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**Purge in USSR
Spreads; New
Charges Hurled**

By John G. Wright

The blood purge in the Soviet Union, which began at the end of June, had as one of its main objectives the complete overhauling of the secret police. Within ten days of Beria's public downfall, confirmation came that this purge, as *The Militant* predicted, would not and could not be limited in scope. It has already extended to key sections of the Stalinist party and government apparatus. This extension was signalled by the downfall of Bagirov, one of the three remaining alternates to the Presidium of the Russian CP, top ruling body in the land. Bagirov was also Premier of the Azerbaijani Soviet Republic and former First Secretary of the Azerbaijani CP.

His downfall came at a joint plenum of the Central Committee of the Azerbaijani CP, the Baku City Committee and "the active party workers" that was held, according to *Pravda*, "the other day" in order to solidarize unanimously with the "exposure of the treacherous activities of Beria, the vile provocateur and agent of international imperialism."

But Bagirov was not removed on the same charges as Beria. He was not even denounced as one of Beria's henchmen. The July 19 *Pravda* says that the main charge against Bagirov was that he "violated the principle of collective leadership." He "supplanted party methods of leadership by rude administrative practices, trampled underfoot the rights of Bureau members and Central Committee members, refused to permit the slightest criticism of his conduct, ignored the proposals of members of the Bureau of the Central Committee, and personally decided all the most important questions." In other words, he behaved just as the other Kremlin masters do.

The post-Stalin regime evidently feels that it must have a "liberal" cover for its massive purge. The excuse of ferreting out "degenerates" linked with Beria is not enough.

The question naturally arises — what local party functionaries, let alone top government and administrative officials, can now feel secure in their posts, if a Bagirov can be purged on such

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**Akron, Newark Share
Lead in Fund Campaign**

By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Manager

Ten branches of the Socialist Workers Party contributed \$970 last week on their pledges to the \$18,000 Party Building and Publication Fund. This is the largest weekly total since the campaign began, but we are lagging 15% behind schedule. The scorecard (see page 3) shows a national total of \$4,307 through July 20 — 24% of the goal to be reached by Sept. 15.

Four branches have set the pace necessary to hold the on-schedule line — 33% or better.

Akron moved up this week and now shares top honors with New-

**Ohio SWP Urges
Governor to Veto
Witch Hunt Bills**

CLEVELAND, July 20 — In a telegram today, Jean Simon, State Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party urged Gov. Frank Lausche to veto two thought-control bills now on his desk.

"Under the guise of anti-subversive control," said Miss Simon, "The Devine bill and the bill depriving public employees in particular of important civil rights would open the gates to unreserved McCarthyism in Ohio."

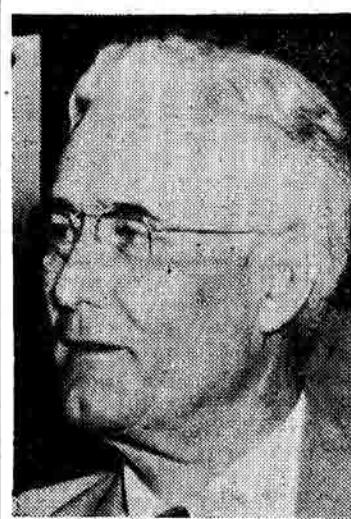
"By setting up a special agency for investigating the political beliefs, ideas and associations of all citizens, the Devine bill places a powerful weapon for intimidation and victimization of all opponents or critics in the hands of the dominant political party in the state legislature.

"We urge you to veto these two bills."

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**Senate Witch Hunters Pass
"Talk-or-Go-to-Jail" Measure**

Labor Hater



Sen. John M. Butler (R. Md.), sponsor of a bill to require licensing of unions by Subversive Activities Control Board. Unions could be outlawed under this witch hunt measure.

**Kenya High Court
Rules Kenyatta
Trial Was Illegal**

The frame-up of Jomo Kenyatta and five other African leaders who had been railroaded to seven years imprisonment at hard labor on charges of organizing

Mau Mau acts of terror, was exploded last week when the Kenya Supreme Court ruled that the entire trial, which had lasted four months, was illegal.

The court held that Judge Ransley Thacker, who had passed the brutal sentence with a Sten gunner beside him in the courthouse and then was smuggled out of Kenya like a conspirator, had no jurisdiction in the Rift Valley Province where the trial took place. The defendants, however, are still imprisoned awaiting a second trial and the British crown government is moving in to appeal the court's decision.

Kenyatta, head of the Kenya African Union, is the acknowledged leader of the 3,000,000 Kikuyus in Kenya who are fighting for their national independence against British rule. A reign of terror has been unleashed against them by their British overlords. Soldiers and armed police follow "shoot-on-sight" policy against any Mau Mau suspects. Britain's Colonial Secretary Lyttleton announced that in the four months between March 7 and July 7, Africans killed numbered 1,300 and those taken prisoner 232.

Chicago, in third place with 43% of its \$1,500 quota, is sticking close to its goal of \$100 a week.

Buffalo's hard drive shot this branch into fourth place with 42% of its \$1,500 quota fulfilled.

The other branches, behind schedule, are making a determined effort to catch up. Philadelphia, only 1% short, will probably be right on the beam for next week's scoreboard. Alma Seton says: "We are all very pleased to be so high on the scoreboard, and we're going to try hard to stay up there."

A \$50 check gave San Francisco a boost to 20%.

Los Angeles is moving into high gear. Four contributions, totaling \$873, chalked up 19% for this local. Jeanne Morgan writes: "We are setting up two or three money-making projects for the summer months which will help us make our quota securely."

New York increased its score by \$192.

Milwaukee pulled out of the zero column with a \$25 contribution.

Clara Kaye explains for Seattle: "You can expect some money on our quota in just a few days.

It's going to be hard to raise our full quota, but we are sure we will make it. Our 'down payment' won't be very large as some of our best contributors are currently on vacation trips, but we will make up for it as the campaign rolls along."

**Rhee Tries
Again to Knife
Korea Truce**

Even while armistice negotiations in Korea seemed to be nearing completion and hopes for peace once again soared high last week, renewed provocations and threats by the State Department's puppet dictator in South Korea, Syngman Rhee, underscored the instability of a truce under present conditions.

The entire country was assured by Dulles after President Eisenhower's special envoy Walter S. Robertson returned from talks with Rhee, that an understanding was reached with the South Korean regime that it would unconditionally abide by the negotiated armistice. On July 22, however, Rhee declared that the truce must have a 90-day limit after which, if his demand for the withdrawal of Chinese troops from North Korea is not met, the United States must resume the war or promise to support Rhee in his renewal of the war. Otherwise, the dictator announced, "we cannot regard the understanding as binding upon us."

A South Korean cabinet member declared the same day that if a truce were signed tomorrow on the basis of the present negotiations at Panmunjom, "I am indeed afraid it would be a black day."

The day before, Secretary of State Dulles threw cold water on the truce negotiations by questioning at a news conference whether there is "a real will to conclude the armistice" on the part of the Chinese.

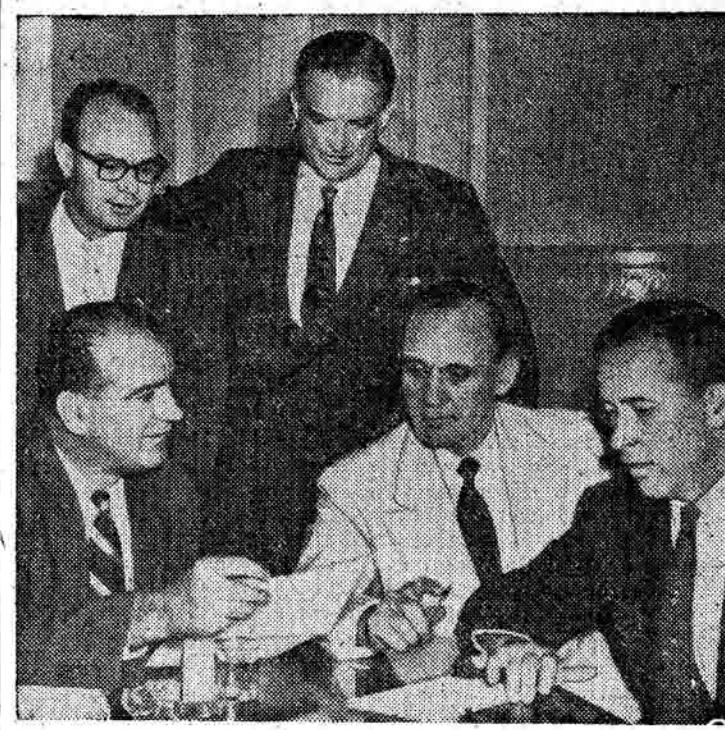
At the same time he asserted that he "would not expect a truce in Korea to release forces for aggression elsewhere." Thus he publicly laid the basis for resumption of the war in Korea after an armistice is reached, if the struggle of the Indo-Chinese people against French imperialist rule, for example, should appear to be nearing success with the aid of the Chinese.

These developments verify what *The Militant* has been emphasizing over and over again — that there can be no peace in Korea as long as American troops occupy South Korea and support the thoroughly hated and discredited dictatorship of Syngman Rhee.

Even if the armistice agreement is finally signed, the truce will hang by a thread that can at any moment be severed by the State Department or its agent Rhee.

"We want action, not words" is

Resign from McCarthy Committee



Sen. McCarthy is shown with members of his witch hunt committee before Democrats resigned, accusing him of assuming dictatorial powers. Seated, left to right: McCarthy, John L. McClellan (D. Ark.) and Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.); standing, Charles E. Potter (R. Mich.) and W. Stuart Symington (D. Mo.).

**Workers in East Germany
Resist Stalinist Repression**

By Murry Weiss

The workers struggle continues, repressions continue, the Stalinist apparatus is in deep crisis marked by a growing purge, and more evidence of the scope and revolutionary character of the June 17 movement comes to light. This

bureaucrats. The Stalinists responded with a "get tough" policy. *Neues Deutschland*, official newspaper of the Stalinist in East Berlin, admits widespread demands among the workers for new union elections. The workers also insist that the union apparatus should not be used for Stalinist government propaganda.

Walter Ulbricht, secretary of the Socialist Unity (Stalinist) Party, while admitting that in some cases the unions were acting as "an extension of the long reach of the factory management," rejected the demand for "unprepared" new union elections. As for the demand for union independence from the government, Ulbricht characterized this as being in the interests of monopoly capitalism.

STALINIST REPRESSIONS

The following savage sentences were given: Lothar Markwirth, photographer, charged with lead-

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**Seek to Kill Protection
Bill of Rights Provides
McCarthy's Victims**

By Murry Weiss

A bill to deprive victims of Congressional inquisitions of their last legal refuge was quietly slipped through the U.S. Senate July 9 in a little-publicized night session that devoted not more than an hour and a half to the far-reaching measure. The Senators said little about the dangerous implications of the measure. They took no roll-call vote. If the ominous measure (S. 16) is now stamped through the House of Representatives as the witch-hunters plan, it will have the effect of nullifying the Fifth Amendment, the important provision in the Bill of Rights which holds that no man may be required to testify against himself.

Passage of the witch-hunt bill through this sneak play is a big victory for Sen. McCarran (D. Nev.) who has singled out the Fifth Amendment since 1951 for a wrecking job.

Witnesses dragged before Congressional committees and grilled about their political beliefs and affiliations, or the alleged political beliefs and affiliations of their friends, have invoked the protection of the Fifth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution which states that "No person . . . shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself." Under this provision, written into the basic law of the land more than a century and a half ago by demand of the American people, a witness can refuse to testify on the ground that it may tend to incriminate him. This legal protection irritates the witch-hunters. They regard it as a "loop-hole" for "subversives."

Here is how the McCarran sneak play in the Senate worked: (1) The whole country was watching the sensational McCarthy-Protestant battle which resulted in the dismissal of one of McCarthy's bloodhounds, J. B. Matthews, and the resignation of three Democrats from his committee.

(2) With the spotlight on McCarthy, few people paid attention to the July 9 night session of the Senate. McCarthy seemed to be holding the ball and going down under a mass of Democratic tacklers. Meanwhile, McCarran scored a touchdown with his "Kill-The-Fifth-Amendment" bill.

The measure is designed to tighten the inquisitorial screws by empowering Congressional committees to grant "immunity" to witnesses. When they refuse to testify on grounds of possible self-incrimination, they are granted

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ed "immunity." Thus the Fifth Amendment no longer applies! This promise of immunity is a fraud and a trap. The investigating committees have become inquisitorial bodies that do not rely solely on legal penalties to punish their victims. Those called before the committees and accused by some bigot of being subversives are automatically smeared. The usual consequences, particularly if the witness invokes the Fifth Amendment, are disgrace, loss of job and blacklisting. Even to be mentioned "unfavorably" at these hearings is a signal for the whole McCarthyite pack to start baying. The actor John Garfield was wounded to his grave in this way.

But actually McCarran's bill does not grant legal immunity from prosecution. Note the following clause: "No person shall be exempt from prosecution or punishment for perjury or contempt."

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The Narrowing Differences Between AFL-CIO

By C. Thomas

(First of two articles)

In all of the current talk about unity negotiations between the CIO and AFL, the question of program, which should occupy the most prominent part in the discussions, is given the least consideration. Organic unity, as an abstract position, has great appeal to the workers but in and of itself does not and cannot provide a solution for the problems confronting the organized labor movement. Nor are glittering generalities any substitute for a positive program.

An example of the above approach is the statement by CIO president Walter Reuther in the July 20 CIO News protesting the AFL Teamsters raids on the CIO Brewery Workers Union. Our goal, said Reuther, must be for "all of us in the democratic trade union movement of this country" to "stand together; to organize the unorganized; to improve the economic and social status of workers; to protect labor from its enemies; and to build a stronger, more democratic America for all the people."

Under the guise of anti-subversive control," said Miss Simon, "The Devine bill and the bill depriving public employees in particular of important civil rights would open the gates to unreserved McCarthyism in Ohio."

These are lofty sentiments. But Reuther does not answer the problem; he merely poses it. It is obvious that organic unity, by itself, will not bring the labor movement one step closer to its goal. The policy of the labor leadership has led the unions into a blind alley. Organic unity, under the same policy and leadership, could lead nowhere. A radical break with the policy, program and methods of struggle of the present union leadership could invest Reuther's generalities with meaningful content. This is the inescapable conclusion that must be drawn from the experience of the past two decades since the rise of the CIO.

The CIO enters the unity talks with the AFL under unfavorable conditions, as pointed out in the article on this subject in last week's issue of *The Militant*. It is smaller numerically, less cohesive than the AFL and is plagued by centrifugal tendencies. What is most significant is that it has lost that dynamic quality which distinguished it during its formative period and made it a powerful pole of attraction for millions of workers

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toppled the hitherto impregnable industrial empires by resorting to militant methods of struggle. It went further and by establishing Labor's Nonpartisan League broke with the sterile Gompers' policy of keeping the workers politically atomized. Implicit in these developments was the tendency of the CIO to break through the narrow trade union boundaries and move toward independence, not only on the economic but on the political field.

This forward movement was halted with the advent of the war as the CIO leaders adapted themselves to Roosevelt's war program. After Phillip Murray became head of the CIO the retreat became a rout. The Murray leadership surrendered the independence of the CIO to the Roosevelt regime in Washington, stifled its dynamic quality, dampened its crusading spirit, and more and more adopted the conservative outlook of AFL business unionism.

True, the CIO continued to grow throughout the period of the war. The tremendous expansion of war production, together with the "maintenance of mem-

bership" deal with the administration in Washington, continued to swell the ranks of the union. But this growth was achieved by sacrifice of the government and served to cement the labor coalition in support of the Democratic administration at the cost of labor's independence.

Parallel with these developments, the rapid transformations in the character of the labor movement heralded by the hectic rise of the CIO, together with the monstrous growth of war production, did not leave the AFL unaffected. Even the fossils of the AFL Executive Council were compelled to adapt their thinking to the new conditions. To compete with the CIO in the organization of mass production workers, the AFL leaders were forced to abandon their intransigent opposition to the industrial form of organization.

These developments indicate a narrowing of the essential differences between the two organizations. Both carry out practically an identical policy on the political field. The question of organization form is no longer a major issue. Both compete for the favor of the administration. No great principle divides them. The question then, is not organic unity as such, but what road for the American labor movement.

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Americanizing "Pravda's" Lies

The lying and squirming of the American Stalinists, in their crude attempt to explain away the revolutionary movement of the East German workers against a hateful and tyrannical regime, is an ugly sight. With firing squads, mass arrests and other forms of terror, the Kremlin strappers are acting as strikebreakers trying to crush a genuine workers struggle.

And where are the American Stalinists in this picture? On the side of the counter-revolutionary strikebreakers!

This treacherous clique masquerades as a communist movement. They have nothing in common with the interests of the working-class struggle either in this country or elsewhere. Venal agents of the bureaucratic caste in the Soviet Union, they try to give an "American twist" to *Pravda's* monstrous slanders against the East German workers.

For instance, the Stalinist *Michigan Worker* complains in a July 19 editorial that Reuther made a radio speech calling "upon the workers of East Germany to rise up against their government." The editorial appeals to "workers who yearn for 'peace'" to recognize that Reuther's speech is an abandonment of the "line of the recent UAW convention resolution on foreign policy which called for negotiations with the Soviet leaders for peace."

There are at least three major lies in this one editorial of the *Michigan Worker*: (1) Reuther is depicted as an organizer of

the East German workers revolt. Actually, Reuther follows the line of Wall Street's State Department, and he was trying to sell that line to the anti-capitalist East German workers, who believe Reuther is fighting for their freedom even less than the American assembly-line worker believes Reuther is fighting against the speed-up.

(2) The UAW foreign-policy resolution is depicted as a "peace" resolution. Actually, the Reutherite bureaucracy supports the Big Business policy of heading toward World War III.

(3) The Kremlin line in East Germany is represented as a "peace" policy. There is as much peace in the Kremlin's actions in East Germany as there is in the "pacification" campaigns of western capitalism to put down revolutions of the workers and colonial peoples.

The Kremlin's counter-revolutionary terror in East Germany today serves the same aim as the Kremlin's sell-outs in Europe to Anglo-American imperialism after World War II. Through these various forms of betrayal of the interests of the working class, the privileged bureaucratic caste in the Soviet Union seeks to maintain its despotic rule.

Both sell-outs and repressions weaken the anti-capitalist camp and facilitate the war plans of the capitalists. By the same token, the rise of the East German workers enormously strengthens the world socialist revolution.

The "Little Tiger"

Witch hunters McCarthy, McCarran, Dirkson and Jenner were hailed at a Nazi meeting in Mannheim, West Germany, July 19 as "true friends" of Germany, according to the N.Y. Times. The speaker was an American pro-Nazi, Edward A. Fleckenstein, who said he had been touring Germany for weeks in search of "true Germans."

He appears to have found the type he was seeking among the representatives of the 30 neo-Nazi groups he addressed at the launching of the National Rally party. This new party aims at the return of Nazi rule in Germany. This is the kind of audience that can take to its bosom American McCarthyism and embrace the American with hunters as "true friends."

The new German Nazis can find much to admire in their American friends. McCarthyism fosters views similar to those of the Nazis. It attacks the democratic rights of the people and seeks to destroy the Bill of Rights. It hunts down and persecutes dissenters. It pillories anyone who dares criticize its practices. It enthrones bigotry in the Congress and State Department and puts books to the torch in its drive to stamp out any expression of free thought.

McCarthyism aims ultimately at the anihilation of America's mighty union movement. It is this movement, matching in its gigantic social force the miraculous productive powers of American industry, that can put an end to McCarthyism. It can do this by getting into the political fight with its own fists — namely a Labor Party.

The time grows short. Labor waited too long to fight in Italy, Germany and Spain after the first world war. The price was destruction of the labor movement by the fascists. McCarthyism is only a "little tiger" today. We must not wait until it grows into a raging beast before we act.

Why Do They Revolt?

What is the great driving force that is bringing one and a half billion people in the vast undeveloped areas of the world to revolt against the domination of the capitalist powers of the west?

The answer is poverty and the dawning realization that this poverty need not be.

As a pamphlet recently published in England puts it, these teeming populations "live in mud huts or tin shanties, in rags and in ignorance; they are almost always underfed, often ill and hungry, sometimes starved."

Some of these areas are among the most fertile and richly endowed on earth. But the great natural wealth is either siphoned off to the capitalist countries or development is sabotaged by the imperialist powers. Thus the gap between the poor countries and the rich ones constantly widens.

The shocking fact is that the 19 richest countries with 16% of the world's people monopolize two-thirds of the world's income. The 15 poorest countries, with more than half of the world's population, have to make ends meet with 9% of the world's income.

These figures graphically reveal the basic source of the urge for freedom and independence in the countries reaching from Korea clear around Asia to Africa and across the Atlantic to South America.

Every American worker who believes in progress and the possibility of building a better world must feel encouraged and inspired by the mighty spirit of rebellion that is stirring abroad. That is not because the American workers simply have a humanitarian interest in seeing other peoples improve

native Americans who are preparing the ground for the rise of a homegrown fascist movement. This is attested to by even so prominent a figure as the Democratic 1952 presidential candidate, Adlai E. Stevenson. In Paris last week he admitted that when McCarthy started out he "could be considered a little tiger," but that "It seems to me that McCarthyism runs the risk of presenting from now on a rather serious threat, so much so that it would not be out of place to make an analogy with certain aspects of the beginning of Hitlerism."

Stevenson's warning is worth noting. It is also worth noting, however, that the Democratic Party head doesn't offer any proposals for combatting the danger of McCarthyism. The real problem is how to fight McCarthyism, to halt it dead in its tracks and destroy it.

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their living standards. They too are acquainted with poverty.

The prosperity in America, most prosperous of all lands, happens to be somewhat lopsided. Alongside the fabulous profits raked in by the capitalists, the working class has little to boast of.

For instance, the Federal Reserve Board recently noted that one out of every three skilled and semi-skilled workers doesn't have a dime set aside for emergencies. Among the unskilled or service workers, who constitute 55% of the total labor power, one out of two is living from hand to mouth. Even among the skilled workers only one in eight has as much as \$2,000 in bank accounts or assets readily convertible to cash. To round out the picture, we would have to know how deeply in debt the average worker is, but the above figures are sufficient to show that in the United States itself poverty remains an ever-present menace even to steadily employed workers.

A downward turn in the economic cycle, and it is quite clear that the American workers will feel not only solidarity with their class brothers abroad, but an irresistible impulse to join them in breaking through the limitations of the capitalist system.

That, in our opinion, will prove decisive in the world-wide struggle of the masses to end poverty. When the American workers decide that the time has come to put our economic system in order, then the socialist society of abundance, so eloquently described by James P. Cannon in this issue of *The Militant*, will be established on unshakable foundations and the era of hunger will be ended forever.

What Socialist America Will Look Like

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law of life, and so it will be under socialism. But under socialism the struggle of men against each other for personal gain will give way to the struggle for ideas; to competition and rivalry in serving and advancing the general good of all; and to their cooperative struggle to complete the conquest of nature.

The people will struggle cooperatively — and through the competition of alternate plans — to move mountains, to change the course of rivers, to control climate and to get the full benefit of all its charges. They will organize huge migrations with the seasons. Why should only the birds have the right to move South when it gets cold in the North? The rich have already claimed this right. The people who own New York, for example, don't live there much of the time. They spend their summers in Bar Harbor, Maine, where it's cool and breezy and their winter in Florida, on the sunny beach. Some of them travel to other countries with the changing seasons. They stop over in New York only in the spring and fall when the New York weather is better than that of Maine or Florida. That, it seems to me, is a very

sensible way to live — if you can afford it.

Under socialism, everybody will be able to afford to live comfortably and to travel freely, without passports. Can you imagine people living in Chicago in the wintertime, when they might be in California on a six-months vacation? Nobody ever saw the sun in Chicago from Labor Day to the Fourth of July; but here — I am told — it shines every day in the year — even when it's raining.

Some people who have lived in a frost-bound place all their lives may continue for some years, even under the new society, just from tradition, habit and ignorance. But once you get them to come to the Land of the Sundown Sea on a trial journey, and see what California is like on the 23rd day of January, they will never be the same again.

And the daring souls, the pioneers who will find this out, will write letters back and the word will pass, and the idea will grow up amongst the people in the frozen North: "Why shouldn't we, with all our abundance — we can afford it, we have plenty — why shouldn't we travel around and enjoy climate with the seasons — just like the birds."

Explore the Great Universe

The people will have ambition, under socialism, to explore the great universe and to unlock its secrets, and to extract from their knowledge new resources for the betterment of all the people. They will organize an all-out war against sickness and disease and there will be a flowering of the great science of medicine. They will look back with indignation, when they read in their history books that at one time people had to live in a society where there was a shortage of doctors, artificially maintained.

I believe it can be said with certainty that among the heroes of the new society, whom the youth will venerate, will be the doctors of all kinds who will really be at the service of man in the struggle for the conquest of those diseases which lay him low. Man's health will be a major concern and sickness and disease a disgrace, not to the victim, but to the society which permits it.

Having conquered nature, having solved the problems of material existence, having taken care of the problem of health, the socialist man will begin finally — as Trotsky forecast in his brilliant work, *Literature and Revolution* — to study, to know and to conquer himself. The study and mastery of the body and the mind will bring the socialist man to physical and mental harmony and perfection, to the realization in life of the old aspiring motto:

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Cleveland Scandal

By Jean Blake

Cleveland, Ohio, is faced with the danger of an outbreak of anti-Negro violence such as occurred in Cicero, Illinois, two years ago, but city officials nervously weigh political expediency against the costliness of a "race riot" instead of acting decisively.

On Monday, July 13, Wendell and Genevieve Stewart moved into their new home at 15508 Talford Ave. despite anonymous threatening phone calls and a meeting the previous Saturday night of 500 whites in the neighborhood who "wallowed in an orgy of racial vituperation" for three hours, according to eyewitnesses.

Mr. Stewart, determined to exercise his right to live in the home he had found with difficulty and bought despite all pressures to prevent title-and-loan companies from handling the transaction, hired a moving van with former heavyweight boxer Jimmy Bivins in the cab to prevent the advocates of force and violence from carrying out their threats.

That night he refused the offer of a three-man committee of the neighborhood whites to buy him out.

Tuesday, a meeting of the Mayor's Community Relations Board tried to figure out how to claim the whites and at the same time protect the Negro family. A police car patrolled the area. The Board passed a resolution urging the Mayor to issue a strong statement on the Stewart's rights under city, state and federal laws and a clear warning that the City would act swiftly against anyone who engaged in further threats or violence.

This is the mush-mouthed statement Mayor Burke gave at a meeting with a

committee of the neighborhood bigots, as reported in the press:

"As a matter of law, if Stewart buys a home and wants to live in it, there is nothing the Community Relations Board or you or I can do about it. We are proud of the race relations record of this city. The board wishes to give further consideration to this matter."

Members of the city anti-subversive squad and the head of the Community Relations Board attended the hopped-up meetings of the white supremacists. The sessions were referred to as "leaderless protest meetings." Why didn't the officials who characterize the danger as "clear and present," identify the advocates and instigators of force and violence and cite the law against them?

Vince J. Busa, president of the Lee Land Heights Civic Council, according to one local daily paper, was the only member of the committee meeting with the Mayor who was willing to identify himself. This is the same Vince J. Busa who led a successful campaign some months ago to stop the City Council from approving a low-rent housing project in the area.

No wonder the City Fathers are on the spot. They've condoned, if not aided and abetted, Vince Busa's anti-Negro campaigns up to now. But with no legal recourse left for the race-haters in their attempt to prevent Negroes from living where they wish, and with the Cleveland Negro community in no mood to back down in its support of the Stewart's rights, the administration is being exposed. Political expediency, not concern for "law and order," is the rule it lives by when the rights of minorities are involved.

A Cop Stops You

By Manuel Rodriguez

You drive along the highway, a citizen of the 'free world' somewhere near Galveston, Texas. You're a doctor, graduate of the Texas Medical College. You were the first Negro to be admitted into that Medical School and you received the highest honors of your class of 1953. Now you're interned in a local hospital. Your teachers and associates have a high opinion of your ability. They expect a brilliant career for you.

A highway cop stops you. He claims you were speeding. Maybe he doesn't like your looks. He decides to take you down a peg. He puts the handcuffs on you and then comes down on your head with his pistol. That's the last you remember. You wake up in a hospital and they tell you it took 27 stitches to pull your lacerated scalp together. What you feel in your heart can't be stitched together.

Your friends go to the local redress committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the NAACP attorney asks the FBI to investigate the violation of your civil rights. The

cops and their cronies are enraged. They decide to give you the works. The cop, thinking fast, claims that you pulled a knife on him, that he had to subdue you in self-defense. They charge you with speeding, resisting arrest, assault with a deadly weapon, and intent to commit murder.

A rusty blood-stained knife is found by a Justice of the Peace near the place you were beaten. They don't stop to think that the cop didn't claim to be wounded and that they will have to explain the blood stains.

Now you face serious charges with the possibility of long imprisonment. Just to let you know what Southern justice thinks about your case, the Judge fixes your bail at \$10,000. Now besides recovering from a pistol whipping you've got to defend yourself against a frame-up.

An imaginary incident? Not at all. It's a real-life case, and not an unusual one either. It's the way capitalist democracy works in the U.S.A. in 1953, as Dr. Herman Barnett of Galveston, Texas, can testify.

Notes from the News

CLASS-MINDED JUDGE. U.S. District Court Judge James Alger Fee in Portland, Oregon ruled that 54 transportation firms are liable for damages because their employees refused to cross picket lines of the Montgomery Ward strikers in 1941. Attacking unionism, the Judge made the novel argument that "The insistence upon the paramount obligation of an employee to some distant union . . . is the basis of the Marxian conflict of classes."

BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM of the Methodist Church after requesting and getting a public hearing before the House Un-American Activities Committee, attacked some of its procedures. Bishop Oxnam said in part: "It gives rise to a new and vicious expression of Ku-Kluxism, in which an innocent person may be beaten by unknown assailants, who are cloaked in anonymity and at times immunity, and whose whips are cleverly constructed lists of so-called subversive organizations and whose floggings appear all too often to be sadistic in spirit rather than patriotic in purpose."

FREE ENTERPRISE. A 28-year-old Texas woman has offered to sell one of her eyes for \$10,000 because "all of her married life has been a struggle and she hopes to pay off debts and get a fresh start by moving her family to Alaska."

FORMER CHAIRMAN of the Democratic National Committee James A. Farley told the College University Conference on July 16 that much of the criticism of over-seas book-burning was "hysteria" on the part of persons who had not ascertained the facts." Mr. Farley, who is president of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, says that we should make available abroad only those books about the United States "which would put us in a favorable light." Only Coca-Cola and half-truths for export, Mr. Farley?

THE CONEY ISLAND amusement park in Cincinnati, Ohio is being sued by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for denying admission to Negroes.

SKYROCKETING TRANSIT FARES are taking an increasing bite out of workers' incomes. According to the July 20 Wall Street Journal, "There are now 42 cities in the 25,000-or-more population class that charge a 15-cent transit fare . . . Eight transit systems have moved up to 20 cents." Before the end of World War II most cities charged only a nickel or dime. What's more, for more money, transit riders are getting slower and worse service today.

THE VERY REVEREND Francis J. Connell, dean of the School of Sacred Theology of Catholic University, defended not only the right but the duty of the government to ban books in overseas libraries. Writing in the August issue of *Catholic Men*, this patron of the book burners declared: "Every decent person agrees that obscene writing should be banned, but some do not seem to realize that false philosophies of life can also be harmful . . ."

IN REPLY TO A LETTER of Norman Thomas suggesting that "socialists" might be useful in the Mutual Security Agency in dealing with countries where socialists were in office, Scott McLeod, head of the State Department security system, pointed out to Thomas that "it would be impossible for a socialist to make or influence policy which would carry out the intentions of President Eisenhower and the Republican administration."

THE COST-OF-LIVING, according to the latest Consumers Price Index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, is now at an all-time high as food prices continue to advance. Rents and other living costs are expected to push the index still higher.

ARMY JUSTICE. Seven soldiers, ranging in age from 18 to 21, were found guilty of mutiny by a general court martial last week. They were charged with acting in concert to override lawful military authority when they disobeyed an officer's command to fall in for close-order drill. They received sentences of 15 to 20 years imprisonment each.

SECURITY SCREENING by the Coast Guard of maritime workers was upheld by Federal District Judge Edward P. Murphy, in San Francisco. The Judge ruled, however, that a worker must be given specific information of charges against him if he insists, but not the source of the charges. A screened worker is also denied the right to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses.

JOSEPH PORGIE got his job thanks to Mayor Impellitteri. Fired last March after 45 years service for the city because a stoolie reported that Porgie's real name was Nicholas Lana, the 74-year-old worker couldn't get his pension. He finally managed to get a break in the papers about his case. The mayor's sudden charitable interest in Porgie won his Honor a round of applause in the press, all of which helps in what looks like a tough year to win another term in office.

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Liberals Pick Halley to Run For Mayor

By Harry Ring

NEW YORK, June 20 — With the mayoralty race well under way, the major development in the campaign has been the unsuccessful attempt of the Liberal Party to secure a coalition with the Republicans and its subsequent decision to wage an independent campaign, with City Council President Rudolph Halley as standard bearer.

Neither the Democratic or Republican bosses have as yet decided whose hat they will throw into the ring. The Tammany politicians are confronted with the burdensome problem of Mayor Impellitteri's embarrassing insistence on nomination despite a highly unsavory record that has now been capped by boosting subway fares from a dime to 15 cents.

Although Halley is undoubtedly the strongest of the major

candidates, he appears to be somewhat uncomfortable in his role as an independent and is making strenuous efforts to achieve a "broad coalition" of "independent Republicans and Democrats." To demonstrate that he really means this he has selected a Republican and a Democrat as his running mates.

The Liberal candidate for City Council President will be Judge Juvaline Marchisie, a machine Democrat who accepted the Liberal nomination only after losing his bid for nomination by the Democrats. For Comptroller, the Liberals have nominated Chase Mellen, Jr., a former County Chairman of the Republican Party. Mellen, still a registered Republican, is a silk-stockings proponent of "good government."

WANT A WINNING HORSE With "Boss" Flynn and Tammany leaders DeSapio opposed to Impellitteri on the grounds that he can't win, it now appears likely that they will attempt to shove through the nomination of District Attorney Frank Hogan or Robert F. Wagner, Jr.

ALP CHOOSE MCCOY

The American Labor Party entered the campaign with Clifford T. McAvoy as its principal candidate. This indicates a victory for the Marcantonio forces over the Stalinist wing in the party. For some time the Stalinists have indicated they would prefer that the ALP support the Liberals. Since the outset of the campaign the Daily Worker has trained its main fire on the Republicans and Democrats and has been quite gentle in its treatment of Halley.

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Apparently Marcantonio saw no profit at this time in such a proposition and refused to go along with it.

UNION CHIEFS SILENT

Aside from the unions that support the Liberal Party, the leadership of the balance of the labor movement has remained totally silent about the campaign. At best their situation is not a happy one. Tied as they are to the old-time machines, they would certainly be reluctant to aid the Liberal Party to a position of political power in the city. At the same time it appears rather dubious that either Democrats or Republicans will come up with a candidate they can sell to their membership as a "friend of labor." Insofar as they can avoid the issue, a course of "sitting out" the race appears to be indicated.

The Socialist Workers Party, which will hold its annual City Convention August 1 and 2, will have before it motion from its outgoing City Committee to enter the campaign with candidates of its own for the major posts.

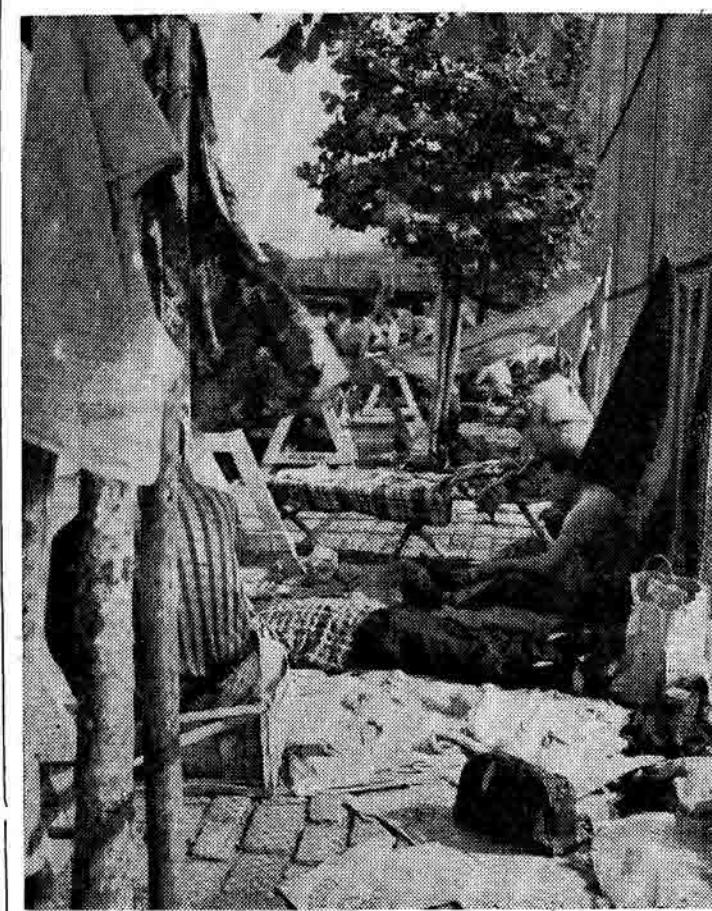
Dulles' 'Blunder'

Secretary of State Dulles, while testifying before a Senate committee, inadvertently revealed the plan of the Eisenhower administration to build up Japan's military forces to ten divisions. William J. Jordan, N.Y. Times correspondent in Tokyo, reports that U.S. foreign-service officers regard Dulles' revelation as a "blunder." They felt, according to Jordan, that Dulles' statement had erased in one day months of patient work aimed at slowly bringing Japan into the free world defense community."

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Hunting for Jobs



These men camped out for almost five days on sidewalk line waiting to apply for New York City laborer jobs paying from \$51.90 to \$59 a week. When applications were finally handed out, 7,500 men were on line. Available number of jobs 180.

WITCH HUNTERS PASS "TALK-OR-JAIL" BILL

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tempt committed in so testify. This makes clear the aim of the Bill — to destroy the present constitutional protection of witnesses and confront them with the alternative: become a stoolie or go to jail for contempt or perjury. Contempt, if they refuse to inform on the beliefs and political associations of their friends; perjury, if they deny "subversive" thoughts and associations or make any statement of fact that might be challenged by a professional stoolie on the government payroll.

LIBERALS BUCKLE

The liberals in the Senate were either silent or openly favored the McCarran bill, or, while offering token opposition, actually helped the Nevada witch-hunters stampede it through. The roll was called during the brief debate to establish a quorum, but apparently the majority drifted back into the cloak rooms. According to Richard L. Strout, Washington correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, only a minority was present when the vote was taken.

If this is true, then the liberals must be charged with acting in collusion with McCarran. The American Labor Party entered the campaign with Clifford T. McAvoy as its principal candidate. This indicates a victory for the Marcantonio forces over the Stalinist wing in the party. For some time the Stalinists have indicated they would prefer that the ALP support the Liberals. Since the outset of the campaign the Daily Worker has trained its main fire on the Republicans and Democrats and has been quite gentle in its treatment of Halley.

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The truth is that not one of the liberal Senators dared to stand up and fight. Not one felt it politically expedient to get in the line of fire from the witch-hunters. Senators Kefauver and Morse, who are highly recommended by the labor officials as "labor friends," supported McCarran, reaching agreement with him on minor amendments. In the course of the debate Morse admitted, "I want to say to the Senator from Nevada that we have not been as far apart in our objectives as some of our remarks might seem to indicate."

Lehman, the "reliable" liberal, made a brief token speech against the measure. Others like Humphrey, Sparkman and Douglas were tongue-tied. The liberals could have forced a record roll-call vote. Instead they participated in the shameful voice vote that passed the measure. Some, like Lehman and Magnuson, later recanted their opposition. Humphrey, Sparkman and Douglas matched their silence during the debate by refraining from reciting their positions.

These are the people the labor officials ask the workers to support as leaders in the fight against the anti-labor reactionaries! One genuine representative of labor, backed by millions of organized workers, could have blocked McCarran's "Kill-the-Fifth-Amendment" bill. But labor doesn't have a single representative in Congress.

"FREEBORN JOHN"

In his Weekly of May 16, I.F. Stone, who was one of the first to call national attention to the danger of this new McCarran bill, recalls a timely bit of history concerning the origin of the Fifth Amendment: "The firm es-

Rank-and-File Strike Flares at Linden Over GM Plant Grievances

By Ralph Rodney

LINDEN, N. J., July 21 — A jam-packed special meeting of 2,500 members called by the "Rank and File Strike Committee," of CIO United Automobile Workers Local Union 595, today rejected an appeal by five International Representatives to call off their "wildcat" strike and return to work tomorrow pending the negotiations of their grievances.

A counter-proposal was introduced and carried overwhelmingly not to return to work until next Monday, July 27. This proposal was made and carried in order to demonstrate to the General Motors Corporation that the men were prepared to resist the threats of management and the pressure of their own International officials in support of the fight for their just grievances.

The dispute which led to the walkout on July 16 involved a long-standing grievance of "forced overtime" for the men in the repair department. For the past six months or more, these men have been compelled to work 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. Any refusal to work these killing hours was met with the imposition of drastic penalties by the corporation. The dispute came to a head when one of the men in the repair department refused to work overtime one evening and was suspended by management. A majority of the repair men walked out in protest. A union meeting was held after the end of the shift, and decided to strike the plant.

When the day shift showed up the next day they were met by pickets at the gate and refused to go to work. The plant was shut down tight. At a special meeting called on Saturday, July 18, attended by approximately 500 members, the whole question of working conditions in the plant came up for discussion. Many grievances of long standing were raised and the fight was broadened to include the most pressing of these grievances.

Mounting Opposition in Ohio Seeks Veto of "Dangerous" Thoughts Bills

CLEVELAND, July 20 — A new wave of opposition to the two thought-control bills passed by the 100th General Assembly of Ohio developed this week as House Bills 308 and 575 went to Gov. Frank Lausche for his signature.

Unions, minority parties and the American Civil Liberties Union sent wires to the governor urging him to veto the measures. In a lead editorial July 19, the powerful Cleveland Press, local Scripps-Howard publication, headed the daily press in opposing the "anti-subversive" bills.

Even if the governor should veto the Devine Bill and H. B. 575, which denies public employees the right to refuse to testify against themselves in investigations into their political activities, the Legislature could and probably would pass the bills over his veto. However, opposition to the reactionary drive of the witch-hunters itself would be taken out of the realm of "subversive" activities.

At the opening of the 100th Legislature last winter anyone who criticized or opposed the recommendations of the Ohio Un-American Activities Commission was treated as a suspect. At the close of the session that is no longer the case.

NEW VICTIMS FALL IN USSR PURGE

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Washington, Beria was accused of being a "hireling of foreign imperialism" but no specific foreign power has been named as yet in the current purge. Apparently the Kremlin is anxious to keep Beria's crimes primarily "domestic" in character.

(3) In previous purges, with the exception of Stalin's unfinished anti-Semitic purge, the military was studiously kept in the background. Just the contrary is true this time. The Soviet officer caste has been brought more and more to the fore.

Thus, the initiative for the purge in Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia came from the Commander of the Trans-Caucasian Military District. It was Gen. Antonov who called a special meeting of "all Army Communists" and announced complete solidarity with the "decision of the Central Committee" on Beria's case. The plenums of the Georgian and Azerbaijan parties — and the accompanying purges — took place after the officer caste had spoken.

The next military district