Jim-Crow Army Courts Victimize Negro Gls

NAACP Counsel **Hits Brutality** Of Army Brass

Army jim crow is victimizing Negro GI's in Korea and Japan, it was revealed Feb. 21, in a report of NAACP special counsel Thurgood Marshall upon his return from the Korean front.

face of enemy) whereas 60 Negro home." GIs had been so charged. "The question as to why so many Negroes were charged and so few white soldiers remains unanswered," Marshall said.

three years. Of the 32 Negroes last to retreat. convicted, one, (Lieutenant Leon Gilbert) was sentenced to death. 15 to life imprisonment, one to 50 handed drastic prison terms by years and 15 to from five to 25 lily-white courts martial. These

STEAM ROLLER TRIALS

trials were hastily conducted, death because of their race. many of the accused men being rushed from foxholes to the court. failed to tell the whole truth The trials of the two men who about the criminal treatment of were sentenced to life lasted 50 Negro GIs. It is well known that minutes each; two others so sen- these troops are used as shock tenced had trials lasting 44 troops in every advance, and as time the odor of graft and bribery minutes and 42 minutes respecti- rear-guards in the retreats.

The main complaint of Negro troops, Marshall stated, in addition to their objection to the heavy sentences, "was that they had inefficient white officers and white officers who resented working with Negro troops."

FALSE FREEDOM AND EQUALITY

This report gives the lie to the September that Negro soldiers of the Negro people.

Marshall reported that only eight white soldiers had been enjoy "that freedom and equality" accused of violation of the 75th which these same Negro GIs have Article of War (misbehavior in never experienced in full at

segregation and brutal discrimi-

As a reward he is framed up by white-supremacist officers, and 45 minute trials are replicas of the kangaroo courts of all-white lynch - juries at home which An NAACP report states, "the condemn Negroes to prison and

NAACP spokesman Marshall

Secretary of the National Urban | Corporation, the "relief" agency League last July 22 tried to cover for "needy" capitalists. Since up this discriminatory use of 1932 it has handed out \$2.2 bil-Negro troops in an article in the lion in "loans" to "deserving" New Leader, hailing the Korean corporations and businessmen war as a "boon" because "Negro soldiers, sailors and airmen are permitted to serve not only as Banking and Currency Commitmessmen and menials but also as tee, headed by Senator Fulbright, combat troops."

Neither Bunche, Granger nor propaganda of Negro leaders who Marshall explained that the the scent of "favoritism and inbeat the drums for the Korean frame-up and courts-martial fluence" into the highest circles war as an opportunity for Negroes of Negro soldiers was an ex- of the Democratic Party, includto win equality. Dr. Ralph J. tension to the battle front of the ing William M. Boyle Jr., Demo-Bunche, director of the UN divi- deliberate campaign of terror in sion of trusteeship, stated last the U.S. to prevent the equality into the back rooms of the White

CORPORATE TAXES FELL AS 1950 PROFITS ROSE

The profits swag of big corporations was bigger in 1950 than ever before. The Associated Press reports that for the third time the present profits after taxes in a sampling of 72 corporations shows a jump of 33.5 per cent in 1950

the most profitable; they piled up \$12,006,490,560 in 1949 to \$9,936,-Rubber companies were among 87.9 per cent more profits in 1950 than in 1949. Eight steel companies including the very largest, in 1950 profits,

A RECORD HIGH

profits over 1949.

high in earnings."

But meanwhile the working And that is only the beginning, people took it in the neck. The With enactment of Truman's tax-Internal Revenue Bureau reported the-poor program, including his Feb. 21 that 1950 income tax vicious excise tax, the process of payments by individuals rose to milking the poor to enrich the \$17,936,535,662 from \$17,752,414,- monopolists will be stepped up in

But corporate income and pro-

showed increases of 36.3 per cent seen who is paying the freight up, the working people have been In general, the AP report paying more and more taxes; states, "American industry has and while profits have risen, the apparently set itself a record corporations have been paying less taxes.

Workers of the World, Unite!

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Workers Force Union Heads Marshall further pointed out that 32 Negroes and only two whites had been convicted by courts martial. The white GIs received sentences of five and three years. Of the 32 Negroes Marshall further pointed out that they were subjected to at home. At home the Negro is the last to be hired and the first to be fired. In Korea, the Negro GI is the first to advance and the last to retreat. Marshall further pointed out that they were subjected to at home. At home the Negro is the last to be hired and the first to be fired. In Korea, the Negro GI is the first to advance and the last to retreat.

White-House **Aides Linked** To RFC Graft

A stench of corruption is again wafting from Washington. This - the "fix" - rises from the \$2-Lester B. Granger, Executive billion Reconstruction Finance with the "right connections."

The subcommittee of the Senate Arkansas Democrat, in a twoyear investigation has followed cratic National Chairman, and House itself. The subcommittee, four Democrats and two Republicans, issued its sensational findings and charges last Feb. 2.

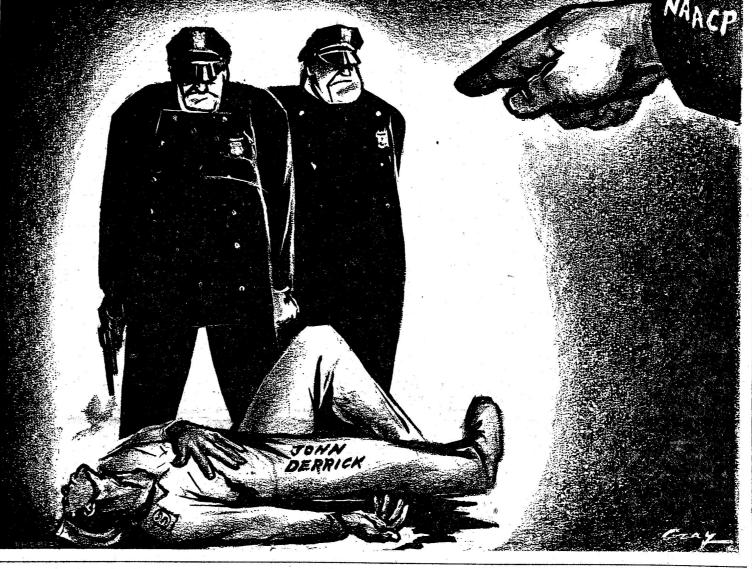
TRUMAN'S BRUSH-OFF

Truman at first tried to brush off the documented charges as "asinine" and a smear designed to personally reflect" on himself. He then deficiently renominated five RFC directors, including the three directly named in th Senate report as exerting "infits tax payments went down from fluence" on behalf of favored

> belated "plan" for "reorganization" of the RFC along lines proposed by the subcommittee. committee, he reverted to tactics let it be known he has secured written by Senators and Representatives to the RFC on behalf

(Continued on page 3)

Bring the Killer-Cops to Justice!



\$12,006,490,560 in 1949 to \$9,936,726,082 in 1950. A decline of over two billion dollars! From these figures it can be seen who is paying the freight for war preparations. While prices have been steadily going the prices have been steadily going the freight for war preparations. While prices have been steadily going the freight for war preparations. While prices have been steadily going the freight for war preparations. While prices have been steadily going the freight for war preparations. While prices have been steadily going the freight for "reorganizations have been steadily going balated "plan" for "reorganizations have been steadily going balated to be a second properties and properties have been steadily going balated to be a second properties and properties have been steadily going balated to be a second properties and properties have been steadily going balated to be a second properties and properties have been steadily going balated to be a second properties and properties have been steadily going balated to be a second properties and properties have been steadily going balated to be a second properties

Negro ex-GI, John Derrick, was evidence about the money and gun learned from his days with protested this afternoon at a was completely side-stepped. Missouri's Pendergast mob. He Harlem mass meeting. The meeting was held at the Golden Gate EIGHT MURDERS BY COPS

conducted by Wilfred N. Mayes, larceny. In the light of his in- white, blue ribbon jury of whiskey proposal. Alone and unaided, he the sidewalks of Harlem and bound under the most rigid convestigation, the handling of the drinking, cigar smoking clubmen, has conducted the kind of an in- Bedford-Stuyvesant. case by District Attorney Hogan and the grand jury stands exposed as a criminal conspiracy to suppress evidence and thwart justice.

EIGHT EYE-WITNESSES

FIRST TOUR Meetings Hear Hansen

Despite a justifiable fear of police reprisals, Mayes secured eight eye - witnesses who swore under oath that Derrick was shot in cold blood as he stood unarmed, with his hands above his head. Other witnesses testified that five minutes before the killing Derrick had more than two thousand dollars on his person. From the moment of the killing until it arrived at the morgue, nobody the two cops. A search of the body at the morgue revealed the money

do whatever is required to bring that immediately after the killing ers Party that the U.S. rearmathe two cops made a careful ment drive is not motivated by search of the body and found no fear of Russian attack but by Genora Dollinger gun. A few minutes later one of them went to a nearby police Mrs. Dollinger's home in Detroit station, returned, made a second and to safeguard American busi-

while passers - by who had not General Electric proving that

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 - The seen the shooting were grilled at who wouldn't let a Negro into vestigation that Hogan and the refusal of the grand jury to indict length about facts they couldn't their clubs for any other reason grand jury ducked. He should When these steps did not quiet the the killer-cops who murdered the possibly know. The important than to clean the toilets."

Advancement of Colored People, as a surprise to no one familiar lished beyond any doubt that one cop has been indicted by a case.

Socialist Workers Party proposed, such a jury would get could rally whole wage-price program, in its through its Harlem spokesman, a great movement of the Negro public statement: photostats of some 900 letters Ballroom under the auspices of This whitewash of murder by Gladys Barker, that the NAACP people to march on City Hall the National Association for the Hogan and the grand jury comes establish an independent jury com- thousands strong. Such action

have the opportunity to present mittee which represents 15 mil-In a message of support to the his evidence to a real jury of the lion organized workers delivered meeting (see text page 4) the people. The wide publicity that a crushing indictment of Truman's

posed of prominent leaders of the would compel a corrupt, jim crow An independent investigation with their record. Eight Negroes Negro, labor and liberal move- administration to bring the killers have been murdered in the past ment to conduct its own investiga- of John Derrick to justice and counsel to the NAACP, has established two years by New York cops. Not tion and public hearings on the stop the police campaign of terror against the Negro community. Palumbo and Minakakis, the cops grand jury correctly described to | The facts presented by Mr. Until resolute mass action is who shot Derrick last Dec. 7, are the meeting by Rev. A. Clayton Mayes to today's meeting dem- taken, the blood of new John guilty of murder and grand Powell as a "hand picked, lily onstrate the correctness of this Derricks will continue to stain salaries of all Americans are now

Leaders Quit All War Posts In Wage Fight Under pressure of an

aroused working class, all labor representatives on the war mobilization agencies were withdrawn Feb. 28 by the United Labor Policy Committee which stated, "We have come to the conclusion that in no other way can we effectively impress upon the American people the great wrongs being perpetrated against them."

This full-scale break with the Truman administration mobilization set-up follows the Feb. 16 withdrawal of three labor members of the Wage Stabilization Board. Referring to this action, the labor policy committee stated, "On Feb. 16 we announced that we had become thoroughly disillusioned with the conduct of the defense mobilization program. We made the deliberate charge that big business was dominating the program. . . .

"Since then we have spelled out our indictment in detail to the President of the United States and to the heads of agencies under him. We have talked and we have listened. After full and complete exchanges of information, our original convictions have been more than confirmed."

TRUMAN BACKS WILSON Truman further aggravated the

risis by announcing that Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson, former head of General Electric Corporation, would remain in his position despite the bitter protests of organized labor.

The United Labor Policy Com-

1. "We are today confronted with a price order (issued by price administrator Eric Johnston) which amounts to a legalized robbery of every American consumer, together with a wage order which denies justice and fair play to every American who works for wages. . . . Wages and (Continued on page 2)

"INDICT BRIGGS HEADS!" REPEATS WOMAN VICTIM OF COMPANY THUGS

Genora Dollinger, militant our union in any action that may Michigan trade unionist and Trot- be taken to follow up the reveskyist leader, who was one of the lations of the Kefauver Senate victims of the gangster beatings must not rest content until full by Briggs Manufacturing Co. evidence and retribution is obhired thugs, has demanded an ag- tained in the Briggs beatings, gressive campaign by the United the attempts on the lives of Automobile Workers, CIO, to bring the criminals in the case labor movement of this country

The facts linking the auto were revealed in a two-day tion: Detroit hearing of the Kefauver | 1. That the union demand the

its demands to a proposal that for the slugging of Briggs union the Briggs company fire its presi- | members. dent, Dean Robinson, and that an | 2. That the union in the name autopsy he performed upon the of these victimized workers start bodies of three former Briggs a personal damage suit against these criminals to justice. officials. Following is the text of the Briggs Co. Genora Dollinger's proposal:

Walter Reuther and International Executive Board United Automobile Workers of America, CIO

Dear Brother Reuther:

Following the recent death of

Investigating Committee. We Walter and Victor Reuther, and the attempt to terrorize the whole by such methods.

I have written my proposals to corporations to the campaign of my union, Local 212, and I hereby violence against union militants submit them for your considera-

Senate Investigating Committee. immediate indictment of Walter Thus far, the UAW has limited O. Briggs, Dean Robinson, etc.,

3. That the union conduct an

overall educational campaign to expose the companies in the case of the Reuther shootings.

The collaboration of the Briggs her husband with clubs. She was Corporation and the Ford Motor hospitalized for a long time. The trict Attorney's office made every Co. with the lowest scum of the beating occurred after she had effort to discredit the witnesses my son, I am temporarily out of underworld against the union been appointed to a committee of before the grand jury. Actual eye-Michigan for a rest on doctor's movement indicates that we must Briggs UAW Local 212 to in- witnesses to the shooting were orders. This letter is to assure you stand solidly together for the vestigate attacks on other mem- asked a few routine questions, of my complete solidarity with defense of our union against any bers.



GENORA DOLLINGER

further violence. I stand ready to

Fraternally yours,

Briggs beatings and reopen the was invaded before daybreak by search of the body and this time armed hoodlums who beat her and came up with a gun.

New Haven and a radio interview

on station WAVZ in the same city, Joseph Hansen addressed the second meeting of his coast-tocoast tour in Boston Feb. 24. Discussing the topic "America and the World Crisis," Hansen

exposed the vast conspiracy of had access to the corpse except the owners of America's largest corporations to plunge the United States into war. Hansen demonstrated at the Boston meeting Additional witnesses revealed organized by the Socialist Workcapitalism's need for suppressing revolution in Asia and Europe

CAPITALIST HOLDINGS

Hansen quoted the statements of the heads of such corporations as Standard Oil of New Jersey, Metropolitan Life Insurance, and



JOSEPH HANSEN

American capitalists are concerned only with the loss of their financial holdings and fields of further investments because of the uprisings in China, Korea, and Yugoslavia.

AGAINST WILL OF PEOPLE President Truman and Congress, Hansen stated, are violating the wishes of the American people and following the dictates

of Big Business. The overwhelming sentiment of the people is for an end to the Korean slaughter and the return of the American troops to their homes. Thursday Mar. 8 Chicago REACTIONARY ALLIES "The alliance between Tru-

man's Wall Street administration and the reactionary governments of Franco, Syngman Rhee, Bao-Dai, and Chiang Kai-shek proves that American capitalists, gen- Friday erals, and Democratic and Republican politicians are not interested | Tuesday in establishing democracy abroad. Thursday The policy of intervention in Asia Friday is driving the Chinese masses into a temporary alliance with Monday Stalin. Left to themselves, the Tuesday revolutionary people of China Thursday will break with Stalinism just as the Yugoslav revolution had to break with it in order to go forward. Stalinism is as great an Monday enemy of free and independent Tuesday revolutionary development as

Wall Street imperialism."

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Yugoslavia's Foreign Policy Fund Lags 6% Behind By John G. Wright Whether Stalin actually democratization of the electoral proval of the local citizens' since Lenin's death points up this most important of lessons which

(This is the first of a number of , articles on recent developments in respect to Yugoslavia)

Yugoslavia by the Kremlin's East of self-protection and to obtain police. European satellites or jointly whatever help it can get to fortify with Moscow is playing a more the country. The world working and more prominent role in in- class, the colonial rebels and ternational affairs. In diplomatic every progressive force should circles there is intense activity. want Yugoslavia and its revolufrom the U.S., pay demonstrative any and all of the Kremlin's visits to Belgrade which, in turn, counter - revolutionary attacks. arranges deputations to London They should aim to give maximum and other capitals.

attack on Yugoslavia.

that world peace would be gravely criticism and condemnation. "strained" by such an assault. Aneurin Bevan, British Minister "alive" to the threat and is keeping "in touch with other governments on this." The French government conveys to Tito through most serious attention the situation that has been created in the Balkans" and assures its moral support.

TITO'S POLICY ON EUROPE

against Greece, Italy or Germany. peoples, above all, in Asia.

DANGER IS IMMINENT

"peace offensive" - the Kremlin has stepped up its political attacks ciples in exchange for material unon and defamation of the Yugogress" now in progress, Pietro singled out Yugoslavia for denunciation, charging that the U.S. folds. was allegedly creating a "situation of strength" there. Moscow's | INTERNAL REFORMS reply to England this week falsely American masters."

launches his assault this year or procedures and the revision of the council." the next, the danger is un-penal code, outlawing compulsory questionable. It is imminent and (or "corrective") labor camps, grave. Belgrade is fully justified restricting the powers of the arbitrary arrest and imprison-The threat of attack upon to take every indicated measure public prosecutors and the secret ment and to curb the secret police aid in their power toward this The American fleet engages in end. And it is exactly because are intended by law "to have a power and privilege — and by Lenin's Bolshevik party. maneuvers in the Mediterranean. the current course of Yugoslav large voice in running the fac- this token of bureaucratic mis-Within the space of two weeks, foreign policy weakens and helps Washington, London and Paris block this revolutionary and proissue "warnings," each in a dif- gressive support - the only real ferent form but all to the same power that can save the Yugointent, concerning a possible slav revolution from being crush- of a new type of "citizens coun- of a "monolithic" party, that is, and gravely endangered. This, ed between Stalinism and the im-Acheson and Truman announce perialists - that it calls for

Tito and other prominent Yugo-Stalinists; that it corresponds to the interests of the peoples and the struggle for socialism; that it best and "most realistically" that it is "following with the protects Yugoslavia and her revolutionary conquests. This is largely true of their domestic course; but it is not at all true of their foreign policy since the first reeks of the Korean war.

The Yugoslavs continue as be-These assurances are welcomed fore to rely far too much upon with "satisfaction" by the Yugo- such imperialist-dominated instislav government which has form- tutions as the UN, which is being ally undertaken "to strengthen" unmasked as the enemy of the its relations with Greece, Italy Asian revolutions. They place unand Austria; to expedite the founded confidence upon such imtermination of the state of war perialist "allies" as the U.S. and with Germany and Austria, etc. its European satellites. They On Feb. 16 Premier Tito declared underestimate and alienate the in a public speech that Yugoslavia only reliable allies of the Yugowould wage war not only in case slav revolution - their supporters it was attacked but also if the in the European and world labor Kremlin engaged in hostilities movement and among the colonial

The Yugoslav leaders have repeatedly pledged that they For its part - amid its latest would not trade away their democratic and socialist prinand military aid; nor buckle slavs. At the Berlin "peace con- under reactionary pressure whatever its source. But sad to say, Nenni, the Italian Socialist closely that is just what they are more collaborating with the Stalinists, and more tending to do as their new line of foreign policy un-

At home their policy, in sharp Tabeled Yugoslavia "a fascist contrast to their line in foreign regime" like Franco's; accused affairs, remains both progressive the government of conspiring and independent of imperialism against Hungary and subordinat- as of Stalinism. Internal reforms ing Yugoslavia to "British and have continued and are being extended. Among the latest are the

EUROPE JITTERY ON EVE OF "BIG-FOUR" PARLEY

By Charles Hanley

Department's reluctance to any away from the imperialist camp 11 N. Y. Post, give the combined Western powers and the Soviet Indo-China. And they do not look air personnel - are not less than according to the Jan. 1 Time men." Union. Representatives of the forward to an alliance with the 250,000, plus 100,000 South Ko- magazine, U.S. casualties totalled Is it for this "Operation Killer" U.S.A., the USSR, France and Kremlin. Britain are to meet in Paris on WORKERS CAN BRING PEACE conference of foreign ministers.

part of the Western European elements, nor any temporary ruling class is not too happy diplomatic arrangement between can imperialism and afraid of a peace. Only extreme pressure of new world war, its destructions and its possible revolutionary imperialists. But for this a united imperialists. But for this a united imperialist of the toiling masses would stop the imperialists. But for this a united imperialist of the toiling masses would stop the imperialists. But for this a united imperialist of the toiling masses would stop the imperialist. But for this a united imperialist of the toiling masses would stop the imperialist. But for this a united imperialist of the toiling masses would stop the imperialist. But for this a united imperialist of the toiling masses would stop the imperialist. But for this a united imperialist of the toiling masses would stop the imperialist. But for this a united imperialist of the toiling masses would stop the imperialist of the toiling masses would stop th consequences. On the other hand, front of labor is needed. Instead It cannot free itself from Wall divide it further by expelling afraid of World War III, tries to C.G.T. (Confederation of Labor) bring about negotiations between unions. the capitalist bloc and the Soviet | The Kremlin agents' policy Union (as well as China) and opportunistic towards the capitalto soften Washington's foreign ist class, sectarian towards all policy. The four leading ambas- advanced workers - is criminal sadors of France who conferred and dangerous: in Paris on Jan. 19 and 20, follow- Only the class struggle of a policy of provocation.

achieve some kind of united front preparations in France and the with neutralist bourgeois groups, other countries of Western hoping to encourage the neutralist | Europe. The French Trotskyists current and to thereby break up therefore ask the workers to set the Atlantic Pact. But despite up democratically elected united neutralist articles in France's action committees for a general leading bourgeois newspaper Le offensive of labor.

Monde, the French capitalists are Notwithstanding the U.S. State hardly strong enough to break by Robert S. Allen in the Feb.

Quite obviously, a considerable of conservative bourgeois

about their alliance with Ameri- the two blocs, can secure world Western European capitalism is of urging the working class to weak and needs American aid. unite, the Stalinists viciously Street's domination; but, being revolutionary militants from their

ed this line and opposed any united proletariat for a workers and farmers government can The Stalinists still attempt to really smash the imperialist war

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.. State ..

Even so conservative a correspondent as Gaston Coblenz of the N. Y. Herald Tribune has been compelled to concede that Belgrade has recently promulgated

of this year. Coblenz admits these conducted with honesty."

slav spokesmen contend their referendums. The Croation version where divergent or critical ten- so glaring the contrast with their of Labor, tells Parliament that present policy is independent of of this reform prohibits local dencies are not permitted free present foreign policy, and such the Laborite government is both the imperialists and the authorities from carrying out and full expression. The entire a contradiction cannot last very

which is intended to do away with as yet to assimilate. Yugoslav Parliament.

THE PARTY APPARATUS

of bureacracy likewise continues. ers councils for which nationwide paign against bureaucratism subjected to a regime which still main source of bureaucratic tories." The elections, he further rule - lies in the monopolizaconcedes, have been by and large tion of political power in the struggle against bureaucratism hands of a small group, which The second is the establishment becomes intrenched on the basis the country remains one-sided cil" intended to assure "broader a ruling party where the rank and however, does not invalidate the mass participation of the people file has no means of control over continued general improvement in the work of the state." This the leaders, where orders are of the internal regime. law also provides for village passed down from above and It is precisely this that renders decisions without "having ap- experience in the Soviet Union long.

most important of lessons which The reform of the criminal code the Yugoslav leaders have failed

Democratic reforms in the operation of factories, in electoral has just been adopted by the procedure, in the criminal code are, to be sure, signposts of pro-slumped this week. The weekly gress. But in the end, these will total of \$701 is the smallest since all prove inadequate, if not the campaign was launched eight The struggle against the abuses abortive, so long as the internal weeks ago by the Socialist Worklife of the Yugoslav Communist First is the creation of work- way of a really effective cam- on the contrary, continues to be the Cominformist parties than

Without a democratic reform of the Yugoslav party, the whole and for the democratization of

MacARTHUR'S "OPERATION KILLER"

· By Art Preis

Meat-Grinder" for sound, the U.S. Around this term, MacArthur has launched the most grisly propaganda campaign in military history. Tokyo reports daily boast of stupendous casualties inflicted prestige of the U.S. high comon Chinese and Korean troops. MacArthur called them "among are trying to cover up their the bloodiest of modern times."

Times reported from 8th Army in inflicting staggering losses on headquarters, "the exact figures the opponent army. Secondly, and KILLING CIVILIANS given were 10,993 killed and more important, it is to conceal wounded and 365 taken prisoner. the extent of U.S. losses by emkilling was in the ratio of 148 to are 20, 30 and even 148 times 1." In one week, the Chinese greater. casualties were "estimated" at

FIGURES EXAGGERATED

if not most of the wounded never away. come under Allied count" and that "the bodies counted on any one day may contain casualties included in the previous day's estimates." Hanson W. Baldwin, N. Y. Times military analyst, notes the "widely discrepant" re-

Along with the blown-up reports of Chinese casualties conhordes" confronting the U.S.-U.N. forces. Pentagon figures, revealed tagon." Congress last week.

(Continued from Page 1)

problem of manpower, which

"The door has been slam-

latest "limited offensive" the of. which, said Lt. Gen. Matthew B. were about 600 amputations. ficial title, "Operation Killer." Ridgway, "We have only one objective - kill Chinese and save curselves."

mand. MacArthur and Ridgway failure to defeat the Chinese by For one day, the Feb. 16 N. Y. a pretension of military success

figures, stating that the 10,993 draw the U.S. troops at this time. be 10,992 or 10,994," that "many withdrawing the troops right

U.S. CASUALTIES

The fact is that just as Mac-Arthur has grossly exaggerated the Chinese losses, so he has deliberately minimized and confrankly calls the claims of Chinese cealed the U.S. casualties. Wash-

casualties, most of them the home now!

WORKERS' RESISTANCE TO FREEZE

What concerns the American | victims of frostbite and frozen After trying out "Operation people however, is the purpose of feet." Among the latter, accordthis gruesome propaganda cam- ing to Army doctors quoted in command in Korea has given its paign about "Operation Killer," in the Feb. 10 N. Y. World-Telegram,

> Yet, the official figures given for all U.S. casualties was still under 50,000 last week. And this It is, first of all, an attempt after some of the heaviest fightto prop up the badly-sagging ing of the war. It is obvious that the American people are being grossly deceived about the price they are paying, in blood and death, for the continuation of Truman's "police action" in Korea.

"Operation Killer," however, is slaughtering a lot of people, Official estimates said that the phasizing that Chinese casualties perhaps as many as MacArthur claims. The huge, incessant, unopposed air attacks are unques-They are trying to persuade the tionably taking a frightful toll-American people that a favorable of Korean civilians and refugees decision in the Korean war is We get a hint of this in Chrisnot far off, that the cost of stay- topher Rand's Feb. 12 dispatch The United Press cautiously ing in Korea will be small and from Tokyo to the N. Y. Herald disclaimed responsibility for these that it would be wrong to with- Tribune. He writes: "The UN is concluding a successful 'limited "doesn't necessarily mean that The aim is to quiet the demand offensive'. . . Casualties in this the figure might not just possibly of the majority of the people for are estimated at more than 60,000 (though it develops, according to returning travelers, that perhaps only half of these are Chinese, instead of all as believed at first).

Who are the other half? Civilians!

The Feb. 21 Voice of Korea, revealed as far back as last Dec. ist Korean Affairs Institute, pressure by Governor Youngdahl customers who stopped in the saw that the paper got out to all

reans and 27,000 other UN troops, 11,964, which "did not include that American boys are suffering Gen. Omar Bradley disclosed to 22,000 men listed as non-battle and dying in Korea? Bring them

ers Party. The scoreboard, com-Foreign dignitaries, especially tion to emerge victorious against at least three positive measures." The chief political block in the Party is not democratized, but, piled on the basis of receipts through Feb. 27, shows \$10,107 or 56 per cent of the national quota elections took place in February remains, however, untouched. The far more approximates that of assigned for the 3-month campaign. We are 6 per cent behind schedule, which isn't good. Eight branches are on schedule

By Reba Aubrey

Fund Campaign Manager

Payments to the \$18,000 Organ-

ization, Press and Defense fund

with 62 per cent, or better. Those below 62 per cent have only five weeks in which to catch up and complete their quotas 100 per cent by the campaign deadline . March 31. Pittsburgh tops the scoreboard

this week with 107 per cent. "We are still going up," writes Comrade Carl, "and hope to hit 150 per cent before the end of the campaign.'

Toledo bolted into third place with 76 per cent.

Buffalo, St. Paul - Minneapolis and Newark are already in the last lap and pounding toward the goal, with New York running right at their heels.

Flint branch gained a lot of ground with a \$73 payment and now feels assured of reaching its quota by March 31, if not surpassing it.'

Milwaukee added \$6 to its score; Boston, \$24. Seattle sent two payments totaling \$65 and says, "You can depend on usreaching our goal on time."

West Virginia pulled itself out of the zero column and landed half way up the scoreboard with 52 per cent.

Cleveland made a \$22 gain, itting 49 per cent of its quota. "The comrades have been slow-

School Strike in Minneapolis Ends With Some Gains

MINNEAPOLIS - The 23-day Minneapolis public school strike of teachers, janitors and clerks nded Feb. 13 in definite gains or the clerks and janitors and disappointing settlement for the teachers. In spite of a striking solidarity in the ranks of the three unions, which kept the schools of Minneapolis shut down for more than three weeks, a sell-out of issue. the teachers' demands was negotiated by a Central Labor Union casualties "exaggerated" and ington columnist Robert S. Allen published by the pro-intervention- Policy Committee under direct expressed," Cathy writes, "by for the railroad workers and they

ports put out by Tokyo and the 9 that U.S. casualties have been writes that "the conflagration is Monthly raises of \$22.50 for bitter cold to get their copy. The interested railroad men." "appalling" and among "some of exterminating the Korean na. men janitors, nurses and dental cops are our worst enemies here, the unreported facts" is that tion . . . the helpless civilian hygienists, and \$12.50 for other one buyer of The Militant remark- railroad workers toward the "U.S. casualties exceed 50,000 - population is being slaughtered categories were accepted by the cd. An elderly couple who planned union - busting, "profit - beforetinue the claims about the "vast a figure at least 15,000 more than by the crossfire, strafing and clerical and janitors unions to attend the NAACP protest lives" rail moguls was expressed officially announced by the Pen- bombing. Already 1,000,000 civil- These raises more than doubled meeting said, 'We have to fight in this incident: A Militant reader ian deaths have been reported. . . the first offer of the school board. when we protest and not just gave a copy of the Feb. 19 issue, The Jan. 12 U.S. News and An estimated 10,000,000 out of For the teachers, a meager \$10 talk. We can't let these things containing Joseph Keller's ex-World Report described "Ameri- 20,000,000 people in South Korea per month offer was at first re- go.' Over and over again Militant pose on the Penn. railroad disaster "appeasement," Britain and and to remain neutral. Moreover | Chinese and North Korean combat | can casualties are around 50,000 | are refugees or homeless. . The | jected by the teachers union and | salesmen heard: 'Why isn't more to his brother, a New Jersey rail-France have repeatedly pressed they also need American arms aid forces as 465,000. U.S. ground so far, and South Korean losses principles of democracy or com- then reluctantly accepted under a being done about it?' One aroused road worker. His brother took it for "Big Four" talks between the for their war of suppression in forces - not including naval and are very heavy." In just 19 days, munism mean nothing to dead reported virtual ultimatum from customer was convinced that 'we to the job, and showed it to his the CLU policy committee.

not have to be submitted to the a copy too." teachers' membership.

SOLIDARITY OF WORKERS

the strike was the remarkable behind her were George Rock, an inflation economy, and a the teachers joined in with their attended, Militants and FIs are reduction of workers' incomes to strike demands, and the clerks' getting a hearing. George Rock cented the compromise.

This unprecedented solidarity was certainly a major factor in winning what gains were made by the school employees in the He obtained 4 renewals in on despite the strikebreaking of both face of a bitter campaign by a evening. One subscriber said that reactionary school board, antistrike bills in the state legislature directed against public employees, and apologetic support from certain weak-kneed officials in the labor movement.

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of Philadelphia, "and I have only this week. \$20 to send you. However, I'm sure this is only a temporary lull increased their percentage to 42. and that we'll get back on the

ball very shortly.' red-hot campaign for Irving tains unwavering optimism in the Ward on a socialist anti-war into our office yesterday to conplatform. This campaign has con-tribute a precious \$1 from his sumed all the energies of the very meager income "to help in branch, but now they hope that the campaign."

ing down somewhat in their pay- | they "can really catch up on the ments on the Fund," writes Alma Fund campaign." They sent \$40

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Total through Feb. 27	\$18,000	\$10,107	56

THE MILITANT ARMY

munity to the latest dropped it.

Militant article ex-

at the NAACP propor of which appears in this

their neighborhood was openly continues. "This issue was saved should march.' And another, 'What foreman who promptly posted the The high-handed disregard of we need is working class unity. paper on the bulletin board of the the teachers' rights was shown in All the parties should get to- crew dispatch house for all the the governor's news conference gether on this.' One customer men to read. announcing the settlement when handed over a dollar for his Miliboth Governor Youngdahl and tant and refused change. A taxi CLU representative George Murck stopped and two passengers stated that the agreement would bought a copy. The driver bought

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DANGER OF COMPROMISE They have resigned from gov-

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What Sharpens the Class Struggle in U.S.

"While in Europe the concentration of property is taking place on the soil of ruin, in the United States the growth of concentration and the growth of class contradiction have reached their peak on the basis of feverish capitalist enrichment. The sharp fluctuations in the conjuncture, resulting from the general instability of the world market, impart to the class struggle on American soil an extremely intense and revolutionary character. The period of upswing unprecedented in the history of capitalism is bound to be followed by an extraordinary upswing of the revolutionary struggle.'

- Leon Trotsky, Theses on the International Situation, 1921.



LENIN

This Is Only the Beginning

The break of the labor leadership with Truman's war mobilization agencies is an unprecedented demonstration by a union bureaucracy which has been the most conservative and politically servile in the world. And this is only the be-

This leadership has been characterized by its willingness to serve in Roosevelt's "kitchen cabinet" as a cover for Wall Street's World War II, by its surrender both in Roosevelt's and Truman's administrations of labor's political independence and by its role as policemen for the corporations against labor's militant action on the economic plane.

Yet, they have unitedly executed a sweeping withdrawal from all governmental positions. Underlying this action is a growing resistance by the workers to the rapid lowering of their living standards.

These labor skates with the hearts of rabbits are beginning to roar like lions because they have no choice. They are not doing what they want to do but what they have to do.

ONLY THE FIRST CHAPTER

The crisis between labor and the government comes before militarization is fully under way. The effects of a fullscale war economy have barely begun to be felt. What is going to happen when the full program unfolds, and the American workers find out that they have to foot the whole bill and take it out of their standard of living?

So far the workers have only read the first chapter in the big book being written for them by Truman-Wilson and Co. And even this first chapter doesn't read very good. It calls for a brazen wage freeze while prices are allowed to skyrocket without control, and profits zoom upward unhindered. The next chapters in the Big Business book provide for more of the same — and worse.

War mobilization by its very essence requires a drastic lowering of labor's living standards. Moreover, eventually the imperialist plans of the U.S. capitalists will necessitate an all-out attempt to destroy the unions. The military-police state they are planning has no room for independent unions.

For a war of world conquest, of incalculable duration, at astronomical cost, a strong labor movement is an intolerable obtacle. The capitalist class will try by all means at its command to break that obstacle. To try is one thing — but to succeed is another.

The American capitalist class has seen thus far only the beginning of the workers' militant struggles in self-defense.

The gigantic power of American labor has merely stirred itself, and the result is a crisis that shakes the government. Further assaults against labor, which are already in the works, will bring even more determined resistance.

LABOR WILL BE HEARD FROM

During World War II the American workers, led by the miners, conducted more than one fearless strike struggle against government strikebreaking. All attempts thus far to crush the mighty labor movement have miserably failed. Even the attempts by the union bureaucrats to housebreak the unions have not really succeeded. The recent series of unauthorized walkouts by the railroad workers clearly illustrates this fact.

The threats by the UAW-CIO Executive Board to strike against government encroachments upon their wage and contract gains come from the fierce determination of the auto workers not to give an inch of their hard-won ground.

It is to be expected that the labor leaders will make every attempt to patch up their broken coalition with Truman. But they are not free agents. The labor bureaucrats are caught in a mighty vise.

One jaw of that vise is the inability of American capitalism at this stage in its fight for survival to give important concessions to labor. On the contrary, their plans call for further regimentation of labor and impoverishment of the

The other jaw of the vise is the untamed power of the organized labor movement which can and will fight with all its weapons against the capitalistgovernment offensive Retween these two jaws the labor leaders will be squeez-

The crisis in Washington today gives just a preview of the political class battles of tomorrow. These battles will decide not only the course of American labor but the whole future of mankind.

In the course of these battles the American workers will learn that they cannot reconcile their needs with those of the capitalist system. They will join with the workers of the world and the colonial peoples in the fight against U.S. imperialism, and for socialism.

Confiscate Railroad Profits!

President Roy O. Hughes of the Order of Railway Conductors Feb. 22 demanded that the Government seize railroad profits. This proposal made before the Senate Labor and Public Welfare

Committee is both timely and just. The criminal conspiracy between Truman, the Federal courts, the Army brass and the corporation heads against the underpaid and overworked railroad operating brotherhoods is a glaring example

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The "seizure" of the lines last August has served one purpose: it forces industrial slavery upon the railroad workers while the rail barons continue to operate the lines at a tremendous profit.

If the government is "for the people" why doesn't Truman do as Hughes asks? Why not expropriate the profits of the railroad companies and use the money to improve the welfare of the 300,000 operating rail workers?

The trouble with Hughes' demand is that he offers no way to achieve it. All workers will agree that the railroad corporations are not entitled to their huge profits. . . especially under government "seizure." But who believes that the Senate committee, made up of cynical corporation lawyers and Big Business flunkeys will heed the workers' voice? Who believes that Truman, who has distinguished himself as U.S. strikebreaker number 1, will even listen to this demand?

Officers of great unions, such as the Order of Railway Conductors, pay only lip service to such justifiable proposals. To put them into action requires a militant political party of labor, which has as its aim a Workers and Farmers Government. Only such a government will end the alliance between the government and the profiteers, and function in the interests of the exploited majority of the people.

Issues Behind Senate Hearings on Troops

By Tom Conlan

and Armed Services Committees over how many troops should be vance or remain "unlimited," and Hoover and who favor a more whether Truman personally has cautious and guarded re-armathrown into the limelight the crisis of American imperialism embarking on "Operation Land and the insoluble dilemma confronting it.

China and of the insurgent Asian rank in world affairs has altered the world relation of forces first installment of troops." Sen. sharply to the disadvantage of Taft was a little more outspoken, retreats imposed by this develop- U.S. troops have already been ment, the hard core of the Ameri- made. can monopolists and the Prussianminded chiefs in the Pentagon have decided that their only salvation lies in preparing an production and all-out war commitments, in this particular instance in Western Europe.

Dewey of N. Y., Warren of Calif., Duff of Penn., etc. plus the sinister McCarthyite-China-Lobby tually, that is, on the decisions of the Big Brass. And they are now military appropriations . . . (or) driving full-steam ahead. This, something near to half the nathey brazenly pretend will "avert tional income." This is a flagrant

"By fall we will be in all-out (war) production," declared Gen.

By Milton Matthews

NEW YORK - On March 15

New York tenants, already stag-

gering under the load of the run-

away inflation in food and cloth-

ing prices, will receive the full

impact of a 15 per cent rent

Joseph D. McGoldrick's rent-hike

In a state whose citizens con-

tinually breathe the foul air of

graft, deals and fixes, this latest

rent steal could easily get lost in

the shuffle. It will not get lost

because millions of workers in

New York tenements will find the

increase unbearable. What form

their protest will take remains to

be seen. The Lenox-Fifth Ave.

Tenants Association, supported by

the Harlem branch of the Social-

ist Workers Party, is preparing

to organize a protest movement

The story of the rent fix i

ugly and sordid. In McGoldrick,

pal who zealously guarded their

interests as City Comptroller

under LaGuardia. He success-

fully fought, in those days.

attempts to raise the real estate

tax levy, a prime factor in the

100 per cent transportation fare

hike that the people have been

shelling out the past two years.

As rent administrator under

Dewey he merely continued doing

business for the same old crowd.

Dewey himself, once again

panting on the heels of political

glory, adroitly maneuvered so

that he would not have to sign

the unpopular rent law or publicly

McGoldrick stated in 1950, when

the state rent agency was set up,

that his office would begin ?

boosts averaging \$7.30 or 13 per

study and discussion, the rent

DEWEY DUCKS ISSUE

did not oppose it.

ss a substitute bill.

raise. This became certain when creased net income of 17.2 per

course, there is a dissident secsent to Europe, whether their tion of the American capitalists free nation, unless it were directly facesaving formula that Truman number should be limited in ad- whose spokesman is ex-President threatened by invasion, could or shall "consult Congress" but "not the authority to do so or must ment, shying away from unlimited These words require little comfirst obtain Congressional "con- commitments on the mainlands of sent" - all this has once again Europe and Asia. They are opposed to what Hoover calls War in Europe," and to the current administration proposal of The emergence of revolutionary four more American divisions to Europe because — it "is not

FEAR REPERCUSSIONS

this not alone because of what offensive through all-out war they estimate as a hopeless military situation on land but at bottom for domestic reasons. They fear the cost, the resulting strain This war drive is headed by on the masses and the inescapable Truman-Acheson-Marshall-Eisen- repercussions. The thinking of tion, there is a "bipartisan" group hower, with the powerful backing these "neo-isolationists" has been of political maneuverers, who are of a section of the Republican rather succinctly summarized by trying to straddle the differences, Party in the persons of Gov. the columnist Walter Lippmann, with more than one eye cocked on by no means a Hoover supporter. crew in Congress. They are for Lippmann "are startling even by is headed by Taft, who because unlimited war prepartions and our present budgetary standards." military commitments, with no His own "guess" is that "the cost strings attached on Truman, ac- would be at least twice, probably situation where he personally nearer three times, the present

pay-off: Clay, who was the former Mili- mann, "the prolonged conscription lists. Senator Knowland, for extary Governor of Germany and is of our young men and the levying ample, wants six European divinow chief assistant to C. E. Wil- of a terrible toll upon their educa- sions for every American division; son, the dictatorial director of tion and their hopes. It would Taft's ratio is 9 to 1. Taft also

New York Tenants Face 15% Rent-Boost Steal

well, they could not qualify for

the state legislature failed to cent over the wartime base period. in the state. Instead of organizing

veto by Feb. 15 rent administrator 3. The state remains 250,000 tenants for widespread, effective

all landlords will be able to grab

up to 15 per cent raises in any one

that will serve as a landlord

increases according to the num- ficult later.

minimum needs.

of local landlords are doing so munity.

Last week's "public debate" be- time and it will be costly, but it approached in this century. It tion, in turn, is holding out for a fore the Senate Foreign Relations will be without war," added Clay. would require an iron regimenta- Senate resolution that will "sup-As against this irrevocable tion of all their affairs and a port the dispatch of troops" withharsh intolerance of dissent. No out any limitations and with such a military establishment," troop commitments.

UNPOPULAR WAR

If any war was unpopular with There is no visible enthusiasm for rearmament, let alone the rearmpeoples as a factor of the first limited." "In fact," declared ing of Germany, Japan, the Hoover, "it is probably only the embracing of a Franco, etc. On the contrary. In addition, to the unmistakable mass anti-war senti-American imperialism. Frightened implying in his statement that ment, there is the equally unand alarmed by the dimensions of secret commitments for unlimited questionable and mounting resistance by organized labor to what Lippmann politely calls "an austerity of life," or, the soaring living costs, the declining working standards, the shameless The pro-Hoover forces oppose profiteering and all the other blessings which are accompanying the very first phases of rearmament.

In between the pro-Administration and the pro-Hoover opposithe presidency and the coming The costs of the projected presidential campaign. This com-"military expansion," points out bination still largely unorganized of his strategic position in the Senate is now seeking to create a would wield the balance of power. Neither Taft nor Wherry are opposed to sending the four divisions as a starter. What they underestimate. But here is the want is to establish a ratio between U.S. units and those sup-"It would require," says Lipp- plied by West-European capital-Defense Mobilization. "It will be require an austerity of life by wants a Congress curb on the

The fact that the bill was passed

for the liberal and labor fakers

strike and a mass tenant march

Were the courts, packed with

judges appointed by the Dewey

A heavy majority is reportedly the American people, it is the Clay said, would "be taking a The "risk" Clay and the rest of in Korea.

an armed truce for a long, long our people which they have never administration. The administration these war-mad imperialists are really afraid of is the intervention of the mass of the American people into all this "debating."

> Neither in Congress nor its committees have the American people had any say whatever on the would long endure the burden of necessarily in advance" of any terrible burdens, sacrifices and tolls that are being imposed upon them, behind their backs and already lined up behind such a against their will. It is the people 'compromise." What the ruling who should and must decide on all circles fear is a long and bitter issues connected with peace and debate in Congress. This, as Gen. war, above all, on such questions as whether American youth Korean "Operation Slaughter." risk I would not want to see should be sent abroad to die in taken in this emergency period." Europe as they are now dying

All this uproar about a gambling "fix" of New York collegiate basketball players is undermining established American institutions and free enterprise, I say. The editors and sports writers are putting it on thick about what shame and disgrace these young athletes have brought to the hallowed halls of "hire" learning. If they knew the inflammatory effect this sermonizing and deploring could have on the emotional masses, they'd shut'up quick.

Up to now most people have sort of shrugged off headlines about New York cops taking a million dollar "fix" annually from the bookies' syndicate or what Governor Dewey did for former Lt. Governor Hanley when the latter agreed not to run for Dewey's job. But it seems the more the papers rave about the basketball "fix," the more they work up public sympathy for the boys in-

You hear it said left and right, "What are they slamming these kids around for? What did they do that's so extra-special bad? There's a 'fix' going on every minute in the police department, in city hall, up in Albany and down in Washington. If these newspapers were so hot and bothered about 'fixes,' they wouldn't have enough paper to print about all of them every day. So why are they giving these kids the business?" Then someone else chimes in, "That's right. If it's so bad for these kids to take a 'fix,' then it must sure be a stinking mess all around with this 'fix' and that 'fix' and the other, and it's about time we did something about this whole business of 'fixes' - especially those concerning the guys

So you can see what I'm driving at. You get people stirred up to attacking the "fix" in general - all and every "fix" - and one day you're going to get the biggest blow-up there's ever been. Maybe even revolution. Because where are they going to stop?

Right here in New York City, the cops are resigning and retiring wholesale because they have the privilege of leaving the force if they don't want to waive immunity in the grand jury investigation of the police and racketeer tie-ups. Just last week another 251 cops - including a flock of inspectors, captains and lieutenants — retired on their pensions and savings, while another 1,400 are expected to take the easy way out soon. They keep pushing this "fix" business and there won't be any cops left in New York. Who's going to protect property rights then?

Or take the New York City Fire Department. It comes out that theater owners who don't pay out a lump of "supper money" every month to fire inspectors would have their premises closed down for fire ordinance violations. It also comes out that a majority, if not all, of 27 firemen promoted to lieutenants last October had to pay an average of \$200 apiece to "somebody" to "fix" their pro-

County Prosecutors Sell Out

And it's not just the cops and firemen who are getting "fixed." New Jersey State CIO President Carl Holderman last week called for an investigation of "the corporate connections of all county prosecutors," naming a number who, he charged, "are simultaneously on the pay rolls of corporations involved in labor disputes." One of them, Bergen County's Deputy Attorney General Lloyd, heatedly claimed he represented the anti-labor Continental Paper Co. only "collection matters and miscellaneous items," while Passaid County Prosecutor Collester said he had the "right" to represent the Botany Mills and non-union Samuel Hird & Sons Co., where the CIO Textile Workers are on strike, in "civil matters."

In addition to "fixing" law enforcers, the corporations also fix law-breakers. Like the Ford Motor Co. which hired professional thugs and ex-convicts to "take care" of the union. Or like Briggs Mfg. Co. which took a loss on a scrap-hauling contract by giving it to professional gangsters for their services in brutally beating assessed valuation of property; a legislature to pass the bill. This up CIO auto union militants.

The "fix" is going on all the time and everywhere — but especially in Washington, D. C. Of course, it isn't always done by the crude method of passing cash hand to hand. But when business men's organizations and the Big Business press suddenly stop squawking about "government economy," when the Congressmen vote themselves each an extra \$2,500 a year tax exempt "expense" account and vote the President a similar \$50,000 extra - that's a

Most members of Congress and the judiciary, including the U.S. Supreme Court justices, are "fixed" in advance. The majority are corporation lawyers who lived off fat fees from the business interests and look forward to more of them after leaving their government posts.

Sometimes the "fix" involves more direct forms of graft and bribery. You take the Reconstruction Finance Corporation which has handed out more than two billions in "loans" to corporations. A Senate committee has dug up evidence of a "fix" of RFC officials for favors to certain corporations in obtaining millions of dollars from the U.S. treasury. The threads of this "fix" lead to persons connected with the White House. On the other hand, Truman is waving over Congress the threat of exposure of some 900 letters written to the RFC by Senators and Representatives on behalf of companies seeking RFC money. You can smell the "fix" here from coast to coast.

But RFC funds are peanuts and the "fix" involved is small pickings compared to the "fix" where the \$72 billion a year government war spending is concerned. Former corporation executives. like Charles E. Wilson of General Electric have been put in complete command of the war mobilization program - including the issuance of war contracts — to see that their companies get a "fair share" of the blood-money awards. The division of the war profits spoils has been "fixed," if anything ever has.

If the government doesn't throw every last owner and officer of the wool companies into jail as traitors and confiscate their industries, you can bet it's because the "fix" is in. These companies have announced they "can't" take any more military contracts until the OPS grants them higher price ceilings. And the OPS has announced that the cotton-goods manufacturers are exempted from price controls on products produced entirely for mili-

tary use. Do you, too, smell the "fix"? When Washington hands out billions of dollars to other governments to buy support for U.S. international policies, that's one of the biggest "fixes" of all time. And it's a "fix" when it tells India she will get wheat for her starving tens of millions only if she agrees to "vote right" in the UN.

Why, you can't even get into Heaven unless you "fix" the earthly "five percenters" of certain churches to use their "influence" with St. Peter.

So, like I said at the beginning, all this bemoaning and moralizing about some college boys taking a "fix" can stir up a lot of dangerous thoughts. Why, the "fix" is a national institution even an international one. It goes all the way from the cop on the beat to Congress, the White House and the UN. In fact, you might say it's the grease that keeps the wheel from sticking. Take away 3. Walter Dunham, the third sonnel adviser, whose wife is the 'fix" and the capitalist system couldn't budge. And besides, administrator immediately in- RFC Director under fire, asked boss of the RFC files. She testified you start nabbing every one involved in some "fix" and all the best troduced his 15 per cent rent Kaiser-Frazier Corporation Vice- that the Congressmen's letters people — the Democratic and Republican politicians high and low, raise plan. It was based allegedly President Chad Calhoun to help were turned over to the White the forces of law and order from the country sheriffs to the G-men, the bankers, industrialists and landlords - would be in jail.

CORRUPTION LINKED the landlord lobby found an old WHITE-HOUSE AIDES

This was and is a bald lie. The | ber of occupants, a blow against

survey showed: 1, 83.2 per cent the poorest sections of the com-

increases under the most recent | indirectly in contradiction to

Federal formula. 2. New York established charter provisions

City landlords showed an in- presents an out, for the moment,

dwelling units short of its action such as a state-wide rent

The McGoldrick plan, now a on Albany, they place their hopes

law, violates these facts by setting of beating the law on a court ver-

year. Among these points are a or Tammany machines, to kill the

"fair income formula" previously Dewey maneuver, it would take

held unconstitutional based on simply an affirmative vote of the

voluntary" agreement clause is a foregone conclusion. Without

weapon in conflicts over necessary crganizing tenant resistance now

services; and a point permitting the struggle will be more dif-

up seven points whereby virtually dict of unconstitutionality.

(Continued from Page 1) about yours."

FACTS ON GRAFT 1. RFC Director Willett per-

Hubert Steele, in the case of the Central Iron & Steel Co., a subsidiary of Barium Steel Corpora associate himself with it, but he tion. On Steele's recommendation of \$6,300,000. A month later Steele moved into the law firm which represented Barium Steel BIG HANDOUTS long, impartial study of the rent and housing situation, Tenants at a \$15,000 a year salary, \$5,000 4. Most testimony has revolved went along primarily because of in advance. This is the law firm around E. Merl Young, former

that resulted in widespread rent report. 2. Willett also admitted that mitting time to elapse for public his firm went through.

put through Dunham's renomina- House at Truman's orders.

tion, Calhoun testified. Kaiser-"worthy" firms. In effect, he Frazer has received \$69 million told the Senate: "You shut up in RFC loans. Edgar Kaiser, comabout our 'fixes' and we'll shut up pany head and son of Henry J. Kaiser, was asked what he Some of the facts brought out thought of Dunham's request. in the subcommittee's report and Kaiser remarked that his company might need more loans in the future and then asked. "Do I have to answer that?" "You have answered it," Sen. Fulbright sonally assigned the examiner, retorted. Calhoun also admitted he had been advised by another RFC client. Rex Jacobs. to see Democratic National Committee Chairman Boyle as the man to get Central Steel received RFC loans better loan terms for Kaiser-

Federal rent control which had H. Rosenbaum, the lawyer most neously secured an \$18,000 a year inaugurated a "fair net operating frequently named as a "fixer" for vice-presidency at the Lustron income" formula in April 1949 RFC loan applicants in the Senate Corp. and a \$10,000 post with the Jacobs Co. shortly after these firms got big handouts of \$37 he "departed from the usual million and \$3 million respectively. In January of this year, Mc- procedure" in assigning per- They later folded up. Young's wife Goldrick, with a fanfare of sonally the examiner in the case got a job as secretary with the publicity, released a 203-page of the Harrington and Richardson then Senator Truman in 1940. document as the fruit of a year's Arms Co., which got a \$300,000 Young secured his RFC job in association was aware, that few pany is C. Edward Rowe. Rowe retary to the personal secretary if any tenants would have time, himself, on Willett's recommenda- of President Truman. Young has digest this tome. Without per- RFC shortly after the loan fer baum, the big "fixer," Boyle and Donald S. Dawson, Truman's per-

the inadequacy of the previous whose principal partner is Joseph RFC examiner, who simultasurvey. He knew, and the landlord loan. The chief owner of this com- 1945 when his wife became secpatience or ability to obtain and tion, was made a director of the also been linked to lawyer Rosen-

The testimony of Harry Bennett, long Henry Ford's right hand man and head of the infamous "service" department made up of ex-fighters, ex-wrestlers and gangsters, was obviously perjured. No indication has been given that he will be prosecuted.

Bennett testified reluctantly. He tried to avoid the subpoena by claiming that sinus trouble and arthritis made a trip to Detroit from his California ranch dangerous to his health. The Senate Committee sent impartial doctors to examine him. They said he could take the trip.

Preceding Bennett on the stand were Anthony J. D'Anna and Walter Hancock, former police chief of Ford's company town - River Rouge. D'Anna is a gangster with a police record including armed robbery, bootlegging and attempted bribery of a witness to a murder. In 1931 he made a deal with Ford. What he gave is not known. Probably thugs to kidnap, beat up and possibly murder unionists. What he got is known. He admitted that Harry Bennett forced the Wyandotte Ford dealer to take him in as a partner and also made him a half owner of the E and L Transportation Co. which has a contract for hauling new Fords from the plant to various parts of the country.

Although D'Anna and former police chief Hancock described how Bennett arranged for the meeting and concluded the deal in his office, Bennett denied it.

D'Anna, it is charged, is head of Detroit's Mafia gang. Outwardly he is a pillar of the community. In addition to his two profitable partnerships in Ford-connected businesses, he is a bank director, a leader in war bond drives and a big shot in Michigan's civilian defense set-up.

The measure of Bennett's brazenness was given in his statement that he had "never heard of Joe Adonis." Adonis is one of the most notorious racketeers in the East. Under his alias of Joe Doto he runs the Automotive Conveying Co., which was given the exclusive Ford contract for hauling new Fords from the Edgewater, N. J., assembly plant to adjoining states. For this work he is reported to have been paid at least three million dollars by Ford in 1932-40. He still holds the contract.

The N. Y. papers have described Adonis' crime business as extending from dope peddling and gambling to counterfeiting, waterfront hi-jacking, operating racket unions and loan shark

Bennett's staff at Ford's included men who had been convicted of almost every conceivable crime - rape and gross indecency, concealed weapons, forgery, embezzlement, burglary, robbery, violation of Drug Act, felonious assault, murder, manslaughter, etc. He was an intimate of big gangsters and mediated between disputing gangs. In order to facilitate his recruitment of thugs for union-busting he had himself appointed to the Michigan Prison Commission in 1935, from which post he personally arranged for the parole of prisoners who were willing to do his bidding, at the rate of five a week to the Ford Motor Co. Despite this common knowledge he feels so

It seems to me, as a parent, that there is just

about everything wrong with the "basketball fix" case in New York. This is the case in which

players from City College and Long Island Uni-

an underworld character named Sollazo so that

When our boys and girls are in school, they

try to fulfill the expectations of their parents

by doing reasonably well in their studies, being

popular with their classmates, and if possible,

being good at sports. Parents, on their part, feel

a profound responsibility to smooth the way for

their children to achieve these goals - although

often the cruelest obstacles are put in their way,

the most compelling of which is lack of money.

of college age have is to be part of a group of

their contemporaries. The greatest rewards come

in a sense of mutual loyalty and trust in the in-

terests of the team, the class, the school. This is

the age when the warmest friendships and loyal-

ties develop, because in this healthy striving

to be part of one's own generation a big step

is taken toward breaking away from depend-

What a-horrible distortion of all these healthy

strivings of youth is revealed in the basketball

before reporters while describing his bewilder-

ment. "It would have been different," he said,

"if he'd been raised in the streets, but he had

to go to college to learn something he was never

taught at home." The trouble with parents like

us, Mr. White, is that the system under which

we live expects different things from our boys

FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM - Charles E.

Jackson, head of the National Committee for a

Free Europe, recently outlined his formula for

"victory." His three point program is: 1. "Money."

2. "No hold barred and no questions asked.".

3. "Truth is not enough." Jackson stated, "In

this war we need the support of all the cut-

MISSOURI KICK-BACK - In connection with

throat desperadoes we can get."

ence on parents, and toward maturity.

satisfactions of youth.

One of the strongest urges that young people

the "fixer" could win his bets.

Basketball

sure of his Big Business protectors that he contemptuously told the Senate Committee that he had never even "heard of Joe Adonis."

Bennett tried to picture the paroling of gangsters to Ford as a benevolent work of reclaiming fallen men. Bennett's and Ford's lack of interest in the welfare of prisoners is indicated by the fact that Bennett's pal, Warden Jackson, was one of the most brutal wardens in Michigan prison history. When a prison reform was brought about in Michigan Warden Jackson was fired for using torture devices on prisoners. He was immediately hired by Bennett as head of the "Ford Sociology Department."

Senate investigators did not press Bennett on his relations with Joe (Legs) Laman, former rum-runner and kidnapper paroled by federal authorities to Ford. Laman turned state's evidence in the kidnapping case of David Cass, a child whose body was subsequently found. Laman had been caught with some of the ransom money on him. He implicated his partners in 30 kidnap-

Bennett had several systems of using gangsters. Some he hired and kept on the payroll as strong-arm men to beat up Ford workers. Others were given concessions - like the fruit concession for Ford employees' lunches, given to "Detroit's Al Capone," Chester LaMare. These were not only outright gifts of money - since the concessionaire subcontracted the work, but also provided a "respectable" cover for them while, on parole, they continued their underworld activities. Others owed favors to Ford and were subject to call for special jobs.

Ford public relations men try to give the impression that the days of the underworld working for Ford went out when Harry Bennett was fired in late 1945. Bennett's successor, John S. Bugas, is pictured as a clean-cut, ex-FBI man, who is just the opposite of everything Bennett stood for. It should be noted, however, that Bugas is no newcomer to Ford's. He was long a crony of Harry Bennett's. Bennett brought him into Ford employment as his own administrative

The Senate Crime Committee wanted to question Bugas about the multi-million dollar gambling racket in the auto plants. Gamblers appear to have a "concession" in the Ford plants and this might prove as embarrassing to Bugas as the fruit "concession" was to Bennett. Bugas told the Senate investigators that he would testify at the hearings. However when the hearings were held the company announced that Bugas was on his vacation in Florida. Furthermore, he was deep-sea fishing somewhere in the South Atlantic where it was physically impossible for anyone to serve a subpoena on him.

The Detroit hearings of the Senate Committee were the most successful and sensational of any held. Despite this, they were cut down from the announced three days to two days. No satisfactory reason has been given. It certainly was not for lack of evidence and testimony. The Detroit papers told how: "Investigators who had worked day and night to build the stack of information dejectedly passed on to new assignments. They had been prepared to show every

aspect of the numbers racket in the Ford plant.' The question inevitably arises: Were the hearings cut short because of Big Business pressure? Was the committee getting too close to the answer to the murder attempts on the Reuthers?

them money to throw the game. What he was

classmates who believe in their heroes and think

the games are honest. What's important is cash-

ing in on some of the applause and output of

in the hundreds that were taken in bribes, little

"Whenever I needed a suit or something I had

to go to him. I wanted to be able to do things

myself - you know, like a grown-up. My father

worked hard. He has been driving a soda truck

for the last 25 years and I knew he didn't have

All of the boys were described by relatives as

the boys. What is wrong is the monstrous per-

dent of a District Attorney's opportunism.

The real crime is the capitalist system itself

- in which money is the major symbol of success

- and in which youth learn from their environ-

ment to sell their ideals for a mess of pottage.

father for money all the time.

too much money to give me."

Subjects

THE MILITANT

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Congressmen Aid **Detroit Gangster**

An interesting sidelight on criminals and Congressmen came out at the Detroit hearings of the Senate Crime Committee, which exposed Big Business use of gangsters against unions.

Frank Cammarata, former Detroit gangster and gambling boss was sentenced to 15 years in the Michigan State Penitentiary for bank robbery in the mid '30s. Cammarata is an alien and was quickly paroled in order to permit his deportation. But he was never deported. Senator Capehart (Rep.) of Indiana and Representative Kirwan (Dem.) of Ohio got Congress to pass a special act staying Cammarata's deportation. This was despite the fact that Cammarata was wanted in Michigan.

Pete Licavoli, notorious gangster and Detroit's gambling king, who is Cammarata's brother-in-law, was long connected with Harry Bennett, the head of Ford "service" department — the main instru ment of repression and unionbusting in the Ford factories. Licavoli admitted to the Senate Committee that he personally knew Senator Capehart, who in addition to being a senator is an industrialist.

Disappointed



AFL Sec.-Treas. George Meany, Pres. A. J. Hayes of Intl. Association of Machinists and Pres. Walter P. Reuther of the CIO United Auto Workers who were mentioned as leading candidates for post of labor aide to War Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson until wage-freeze and other anti-labor policies of Truman administration forced labor leaders to quit Wage Board.

Oakland SWP Enters City Council Election

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 26 - Filomena M. Goelman, McCarran-Kilgore Bill, the growthe Socialist Workers Party's candidate for Councilmanat-Large here, today filed three times the required number of petitions to place her on the

A young clerk and factory worker, Filomena M. Goelman for the workers is the breadlines. was the Socialist Workers Party candidate in the 1949 campaign, with them unbearably high prices, for the same office. Despite the fact that this was the first campaign that the party had ever run | suffering, is borne by the workn Oakland, she received over ers, while the corporations make

Mrs. Goelman is a member of the Alameda County branch of the NAACP and a former member of the International Association of Machinists Lodge 1566 and Truman answered the demands United Automobile Workers Local of the striking railroad workers and girls than we do. Sollazo, the "fixer," offered

In her first stament of the camexpressing was the real philosophy of our society paign, Filomena M. Goelman ex-- that what's important is not the trust of plained the major aspects of the program she will present to the Oakland voters in the Councilmanic elections.

energy. It would even be cowardly for a fellow "The issues which face the not to take a chance to better himself. The games voters of Oakland all stem from were held at Madison Square Garden and although the war, which today dominates District Attorney Hogan mentions sums of money every facet of our lives. My program will be based on my opis said about the thousands made by the proposition to the present war.

"As a working class anti-war When asked why he took the bribe, Al Roth, candidate, I am opposed not only 21 years old, of City College, told a N. Y. Post to Wall Street's intervention in reporter, "Why did I do it? I did it because I Korea, but also to its over-all wanted to be grown up. Sounds funny, doesn't strategy which is dragging the it? I mean, I was sick and tired of asking my country into World War III.

"As a socialist, I fight for the building of a world of peace and plenty. I fight to replace the vorn-out capitalist system which only breeds wars, depressions and misery for the peoples of the

"good" boys. No, there was nothing wrong with Like Al Roth, they are innocent victims of a II brought a halt to the depression game where the rules are switched by the acciof the Thirties."

> JOBS FOR WAR "This is the reality of the

situation, Today, capitalism can

only supply jobs when preparing for war. Its only other alternative "But war preparations bring more taxes to pay; the cost of the

the highest profits in history. "Anticipating that opposition would develop around this course, the government began undermining the trade union movement.

war, as well as the fighting and

by calling out the Army. "The Taft - Hartley Law, the



FILOMENA GOELMAN

ing interference of the government in the life of the unions, the 'anti-red' drive - all are steps toward the establishment of a police state to completely hamstring the labor movement and the Negro people in order to prevent any interference with Wall Street's program of world mast-

LET PEOPLE VOTE!

"The Oakland Branch of the Socialist Workers Party will go to the mass of people with the proposal 'Let the People Vote on Peace or War!' We will make clear why this capitalist government sets free millionaire Nazis in Germany while condemning seven Virginia Negroes to the electric chair. We will point out against the present government which consists of capitalists, generals and corporation lawyers, we will counterpose a Workers and Farmers Government.'

"Many workers, housewives, races, are searching for a way out of the present dead-end and for some road which will lead to a better life for the great mass in the coming city elections of genuine protest against war, a police-state, jim crow and Wall Street's drive to slash the worker's living standards."

SWP Candidate For Legislature Files in N. J.

NEWARK, Feb. 26 — The American people must take independent action to make Truman and Congress obey their will and pull the troops out of Korea. This was the

main issue stressed by George Breitman today, when petitions were filed to put him on the Essex County ballot as the Socialist Workers Party candidate for the New Jersey General Assembly in the November election.

"The Gallup Poll last month showed that two-thirds of the people favor withdrawal from Korea," Breitman said. "But the capitalist politicians in Washington don't seem to care what the people think - the only thing that convinces them is what the people do. They won't call off their imperialist adventure in Asia until they feel that their political necks are at stake. The sooner they are imbued with that feeling, the sooner they will comply with the people's demand." The SWP candidate said he

would campaign for the adoption by the New Jersey Legislature of a resolution calling upon Congress and Truman to bring the U.S. troops home from Asia.

"A number of Midwestern state legislatures have already done this," he pointed out. "Last month, for example, the North Dakota State Senate adopted a resolution addressed to Congress and the President, urging immediate action 'to withdraw all troops and military personnel from Korea.' The people in every state in the Union should demand similar action by their legislatures - not after the next election but now, before additional tens of thousands of young lives said: "Thirty days have passed, are snuffed out."

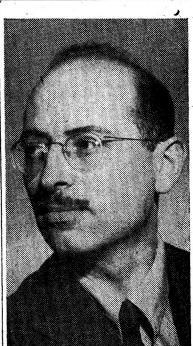
Breitman warned that the apitalist politicians in most states would try to block the rassage of such resolutions with and workable method of deciding every means at their disposal and especially with the argument that most Americans support the government's policy in Korea.

FOR A REFERENDUM

"There is an easy enough way selves." to settle the truth about this that the working people can matter," he said "The Socialist the conviction that the Korean resist the rising cost of living by Workers Party has asked Con- war can be stopped if everyone fighting for a 'Rising Scale of gress to hold a national referen- opposed to it will speak up now Wages' in all industries. As dum in which the people as a and make his sentiments known. whole will be able to express | "A beginning has been made in their sentiments. Our party is not this direction," he said, "but alone in making such a request." much more can be done, especially

tion which the City Council of The silence of the union leaders Rockford, Ill., had adopted in on this central issue of the day is youth and members of minority January. By a vote of 17 to 3, nothing less than criminal. Like the Council petitioned Congress the capitalist politicians, they "to respond to the public will and should not be permitted to evade initiate and submit at once to the the question any longer. people of the United States an "The future of this country, its of people. A vote for the SWP opportunity, through a national living standards and its liberties candidate is the only expression referendum, to register their depends on the active and miliopinion" on the decisive questions | tant intervention of the working of foreign policy.

"in case Congress does not see will be to help promote this infit, within the next 30 days, to tervention."



GEORGE BREITMAN

initiate this request for an early submission of this vital question to a national referendum, then the City Council of the city of to the voters of Rockford, and the City Council urges all other cities to initiate similar action so that the will of the people may be registered."

Commenting on this, Breitman and I don't know what the Rockford Council has done since then. But I do know that their proposal is an eminently fair, democratic what the people want done about the slaughter in Korea. I hope other communities will take the same stand. And I challenge the New Jersey Legislature to submit the question to the voters if they are afraid to vote on it them-

The SWP candidate expressed As evidence, he cited a resolu- in the trade union movement.

people in the struggle against The Council also resolved that war. The aim of my campaign

"The end of World War, II brought the closing of shipyards and factories. Hundreds of thoucase! The sense of accomplishment as part of version that a sick capitalist society has imsomething bigger than individual self-interest is posed on helpless young lives which may now be sands were thrown out of work. Since Truman's breaking of the | workers. Responding to pressure | come through with the induce- | ing, the National Mediation Board replaced by a sell-out of the warmest and best doomed to a future of prison and disgrace. The A new depression was in the "sick" report strike of rank and from the ranks President Hughes | ments that led Kennedy to think turned its attention to the former. only moral in this code is "Don't get caught!" for a new war has halted this file switchmen early this month of the Railway Conductors asked that by deserting the operating These allowed their wage de-James White, father of Sherman White, the The irony is that the boys only now realize that for a new war has haited this negotiations have brought no rethe Senate to impound the unions he could get a better mands to be cut from 25 cents and development, just as World War negotiations have brought no rether senate to impound the unions he could get a better mands to be cut from 25 cents and development, just as World War negotiations have brought no rether senate to impound the unions he could get a better mands to be cut from 25 cents and development, just as World War negotiations have brought no rether senate to impound the unions he could get a better mands to be cut from 25 cents and development. young Negro all-American from LIU, broke down they are supposed to have done something wrong.

operating unions' leadership. Though capitalist editors pre- dispute.

tend to deplore the failure of any outcome to the negotiations in present contract - less situation the railroad companies stall off an agreement they save on each crease \$670,000 on the operating on the non-operating rail work-

The union weapon to end railroad workers are forbidden by the government to strike. Truman has broken five rail strikes in less than five years, three since the file. All future stirrings in the beginning of his Korean "police action." The last two strikes have been unsanctioned walkouts by the rank and file who are heartily sick of the stalling on their twoyear demand for the 40-hour week at no reduction in pay.

TRUMAN'S COLONELS

the railroads whereby seven rail- of the government agencies set road presidents, baptized "colo- up to frustrate the workers' just nels" by Truman who commission-demands. So far the board and the

sult save the weakening of the "seized" railroad companies' pro- separate agreement. fits until they settle the wage

Despite brave words, the line of action of the heads of the craft Washington, the railroad corpor- unions has been a steady retreat. ations are quite content that the This was first seen in the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen's plea continue. The longer it takes to of guilty to the contempt of court reach a settlement the more the charges brought against it in the corporations save. For each week effort to break the recent "sick" walkout. Even the judge was flabbergasted by the BRT's sudnickel of the demanded wage in- den change of plea. Remarking on "this unique situation" — the first railroad workers and \$2,100,000 in memory where a union has entered a guilty plea to government by injunction - he, nevertheless fined the union \$75,000. stalling is the strike. But the The union leaders deliberately perience." courted this fine - making the total \$100,000 - in order to frighten their rebellious rank and

ranks for "sick" strikes will be met with charges that they will bust the union treasury and ruin the union. Even more shameful was the desertion of BRT President Kennedy from the united front of the

Big 4 operating brotherhoods. Kennedy immediately met with The phoney army "seizure" of the National Mediation Board, one ed them, no longer fools the rail railroad barons have refused to

leadership will undoubtedly in- ment has been reached. The comcrease the already strong senti- panies insist that the contract ment among the rail workers for date be March 1, thus doing the consolidation of their unions to unions out of a 31/2 cent cost-ofreplace the antiquated craft divi- living increase under the escalator sion of their ranks.

partiality" was given to Senators other barrier to an agreement is when BRT official Chase told the company demand that there senators that Truman's assistant, be a three year moratorium on Steelman, had threatened them changes in the outmoded working that Truman would "ram a settle- rules. ment down our throats." Chase added, "I never thought I'd be in on the weakening of the union the position of being blackjacked leaders there can be no doubt that in the East Wing of the White House, but that has been my ex- keep pushing until they achieve

hour increase to 121/2 plus an This desertion of the BRT escalator clause. Still no agreeclause for the period in which the A glimpse of government "im- negotiations have been on. An-

Despite any "settlement" based their major demand of the 40-Trying to play the non-operat- hour week with no reduction in

ing unions off against the operat- take-home pay.

CHICAGO

CLASSES IN MARXISM Seven Sundays — March 4th through April 15th Sundays at 12 Noon:

"Problems of the Class Struggle" Instructor: GORDON BAILEY at 1437 E. 65th Place, 3rd floor Sundays at 7 P. M.

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the RFC scandal, the N. Y. Daily Mirror in a Feb. 26 editorial observed, "While no one may go to jail, several obscure persons who exercise great power may go back to Missouri." DEMOCRACY IN TEXAS - The University of it worth while."

Short

Houston and the Houston Settlement Association have cancelled scheduled speeches by Dr. Bharatan Kumarappa, India's delegate to the UN Social Commission.

The objection to the Indian delegate's speaking was caused by reports of speeches he had made in other Texas cities, He is reported to have said that "our chief enemy in the Far East is not communism but Western Imperialism." University President Kemmerer indignantly stated that

Houston University would not provide a "sounding board" for Mr. Kumarappa's opinions. That is, once he had discovered that Mr. Kumarappa's opinions were not the kind he wanted his students

HOUSING PROGRAM - Sen. J. A. Freir, Delaware Democrat recently discussed the plans of the Defense Mobilization Board to provide housing in "defense" areas. It is making plans to loan billions of dollars to private construction companies to erect emergency housing. The Senator stated that private enterprise, recognizing the "grave national emergency" is willing to accept the responsibility "where the returns make

AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW - In San Diego, California, Mrs. Sylura Barron, the first Negro woman delegate to a Democratic National Convention, has left the party. Mrs. Barron, who was a California delegate to the 1948 convention, said she was "all fed up with the way the party operates." She has changed her registration to non-partisan and is seeking election to the City

Barker Telegram

To NAACP Rally

Your renewal of the campaign for the indictment of the killers of John Derrick has our complete support. Hogan, Murphy and Impellitteri must not whitewash the guilty cops. The grand jury has disqualified itself as prejudiced. Let the NAACP establish an independent jury composed of leaders of the Negro, labor and liberal movement. Only a jury free of police domination and concerned with the welfare of the Negro people can conduct the public hearings and investigation necessary to bring the killer-cops to justice. A mass march on City Hall could then compel the City administration to carry out the findings of the jury.

Gladys Barker For the Socialist Workers Party