the Board of Directand every indication is that it will go through. While the BRT will likely be willing to give up its bus drivers to the Amalgamated, it certainly will not give up nearly half of its membership to get into the merger.

It seems to me that the most likely variant would be for the BRT to swallow up the little SUNA if the affiliation goes through.

The head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen is also negotiating to bring his organization into the merger. The head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has been publicly critical of the unity agreement as not giving sufficient consideration to small unions. Apparently he couldn't get the deal he wanted. The head of the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen has been more or less friendly but publicly non-committal regarding affiliation for his organization. I believe that chances are excellent for the inclusion of 1947 all the operating rail unions in 1948 a fairly short time.

Minneapolis, Minn.

On Baltimore's Jim Crow Tayerns

damned peculiar place, but the is rong Sales Workers-33.2% or would be \$7.40, but the median interpretation of the Supremetre out one-third: Women's Me-Court's ruling that segregationfu in wage or salary income in s illegal, in regard to taverns 51 — \$1,361; Men's Median in Baltimore, is the most un-rd age or salary income in 1951 usual which has ever come to u \$3,083. my attention.

Manley has ruled, in effect, that h here both the husband and the tavern owners do not have e ife work: to pay any attention to the Con- o "Both the extent to which far as seeing what the stitution of the United States, wives participate in the labor worker is getting.—Ed.]

or Supreme Court decisions, but | force and the level of wives' incan make their own laws. I believe it would be well directly related to the husbands' worth your white to get some incomes. The percent of wives in photographs of Negroes, who the labor force decreases mark-

alley, sit down if they can find husbands' incomes were between Native Affairs Department, exops comes along to chase them. Baltimore is some place!

D. S. Baltimore, Md.

Women's Wages

In your issue of May 30, 1955, you have a filler which states: Women hold 29% of the jobs in the U.S. but they receive only 60% as much pay as men for equal work. Now ordinarily I hold the Militant in high regard for its well documented articles and reliable sources of information but in this case your information seems to be a little bit dated. Sixteen years ago, in 1939,

that is, a woman almost made 60% of what men made—to be exact 59.1%. But then the equal pay for equal work laws began to be passed and the slogan equal pay for equal work became very popular, like a pacifier to a baby. And, just like a The bosses, always happy with loophole legislation, point with pride to the few states that passed equal pay laws, mumble the merry phrase in their beards, AND CUT the percentage of women's wages compared

men's to 44.1% in 1951. Here is a scale from the pamphlet, Women As Workers; a statistical guide, page 87 (U.S. Dept. of Labor Bureau D-65 50): Percent Women's Median In

come was of Men's Median In

1949

as urce: U.S. Department b mmerce, Bureau of the Cen-Baltimore, I am aware, is a c id women's wages is widest al I'd like to quote the sam

As things stand now, Judge vi lok on the question of families

comes when they do work are when in white neighborhoods, edly in accordance with the huscannot drink beer in a tavern bands' incomes. Whereas about passport to travel to Kent, on a hot day, but have to buy a one-third of the wives were bottle of beer, then go to an working in families in which the working when their incomes of \$4,000 or more was close to \$2,000, while incomes of wives whose husbands earned less than \$2,000 a year was only about \$1,000.

relationships may be the fact July 22. The King, Mutesa II, that husbands and wives tend to have similar backgrounds, edu- ish because the King would not cation, experience, and work qualifications; furthermore, wives posed to do according to the of higher-income men may be reluctant to accept low-paying jobs since their need for additional income is less pressing than in low-income families."

And for any man or woman who hasn't militantly fought in their union for contracts featuring equal pay, seniority in hiring, firing, promotion, trainng, and maternity leaves, let me show them who benefited from | similar charge. their apathy. According to the pacifier, there was nothing to it. National Association of Manufacturers, and statistics from the Federal Reserve Board in New York City, manufacturers made 5.4 billion dollars profit from the difference paid to women for the same or similar work done by men in 1951. (Dr. Furst, "The Neurotic, His Inner and Outer Worlds" - quoting Grace Hutchins in "Women Who Work"). Thanks again for putting out

such a wonderful paper.

San Francisco, Cal.

ter, J.J. gives statistics for me-

dian wages. In the event any readers are unclear about median and average, the following may help. Average is the total divided by the number of individuals involved. Median is the mid-point for all those involved; half would be above that figure s, Current Population Reports. and the other half below. Thus Taken by major occupational if five people received wages oups, the gap between men's respectively of \$3, \$4, \$5, \$7, and \$18, the average wage wage would be \$5. Median wage figures give a more accurate picture of the situation. Thus when a corporation or the government gives an average wage and salary statistic, into which the sky-high salaries of the executives have been lumped the average will be distorted as far as seeing what the average

of the imperialists differs only | 200 French 'colons' (settlers). Be- | the wealthy French settlers. For | French residents are untaxed.

HUGE BUREAUCRACY

racy, whose main purpose is to doubled in numbers. Relatively what "law" they were supposed speaking it is the most costly to have violated. civil service in the world. In 1951 its salaries consumed over 80% of Morocco's revenue. No wonder so little is left for with the racism, introduced by the French imperialists, only a small minority of Moroccans are mostly doormen, sweepers,

nessengers, etc. Illiteracy has grown under French rule. While there are good public schools for every French child in Morocco, there are public schools for less than 8% of dom of speech, of assembly and the native children. Private of the press are non-existent. schools, supported by the Mor- Moroccan labor unions, political occans, have been harassed and parties and other organizations closed by the imperialists, who want to keep the masses ignor-

For over nine million Moroccans there are only 250 state- has failed. The unbelievably employed doctors. The rate of bloody reign of terror instituted native infant mortality is over by the police and army, too, has 28%. The highest in the world. failed. Like other colonial peo-The peasants live in miserable ples the Moroccans are thirsthuts. The workers in the cities ing for freedom. Moreover, a live in slums or "bidonvilles"— working class has come into huge shanty towns made of existence to spark and lead the packing crates and flattened tin fight. cans (bidon in French means

written code of laws for the French population, there is none for the native. Hauled before a court, a Moroccan can be charg-With the taxes squeezed from ed with anything the police dethe poor the French have erect-sire and sentenced to whatever ed a huge government bureauc- the judge feels like. Thousands of non-political prisoners have provide well-paid, easy jobs for served long terms, including Frenchmen. From 1938 to 1940 solitary confinement and hard the bureaucracy was more than labor, without ever knowing

NO CIVIL LIBERTIES

Not only is their country carved up into three different public health, education, etc. Yet colonies, the Moroccans cannot even travel through French Morocco freely. It is divided into zones, and passports - hard to are in the civil service and these get for natives, not needed by Frenchmen — are required to pass from one zone to another. The Moroccans have no civil liberties. The French declared

a state of emergency in 1914 and have never revoked it. Freeare forbidden — even the Boy Scouts were hanned in 1942

Yet the whole brutal mechanism of imperialist repression

[Next week: The Moroccan People Fight Back.]

World Events

dleton, of the N. Y. Times, in fused to work. The Labor Miniscommenting on the Geneva Con- try ordered a wage freeze for ference, July 25, made the fol- six months while the dispute is lowing observation on the Krem- investigated and ordered the lin's policy: "Lenin's dream of strikers to resume work by July Germany as the 'principle link 25. The union declared it would in a chain of revolutions' seems not accept the wage freeze deto have been replaced by a pol-cree. icy that seeks passivity and security in Europe." True. But it happened about 31 years ago.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOV-Kent scholarship was refused a Conn., for studies. Dr. van incomes were \$6,000 or more. | police saw "no point in issuing Furthermore, 1951 data show a certificate," the N.Y. Times that the median income of reported, because they had adworking wives of husbands with vance information that the passport would be refused.

BUGANDA'S KING will be permitted to return from English exile to rule one million 'Among the reasons for these tribesmen, it was announced was exiled in 1953 by the Britagreement signed by his predecessor in 1900.

> THE STALINISTS OUSTED the secretary general of the Communist Party of Uruguay, Eugenio Gomez, on charges of serving "Yankee Imperialism" and placed Rodney Arismendi at the head of the party. Gomez' son was previously ousted on a

HIROSHIMA MAYOR Tadao

Watanabe, appealed to the Big

Four at Geneva to ban all nuclear weapons and prohibit their production. "The atom bomb," he said, "must not be used even for retaliation." ONE BIG ACHIEVEMENT in Geneva, according to N.Y. Herald Tribune correspondent, Mar-

guerite Higgins, was that Mos-

cow and Washington "confirmed

their convictions that neither side wanted or was planning a hydrogen war." - Then why the [In her very informative let- stockpiling of nuclear weapons? 22 was declared illegal by the against all Cuban branches of

THIS IS NEWS? Drew Mid-I remained at their posts but re-

ONE WAY TO WIN AN ELECTION was demonstrated in Sanghar, Pakistan, July 21. The Chief Minister of Sind Province, Mohammed Ayub Khuhro want-ERNMENT explained why the led to be elected to the Provincial Assembly He filed nomination papers in accordance with election rules. When four other Rooyen, information officer of aspiring candidates arrived to file, they were picked up by some place to sit, and enjoy the \$1,000 and \$3,000, only about plained that the youth failed to police, taken 20 miles into the cooling drink, provided that no one-seventh of the wives were get a certificate of character jungle, kept four hours, then om the police department. The driven deeper into the jungle When they finally got back on foot their cars were missing. They decided to "concede defeat" and Khuhro was "elected unopposed."

TWENTY ONE FREEMAS-ONS IN SPAIN will be transferred to federal prisons on July 27 to serve their sentences. They were convicted last Nocharges of organizing a masonic lodge in Barcelona in 1944. Free masonry was outlawed in Spain in 1940. One of those convicted was sentenced to a 15-year term.

A LABORITE PLEA in the British House of Commons to call off the planned Hydrogen bomb test was rejected by the Eden government on July 25. The laborites asked for a worldwide ban on nuclear tests until scientists had completed studies on radiation dangers.

ANTI-U.S. FEELING GROWS in Mexico among people both in and out of government as Guatemalan refugees are submitted to police surveillance. Mexicans feel the U.S. is responsible for police tampering with the right of political asylum. In addition there is popular sympathy for the refugees.

CANADA GETS HORROR TREATMENT with the visit of Val Peterson, U. S. Civil Defense Administrator, to Toronto. Newspaper journalist, Frank Tumpane, objected strongly that SIT DOWN STRIKE IN CU- "no useful purpose is served by BAN BANKS that began July continuing attempts to scare the liver and lights out of every Ministry of Labor. The strike man, woman and child on the continent." He quoted Peterson the First National City Bank of as saying, "The Third World New York was in support of a War will obliterate every big demand for a 20% increase in city in North America." Furthwages. National City refused to ermore, Peterson expressed the negotiate and the strike spread view that the elimination of war to all Cuban banks. The strikers was not very likely.

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"Just who do President Eisenhower and the 'great brains' on Capitol Hill who regard themselves as military 'experts' think they are kidding with all their phony accusations against those who oppose Universal Military Training?

"Let's get down to cases, boys. If UMT is such an 'important' project for the defense of America - which we don't think it is — let's get on with the vote. Let's stop trying to fool the people with ludicrous charges that Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N. Y.) is holding things up because he is opposed to racial segregation.

"It's not Powell who's holding things up - and you know this perfectly well. Seems to us it's a simple issue of right and wrong. And the people who are wrong are the Dixiecrats — as usual. They want to continue segregation in the National Guard. The President says racial segregation is wrong. The Declaration of Independence says it's wrong. The Constitution of the United States says it's wrong. The Supreme Court says it's wrong. And Powell is simply agreeing. So who's responsible for the 'stall'? You guessed the answer. It's the Dixiecrats. They won't support UMT unless they can make the rules. And their rules call for continuation of segrega-

"So, we get highly annoyed when the so-called 'impartial' Washington newspapermen write that it's Powell 'whose anti-segregation amendment bottled up the first bill' (in the House of Representatives). It isn't either. It's the Dixiecrats who bottled it up, and they intend to keep it bottled up unless everyone else in Congress and government will 'compromise' a basic moral principle.

"And right at this point, Mr. President since you took time out from more pleasant activities to write a letter to Powell castigating him for insisting that racial segregation in the armed forces is wrong, how about writing a similar letter to Rep. Carl 'The Admiral' Vinson (D-Ga.), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. We'd suggest you tell Vinson off in the same terms you told Powell off. And we'd suggest that you tell Vinson that he and his Dixiecrat pals 'unbottle' your pet UMT legislation and let's get on with the vote. Maybe you ought to tell Bridges' conduct as head of the Vinson about the Supreme Court decision LLWU was incompatible with on racial segregation in the public schools. He probably hasn't heard about it. Or maybe he thinks if he ignores it, it will

". . . Are you afraid the people won't like the idea of their sons being regimented into military service for eight years? Are you afraid the people might remember that one of the principal reasons our fore- not a Communist. fathers came to America in the first place was to get away from universal military training? Are you afraid the people might be wise to the fact that the military brass hats want more and more power to dictate to free Americans?"

Old Age Pensions

"Dear Mrs. Blank:

"Our records show that your insurance policy now has a cash-in value of \$1,153.21. You also have a cemetery lot valued at \$50. Because your personal property now exceeds the \$1,200 limit we are forced to cut off your old age assistance."

The above coldly-worded letter was sent to an old age pensioner I know. She is over 70 years old and has no other form of income than the miserable dole handed out by the state in the name of old age assistance. But she does have an insurance policy, you see, which is worth a little over a thousand dollars and a cemetery lot. This is personal property, and, of course, old age assistance cannot be given to anyone with more than \$1,200 in personal property.

Queen Elizabeth, the first Queen Elizabeth, that is, (1533 to 1603) would understand that very well. She might be a bit puzzled about the allowance of \$1,200 in personal property. In her time anyone getting public assistance had to be dead broke. Now we have advanced to the point where an old person can have the magnificent sum of \$1,200 in personal property and still qualify for assistance. Other than that the requirements are just about the same as in the days of the first Queen

The propagandists for the "free enterprise" system are always willing and eager to tell of the high standard of living the

workers here are supposed to enjoy. But they are strangely silent about the joys of old age - especially when the aged are poor and need help.

"Billions for war" they cry. But peanuts for pensions! Our economy is supposed to be so strong and good, and the worker and his family so well off that only the wastrels and improvident need any assistance in old age.

"What did you do wth all that money you made during your working years? Did you spend it all on good times and pretty clothes? Didn't you save some for your old age? Why should the state take care of YOU?

Why indeed?

I happen to know that this old lady and her husband, who is now dead, were driven off their farm during the depression. Then came years of struggle just to keep body and soul together. Improvident, they say? How could they be improvident when they had just barely enough to live on, let alone He got a stipulation from the "put away" anything for old age.

So now the old lady will have to cash in her insurance policy and live it up before she will qualify for any more old age assistance.

The richest country in the world can spend \$12 billion to develop an atom bomb, but it can't afford a few dollars a month to keep the wolf away from the door of the aged poor — especially when they have \$1,200 in "personal property."

Notes from the News

SOMETHING NEW IN PICKET LINES is drawing the attention of people in the northern part of West Virginia. There the Monongahela Power Company buys non-union coal. The United Mine Workers can't legally picket the utility company. But retired miners, who draw \$100-amonth pensions from the UMW decided they could and would. Organized into a Miners' Pension Committee, independent of the UMW, ex-miners. from 60 to 80 years old, have set up picket lines before utility company offices and retail appliance stores. They carry placards and distribute leaflets explaining that with every ton of scale coal the Monongahela Power Co. robs the pension fund of

CIO OIL CHEMICAL AND ATOMIC WORK-ERS UNION has joined the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in a lawsuit against its own CIO Oil Local 434. The NAACP's legal action is part of an important assault on Jim-Crow hiring practices of four big oil companies, which hold government contracts supposedly barring employment discrimination under a Presidential Executive Order. In addition to the oil corporations, several AFL, independent and the above-mentioned CIO local are accused by the NAACP of collusion in the Jim Crow

LIP SERVICE AGAINST RACE PREJUDICE is the policy of American newspapers, most of which in the North have editorialized in the past few years against discrimination. A survey by the CIO American Newspaper Guild shows that out of some 80,000 workers staffing the 1,784 general daily newspapers and an additional 9,770 staffing general weekly newspapers in the U.S., there are only 21 Negroes employed in news and editorial work and none in advertising.

ANTI-KNISH CAMPAIGN. "On the same day that a knish-vendor at Coney Island was arrested, after a sensational chase in which onlookers belabored the pursuing cops, for vending without a license, a big meat-handling outfit in Michigan was found fit to continue peddling meat because in that state a meat-processor has to be caught and convicted of adulteration three times in any given year before losing its license. This company had three court convictions, but only one under state law, so it stays in business. The knishvendor is inside looking out." - Labor's Daily.

TOO MUCH BROCCOLI. Two 16-year-old West Virginia youths went to work on the Pennsylvania farm of Rep. Karl W. King (R-Pa.). They worked ten hours a day for 60 cents an hour. Meals consisting mostly of broccoli were taken out of their pay. The youths complained that the row of broccoli looked two miles long and when piled on their plates, looked two miles high. * * *

LEGION ATTACKS WOMEN VOTERS LEAGUE. The Un-Americanism committee of the plush Westchester County, N. Y., American Legion aimed its fire last week at the League of Women Voters for issuing a series of six pamphlets being used in a nation-wide series of discussions on civil liberties. The ex-doughboys charge that the pamphlets were "designed to delude the public into believing that communism is a red herring." A spokesman for the League declared the assertion "ridiculous."

ROBESON MAY TRAVEL - BUT. . . In line with its new "liberal look," the State Department announced July 18 that it was granting permission to singer Paul Robeson to travel to Canada as often as he likes. The noted Negro baritone, however, is still barred by the State Department from traveling to other neighboring areas where no passports are required of American visitors. The rulling covers Mexico, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the West Indies. A State Department press agent said "careful and prompt consideration" is being given to Robeson's long denied requests for an unrestricted passport.

MORE GOOD NEWS IN THE CIVIL LIBER-TIES FIGHT was the death of a bill to revoke licenses of California business and professional that the Government has not now a militant union town. persons who invoked the 5th Amendment.

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Tug Strike Ties Up Baltimore Role of Paid Govt. Witnesses Raised

Roy Gale

In Bridges Trial

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SAN FRANCISCO, July 23 -The Government's civil suit to strip Harry Bridges, West Coast Longshore 'leader, of his citizenship ended here yesterday. After hearing the final pleas of defense and prosecuting attorneys, Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman announced he would hand down his verdict next Friday.

The defense was forced to cut its case short when Judge Goodman ruled as inadmissible, defense evidence showing that Communist Party membership. This evidence was the core of the defense case.

Defense Attorney Telford Taylor objected, saying he was confident that "in the final upshot" it cannot be held that a person accused of being a Communist cannot be allowed to show his conduct indicates he is

Judge Goodman brushed aside this defense objection. "Evidence that a person doesn't act like a member of the Communist Party is no proof that he isn't a member," he said. This adverse ruling lends weight to the whole witch-hunt atmosphere prevailing today. This theory convicts a person accused of being a "Communist" before any evidence is heard. If he admits Geneva meeting will formalize worst of all, they fear that an Senator. McNamara was an obmembership he is "guilty" and if some agreements being reached other revolution in Europe will scure and weak candidate who he denies membership he is still by other means. But the people "guilty" because denial of mem- will never learn what these bership is "no proof that he isn't a member.'

The judge gave one ruling that might favor the defense.



HARRY BRIDGES

Government that it was not trying to prove "affiliation" with the Party. It was recalled that Hugh Bryson, another waterfront union leader, was convicted of perjury when he denied membership and affiliation in was convicted on the affiliation charge.

PAID GOVT. WITNESSES

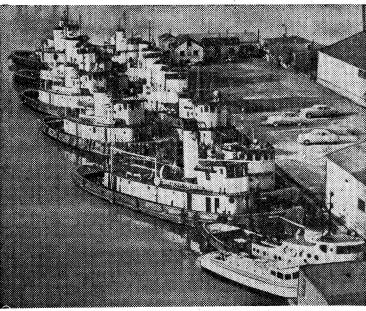
The defense might get some comfort from a judicial query. Judge Goodman wondered aloud about the amount of credence the court should give the testimony of ex-Communist witnesses. "Both sides seemed to have stayed away from this issue in their arguments," Judge Goodman observed. "I think it is something that might be given some consideration.'

Gladstein quickly suggested, "if for 14 weeks. If Judge Walter the U. S. Attorney will make a motion to strike the testimony of all witnesses who were former Communists, I'll second it and we can all go home."

minding the court of the "pro-Communist agent who later re violence or fomenting these vio-

considers its strongest plea. Fe said. "A judgment for the :spondent (Bridges) in this cale will not in the deepest sense e spiring example of interracial a judgment against the Gove 1ment or for Harry Bridges, or for or against anyone touched y this controversy. A judgment for the respondent will be a juc :ment that the law abides he and that will be its own ill justification."

Taylor referred to standa s used by the United States & - and scabs in an attempt to break JWV national convention, schedpreme Court which require "cle, the strike. Godchaux has pibunequivocal and convincing e |dence that does not leave t e what was formerly the company to June 30 show that AFL Hotel imply that the imprisonment and issue in doubt." Taylor argu d town of Reserve but which is and Restaurant locals have con- vilification he suffered in his day produced such evidence.



Tied up by a strike of 350 crewmen, these tugs lie idle at their dock in Baltimore. The men, members of the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn., struck for a wage increase after rejecting a 10c. offer. The owners sued the union for \$1 million in damages and announced they would hire scabs to replace the strikers

BARBARIA GIVES RADIO TALK ON BIG 4 PARLEY

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20 - Frank Barbaria, So cialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor in the fall elections gave his views on the Big Four Geneva Conference, July 19, over Radio 9

Station KPFA-FM. agreements are simply by readng the statements emanating from the Conference.'

Barbaria explained the counter-revolutionary role of the workers in their search for lead- powerful Michigan labor move-Stalinist bureaucracy in heading ership. And at the same time off the socialist revolution in the Soviet caste feels the grow- UAW-CIO. This election was Europe and Asia after the second World War. "Actually," he said. "the role of the Soviet tion can very well set off a powerful political force in Michcaste was never in doubt."

He cited the betrayal of the Indo-Chinese struggle for independence as the most recent evidence of Stalinist efforts to REVISED TIMETABLE maintain the status quo. Their desire for coexistence and a lessening of tension in the cold war led them to sell out the revolutionary strivings of the colonial

sight for the Indo-Chinese," he said, "the Ho Chi Min leadership made a deal with the French, a Third World War. helped divide the country in half and thus protected the financial interests of French capitalism and simultaneously, the interests of the Russian caste."

Barbaria explained why the Soviet bureaucracy is eager for deal now. They remembered workers revolt in June 1953. the Communist Party. Bryson They shudder at the thought of people.

another Yugoslavia, independent sound the death knell to their rule in Russia.

"The next revolutionary wave in Europe," he said, "will re- contender. sult in the Soviet bureaucracy being rejected by the European political revolution by the Rus- igan. sian workers against the bureaucracy which has harnessed them so long."

Wall Street's willingness to meet at this time could only be explained by its revised timecable for war, he said. In spite to political candidates. of the ring of steel around the Soviet Union in the form of military bases, U. S. Imperialism faces a number of serious that the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the case now in the grounds that the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the case now in the grounds that the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the case now in the grounds that the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the case now in the grounds that the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the case now in the grounds that the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the case now in the grounds that the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the case now in the grounds that the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was issued violated the presidential election next the indictment was indicated the presidential election next the indictment was indicated the presidential election next the i obstacles in its drive toward

"The masses of Great Britain, Italy and France are in no mood for such a venture." Barbaria

said, "and the plans to involve Japan and Germany are years behind schedule and give promise of never being achieved . . and to say the least, there is a all to well the East German lack of enthusiasm for such a venture among the American

"Then the whole case must be resolved upon the issue of whether the respondent was or was or was Party prior to 1945," the Judge said. Harassed by Courts

A vivid demonstration of government-by-injunction by the sugar barons of Reserve and Gramercy, Louisiana, against the refinery strikers was given in a contempt of court citation against Interna-9

of the CIO Packinghouse Union. Helstein's "contempt," and that of his administrative assistant and the UPWA Regional Director, consists of a two-day visit to the striking sugar lo-Defense Attorney Richard cals, which have now been out

leaders, he will give them a year in prison and \$1,000 fine. Judge Hamlin directed at-Gladstein followed up by re- torneys for the anti-labor Co-Ionial Sugar Co. to prepare confessional" status of the Gov- tempt citations against Helstein ernment's ex-Communist witness- and his colleagues, saying: "I es. He likened them to Harvey want to find out if these Chi-Matusow, the Government's anti- cago people are fomenting this Relations Board to conduct a

lations of a court order. If I Taylor made what the defense find them guilty I'm going to give them the limit." The strikes, which involve 1,500 workers and are an in-

solidarity, are for a ten-cent-anhour increase which has already been won from two other Southern refineries. The 10-cent boost would cut the present North-South wage differential of 41 cents in the industry to 38 centsan-hour. Both Colonial and Godchaux refineries are using thugs licly threatened to "repopula e"

On the other Southern strike Miami strike fund.

cional President Ralph Helstein front that has drawn national attention - the hotel strike in the Miami area - the AFL Hotel Workers Union continued its battle against the employers, a maze of no-picketing injunctions and Florida's "right to work" law. A victory in a Florida circuit court against picketing bans at six luxury hotels C. Hamlin of St. James Parish was soon lost. Florida's sevencan lay his hands on the union judge Supreme Court ruled for the employers and now only two of the 167 hotels in the area can be legally picketed.

Since Florida's "right-to-scab" law doesn't provide for union recognition elections, the union has asked the National Labor vote. The Southern Director of NLRB turned this down. The union has appealed to Washington but little hope exists that ing class leader and as a man. the present anti-labor NLRB This is very important because in will intervene. Sister locals of the striking

mion are conducting widespread publicity about the strike, which reformists and social democrats the Big Business press is playing down. They are asking the convention of the Jewish War

UAW to Fight Political "Gag" In Michigan

DETROIT, July 23 — Fear of the specter of labor's political power has prompted moves by Republican Party leaders which resulted this week in an indictment against

the UAW-CIO. The union was 3which forbids political contributions by corporations, banks and

The indictment charges that the union-sponsored television program, "Meet the UAW-CIO," moderated by Guy Nunn, was operated illegally during the 1954 campaign for U. S. Senafrom Michigan. Several of the programs contained "political advocacy," according to the indictment, and their cost was paid for out of general union

indictment names the UAW-CIO as an entity, and does not name any individual leaders of the union. The maximum penalty is a \$5,000 dollar fine on each of four counts.

BACKGROUND

Here is the background of the case. Last year's election resulted in the defeat of Homer Ferguson, the strong Republican ncumbent, by Patrick V. Mc-Namara, the labor-supported "In my opinion," he said, the of Kremlin domination. And Democratic nominee for U. S. won the nomination only because of the death of Blair Moody, the strong Democratic

McNamara's election was due entirely to the support of the ment, and particularly of the ing internal antagonisms and dramatic proof that the union knows that a European revolu- movement is potentially the most John Feikens, Michigan State

Chairman of the GOP, filed charges with the Justice Department early this year asserting, among other things, that the union violated federal law by giving free radio and TV time

have pressed the case now in courts on the grounds that the

Emil Mazey, UAW Secretary-1 of free speech and a free press.

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charged with violation of the Treasurer, charged that Republi-Federal Corrupt Practices Act, can politicians are using the courts in a "Sour Grapes" attempt to circumscribe "the right of the working people to express their opinion on issues

union.' There is no doubt that the 'sour grapes" of the Republicans is a big factor in this prestor and members of Congress ent action. What is really important, however, is the attempt to circumscribe the political

and candidates through their

power of the working people. That power has, so far, been misdirected by the Reuthers and Mazeys into support of the Democratic Party. This has stifled the power of the working people and their union as effectively as anything the capitalist

courts have done. But the labor movement is still potentially the greatest political power in America. This power should and will be used for the propagation of the interests of the working people in their own name and through their own class representatives. It is vital that the right of the unions to engage in political activity be defended.

THIRD CASE

This is the third time a union has been indicted under the Corrupt Practices Act since that act was amended in 1947 to extend the ban on political contribucases were thrown out of court on technical grounds. So far the Supreme Court has failed to rule on the constitutionality of the

In a statement over Guy Nunn's program after the indictment had been announced, Mazey said, "Newspapers are corporations, and they have the right to make political endorsements. Why can't labor have the same privilege?"

Officials of the UAW-CIO have announced that the case Republicans in Washington will be fought through the ates constitutional guarantees

AUGUST SELECTION BOOK-A-MONTH PLAN

THE BENDING CROSS. A Biography of Eugene Victor Debs, by Ray Ginger. Rutgers University Press. 1949, 516 pp., \$5 (Booka-Month price \$1.00 plus 15 cents mailing charge).

When this book first appeared the Militant review of it (Aug. 1, 1949) opened with the following paragraph:

ever written about Debs. The 3author evidently had only one such a good, though quixotic axe to grind, and that was to person. present all the important facts permitted. When you finish it, you can feel with justification that you know what forces shaped Debs, why his ideas developed from pure and simple unionism through reformism to revolutionary socialism, what problems the revolutionary movement of his time had to contend with, what contributions he made to the struggle for socialism, what his legacy is for the present

That this was no over-enthusiastic first impression is borne out by a re-reading of the book five years later. The original estimate was 100% correct. This is the best biography of Gene Debs available. It is a book no worker or student interested in socialism or the American labor movement should be without.

generation."

The author succeeds in portravng Deb's full figure as a worktoday's corrupt atmosphere the open enemies of what Debs stood for have joined forces with the to emasculate his teachings.

They try to palm off on the American Legion to transfer its American public a lifeless statue 1955 convention from Miami if of Debs as just a man of good the strike is still on. The Ohio will, a reformer, a sentimental leader without any real brains. Veterans has asked that the "All-honor to Debs," they say, "but he has no lessons to teach uled in Miami a week after the us now that aren't contained in Legion's, be transferred. Figures | the Sermon on the Mount." They tributed over \$250,000 to the was all a mistake and that such things wouldn't happen today to

"This is an excellent book, unquestionably the best

This is, of course, pure bunk. in the Debs story as fairly as he Debs wasn't the sticky little tin could and as fully as his space Jesus these people have invented. He was above all a fighter, a militant, a revolutionary socialist. So much so, that were he alive during the recent war and today, he would have again suffered jail and persecution. Those qualities for which the class enemy and their covert allies in the labor movement ridiculed Debs when he was alive and which they pretend to admire to-

day would not have saved him.

It is the major merit of this fine book that it cuts through the false and contemptuous myths that have been woven about Debs' memory and presents him as he was. No better, and no worse. But that is all that is wanted from a political analyst and a biographer. It turns out in this case to be one of the most inspiring pages in American working class history and in individual accomplishment.

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