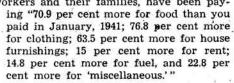
Living Costs Up 45.3%, CIO Says

Bureau of Labor Statistics Tries to Hide True Figures

The dispute over what really constitutes the rise in the cost of living has come to a head with the publication of the CIO report on "Living Costs in World War II." This report conclusively proves that the figures of the Bureau of Labor Statistics have been all wrong in understating the real rise in the cost of living, that it has underestimated increases by a half.

The CIO report shows that the cost of living has skyrocketed by 45.3 per cent. In simple language it means that every person in this country is now paying 45.3 per cent more for the things needed in order to live than he did in January, 1941.

As revealed in the boxed article on this page, the people of this country, in their overwhelming majority workers and their families, have been pay-



The average of 45.3 per cent increase in the cost of living, as reported by the CIO committee, is nearly twice the figure of 23.4 per cent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The interesting thing about the whole dispute over what is really the increase in the cost of living is that only the BLS adheres to its own figures. An economic subcommittee of the Department of Agriculture previously issued a report which nearly coincided with the report of the CIO-AFL committee issued several months ago.

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The CIO report also states that the Social Security Board does not use the Bureau's figures and "makes its own higher estimates of price increases."

The War Food Administration uses the index of the Department of Agriculture, whose investigation of living costs for farm areas reveals the rise

The War Production Board, "in its work dealing with civilian supply and rationing, disregards the BLS Index and makes its own higher estimates of price increases.'

Big business and its editorial mouthpieces, the Wall, Street Journal, Business Week., etc., "have often repudiated the BLS Index and published their own studies showing larger increases in particular fields.

At the same time that the Murray-Thomas report was released, the CIO News points out that William L. Davis, chairman of the War Labor Board, released the report of his own special committee, which found the BLS Index "misleading." Says the CIO News: "The Davis Committee's report, done as part of the President's Committee on the Cost of Living set up last winter, criticized the BLS for deliberately ignoring the total cost of living and selecting only a few items to study."

Referring to the Davis report, the CIO News quotes it as saying: "The widespread opinion that the BLS Index grossly understates the rise in the cost of living is justified, if the cost of living is taken to mean the amount of money a family spends for the commodities and services it buys."

What else can it mean? It certainly doesn't mean the commodities and services a family does not buy! And it doesn't mean luxury goods which the workers and working farmers do not buy! But ... while WLB Davis' committee makes the above acknowledgment-

The WLB continues to accept the figures of the "discredited" Bureau of Labor Statistics report!

Why? By accepting the BLS Index, the WLB uses it to "freeze' w'orkers' wages far below the cost of living! What a spectacle! The Bureau of Labor Statistics issues a report on the

cost of living that is palpably false. No one accepts this false report-not even Davis' committee appointed as the result of presidential action! But the WLB accepts it and uses the report to measure wages and to de-

cide against wage increases! Where does the President come in on all this? The CIO report makes no mention of him at all! Yet it is his Stabilization Act which has frozen wages. It is his administrators who are keeping the wage freeze in effect. It is his War Labor Board which accepts the BLS Index, even though it knows it to

And what do Murray and Thomas propose to do about this? They propose Index! But it is already rejectedbig business circles, the Department of Agriculture, the War Production Board, the War Food Administration and-the WLB itself!

. With all of this knowledge, Murray and Thomas still insist upon their acceptance of the WLB, upon maintenance of the no-strike pledge which has made the labor movement the easy prey of big business, every labor-baiter and every union-buster. Murray and Thomas, despite their knowledge that labor has been getting it in the neck in the war economy, they still have their strings tied to FDR and the Democratic Party of New Dealers, big business men, poll-taxers and union-busters.

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500 Laid Off at Bell, More To Go; Company Hits Seniority

BUFFALO-Layoffs, which have been indiscriminately the company hopes hitting the whole Buffalo area for the past two months, struck sharply at Bell Aircraft Co. workers when more than five hundred of them were laid off recently in the first of a series of cuts which the company has graciously promised its workers. THE MAIN PROBLEM

These layoffs are expected to affect more than five thousand Bell workers in the very near future although an exact estimate is impossible because of the company's policy of spreading contradictory rumors throughout the shop.

The company is trying to break the seniority system in layoffs in several ways. First, an attempt was made to give preference to veterans over other workers regardless of their respecive seniority. This, of course, is becoming an old story throughout the country, as big business tries to play the workers in uniform against the workers in the shops.

FIGHT OVER SENIORITY

In this case, however, Local 501, UAW-CIO, correctly insisted that strict seniority be maintained. The union pointed out that the local has its own veterans in the service who are accumulating seniority and who will naturally expect to come back to the shop where they have senior-

The company is also trying to negate the seniority clauses of the union contract by asking for numerous exceptions, the exceptions exceeding the layoff list in some departments. The overwhelming majority of these exceptions are men easily replaceable by others with more seniority, but by asking for these exceptions

to drive a wedge into the union ranks and destroy the seniority setup entirely.

Unless the union takes vigorous action to forestall these company plans, the life of the union itself will be endangered.

With many particular problems of its own, the main problems of Local 501, UAW-CIO, are those which are a thorn in the side of every union in the country at the time. With layoffs taking place more rapidly, with the ceiling on prices being destroyed by the very government which is supposed to be enforcing them, with a national wage freeze that affects practically every worker in the country and with shop grievances piling up to a mountain, the local unions have their hands tied by the infamous no-strike pledge given by their leaders without their

Until this pledge is rescinded, Bell Aircraft management will continue to ride roughshod over Local 501 just as other managements are riding

roughshod over other local unions. The real weakness of the local and its leadership at the present time is in not making these facts clear to every Bell worker. Both the top bargaining committee and the executive board are up against a stone wall, a stone wall not of their own making and one which they themselves can do little to break. Only the organized action of the workers of Bell, together with the rest of the UAW, can break this wall by rescinding the no-strike pledge and beginning an aggressive fight for labor's demands. These facts can be made known to the whole shop by means of an intensive educational program.

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A PAPER IN THE INTERESTS OF LABOR

ONE CENT

Big Business Staged GOP Convention!

It's More Than Time To Cut The Ropes!



Here's How Your Costs Rose

"Living Costs in World War II," your cost of living 26.8 per cent to 28.5 per cent increase! has skyrocketed to a figure that exceeds the estimate of last January's joint CIO-AFL study.

It has risen 45.3 per cent since January, 1941!

You are now paying:

7.9 per cent more for food;

76.8 more for clothing; 63.5 per cent more for house furnishings;

15 per cent more for rent;

14.8 per cent more for fuel; 22.8 per cent more for "miscellaneous."

Released the same week as the findings of the President's Committee on the Cost of Living, which is chaired by the notorious corporation lawyer and head of the WLB, William H. Davis, the CIO report slammed the deliberate underestimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The figures of this government agency are used as the basis of the WLB's wage policy, which to this day revolves around the fifteen per cent cost of living increase of the Little Steel formula.

Even on the basis of the report of Davis' advisory committee of statistical "experts" this formula is an unjustified affront to the labor movement, since it also revises the BLS figures upwards-from the BLS

According to the latest survey of the CIO, called "total rise" of 23.4 per cent to its own discovery of a

But by its own admission the committee suggested that its survey cannot stand up under close scrutiny. It urged that the BLS estimates be called a "price index" and not a "cost of living index."

In contrast to this deception of the government bureau based on limited investigations, the CIO report is a summary of all of the following factors:

1-Higher dollars-and-cents prices.

2-Quality deterioration.

3-Forced trading-up.

4—Disappearance of low-priced items.

5-Decline in special and week-end sales. 6-Greater increase in restaurant prices than in the prices of food consumed at home.

7-Greater increases in prices of all foods than in the prices of the sixty-one sample foods in the BLS

8-Forced shifts to higher-cost stores.

Any survey which ignores any of these factorsthe BLS ignores most of them-conceals the inner mechanism by which the cost of living has been continually raised. In addition, the BLS found increases to be only half of what every housewife and consumer actually knows them to be!

That the working class of the United States must build a party of its own is the uncontrovertible lesson of the recently concluded convention of the Republican Party in Chicago.

Labor observers at the dull (hapless proceedings in the Windy City voiced the opinion that the Democrats, whose convention immediately follows that of the GOP in Chicago, will have to exert their energies to produce a platform containing more deceptions, more ambiguities, more evasions of the real issues facing the American people today.

LABOR ACTION is inclined to believe that the Democrats are not beyond such miracles. They will produce one every word as pathetic.

The fact of the matter is that big business has just met in Chicago. Big business met this time under the name of the Republican Party. Big business will meet in Chicago again. The next time it will be under the name of the Democratic Party. And it will be revealed that there is not a single fundamental difference between the two.

Tresca Case Still "Mystery" to DA's Office

Sharp criticism of District - Attorney Frank S. Hogan for saying nothing about the unsolved Carlo Tresca murder case in his annual report is voiced in an open letter addressed to him by the Rev. Aron S. Gilmartin, chairman of the Workers Defense League's national executive board, made public last week in New York.

Citing a part of the prosecutor's report, which refers to wire-tapping in "an unrelated case," which revealed the close connection between Magistrate Aurelio and Frank Costello, racketeer, Mr. Gilmartin says: "We think it strange that you made no mention of that 'unrelated case.' which we understand was the Tresca murder."

"A great many people like ourselves," the League official's letter goes on, "are wondering why, after seventeen months, no apparent progress has been made toward apprehending Tresca's slayer and those who instigated that killing."

A FEW POINTED QUESTIONS Mr. Gilmartin asks also:

"Isn't the public entitled, by this time, to some report from you on. what has been done in the Tresca

"What, for instance, did your office discover about the different suspects connected with foreign political groups named as having possible motives for 'eliminating' Carlo Tresca?"

The full letter to Mr. Hogan fol-"We have been greatly interested

in your report on the workings of your office in 1943, and especially in the high percentage of convictions and guilty pleas in felony cases, which you compare with the lower percentage in Mr. Dewey's term as District Attorney.

"You speak of the close relations of Magistrate Aurelio to Frank Costello, racketeer, revealed when detectives from your office tapped Costello's telephone wire while investigating 'an unrelated case.'

"We think it strange, however, that you made no mention of that 'unrelated case,' which we understand was the murder of Carlo Tresca, editor of the Italian-language pa-

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The Republican show was a cutand-dried affair. Everything was decided in the back rooms. A representative convention indeed! Self-appointed leaders and leader-appointed delegates. The delegates came to ratify the decisions of the party bosses!

WHO RUNS GOP?

Who are the party bosses? They are Pew of Sun Oil, they are the political office boys of the big corporations and monopolies in the country -Wall Street bankers, the oil interests, the steel, auto, aircraft and utility enterprises! They are the Winthrop Aldriches, the Rockefellers, the du Ponts, the Wilsons and their likes. These are the real leaders of the GOP, not the little state and county politicians, the ward heelers and the precinct workers. The latter merely carry out the "policies." They do the leg work for the "machine."

In any case, the Republicans went on record officially as the voice of Wall Street. From the keynote speech of California's Governor Earl Warren to the pompous acceptance drivel of New York's Thomas E. Dewey, the Republicans boasted that they were the defenders of the industrialists, the bankers and war profiteers. Their hypocritical wailing against the Roosevelt Administration was based main ly on an unconcealed desire to lay their mitts on the public moneys, political power and privileges the Roosevelt government has in its hands.

Where the Republicans are inclined to retreat to the status quo ante of pre-war foreign policy, to wit, the economic domination of the entire American continent and some minor spheres of influence, the Roosevelt plan for the post-war world represents the conscious determination that American imperialism shall have the most diverse and far-reaching control in the whole

A "LABOR" PROGRAM

While a detailed analysis of the platform must be deferred to next week's issue of LABOR ACTION, its section on "Labor" deserves immediate attention.

Here it is most demagogical and precisely here it forfeits all support from working men and women and trade unionists.

While it condemns the New Deal's usurpation of real collective bargaining, it dare not call for the abolition of that agency of "bureaucratic control," namely, the War Labor Board. The auto, steel and oil corporations know only too sell whose interests that infamous body of corporation lawyers and labor zombies represents.

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Rubberworkers Face Convention

Want No Synthetic Programs or Leaders

By BILL FORD

AKRON - With the announcement

from the URWA International Executive Board that the ninth annual convention of this union will be held in New York in September, Akron rubber workers are beginning to gird themselves for the final stretch of their fight against their Dictator-President Sherman H. Dalrymple and his stooges of the IEB.

As LABOR ACTION readers recall, the big issue that will be decided by this convention is whether or not the United Rubber Workers of America is to be restored as a functioning, genuine democratic organization of workers, or whether it shall continue on as dictator-ridden, half-hearted excuse for a union un-

der its present international leader-

At this convention the ranks will have the opportunity to stem the tide of reaction in their international that reached its high point early this year when the Dalrymple crowd launched out on its company-inspired policy of expelling, without trial, militant unionists who engage in strike action. Before the convention will come the key question of Dalrymple's expulsion in January of seventy-two General Tire Local members, without trial, which has been bitterly fought by the rank and file in Akron

and many other locals in the country. In addition, since the Dalrymple wrecking machine did not stop at this one offense against all union

ing and having fired from their jobs two workers of the Seiberling Local in Akron, and for having levied \$25 fines on more than two hundred workers of the Jeannette, Pa., Local and expelling one unionist there. The International Executive Board recently rejected appeals from these unionists.

News of the internal fight in the international has by now reached everywhere through the ranks. The big question now before them is: Do the anti-Dalrymple forces possess sufficient strength to ensure a genuine victory at the convention? If not,

why not? As LABOR ACTION sees it, there is no GOOD reason why the ranks standards of decency, they will have cannot carry through successfully

to answer for their actions in expell- their fight to preserve democracy ership must be created in this fight, against dictatorship within their union. This issue is so clear-cut and so popular that any kind of fighting campaign that does not seek to pull punches can overwhelmingly convince CIO rubber workers that their true interests lie one hundred per cent for DEMOCRACY and against Dalrymple's machinations.

But everything is not so simple as all that. Victory in this situation cannot be achieved merely by throwing Dalrymple and a few of his more outspokenly vicious cronies (like Tommy Burns and Buckmaster) out on their ears. That would be much too simple.

It is rather a question that out of the ranks of the 178,000 organized rubber workers a new type of lead-

a leadership that recognizes the precarious situation of the whole labor movement today because of the autocratic POLICIES of its official leaders. These policies have been adopted by leaders like Dalrymple because they FEAR having to put up a real fight against the millionaire rubber corporations. They would rather sit back and repeat forever that the government is "taking care of labor's interests" during the war period and labor should therefore sit tight, which means to them: "Don't put up any real effort to enforce union demands."

If the coming convention should arrive at a similar conclusion to Dalrymple's on this matter, it would represent a tremendous waste of time

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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE LABOR FRONT

What is the Meaning of "Free Trade Unions"?

By DAVID GOOLIDGE

Robert Minor, first assistant to President Browder of Stalin's Communist Political Association, has a piece in the Daily Worker of June 27 entitled: "To Tell the Truth: There's Nothing New Under the Sun." The article is concerned with the unions and capitalist enterprise in the post-war period. Minor, it must be remembered, is the man who says that the present war is "a sacred war."

The article begins with the pronouncement that "in this war, every country that has a large free powererful trade union movement is winning. Every country that has not is being defeated." This statement is not true. Russia is winning and Russia does not have a "free powerful trade union movement." There are no genuine trade unions in Russia. There are no labor organizations in Russia such as exist in the United States and England, or such as existed in Russia when there was a Bolshevik Party under the leadership of Lenin and Trotsky.

The Russian trade unions and all "free" organizations of the working class were suppressed and disbanded long ago by the bureaucracy headed by Stalin. The only group which is free in Russia is the group of government bureaucrats and the heads of the big industries. These form a class which exploits the workers and enriches itself from the toil of the masses.

A worker or a group of workers which demanded even the limited freedom which the workers in the United States or England have today would be thrown into jail or shot. Such workers in Russia would meet the same end as did workers in Hitler Germany who insisted on freedom of speech, assembly and organ-

DISTORTING THE TRUTH

The other part of the above quotation is a somewhat subtle distortion and dangerous half-truth. It is true that the United States and Great Britain are winning. It is also true that there is a "large" and "free" labor movement in these countries. Now Minor wants us to believe that the United Nations are winning because there is a "free' labor movement in these countries.

There was a free labor movement in France. The working class in France had tremendously more freedom than the workers in Russia, yet France was defeated by Germany, where there was no "free" labor movement. In fact, we find the armies of all the belligerent countries composed of workers fighting against each other. Simple observation will tell anyone that the question cannot be determined by Stalinist word To the Editor: juggling about "free" and unfree labor movements.

It is true that many workers in the United Nations; in the capitalist democracies, believe that the war is being fought for democracy, that it is a war against fascism. In their minds they are fighting for democracy and not for the perpetuation of or the extension of United States or British imperialism. In their minds they are fighting for the continuedexistence of their "free" trade unions. In their thinking they accept the true but oversimplified statement of their leaders that if Hitler wins that will mark the end of their unions. The capitalist ruling class seizes on and inflames this attitude of the workers in the United Nations and exploits this for its own ends, namely, the waging of imperialist war.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

But Stalin and Hitler, who are dictators in countries that have no "free" labor movements, adopt a similar tactic. Stalin unearths the hoary nationalistic traditions of Czarist Browder party called it an "impe-Russia and incites the enslaved Rus- rialist war," a war being fought by sian masses to defend the fatherland against the German aggressor.

This aggressor, Hitler, to be sure, just before the German army crossed into Russia, was hailed by Stalin, Browder and Minor as a friend of the Russian people and a pillar of world peace. Hitler, not to be outdone by all the rest, also claimed to be fighting a "sacred war." Thousands of German workers hurled themselves against the foe in defense

two gangs, before Hitler's army crossed into Russia.) Is the labor movement as "free" today as it was before the U.S. entered the war? Are unions free to call srikes? Are workers free to move from one job to another? Can a union bargain collectively with management and

come to a wage agreement? Unions and workers are free to do none of these things. These things are controlled by the capitalists

'Remove Bridges'--CIO Unions

ST. LOUIS-Enraged at the scabbing of Harry Bridges during the Mongomery Ward strike, the executive board of the St. Louis Joint Council of the United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Employees, CIO, passed a resolution last week demanding his removal as CIO regional director on the West Coast

Bridges had ordered his members to act as strike breakers during the Montgomery Ward strike. When the URWDSEA-CIO called out the workers at the Chicago Montgomery Ward plant, Harry Bridges told his members in St. Paul where he has an agreement with the company, to fill the Chicago orders for Ward's, despite the union's request that he not do so.

According to the Midwest Labor Record. Bridges is reported to have said in front of Minneapolis officials: "Call it scabbing if you will, but Chicago orders will be filled eight hours a day."

The members of Bridges' union scabbed throughout the strike, while the rest of the CIO, AFL and RR brotherhoods supported it.

A similar reolution demanding the removal of Bridges was passed unanimously last week by he Toledo Industrial Union Council.

The fact that there is an important difference between the political or economic set-up in the United States and England, Germany and Russia, or the fact that there are "free" labor movements in the United Nations and none in Germany or Russia is not what determines either the nature of the war or the probable victor in the contest. Russia will probably be on the winning side without a free labor movement, Germany will lose without a free labor movement.

IS LABOR "FREE" TODAY?

What is a free labor movement today? How is this question to be answered in the concrete circumstances of the present war? (The Stalin-

(Editor's Note: That is only one of

their many fatal contradictions. They

are also the left-wing apologists for

a "workers' state" where the work-

ers neither own, operate or control

"their" state, and where they are

"enslayed" as well. And since Stalin

nationalizes the property of those

areas he "liberates." thereby meeting

their basic criterion for a "workers'

state," they become the advance

agents for an unprecedented phenom-

enon-"the counter-revolutionary so-

cialist revolution." In our opinion,

the Russian army is one of the coun-

ter-revolutionary forces operating in

Europe today. The consequences of

its victories will be just as fatal to

of their fatherland, as they were through their government. Despite important differences now, these things are also controlled by the government in Russia and Germany, where there are no "free" trade

The trade unions in England and the United States are in this condition because there is another freedom which they have not availed themselves of and taken hold of. That is political freedom and political independence. Workers have thisopportunity in the U.S. but they do not have the opportunity in Germany and Russia. In Soviet Russia they made a beginning under the leadership of the Bolshevik Party with Lenin and Trotsky, but Lenin died and Stalin seized the country and suppressed the workers' organiza-

POLITICAL ACTION NECESSARY

A genuinely free labor movement today in the United States would be a movement devoted to independent working class political action. It would be a trade union movement in the process of breaking with the capitalist parties and setting up a workers party, a labor party that would oppose both the Republican and Democratic Parties.

This, of course, is precisely what Browder, Minor and Stalin do not want. They say so. They are very clear and precise on this. Not only are they against independent political action by labor, but they are just as violently opposed to militant action by the unions.

The Stalin - Browder Communist Political Association demands that the working class support capitalism, the Chamber of Commerce, the NAM and the capitalist employers. Minor wants trade unions to exist after the war because trade unions are necessary to the continuation of capitalism, according to him. Of course this isn't true because, for example, there is capitalism in Germany but there are no trade unions there.

In his piece Minor supports the demands of a capitalist publishing house (McGraw-Hill) for cooperation between labor and management. Minor says: Such cooperation could only come "by the integration of the efforts of labor and capital for the victory and for a post-war policy of no strikes, through the only agency that can exist-the United States government."

"THE DECISIVE MEN"

Also, "it could only come after a growing habit of thinking realistically by decisive men of the capitalist class." Now it so happens that the "decisive men of the capitalist class' in the United States are such friends of labor as Rockefeller, the Mellons, du Ponts, Ford, Stettinius, Weir, Girdler, Avery and others. These are the men, according to Minor, who want "strong, powerful, free" trade unions. These are the men whom labor is to cooperate with after the war. It is through cooperation with these men and their like in Europe after the war that labor will achieve "great, free, and powerful trade unions and collective bargaining. It is through cooperation with the big capitalists that every nation in Europe, no less than the U. S., Great Britain and Russia, will have highly organized trade unionism af-

We take it that the candidate of the Communist Political Association for organizer of the world labor movement after the war will be Harry

End of the Line for Bureaucrats in Cleveland Transit Union

CLEVELAND-In a tremendous victory for the rank and file, Willard M. Rea, financial secretary of the Transit Union, Local 268, for the past thirty-two years, was defeated in the runoff election by Harry Lang, young member of the executive board. Lang, running on the slate of Thomas Meaney, incumbent president, received 1,962 votes to 1,028 for Rea.

The large vote for the Meaney slate was a reflection of the disgust with the bureaucratic and dictatorial methods of Rea, who had been the target of the more militant members for many years.

Meaney, who finally came out into the open in opposition to Rea, received 2,304 votes to William Kestner's 694. Al Roe, running on the Rea-Kestner ticket, was defeated by William Bouffard for the position of first vice-president. Charles Surace and George Palicka, Rea's most ardent supporters on the executive board, were both defeated in attempts to gain higher union offices. Most of the board posts showed the same results, with the old-time conservative Rea supporters relinquishing their offices to young militants.

Rea's final effort to avert defeat failed. W. D. Mahon, president of the International Executive Board, exonerated Rea of all charges placed against him by a group of Local 268 members last January. Rea read this communication from Mahon at the meeting preceding the runoff election. It contained passage after passage praising Rea and the great work he had done. However, Michael Mahoney and Bernard Moravec. leaders of the group which had brought the charges, moved that the communication be tabled inasmuch as they had received no duplicate copy of the communication. After an hour and a half discussion, in which Rea and his supporters used every pretense to have the motion declared illegal, it was finally passed three to one and the communication was tabled.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, in an editorial stated that the Transit Union was "out of step with the times" in ejecting from office such an "experienced and able a leader as Willard Rea. Rea to the Plain Dealer symbolizes conciliation and class collaboration; Meaney, militant union-

The union cannot stop here, content with what it has done. It must now direct all that effort, which had formerly been used in internal fights with Rea, toward its wage fight with Walter McCarter, general manager of the Cleveland Transit System, and the Transit Commission. The ousting of Rea has shown McCarter, who actively supported Rea's re-election. that the union will not take his antiunion tricks lying down.

manufacturers and the government, has brought the question of why the owners are so violently opposed to the organization of foremen into unions into the forefront. In addition, the trade union movement is faced with this particular problem, and from various points of view. The Automotive Council for War Production, the manufacturers' organization fighting the foremen, placed advertisements in hundreds

By MIKE STEVENS

The recent strike action by the

foremen of thirteen war plants in

the Detroit area, which aroused an

exceptionally violent outburst by the

movement of foremen was only a first step in the direction of "the still greater danger inherent in the organized drive to unionize management, beginning with foremen." Not only is this statement false, because foremen are not part of management-no one intends to even

of newspapers, claiming that this

try to organize management-but in the past few years the companies have been trying to EXCLUDE from unions larger and larger sections of workers that are already under union agreement. Every time a union negotiates an

agreement it discovers that the owners claim that the snappers, lead men, guards, time-keepers and office help are not workers but part of management. Phony titles by the bushel have been created to take more and more jobs out of union control.

ROLE OF FOREMEN

Gone is the period of capitalism when the foreman expected to be taken into partnership, or open his own establishment as soon as he had enough experience and could dig up the cash. The development of largescale industry under the control of finance capital has shut all avenues of advancement for him, especially as an eventual owner.

The departmentalized modern factory of today and the organization of workers into unions have reduced and limited the foreman's managerial and supervisory functions.

It may seem odd, therefore, that the owners and the government screamed blue murder when the foremen organized and insisted on recognition of their union. Why should the owners object to negotiating a union agreement for hours, wages, seinority rights and grievance pro-. cedure with a handful of foremen, when these same owners have signed union agreements with thousands of workers?

The bosses realize that it is the foremen that can continuously nibble away at the workers' rights in the factory and thus attempt to sap the union's influence and power until it can be destroyed. Without the aid of the foremen, the owners' attempts to wreck a workers' union will be many times more difficultand that is why the owners are fighting any movement that tends to ally the foremen with the workers.

Union foremen, in the mass production industries, cannot exist as such without the workers being organized. It is only as long as the workers' union exists in a plant that the foremen can be hold enough to make demands from the owners. For no matter how well the foremen are organized, if the workers' union is weakened or destroyed, the foremen are at the mercy of the owners. It would be very easy to replace 'a handful of foremen by scabs brought in from the outside and by just promoting skilled but unorganized workers. But when the workers in the plant are organized they will not work with scab foremen. Organized foremen, therefore, could not carry out very well the union-busting policies of the company without cutting their own throats.

WHY FOREMEN ORGANIZE

Foremen no longer have any illusions about becoming "big shots" or membership.

of the company "taking care of them" for past favors. They have seen too many of their number fired at a moment's notice, despite years of service, and without any form of appeal. The newest worker in the shop, through his union, has rights and protection and can make various demands of the company-but not the

Foremen's Organization Raises

New Problems For The Unions

In most cases foremen work on straight salaries. And now with the war on, despite the increased daily working hours, longer work week, and the higher cost of living, their wages have been frozen.

ATTITUDE TOWARD UNIONS

The solidarity of the workers and the foremen is important and can be accomplished. But it is up to the foremen. They need the aid of the workers and the workers' organizations far more than the workers need them. From the day they seek recognition of their union to the time that their demands are granted and observed, the foremen have to rely on the aid of the workers.

In order to merit such support and for further collaboration with the workers' union, 'the foremen must develop their union and their demands along lines that will not be harmful to the workers. As a first and important step in this direction the wage demands of the foremen must be based on a wage structure that does not include bonuses or any form of incentive pay-for production increases, lowering labor costs, reducing the percentage of absenteeism and the like. A wage structure that includes such "incentives" means that the foremen must fight the workers to speed them up, fire the old ones and keep wages down.

At the present time the foremen are being organized into a union of their own, the Foremen's Association of America. From all indications it intends to remain independent and has no intention of affiliating with any international union or federation. There is no need, therefore, at the present time, of discussing this problem.

Although most trade unions exclude foremen from membership, the question has constantly been up for reconsideration. In some localities the foremen have approached the union, while in other locals the workers have suggested that, by having the foremen in the union, they could control their actions.

A trade union should permit foremen into membership only if it has a union agreement wherein foremen are not involved in the hiring, firing or disciplining of a worker, and which bars anyone from being employed if he is not in good standing in the union. Thus any foreman working against the interests of the workers could be fired from the plant by being expelled from the union.

LIMIT FOREMEN'S RIGHTS

in the unions must be limited—and rightly so. For although the executive responsibilities of the foremen have been shorn a great deal and they are further removed from management than ever before, nevertheless they are still not workers. They are still a part of the supervisory structure of modern industry - although at the lowest rung of the ladder. By the very nature of their positions, they think basically in terms of production and efficiency and will always be the most, conservative and restraining influence in a

If a workers' union negotiates a union agreement that gives the foremen higher wages, job security, seniority, etc., the foremen should realize that they are receiving these benefits because of the organized and numerical strength of the workers, and be willing to accept, and understand the reasons for their "limited"

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the workers as the victory of any Both the Cannonites (Socialist capitalist-imperialist force.

Workers Party) and the Oehlerites (Revolutionary Workers League) say hopeless dilemma on this subject, repeating outlived slogans and views that Russia must be defended: that which have no application to the real the "Red Army" is a revolutionary world. Every advance of the Rusarmy, etc., always saying "despite sian army is not an advance for so-Stalinism"! How can they be against cialism, but for counter-revolutionthe disease and yet support and defend its spread? What is their point?

Readers of Labor Action

Take the Floor . . .

For a more detailed analysis of the political gyrations of these confused apologists for Stalinism, read the March, 1944, issue of The New International, where Max Shachtman deals with this whole question in an article entitled "It Is Time to Un-

To the Editor:

Will you please drop me a note right away in reference to the quotation in the June 19 LABOR ACTION entitled "A Capitalist Comment on Unemployment."

. Is that quotation the words of an actual capitalist; is it a statement by a writer on Forbes Magazine, or is it a parody of some sort?

I would like to have this information by Friday, as I would like to The SWP (Cannonites) are in a use the quote in a talk I am giving. D. E. (N. Y. C.)

> These are actual quotations from the magazines cited. We reprinted them from an editorial contained in the May issue of The International Musician.-Editor.

To the Editor:

I am 76 years old and walking around with a broken shoulder-the bones will not knit. But let me say that I enjoy your paper very much. Wishing you every success,

M. A. B. (Philadelphia)

To the Editor:

Enclosed find ten more subs from this area. The wonders and beauties of Michigan are only surpassed by the superiority of its inhabitants. Things are sure goin' fine out here. H. (Lansing, Mich.)

(Editor's Note: If you keep sending ing the subs at that rate we'll concede that Michigan is all you say it is, inhabitants included.)

CP Boys Ask Labor Action Ban in CIO Council

By WILLIAM GARFIELD

At a recent meeting of the Buffalo Industrial Union Council, CIO, members of the Stalin-Browder Communist Political Association pushed through a resolution calling on the government to suppress LABOR AC-

This is not the first instance of this sort of thing: the Stalinists have introduced such resolutions in other places, always calling on the FBI to suppress LABOR ACTION. By such anti-labor acts and de-

mands, the Communist Political Association demonstrates its concern with the progress that LABOR AC-TION is making among militant workers and the popularity of LA-BOR ACTION among widening circles of the labor movement.

Led by Mannie Fried, regional director of the Stalinist - controlled United Electrical, Radio & Machinery Workers of America, local Stalinists pushed through one motion asking the WPB to withdraw LABOR AC-TION's allotment of paper, another motion ·asking the Department of Justice to "investigate" LABOR AC-TION and one or two others condemning the paper in general.

Following the scab line laid down

the Longshoremen's Union, who recently demanded that labor give up its right to strike not only for the duration but after the war as well, the Stalinists and their conscious and unconscious stooges concentrated their attack on LABOR ACTION's opposition to the no-strike pledge. One Stalinist executive board member, J. A. Cocharel, who is especially renowned for his lack of intelligence and who finds it increasingly difficult to follow the latest twists in the party line, solemnly assured the Council that LABOR ACTION was published by the National Association of Manufacturers, "which wants to cause strikes so that we can lose the war."

NAM PROVOKING STRIKES?

The idea that the National Association of Manufacturers, which shrieks the glories of the war from every rooftop, which is reaping billions in profits from the war right now, and which stands to reap further billions in foreign trade after "victory," is out to provoke strikes and "lose the war" will undoubtedly come as a shock to the overstuffed gentlemen of the NAM, who turn purple every time the word STRIKE is mentioned.

Then, too, someone should remind by Stalinist Harry Bridges, head of Brother Cocharel that the new Sta-

linist line, as enunciated by Earl Browder, is to work hand in hand with the NAM, and that it is not only impolite but dangerous political heresy to attack these new friends and allies of the Communist Political Association of America.

WHISTLING FOR THE COPS Ironically enough, two of he Sta-

linists who led the fight to have LA-BOR ACTION suppressed by police action, Mannie Fried and Lyle Gordonier, were themselves expelled by the government from war plants back in the days when Hitler and Stalin were allies and playmates, gaily romping through Poland together. Those were the days when the party line claimed that those wicked imperialist countries, Great Britain and France, had tricked that lovable babe in the woods, Adolph Hitler, into war. Since then, Adolph and Joe Stalin have had a falling out, the "line" on the war has changed, and Fried and Gordonier are respectable patriots, beloved of the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce. Now they spend their time whistling for the cops every time a worker asks for a get it?

member of Steel Local 2248, opened the attack on LABOR ACTION and served as a convenient screen behind which the Stalinists operated. Just a few months back, Ryan ran on a slate opposing the Stalinists, a slate which they dubbed "Trotskyite." Now this same Ryan is helping to smear other militant workers in the same way the Stalinists tried to smear him.

WHAT ABOUT THE REAL ISSUES?

Ryan attacked LABOR . ACTION for urging the rescinding of the nostrike pledge, which, he said, President Philip Murray "has said must be kept." Well, Brother Ryan, several months ago President Philip Murray also said that the steel workers should get a seventeen-cent increase. He proved to the hilt that the steel companies were making more profits than ever before and that prices were leaving steel wages far behind. He proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that steel workers deserved at least that raise. Well, Brother Ryan, are you going to get that raise with the no-strike pledge? And if not, how are you going to

Steel grievances are piling up sky-

Ryan, president of the Council and high, Brother Ryan. The companies are laughing at you and the steel workers. How are you going to get our grievances settled, Brother Ryan? By going to the War Labor Board? By tying our hands and gagging us with the no-strike pledge? If you can answer these questions, Brother Ryan, we'll lend you an ear. If not, please stop your wind-bagging attempts to confuse and side-track the

"ORGANIZED LABOR TRAITORS"

Although he Stalinist machine was able to railroad the resolutions attacking LABOR ACTION through. they proved to many a disgusted worker in the hall that night that an attack on LABOR ACTION was not only a vicious assault on the freedom of the labor press and the right of the workers to say what they chose in a paper of their own, but also that the Stalinists are ready to suppress by terror and vilification any worker who does not see eye-toeye with their own scab policy.

Actions like these are a much clearer indication of what sort of democracy they really stand for than all of their prattle and twaddle. They are the organized traitors of the working class.

The AP Incites Servicemen **Against Labor**

By T. R. COBB

Of all the filthy smears slap-dashed against the American labor movement since the beginning of this "war for truth," the Associated Press story on the "penny collection" of the crew of the USS Coos Bay hit \ a new low for cheap, unverified, anti-labor scandal-mon-

This latest effort of the capitalist press, which blew up the scummy story on its front pages, comes as a shocking reminder that these pen prestitutes of capitalism will stop at nothing to incite the soldiers and sailors both at home and abroad against their brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers who are numbered among the thirteen million members of trade unions in this country.

Let us briefly sketch the facts of the case. The AP bureau in San Francisco received a typewritten letter, mailed "somewhere at sea," from the "Crew of the USS Coos Bay." The letter contained \$412 in bills, which it requested be sent to the "money-hungry strikers at the Wright Aircraft Plant to help pay for the wage increase they are demanding." The reference was to the action pulled by fascist-minded workers against the up-grading of Negroes at the Wright plant in Lockland, Ohio, which definitely was NOT a strike for the betterment of working conditions. The action was condemned by the United Auto Workers Union and the union forced the dismissal of 240 of the anti-labor, anti-Negro ringleaders from

The AP sent out the smear on all of its wires with

"An appeal to workers in war plants not to interrupt the production of fighting implements by strikingcoupled with an offer accompanied by \$412 in cash to 'help pay the wage increase that money-hungry strikers are demanding'-was contained in a communication received by the AP marked as coming from the 'crew of the USS Coos Bay,' a seaplane tender and stamped 'passed by Naval Censor.'

They sent it out before verifying the authenticity of the letter and before making any effort to determine whether it really came from the entire crew or was the work of some individual officer. Then the letter and the enclosed cash were delivered to the Navy Department-after the damaging smear was released to the

Representative Compton of Connecticut, whose record in Congress is notoriously anti-labor, also received a copy of the letter from one Lieut. W. F. James, who is presumably attached to the Coos Bay personnel and with whom the congressman has conducted a long-range, hate-labor correspondence since last January.

There is no doubt in this writer's mind that these two birds hatched this ugly plot together. The fact that the letter had no written signature—only the typewritten by-line "from the crew, etc."-attests to its evil origin. And the pennies! The pennies that were supposed to have been collected by the crew, although the \$412 that was received consisted of three one hundred dollar bills and others of smaller denominations! Only a corny congressman from Connecticut and an anti-labor brasshat could have thought that one up. Shrewder publicists shy clear of such transparent hoaxes.

But this didn't seem to faze the AP, a body that contains within its ranks some of the most hardened and cynical newspapermen in the racket. Add to this the fact that the AP KNEW what kind of a "strike" the Wright walkout really was!

What the whole smelly affair amounts to is this: young workers, temporarily in the uniforms of the armed services, are being fed an unending diet of lies and distortions, the purpose of which is to make the returning veteran a reactionary stooge for the capitalists, a man who despises unions, who hates workers who organize against oppressive conditions, and who believes that everyone on the home front was having himself one helluva time while he was stopping bullets all over the world.

This impression has been conveyed to the soldiers and sailors by the reactionary press, by the press associations, and other interested parties. They attempt to poison the minds of young workers in uniform not only against labor, but against Jews and Negroes as well. against every progressive movement and hope of the American people. The "resentment" felt by them against strikers and unions has been carefully cultivated and developed by the forces of fascism and reaction at home.

The labor movement can effectively combat this propaganda in several ways, not least of which should be an effort to reach the men in the armed forces with a picture of how labor struggles to protect the jobs, seniority rights, wage scales and working conditions of those who will return from the wars.

Plans for the organization of veterans into union auxiliaries and independent labor veterans' associations should be pushed with the utmost zeal. Such proposals have already come from large unions in the CIO.

Labor must champion the right of free speech, free press and free assembly for the men and women in the armed forces and their unrestricted right to vote in all elections and to participate in all political campaigns.

Labor must advocate doubling the present dependency allowances paid by the government with no deductions from the servicemen's pay and fight for the granting of two years' base pay for all demobilized veterans.

And if the CIO Political Action Committee would spend most of its good money in reaching servicemen with such a program, the unions could guarantee their post-war security with far greater certainty than they are presently doing with all their support of political pigs in the poke.

N. Y. Times Credo: Smear Labor on the Front Page

We don't know what the editorial credo of the New York Times actually is, but we'll bet even money that it reads something like this:

"Strikes, lockouts, articles abusing labor, articles placing labor in an unfavorable light, etc., are all FRONT PAGE STUFF.

"Retractions and corrections of labor 'abuses,' articles favoring labor (we do not print these unless we are forced to), stories of business profits (ditto), etc., GO ON THE BACK PAGE.

"For example: This paper featured the story of the crew of the USS Coos Bay on page one under a heading 'Sailors Send Cash to 'Buy' Srikers.' That is where it belonged.

"When the Navy Department refunded the money. which was given to it by the Associated Press, we printed its statement on the LAST PAGE under a heading 'Anti-Strike Fund Returned by Navy.' That is, where it

With such a yardstick for measuring the placement of "news stories," the life of a New York Times editor must be an easy one, indeed.

Race-Haters Attack Negroes and Jews As Senators Sit In Cowardly Silence!

By LEON GORDON

The Senate last week followed the lead of the House and voted \$500,000 to the Fair Employment Practices Committee. This committee is said to have been set up by President Roosevelt in order to, end discrimination against Negroes and other minority groups in war work. Actually, as our readers know, it was established-to head off a threatened mass demonstration of Negroes in the nation's capital by A. Philip Randolph's March-on-Washington Movement.

The FEPC has been pitifully weak, as its own administrators have ad-



SENATOR BILBO

mitted. Whenever pressure forces'it to stop stalling on an important case, it can only appeal to the President to enforce its orders. He then does the stalling. He appoints a special new committee (as is also his practice when the unions are persistent in some complaint) to investigate the situation. The Senate, to be doubly certain that this sad agency should accomplish nothing, passed three amendments, which are described as "crippling" by all the newspapers, after voting the money.

The above information is fairly well known, and most of it has appeared often in the pages of LABOR ACTION and in the Negro press. What we are interested in now is the debate in the Senate on Tuesday, June 20, which preceded the voting

"The debate," reports the sedate New York Times, "was marked by speaking so blunt on the racial question that it seemed to shock visitors to the Senate galleries." What was said? The Times gives us "all the news that's fit to print." That includes any slander against trade unions or Negroes, but not shocking statements by U. S. senators. We are therefore forced to consult the Congressional

THE STREAM OF HATE

The famous Bilbo of Mississippi carried off top oratorical honors. Here is one of the highlights of his speech:

The FEPC will force senators to hire "mulatto or high-brown or yellow girls" as stenographers. "It is coming, and I asure them that, when they get one, all the B. O. powders on earth will not dissipate the odoriferous aroma they will find permeating their offices day by day."

Interruptions are common in Senate debates. Yet, while visitors were shocked, not a single senator protested against this stream of filth.

Another sensational charge by Bilbo was that not only white men but even white girls are being forced by Negroes. Any American gentleman can imagine the horrible consequences that this may lead to.

Senators George and Eastland also raved about toilets, but the latter uncovered a crime still more hideous. "Is it not much worse," he declaimed, "that white girls should be forced to work and take dictation from a group of burr - headed Negroes and Negro supervisors?"

These Southern gentlemen never fail to insist that they are the Negro's true friends and are quite unprejudiced. Said Eastland:

"I have no prejudice in my heart against any man because of his race, creed or color." And then, two sentences later: "I am of the opinion that we should have segregation in all the states of the U.S. by law. What the people of this country must realize is that the white race is a superior race and the Negro race is an inferior race.'

NEGROES, CIO, JEWS

Bilbo is another who claims that he doesn't hate Negroes but treats them "fairly and squarely." While he was governor of Mississippi, "there were only a few cases of lynching.... Once in a while a rape occurred, and no power of any governor could have stopped the administration of immediate justice-liquidating the rapist."

Later in his speech he proceeded on the very floor of the Senate-and there was not a word of protest-to incite mob action against the Negroes of Washington. Many complaints had been brought to him, he said, against Negro and unscrupulous white realty agents, who were stealthily selling property to Negroes in white neighborhoods. To drive the whites out, Negroes were paying \$2,000 to \$3,000 more than the property was worth and moving in, cowards that they are, under the cover of night.

It is a terrible situation, but perfectly legal. What advice can poor Bilbo give to those who complain? "Of course, if this were done in the South, I would know how to handleit." Then, a few sentences later: "I know of no way for these people to get any relief except by taking the proposition into their own hands and

giving the matter their personal attention.' But Bilbo doesn't confine his attacks to the Negroes. In fact, the trouble makers are not so much the Negroes, although they mustn't be 'coddled," as the CIO and the Jews.

The attack on the Jews is couched in subtle terms. "My old friend, Rabbi Wise" urged the House of Representatives to make the FEPC a permanent institution. Rabbi Wise is the last man in the world "who should complain about discrimination against minority races under the Roosevelt Administration. Mr. Morgenthau operates the financial part of the government. A very splendid Jew from New York, Barney Baruch, is shaping all the policies of the Administration, especially the post-war policies. Jimmy Byrnes was appointed Director of War Mobilization and yet he sends for Barney Baruch to come down and fix things up.... He (Ba-

ruch) is running the show ... " Wise ought not to complain "when his nationality has received more consideration at the hands of the present Administration than any other nationality in the U.S."

All emphasis in the above is ours. The Bilbo tricks so marked are the usual ones employed by Father Coughlin, Gerald Smith and other native faseists, when they are try-

disclaiming any such intention. The friends of our deadly enemies. Jews control the money, they monopolize the government jobs, they live in New York, and their man (Baruch) pulls all the strings behind the scenes. Aside from that, they're fine people.

NEW DEALERS GUILTY, TOO

How did the New Dealers react to all of this? For the most part, as we have already indicated, they sat in silence. They will probably explain to liberal and labor friends that the Southerners are always going on like this, that it would only stimulate them to challenge their statements. After all, "we" won the vote, so why not let them shoot their mouths off?

No, gentlemen, there were a few interruptions and very significant ones too. McClellan, who made the same kind of speech as his colleagues, defied "communist" publications to call him a fascist or his speech profascist. Thereupon Murdock of Utah, who has an almost perfect New Deal voting record, humbly broke in to express the hope that McClellan didn't think any senator would call his "eloquent" speech pro-fascist. "If I did not have the greatest respect and admiration for the able senator in the presentation of his views, I would not sit here as I do."

A little later Lister Hill of Alabama, another strong Roosevelt man, challenged the President's power to create the FEPC. Hill and Pepper, you know, are the two really good



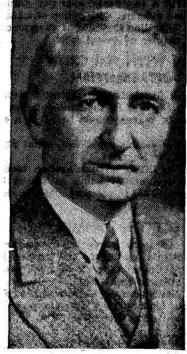
SENATOR RUSSELL

Southern senators, in the eyes of lain recent primary contests they both came out for "white supremacy." Of course, they both voted for the Connally-Smith anti-strike law-but in that they had plenty of company. The liberal journals and the CIO's Political Action Committee (and Hill's réactionary colleague from Alabama, Bankhead) supported them against reactionary opponents in the primaries, and New Dealism (glory be!) triumphed.

There's the situation. What solution do Negro and labor leaders offer? Reward our friends and punish our enemies on election day! Isn't that laughable when you get a good look at our friends? These "friends"

the FEPC to use the same toilets as ing to spread anti-Semitism while are at the same time really the

In the recent "anti-Roosevelt revolt" at the Mississippi state convention of the Democratic Party, who was Roosevelt's defender? Bilbo-no other. Bilbo insults Mrs. Roosevelt on all occasions, but that doesn't prevent a political alliance between Roosevelt and Bilbo.



SENATOR GEORGE .

At the time of the "poll-tax farce" in the Senate, the strongly pro-New Deal newspaper, PM of New York, reported that Pepper of Florida, the only Southern senator ever to oppose the poll-tax, did not this year reintroduce the anti-poll-tax bill in the Senate, as he had previously done, and did not say a word in its behalf until its defeat was certain.

PM's reporter, I. F. Stone, forgives Pepper and rejoices at his renomination in the primaries, saying the poor fellow was under heavy pressure. "To tell the whole truth, it must be added that there is good reason to believe that Pepper was asked by the White House not to reintroduce the polltax bill this year." Really, deep down in his heart, Roosevelt is against poll-taxes, too, but why enrage the Southern Democrats?

WHAT WE PROPOSE.

What does LABOR ACTION say about all this?

(1) Bilbo and his cohorts incite organized mob violence against Negroes, Jews, unionists from the very floor of the Senate. It is therefore absolutely necessary to form labor defense squads against the threat of fascist and semi-fascist violence. The unions should take the lead. Where they do not, Negroes and Jews will find it necessary to defend themment will not help us. Exactly the reverse. Look at their behavior in the Senate. Look at the Detroit riots, at the Montgomery Ward strike, at every similar case back through the pages of history. That is our proposal. Suggest something better and we will be for it.

(2) Organize a Labor Party, completely independent of both capitalist parties, a party of white and Negro workers alike, a party that will attract poor farmers and every other group that suffers under capitalism. You can read about such a party in the pages of LABOR ACTION week after week. Read about it and help to spread the idea!

It has long been my opinion that many of our friends have a poor approach to this question. After a worker has read a few issues of LABOR ACTION and shows interest in our paper, many of our friends conclude: "Now for some SIMPLE socialist reading matter." And the next day they slip the grateful worker a copy of "Value, Price and Profit" by Marx or "Anti-Duhring" by En-

print in this issue.

our point of view.

The worker remains gratified by this interest shown in his education until he gets home after a hard day's work and sits down to read the above mentioned material. About on page three the stuff begins to work like the fifth beer on a hot day and the worker enters into a losing struggle with his sagging eyelids. By this time he has concluded that either he is too dumb to ever be able to understand socialism or that his shop mate is playing a joke on him by giving him the script for a double-talk act disguised as workers' reading matter.

Straight Talk--

Reading That

Really Matters

This week I want to devote my column to the ques-

My book list is the outgrowth of the countless re-

tion of reading matter for workers and, particularly, the

book list I have compiled and asked the editors to

quests I have received at one time or another from

workers who want to read to understand the many and

complex questions facing the working class movement

or from friends who want to know what they can give

to a fellow worker in the shop to help him understand

After a few days the worker will return the book and either admit it is over his head, which few do, or merely say: "Very interesting," as most will. I recall the worker who returned a copy of "Value, Price and Profit" to me back in the days of the unemployed movement when workers had a lot of time on their hands, with the comment: "Never suspected there was so much to value."

GETTING WORKERS TO READ AND THINK

The mistake most of our friends make in selecting material for their shop mates is to look for something that will give him the "whole works" in one volume. First of all, there is very little available that attempts to do this. And the best of this, precisely because it is so comprehensive, serves only as an over-all view and leaves big gaps that must be filled in with facts and arguments. That is why workers who read something like "Plenty for All" will say: "Yes, it sounds good, but it will never be," or "It's a fine idea, but it will never work" or similar comments. Such a pamphlet unrolls a vision before their eyes but they usually don't have the background to understand that it rests on stubborn facts about our world today and on a scientific analysis of social development.

No one book can supply such a background. This is matter of considerable reading and much discussion. Many of our friends came to our movement directly from college or from white collar backgrounds. In these circles they rubbed shoulders with America's great reading public. But if the average worker in the shop reads one whole book in a year it is a lot. His work and conditions of life are not conducive to reading "heavy stuff." The book must have a special interest for him and be popularly written. But even in this case the political education of the worker will be advanced by innumerable discussions rather than merely by reading. The reading serves as background and stimulation for the

Often on lunch hour a discussion develops about some topic related to understanding our world and why we must change it. This gives one the opportunity to talk about a book one has read dealing with the subject.

If one notes that a particular fellow worker is especially interested, one can go over to him later and say: "Say, Joe, about that book I was talking about. How would you like to read it? I can get it for may be a worker who has not even seen LABOR AC-TION yet. However, once he has read the book, even something so seemingly distant from socialist education as Van Paasen's "Days of Our Years," one has a common bond with the worker in discussing the book for

In he course of the discussion one touches upon fascism, Spain, Palestine, imperialism, diplomacy, pacifism, war, and other subjects. Joe will soon reveal what struck him most about the book. Then one can suggest something else, say an anti-fascist novel like "Fontamara" or Jack London's "Iron Heel." Again a discussion follows and Joe's education advances. Not only does he learn new ideas but he develops the invaluable habit of reading worthwhile material.

This method does not only work with fellow-workers in the shop. It is also a good means of educating subscribers to LABOR ACTION who might be visited from time to time about their subscriptions.

PREPARING FOR MARXIST STUDY

The list I have compiled is not intended to be either complete or a selection of the best. Many of our friends will, no doubt, know of other similar and better books for this purpose. I have compiled my list on the basis of books I have had experience with in giving to workers to read or books I remember contributed much to my education when I-first became a socialist.

Many of the books on the list will be hard to get. Some are out of print. Some are rather expensive if still available. Labor Action Book Service would greatly increase its commendable service to the labor movement by stocking those books that are still available. However, almost all of them will be found in any fairly good public library.

Lest someone gain the impression that I am trying to keep the American working class from reading Marx, let me hasten to add that my effort is directed solely toward paving the way to an understanding and study of Marxism.

It should also be added here that college students, intellectuals and others in the habit of studying will, of course, be approached differently. For their introduction into the ideas of socialism and for the worker who has begun to comprehend our theories, we need an additional list of Marxist works. I hope this will soon be

(Book List will appear next week.)

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Umberto--A Chip Off the Old Moron

(The following is reprinted from The Countercurrent, anti-fascist paper printed in Boston.-Editor.) The Crown Prince has not been

less of a fascist than his father and has never commanded the respect of his countrymen. While no one could deny that the King showed a certain shrewdness and energy, his young and handsome son is known to Italians as the "Smiling Fool." It has been said that he was the most precocious child in Italy, for at the tender age of three he already knew all he knows now. The fact that his responsibility is considerably less grave than that of his father is to be ascribed to his purely decorative function in national life. Before 1932 he had good reason to

fear for his future as a ruler because Mussolini had decreed that the Fascist Grand Council should have the final authority on succession to the throne (law of 1925 on the powers of the Grand Council). Moreover, Mussolini was in possession of photographic and other documentary material of an embarrassing nature with which to blackmail the young Prince into submission. In 1932 this blackmail seemed to bear fruit: the usual telegram sent every year by the King to the Duce on the anniversary of the March on Rome was accompanied for the fifth time by a telegram from Umberto. Submission of the entire royal family to the Duce was evident after the Ethiopian campaign and took on the aspect of abject surrender in 1938, the year of the great Nazi and fascist vic-

March to June, 1938, are marked by rapture." continual manifestations of devotion to fascism on the part of all members of the House of Savoy, from the King down to the last Duke.

On May 23, 1938, the Prince of Piedmont, then Inspector of Infantry, sent a telegram to the Duce in which he said, among other things: "Duce ... I want you to know that

the Italian Grenadiers feel, as citizens and soldiers, ever ready to obey your orders in peacetime as well as in a glorious war for the imperial greatness of the FASCIST father-Not contented with this, the Prince

felt that he had to pay homage to the party secretary too, infamous, vulgar Achille Starace. The Prince telegraphed Starace on the same day: "The Grenadiers . . . in fraternal

union with the Blackshirts, give the

fascist salute to the Bersaglieri of the first war and of Africa." Princess Maria of Piedmont was not less enthusiastic than her husband. On October 3: 1939, she sent

"Duce, I wish to convey to you the undying faith of all the Red Cross nurses of Italy who, following your shining example, will always be able to accomplish their silent duty. Your very affectionate cousin, Maria of Savoy.'

Soldier, stated, among other things,

that "... the Prince and the Duce

the following telegram to Mussolini:

A month later, Italian papers, reporting at length the ceremonies in front of the Tomb of the Unknown

It has often been said that King, Prince, marshals and generals went to war in 1940 much against their will. On May 6, 1940, all Italian newspapers published an official communique stating that Mussolini had received Prince Humbert, "Commander of a group of armies who reported to him for over an hour on the military situation in the zone under the direct authority of His Royal Highness." This zone was the French-Italian border. The spirit in which the unhappy

Prince was performing his duty can better be seen by the text of an order of the day which he issued on May 24th to his troops: "Veterans of three wars, tempered by hard and bloody battles, used to the triumphs of victory, you young infantrymen who are now preparing with enthusiasm, with high spirit and with faith to become worthy of your predecessors, close your ranks, and may the rhythmical, solemn, inexorable step of your glorious battalions resound now on the imperial roads. Beyond every risk, beyond every goal, be this forever your guidance for he glory of the King-Emperor and the ever greater glory and power to the immortal fatherland. Long live Italy! Salute to the King! Salute to the Duce!" Army General Umberto of

In fact, as commander of the Northern group of armies, Umberto actually carried out the stab in the back of France. In June, 1940, in a tories in Europe. The months from knelt together in devout religious glowing message to his commander-

in-chief, Mussolini, for whom he was conducting the inglorious and unsuccessful campaign against the defeated French troops he said: "While moving toward certain vic-

tory the troops of the Western armies renew their solemn pledge to the untiring leader who moulds the glorious destiny of the fatherland and promise to dare anything in order to march in the footsteps of the Roman Legions." On December 23, 1940, one day after Churchill's "one man alone"

speech whitewashed the royal family, Umberto's wife, the Princess of Piedmont, announced in an official communique that she was proud to have been received as a registered member of the women's auxiliary of the Fascist Party.

As late as 1942, the American press reported manifestations of solidarity with the fascist regime on the part of the King and his son. In April, according to the New York Times, Prince Umberto, who had assumed command of armed forces in Southern' Italy, "warned against the danger of an Allied attack." In May, while Mussolini was staging a military demonstration against prostrated Viehy France because he had been unable to obtain territorial concessions, the King reviewed the Blackshirts massed at the port of San Remo (New York Times, May 27, 1942.) It was only with the invasion of North Africa and the fall of Tunisia that both King and Prince sank again into silence and inactivity.-From Facts from Italy.

Platform of Workers Party

For a People's Peace and a Workers' World! Against Both Imperialist Camps! For the Victory of World Labor and the Colonial Peoples! For the Victory of the Third Camp of Socialism!

The Workers Party recommends this platform for adoption as the fighting program of the trade union movement and of the national Independent Labor Party which it must form.

LABOR MUST DEFEND ITSELF NOW!

1. For the defense of all democratic rights! Against wartime dictatorship measures! Abolish wage-freezing and job-freezing!

2. Restore full and unrestricted collective bargaining rights of the unions! Rescond the nostrike pledge! Repeal the Smith-Connally antistrike law!

3. A higher, not a lower, standard of living! For a \$1.00-an-hour minimum wage law, with time and a half for overtime, double time for Sunday and holiday work, and equal pay for equal work for all industrial and agricultural workers! An "escalator clause" in all wage contracts, hitching wages to the rising cost of living, plus a margin for comforts—a "cost-plus" wage!

4. No tax on wages and no sales tax on consumers' goods! Abolish all taxes on annual incomes of \$5,000 or less!

5. Down with control of rationing and pricefixing by the monopolists and the government bureaucrats! For democratic control of rationing and price-fixing by joint committees of working class organizations, farmers' organizations, cooperatives and consumers' organizations and housewives' leagues.

6. No government contract to plants without a union contract.

7. Maintain and increase all government social services and establish adequate federal medical service, health and accident insurance, old-age pensions, child care, protection for the unemployed!

SOAK THE RICH-LET THEM PAY FOR THEIR WAR!

8. Expropriate the "Sixty Families"-the plutocratic three per cent of the population who own ninety-six per cent of the national wealth!

9. A one hundred per cent tax on all war profits above a five per cent maximum on invested capital! Immediate renegotiation of all war contracts to cut the fabulous profits to this level!

10. A \$25,000 ceiling on total individual incomes! 11. A graduated capital levy on all accumulated wealth over \$50,000 to cover war costs and provide post-war security for labor!

PREPARE NOW TO WIN POST-WAR JOB SECURITY AND PLENTY

12. Government planning to guarantee the highest national production and income, a year-around job and a minimum annual wage to all, and a rising standard of living!

13. Conscript all war industries! Nationalize the banks, big industrial monopolies and transporta-

FOR A DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S PEACE AND A WORKER'S WORLD

tion systems. No handing over of government-built and owned plants and facilities to private owner-

14. For a two hundred and fifty billion dollar five year program to provide decent housing for all, extensive public works, rural electrification and modernization!

15. For a guaranteed \$5,000 annual income to all workers' families, made possible by a planned rise in the total national income and a thirty-hour maximum work-week.

DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS TO DRAFTEES

16. The right of free speech, free press and free assembly for the men and women in the armed forces! The unrestricted right of the armed forces to vote in all elections and participate in all political campaigns!

17. For doubling present dependency allowances paid by the government with no deductions from the serviceman's pay!

18. For a two years' base pay grant to all demobilized veterans, with option of trade school and higher education facilities at government expense, and guarantee of decent jobs!

DOWN WITH JIM CROW AND ANTI-SEMITISM

1. All discrimination against Negroes, Jews or other minorities in the armed forces or by employers in industry must be made a criminal of-

20. For complete political, social and economic equality for Negroes!

21. For lifting all immigration barriers against Jewish and other victims of fascist terror! For government aid in rescuing and transporting these victims to safety!

PROTECT THE FARMER

22. Adequate government provision of land, technical aid, machinery and supplies to all small farmers! Cancellation of all small farmers' debts to government and banks!

23. Nationalize all absentee-owned farms lands. Abolish tenancy and sharecropping by turning over the land to those who till it.

PROTECT THE YOUTH

24. Adequate government provision for free education of all youth, including trade schools and universities! The right of all youth, male and female, to vote at the age of eighteen! Governmentmaintained nurseries for the children of working

AGAINST REACTION—FOR A LABOR PARTY, A WORKERS' GOVERNMENT

25. For Union Defense Guards, trained and controlled by the unions, to defend labor, the Negroes, Jews and all racial minorities from native fascists, Jim Crow rioters, anti-Semites, Klansmen, Silver Shirts and other capitalist tools!

26. For a break with bankrupt and reactionary capitalist politics and politicians and complete independence of labor from them! No political support to the Roosevelt government! For a party that is labor's own, an Independent Labor Party, based on the unions and controlled by them!

27. For a workers' government to organize the country for freedom, security, peace and plenty for the masses of the people!

28. Operate all big industry for the welfare of the plain9 people, with workers' control of production through the unions and plant committees!

29. Democratic control of the distribution and price-fixing of consumers' goods by the labor unions, farmers, consumers' and cooperative organ-

30. For an end to the war and fascism by a democratic people's peace, without annexations, indemnities, tribute, or the dismemberment and oppression of sovereign nations and peoples! 31. For complete, immediate national indepen-

dence to all colonial or semi-colonial peoples! Against all old or new annexations, or depriving nations of their sovereignty and independence, by American, British, Russian, German or Japanese

32. For a Socialist United States of Europe and a World Socialist Federation! A socialist world will destroy capitalist imperialism, recurrent wars, fascist barbarism, oppression and exploitation, and establish a new order of freedom, plenty, peace and security, and world brotherhood!

The Invasion Reveals--

Labor's Apathy to the War

things to one another.

By J. R. JOHNSON

The invasion lights up once more the unceasing warfare waged on all fronts and with all weapons by the Allied powers. They rain lead and steel against German imperialism. At the same time they plot to clamp military government on the European peoples for whose liberation they say they are fighting. At the same time in this country the ruling class launches an assault of unparalleled vigor, range and scope against the minds of the American people.

According to the capitalist propagandists, never since Lucifer was thrown out of heaven were such forces of light, of progress, of freedom, of liberty, of a better world, arrayed against such darkness, such criminals, such enemies of the human race. The climax was reached by the 'New York Times in an ediorial which expressed envy of the young men who were dying in the full flush of their manhood, and would never know the pains and sufferings and disappointments of age. A truly wonderful sentiment!

Unfortunately we have not been able, by the most diligent search, to find in the Times since then any accounts of mass suicides by the capitalists in America, killing themselves off in order to avoid the sorrows and disappointments of the passing years. Bravely they bear up against the terrible evils of capitalist society while the tears run down their cheeks for the good fortune of those being killed on the beaches and fields of Normandy!

But, despite all this pressure, most observers have noted a very striking and perhaps unexpected mass rejection of the invasion propaganda. The great body of the American people) responded to the actual news of the invasion in a manner that does them remarkable credit. They were quiet, indulged in no heroics, but insofar as they expressed themselves, showed that they were more than anything else conscious of the young lives that were being destroyed or maimed in the tragic struggle in Europe. This widespread sentiment needs some examination.

WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT

First of all it is in harmony with recent developments. Masses of workers are beginning to think their own thoughts about the war and to act accordingly. They are not "defeatists." They want victory. They want the war to end. They would like to see Hitler defeated. But they strike and keep on striking in increasing numbers. Thus they reject in action the "sacred unity" of the nation to which the capitalists give lip-service but which they violate at every turn. The workers protest against the class character of the conduct of the war in the field where they feel it most-wages and conditions of labor.

But they have shown their growing rejection of capitalist ideas in another field. When the propaganda about the bombing of Germany was at its height, the press had to devote columns proving that such bombing was not only necessary but just. In Britain a Gallup pell showed that a majority of the British people in the

most heavily bombed areas had no wish to see the German people harassed by incessant bombing. The attitude, it is true, was not very logical. War is war. But the sentiment of revolt and disgust was against the terrible brutality to which men and women like themselves were being subjected. They felt that somehow it was wrong, that there was some other way in which people should be able to live without doing these

Now comes the invasion. The American people have the greatest confidence in the sons and daughters of America who are shedding their blood on distant battlefields. But they refuse to delude themselves with dreams that the nation is engaged on a heroic struggle for a better world, a struggle in which sacrifices, though heavy, can be borne cheerfully in view of the noble aims, etc., etc. This is what the capitalist class tried to inculcate with all the power and ingenuity at its command. This is what it signally failed to accomplish.

This sober and realistic estimate of the invasion by the masses of the people should be seen for what it is -merely a continuation of the spirit which has characterized the people not only in America but in every country. From the hour that the Second World War loomed in view no longer as a distant threat but as an imminent possibility, the masses have hated it. From country after country came authentic information of the gloom, bitterness, resignation: no enthusiasm of any kind, no songs, none of the wild hysterical outbursts of military and nationalistic 'pride which have characterized many wars in the past.

TOWARD CLASS ACTION

Churchill in Britain capitalized on fear of German conquest of Britain and mobilized the British people on a basis of national defense, pure and simple. But Roosevelt and Wallace found it necessary to promise the American people "four freedoms" and "the century of the common man" to whip them not only into acceptance but into enthusiasm for the

war. They have, for the most part, failed. Now comes this final proof of the stubborn refusal of the American people to see the war through the same rosy spectacles as their rulers.

The above should not be overestimated, but it should not be ignored. It is a sign of the growing sharpness of class relations in the country. Once the CIO was organized, it not only expressed but sharpened and clarified that fundamental incompatibility of interests which characterizes the relation between the various classes in an advanced society.

But this instinctive resistance to being propagandized and ballyhooed where serious questions are at issue cannot be allowed to dissipate itself. It must be organized.

FOR A LABOR PARTY

At the present stage the workers need to have political expression for all the issues on which they have a point of view of their own. At the present stage the road to this political expression and clarification is through an Independent Labor Party. It is only there that the workers can bring their ideas, desires and aspirations before leaders of their own choice, leaders who are responsible to them.

The workers may not for the moment have that clear penetration into the economic roots of their dissatisfaction and the drastic political reorientation which this brings. That is not an argument against but for the formation of an independent Labor Party. They cannot think their thoughts to the end. They cannot even place their powerful instinctive reactions in organized opposition to the ceaseless propaganda the ruling class beats into their ears night and day. Yet their reaction to the invasion shows that they have something of their own to say, shows it as clearly as the strikes show that when Ford and a Ford worker say "We support the war" they mean different

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C. P. Councilmen In **New York Apologize** And Vote Sales Tax

By MIKE WYLIE

When the question of extending New York City's vicious sales tax for another year came up in the City Council, Benjamin Davis, Jr., and Peter V. Cacchione, both elected as Communists, recorded themselves as "not voting" on the issue.

Then the fun began.

Cacchione, who insisted that he was against the sales tax because it was unfair to low wage earners, and Davis, who explained that he was against it on "principle," were pounced upon by gleeful, politically wised-up Democrats and Republicans in the Council.

NEWBOLD MORRIS APPEALS

The Democrats said that if the Mayor's friends, the Communists, could block the sales tax, they would not only do likewise, but would vote against the whole city budget as well. Which they pro-

Republican Newbold Morris, president of the Council, got up and appealed to the "Communists." saying: "I thought the Communist Party line had been changed. I though you men believed in democratic government. Only a few years ago the Communists sought to bring anarchy. This must be a survival of that desire as it will produce financial anarchy in the greatest city in the world.' '

This must have touched Cacchione and Davis to the quick, because you can call a "Communist" any foul name these days and the most he will do will be to cynically shrug his shoulders and call you a "Trotskvite."

At any rate, this is what Davis and Cacchione pulled: a motion to reconsider the defeated sales tax was passed and when a new roll-call came up both of these "Communists" changed their vote in favor of the sales tax!

The Republicans rose to praise them for their action and the Democrats, falling all over themselves with hysterical laughter, assailed them for hypocritically changing their votes on a "matter of principle."

THE COMMUNIST COUNCILMEN EXPLAIN

As if this disgusting exhibition wasn't enough, Davis rushed into print the next day in the Daily Worker with the following apology:

"Councilman Cacchione and I see that the position we originally took was incorrect, since it created the impression of narrow partisan gain (for the working class, to whom the sales tax is a vile economic hardship-Ed.). It would have been better if at the very beginning of the vote we had voted for the measure."

Yes, it would have been better! It would have made clearer at once that the Communist Party stands on the side of all those who wish to make the war burdens of labor even heavier than they now are. The action of the "Communist" councilmen is an excellent illustration of what Stalin's American agents mean when they say they are for capitalism and free enterprise. In every instance it means: For the boss; against the worker!

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(Continued from page 1) and effort and money of 178,000 rub-

might be made by the convention in the personnel of its officers, no great gain could be recorded. SHERMAN'S PALS TO RESCUE The holding of the convention in wartime New York City may well have been planned by the Dalrymple bureaucrats in order to encourage "busy" national labor leaders to run up from Washington to make speech-

es in support of Dalrymple's totter-

ing regime. As a member of the

National Executive Board of the

CIO, Dalrymple naturally expects

support from his fellow bureaucrats

in the CIO, since they too are fol-

lowing a policy in their own unions

ber workers. No matter what changes

a matter of fact, in Akron, Dalrymple recently tried to bring this kind of pressure to bear against the local CIO Council, which had unanimously condemned his violation of union democracy in a report by a special investigationg committee of the council. That this particular reactionary project of Dalrymple's did not materialize can only be attributed to the democratic solidarity of the Akron labor movement.

Future isues of LABOR ACTION will discuss the internal position of the groupings in the URWA as they prepare for the coming convention. The big questions of the attitude of the ranks toward the no - strike pledge, the War Labor Board and real independent political action through a Labor Party will be gone into thoroughly. of expulsion of militant members. As

GOP For Big Business--

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Nowhere in this section is there a demand for the repeal of the Smith-Connally anti-strike act, or a guarantee to labor that it will have the right to enforce its organized power with the right to strike. How could there be when Republicans played a leading part in passinb the bill!

No mention is made of measures to protect the living standards of the American people, who have had inflationary prices hoisted on their backs in addition to the burdens of oppressive taxation, wage freezing and various forms of pay gouging. Only the taxes of the rich are to be reduced by the Gruesome Old Pirates.

Price controls are subtly linked with rationing as two of the "nuisances" they would abolish. They openly proclaim the coming field

day of the robber barons and consumer-chiselers.

The issues of post-war conversion and employment are dealt with in typical tory fashion, replete with hoary hosannahs to "free enterprise" and the "good old days" - of the breadlines and evictions.

Taken as a whole, the platform should prove to those millions of workers who are fed up with the anti-labor, increasingly reactionary Roosevelt Administration, that the Republican Party is a Wall Street blind alley, that it cannot possibly grant any redress for their many justified grievances.

It should prove to the overwhelming majority of the people in the United States that they have no real representation in the White House or in the legislative bodies. These

places are controlled and operated by the two parties of big business for the benefit of the sixty ruling families who own ninety per cent of the nation's wealth. Why should labor support or vote

for the parties of Rockefeller, Pew, du Pont, Aldrich, Ford Mellon and the Morgan banking interests? Why should they defeat their own hopes and desires and jeopardize their children's future by stringing along with the parties of the Northern manufacturers and the Southern bourbon poll-taxers, with Republican and Democratic war makers and their system of capitalist exploitation, in security and interminable imperialist wars?

LABOR MUST HAVE A POLITI-CAL PARTY OF ITS OWN! THERE IS NO OTHER DICISION IN 1944!

Price Rise--

political path, through its own organization. It means that labor must set up an independent Labor Party representing and fighting for the best interests of the worker, the poor and working farmer and all who work in order to live

It means that labor must establish its own independent Labor Party to challenge the political rule of big business. It must aim to set up its own labor, i.e., a workers' govern-

Karl Marx-The Communist Manifesto _

What is needed is a bold and forthright program:

Rescind the no-strike pledge! Take labor's representatives off the

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Tresca Murder Unsolved--

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per, Il Martello, and world-famous anti-fascist leader. A great many people like ourselves are wondering why, after seventeen months, no apparent progress has been made toward apprehending Tresca's slayer and those who instigated that kill-

"They have good reason to wonder about this, in view of all that has been published about the two material witnesses rounded up in the Tresca case. We remember that two parole officers declared that only two hours before that murder they saw Carmine Galante, paroled convict and gunman, enter the automobile which evidently was used and abandoned by the murder gang; they identified it by the license number. And Frank Nuccio was identified later as lessee

spot where Galante was picked up by the police. But Galante was sent back to prison to complete an unexpired term and Nuccio was released on the curiously low bail of \$5.000with no explanation to the people of New York about either.

"Isn't the public entitled, by this time, to some report from you on what has been done in the Tresca

"What, for instance, did your office discover about the different suspects connected with foreign political groups who were named as having possible motives for 'eliminating' Carlo Tresca?

"If your staff examined the files of Il Martello carefully, it must have found evidence of long and bitter conflict between Tresca and certain

totalitarians, both fascist and communist.

"A great deal of effort was put forth by you and your aides in the Aurelio case. Surely you owe it to the community to exert just as much energy toward clearing the Tresca mystery. So long as that killing remains unsolved, it stands as a great dark blot on the record of law enforcement in this city and state.

"Apparently it is a practice of your office not to mention unsolved cases in annual reports. This, we believe, is open to criticism. When no reference is made to such a flagrant crime as the Tresca slaying, it suggests indifference to the need for telling the public frankly about your failures as well as your successes."

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