

# New H-Bomb, Gas Threaten World Destruction

## Socialism Seen Only Alternative To Annihilation

By Joseph Keller

Which would you rather have? Socialism, with a high standard of living for all, educational and cultural opportunities, racial equality, permanent security and peace? Or death by atomic radiation and deadly nerve gas for you, your wife and children, mother and father, brothers and sisters? That's the choice we face today.

If you think the "right" of a handful of capitalist billionaires to make profits from the exploitation of human labor and to control the means of production for their own personal benefit is more sacred than anything else, then you're for wiping out the human race.

For that's what capitalism—the private profit system of class privilege—is preparing to do. That's what Wall Street is ABLE to do with the new H-bomb and the new G-gas revealed within the past two weeks.

AN "ATOMIC DEVICE"

On March 1, the Atomic Energy Commission told us that an "atomic device" had just been exploded in the mid-Pacific, "the first in a series of tests." Ten days later, the AEC disclosed that 28 American technicians and 236 inhabitants of the Marshall Islands, at what was considered to be a safe distance from the Bikini atomic test area, "were unexpectedly exposed to some radiation" but had suffered no burns.

Then on March 16, an Associated Press dispatch from Tokyo disclosed that a Japanese fishing boat had returned to port with a crew of 23 men covered with radiation burns received when "snow-white ashes" fell on them 90 minutes after the March 1 "atomic device" had been set off and 80 miles from the site of the explosion. But this revelation of a weapon effective at 80 miles distance was only the beginning.

On March 17, "Congressional sources" disclosed that the "device" that had hurled its shower of radioactive poison 80 miles was new thermonuclear hydrogen bomb with a destructive power equivalent to 12,000,000 to 14,000,000 tons of TNT. This is 600 to 750 times as powerful as Truman's bomb that blasted Hiroshima in August 1945 and caused a quarter of a million casualties.

The March 1 "atomic device" actually shook Kwajalein Island, 176 miles away. It was said to be three to four times as power-



This is an "old-fashioned" A-bomb of the type that wiped out Hiroshima in 1945. The H-bomb that was set off in U.S. tests at Bikini on March 1 was 600 to 750 times as powerful as the A-bomb, spread radiation 1600 miles.

ful as the first hydrogen "device" set off at Eniwetok, Nov. 1, 1952. The latter, it was revealed by Congressman W. Sterling Cole (R., N.Y.), chairman of the joint Congressional atomic energy committee, "completely obliterated the test island" and "tore a cavity in the floor of the ocean—a crater full mile in diameter and 175 feet in depth . . ." Such a bomb, if exploded over a city, would cause "an area of complete devastation—using the word 'complete' in its most precise meaning—six miles in diameter" and a damage area "covering 300 square miles."

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## Anti-McCarthy Campaign News

By Myra Tanner

The ups and down of McCarthy's career in government will not obviate the necessity to mobilize the American people for an anti-fascist struggle. The liberals will learn all too soon that their premature cries of victory against this menace were only hollow expressions of wishful-thinking. It will take more than a frown by Eisenhower to stop the spread of McCarthyism.

In the developing economic crisis Big Business means to smash the labor movement. To accomplish this, the capitalists will make a three-pronged attack: a barrage of anti-labor legislation, a smokescreen of witch-hunting hysteria and mobilization of fascist gangs to pit against the organized workers movement.

The only serious struggle against fascism is that which aims to rouse the labor movement to action. And that is why the present anti-fascist campaign of the Socialist Workers Party is so important. At present we are trying to get the party on the ballot in Michigan and Pennsylvania. The success of both these efforts will provide us with an opportunity to present our full anti-fascist program to the working class in the election campaign this fall. We shall reach many hundreds of thousands who are looking for a solution to the growing problems of unemployment and the fascist danger.

The Detroit branch still leads in the \$14,000 Fund Drive. Newark nosed ahead of Buffalo for second place with 55% of its quota in. These three branches are all ahead.

## MURRY WEISS Tour Schedule

Oakland, San Francisco: March 26-29  
Los Angeles: March 31  
New York: April 29

## Milwaukee, Twin Cities Greet Weiss

Murry Weiss, National Committee member of the Socialist Workers Party, now on a coast-to-coast anti-McCarthy speaking tour, received a warm welcome from anti-McCarthyites in the fascist Senator's home state of Wisconsin.

Addressing a well-attended meeting in Milwaukee, March 10, Weiss congratulated the local SWP branch on its vigorous anti-McCarthy activities and its plan to help launch a recall movement against America's would-be Hitler. Such a petition drive was recently initiated by the Sauk City Prairie Star, whose editor reports an extremely gratifying response throughout the state.

On March 10, Weiss spoke at the Socialist Workers Party headquarters in Minneapolis. The meeting was attended by over a hundred workers, students and housewives.

Lively interest was expressed by the inter-racial audience in a question and discussion period that lasted for almost an hour. The enthusiastic spirit of those present was indicated by their contribution of \$90 to the SWP's anti-McCarthy fighting fund.

The hall was bannered all around with anti-fascist slogans, which read, "The Fascist Menace is Real—Stop McCarthyism!" and "Joe McCarthy—America's Hitler on the Make!" A special drawing by Laura Gray, Militant cartoonist, showed Weiss throwing a punch at the fascist Senator.

Following the meeting, a social hour of dancing and refreshments was held. Many of the workers and students who were attending their first socialist meeting stayed for further discussion with the speaker.

Of special interest to Twin Cities workers, with their famed Socialist Workers Party demand for the convening of a Congress of Labor to smash McCarthyism,

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## GOP Goes Easy on McCarthy To Gain Aid in '54 Election

### Fascist Senator Moves Toward Counter-Attack

By Joseph Hansen

When Eisenhower took time out between golf games to level a heavy frown at the methods of McCarthy, a wave of hope swept the liberals that this meant the beginning of the end for the fascist demagogue. But McCarthy refused to oblige either Eisenhower or the liberals by curling up dead from the shame of it all. Instead he went to work with a meat axe.

His instant reaction to the charge of the Army Brass that he and his attorney Cohn sought special privileges for their crony Schine, was to cry, "Blackmail!"

And while the Republican and Democratic opposition gasped at the audacity of the counter-charge and congratulated themselves on how this time McCarthy had really overreached himself and played right into their hands, the Wisconsin pupil of Hitler set out to counteract the intended setback and if possible convert it to his advantage.

The cry of "blackmail" was aimed at astonishing, bedazzling and scaring his Democratic and Republican foes. ("My God, what if his charge of blackmail is true?") Before these heroes could recover their wits, McCarthy swung his meat axe again.

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REASSURES FOLLOWERS

McCarthy was concerned about his basis of support, which lies outside the regular political machines. His first problem was to reassure his followers, hearten them, demonstrate in action that in this crisis they could depend on him to stand up and fight. In return he asked them to put the heat on any members of his Senate Investigations subcommittee who might "desert" him in the weeks ahead.

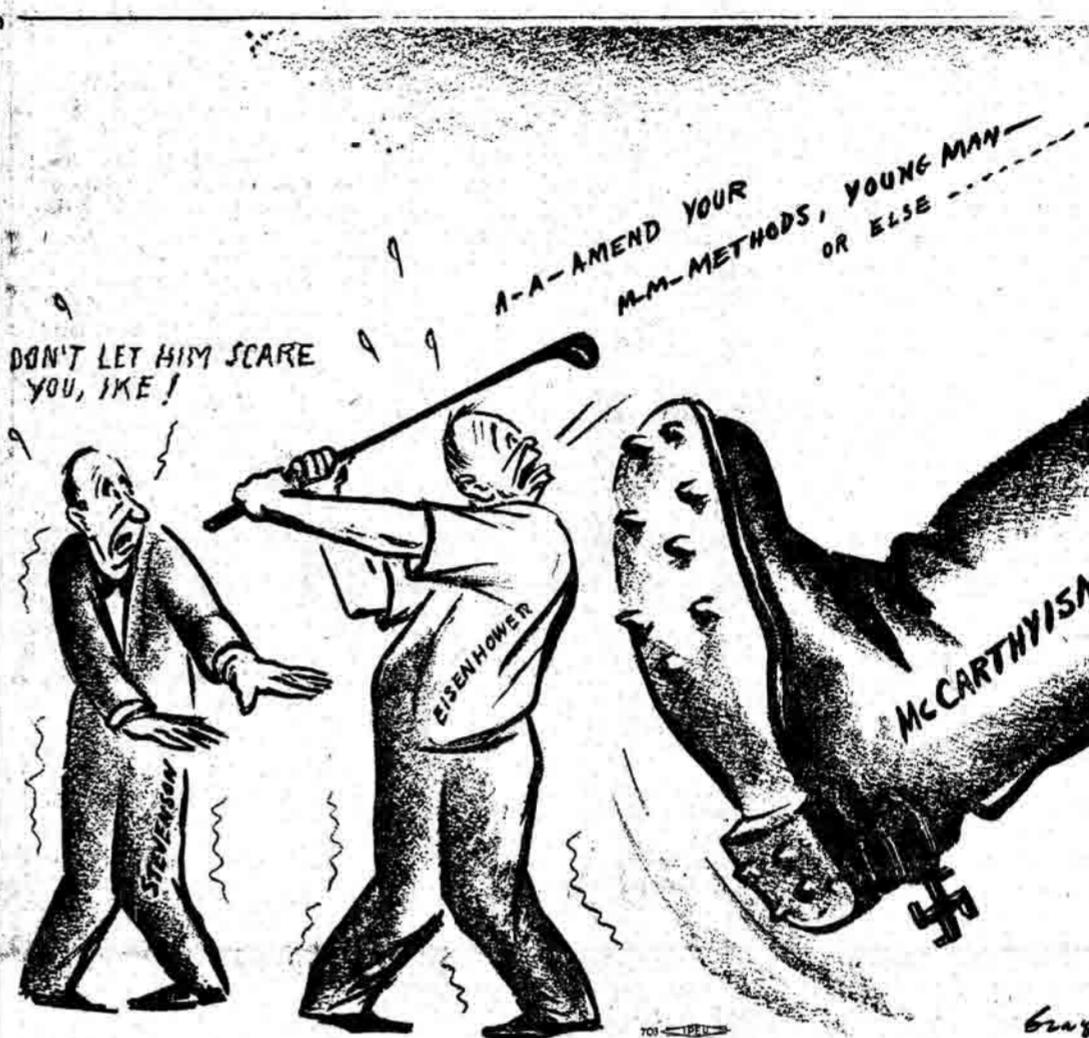
To demonstrate his fighting capacity under fire and therefore again justify the confidence that his fascist-minded followers place in him, McCarthy shook Eisenhower by the scruff of the neck before his audiences: "I don't give a tinker's damn" about criticism of "methods" no matter "how high or how low" the critics in either party. (Chicago, March 17.) Directly referring to

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### PA. CIO URGES AFFILIATES TO SEEK SIX-HOUR DAY CONTRACTS THIS YEAR

Another major union body has

gone on record for the shorter work week with no loss of take-home pay. Delegates to the annual convention of the Pennsylvania CIO voted unanimously in Pittsburgh on March 18 to urge its affiliated unions seek to incorporate into new contracts this year a six-hour day, 30-hour week "with no reduction in pay."

The State Legislature of Texas is considering a new law providing the death penalty for "communists" and all others "no matter under what name" who are deemed to seek the "forcible overthrow" of the State or Federal Government.

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The 1,200 Pennsylvania CIO delegates stated in their resolution that some economists now put unemployment at "the alarming figure of five million." They added:

"Workers are faced with the immediate problem of unemployment because they are producing more and more goods, but are able to buy less of what they

produce . . . the trade union movement will be the first to bear the brunt of attack in the drive for speed-up and wage cuts."

Delegates from numerous steel plants played a prominent part in the convention and in the enactment of the shorter work week resolution. Earlier in the convention, CIO and United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther had spoken without reference to the six-hour day. Steelworkers' President David J. McDonald had made a vague remark about the possibility of having to raise the six-hour day slogan sometime in the future, but has not raised this as an issue for contract negotiations of his own union this spring.

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## Business Forecasters Admit No Upturn

By Art Preis

Spring has officially sprung, but the economic climate grows harsher. "There is a growing conviction that the way out of the recession may not be so rapid as has been predicted," says business columnist Herbert Koshetz in the March 21 N.Y. Times. "It would appear . . . that the nadir (lowest point) has not been reached and the prospect of a reversal, which many economists held would occur in midyear, is somewhat remote."

Administration spokesmen, like Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks on March 22, continue to rattle like dry seeds in a hollow gourd about the U.S. economy being "in excellent shape." But business publications devoted to telling the capitalists the real score talk differently. The March 20 Business Week affirms:

"It's not a bad recession in comparison with, say, 1937-38." The comparison, you see, is no longer with the "Truman recession" of 1949, which has been

surpassed, but with the so-called "Roosevelt depression." After a slow four-year rise from the 1929-33 low of 14 million unemployed to 8½ million by August 1937, the economy dropped two-thirds of the way back in seven months. Of the current downslide, which bears comparison with the above cited second most precipitate decline in U.S. history, Business Week adds:

"On the figures now available it's hard to see any promise of a vigorous program of government intervention. Capital spending is drifting down. And unemployment is rising."

We have better indicators of the unemployment situation than the Department of Commerce's phonied-up figure of 3,671,000 jobless in February. The Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security has revealed that unemployment continued to rise in March, contrary to the normal seasonal trend of other years, and that by mid-March it "was being felt in almost all the na-

tion's major industrial areas."

It's now clear that the BES described the spread of mass unemployment from the auto, farm equipment, aircraft and household appliance fields to a "wide range of industries," such as steel, textiles, shipbuilding, electronics and electrical equipment.

This report depicts a generalized depression, rather than the "spotty" picture spoken of until recently.

Particularly significant is the affirmation that 85% of the country's major labor areas now have what the BES describes as "labor surpluses."

### JOBLESS CLAIMS RISE

The bureau increased its list of "moderate labor surplus areas" from 79 in mid-January to 95 in mid-March. Its "substantial surplus areas" — with 6% or more of their labor force unemployed — rose in the same period from 20 to 34, or double the number of a year ago.

The decline in purchasing power, which Business Week sees as

more than six months ago by the Militant. Thus, in our Oct. 5 issue, an article, "Are We Edged Toward Slump?", said flatly:

" . . . All the evidence goes to show that the poor aren't going to get any richer in the period ahead. In fact, consumer income is already lagging far behind production and is going to fall still further to the rear . . . the only question facing most of us today . . . is how far will consumer purchasing power drop?"

Business expenditures for expansion will not compensate for this loss of consumer markets. The total of all such expenditures is expected to drop 4% this year from 1953, according to a March 17 Commerce Dept. and SEC joint report. Railroads will drop 24%; manufacturing, 7%. Only commercial and miscellaneous will rise 3%. This is a "category subject to the sharpest degree of change," admits Business Week.

### IN JAIL TOO

Hitler knew even worse days than that. In the early years of his movement he organized a putsch which ended in disaster, and he was sentenced to five years in prison for trying to overthrow the government by force and violence. When he came out of prison, after serving only 8½ months, his movement was demoralized, isolated, and — worst of all — ignored by the public. That was in 1924, nine short years before he became the head of the government.

McCarthy is not even faced with imprisonment in his present dispute; even now, when his power is supposed to be "crumbling," there isn't a single Democratic or Republican official in Washington with the nerve to demand (Continued on page 2)

## Notebook of an Agitator

### Perspectives of American Fascism

The campaign of the Socialist Workers Party against the ominous upsurge of McCarthyism, and its characterization of the McCarthy movement as American fascism in incipient form, has been misunderstood by some people who don't want to think, as well as by others who prefer to misunderstand us in order to misrepresent us.

Up till now we have not heard any cogent arguments against our campaign and its motivation. The most we can make out so far are some mutters and murmurs of dissent, to which we will give a preliminary answer while our critics and opponents are clearing their throats and getting up the nerve to speak more distinctly.

One of these muted criticisms appears in a clouded sentence in one of the documents of the Pablo faction, which Joe Hansen is taking apart in serial articles in the *Militant*. Remarking that the Socialist Workers Party has "sounded the alarm on the fascist danger in the United States" — an accusation which cannot be denied — this document represents the campaign as a sign of our "pessimism," a conclusion which at the very best can be characterized only as a misunderstanding.

There is an obvious contradiction in this recognition of our campaign and the conclusion drawn from it. The woods are full of pessimists about the future of America in general, and about the prospects of American fascism in particular, but they are not organizing any campaigns. It is not in the nature of pessimists to do anything of that sort. Pessimism is not merely a gloomy view of evils to come, but a capitulatory reconciliation to them in advance. The real pessimists are simply keeping quiet — concerned to prolong their own grub-like existence, and hoping to adapt themselves to whatever comes by acquiescence and conformity.

The attitude of the SWP is the opposite of all that. The character of a party is not indicated by what it sees and points out but rather by what it does about it. To accuse the SWP of "sounding the alarm on the fascist danger in the U.S." is only to pay to the party the indirect and unintended compliment of saying that it calls for a struggle against the danger. Pessimists don't sound any alarms or organize any struggles. They just run for cover. Pessimist is just another name for quitter and capitulator.

### An "Exaggeration"?

Some other critical murmurs we have heard, which have not yet found their way into print, represent our campaign as an "exaggeration" of the fascist danger, and an apprehension of its imminent victory. That is another misunderstanding. To sound the alarm against the danger of fascism in the United States — and to state frankly that its victory is possible — is by no means to be taken as an admission that fascism is already in power, or close to it. Neither is it to be taken as a prophecy that fascism is destined to conquer eventually.

That will be decided in the struggle. The aim of our campaign is to "alarm" the labor movement to the reality of the danger, and from that, to the necessity of organizing the struggle on the right basis while there is yet time. The workers still have time to organize the counter-movement, but they don't have forever; and the sooner they recognize the central reality of the whole problem — that the issue will be decided in struggle — the better chance they will have to be the victors.

A fascist movement does not arise from the bad will of malicious demagogues. Neither is a radicalized labor movement created by the propaganda of revolutionists. Both are products of the incurable crisis of capitalism, which renders it unable to maintain a stable rule through the old democratic forms. One way or another — these forms must be changed.

The latent crisis, which has been artificially suppressed and disguised by war and military expenditures, promises to break out with redoubled fury in the coming period. This will spell impoverishment and misery for tens of millions of people, and it will generate an enormous discontent with the hopeless state of

affairs. The unfailing result will be a widespread desire for a radical change.

This mass discontent and desire for a change can take one of two forms, or both of them at the same time.

The workers are the strongest power in modern society. If they show a resolute will to take hold of the situation and effect the necessary revolutionary change, the millions of desperate middle-class people — impoverished farmers, bankrupt small businessmen and white collar elements — who have no independent power of their own, will follow the workers and support them in their struggle for power. This was demonstrated in the Russian Revolution of November, 1917.

On the other hand, if the workers, as a result of inadequate or pusillanimous leadership, falter before their historical task, the allegiance of the middle classes will rapidly shift to the support of the fascists and lift them into power. This alternative outcome of the social crisis was demonstrated in Italy and Germany.

### Who Will Win?

How will things go in this country? The most "optimistic" way to answer that question is to tell the truth and to say once again: It will be decided in a struggle. Experience of other countries has already shown that a fascist movement and a movement of labor radicalization, which arise in the first place from the same cause, make their appearance at approximately the same time. But they don't develop at the same rate of speed. The "subjective" factor, the factor of leadership, plays a big role here.

In Italy, and later in Germany, the movement of labor radicalization had a big jump on fascism at the start. In these two countries fascism began to become a mass movement and a formidable power only after the workers had failed to carry through their revolution when they had the chance — in 1919-21 in Italy, and in Germany from 1948 to 1923. The tumultuous rise of the fascist movement in those two cases, and its eventual victory, was the answer to the workers' defeat and the penalty for it.

Here in the United States we see a somewhat different development of the two antagonistic forces — fascism and workers' radicalization — and a different rate of speed in their development. But these are only tentative manifestations which are not yet by any means decisive. The extraordinary thick-headedness of the labor bureaucracy in this country, and the lack of a revolutionary party with a base of mass support, have given incipient fascism the jump on the labor movement.

A form of preventive fascism, of which McCarthy is indubitably the chief representative, has already got a head start and has widespread ramifications of support, inside the governmental apparatus as well as outside it. To recognize that fact is not to conjure up imaginary dangers but simply to recognize the obvious reality of the situation.

And this recognition of reality is the first prerequisite for the organization of an effective counter-movement. McCarthyism, as it appears today, is undoubtedly an incipient fascist movement, but that's all it is. The beginnings of a fascist movement aiming to take power in this country, and fascism already in power, are not the same thing. Between the one and the other lies a protracted period of struggle in which the issue will be finally decided.

Whoever recognizes that and "sounds the alarm," and thus helps to prepare the struggle of the workers, is doing what most needs to be done at the present time. Such a campaign is by no means a manifestation of pessimism, but the best antidote for it.

Power is on the side of the workers, and all the chances of victory are in their favor. But they will never gain the victory without the most resolute struggle. The first condition for that is an understanding of the irreconcilable nature of the struggle and what it's all about. The fate of America, and thereby of all mankind — that's what it's all about.

— James P. Cannon

## ...Liberals Crow too Soon

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his prosecution for his many crimes.

It is true that McCarthy is in hot water, but the claim that he "will not survive it politically" overlooks two important facts.

This is not the first serious scrape he has been in. As William S. White writes in the March 21 N.Y. Times, "For years he has been like a man in an old-time serial movie, forever hanging on a cliff or tied to a tree at the conclusion of one episode but over and over miraculously saved — the next week."

Actually, however, "his almost infinite capacity to rebound from seeming disaster" is not something "miraculous" — it is due to the nature of his opposition, both Republican and Democratic. "It is perhaps not wholly understood outside Washington," White writes, "that even (now) there are far more Republicans in Congress who want to 'keep Joe' than Republicans who want to let him go."

Even the White House has not wholly abandoned the belief that McCarthy may still be an "asset" to the GOP. "The effort is not

to suppress him, but only to contain him within conventional limits." Joseph C. Harsch astutely observed in the March 12 *Christian Science Monitor*, "The White House still wants to use McCarthy; all it wants is to curb him a little so that he will be more like a member of the team."

That's why McCarthy will find himself offered plenty of escape-outlets from the present dispute, if he doesn't come out on top altogether, and that's why he is not even faced with the question of political survival.

As for the Democrats, their opposition to McCarthy is no more fundamental or irreconcilable. Like Eisenhower, they don't object to McCarthy just long as it isn't turned against them. Witch hunts are fine in their eyes — they claim the credit for starting them — all they want is not to be victimized themselves.

Agreeing with McCarthy that "communism is a menace" and must be suppressed, they leave him with the initiative to decide just what "communism" is and how it should be suppressed. McCarthy's mass following thinks, in the words of one letter-writer last week, "I am not interested in the method, only in the results." The line of the Democrats, which continually feeds this sentiment by their own efforts to exploit "security risks" includes an undetermined number who have died. According to the March 24 N.Y. Times, they were dead before any determination was made whether they actually constituted a "risk" on any ground whatsoever.

is evidence that his political survival is not at stake. The challenge in the Schine case is not to his basic thesis that "communism" must be destroyed at all costs, but to his veracity, his honesty, his associates, and his efforts to save one of these from Sunday KP.

But if it comes to the worst and it is shown that he was guilty of all these things and others, his political position will still remain strong. His falsehoods have been exposed before; newspapers have printed details about his dishonest financial dealings; his associates never smelled like a rose, and anyhow he can always dung Cohn as a scapegoat; it's common knowledge that all politicians try to get favors, including military commissions, for their cronies.

"So what?" the followers of McCarthy will demand. "I am not interested in the method, but in the results, and McCarthy is still my man because he's the one who is most determined to wipe out the communists, whom all the other politicians agree should be wiped out. Besides, where blackmail is concerned, the other side is probably no better than McCarthy; if they weren't trying to pressure him into calling off his investigations of the Army, then why were they holding so many meetings with him?"

The second fact that is generally overlooked is that McCarthy, in Lerner's own words last month, represents a "new breed, with a new brand." His present difficulties would probably be enough to finish the career of an ordinary politician of the old breed, who are holding their problems.

depends largely on "party regularity," seniority, patronage, etc.

But McCarthy is different. He doesn't expect to come to power in the traditional or conventional way. His aim is to organize such a powerful mass movement, or out of the two-party system, that even his capitalist rivals won't dare to remain in his way. His clashes with the nominal leaders of his own party, which would probably be fatal for most politicians, only establish his "independence" in the public eye and serve in the long run to enhance his prestige by differentiating him from the traditional type of politician.

This will be an enormous advantage to him in the future, when millions of people, dissatisfied with the failure of traditional politics to solve the problems of the coming social crisis, will be looking for a new kind of leadership.

Thus, even if he is defeated in the present dispute, it will not be on fundamental grounds, and it will not be an irreversible defeat, any more than Hitler's setbacks were.

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## The Real Aim of the Caracas Conference

By Fred Hart

Secretary of State Dulles, Wall Street's whip at the Inter-American Conference at Caracas, Venezuela, was described as returning to Washington "with a happy smile of triumph" and in a "victory mood." What had he won and against whom?

The workers are the strongest power in modern society. If they show a resolute will to take hold of the situation and effect the necessary revolutionary change, the millions of desperate middle-class people — impoverished farmers, bankrupt small businessmen and white collar elements — who have no independent power of their own, will follow the workers and support them in their struggle for power. This was demonstrated in the Russian Revolution of November, 1917.

Dulles' objective was nailed precisely by Guillermo Torriello, Foreign Minister of Guatemala, the small Central American country of three million people that Dulles made his whipping boy at the conference. The aim of the Wall Street banker and State Department head, said Torriello, is "the policy of the big stick and dollar diplomacy in Latin America" and the "internationalization of McCarthyism."

### EXPORT McCARTHYISM

Both the timing and emphasis of the conference were indeed an attempt by Dulles and the Eisenhower administration to project McCarthyism on an international scale. Thereby, Dulles hoped to answer McCarthy's charge that the State Department is "codding Communists" and to show himself even better at McCarthyism than McCarthy.

On Dulles' insistence, the first order of business at Caracas was an "anti-Communist" resolution drafted by the State Department's delegates. For two solid weeks Dulles and his aides threatened and pounded the delegates of the weaker countries until he lined up all but three — Mexico, Argentina and Guatemala. The conference adopted a resolution that, in effect, gave advance approval to U.S. intervention in any Latin American country whose form of government and economic policies do not meet Washington's approval.

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Guatemalan foreign minister Guillermo Torriello (right) confers with another delegate at the 10th Inter-American Conference in Caracas that began March 1. Torriello stated the aim of Wall Street monopolies is to impose "dollar diplomacy" on Latin America through "internationalization of McCarthyism."

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semi-colonial countries of Latin America?

The conference and resolution were designed to stress Washington's determination to bring to heel, by direct intervention if necessary, any country that fails to line up with U.S. imperialism and its world policy or that maintains a domestic policy in conflict with U.S. imperialist interests. It is aimed particularly at countries like Bolivia which in the recent period has introduced land reform and nationalization measures that hit at U.S. interests which had long exploited the Bolivian people.

Although the U.S. delegation at Caracas made much of the

Guatemala situation, it is really the Bolivian revolutionary developments that is U.S. imperialism's gravest concern. Wall Street does not regard Stalinist influence in the Guatemala labor movement as any real revolutionary threat. As Milton Bracker wrote in the March 3 N.Y. Times, the regime of President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman "neither Communist nor dominated by Communists . . . The chances of a Red coup are regarded as most unlikely . . . is a non-Communist and not necessarily democratic, overtly originating in . . . circles within the Army. The real problem of communism in Guatemala is not a Communist revolt or seizure of Executive power."

The Stalinist aim, affirms the Times correspondent, is merely "to heckle, goad, sting and constantly harass the United States."

In Bolivia, the Stalinists have no important influence in the labor movement. The leadership is constituted by far more left elements, with genuinely revolutionary aspirations. The leading workers party is the Trotskyist PDR which has been fighting for workers' power and socialism. The U.S. recognizes the revolutionary threat in Bolivia and is exerting all pressure and influence to beat it down. By combining threats and concessions, it has induced the petty-bourgeois Estenssoro government to drive the Trotskyist party into illegality.

McCarthyism in the United States is aimed at smashing the labor movement and destroying the rights of Negroes, Jews and other minorities. The "internationalization of McCarthyism" as reflected in the Caracas conference, is aimed at smashing all struggles of the Latin American peoples for economic and social betterment, political freedom and release from the bonds of foreign domination.

It was not by accident that the vilest dictatorship and military regimes in the Western Hemisphere, in Cuba, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Colombia and Venezuela, took the lead in pushing the U.S. resolution on "communism."

An article in the August 1952 International Oil Worker, organ of the CIO Oil Workers International Union, vividly described the brutally anti-labor regime of Venezuela, host of the Caracas conference.

"Right on the doorsteps of the United States," wrote the oil union's paper, "a vicious military dictatorship is persecuting and torturing our brother oil workers . . . We refer to Venezuela, where a military junta is carrying on brutalities and tortures which we doubt have been matched in the 20th century except by Hitler . . . Union leaders have been tortured in bestial fashion in the prisons of Caracas . . . Venezuela is one of Wall Street's richest colonies. We become sick at the stomach when we think of the fact that American oil companies are in the midst of the act in Venezuela."

To cover up the stench of dictatorship like that in Venezuela lining up as the most eager supporters of Dulles' resolution of intervention, the conference passed another "human rights" resolution. Even the cynical and hypocritical N.Y. Times felt impelled to anticipate the sardonic comment this would arouse by admitting: "It is anomalous to see dictators like Perez Jimenez of Venezuela, Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, Somoza of Nicaragua and Odri of Peru blithely signing a document recognizing such rights as freedom of speech, assembly, press and freedom from arbitrary arrest . . ."

But it was no less an "anomaly" for the U.S., while railing against "alien despotism," to be the single country to refuse to vote for a resolution calling for the complete elimination in the Americas of colonies under European — British, French and Dutch — rulership. And the U.S. delegates had no words for the "alien despotism" in British Honduras which on March 20 set up an appointed dictatorship with "wide emergency powers . . . aimed at offsetting a possible Leftist victory in the colony's forthcoming general election," as reported by Reuters.

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# The Negro Struggle

By Jean Blake

## The Case of Mrs. Annie Lee Moss

Mrs. Annie Lee Moss is a middle-aged Negro widow and mother employed until recently as a \$3,335-a-year clerk by the Army Signal Corps in Washington as a telegraphic-typewriter operator.

Suddenly, on Feb. 24, she received nationwide notoriety as an accused "Communist" in the Pentagon. Shorn of her dignity, pictures of the weeping woman appeared in newspapers from coast to coast.

What are the facts in the case of Mrs. Moss?

To prove his charge that the Army is "coddling Communists" McCarthy announced Feb. 23 that Mrs. Annie Lee Moss, identified as a card-carrying, dues-paying Communist during the 1940's, was handling "top secret" messages in the Pentagon code room "as of today."

The Army countered with a statement that Mrs. Moss "never" had access either to secret codes or uncoded secrets. *But they fired her.*

The "evidence" against Mrs. Moss was testimony of Mrs. Mary S. Markward, a former FBI stoolie in the Communist Party, that Mrs. Moss was a member of the CP in Washington during World War II.

McCarthy added, under questioning, that he didn't know whether Mrs. Moss is a Communist today, but that there is evidence "concerning Communist activities" on her part as late as September, 1951.

Mrs. Moss was brought in to the hearing room. McCarthy suggested she was too ill to take the stand. But she was not too ill, apparently, to be threatened with perjury action if she should deny the charges. Then the fascist demagogue announced that he had evidence from other sources which "clearly established" that she was a Communist Party member.

## "Salt of the Earth"

By Trent Hutter

When producer Paul Jarrico and director Herbert J. Biberman filmed Michael Wilson's "Salt of the Earth" in 1953 in collaboration with the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, the New Mexico authorities tried by force and violence to prevent them from making the picture on location; and the U.S. Department of Justice sought to deport Mexican Actress Rosaura Revueltas (twice winner of the Mexican Best Actress award) who played the feminine lead.

An anti-capitalist union movie in an America dominated by the witch hunt — that was a bold challenge. But the picture was completed and is now being shown in New York.

It deals with the New Mexico zinc miners' struggle against racial discrimination and against insufficient safety measures in the mines, and with "the women's fight to throw off the old peasant traditions and gain equal status with the men," as the critic of the N. Y. Herald Tribune puts it. It deals with resistance against a Taft-Hartley injunction and with united mass action as the only means to win a prolonged strike.

And although the leadership of the union that sponsored the film is strongly influenced by the Stalinists, the movie is not contaminated by Stalinism. It is honest, does not mention any typical Stalinist slogans and advocates a militancy foreign to Stalinism.

Some members of the cast are professional actors. The rest, headed by Juan Chacon, real-life president of Local 890, IUMMSW, are non-professional. They give a most impressive performance because their hearts are in it.

The bourgeois critics cannot deny that "Salt of the Earth" is powerful; but, of course, they cannot admit that it is true. "It uses the

## Notes from the News

**NEGRO-HATING GOV. BYRNES** of South Carolina has been branded "guilty of McCarthyism at its worst," by Walter White, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. White made the charge on March 21 in answer to Byrnes' vilifying assertion that the NAACP and the Ku Klux Klan are an "equal menace to peaceful relations between the races."

**SIX-YEAR STRETCH FOR LEGAL "ERROR."** Robert McCray won his release from a New York prison March 15 after proving that he had unnecessarily served an extra six years because of a "clerical error." McCray, sentenced to 15 years to life under New York law as a fourth offender, learned to read and write while in prison. He then began studying law books and reviewing his own case. He discovered that one of his four offenses was actually a misdemeanor, incorrectly listed as a felony. Commenting on the extra time he put in, McCray said, "I have both lost and still I have made a gain. I've learned to respect the rights of my fellow man."

**THE GENERAL'S HOBBY.** Maj. Gen. Roderick Allen, who was widely criticized last week when it was revealed that \$1,200 of U.S. tax money had been expended to build a luxury kennel and runway at Fort Dix for his pet dogs, declared, "If the Army asks me to pay for it I will gladly do so." "I had no idea such a price was put on the construction," he explained. "Dogs are my specialty, the same as persons who have such things as gardens."

**CHARLESTON JIM CROW KNOCKS OUT "PORGY."** A civic benefit production of the world-famed Negro folk opera, "Porgy," has been cancelled in Charleston, S.C. after the all-Negro cast refused to appear before a segregated audience. "Porgy," with Charleston as its setting, was toured through Europe by the federal gov-

ernment to demonstrate the integration of the Negro in the "American way of life." The Charleston production was planned for the Jim Crow County Auditorium after a public school offered its auditorium but only if Negroes were barred from the audience and white players enacted the roles in black face. Charleston College offered its auditorium on the basis of playing to white audiences one night and Negro audiences another. The County Hall was then obtained on the Jim Crow basis which the cast rejected.

**SHADES OF '29?** A New York broker leaped to his death from his fourteenth floor office in the Woolworth building on March 17. He left no note of explanation.

**COMPENSATION TO CHRYSLER WORKERS** for expenses incurred in answering a Chrysler call-back when there was no work was demanded March 17 by the OIO United Auto Workers. Many of the workers travelled hundreds of miles in answer to the call-back. In a letter to Chrysler, UAW Secy-Treas. Emil Mazey said a large number of the workers had been originally recruited from the South and had returned to their homes following the layoffs when "they were unable to obtain jobs in Detroit because more than 140,000 of their fellow workers were also seeking employment." Pointing out that "Hundreds of these workers are destitute and without the means of returning to their homes," Mazey castigated Chrysler's "shocking disregard for the rights and problems of American workers."

**GIRARD COLLEGE**, an institution for orphaned boys in Philadelphia, city of "Brotherly Love," has rejected the applications of six Negro youths on the excuse that the will of the Philadelphia business man whose funds established the school provides that admissions be limited to "poor, white male orphans."

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## ... H-BOMB, G-GAS

(Continued from page 1) the Geiger counter in their laboratory jumped from an average of 40 to 50 to a peak of 225. The U.S. Navy's Hydrographic Office on March 19 issued a "Notice to Mariners" enlarging the "danger area" around Bikini to a radius of 450 miles. That's 635,850 square miles — an area just about the combined size of Texas, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

That's the danger area they fixed on the basis of the "small" second blast. But they have a third big one scheduled for April — April Fools Day? — which is expected to be three times as powerful as the last one. How many thousands of miles will its radiation spread?

An ironic foot-note to this monstrous threat of total destruction of the world with few score H-bombs was the demand in Congress for an inquiry as to whether there were any "avoidable errors" in producing the March 1 bomb that set off a "tremendous blast . . . three or four times greater than was expected," according to a March 19 AP dispatch. They'll probably discover it was a "communist" plot to discredit H-bomb warfare.

But H-bombs so powerful their destructiveness can no longer be measured or anticipated are not the worst weapons that American capitalism, preparing for world conquest to save its crisis-ridden system, is devising to let loose on humanity. Something even deadlier has been secretly in the making — a nerve gas that can kill every living thing within a cubic mile with a bomb no bigger than a quart fruit jar.

First news of this weapon of utmost frightfulness was made public in the March 20 Rocky Mountain News, Denver daily of the Scripps-Howard chain. It reported that "Denver's Rocky Mountain Arsenal is making the deadliest weapon known to man — the lethal nerve gas or G-gas . . ."

A tiny drop of the liquid from which the gas is made will kill a man in 30 seconds on contact with the skin. It paralyzes the nerves and deadens the brain.

According to Maj. Gen. E. F. Bullene, chief chemical officer of the Army who disclosed the terrifying secret, a mere seven tons of bombs containing the gas could kill every living thing within 100 square miles. Denver is approximately 70 square miles.

Despite the fact that the membership at a conference held in New York Feb. 12-15 clearly registered its opposition to such self-destructive tactics, the ACLU leadership in a renewed effort to establish its "purity," has released another red-baiting attack on the Communist Party, which can only provide ammunition for the supporters of the reactionary McCarran "subversive" registration act to which the ACLU is officially opposed.

The Board of Directors declared in a March 22 news release that it "recognizes the dual nature of the operations of the Communist movement in the United States at the present time. While that movement seeks to give the impression of being a political instrument . . . it is actually an international conspiracy to seize power . . . wherever it can."

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EDWARD R. MURROW, CBS radio and TV commentator, who exposed McCarthy with films and recordings of the latter badgering witnesses. Murrow's program won considerable popular response. (See articles on Page 1.)

## Curran Critics Face Expulsion From the NMU

By Art Sharon

The stenogram of the recently concluded National Council meeting of the CIO National Maritime Union and the current issue of that union's paper, the Pilot, make clear the sad fate of anyone who takes seriously his right to run for union office in opposition to Curran's gang.

The opposition grouping in the NMU's top leadership have tried to observe the rules and procedures established by the union's constitution.

So concerned were they to keep the tone of their fight as moderate as possible, that they have up to this moment even refused to oppose Curran, president of the union. Instead, they centered their fire on his lieutenants, Vice Presidents Duffy and McDougal, and National Treasurer Hedley Stone.

They obviously want Curran to remain neutral.

This has done them no good. Curran played his old game with

## SEASON OPENS ON McCARTHY AROUND THE LUNCH BUCKET

By Tom Denver

Baseball season opens in a few short weeks, but as far as the workers in the New Jersey plants of the Wright Aeronautical Co. are concerned, it's open season on McCarthy right now.

Members of Local 669, UAW-CIO, can be heard blasting McCarthy in the corridors, around their lunch buckets, and right on the job.

The following lunch-time discussion is a typical example of how the majority of these workers view the fascist demagogue.

"You know," said an old worker, holding up a glaring newspaper headline on McCarthy, "that guy's a worse communist than they are. Did you see what he did to that poor Mrs. Moss the other day? He accused her of being a red, then after they blast her they find out there are three Mrs. Mosses and they're not sure they have the right one."

"He's a real phony," said a younger worker. "He's even got a fake war record." He dug a clipping out of his wallet. "I cut this out of yesterday's New York Times which is supposed to be a real conservative paper. According to this, he didn't get a medal for being wounded in action. He probably twisted his ankle somehow and asked for a Purple Heart."

"He's always talking about reds in the unions," the old worker cut in. "I've been working a long time and I never met a communist. If I did I didn't know it. I still say he's the worst communist of all."

"Nah!" said a third worker. "He's more like Hitler and Mussolini."

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It should be clear that the right to oppose Curran or any of his machine in an election carries with it the penalty of expulsion.

This then is the sad fate of union leaders who themselves played a leading role in expelling previous oppositionists and whose witch-hunting record is as good if not better than Curran's.

(More Next Week)

## How Stalinists Play McCarthy's Game

By John F. Petrone

Before 1933, when Hitler came to power, three different policies for stopping the Nazis were advocated in the German working class.

The Trotskyists advocated a working class struggle for power through a united front of the Social Democratic and Communist Parties and the labor movement.

The Social Democrats opposed such a united front and adopted the policy of the "lesser evil." In the 1932 elections they supported the reactionary militarist, President Hindenburg, against Hitler.

The Stalinists also opposed a united front and denounced the Social Democrats as "social fascists." This policy alienated the Social Democratic workers and played into the hands of the Nazis, whose danger the Stalinists minimized.

At times the Stalinists even collaborated with the Nazis in demonstrations and parliamentary votes against the Social Democrats.