

Negro People Win Victory In School Fight

By George Breitman

The long fight against Jim Crow segregation in the public schools won an important legal and moral victory on May 17 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that such segregation is unconstitutional. But the fight is not yet finished or won.

The Court decided unanimously that the pernicious 58-year old "separate but equal" doctrine is unconstitutional when it is applied to public schools. This knocks out one of the props of the Jim Crow system. Its effect will be to strengthen the movement of the Negro people and their allies to get rid of other legal props and to increase their confidence in their ability to achieve the abolition of the Jim Crow system as a whole.

But saying that segregation is unconstitutional is not the same thing as effectively prohibiting it. The Court ruled that school segregation is illegal, but it put off any ruling on WHEN or HOW this illegal practice should be stopped. Some hard fights will have to be fought and some difficult obstacles will have to be cleared away before Jim Crow will actually be driven out of the schools.

The Court had the power to rule on May 17 that since segregation violates the Constitution, it should be discontinued at once. In that case children in the South would have been given the legal right to attend mixed schools at the beginning of the new term in the fall of 1954.

But the Court did not exercise this power. Instead, it refused altogether to make any ruling on the time when segregation should be ended or the method that should be used to end it — postponing these questions until next fall, when they will be put back on the court docket and argued all over again. Until new arguments are completed and a new Supreme Court decision is reached, the Southern diehards are relieved of all responsibility for making any changes in the Jim Crow school setup, and are given an extended breathing spell in which to work out techniques for evading the Court's rulings.

One of the questions to be re-argued is: Should a decree be issued requiring that "Negro children should FORTHWITH be admitted to schools of their choice" or should the decree merely "permit an effective GRADUAL ADJUSTMENT . . . from existing segregated systems to a system not based on color distinctions"?

That is the question of WHEN. The question of HOW is even more important because it will help to determine whether or not the proposed anti-segregation decree will be effective and fool-proof in abolishing segregation in real life, and not merely on paper.

The Court also still has to decide what "specific issues" the decree should contain, and who should issue the decree — should it be issued by the Supreme Court itself, or should it be turned over to the lower courts in the South (which are more subject to the pressure of the Southern ruling class)?

This will give the Dixiecrats an opportunity to renew the argument that they have made all along — that the Supreme Court has no power to formulate a decree that would alter state laws, and that if Jim Crow schools are unconstitutional it is up to the state governments to alter their school systems so that they come within the law.

It is a foregone conclusion that there will be endless delay and evasion if the right to "interpret" and "enforce"

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Anti-McCarthy Campaign News

By Myra Tanner

Final week-end mobilizations in the Anti-Fascist Literature Campaign yielded excellent results and helped us increase the total points on the scoreboard this week by more than 50%.

In the last big push of the campaign St. Paul stepped into first place and wins the honor of being top branch in the country in our concentrated effort to sell anti-fascist literature. Youngstown and San Francisco took second and third place respectively.

St. Paul and Minneapolis, the twin cities of Minnesota, together succeeded in reaching 1,345 workers with the anti-McCarthy pamphlets alone in the two-month period of the campaign. This is a good beginning in the big job that must be done to warn the American workers of the fascist danger and to equip them with a program to fight it.

On May 15 the Twin Cities held a victory celebration in the Minnesota State Headquarters. Winifred Nelson, Campaign Director for St. Paul, in her report of this enthusiastic gathering, quotes Vincent Ray Dunne: "This is the greatest literature campaign in the history of our Party; Minnesota has done its part." And Minnesota's part is always an outstanding contribution to the success of a national campaign.

Ralph Martin, Campaign Director for Minneapolis gave the Twin Cities a complete breakdown of the total sales of literature and pointed out the importance of the work done so far. He stressed the need for still more work in the future in order to insure the annihilation of fascism. Comrade Martin explained to everyone present that both in quantity and quality of work done on literature in this brief campaign there has never been anything like it in our Party.

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Highlights Of My Tour

By Murry Weiss

Ever since I joined the American Trotskyist movement in 1932, Minneapolis and St. Paul have had a special significance for me. For the revolutionary youth of that time, the names of Vincent Dunne, Carl Skoglund, C. R. Hedlund and later Farrell Dobbs, Harry De Boer and many others became legendary, especially after the heroic truck-driver strikes of 1934-36.

To us, the Minnesota SWP was an outstanding example of the fusing of advanced Marxist thought with the experience of powerful mass movements of American workers. It was proof to us that Marxism is in reality the most native "American doctrine" and that true American Marxists can find a road to the masses as militant and tested leaders of their day-to-day struggles.

It was therefore with excitement that I got off the train on my first visit to the Twin Cities during my national anti-McCarthy tour.

But what struck me most forcibly throughout my visit was the absence of any "resting on tradition" among our Minnesota comrades. Personally, I became depressed and uncomfortable among people who once performed great deeds but now preoccupy themselves reminiscing about the old days without tying in the lessons with current struggles. I found none of this among our Minnesota comrades. Pride in the great fighting record? Consciousness of the lessons assimilated? Yes. But no trace of self-satisfaction.

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McCarthy Protects Fascist "Cells" in Government Depts.



Stalls Probe as GOP-Democrats Duck Fight, Play into His Hands

By the Editors

MAY 20 — Determined to protect his underground fascist cells which honeycomb the government, McCarthy succeeded in winning a one-week moratorium in the Army-McCarthy hearings at the very point when he and his lieutenants were scheduled to go on the witness stand.

It is possible, considering Eisenhower's strategy of appeasement, that the would-be American Hitler will even succeed in eluding the witness stand altogether. But even if he takes the stand, he doesn't face accusers who charge him with his real crime — his plot to worm his way to power and establish a fascist dictatorship in America.

How does McCarthy get away with it? The fact is that the Republican and Democratic leaders in Washington are too steeped in complicity with McCarthy, too bulldozed by his blackmail, and too addicted to political quackery, to understand that the cancer eating the capitalist government in America dooms them to.

But the liberals and the labor officials, together with the Stalinists, continue to look to the capitalist politicians for salvation. They alternate between extravagant hope and equally extravagant disillusionment.

First, when Eisenhower proclaimed his decision to "defend" the executive branch of government, May 18, the liberals hailed it as the latest "beginning of the end" for McCarthy — "firm stand" — "sign of aggressive Presidential leadership," etc.

Next, when Eisenhower's decision was gleefully seized by McCarthy's Committee to suspend the hearings for a week as a preliminary move to scuttling them completely, a great howl of anguish went up from the anti-McCarthy press. The urbane language of the editors of the New York Times gave way to what sounded almost like stridency in those staid columns: "incredible decision" . . . "plays directly into the hands of Senator McCarthy" . . . "stupid and harmful."

Already one sizable portion of the Delta region is in the hands of the Vietminh and another portion, extending to the gates of Hanoi — major city of the Indo-Chinese people. Instead, the Eisenhower administration continues to prepare for military action in an attempt to beat back the freedom-seeking Indo-Chinese.

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LIBERAL VIEW

The alternate moods of the liberals over the day-to-day ups and downs of the hearings flow from their inability to understand: (1) How to fight fascism. (2) How to mobilize the only force that can stop fascism — the organized working class.

Instead of seeing the struggle with McCarthyism as the struggle with the American form of fascism, they picture it — at this late date! — as a fight between the legislative branch of government and the executive.

But the fight is not that at all. The McCarthy-Army hearings revealed, even from the liberal standpoint, that it is a conflict between two types of executive authority — McCarthy's vs. Eisenhower's.

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As far back as four years ago McCarthy was already constructing his secret apparatus of a government within a government.

On Feb. 9, 1950, on the day following his speech in Wheeling, West Virginia, McCarthy boasted in a radio interview at Salt Lake City: "I have many other sources of information . . . some of them right in the State Department."

Carey McWilliams in the Nation, May 22, traces the development of McCarthy's spy net over the last four years. He recalls, for example, that during McCarthy's investigation of the

Revive Moves to Send Troops to Indo-China

By Daniel Roberts

More hot wars, more Korea-like police actions, more sacrifices of American lives — this is the program of the Eisenhower administration as it confronts the rising revolutionary movement for national independence in Asia.

This is the meaning of the revival of the administration's plan to commit American troops in Indo-China. The new talk about sending ground forces to the jungle battlefields was revealed by Joseph and Stewart Alsop in their syndicated column of May 17.

"What is now under discussion," they state, "is no one-shot intervention, but full-scale, permanent intervention in the (Indo-Chinese) war. Furthermore, the discussion is anything but academic."

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McDonald Proposes United Labor Conference

Another top CIO official has proposed a conference of all unions to put pressure on the White House and Congress to take action on problems vitally affecting the American working people.

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David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers, told the CIO's unemployment conference in Washington on May 12 that a call should be issued for a conference of the CIO, AFL, railroad brotherhoods and the United Mine Workers to put "maximum pressure on Congress and the Administration to carry out the purposes of the Full Employment Act of 1946."

Previously, Emil Rieve, president of the CIO Textile Workers Union, had expressed the view at the TWUA convention on May 5 that if certain proposed "neofascist" Taft-Hartley amendments were passed by Congress, "I would propose . . . to immediately call a conference of unions affiliated with the CIO, the AFL, and independents, and lay plans for drastic measures."

POLITICAL ACTION

Reuther's program of action summed up to an appeal for the workers to vote in November to retire "about three dozen reactionary politicians" from Congress — that is, to return reactionary Democrats in place of some of the reactionary Republicans now in Congress.

NO POSITIVE ACTION

Neither McDonald nor Rieve, whose unions represent a good third of the CIO membership, pressed at the CIO conference for any immediate positive action. CIO President Walter Reu-

ther talked big as usual without coming forward with any plan to mobilize the labor movement of America for real action.

The CIO conference wound up ineffectually with hasty visits of the delegates to their various congressmen to complain about the unemployment situation. But this is a poor substitute for the mass mobilization of millions of workers in meetings, demonstrations, marches, etc., to put real heat on the Big Business government.

THE FIRST PLANK OF THIS PROGRAM

should be the establishment of an independent labor party, based on the unions, to put real representatives of labor and the minorities in Congress in place of all the present members from both capitalist parties.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

congratulated the French section of the Fourth International "for the indefatigable campaign which it is pursuing for the attainment of peace in Viet Nam, for the withdrawal of the French Expeditionary Corps, and the recognition of the Ho Chi Minh government."

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DAVID J. McDONALD

"For America" -- Or for McCarthy?

By L. P. Wheeler

Is a third capitalist party headed by the fascist Senator from Wisconsin, Joseph R. McCarthy, coming into being? Widespread speculation on this possibility was provoked by the formation of the "For America" group in Chicago on May 7.

The new political organization was formed by a group of millionaires, right-wing Republicans, Southern Democrats and the hard core of the old isolationist, America First crowd around Col. Robert R. McCormick, ultra-nationalist publisher of the Chicago Tribune.

Hamilton Fish, a red-hunter of the thirties who blazed the witch-hunting trail McCarthy is following today, seems to be McCormick's key man in the new organization.

Robert W. Wood, former President of Sears, Roebuck, was designated Co-chairman along with Clarence Manion. The list of sponsors and executive board members reads like a rogue's gallery of pro-McCarthy capitalists and politicians. Included are: Robert Harris, Texas oil and farm tycoon; Frank C. Rhathje, Chicago banker; Daniel F. Rice, Chicago broker; Eugene F. McDonald, Jr., President of the Zenith Radio Corp.; Chauncey McCormick, director of the International Harvester Corp.; and C. E. Tuttle, Baltimore investment broker.

The May 7 meeting which launched "For America" took place behind closed doors in the swank Chicago Club. A program was issued to the press. It is heavily weighted with social demagogic planks aimed at appealing for popular mass support. One of the publicists of "For America," Frank Hughes, wrote an article in the Chicago Tribune, March 5, outlining this program: "The most frequent complaint (of the people) is against internationalism—against foreign aid spending, high taxes, continued military conscription, the 'uneasy truce' in Korea, the unbalanced budget and 30 cents dollars, and the fact that Eisenhower Republicans are carrying on the same foreign policy that was voted out with Truman and Acheson in 1952."

MCCARTHY APPROVES

Where does McCarthy stand in relation to this political set-up? He told newspaper reporters that he had advance knowledge of the formation of "For America." And he said the new organization is composed of a good bunch of Americans from the names I've read."

But McCarthy hasn't become formally identified with the "For America" outfit and it isn't likely that he will, at least for the time being. According to the announcements of Hamilton Fish, "For America" will not function as a third party in the 1954 elections but will "fight within both parties" for candidates that support its program. This fits in with McCarthy's strategy for the elections.

McCarthy hasn't finished with his attempt to grab control of the Republican party machine. While his sharpening struggle with the administration was dramatically highlighted by the Army-McCarthy hearings, this struggle hasn't been definitively resolved. If the Republican high command decide to patch up the break with McCarthy to restore a "common front" for the '54 elections, they will be able to do so only by making substantial concessions to the fascist senator.

In that case the internal factional war between the fascist wing of the Republican party and the old-line machine will enter a new stage. The formation of "For America" could very well be intended to serve the McCarthy forces as a means of blackmail in internal party bargaining.

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What Stops Peacetime Development of Atomic Energy

By Roy Brown

President Eisenhower's proposals on atomic energy made to the United Nations General Assembly last December are still on the international discussion agenda. They crop up periodically in the press.

Eisenhower made the usual threats against the Soviet Union, boasted of American atomic might—but figuratively held out the hand of international cooperation to the Soviet Union—if the latter should be willing—to turn the power of the atom to useful, non-destructive ends.

If Eisenhower really meant what he said, it would indeed represent a sharp turn in American policy. Eisenhower's stated aims were to reduce the world's destructive atomic stock piles, encourage world-wide investigation into peacetime use of atomic materials, and show that "the great powers of the earth, both of the East and of the West, are interested in human aspirations . . . rather than in building up armaments of war."

To these ends he proposed an international conference with the Soviet Union on atomic arms problems, and contributions by the U.S. and the USSR of atomic materials to an international agency (under the UN) which would develop atomic energy for peaceful, beneficial world use.

The Eisenhower administration even points to deeds to back up its claim to be ready to inaugurate the era of peaceful atomic power. Last October the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission loudly announced the impending construction, for the first time, of a full-scale plant for producing industrial power from atomic materials. The press gave wide publicity to this announcement.

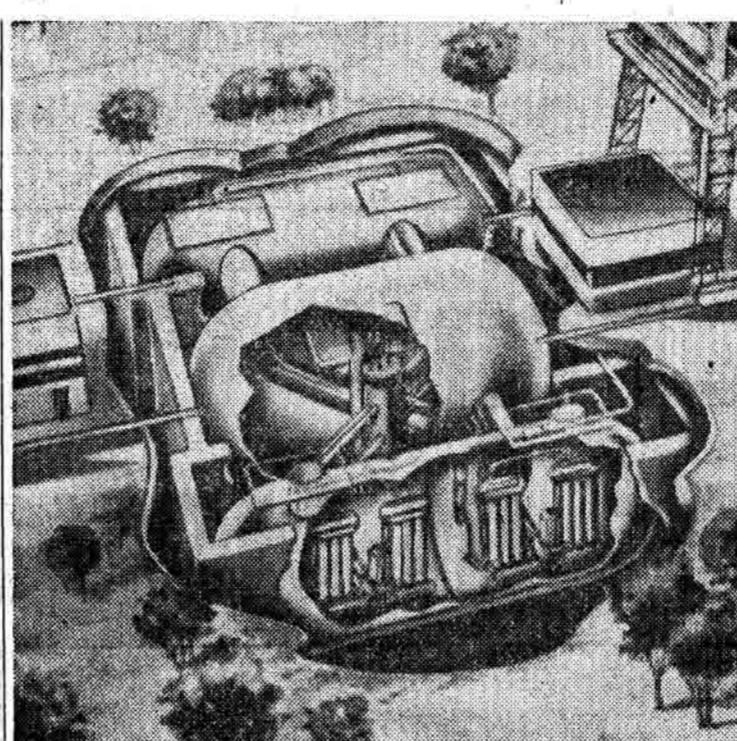
WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

But is American capitalism ready to call a halt to the atomic-hydrogen-bomb race? Let us look at the record.

In August 1945, U.S. planes exploded atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, exposing to a shocked world a new power which could destroy lives on a mass scale.

In the almost nine years since then, billions of dollars have been spent by the U.S. government for atomic research and development. The overwhelming bulk of these expenditures has been for expansion of destructive uses of the atomic bomb. Bigger bombs, better bombs, smaller but more efficient bombs. In 1951, 16 test bombs were detonated by the United States.

Development work moved to the still more terrible hydrogen bomb. In November 1952, an island in the Pacific was annihilated by this latest fruit of American atomic research. And now a whole series of tests this spring have shocked the entire world with the perspective they reveal of total destruction should man-



An artist's sketch of the atomic reactor and heat exchanges to produce steam at the nation's first control station nuclear power plant, to be built at Shippingport, Pa., near Pittsburgh.

kind be plunged into World War III.

What has been done in America in this same period to develop the enormous potential of useful peacetime atomic power? Only driblets of token effort.

Scientists and engineers have known for many years that industrial power from atomic energy is feasible. For instance, the atomic plant producing plutonium for atomic bombs develops great quantities of heat in the atomic conversion furnace.

In a program of rational utilization, the atomic "piles" would be operated primarily to generate this heat for useful power, to drive machinery, produce electricity, heat buildings—or at the very least, the piles would be made centers for study of means of utilizing this heat beneficially.

ENERGY WASTED

In the war program of American capitalism, the heat of the atomic "piles" is a useless by-product to be discarded. Over the years, the energy output of the plutonium works at Hanford, Wash., has been wasted by running the generated heat into the Columbia river.

But was this situation perhaps an unfortunate, unplanned result of hasty construction during World War II? Not so. In the case of the recently constructed giant atomic plant on the Savannah river, engineers have pointed out that easy and relatively inexpensive provisions could have been made to utilize the abundant power produced, taking advantage of lessons learned from the older Hanford atomic pile.

Instead the Savannah plant

ignores the atomic power ready at hand and wastefully discards the enormous quantities of heat, just as at Hanford. At Savannah the atomic plant drains the power supply of the country of millions of kilowatts for its operation, while the plant itself produces and throws away millions of kilowatts of energy.

This is an attempt by the official NAACP leadership to quiet the growing unrest among the Negro people in this period of increasing unemployment and the wide-spread witch hunt. There has been a loss of faith and a disillusionment among the Negro people in the local NAACP because of its failure to militantly push for jobs, housing and education.

JIM-CROW PARTY LABEL
The NAACP leaders seek to regain their prestige by putting up a Negro candidate, although he is running under the label of Jim Crow parties, Democrat and Republican. These leaders are supported by the Democratic liberals and the Stalinists who rely on the present local NAACP leadership to corral the Negro vote for the old-line capitalist political machine.

Even the smaller countries of Europe, too poor to support construction of atomic power plants, have combined to further atomic research for peaceful ends. A European pool for atomic research has been formed by England, France, West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Italy, Switzerland, Greece, and Yugoslavia.

This pool utilizes research atomic reactors in England, France, Norway, and the Netherlands, and will also study reactors being constructed in Bel-

gium and Sweden. Information and results are made available on a non-secret basis to all countries, including the United States and the Soviet Union.

Why now, after years of shameful lagging, do Eisenhower and the Atomic Energy Commission show sudden interest in peaceful industrial atomic power?

The answer is actually very simple. The Russian developments in the hydrogen bomb field have aroused fears on the part of American capitalism that the Soviet Union may be catching up in the international atomic competition. The proclaimed new concern of the Atomic Energy Commission for industrial atomic power is an integral part of the war preparations of American Big Business.

The new atomic power project (actually the renovation of an old, discarded project for an atomic-powered aircraft carrier) was announced by Atomic Energy Commissioner Thomas E. Murray in a speech in Chicago last October. The Wall Street Journal reported Murray's speech in part as follows:

"Mr. Murray tied in this new

government atom power plant with the cold war as a race in peaceful atom development to keep ahead of Russia. He said if Russia should get ahead of us in this field it might have disastrous results because it might make people think that while we were preparing for war the Reds are preparing for peace, and second because it might so impress the world that countries might turn to Russia for technical know-how . . ."

Nothing could be plainer. Eisenhower talks about useful atomic power plants because of fear that the Soviet Union may gain the prestige of being the first to develop useful atomic power. The Soviet Union might thereby increase its attractiveness to the peoples of the world who fear atomic war, and simultaneously expose the American war-mongers' lack of interest in atomic energy except as a war weapon.

IN THEIR TRUE LIGHT

We can now see the Eisenhower proposals in their true light. They are only a cheap and hypocritical maneuver in the war preparations of American Big Business.

(1) They attempt to take the initiative away from the Soviet Union in propaganda on who will lead the world to peaceful atomic power. They attempt to cover up the hitherto brazenly open concentration of the U.S. on atomic war weapons, in the face of growing Soviet atomic technique.

(2) They propose an accumulation of atomic materials from the Soviet Union and the United States—at first small but undoubtedly to be expanded later—under a United Nations agency. This means control by the U.S. and its satellites, and would be the introduction of the finger and hand of American capitalism, under guise of international control, into Soviet atomic operations.

\$14,000 Fund Scoreboard

Branch	Quota	Total Paid	%
Allentown	\$ 65	\$ 75	115
Detroit	500	545	109
Buffalo	1,500	1,500	100
Newark	400	400	100
Youngstown	150	150	100
Philadelphia	400	392	91
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,200	998	83
Cleveland	250	205	82
New York	3,000	2,454	81
Boston	500	387	77
Chicago	1,500	1,134	76
Los Angeles	2,500	1,742	70
San Francisco	700	485	69
Pittsburgh	150	100	67
St. Louis	250	30	40
Oakland	100	22	22
Akron	250	35	14
Seattle	260	133	51
Total through May 18	\$14,000	\$10,935	79

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... Anti - McCarthy Campaign

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"Our country is at the crossroads of world-shaking events and the Socialist Workers Party has shown that it is supremely qualified to deal with and guide the destinies of our nation."

Nick of the San Francisco branch, has the highest individual score of 340 points. Jack of St. Paul, came in second with 311 points and Steve in Los Angeles is third with 310 points.

Congratulations go to these three who are afraid of a challenge to their leadership. The Kennedy candidacy is a defensive move of the "Talented Tenth" against mounting dissatisfaction within the Negro community.

The entry of the Negro community here into the 1954 election campaign points up the growing dissatisfaction with the lack of an effective program. The fact that the NAACP leadership, churches and civic groups seek to channelize this sentiment into the Democratic Party shows they are afraid of a challenge to their leadership. The Kennedy candidacy is a defensive move of the Negro community.

The three top branches in the sale of the Anti-McCarthy pamphlets are St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Milwaukee. Honors in the sale of America's Road to Socialism go to Minneapolis, Pittsburgh and St. Paul. And the winners in the sale of the Case of the Legless Veteran, the story of James Kutter's long battle against the witch hunt are: Youngstown, Newark and San Francisco.

From the point of view of rounded participation in the campaign with all three items of literature, the Minneapolis branch was outstanding, having taken second place with anti-McCarthy pamphlets, first place with America's Road to Socialism and extension of adult education.

CONFERENCE PICKS HIM
He was selected as a candidate by a local NAACP-sponsored conference of delegates from a number of church, civic and fraternal organizations in the Fillmore district. This district is mainly a Negro, Chinese and working-class community. All the participating organizations agreed to back Kennedy.

If the leaders of the Negro community want to really further a program of total integration and equality, they would break with the old-line parties, which have records of nothing but betrayal of the Negro people. They would have waited until after the primaries and then entered a genuinely independent candidate in the fall elections.

THE ANTI-FASCIST LITERATURE CAMPAIGN
The anti-fascist literature campaign is now concluded. But, as Ralph Martin of Minneapolis pointed out, the job of selling this literature has just begun. Many more thousands of American workers must be reached with a full explanation of the fascist danger and armed with a program that will assure the victory against fascism in America.

Now I'm back in New York at my desk in the Militant editorial office. I feel that the tour has given me a greater insight into what's happening in the American working class. I have the firm impression that we are on the eve of a great radical awakening. The tour has also taught me a lot about the Socialist Workers Party. And the better you know the SWP the more confident you become of the coming victory of the American workers.

WOULD STRENGTHEN HAND
Such an independent candidate and campaign would give the entire Negro community immeasurably more bargaining power in the state government. They could go to the powerful union movement for support for their demands. It would have strengthened the hand of the Negro community all along the line from local to federal governments in gaining relief for the unemployed and breaking down the barriers of segregation.

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Reuther's Attack on Local 659

For daring to criticize policies of Walter Reuther, United Automobile Workers President and CIO head, the Flint Chevrolet Local 659 has been placed in the hands of a dictator-receiver appointed by Reuther's International Executive Board. Fourteen members and officers of Local 659 — which has one of the proudest records of militancy in the UAW — have been placed under charges and will be given a hearing before a special trial board of the International Executive Board on May 25.

The charges against the 14 include "failing and refusing to conform" to the International Board's directives on matter published in the *Searchlight*, Local 659's hard-hitting newspaper. This is the real heart of Reuther's case, although a cooked-up charge of financial irregularity is thrown in as an extra smear.

Reuther and his lieutenants claim that the *Searchlight's* attacks on him contained "anti-union propaganda." We don't want to defend every line and word ever printed in the *Searchlight*, we haven't read it with a magnifying glass like Reuther has. But we have often been impressed by progressive, solidly pro-union proposals contained in the *Searchlight*.

Among these is its advocacy of the 30-hour week at 40 hours' pay, the most immediately effective answer the unions can raise to the growing problem of unemployment. Is it mere coincidence that a union local which has raised this slogan against the opposition of the Reuther machine has been selected for bureaucratic suppression?

We note that UAW Vice President John W. Livingston, who heads the UAW's General Motors department, has complained that the *Searchlight* had denounced the Reutherite executive board's review board on GM grievance

procedure as "anti-union, unethical, unjust, inefficient, incapable, and [makes] the direct inference, if not the direct charge, that the board is in collusion with management."

Reuther's answer to these serious charges — which reflect an opinion held by a high percentage of GM workers — is to gag the union, remove its duly-elected officers, threaten them with trial and expulsion, and put the membership under a hand-picked dictator.

This anti-democratic action occurs, moreover in the midst of savage McCarthyite-type witch-hunt hearings being conducted in Flint and Detroit by the House Un-American Activities Committee. These hearings, run by Rep. Kit Clardy (R., Mich.), have been directed primarily at the auto union. Even Reuther and his executive officers had to admit, in an otherwise generally weakly statement, that these smear hearings "have denied citizens their democratic rights . . . have scorned the Bill of Rights."

Yet it is precisely the moment when the government witch-hunters are trying to weaken the UAW, turn member against member with slanders and red-baiting, that Reuther has chosen to move against Local 659. It is amidst the hysteria and lynch atmosphere created by the Clardy hearings and the incitements of the anti-labor daily press that Reuther has acted.

Obviously, Reuther has deliberately taken advantage of the anti-labor witch hunt to strengthen his personal machine and reactionary policies in the union. He is trying to silence those who are doing no more than exercise their elementary union democratic rights to criticize the leaders. The historic tradition of the UAW cries out against Reuther's action.

McCarthy's Social Demagogy

Fascism does not win a mass following by an appeal to anti-communist prejudice alone. This movement to save capitalism through brutal, open dictatorship and the violent destruction of organized labor resorts to the most flagrant social demagogy to win popular support. It promises all kinds of reforms and does not hesitate to issue the most radical-sounding programs.

It was not by accident that Hitler named his party the National Socialist Workers Party. Thus he appealed to the working class, as well as to the lower middle-class that formed his main base, and promised "socialism" while preparing to obliterate the parties that traditionally advanced the socialist idea.

Our characterization of McCarthyism as "American fascism on the march" has brought the query from a number of quarters, "If McCarthyism is fascism in its American form, where is McCarthy's social demagogy?"

It is true that McCarthy has leaned heavily, thus far in his drive for power, on the issue of "reds in government" and "20 years of treason." But this is by no means his exclusive theme and he has shown himself quite able to employ more positive themes in his social demagogy.

Thus, on May 8 in Athens, Wis., McCarthy spoke to a group of Wisconsin dairymen on problems of the farmers and dairymen. McCarthy arrived at the meeting hall four hours late, but his audience waited for him patiently.

The Union Leaders' "Grand Strategy"

The AFL and CIO leaders have worked out similar "grand strategies" for the coming fall elections. It's true their "grand strategy" of supporting pro-war, anti-labor Democrats against the pro-war, anti-labor Republicans did not work out so well in November 1952. But they think they have some of the wrinkles ironed out. They've now figured out, scientifically and mathematically, how to attain their political objectives with a minimum of time, energy, money and votes.

They propose to concentrate their campaigns and resources in districts where they claim the shift of a few thousand votes — based on the 1952 returns, of course — will elect enough Democrats to give the Democratic machine control of Congress next year. Through this device, according to CIO President Walter Reuther, it might be possible to retire "about three dozen reactionary politicians" and tip the balance of power in Congress toward the Democrats.

The AFL leaders, for their part, frankly admit that their political action program has never been able to arouse enough enthusiasm among the AFL's 10-million members to raise more than \$600,000 in contributions for political activities. The AFL tops have decided, however, not to advance the kind of political program which will evoke financial sacrifice from the ranks, but to campaign in just a few areas where the vote has been close in the most recent elections.

Let us assume that these political slide-

... Moves to Send Troops Revived

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Chinese people) plus the opposition of the mass of the people in France, England and the United States to imperialist intervention against the movement that forced the Eisenhower administration to back down three weeks ago from its intention of immediately committing American troops.

The set-back to imperialism is so staggering that Secretary of State Dulles even went so far as to intimate that the Eisenhower administration had written off the possibility of rescuing the French in Indo-China.

But despite this enormous setback, the war drive of American imperialism against the national liberation struggle in Asia continues unabated, simply falling back to new lines from which to again move forward when the time is deemed ripe.

That is why the American people must keep raising the demand: No American troops to Indo-China! Withdraw the troops from Korea! Allow the Asian people to determine their own fate!

Scene of Indo-Chinese Victory



This desolate battle scene confronted Vietminh independence troops as they captured the French-held fortifications at Dien Bien Phu in northern Indo-China. The French invaders, fighting a losing war against the revolutionary Indo-Chinese people, set up the Dien Bien Phu fortifications with the idea of luring the Vietminh forces into a massed frontal attack and destroying them with overwhelming fire power, including American war planes and napalm bombs. The power of the revolution defeated the French "operation killer" scheme.

... Protects Fascist "Cells"

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Voice of America, the New York Journal American, a Hearst newspaper, referred to an "underground cell" which consisted of some 75 "patriotic employees" who called themselves "the vigilantes" and declared they stood ready to "tell the FBI or Congress that left-wingers and pro-reds had taken over many key jobs in the agency." Seventy-five McCarthyite operatives in one small government agency!

This is part of the sinister development that confronts Eisenhower's administration, and not the "enroachments" of the legislative branch of government.

The rotted structure of the capitalist state is infested with fascist termites.

PROMISE TO RESUME

Sen. Mundt has promised to resume the hearings. Can we expect that this time, after a week's mulling over the bad publicity, the Republican party has received and the black eyes that have been given Eisenhower, McCarthy will finally be trapped and destroyed by the committee which he dominates? By a committee operating on McCarthy's "ground rules"? Without the real charges against McCarthy even voiced?

The Army is represented by the milk-sop known as Sec. Stevens. He is the face of the administration. He goes limp and does not dare to charge anything more than the ten-cent fact that McCarthy's aides sought special favors for Pvt. Schine.

The fact that McCarthy is seeking to infiltrate the military caste and bring it under his political domination for the purposes of establishing a fascist dictatorship in America isn't even whispered.

And on the committee sit three wooden figure-heads of the Democratic Party. All of them voted Feb. 2 for the \$214,000 that Mc-

Carthy demanded from the Senate to continue operations. Do the Democrats McClellan, Jackson and Symington take the opportunity to answer McCarthy's frame-up charge that their party while in power committed high treason for twenty years? Not at all. And yet the "twenty years of treason" charge is the heart of McCarthy's current demagogic. It is copied right out of Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. It is the program around which McCarthy is now assembling army officers, FBI agents, and a vast army of federal, state and local officials and police to his banner.

FASCIST "POPULARITY"

Under these conditions what can be expected from the hearings at best except a stalemate?

There is much talk about McCarthy's decline in popularity as a result of the hearings. Two important factors must be borne in mind:

(1) Fascism does not win by persuasion or "popularity" in the old sense. Beginning with a fanatical band of followers, it bludgeons its way to power. At first the fantastic lies and bullying provoke wide revulsion. But as the social crisis deepens, and the liberal and labor official opponents fumble and bungle and offer nothing but the worn-out record about "it can't happen here," the fascists begin to impress the middle-class masses with their invincibility.

It is this that creates the real "popularity" of the fascists — their unobstructed successes in the battle with the demoralized old political machines of capitalism and the labor bureaucracy. These successes begin to create the illusion among the frustrated and disoriented middle class, and even sections of the working class, as well as the mass of government officials, that for all its foul methods, the fascist movement is the real power and

will "get something done." This illusion is fostered by the lavish demagogic the fascists use when the right moment comes.

Isn't it clear already that McCarthy's following are not impressed by his "veracity" but really don't care? What they are impressed with is his brutal drive — the audacity of his lies — his dynamism and "invincibility."

TOUGHENED BY BATTLE

(2) The fascist forces, both in the government and among the masses, have become consolidated and toughened over what they view as McCarthy's "ordeal." Under fire, they feel that their "leader" is taking them through their first major battle. The underground cells feel that the "leader" let them down. They feel drawn closer to him.

On the other side, the anti-McCarthy sentiment, which is undoubtedly much larger than the pro-McCarthy, has no organizing center to focus upon. To the extent that it looks to the Democrats and the Eisenhower Republicans, it feels systematically let down and even deceived. This mood can change to skepticism and from that to cynicism and apathy.

The burning need of the hour is to create an organizing center for the anti-fascist forces. It is imperative that this center be completely independent from the treacherous leadership of the liberals. The main feature of such a viable center of struggle against the fascist danger must be the mobilization of the working class.

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passing in my opinion." D.S. apparently believes caution is a close cousin of realism even if it expresses itself by an inability to arrive at any conception of the most important political phenomenon in the United States.

Having assured the editors that it is neither wrong nor embarrassing to be cautious, D.S. throws caution to the winds: "Under present conditions, it would be incorrect for us to insist that only labor can halt McCarthy. It is true that fascism — once the main capitalist forces

— are behind it — can be stopped only by labor. But McCarthy himself, as of now, can be halted, even destroyed, by capitalist forces."

"AS OF NOW"

One thing is clear in this passage: "As of now" D.S. has adopted the same position on McCarthyism as the liberals, labor officials and Stalinists. The logic of this position is that we should not only stop insisting that only labor can halt McCarthy but that we should get behind the "capitalist forces" that can destroy McCarthy, and help them do the job.

This position is the logical consequence of the claim that McCarthyism is not fascism. By lumping together the distinctive fascist movement with the "old line" capitalist political machines, D.S. walks into the trap of supporting liberal capitalism and the labor bureaucracy's policy.

D.S. says, "it is true that fascism — once the main capitalist forces are behind it — can be halted only by labor." We are offered this innocent-sounding phrase as a statement of the fundamental position of Marxists on the fight against fascism. In reality this phrase boils down to its essence the whole policy of the labor bureaucrats, liberals and Stalinists. What does D.S. say? He says that the capitalists can stop fascism before they decide to get behind it.

This is a terrible fallacy.

The fascists begin, without any substantial support in the ruling group of capitalists. Given the default of the working class in resolving the social crisis, the fascists develop their movement step by step to the point where they convince the "main forces" of capitalism that they offer the only way out for them. Such a moment is already an extremely advanced situation implying the successive failure of the working class to solve the crisis by socialist revolution. The fascists have already mobilized a mass movement of millions.

AND THEN?

The hackneyed formula voiced by D.S. would turn the working class towards support of the capitalist "destroyers" of McCarthy — until the eleventh hour. And then? Then it may be too late. The whole problem of fighting American fascism is to prevent it from becoming so powerful as to command the support of the "main forces" of capitalism. Our problem is to crush McCarthy and his movement now, while it is still in the incipient stage, before it has crystallized and gained an organized movement of millions backed by the decisive sections of monopoly capitalism.

What does H.B. do? H.B. obviously wants to cover his "pedestrian" program with an attack on the program of the Socialist Workers Party. For the sake of convenience he distorts grotesquely our analysis.

We have never said that the capitalists have "accepted fascism." We say that the American capitalists are fascist-minded in the sense that they are determined to smash the labor movement.

But for the capitalists to swing behind McCarthy and take all on his drive to power, the McCarthyites will have to muster considerably more power than they have at this time.

What does H.B. do? H.B. counterposes to our formula of fascism or socialism? His "realistic," "pedestrian" proposals turn out to be the same as the program of the "progressive" labor bureaucrats. He counterposes to the perspective of struggle for workers power as the only means of preventing the mass growth of the fascist movement — a labor party.

In this way H.B. shows that the program of socialist revolution and with the consciousness that the realistic alternatives are workers power or fascist power.

H.B.'s kind of labor party would be worthless in stopping McCarthy just as the independent political parties of the European workers were worthless in the struggle against fascism because they failed to see the fight as decisive; that is, as a fight between fascism or socialism.

WHAT IS REQUIRED

H.B., like the Stalinists, is blinded by the fact that the program of socialist revolution is not accepted by the American workers today. But the problem is how to change the fact into its opposite. For this, objective forces working in the experience of the masses are required. And in addition — the tenacious efforts of the revolutionary party. Here is exactly where the magazine of "realistic thinkers" enters the path of treachery to the working class.

They have abandoned the struggle for a revolutionary party. That is to say they have abandoned the only truly realistic way of fighting for the survival of the working class against the fascist menace. Thus without even allowing a decent interval to elapse since they split from the SWP, they have launched their effort to enter the ranks of those who do the "thinking" — and apologizing — for the labor bureaucracy.

The Negro Struggle

By Jean Blake

In Reply to a Reader

[Note: This writer has received an unusual letter — five pages, typed single-spaced, attacking this column in particular and The Militant in general for our support of the Negro struggle for equality and justice. While it is obvious from the letter itself that its author is extremely prejudiced against Negroes, and his thinking is by no means typical of the readers of this paper, I think it may prove worthwhile to answer him in this column. His letter contains a type of confusion that unfortunately is all too common among many white workers. I know I have had to deal with it where I work, and I am sure many of you also have faced this problem. Your comments on the discussion will be welcomed.]

Dear Mr. S.:

In concluding your lengthy and, I believe, serious letter of April 28, you attempted to anticipate my response with the following:

"Naturally in your reply to my letter — if you have the courage to reply, that is — you will SMEAR me by calling me a racialist, a Fascist and a McCarthyite. You will not consider any of the proven facts which I have included in my letter, but you will go off half-cocked, shouting vile names towards me because I said something unfavorable about your 'sacred cow' — the Negro. You, doubtlessly, will use GUILT BY ASSOCIATION, comparing me to a Hitler or a Coughlin. I will be VILIFIED as a paid or misguided capitalist lackey. (Maybe you Marxists are the misguided — poor malcontents that you are.) While it might be very nice to be a paid agent of the Capitalists, I am of a working man's family and was up to the time of the accident a worker — and am now much poorer. Therefore I think, I am on solid ground when I say that racially prejudiced, murderous and drunken members of a minority group who go about attacking, murdering and near-killing others are very definitely violating our civil rights."

First, Mr. S., let me assure you that I shall ignore your vilification and slanderous attack

on us since we have neither the space, the time nor the inclination to reply on that level. I am more concerned with understanding — and helping you understand, if at all possible — why you think as you do, and where you are in error.

Toward that end I propose to deal (1) with your notion that we consider the Negro a "sacred cow," (2) your "proven facts" which you cite as evidence that Negroes violate the civil rights of Caucasians, (3) the related "problems" which you cite to refute the Marxist approach to the Negro question and (4) your questions as to what a socialist United States would be like if our program is successful.

On the first point — if, as you say, you have been reading the Militant for many months

you should have learned that we have no "sacred cows." In my column, as well as other articles in this paper, you must have read many criticisms of actions, policies, and perspectives with which we disagree — whether by Negro leaders or organizations, labor groups, the government, so-called radical groups, politicians, or anyone else.

As for Negroes, we do not generalize about them as a superior group any more than we accept the generalizations of those who consider them inferior. We consider them human beings, no better and no worse than any others.

What we do generalize, and here we base ourselves on "proven facts," not sentiment or prejudice, is the fact that they are unjustly discriminated against in our society. As a group — with individual exceptions, it is true — they do not enjoy equal rights and opportunities with the rest of the population.

The Negro struggle is for equal rights and opportunities, and that is what we support — not every act of every individual simply because he is a Negro.

(To be continued.)

Graphic Demonstration

A sensational example of how easily wire-tapping can be used in frame-ups is reported by I. F. Stone in the May 17 issue of his Weekly. It is an extract from testimony given by Robert Coar, director, Joint House-Senate Radio Facility, U.S. Congress, on May 6 before the special subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee considering legislation to authorize the use of wire-taps as evidence:

Mr. Coar. Some 20 years ago I was District Plant Engineer for the New York Telephone Company, and in that capacity one of my assignments was to make searches for wire-taps. Subsequent to that, I have, prior to coming to Washington and shortly after . . . some 19 years ago, done some development work for the FBI in design of wire-tapping equipment. . .

Mr. Collins. Mr. Coar, when you play back and record the information obtained, can that tape recording be altered?

Mr. Coar. Yes, I have a graphic demonstration of that. . . Simply by playing it back on to a plastic tape, recording on the tape and re-recording from the tape back to the wire, there is no way at all that anyone can tell that there have been changes made in what was on the original wire. . .

You may recall that when Winston Churchill addressed the House we made a tape recording

of his speech, and he had just had some new teeth put in, and so the reporters missed some of it, and asked if they could come up and hear the recording of the tape.

You may recall that he said: "I came not to ask you for money. I came to ask for military aid. We English are putting out all we can towards this effort." And so on and so forth. Mr. Clark changed it around so that Mr. Churchill in very good voice and without any detecting it said: "I came here to ask you for money. The English do as they please. What we do with your money is our business."

So the reporters came in the room and started to take down this testimony and continued taking it down with a straight face, exactly as we had it on the tape. We stopped them after two or three minutes, because we knew they were busy. It just shows what can be done. And these people were right there in the Chamber when that was said. . .

Senator Wiley. With all this scientific work that has been done you mean that there is no way to know that the second tape is phoney?

Mr. Coar. That is right, sir.

Senator Wiley. Then it all goes to the question of the integrity of who is tapping the wire, the integrity of that fellow?

Mr. Coar. That is right, sir. . .

Notes from the News

"VOICE" BOASTS TOO SOON: Within 35 minutes after the Supreme Court ruled that segregated schools are unconstitutional, the official U.S. propaganda radio network, The Voice of America, had beamed the news to all parts of the world in 35 languages. The broadcast claimed that educational segregation of the Negro children has been "ended" by the "democratic process." The broadcasts have been aimed especially at the colored people in Asia and Africa who are bitterly hostile to Jim Crow America. The "Voice" failed to report that not a single Negro school child has been "de-segregated" by the Supreme Court decision, since it said nothing about how and when the ruling would take effect.

THEIR CHIEF DIFFERENCE: A May 18 London Times explained: "Indeed, it has been said that the chief difference (between the U.S. and Britain on Indo-China) seems to be that the British have no policy and are keeping quiet about it, while the U.S. has no policy and is talking about it at the top of its voice." Their chief agreement, however, is that Indo-China must not belong to the Indo-Chinese people.

TWO GUILTY OF NEGRO SLAVERY: Two white brothers, owners of a prosperous west Alabama farm, were convicted in federal court on May 15 of holding terrorized Negroes in outright slavery. Fred and Oscar Dial were charged with paying fines of Negroes in Alabama and Mississippi jails and then forcing them to work without pay on the Dial farm. One Negro worker, Hubert Thompson, was beaten so badly after he tried to escape that he died, according to government charges. Sentencing of the convicted slave-holders was postponed to June 4 and they are free on bond.

FAMOUS REVERSAL: One United Press account of the Supreme Court ruling in the school segregation cases called the decision "probably the most important in U.S. race relations since the famous Dred Scott decision of 1857," which held that a Negro was not a citizen." The UP dispatch added: "The Civil War reversed that decision."

THE AFL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL meeting in Chicago on May 18 rejected the government claim

of less than 3½-million unemployed and declared there are now more than 5½-million out of work "and the figure is growing and will continue to grow if something isn't done to stem the recession immediately."

STATISTICAL SKULDUGGERY: The April Bulletin of the AFL Metal Trades Department states: "There is a lot of statistical skulduggery going on about unemployment. The figures reported by various agencies have shown a vast difference, depending on what that agency is trying to indicate. The major political parties are manipulating the problem, too, with an eye on its consequences in the November elections."

BACKLOG OF WHOSE SAVINGS?: Frequent references to the huge backlog of savings that will help to stem a depression do not tell who holds most of these savings. A recent nation-wide survey made by the United States Savings and Loan League, representing some 4,000 member firms, reveals that 41% of all American families have no savings accounts at all. Some 50% of those who have savings accounts have less than \$1,000 in savings, an amount that could be wiped out in a few months of unemployment or serious illness. Less than 10% of those with savings accounts have more than \$5,000 in accumulated savings.

CATHOLIC HIERARCHY AND McCARTHY: After carefully testing the political wind, the Roman Catholic weekly America, published by the Jesuit order, has decided to criticize Senator McCarthy. Its current issue states editorially that McCarthy is attempting a "piecemeal" and "peaceful" overthrow of the Presidency. The editorial makes no reference to the recent appearance of Cardinal Spellman, leading American prelate, on the platform with McCarthy at the New York communion breakfast attended by 6,000 New York Catholic cops who cheered the fascist senator, chief guest speaker, to the echo while Spellman beamed and pressed McCarthy's hearing. Three years have passed since then, but the Attorney General continues to flout the ruling of the Court — and the Court does nothing about it.

This single example should suffice to convince anyone that it would be neither unprecedented nor out-of-character for the Court to allow its noble-minded May 17 decision to be ignored and circumvented in action too.

A lot has been written on the fact that the May 17 decision was unanimous, but most of it has missed the main point. The justices were unanimous only on one thing — in saying that school

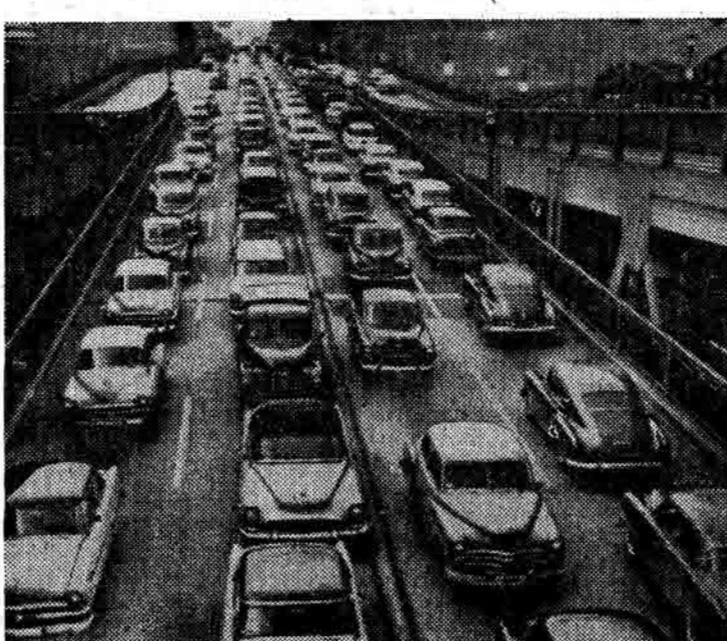
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Cars line up bumper to bumper in Pittsburgh traffic tie-up as a strike of some 2,700 AFL trolley and bus operators shows how essential the transit workers are to keeping traffic moving. Div. 85, Amalgamated Assn. of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach employees, demanded 30-cent hourly raise, but got zero offer.

UAW Officials Score Clardy's Witch Hunting

DETROIT, May 17 — The House Un-American Activities Committee, which opened hearings in this city

May 3, has so far failed to accomplish its intended

objective of recreating the "red" hysteria that it whipped up in the unions here during its 1952

witch-hunting excursion.

This failure is due in large measure to a policy reversal of the top-UAW leadership, which has taken a stand of public opposition to the committee.

During the 1952 hearings the committee was able to extend the witch hunt into the ranks of the UAW primarily as a result of the cowardly and criminal attitude of UAW President Walter Reuther, who folded his hands while the committee levelled a smear attack on his union's largest unit, Ford Local 600. Reuther then put a receivership on the local and suspended its officers.

This time, bowing to the strong demand for stiff opposition to the witch hunters, Reuther will be prejudiced in any degree in his relationship to the union merely and solely because he claims the privilege of the Fifth Amendment. We will resist through the procedures of our collective bargaining agreements any discharge or other discipline of any member of the union by his employer on the sole grounds of having claimed the privilege."

The UAW's frontal attack on

Clardy and his committee was

battressed by a newspaper advertisement published by 75 local lawyers. The ad defended and

explained the right and necessity of utilizing the Fifth Amendment against the committee's frame-up methods of "questioning."

Unfortunately, Reuther still has not mustered the gumption to go as far as the lawyers. While he has now declared that no union member shall be victimized for exercising his constitutional rights, he still tries to appease the witch hunters.

The UAW statement urges that witnesses not use the Fifth Amendment because it has been employed by "hoodlums" and Communists.

Aside from the government stoop-pigeons, all of the subpoenaed witnesses at the hearings have been "unfriendly." As a result of their refusal to answer questions, two local school teachers have been fired and three University of Michigan professors have been suspended.

The suspensions at the university have touched off a strong student-faculty protest movement, with editorials in campus papers, petitions, meetings and letters to the local press condemning the victimizations.

Trumbull Park, Chicago --'It's Like Being in War'

By L. F. Brown and C. Houston

Trumbull Park, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. — concentration camp — 1954! Unbelievable? We spent an afternoon there, visiting six of the 12 Negro families now living in the project that has been the

scene of racist terror.

We called Mrs. Barbara Johnson, one of the Negro residents and she arranged to meet us at the corner of 95th street and Cottage Grove Avenue — 29 blocks from the project. The police drove Barbara Johnson, her 11-month-old son, Tony, and ourselves to the project in a patrol wagon. This is the way Negro families must enter and leave Trumbull Park.

before they do anything when they see the police there. But the police don't really care what happens to us. If some one wants to do something, they suddenly get deaf and blind."

POLICE AT DOOR

There was a loud bang on the door. Barbara jumped to the window. "Who is it?" she called. The police were trying to open the door. "We're looking for someone," one of them said.

"That happens all the time," Barbara told us. "The other night I was fast asleep, and a terrific

knocking on my door woke me up. It was one of the cops. When I opened the door he said, 'Are you home?'

"This is just like being in a war," she continued. "You never know when a bomb might come through your window. You have to be ready to grab your children and run from the house any time of the night and day."

The phone rang. It was her husband Eddy.

"Eddy calls two or three times a day from work to see if we're all right," Barbara said.

She was bitter about the whole situation. "Others are free to walk the streets. We have to go everywhere in a paddy wagon. I always thought this sort of thing only happened down south."

Who Is Behind Racist Attacks at Trumbull?

Who is behind the mob attacks on Negro families living in the federal housing project, Trumbull Park? Is it spontaneous action from the people living in the area?

The answer is no! There are several local fascist groups linked to the disturbances.

Playing the dominant role is the South Deering Improvement Association, an organization composed of property owners from the South Deering section of Chicago. Trumbull Park project is located in South Deering. The SDIA hold their meetings in the field house in Trumbull Park.

The White Circle League, an almost defunct group brought to life by the racial tension in Chicago, is conducting a "white supremacy" campaign in the form of postcards sent to Negro residents in the project, threatening telegrams to the NAACP, and leaflets, some of which were distributed recently at a large auto plant.

BOMBS EXPLODED

There have been as many as 1,100 police officers stationed in Trumbull Park to prevent rioting. On May 11 two Negro families moved into the project. People gathered on the streets that evening in mobs. Bombs were exploded. Only four persons were arrested by the police.

In an article headed "ULTIMATUM FOR MAYOR," the Chicago edition of the Pittsburgh Courier reported on the "promised city-wide demonstration on city hall if the mayor refuses to act . . ." The Courier went on to report, "Blasts against the mayor and the city administration for laxity in law enforcement in Trumbull Park were emphasized in several other quarters this week as civic, labor and church groups stepped up their protests against the affair.

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HOWARD CASE

When Donald Howard, the first Negro to move into Trumbull Park, left the project on May 3, Dinnocenzo hailed the Howards' moving as a victory for "the people of South Deering." He further stated, "The people haven't even begun to fight. When the weather breaks there will be a lot more violence."

Howe Dinnocenzo and his group know this?

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...Negro People Win in School Fight

Whatever happens now, this decision will help the struggle against Jim Crow and weaken the positions of the white supremacists.

But nothing can be gained by over-estimating this victory, and a great deal can be lost if the enemies of Jim Crow think that the fight has already been finished and won. Jim Crow has received a strong blow, but it won't be knocked down or out unless the Negro people and their allies remain alert, keep pushing as hard as they can — and keep one eye on the referee."

Some self-appointed advisers to the Negroes are urging "patience." Let them give this advice to Byrnes and Talmadge if they want to be helpful — but not to the victims of Jim Crow. The more patience shown by the Negro people, the longer it will be before they get justice. They didn't get the legal victory of May 17 by showing patience but by organizing, defying Jim Crow in the South, raising money to enable the NAACP to fight the case in the courts, and by letting it be known that their patience is running out. The way to get more victories is by militancy, not patience.

Another article next week will discuss the reasons for the Supreme Court decision and the perspectives opened up for the anti-Jim Crow movement by this decision and the recent developments reducing segregation in the armed forces.

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the Supreme Court's May 17 decision is entrusted to the Dixiecrat state governments. They have been experts at such tricks ever since the Civil War.

Is it possible that the Supreme Court, after unanimously declaring segregation unconstitutional, would really permit the white supremacists to circumvent its ruling and retain segregation?

Such a thought will appear fantastic only to people