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Big Powers Talk Secretly on Deal Over Indo-China

By Daniel Roberts

Once more the world's rulers are attempting to settle mankind's fate behind the closed doors of a secret conclave. That is the meaning of the Geneva Conference.

With all reporters rigidly excluded from any of the sessions, the Big Five (U.S., France, England, the Soviet Union and the Chinese People's Republic) began to work out possibilities for a deal as the basis for settlement of the Indo-Chinese war. Through such a deal the Stalinist representatives from the Soviet Union and China might barter off the success of the Indo-Chinese revolution and future revolutionary movements throughout Asia in return for a "peace pact" with American Imperialism.

The May 3 announcement of virtual agreement by the Big Five to hold a specific conference on ending the Indo-Chinese war indicates that the outlines, if not the details, of an accord have already been reached.

MOMENTOUS EVENT

There is no question that American imperialism is receiving another serious reverse at the hands of the colonial revolution — this time in Indo-China. The Eisenhower Administration has had to back down from its initial intention of sending U.S. troops to the rescue of the French imperialists. This is a momentous event. In Korea, American imperialism was fought to a draw by the rising Asian revolution; in Indo-China, American imperialism has been halted dead in its tracks at least for the



CHOU EN-LAI, Chinese Premier, shown arriving at Geneva Conference.

Legless Vet To Tour U.S. On His Case

NEW YORK, May 5 — James Kutcher, outstanding fighter against the witch hunt and author of "The Case of the Legless Veteran," will make an extended national speaking tour, beginning in Buffalo on May 19.

The tour is being sponsored by Pioneer Publishers, American distributors of Kutcher's book. It will be co-sponsored by local groups, including branches of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, the non-partisan organization formed to help Kutcher recover the Veterans Administration job from which he was purged in 1948.

Kutcher will appear before labor, liberal, church, civic and minority groups to report on the present status of his court fight against the purge and to discuss the general threat of McCarthyism. He will request continued moral and financial support of his legal case and will try to sell the maximum number of copies of his book, which contains a full account of his case. He is donating all royalties from the book toward the legal expenses of his case.

Kutcher's eleventh appeal is now before the federal district court in Washington, D. C. The Department of Justice is making an effort to have it thrown out of court on the ground that he has no case.

The legless veteran made a highly successful tour in 1950, speaking to hundreds of organizations and alerting them to the dangers of the witch hunt. Altogether 800 national and local organizations, representing millions of Americans, have passed resolutions demanding his reinstatement or given financial support to the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee's work in his behalf.

The coming tour is arranged to enable Kutcher to remain for a longer period in each of the main industrial centers than in 1950. Following is the schedule for the first part of his tour:

Buffalo May 19-June 3
Detroit June 5-21
Chicago-Milwaukee June 22-July 6
Twin Cities July 7-20

Kutcher's full length book, "The Case of the Legless Veteran," may be purchased from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Pl., New York 3. The price is \$1. Although boycotted by the capitalist press, it has already received several favorable reviews in the labor and liberal press.

Highlights Of My Tour

By Murry Weiss

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Giant Motorcade Backs Militant Kohler Strikers

By James E. Boulton

MILWAUKEE, April 26 — A five mile motorcade of CIO and non-CIO union militants in 1,250 placarded cars yesterday jammed Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, and surrounded the struck Kohler works where a strike of the one-year old CIO United Auto Workers Local 833 entered its 21st day. Three-hundred war-veteran pickets stood in the drenching rain at the Plant's main gate to cheer the statewide labor demonstration against Wisconsin's worst industrial tyranny.

Three thousand workers of the City of Kohler, supported by the whole populace of Sheboygan County, are once again at war with the labor-hating Kohler family which has been riding high since the 1934 strike defeat. Wisconsin's Republican Governor Kohler supported McCarthy in 1952.

After 20 years of company unionism that enforced unbelievable pre-industrial union conditions, Kohler employees are striking today for the minimum rights and human conditions of work won by organized labor long ago — for seniority, bargaining

rights, grievance procedures, employment security, protection on the job, end of the speed-up and a wage raise of 20 cents over pre-World War II hourly rates.

In 1934 the bitter historic AFL strike at Kohler ended in complete annihilation for the union, the killing of two strikers, and mass evictions from Kohler-owned Kohler. Herbert Kohler, relative of the Governor, would like to do it over again. But, in the words of Robert Burkart, International UAW representative, "after 20 years of company unionism Kohler workers have more spirit than most organized workers I have seen around here."

"This strike," Burkart said, "is not an ordinary strike but a part of the original CIO plan to organize those workers who suffer under such vicious set-ups like that of Kohler."

He observed that along the route of the motorcade "the old strikers lined up in the streets and highways revealed in their faces the new hopes of old men who suffered defeat in 1934."

And this time they have labor's experience of 20 years in winning strikes, the might of the

UAW, and the demonstrative solidarity of Wisconsin workers. Organized state-wide work to make this support felt is in progress.

Burkart, who is directing the strike for the UAW, warned that the Kohler management is planning to use the Mohawk Valley Formula to break the strike.

Each morning the Company has marched 25 guarded scabs up to the picket line, turned around and marched them away, demanding court injunctions to restrain alleged picket "violence."

At the family-packed mass meeting that followed the demonstration, Elmer Grooskamp, Local 833 President, stated that the "company refused to meet with Federal conciliators after the first week of the strike, begun on April 5, because they (management) say, 'What for, these workers aren't hungry yet!'" The company is offering 3 cents with a slave-labor contract.

The rally was highlighted by a complete absence of the familiar red-baiting that has disgraced other gatherings in recent years of the official state CIO leadership which sponsored this inspiring demonstration.

CIO Unemployment Parley -- Talk or Action?

The CIO Executive Board is convening a national "full employment" conference in Washington on May 11-12 to deal with the unemployment that has become "a bitter reality for thousands of CIO members in every industrial community . . ."

CIO President Walter Reuther has said the conference is being called "to drive home the serious nature of the present economic situation and the necessity for action now."

A broadly representative conference to set in motion a fighting program of action is imperative. But this conference will be limited to a mere 300 representatives of CIO international unions, and state and city CIO councils. Just how a conference of a few hundred hand-picked union officials can "drive home" the seriousness of the plight of millions of workers today is hard to understand.

This conference, we suspect, is more a move to appear to be doing something and to impress members in which the branch leadership was tackling all problems from the organization of the hard-bitten capitalist politicians in

of this program, although we would naturally support it as far as it goes. But, the main point is how are you going to get any program? By 300 union officials gulping down capitalist political home brew all day and paying courtesy calls on congressmen the next day for a chaser?

What's really involved in this problem of unemployment and the protection of labor's living standards from capitalist depression is the mobilization of the millions of workers for a real mass fight. If the situation is as serious as Reuther says — and he's being conservative, in our opinion — then he's using a peashooter for a tiger hunt.

Reuther is particularly adept in drafting slick-sounding streamlined programs, like the guaranteed annual wage, to cover up his opposition to the kind of fight that will win anything at all. All his rootin'-tootin' about a guaranteed annual wage, all the high-floated palaver we can expect on May 11-12 at the CIO conference will not win the unemployed an extra bowl of beans, let alone a guarantee of annual business.

wages for the employed workers.

If Reuther were serious, here's the least he would do: 1. He'd call on the leadership of the entire labor movement — including the AFL and independent unions — to summon a mighty rank-and-file representative Congress of Labor in Washington; 2. He'd use the forthcoming CIO conference to prepare for a real mobilization of the CIO membership and to issue the proposal for a Congress of Labor; 3. He'd project a program of mass action — mass meetings, marches, demonstrations — all over the country and in Washington; 4. He'd back whatever program the CIO is pressing in contract negotiations with preparations for strike struggle; 5. He'd bar every capitalist politician and devote the time of the CIO conference to a serious discussion of a program to form labor's own party.

If he doesn't do these things, he doesn't mean business. Then it's up to the CIO membership to press for a policy of action and a leadership who do mean business.

DENIES ALL CHARGES

The victim of race violence flatly denies all charges. He states that on April 9 he was returning to his home, at 10630 Bensley Ave., after a walk to 106th street to buy the evening paper. He was approached by two white youths who began calling him names and throwing rocks at him. Someone claimed they heard shots, and he was accused of pulling a gun on the youths and firing shots at them. Immediately after the alleged

Notion that the Probe Would Smash Fascist Is Proved an Illusion

By John F. Petrone

MAY 5 — At the end of the second week of the televised McCarthy-Army hearings, the result is this: McCarthy, whom the Senate subcommittee is supposed to be investigating, dominates the whole show. He has made Army Secretary Stevens look so sick that the Eisenhower administration wants to get the hearings over with as soon as possible. If McCarthy continues to drag out the proceedings, as he plainly intends to do he stands a good chance of forcing the administration to cry quits or agree to let the whole dispute peter out inconclusively.

Such an outcome would be a genuine victory for McCarthy.

This probe, it must not be forgotten, was supposed to deal McCarthy a smashing if not fatal blow. The intention of the White House and the Pentagon was to nail him in his place, to "contain" him. The prediction of the liberals like columnist Max Lerner was that this probe marked "the beginning of the end" for McCarthy and that he "will not survive it politically."



SEN. KARL MUNDT, who is subbing for his political associate McCarthy as chairman of the Senate Investigating subcommittee running probe.

charges that McCarthy and his aides applied pressure on the Army for preferential treatment of his boy Schine.

STEVENS DISCREDITED

To come out on top — with the same political power as before, or more — all McCarthy has to do is show that Stevens comes into the probe with unclear

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CHICAGO RACE MOBTERS VICTIMIZE NEGRO FAMILY

CHICAGO, May 8 — Unwilling to see his family subjected to further danger at the hands of white terrorists and after courageously defying racist mobsters for over nine months Donald Howard to date moved his family from the Trumbull Park federal housing project here. He said he "couldn't take it any more." He was even arrested on a frame-up charge following an assault on him by two young white hoodlums. He blasted the city officials for consistently refusing to maintain "law and order" to protect his right to live where he pleased.

Howard, the first Negro to move into the far southside housing project, Trumbull Park Homes, faces trial on May 14 in Jury Court on a false charge of firing a gun at two Trumbull Park youths.

He was booked on six charges: two of assault with a deadly weapon; two of discharging a firearm in the city; and two of disorderly conduct. He was released on \$1,000 bond.

MOB ATTACKED HOME

Donald Howard and his family have been the victims of continued mob violence since a few days after they moved into the public housing project last July 30. The violence began in the form of a mob attack on their home on August 5, 1953, and has gone on since then. Over 200 police officers have been assigned to patrol the project area, but the violence continues, practically unchecked, with very few arrests of the mobsters involved.

Nine other Negro families have since moved into the project. All of the families have been per-

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STAR PERFORMANCE

Another \$1,000 was received this week toward our \$14,000 goal. Five branches are now ahead of schedule with 85% of their quotas in. The rest have a big job ahead to catch up in the two weeks left, at this writing in the

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Class Struggle Or Manipulation?

By L. P. Wheeler

In the April issue of the American Stalinist magazine Political Affairs, William Z. Foster says, "The coming November elections will be of the most crucial importance. All signs now point to a bitter fight between the forces of democracy and those of reaction."

Political Affairs styles itself "A Theoretical and Political Magazine of Scientific Socialism." We therefore have the right to inquire: What theoretical and scientific content do the Stalinists invest in the endlessly repeated phrase "forces of democracy"? And what is the class nature of these "forces"?

The following class categories are included in the Stalinist conception of the "forces of democracy" in the United States: Workers, farmers, small business, middle business, and big business. In other words, all classes are, or can be, among the "democratic forces."

Let us recall that according to the recently published "Draft Program of the Communist Party," the tasks of the American working class in 1954 and 1956 is to elect these "forces of democracy."

Not Anti-Imperialist or Anti-Trust?

The authors of the "Draft Program" published a letter in the same April issue of Political Affairs answering critical comments from members of the National Committee of the CP. In this letter they characterize the social and class forces that will bring the new Administration to power. It will be "brought into being by an exceedingly broad class alliance — the working class, the poor and middle farmers, the urban middle classes, non-monopoly groupings of capital, and the less reactionary circles of Big Business." This would not be an anti-imperialist or anti-trust government.

But if it is not an "anti-imperialist or anti-trust government" would it not be a pro-imperialist and pro-trust government? Or, in class terms, would it not be a capitalist government? Our "scientific socialist" authors don't cope with this question. All their "theoretical" vaporizing is so much window-dressing. Actually, they are not in the least concerned with theory in general and Marxist theory in particular.

The authors tell us that the government they propose to elect would "be a government that accepts the reality of living with the Soviet Union, reduces world tension, is anti-McCarthy and relatively liberal within the country."

Support Capitalist Rule

Now we have the whole picture: The Stalinists want a government brought to power by the working class in "an exceedingly broad alliance" with the capitalist class which represents "the less reactionary circles of Big Business," which is "relatively liberal within the country," and which "accepts the reality of living with the Soviet Union."

Thus, the Stalinist program, just as the program of the labor bureaucracy, proposes to fight the consequences of capitalism (imperialist war, depression and fascism) by supporting the political rule of the capitalists. They only propose to put pressure on the capitalist rulers to change their policy. In the case of the Stalinists, all they want is a change of foreign policy consistent with the interests of the Kremlin.

History has demonstrated the tragic illusion contained in this opportunist policy. In Europe it led to precisely the opposite result than was promised by the Social Democrats, Stalinists and trade union officials. And for many decades in the United States we have had "exceedingly broad class alliances" electing one Big Business administration after another for the purpose of getting an administration that is "relatively liberal within the country." And step by step these administrations have become less liberal "within the country," and less able to "accept the reality of living with the Soviet Union."

Stalinists Are Not Marxists

Marxists examine the reasons why such an evolution of capitalism is taking place and why the common policy of the labor officials and the Stalinists has led to ruinous consequences each and every time. But the Stalinists are not Marxists. They are the opposite of Marxists. They have abandoned the line of the class struggle in favor of the line of "class manipulation."

With the air of generals commanding mighty forces, they manipulate, on paper, the class forces of the United States and the world to conform with their bureaucratic dreams. Their latest concoction, the "Draft Program," would be a somewhat pitiful joke were it not that their similar opportunist fantasies have repeatedly yielded the tragedy of defeat and annihilation for the working class.

The Stalinists we must remember, threaten to disorient the advanced workers with their opportunist poison. To win against the power of Big Business, the American workers must develop a revolutionary vanguard that is completely immune to the opportunist poison of "peoples frontism," "class collaboration" and the illusion of "tricking" the capitalist class into serving the interests of the working class by clever bureaucratic machinations.

The road to victory over McCarthyism and its Big Business backers is the road of the class struggle pursued to the victory of workers power. That means: Break with capitalist politics. Break with the political policy of the labor bureaucrats. And smash the Stalinist drive to line up the radical workers behind the program of electing "less reactionary circles of Big Business."

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NAACP Oakland Rally Defiled By Official's Red-Baiting Tirade

By Murry Weiss

While I was in Oakland, California, I attended the NAACP Fight For Freedom Rally on March 28. The rally took place at the Civic Auditorium with close to 5,000 Negro and white workers in the audience. The main speaker was A. Philip Randolph, President of the AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

The rally was in many respects a tremendous achievement. But an episode took place which defiled the very meaning of the occasion. The West Coast regional director of the NAACP, Franklin H. Williams, made a disgraceful red-baiting attack on The Militant. Following the line of a leaflet (photographic reproduction on this page) issued by the NAACP West Coast Regional Office he announced a special "subversive" list which included The Militant.

This list was drawn up and sprung in the fashion of the Attorney General and the McCarthyite "investigating" committees. The Militant was listed by an arbitrary act of "red" smearing. We never had a hearing. We were never given a chance to defend ourselves. We don't know to this day on what evidence, according to what charges, made by what individuals, we were branded "subversive" without a trial.

OPENING REMARKS

On the platform of the large auditorium were seated the Governor of California and a host of other capitalist politicians, as well as representatives of the labor movement and branches of the NAACP. Governor Knight was ceremoniously inducted into a \$500 life-membership in the Association. His Democratic opponent rushed to the platform and followed suit. The Governor and the other political dignitaries proclaimed their great friendship for the Negro people.

Then Williams was introduced. His speech opened on an extremely dramatic note. He thanked each of the capitalist politicians for being present and "gracing the occasion" of the Freedom Rally. He said, "We are proud to have you with us." Then, suddenly, changing his tone from one of suave official cordiality, he cried out, "Proud to have you here, but I would be prouder yet if you would do something to enact FEPC! Let's not mince words... That's the program of the NAACP... If you're for the NAACP, then you fight for FEPC!"

— (Continued from page 1) hands. Discrediting Stevens and his motives in this way undermines the effectiveness of his charges against McCarthy in the public eye and enables McCarthy to evade the hook with which the White House hoped to hold him in line.

And certainly McCarthy has succeeded in discrediting Stevens badly. In this project his biggest help came from the Eisenhower administration itself.

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson was asked on May 4 if he ordered Stevens to cooperate with McCarthy to the extent he did. "You never give anyone orders to such a degree; that isn't the way it's done. I mean it's like trying to tell someone how to suck eggs. You give him a job and let him go and suck it his way." Stevens sucked it.

By his own words Stevens has admitted to engaging in the most sickening and long sustained appeasement of the McCarthy gang. For months he toaded to McCarthy and Cohn, wining and dining them at his own expense. He listed 65 telephone conversations dealing with Private Schine, admitted that Schine got 15 passes inside of two months and revealed that he and other Army officials engaged in 19 conferences on Schine with the McCarthyites. He put his private plane at their disposal, attended McCarthy's wedding and tried to get Schine a commission with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Even more significantly, he confessed that when he wanted to remove a McCarthyite general named Lawton, he first tried to clear it with McCarthy. And when McCarthy said no, Stevens took it as a veto and dropped the whole idea.

The break came not because Stevens was opposed to collaborating with McCarthy, but because McCarthy would not be satisfied with anything less than full control of the Army. The Bi-Business interests represented by the Eisenhower administration are not ready to let McCarthy take over the government at this time, and so they called a halt.

But when they finally attacked him publicly, they did not dare to indict him for his real offense

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At the request of NAACP members throughout the country, who could not believe our April 12 report that the West Coast regional office of the NAACP had issued a witch-hunting leaflet containing a "subversive" list including The Militant, we publish the above photograph of the leaflet in question.

A thrill of elation ran through the audience. What a telling blow at official hypocrisy! Here was the Governor sitting on the platform. Here were the Mayors and Assemblies. All of them proclaiming their undying friendship for the Negro people. And how many of them had put words into deeds? Publicity stunts before elections, that was one thing... but to enact Fair Employment Practice legislation? Well, that was altogether different.

All the pent-up wrath of the Negro people was expressed in the roar of approval which greeted Williams' outcry. All through the meeting the audience had heard reports on mounting unemployment and how it struck at the Negro people with multiplied force. Every man, woman and child in the audience knew of the universal practice of discrimination in hiring. Williams expressed all this in some plain talk and he brought down the house.

Williams, having delivered his red-baiting package, returned to his main theme and went on to make an appeal for funds.

What happened? I asked myself. How could Williams and

Then a sickening thing happened. While the audience was still gripped by the militant spirit Williams had released, he turned from the issue of FEPC to a red-baiting smear-attack on The Militant and the other alleged "subversive" organizations on the NAACP regional office's list.

He singled out The Militant for special attack. He attempted to exploit the good will of the audience which he had gained by his militancy on the FEPC issue to instruct them to throw their copies of The Militant into the ash can on the way out.

A confused feeling spread through the audience. Only scattered applause greeted his red-baiting declamations. What had all this to do with the fight for FEPC?

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his fascist-like attempt to infiltrate and dominate the military bureaucracy. While they don't want to give him power today, they feel that they may need him later on, and they don't want to destroy him. That was why they pulled their punches and indicted him on essentially second-rate charges.

Their failure to expose his fascist aims gave McCarthy the opportunity to holler that they were trying to impede his crusade against "communism" and the "coddling of communists." On this terrain they are unable to deal McCarthy any real blows whatever because they too much under the banner of "anti-communism."

IN STRONG POSITION

Politically, therefore, McCarthy remains in a strong position in this dispute, even though he is fighting a defensive battle, because his opponents are afraid to challenge him on any fundamental issues.

Organizationally, too, he has most of the advantages. The counsel picked for the probe, Jenkins, openly voices the opinion that McCarthy has "vindicated" himself by pursuing alleged communists. The probe itself is being run by McCarthy's own committee. The full staff of this committee, which is supposed to judge McCarthy, is working night and day to supply him with the material to smear Stevens.

The rules of the probe had to be approved by McCarthy before he would consent to participate, and he threatens to walk out if they are not interpreted his way. They give him unlimited leeway for demagogic and propaganda, and the power to prolong the hearings indefinitely. He has called the whole thing a "circus" and "a waste of time," and he is helping to convince the people that this is so.

On May 2 he said that the subcommittee "might be able to finish the hearings about 1950 at the rate we are going now." This was more of a threat than a prediction. He knows the White House is anxious to get through hearings that are not doing the Republican Party any good, and he is putting pressure on Eisenhower to come to terms. Other

wise the hearings will last as long as it suits McCarthy's convenience.

McCarthy is not eager to take the stand himself, and he is plainly anxious to keep his aides, Cohn and Carr, from being questioned under oath. But he has already inflicted so much damage on Stevens that the worst he can expect at this point is a tie.

Even Max Lerner, who a few weeks ago was so confident that McCarthy could not survive this affair politically, now writes in the May 2 N. Y. Post, "I don't think the result will be clean-cut victory or defeat for either side."

But if that is the result of this great ballyhooed attack on McCarthy, it would mean that he had succeeded in winning a defensive battle and would be free to continue his drive toward power.

The first two weeks of the probe, with McCarthy dominant throughout, show the complete futility of depending on capitalist politicians to smash or even seriously damage McCarthyism. This applies not only to the Republicans but also to the Democrats, who bear their share of the responsibility for putting the probe in the hands of McCarthy's own committee, for the rules of the probe, for the selection of Jenkins, for the failure of anyone at the probe to tackle McCarthy on his major crimes.

McCarthy can be smashed. But only by those who know what it is and have the will to stop it. McCarthy's aim is to destroy democracy and rule as fascist dictator under the guise of protecting the country from "communism." To fight McCarthy effectively it is necessary to oppose not only its methods but also its aims.

The capitalist class and its two parties can't and won't do this. They think McCarthyite fascism is "premature," but at most they want to curb, not crush it.

The job will be done only by the labor movement and its allies, who have the most to lose from the victory of fascist reaction. But to complete the job they'll have to break with the old parties and create an independent labor party with a program and a leadership that is serious about preventing fascism.

\$14,000 Fund Scoreboard

Branch	Quota	Total Paid	%
Detroit	\$ 500	\$ 498	99
Youngstown	150	145	97
Newark	400	383	96
Buffalo	1,500	1,400	93
Allentown	65	55	85
Boston	500	353	71
Pittsburgh	150	100	67
Philadelphia	400	264	66
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,200	739	62
Cleveland	250	150	60
New York	3,000	1,773	59
San Francisco	700	402	57
Milwaukee	250	141	56
Chicago	1,500	832	55
Los Angeles	2,500	1,243	50
St. Louis	75	30	40
Oakland	250	67	27
Seattle	250	20	8
Akron	100	0	0
General	260	115	44
Total through May 3	\$14,000	\$8,710	62

... Anti - McCarthy Campaign

(Continued from page 1) sale of James Kutcher's autobiography, "The Case of the Legless Veteran."

New York held two more street meetings this week and sold 110 anti-McCarthy pamphlets as well as other literature. H. Maher of Milwaukee suggests that branches try street sales at public libraries. "We have had very good results selling anti-McCarthy pamphlets here."

Anti - Fascist Literature Campaign

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The People Don't Want War

The sensational May 1 Washington dispatch of the Alsop brothers in the N. Y. Herald Tribune disclosed that the Eisenhower administration "came within an ace" of demanding that Congress approve the shipping of U.S. troops to Indo-China. But Eisenhower didn't go through with his scheme to drag this country into another war like Korea. The American people, at the very hint of such a danger, demonstrated overwhelming hostility to such a move.

A spontaneous flood of letters poured into Representatives and Senators from their constituents. On April 28, Scripps-Howard staff writer Charles Lucey reported that "an America increasingly aware of the Indo-China war is writing Congress in overwhelming opposition to this country's active involvement."

The tone of these letters was especially bitter, as indicated by the samples Lucey cited. A typical one said: "Why does our government insist on waving the flag of democracy at home and in the same breath want to spill American blood in defense of French colonialism... If the Indo-China people desire freedom from French rule why shouldn't they have it?"

Fortunately, this unorganized but voluminous outpouring of popular anti-war sentiment sufficed, for the time being, to give Congress pause, especially as this is an election year. Moreover, the American people had a big assist from the people in Western Europe and Asia, who are even more outspoken in their hostility to U.S. intervention in Indo-China.

Good News on May Day

On May Day millions of workers throughout the world marched under banners of opposition to capitalism and imperialism. In Tokyo almost half a million workers demonstrated against the war plans of the American and Japanese capitalists. And in all the major cities of Europe and Asia millions of marching feet announced the growing world socialist revolution to the ears of the panic-stricken imperialists.

But perhaps the most significant news of May Day comes from West Berlin in a special dispatch to the N. Y. Times, May 2, under the headline, "May Day Mirrors New Berlin Mood."

Referring with approval to past demonstrations in West Berlin when the workers had shouted "defiance to the Russians," the dispatch complains: "Today many West Berlin workers made it clear their chief interest was in better wages and full employment."

Moreover, the dispatch reveals that the officially sponsored anti-Communist demonstration had the poorest attendance in years: "Many of the marchers broke off in protest before the column joined the main demonstration before the Reichstag." Thus the workers marched for their own demands and slogans but opposed the official government demonstration with a boycott.

The Times dispatch reports that "a long column of workers carried numerous red banners with slogans. In contrast to former years none was anti-Communist." This was the column of the Building Workers Union, one of the most important unions in West Berlin.

Asia's Answer to Imperialism

The declaration of the five Southeast Asian prime ministers at Colombo, Ceylon, last week is an indication of how far the anti-imperialist movement of the colonial people has developed.

The declaration of the five ministers was a slap in the face to American imperialism. Dulles has been working to enroll these countries in a military bloc directed against the Soviet Union and China. Instead of falling into line, the ministers pointedly asserted the right of the Asian countries, including Indo-China, to complete independence from imperialism.

The fact that these ministers and their cohorts do not plan to lead a serious struggle against imperialism does not detract from the symptomatic importance of their action. Behind the action of the five prime ministers is the pressure of hundreds of millions of workers and peasants. It is these workers and peasants who will carry through the fight despite the wavering and treachery of the native capitalists and landlords represented by the ministers.

Dulles and the rest of the imperialists understand this. That's why the assertive note struck by the ministers is bad news to imperialism.

Two countries sitting in the Colombo conference maintain military agreements with imperialists — Ceylon with Great Britain and Pakistan with the United States. Unfortunately, no one at the conference attacked these military agreements as inconsistent with the anti-imperialist declarations of the ministers. These military agreements, however, are not sup-

But we must not now let down our guard for a second. The war danger is far from over. It will take not only an outpouring of letters but the most resolute organized action by the great mass of people to permanently hold at bay Wall Street's dogs of war. The Eisenhower administration and the capitalist politicians of both parties even now are figuring how to suppress the anti-war sentiment, how to excite a war mood and how to overcome the majority opposition to any further Korean-type military adventures.

Significantly, a proposal to bar the use of U.S. troops in Indo-China without prior congressional assent was voted down in the House by 214 to 37. And Senator William F. Knowland Republican leader of the Senate, has said that he would lead a Senate fight to send troops to Indo-China any time Eisenhower demands American intervention.

Yes, the trap is being set to catch the American people unawares. The plain truth is that inevitably the political agents of Wall Street imperialism will push us into war unless the people conduct an organized, unremitting fight to take the war-making power away from the handful in Washington who now hold this life-and-death power.

Those who do the suffering, fighting and dying must have the power to decide the question of peace and war. Let the people vote on this all-vital issue. Don't entrust the fate of America and the world to the Eisenhowers and Knowlands or any other capitalist politicians.

SEDUCTION OF THE INNOCENT by Dr. Frederic Wertham, Rinehart & Co., 1953-54, \$4.

This important study of the disastrous effects upon children of crime comic books represents seven years of research by one of the foremost psychiatrists in America. Dr. Wertham's findings are not only an indictment of all those who profit from the dissemination of crime and horror stories for children, but of a social system which teaches young young children to imitate criminals and then cynically places the responsibility for the results upon the victims and their parents.

Comic books grew up out of adventure and western stories fused with the cartoon method of telling a story quickly, easily and with a minimum of reading effort on the part of the child. Even pre-school age children can read the pictures if not the words.

"When the enticing blonde heroine says: 'Keep those paws to yourself, space-rat!' the reader can save himself the effort of reading. It is clear from the picture what is meant," writes Wertham.

BY-PRODUCT OF WAR

This method even under the best conditions, as he points out, is simply "re-tooling for illiteracy" as is testified by 12-year-old boys, their pockets crammed with comic books, who have a reading capacity of less than a dozen words.

About eight years ago, comic books about cowboys and animals began to be displaced by crime and horror stories filled with "alluring tales" of murder, shooting, knifing, strangling, rape and sadism. In the year 1946-47, writes Wertham, crime books had taken over one-tenth of the total production of the so-called "comics." By 1948-49 one-third of the production became crime books. By 1954 they have gobbled up virtually the whole field.

Comic books are thus essentially a product of the aftermath of World War II, of the inauguration of the fearsome Atomic Epoch, and of the acute crisis of the capitalist system which has brought the nation into a social blind alley. The crime books are a direct reflection of violence and depravity in the real world and of an epoch of wars and preparations for more wars. They are the expression in the kindergartens and grade schools of what is going on in a number of fields in America today — the preparation of the psychological soil for fascism.

GUIDES TO ACTION

Murders and killings predominate, and on this score, writes Wertham, one comic book sums up the general attitude as follows: "Since when do we worry about killin' people?" Most pernicious, however, is the fact that war and crime are glorified, and the stories are not simply stories — they are guides to action. Even the advertisements are replete with enticing pictures and prices of

guns, knives and other lethal weapons. "If one were to set out to show children how to steal, rob, lie, cheat, assault and break into houses, no better method could be devised," writes Wertham.

Straight killing is too tame, however. Violence in these books is accompanied by agonizing torture of human beings, whip-lashings, beatings, ropings, burnings, rape and the perversion of every higher human quality. And to top it all, lurid comic books, with such titles as "Teen-Age Dope Slaves," glorify dope addicts and the pleasures of morphine. "One needful of joy-juice, and you get so satisfied with the world you forget your obligations," reads one invitation to dope in a comic book.

As the contents of these crime comic books became more and more depraved and brutal, their circulation shot up into almost astronomical figures. It is estimated that one-third of all cheap pulp manufactured in the United States and Canada is used in this industry. One of the worst comic books, writes Wertham, boasts six million readers. Sixty million crime books are published each month, and since children trade and exchange these books, this amounts to almost total saturation. In some backward, impoverished areas, crime books are virtually the only reading material for the young.

CRIMINAL AS HERO

Side by side with innumerable cases of shock, trauma, nightmares and other sleeping disorders, children become brutalized at an early age. Wertham gives a full documentation on this score: of children who burn, hang and beat up still smaller

children; of teachers who need policemen to guard them from teen-age gangs — all familiar items in every day's newspapers. The hero is the criminal, and the child is simply emulating this adult model. "The hero in crime comics is not the hero unless he acts like a criminal," writes Wertham. "And the criminal in comic books is not a criminal to the child because he acts like a hero. He lives like a hero until the very end and even then he often dies like a hero in a burst of gunfire and violence." Thus the children "identify themselves with the strong man, however evil he may be."

And who is this strong man, this personification of "Evil Triumphant?" It is Superman, and all his counterparts.

RACE-HATE PROPAGANDA

Wertham analyzes Superman as follows: He is always the big, blonde, muscular, Nordic hero, and his enemies are almost always colored peoples. Race-hatred is one of the basic themes of Superman stories.

The depiction of racial stereotypes in sadistic action makes a great impression on children. . . . One effect of this fomenting of race hatred is the fact that in many children's minds, mankind is divided into two groups: regular men who have the right to live, and sub-men who deserve to be killed. . . . A four-year-old can imbibe prejudice from comic books, and six- and seven-year-olds are quite articulate about it. . . . they are bad, dirty, criminals, you can't trust them, etc."

In one comic book, writes Wertham, "The hero throws bombs and a Negro from his airplane, while he calls out: 'Bombs

and Bums away!' Another comic book appeared at about the time when a group of 14- and 15-year old boys had a 'Nazi Stormtrooper Club' in which every prospective member had to hit a Negro on the head with a brick."

Along with interplanetary horror stories, the settings for many of these crime books are in the jungle, leaving the impression that the world outside of white America is nothing but a jungle inhabited only by human beasts. Wertham writes, "While the white people in jungle books are blond and athletic and shapely, the idea conveyed by the natives is that they are fleeting transitions between apes and humans. . . . dark-skinned people are depicted in rape-like situations with white girls. . . . to the extreme of showing a white girl being overpowered by a dark-skinned people who have tails."

These stories, writes Wertham, "specialize in torture, bloodshed and lust in an exotic setting. Daggers, claws, guns, wild animals, girls in brassieres, fires, stakes, posts, chains, ropes, big-chested and heavily muscled Nordic he-men dominate the stage." Regarding the impact upon the children he writes:

"I have repeatedly found in my studies that this characterization of colored peoples as sub-human, in conjunction with the depiction of forceful heroes as blond, Nordic Supermen, has made a deep — and I believe lasting — impression on young children."

DEBASING WOMEN

Side by side with this race-hatred goes the equivalent debasement of women. There are no mothers or working women in these crime comics. The women of "Tiny Tots Comic Books" and their counterparts are shown in alluring sexual positions, "headlights" (breasts) half-bared, tied up with ropes, raped, murdered and so on. "Amidst all the violence between slaves, apes and humans in these books are big pictures of lush girls, as nude as the Post Office permits. Even on an adult, the impression of sex plus violence is definite," writes Wertham. To the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" one small boy answered: "I want to be a sex maniac."

Wertham writes: "The effects of these comic books can be summarized in a single phrase: moral disarmament. It consists chiefly in a blunting of the finer feelings of conscience, of mercy, of sympathy for other people's suffering, and of respect for women as women, and not merely as sex objects to be bandied about or as luxury prizes to be fought over. They affect children's taste for the finer influences of education, for art, for literature and for the decent and constructive relationship between human beings, and especially between the sexes."

GLORIFY DEGENERACY

The fact is, despite their scanty attire and exposed flesh, Superman, Batman and other Nordic heroes of the crime comics tend toward homosexuality and prefer the company of men. "The typical Batman story," writes Wertham, "is the muscular superman who lives blissfully with an adolescent . . . Batman and Robin, the 'dynamic duo' constantly rescue each other from violent attacks by an unending number of enemies . . . the feeling is conveyed that we men must stick together . . . At home they lead an idyllic life . . . In these stories there are practically no decent, attractive, successful women. A typical female character is Catwoman, who is vicious and uses a whip."

Thus, along with the familiar "gay girls," the "party girls," the "holiday girls," there emerges a more modern and sinister woman: Wonder Woman. Wonder Woman is the female counterpart of Superman and a close imitator in violence and vice.

For boys, Wonder Woman is a frightening image. For girls she is a morbid ideal. Where Batman is anti-feminine, the Wonder Woman and her counterparts are definitely anti-masculine. Wonder Woman has her own female following . . . she refers to them as 'My girls!'

FASCIST POISON

These are today's models of men and women set before the wide-eyed children in the nurseries. "What is the social meaning," asks Wertham, "of these supermen, superwoman, super-lovers, super-boys, super-girls, super-ducks, super-mice, super-magicians, super-safecrackers?" But it is a purely rhetorical question. For Wertham has already put his finger on the real social meaning, and he is there by issuing a warning.

Superism is nothing less than McCarthyism in the nursery. All the familiar fascist poison is incorporated in these crime comic books, and they are primers and text-books in the glorification of crime, race hatred, degradation of women and brutality unlimited. Capitalism in its death agony can offer no other solution to the social crisis than wars abroad and fascism at home.

Behind the nursery alias of Superman looms the fascist demagogue like Hitler and his American runner-up, McCarthy. Corrupt the children today, poison them, turn them into "juvenile delinquents" — and the raw material will be at hand for the fascist gangs of tomorrow.

...Secret Talks on Indo-China Deal

(Continued from page 1) to go along in such a venture stayed the Administration's hand.

The British cabinet's stand, however, was only the pale reflection of the colossal array of popular forces pressing in from all sides to prevent a repetition in Indo-China of a Korea-like "police action" by Wall Street.

First, there is the sweeping power of the Indo-China revolution itself. This movement would confront the U.S. military with even more difficult tasks of suppression than those encountered in Korea.

Second, there is swelling, an-

gry opposition to U.S. imperialist

in all the countries of south-

east Asia. This found partial

expression in the unprecedented

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The Negro Struggle

By Jean Blake

'Loyalty' Probe Victims Win Back Pay

The Negro press reported last week that 14 members of the National Alliance of Postal Employees have at last received checks from the Postoffice Department for back pay lost while they were being victimized under the "Loyalty Program" several years ago.

Checks mailed totaled \$38,000 awarded under a court judgment of 1952 to men discharged or laid off as "poor security risks" under the Truman Loyalty Program. The men were later reinstated, but, as the newspaper reports stated, "not until after they had lost many months of work and irreparable harm to their community standing and reputations."

Another, more recent victim of the modern American Inquisition, Mrs. Annie Lee Moss, a pawn in McCarthy's drive for power, is also back on the job. (We don't know whether she has received her back pay for the period she was unjustly suspended.) But, as the California Eagle recently said editorially:

"Neither Mrs. Moss' denials nor her restoration to duty disprove the charges that have been made against her. Nor does accusation prove her guilt."

"What her case (and that of the postal workers, and of James Kutcher and a host of others — J. B. does prove is the danger that lurks in the substitution of trial and conviction by accusation for the traditional American methods of a careful presentation and sifting of the facts, with the accused having a chance

to meet her accusers before, and not after, conviction."

We'd like to urge Franklin H. Williams, director of the West Coast office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to ponder the lessons in the editorial in this West Coast Negro weekly.

Mr. Williams, who authorized publication of a leaflet labeling The Militant, among others, as subversive and un-American, was using exactly the same reprehensible methods the NAACP has condemned in others.

If the NAACP and other groups and individuals including The Militant, had accepted as valid the arbitrary subversive lists and the methods of those who "convict by accusation rather than presentation of evidence, fair trial and democratic procedures, the postal workers and Mrs. Moss would remain convicted of false charges. Similarly, The Militant will not remain labeled by Williams' subversive list because The Militant will protest and fight the smear and all who value democratic rights will support us.

Postscript to Mr. Williams: What is the significance of the fact that your subversive list includes The Militant and other so-called left-wing groups and publications, but no anti-Negro organizations like the Ku Klux Klan, Gerald L. K. Smith's outfit or the Coughlinites?

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Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and Roy Cohn (left), the fascist senator's chief counsel, shown in whispered conference during the McCarthy-Army probe before the Senate Investigations subcommittee, which McCarthy runs. (See story on Page 1.)

A Teacher's Dilemma

We reprint from the April 23 Cleveland Plain Dealer the following self-explanatory letter to the editor from a perplexed teacher:

Editor Plain Dealer — Sir: I am a school teacher. As a teacher I try to instill a conception of democratic ideals and justice in my students. I try to point out our great American heritage, especially where all are treated alike, industrialist, farmer, consumer.

In my social studies classes we place great stress on current affairs. I call it contemporary history. I try to stress the good things that happen; but inevitably it is the corrupt happenings or happenings that we cannot conceive of as being right, that hit the headlines. Obviously, the students begin to ask questions. How can I answer for justice and truth when they see and hear so little of it? I talk in terms of the aesthetic and spiritual; they talk in terms of the material.

They ask why we spill wheat on the ground or why we pile butter in the warehouses. They ask me why we have to pay the farmer more than a normal market price when untold thousands here in the United States do not get enough to eat, or spend over one half of their income for food. How would you answer them?

They ask why anyone would oppose the St. Lawrence Seaway, especially anyone from Ohio. They ask me why anyone is against statehood for Hawaii and Alaska. They ask me why lobbyists are so important, and why legislatures cater to special interest groups. How would you answer them?

They ask many more questions. I try to be impartial; but one cannot stand before a group and talk of freedom and democracy when the students are aware of what is hap-

pening. High school students are not all juvenile delinquents. A great many of them are more intelligent than much of our adult population. But I maintain that it is a most difficult task to try to teach them right from wrong in the face of the everyday happenings.

I would not like to believe Thrasymachus, who 2,500 years ago said that justice is the interests of the strong. Perhaps you, Mr. Editor, or some of your readers, can suggest ways for me to answer my students.

RICHARD ACKERMAN
Sheffield Lake, O.

Mr. Ackerman's dilemma is the one facing every honest thinking educator in America. We don't think he'll get an answer from the editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, at least one that will really mean anything.

It may not have occurred to Mr. Ackerman that he will have to seek a true answer from an entirely different source. But we bring to his attention our own paper, The Militant, which is completely hostile to the special privilege interests that dailies like the Plain Dealer serve.

We speak for the vast majority, the workers, dirt-farmers and racial minorities and have no interest in concealing the plain unvarnished truth. Our paper answers all the questions his students are raising — which are the same questions the youth are asking everywhere.

Alas, in our society justice is in the interest of the strong — the strong being those who rule, the tiny capitalist class in power. If Mr. Ackerman wants true justice for all, then he'll have to wait until the working class and its allies rule.

Notes from the News

NEW YORK CIVIL RIGHTS MEETING. Declaring that "No American is now safe from McCarthyism," the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee has announced a "Stop the Inquisition" meeting to be held Friday, May 14, 8:30 p.m., at the Hotel McAlpin, Sixth Ave. and 34th St., New York City. Speakers at the meeting will include Royal France, Julius Emspak and Corliss Lamont, with Harvey O'Connor as chairman. Admission is \$1.00. Organized in 1951, with John M. Pickering as chairman and Clark Foreman, director, the committee has taken stand in defense of all witch-hunt victims. Among its recent publications is a pamphlet entitled "The Fifth Amendment," an address by Dean Irvin N. Griswold of the Harward Law School. It is an excellent exposition of the urgent need to resist the campaign to destroy that amendment and to preserve it as "a hindrance to any government which might wish to prosecute for thoughts and opinions alone." Copies may be ordered at 15 cents each, or ten for a dollar, from the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee at 421 Seventh Ave., New York 1, N. Y.

THE INSIDE STRUGGLE, recently published second volume of the diary of the late Harold Ickes, reveals that in 1938 when members of the Democratic high command proposed to President Roosevelt that the federal relief and public works budget be slashed, he opposed them on the grounds "that this would mean calling out the troops to preserve order. It might even mean a revolution, or an attempted revolution."

CHILD LABOR EVILS PERSIST declared the National Child Labor Committee, April 18, as it issued its fiftieth anniversary report. Nearly two million children from 14 through 17 still work full or part time in industry and agriculture. "Additional thousands under 14 work on farms, in street trades and elsewhere," the committee reports. Fifty per cent of all high school students drop out before graduation. Many "are being handicapped by employment at too early an age or in unsuitable occupations for excessively long hours."

LOS ANGELES NAACP FIGHTS FIREHOUSE JIM CROW. As the result of a campaign waged by the Nat'l Ass'n for Advancement of Colored People, the mayor of Los Angeles directed that the segregation of Negro firemen in that city be ended by July 1. The Fire Commission has openly defied the mayor's order, declaring that they intend to keep the seventy Negroes now employed as firemen restricted to the two fire stations in the Negro district. The NAACP is preparing court action to force the city to act.

COST OF GI TO TAXPAYER. It costs the American taxpayers \$5,200 a year to maintain the average GI in the U.S. Army. Maintenance and operations amount to \$2,500 for a soldier annually. Food costs \$466, clothing, \$58; travel, \$130; welfare, \$10; equipment, \$102; and pay, \$1,942. This overall figure does not include the costs of major equipment and construction. (United Mine Workers Journal, April 15.)

UNEMPLOYMENT HITS TEXTILE UNION. The CIO Textile Workers Union announced May 1, on the eve of its biennial convention, that mounting unemployment has cost the union 75,000 members during the past two years. Union president Emil Rieve said that the membership is now 325,000 compared with 400,000 two years ago. "In the same period," he added, "total employment in the textile industry has declined from 1,300,000 to a little more than 900,000."

NEW ANTI-NEGRO OUTFIT ORGANIZED. The American States Right Ass'n has been organized in Birmingham, Ala., "to maintain segregation of the races, to aid the fight against FEPC, to further good race relations, to keep communist propaganda out of our schools and to preserve states rights." The Southeast re-

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Newark Negro Community Fights for Representation

By George Breitman

SWP Candidate for U.S. Senator

NEWARK, May 4 — The Newark Negro community's growing unity, militancy and determination to elect Negro candidates to the City Council are the most encouraging development in the final stages of the current municipal election campaign.

The elections will be held May 11. Four councilmen-at-large are to be elected by the city as a whole, and five councilmen are to be elected by the voters in the five wards. If no candidate gets a majority, there will be runoffs on June 15 between the top eight at-large candidates, and between the top two in each of the wards.

The Socialist Workers Party is supporting James T. Callaghan (at-large) and Jerry Leopoldi (East Ward) because they are CIO-sponsored candidates running independently of the old party machines, and Harry Hazelwood (at-large) and Irvine Turner (Central Ward) because they are

independent Negro candidates reflecting the demand of the Negro community for top-level representation in the city government.

Hazelwood, former president of the NAACP branch here, is the only Negro at-large candidate and won the immediate and more or less complete support of the Negro community. But the situation in the Central Ward was more complicated — and more dynamic.

Most of the city's Negro population lives in the Central Ward, but in the ward itself Negroes represent only 51%. Efforts were made to unite all Negro organizations in the ward around a single candidacy, but these fell through because of factionalism, petty personal ambitions, etc. Three Negro candidates filed — Irvine Turner, former newspaperman; Roger Yancey, former U.S. assistant district attorney; and Samuel Stewart, school attendance officer.

Yancey was the choice of the Negro "talented tenth" — the NAACP and Urban League leadership, the local Afro-American, the middle class professionals. These people were contemptuous of and hostile to Turner on the ground that he was too "nationalistic," didn't have a college diploma, etc.

Yancey also received the recommendation of the liberal Newark Citizens Committee, a loose coalition aiming at civic reform and possibly a local third party. But there was one thing Yancey didn't have and that was Turner did have — and that was the support of the rank and file Negroes in the Central Ward.

Turner had this support because he had a principle — the right of Negro representation in office. Yancey hemmed and hawed and said, "I don't want you to vote for me because I am a Negro and I don't want you to vote against me for the same reason." Fearing to lose the support of white voters by stressing the principle of Negro representation, he spoke of the insoluble dilemma facing American capitalism today and its efforts to resolve its difficulties by preparing to plunge us into a third world war.

Comrade Dunn pointed with confidence to the working class as the only force able to lead mankind toward the peace and security of socialism.

A special feature of the affair was the performance of a new dramatic skit by the Chicago Socialist Drama Group. The setting was some years in the future and the theme was a discussion by some students on how the socialist society is to be built.

LOS ANGELES

By Thelma Clyde

LOS ANGELES, May 1 — At its May Day meeting here tonight, the Los Angeles Local of the Socialist Workers Party joined with old and new friends to express its solidarity with workers all over the world in their opposition to Wall Street's plans to precipitate a third world war.

Thomas Kerry, Chairman of the Local, delivered an inspiring address in which he outlined the 100-year-old struggle of the Indo-Chinese people for national independence. He presented damning evidence of collusion of the American, British, French and Japanese imperialists in their vain attempt to crush the will of the people of Indo-China to gain their freedom.

Pointing to the Geneva Conference, where diplomatic representatives of world capitalism and Stalinism are attempting to resolve the present crisis, Kerry posed the question that is uppermost in the minds of workers the world over: "Will they make a deal at the expense of the independence struggle in Indo-China?"

Comrade Kerry ended his address with an appeal to workers and students to join the Socialist Workers Party and help build the party that will lead the American working class in carrying out its historic task to establish a Socialist America and thus help to insure the victory of the oppressed of all lands and establishment of a world socialist society.

The audience expressed its enthusiasm by contributing generously to the collection to help the Los Angeles Local achieve its quota of \$2500 toward the SWP National Anti-Fascist Fund. After the meeting, comrades and friends enjoyed a social evening of refreshments, dancing and informal discussion.

"What's good for GM . . . ?" Sixty-two officers and directors of the world's largest corporation, General Motors, divvied up a net \$11,850,117 in salaries and bonuses in 1953. How are you doing?

many other organizations, came out for Turner. The CIO members in the ward let their leaders know that they favored Turner overwhelmingly, and that the CIO's own candidates would suffer among Negro voters if the CIO backed Yancey. And so the CIO Council, to its credit, rejected the pressure of the Citizens Committee and the talented tenth and endorsed Turner.

That settled it. Two days later Yancey announced his withdrawal from the race and began proceedings to try to get his name blocked off the ballot. In a fairly good statement he urged Turner and Stewart to get together and agree to have one of them withdraw. The pressure is now on Stewart to follow Yancey's example.

Whether or not Stewart will do this, and whether or not Yancey's name will be removed from the ballot, the fact is that practical unity in the Negro community has already been achieved behind the Turner candidacy. This reflects both the power of the demand for Negro representation, and the influence that the labor movement, and especially the CIO, wields in the Negro community.

The CIO's endorsement not only enabled the Turner forces to take the unchallenged leadership of the Negro community in this election, it also opened the door for them to white workers in the CIO unions. If, as seems likely, Turner faces a white candidate in the runoffs, this factor can prove to be decisive.

Turner is already making full use of this opportunity. While continuing to mobilize Negro voters, he is appealing to white workers and the labor movement too. His latest poster records his CIO support in the same large-sized type as is used for his own name.

CIO WEAKNESSES
This is in contrast to the posters and general literature of the CIO-sponsored candidates, Callaghan and Leopoldi. They subordinate their CIO sponsorship, almost as if they were frightened by their own boldness in running independently of the old machines. This weakens their appeal considerably because it makes it harder for them to be distinguished from run-of-the-mill candidates.

It also is responsible for their failure so far to generate the enthusiasm and broad rank and file participation that have become such a notable feature of the Turner campaign. It is fortunate for them that, despite their own reticence, they are known publicly only as the CIO's candidates; otherwise they wouldn't have a chance of reaching the runoffs. But it is a fact that their chances of being elected have been put in jeopardy by the way in which they are campaigning.

Despite these faults, the Socialist Workers Party is working for the election of Callaghan and Leopoldi as well as Turner and Hazelwood. Their election would stimulate further independent labor and Negro campaigns and the general movement for a Labor Party here and elsewhere.

... Victimize Negroes

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secuted by the mobs, but the Howards have gotten the brunt of the attacks. Because they were the first Negro family to move to Trumbull Park they have become hated symbol to the bigoted white race-haters.

In other parts of the city violent acts have occurred since the early part of this year against other Negro families living in predominantly white neighborhoods, and against sympathetic white families.

Bombs were hurled into the homes of Robert Hymer of 9610 Forest and Ezekiel Jordan of 9615 Forest Ave. Gasoline fires were started in the garages of Pomp Bullen, 9648 Calumet and Kelvin Newton, 9741 Forest Ave. Several hours after they moved into their new home at 9655 Forest Ave. a fire was started in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence May. Robert Hymer's home had been attacked in the same manner several times before.

All four tires were slashed on the automobile of Theodore West, 5851 S. Morgan St. an advertising solicitor for the Chicago Defender, the Negro paper of Chicago. West reported that he had been warned by a neighbor not to park his car in front of her home.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wm. Dinger at 9534 Prairie was blasted by a hand-made bomb, thrown through the dining room window. The Dingers, white tenants, had opened their house to prospective buyers. Among the viewers were four Negroes. Police believe this precipitated the bombing.

The Englewood area became a scene of violence when the new home purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawthorne at 6544 Loomis was heavily damaged by a powerful bomb. The police believe the bomb was made of dynamite and reported it was strong enough to kill anyone not protected by the four walls. Dr. Carl Ross, the tenant on the second floor of the two story building was standing directly above the spot the bomb went off. He was hospitalized with two broken ankles. Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne had not yet moved into the house. They declared that a few hoodlums were not going to stop them, and are going ahead with their plans as scheduled.

Two teen-age youths were beaten by a mob of white youths on a playground in West Chesterfield. John Theus, 13, was severely beaten and is in serious condition in the hospital. The second young victim is Reginald Yates, Jr. The neighborhood was aroused by the calamity and meetings have been held by all the residents, Negro and white, to see what action can be taken to prevent further assaults of this kind. A collection was taken for the family of the hospitalized boy.

Fascist and His Legal Aide



NY School Segregation Continues Despite Law

By Joyce Cowley

"White supremacists need not be alarmed," said Judge H. T. Delaney of the Domestic Relations Court at a conference in New York on Children Apart. "A Supreme Court decision will not end segregated education in the United States."

He pointed out that a New York state law passed in 1900 made separate schools for Negroes illegal. But 54 years later most Negroes in New York City are still attending separate schools because of "custom and residential segregation."

The conference was held recently at the New Lincoln school. It was sponsored by the NAACP, the Urban League, parents organizations, unions and numerous civic, educational and social service groups.

Some STARTLING FACTS
Everyone knows that in Southern states practicing a "separate but equal" policy, results are far from equal. Negro schools are notoriously bad. Academic standards are low, school-houses are in miserable condition, the number of classrooms and teachers is hopelessly inadequate. What about the segregated schools of New York City? The conference revealed some startling facts:

Less than two-tenths of one percent of high school seniors who meet basic college entrance requirements are Negroes.

In the Harlem area, there are at least 103 classes for "mentally retarded" children and at most three classes for "intellectually gifted."

Some Negro children are illegally placed in classes for the mentally retarded on the basis of group tests.