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A PAPER IN THE INTERESTS OF LABOR

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THEVES FALL OUT OVER WAR SPOILS! By IRVING HOWE

United Nations!

GM Program Will Be Issue **At UAW Meet**

Two most significant developments on the labor front this week were the move to support Walter Reuther for president of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, and the unanimous handing back of the Ford contract by the national conference of 100 presidents of Ford locals for renegotiation between the union and the company.

On Saturday, presidents of seventeen Detroit locals issued a statement backing Reuther for president, followed on Tuesday by thirteen locals representing auto unions in western New York. There is no doubt that behind the booming of Reuther for president lies the sentiment for a more progressive union leadership. The General Motors local which Reuther heads has waged the most prolonged and militant strike and put forward the most militant demands of the post-war strike wave.

The Ford contract, accepted by the entire top auto union leadership, including Reuther, represented an inexcusable retreat in the battle between the auto barons and the unions. It contained a notorious "company security" clause. Its rejection testifies to the temper of the workers, who, having sacrificed their rights during the war, want to recover lost ground and are vigilant about any new encroachment on their rights.

These two events will converge at the coming UAW convention, where the leaders will be accountable to the ranks. The GM strike, settled or unsettled, will be THE issue of the convention, not because it is the longest of the postwar strikes, not because General Motors is the behemoth of the auto industry, but because of the UAW-General Motors PROGRAM.

The UAW-General Motors threepoint program to increase wages thirty per cent, to stop price rises and to open the books (which, in effect, would give labor a voice in determining the relationship of prices, profits and wages) is the mightiest weapon yet produced in the arsenal of labor in its post-war battle against corporate wealth. This GM program is the lever that forced the 181/2-cent wage increases from war profiteer after bloody war profiteer, in many instances without the loss of a single day's work.

The GM program has won to labor's cause millions of the middle classes who suffer from high prices. The GM program has given all of organized labor and the little people a new insight into the relationship of wages, prices and profits. It will be an issue in every labor struggle to

NEXT WEEK:

the auto workers-by LABOR AC-TION'S top writers!

with the workers along the lines established by the U. S. Steel settlement. But none of the workers has any illusions about the real nature of this settlement, which was accompanied by a tremendous price hike. These workers are beginning to assimilate the lessons during this situation and one can sense a new awareness on their part as they critically scrutinize the policy and methods and leadership of the USA-CIO. Local 2715 adopted a statement at its strike meeting of Wednesday, March 6, which summarized the attitude of militant workers on the empty victory handed them by Philip Murray. This statement reads: "On September 11, 1945, the National Wage Policy Committee of the USA-CIO launched a campaign to win a \$2.00-a-day increase for each member of the USA-CIO. The International pointed out that the steel corporations had coined piles of wealth but that the steel workers, themselves, had suffered tremendous cutbacks in their take-home pay. The \$2.00 a day was meant to only make up the difference. In connection with this, it was said, a new principle must be established which would assure that this country would not suffer another disastrous depression. This principle is that a larger and

READING-Striking steel workers in larger share of purchasing power International retreated before we this area are gradually returning to must be put into the hands of the even began fighting and capitulated stantial wage increase without an inwork as the companies are settling working class in order to prevent to Truman's formulas. What we crease in prices. They further de-"On January 21, one week after

gained on the picket line has been and continuously is being stolen from us in Washington. Thus the reliance on "good friends of labor" is again reaping its bitter fruit. President Murray should have known better, at least in Truman's case, for it was on December 4, 1945, that President Murray said: "The federal administration is embarked upon a policy of continued appeasement of American industry-the CIO is opposed to the basic policy pursued by the administration.' What has happened to change this estimate? And the International capitulated to this administration before the fight really began. We were fighting with the cards stacked against us from the begin-

"The GM workers demanded a subbaiter, Kister, and the unfrocked priest, Terminiello, whose forthcoming appearance in Philadelphia was

The pall of powder smoke has hardly risen from the battlefields; the corpses of the Second World War—in their millions a gruesome monument to the inhumanity of capitalist civilization -are not yet wedded to the earth to which they were so prematurely sent; and hunger-universal hunger, the universal accompaniment of war-grips and chokes the children of Europe as surely as if it were a deliberate murderer.

And yet this very world, wracked and torn and tortured by the aftermaths of the Second World War, learns in horror and in fright of the talk in diplomatic circles about a Third World War. Still in the terror of the Second World War, the war of jet

planes and buzz bombs, we feel the anticipatory terror of the Third World War, the war of the atoms.

The thieves of war are falling out! The world is split into two opposing camps: American and British imperialisms with their satellite powers; and Russian imperialism with its dragooned satellites and Stalinist party agents.

Gone and forgotten are the noble words-they were never MORE than mere words!-which sent millions of boys to rotting graves; gone and forgotten is "democracy"; gone and forgotten is "peace"; gone and forgotten is that promise of the Atlantic Charter: self-determination for peoples.

Every land succumbs to the military and financial paws of the two great imperialist power blocs. Who can think of the promise in the Atlantic Charter of self-determination for peoples without laughter?

Self-determination for India? Britain will not permit it.

Self-determination for Iran? Russia and Britain and America will not permit it. Russia demands that it be allowed to rob oil from northern Iran if the American and British imperialists can do so from southern Iran. (And Stalin says, with the cynicism which he has learned by long observation of the way Allied imperialism treats its subjects, that he will discuss terms of payment TEN YEARS AFTER his exploitation of of the oil fields has begun.)

PREPARATIONS BEGUN

Will there be war tomorrow? Probably not. The powers are not yet

Steel Local 2715 for GM Program

Father Coughlin, the infamous Jew-

· Don't fail to miss next week's analyses of the issues confronting



BULLETIN:

As we go to press we learn that the General Motors strike has been settled. The settlement calls for an 18½-cent an hour increase. We will discuss the strike and the settlement in detail in the next issue of LABOR ACTION.

the UAW of Walter Reuther, who represents the GM union and who has been most closely associated with the GM program, will be bound up inseparably with that program.

Properly understood, a sharp rejection of the policies of this top leadership is implicit in the GM program. For the program logically demanded union militancy, and not dependence on capitalist politicians. And it obviously called for an attitude of class independence from the capitalist politicians, POLITICALLY AS WELL AS ECONOMICALLY.

LABOR ACTION backs the GM program as the necessary minimum for the support of candidates in the UAW convention elections, and urges every progressive to get the entire union behind that program.

such a depression. This principle has meaning only when we think of it in terms of a greater and greater PRO-PORTION of the wealth that must be directed into the hands of the workers to prevent such a situation. Thus we were also struggling for a principle upon which the whole economic future of the country and its citizens rested.

President Murray arbitrarily postponed the strike at Truman's request, 750,000 steel workers struck for 1814 cents per hour. Not long before, President Murray reduced our hourly wage demand to 191/2 cents per hour and said that was the lowest rate to which he would go. Thus, without the democratic consent of the rank and file, Murray reduced our demands and accepted 'Truman's

wage-fixing formula. We are faced with another Little Steel Formula. "After being granted a tremendous price increase, against which not even a feeble voice was raised by the International, U. S. Steel signed the contract and the rest of the country began falling in line. "President Murray hails this as a

victory. Millions of workers dissent from this statement. The International is trying to conceal the fact that it delivered an empty victory. The

hands behind our back. BACK GM PROGRAM

"The General Motors workers originally set the real demands that labor should have supported and fought and united for. Had the entire labor movement courageously rallied behind the demands that the GM workers raised we would have seen a real victory and not the present uninspiring spectacle that we see today. The GM workers have been left in the lurch. And their gallant strike is drawing to a dismal close.

manded that industry open its books so that labor can see what happens to all the wealth it produces and expose the cry of poverty that industry always raises. Such a program, if seized upon by the whole labor movement, could have gotten the support of the great public. It would have meant a real battle against the present masters of the economic system. These were new and bold demands. It would have been the beginning of running industry for use and not for profit. It would have been the beginning of democratic workers' control of industry. But it would have meant a real battle with the big monopolies. BUT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE WILL EVER GET ANY-THING SUBSTANTIAL AND HOLD ning. We were fighting with our ON TO IT. Otherwise, as is the situation now, our picket line gains will be stolen from us in Washington.

"But what did the International do? It capitulated to Truman's formula and stepped aside so that the monopolists and their government could shadow box over how high an increase industry should get in its prices. And one thing that we really should get indignant about is that Bowles and those who held out for a smaller price increase for industry against Snyder and the higher price

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announced There is little doubt that Philadelphia labor will be eagerly waiting for them.

Picket Smith

Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 7-Sneaking

into town unadvertised because of

previous hot welcomes extended by

labor groups, and speaking before an

invitational audience, the Gerald L.

K. Smith Christian Veterans of Amer-

ica held an organizational meeting

Despite only last - minute knowl-

edge of the meeting, members of the

Workers Party, the Socialist Work-

ers Party, the American Veterans

Committee and other individuals ral-

lied a hundred-man picket line before

the hall, protesting against the ap-

pearance of this native fascist riff-

To a small audience composed

largely of old men and women, with

a sprinkling of veterans, speakers of

the Gerald . L. K. Smith movement

appealed for the creation of a veter-

ans' organization to secure adequate

housing and a bonus. The Smith un-

derlings who spoke were obviously

making a play for discontented vet-

erans so as to strengthen their fas-

The meeting also served as a build-

up for coming appearances of Smith,

here last night.

cist organization.

raff.

Meeting in

Speakers praised Franco, the South American strong man, Peron, the strike-breaking Philadelphia police, Churchill (for his blast against Russia), approved the arming of Germany and Italy for a war against Russia, condemned the "Communist" leaders of the CIO, the "Jewish international bankers," the "Young Zionist organizations seeking to establish a world state," the loan of money to England, the court-martial system in the Army, the lack of aid to old people and the "Commies" who were picketing the hall.

The speeches were catch-alls appealing to almost every prejudice current in American life. The first on the scene in force.

members of the Workers Party, distributed copies of LABOR ACTION to persons in the picket line, describing previous demonstrations against Smith. A gratifying number of subscriptions were also secured for the paper.

Preparations are already afoot in union circles for the proper welcoming of the labor-hating Smith when he and his vicious friends arrive.



ready. It takes time to prepare for a war, especially the war of the future. It takes time to recover from the effects of the one just ended. The talk in capitals and in the press is largely to intimidate opposing nations, to get populations at home jittery and inflame them with new nationalist prejudices.

But the preparations have begun. Just as the Second World War was the continuation of the first, so will the third be the continuation of the second-if the masses of people permit it to take place. All the squabbling now is merely the quarrel over the spoils of the Second World Wart The factories of Manchuria: shall

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You Can Help Us Get the 8-Page Labor Action!

By EMANUEL GARRETT, Editor LABOR ACTION

We have got to have an EIGHT-PAGE LABOR ACTION! And we shall have it! We have, in fact, already set a date for the appearance of the first regular EIGHT-PAGE LABOR ACTION - June 17!

The Workers Party has inaugurated a drive for a \$15,000 expansion fund. This fund will be used to finance new organizational activities and a vigorous publishing program. Part of this fund, by decision of the Workers Party, will be set aside to help us expand LABOR ACTION TO EIGHT PAGES.

Quotas for the fund drive have been allocated to all the branches of the Workers Party. (Turn to page 2 for a list of the quotas.) Workers Party branches will come through on their quotas. Of that we are sure. We ask, however, the help in this drive of every sympathizer, of every reader, of every friend.

Our readers know LABOR ACTION as an uncompromising revolutionary socialist paper. Our readers know it as an indispensable weapon in educating and FIGHTING for socialism. Our readers know it, too, as a paper that does not content itself with abstract articles unrelated to the struggles and vital problems of the working class.

On the contrary, they know it as a paper that enters into every

probes to the heart of every political event and interprets it in the light of working policy and interest.

Through the war years we unremittingly challenged the war makers, as we challenge and expose them today. We fought the no-strike pledge, and championed a genuine program to raise the standard of living of the American working class. The dramatic slogan of the GM strikers, "Open the Books," first appeared in LABOR ACTION years ago. We have campaigned for an Independent Labor Party, for Workers Defense Guards against the menace of fascism, for a program of economic and political demands that mean REAL SECURITY for labor.

Socialism, for us, is a living, breathing necessity that has its reflection in every phase of our lives. That is why we must have the space to discuss in detail every event and issue of significance. We do not have the space now.

Problems that need comment are multiplying, yet we are compelled in each issue to omit much that is important. We are unable, in a four-page paper, to discuss the ramifications of international politics as they affect the working class. The developments in Spain today are of extreme interest, yet we have to delay publication of

struggle, every picket line, as its own. They know it as a paper that our analysis of these events because we do not have the space in a four-page paper. Nor have we, for example, had the space to present the facts on Stalinism and its international anti-working class policies and activities.

> We are planning something different for the EIGHT PAGER. In addition to the regular four pages as we have them now, we will have a MAGAZINE SECTION. In the magazine section we will publish articles of a more analytical nature than we have found possible in the four pages. We will have special educational material and a variety of features.

> On April 1 we are going to publish a sample copy of the EIGHT PAGER! Our readers will then see what we have in mind.

We are confident that the sample EIGHT PAGER will provok a great response towards making it permanent. There is, however no need to wait for the SAMPLE EIGHT PAGER. \$15,000 will giv us the permanent EIGHT PAGER, as well as give the Worker Party an operating fund with which to expand its work. Make your contribution today. Fill in the attached blank. GET BEHINI THE DRIVE FOR AN EIGHT-PAGE LABOR ACTION BY JUN 17!

The first issue of the eight-page paper will appear on June 17. On April 1 a sample copy of the eight-pager will appear so that all our readers may see for themselves what a great advance this expansion will represent.

The thousands of dollars required to make this advance must come from our readers. We appeal to every reader to send us a contribution to make the expansion possible. Make all checks and money orders payable to LABOR ACTION, 114 West 14th Street, New York 11, N. Y.

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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE LABOR FRONT

Dissension Harries Stalinist Anti-Labor Gang

By STEPHEN PARKER

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Things are not going too well in the ranks of the American Communist Party. The new party leadership headed by William Z. Foster is conducting a furious campaign against "Browderism." Browder himself has jumped into the fray with a printed appeal, mailed to the members of the party. As one scoundrel attacks the other, we have an opportunity to peek into the workings of this antilabor, totalitarian machine. When members of a totalitarian

organization like the Communist Par-

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a deep internal struggle. There, Joseph Curran, president of the NMU, has opened a campaign against a Communist Party machine that, he says, "aims at dominating the union." The fight in the NMU and the rumored fight in the United Electrical. Radio & Machine Workers Union, another organization that has been Stalinist - dominated from the top for many years are not the only indications of dissension.

THE "CULTURAL FRONT"

On the so-called "cultural front," the Daily Worker is participating in a feverish campaign for "proletarian literature" as against "Trotskyist" and "revisionist" tendencies. Hardly an issue of the Daily Worker now appears that doesn't contain a diatribe against James T. Farrell, one of America's best known novelists and a genuine socialist (which is what particularly irritates the Daily Work-

linist policy, is now in the throes of er gang) and their new punching bag, Albert Maltz.

In an article that appeared in the Stalinist literary magazine, the New Masses, Maltz expressed the heretical opinion, in referring to Farrell's work, that you can't judge a writer by the committees he joins. It is now rumored on fairly good evidence that Isadore Schneider, for many years a CP literary wheelhorse, resigned as editor of the New Masses in protest against the vicious assault launched on Maltz by party hatchetmen Gold, Magil, Sillen and North. Another resignation that has al-

ready been announced is that of A. H. Heller, president of International Publishers, the CP book publishing house, and treasurer of the Jefferson School, which is run by the party. Heller, a very wealthy man, has been a Communist Party angel for many years.

Browder himself is being supported of the war, the struggle for the imby a mimeographed bulletin called "Distributors Guide," which has a circulation of 200. The 200 subscribers are business men who were Stalinist members or sympathizers and are now supporting Browder. Thus it is quite apparent that Browder has much more support in the Communist Party than the list of resolutions approving his expulsion, and which

WHY WAS BROWDER EXPELLED?

lead one to believe.

The reason for Browder's expulsion has been stated many times. In brief, Browder was too closely identified with the policy of the Communist Party during the war. The policy was one which aimed at the complete subordination of the American working class to U. S. imperialism as a means of achieving close collaboration with Russia during the war. With the end

Continue capitalism and we face

the certain prospect of new war,

Build socialism and we face a new

threshhold for humanity: the control

of atomic energy to give us un-

dreamed-of wonders to enrich and

mass destruction: the graveyard of

civilization.

ease our life.

perialist fruits and spoils of the war began, which meant the development of friction between Russia and the United States. Stalin needed in this country a party which could act as an irritant to American imperialism and so aid Stalin in his own imperialist expansion and aggrandizement. Out went Browder and in came Foster, who was lifted from obscurity. Browder is now tampaigning for were all unanimously adopted and printed in the Daily Worker, would the continuation of the wartime policy of class collaboration. During the war Browder developed the theory that' American imperialism was inherently progressive and that this progressive imperialism would have to work in conjunction with Russia for the next historical period. His main political slogan, therefore; is to maintain the Roosevelt-labor coalition under the leadership of Truman. On paper this remains the policy of the Communist Party as adopted at its convention last July, which also removed Browder from leader-

ship. In practice the Communist Party has been attacking Truman as a means of intimidating him in foreign policy on behalf of Russia. Thus Browder denounces Foster for calling Truman a "strike-breaker" and attacks Foster for "beginning to lay the basis for an eventual third party progressive movement," the ersatz labor party with which the Communist Party has been flirting.

(In coming issues of LABOR AC-TION we will further elaborate on the convulsions in the CP and the nature of the Stalinist line.)

Steel Local 2715 - -

(Continued from page 1) boys, should be considered friends of

the public and labor, etc. But the GM workers, who really went to bat, were chastised by the International. FOR WORKERS' GOVERNMENT

"This strike is only a skirmish in the great battle between us and our class enemies-capital. In this skirmish we revealed our fighting strength. But it is a skirmish from which we must learn many lessons as to where our weaknesses lay so that we can gird for the future battles. We don't need any rosy phrases of praise to hide from us the failure to attain our real aims. We must not let our present bitterness and anger weaken us in the future. We must make a sober and cold analysis of the whole situation and plan to improve our weapons and plans so that we enter the next battle with the

"One of labor's main concerns is to see that in the future no raise in wages results in granting (by political maneuvering) higher prices to the profit - swollen industries. This can be assured when labor gains greater and greater measure of control of the processes of industry. Only in this way can we regulate prices, wages, etc.

odds on our side.

favorable government. This means a Workers' Government that will represent our interests. No more string pulling in Washington, if you please. This has almost hanged the working class. We want a Workers' Government in Washington.

"We can attain this only by organizing a mass Labor Party based upon the organized workers. Every worker must get behind the campaign to organize such a party.

"These are the hard lessons of the strike wave. We must carry these ideas to as many workers as we can reach. If these lessons are learned by the many striking workers, then in that sense can we call this strike a victory, and only in that sense."

Detroit Readers! BEN HALL Organizer, Detroit Workers Party Will Speak on **Big Three Prepare for** Third World War FRIDAY, MARCH 22 LABOR ACTION HALL 3773 Gratiot (near Mt. Elliot) Admission Free Refreshments

up weapons to fight the fascists they

used the very same weapons-their

only misfortune being that they did

not have enough and as good weap-

We would be remiss in our duty if

we did not warn the working class

and urge it to prepare in advance.

We deny categorically that the picket

lines that have greeted Smith

The analogy with the Stalinists is

picket line protesting against Ger-

ald L. K. Smith, and that in other

sections of the country the Workers

Party has initiated picket lines

against him, several times without

the presence of the Stalinists. It

suits the Stalinists at present to be

"left wing," "anti-fascist," but their

bloc with Hitler when fascism was

For further study on this question

we refer you to The New Internation-

al of November and December, 1945,

where some of the questions you pose

are contained in an exchange be-

tween James Barret and Hal Draper,

the latter representing the views of

the Workers Party,-Editors.

"a matter of taste" is not forgotten.

ploying "fascist methods"?"

Smith that is provocative.

WP Branches Set Fund Drive Quotas

By NATHAN GOULD, National Organizer, Workers Party

The \$15,000.00 Drive for an 8-Page LABOR ACTION and for Workers Party Expansion is just two weeks old. Thanks primarily to the exemplary resonnse of our New York Local, which has always set the finest example, and to our Newark Branch, we have already realized over twenty per cent of our quota. Hibbing, Buffalo, Reading and Philadelphia have also pitched in. and must be congratulated on their prompt response. Especially gratifying is the response from Hibbing and Buffalo.

In general most of the branches have greeted the drive with enthusiasm. New York increased its quota from \$4,000 to \$5,000, Newark from \$350 to \$500, Detroit from \$1,000 to \$1,250, Youngstown from \$75 to \$150. The small branch in Hibbing accepted its quota of \$25 but has already received pledges of almost \$100.

Some of the branches are just getting the drive underway. We will hear more from these next week. We have two and one-half more months in which raise the remaining \$11,762.50.

Every branch must get behind the drive. Every branch must strive to fulfill and surpass its quota. Workers Party members are asked to contribute a minimum of one week's wages to the drive. Sympathizers and readers of LABOR ACTION are asked to support the campaign for an 8-Page LABOR ACTION by sending in their contributions. Forward to an 8-Page LABOR ACTION! \$15,000 by May 30!

Branch		Quota	Contributed	Percent	
	Hibbing, Minn.	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	140	
	Newark, N. J.		389.00	78	
	Buffalo, N. Y.		110.00	55	
	New York, N. Y.	5,000.00	2,253.50	45	
	Reading, Pa.		10.00	20	
	Philadelphia, Pa.		40.00	11:	
	National Office	3,850.00	400.00	10	
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	Chicago, Ill.		000.00	00	
	Cleveland, Ohio		000.00	00	
	Detroit, Mich.		000.00	00	
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Workers Party Meeting **Demands Indian Freedom**

The Workers Party at a meeting on Sunday, March 10, received enthusiastic response from an audience of over 200 to its call for immediate, unconditional independence for India. Tex Davis, veteran soldier returned from three years in India, moved the audience with his stirring eye-witness account of the misery of India's millions. Max Shachtman, National Secretary of the Workers Party, pointed out the fraudulence of the Atlantic Charter promises of freedom and independence, particularly as they relate to India. At the conclusion of the meeting, the following resolution, to be sent to President Truman. Prime Minister Atlee and the Indian press, was passed:

We, over 200 people assembled at Imperial Hall, in New York City, hereby declare our solidarity with the people of India and support them in their demand for freedom from British imperialist rule. British imperialism has brought to India only discrimination, super-exploitation and once again mass famine.

We solidarize ourselves with the sailors of Bombay and the demonstrators of New Delhi.

We demand the immediate withdrawal of ALL American troops from India. FOR A FREE AND INDEPENDENT INDIA!



ty start fighting among each other and when dissident elements appear and hurl accusations of "bureaucracy" and "factionalism," then it is certain that the dissatisfaction is deep rooted. These unprecedented occurrences are penetrating the ranks of the Communist Party, especially the trade unionists. The National Maritime Union, an organization that through the years has consistently followed the shifts and twists of Sta-

UAW LOCAL 719 TAKES STAND FOR LABOR PARTY

CHICAGO-Local 719, UAW, has committed its delegates to fight for an independent Labor Party and against "fact-finding" boards at the UAW national convention which convenes in Atlantic City on March 22.

The resolution on the "fact-finding" boards carried without any opposition. However, the resolution calling for the UAW-CIO to start the ball rolling on a national scale for an independent Labor Party called forth heavy opposition from the Communist Party elements. After a spirited debate, the resolution carried a majority in the membership meeting.

It is now up to the delegates to carry the fight for the idea of this resolution to the convention. LABOR ACTION notes the vigorous scrap put up by the delegates from Local 719 at the last UAW convention to rescind the wartime no-strike pledge. If the delegates to the convention carry on a struggle for an independent Labor Party and for the rest of

ints in their program, as they

isfactory diet.

ism is behind London, giving it support and allowing it to say aggressive things about Russia which it is not quite ready itself to say AS YET. Attlee carries the ball a little while for Washington; but it' is Washington's ball. Whoever wins, British imperialism is on the skids; it is doomed to be America's poor cousin.

London and Washington will screech about democracy. Moscow will reply with its slogans. Both lie. They are quarrelling over the booty of the war: oil, natural resources, machinery, capital goods, land; strategic bases. That is the substance; the talk is camouflage.

No, there will not be war tomor-

utilize them through a pliant Chinese government? The oil fields of Iran: shall they economic domination; the search for pour their products into Russian barmarkets for products and capital inrels or continue to enrich American and British millionaires?

The granaries of Europe, the strategic outposts of the Mediterranean, the islands of the Pacific: which of the two mighty imperialist blocs shall rule and exploit them?

And as this indecent struggle continues over the spoils of a war which has left the world in tatters and in tears, Europe starves. The British announce that their part of occupied Europe will have to "get along" on 750 calories a day, exactly one-third of the minimum necessary for a sat-

At the moment, the British seem to be at odds with the Russians. But the British no longer play a basically independent role. American imperial-

March 29

vestment; the search for sources of raw materials and plunder continues. It is inexorable in our society. So long as capitalism and totalitarian Stalinism continue to exist, war is inevitable. It may not come tomorrow, but come it will. And that is the basic meaning of the present war scare, of the exchange of notes, of troop preparations. Each side is jockeying for po-

sition, jabbing in the war of nerves. If talk of war today is largely bluff, the continuation in power of those who indulge in that talk makes war inevitable.

Look about you-you who fought, you who sacrificed, you who worked -and see the outlines of the future. See a new, infinitely more horrible

war slowly taking shape. For we are living in the shadow of the atomic bomb. It will destroy us, surely and quickly, unless we remove the despots and displace the decayed economic systems which use it against

Fall Out Over War Spoils - -(Continued from page 1) these be seized outright by the Russian troops or shall American capital

There can be no peace, no security, no freedom under capitalism or Stalinist imperialism. Each war bears in itself the imperialist seeds of another war. The quest for power, for plunder, for prestige; the struggle for

did to kick out the no-strike pledge at last year's convention, they will be doing a real service to the entire labor movement and carry on the tradition of Local 719.

Capitalists "Solve"

GI Housing Problem

"Please! I'm willing to pay what

you want if only you will take me

in. If the room is dirty I don't care

just so long as it has a bed in it. I'll

These words are on the lips of

every returning veteran. He lived

from three to four years in the dirty

water-soaked foxholes and now finds

that he is returning to that same

hole. This housing shortage sounds

pretty bad. Let's see just how bad it

is. Since I'm in the vicinity of De-

troit, I'll discuss the situation here.

There have been quite a few editor-

ials on GI housing in Detroit news-

papers. One asked: Why are there no

The capitalist 'explanation is sim-

ple: "Shortage of building materials."

If this were true you would say:

"Well, I guess the housing for vet-

erans will just have to wait." I claim

this material shortage is a complete

fallacy. But let's take their side of the

story, that there is a critical material

shortage. Recently in a Detroit news-

paper there were two photographs of

business buildings being built. They

were just about complete except for

part of the roof. One was being made

completely of lumber (a critical ma-

terial) and the other of steel (a criti-

cal material). The frames of both

buildings were made of brick, also

claimed to be a critical material.

These are just examples. This is the

situation throughout the whole city.

are going, but I said the housing

shortage was solved-somewhat. Let

me give you examples of how it was

This answers where the materials

Dear. Editor:

take the room."

houses for veterans?

row or the day after or the month after. But the stockpiles are being replenished. The reserves of weapons -new and terrible ones-are being increased. The fundamental truth of our time is seen once again:

solved (other cities take note). Jo-seph C. R. Sullivan, 26, and his 19-

year-old wife, Helen, whom he mar-

ried in Perry Jones Hospital last

June while recovering from wounds,

were unable to find a place to live

since his discharge from the para-

troopers. As a protest he set up his

pup tent and a sign in front of City

Hall. His sign stated: "People of De-

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this capitalistic, profit bosses' socie-

ty," and here it is:

them.

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cism to the apparatus of the govern-

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ings and sends its police to protect

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troit, I have no home. Why? Must all veterans return to pup tents for since the demonstration was apparquarters?" A pup tent was his home ently entirely unconnected with orin the Army. Must he return to it? ganized labor. I only wish to inquire whether it is possible to fight against Now come suggestions. Byron A. fascism by using fascist methods: Also Chaplow, president of the Chaplow whether Gerald L. K. Smith has the Lumber Co. in Detroit, suggested to right to peaceably express his opinthe Common Council the possibility

On Our Attitude

Toward Fascists

It is not my intention to discuss

here whether the Stalinist-Trotskyist

anti-Smith demonstration constitutes

a blot on the labor and socialist move-

ions in physical safety.

the brutal police methods used against

How long is it since the Stalinists, your co-demonstrators against Smith. were strong-arming your own meetings, since to them "Trotskyism is fascism"? This charge you will deny, but so long as you use Stalinist and fascist methods you will have diffi-

Our reader is under an illusionunfortunately a widespread, common

ment. The political groups particiwhen it can no longer afford the luxpating must take full credit or blame. ury of democracy, when it is menaced by the working class which threatens to institute its own form of government and nationalize the big monopolies under workers' control In Germany and Italy it was precisely because the workers were not sufficiently organized and prepared to undertake their own defense against the fascists, who were sponsored and subsidized by the monopolists, that fascism came into power.

thrown into the hall and of the bottles and stones thrown at the speakers. Yet his indignation is great at

D. E., Philadelphia, Pa.

ions and whether or not any section of the American people which so desires has the right to hear those opin-I am not taking issue with YOUR right to demonstrate before the hall, or even to establish a picket line. I only deny you the right to forcibly block the entrance and to provoke violence. Your reporter takes pleasure in telling of the stench bombs

some of the demonstrators.

He was informed that he would be given the opportunity to bid on them at salvage sales when they were replaced. All in all, I'd like to sum it up by

saying: "It looks like there's a great future for the veteran - capitalist style!"

JERRY O'MALLEY.

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culty in proving your case.

illusion-as to the nature of fascism

Fitsworth, a former builder of automobile bodies, said he planned on forming a corporation with his two sons to refurnish the buses and sell

homes for veterans! Meantime L. B. Fitsworth of 14732 Woodmont, conferred with a Detroit Street Railway representative on the possibility of converting old DSR buses into mobile homes for returned service men and their families. Now, my motto is:

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One-Tenth of the Nation

A Warning Against Stalinist Maneuvers

LABOR ACTION

Ben Davis, Jr., Negro Councilman ons of corruption is the People's and Stalinist faker, has written a Voice where Doxey Wilkerson, its fierce article against the crimes in Freeport, Long Island, and Columbia, Tennessee. Ben Davis blames capitalism.

"These conditions," he says, "have their roots in capitalism which grows fat on suffering, strife, disunity and low wages, all of which evils become most acute during conditions of economic stress and crises." And then he ends:

"How our country needs socialism!"

THE STALINIST RECORD

Yes, that is perfectly true. The United States and above all others, the Negroes, need socialism. But who have been the bitterest enemies of the social revolution and socialism but the Communist party, the party of Benjamin Davis, Jr.? In this very article of his, he calls upon the workers to send a stinging protest to "the second Mississippi Compromise, Harry Truman."

And how did Harry Truman get into the White House? Wasn't Harry Truman, second in command and chosen heir of Franklin D. Roosevelt? The capitalism which grows fat on suffering didn't begin yesterday. It was there growing fat in 1944 when Ben Davis and his Communist party rooted for Franklin Roosevelt as President of the United States. This capitalism was there, growing fat on disunity and low wages when Roosevelt and Stalin signed the Teheran Pact. During those days Ben Davis, Jr. did not find that our country needs ed socialism so terribly.

However, the Stalinist Empire finds the United States in the way of. its expansion. Hitler is defeated. Competition for world domination is now on the order of the day between Russian imperialism and American imperialism, Behold, Ben Davis rediscovers how our country, how badly our country needs socialism.

The Workers Party and LABOR **ACTION** from the beginning of their existence to the present day have been in the vanguard of the struggle for socialism. We believe that the first condition for the overthrow of bourgeois society is a clear recognition by the workers of all trade union bureaucrats, labor fakers and pseudo-socialists as the agents of capitalism in the working class movement. Of these, Ben Davis, Jr. is a notorious example. He and his party practice a calculated manipultation of Negro suffering and Negro militancy in the interests of Stalinist politics. One of their most potent weap-

general manager, organizes the weekly outpouring of Stalinist corruption. Closely associated with him is Adam Clayton Powell, a slick Negro Congressman, who in addition to his maneuvers in Washington, writes a weekly article in People's Voice. The National Negro Congress, formerly led by Max Yergan, is now under the leadership of Revels Cavton, a notorious Stalinist from the West Coast. These Negroes and quite a few others take advantage of their color to put across the Stalinist line among the Negro people.

It is pernicious at all times but when it takes the form of perverting the struggle for socialism, then above all, it is necessary for revolutionary socialists to call these people to account and to expose them.

WORKERS ARE LEARNING

The father of revolutionary socialism is Karl Marx. His greatest disciple was Lenin. It is inconceivable that Marx or Lenin would have condoned in any way the brutal robberies of which the Stalinist Empire is guilty in Eastern Europe and Western Asia. Marx and Lenin were the enemies of imperialism in any shape or form. It is possible to support imperialist banditry in Europe and Asia and preach socialism in the United States only by a brazen hypocrisy. Marx and Lenin spent their lives in

educating the working class to the evils and crimes of capitalism. Never were they found boosting a Roosevelt and a Truman on one day and then denouncing them as enemies of the working class on the next. They made mistakes and they changed their policies but such mistakes neither they nor any sincere socialist could possibly make. Such "mistakes" are the result of conscious deception and deliberate political maneuvers in the interests of an imperialist power.

Why is it so necessary, why is it so urgent today that the doctrine of revolutionary socialism be presented to the working class without contamination and without corruption. Why is it so necessary that revolutionary socialists maintain a vigilant exposure of these enemies of socialism? It is because the workers of this country, whites and Negroes, are deeply conscious of the crimes of capitalism. They cannot formulate in scientific terms the ills to which they are subjected but they fight against them and little by little they learn.



took place in the important city of Houston, Texas. The majority of the original strikers were Negroes. Yet the entire labor movement in Houston rallied to their support. On the eve of the general strike, a meeting was held by the South Side Civic Council to support the strikers. In the courthouse where the meeting was

held, Negroes are prohibited. But the

white workers insisted that this rule

By J. R. Johnson

be broken and more than a third of the audience were Negroes. The Dallas Morning News which recognized the significance of this action wrote an editorial entitled: "Houston and Karl Marx." Here is an extract:

"There is a theory that working for a living is a sort of economic war between the boss and the worker. That is Karl Marx theory. To Karl Marx, the employer is the natural enemy of the worker and the worker is the natural enemy of the employer. That theory can have only one outcome-war. . . . Most of the Houston employees, of course, never gave Karl Marx a thought. But they are testing out the Marx theory, whether they so intended or not. They are learning the hard way."

The Dallas Morning News is perfectly right. Millions of American workers including Negroes are learning the hard way. They are testing out the Marxist theory whether they consciously intend it or not. What they need is a clear consistent exposition of the doctrines of revolutionary socialism. By this means they will be able to draw to the end their practical experiences and thus in time mobilize themselves to overthrow this rotten society.

But for many years now the Communist Party with its army of white and Negro bureaucrats descends upon just such groups as these splendid Houston fighters and corrupt and mislead them with Stalinist maneuvers represented as Marxism and social revolution.

We of the Workers Party warn the Negro workers in particular not to be caught by these glib facile time-servers. For the working class to fulfill its destiny and lead the hation in the social revolution, it must not only be prepared to struggle and sacrifice. It must be prepared to examine scrupulously the claims of all parties which present themselves for leadership. Any serious examination of the past of the Communist Party and Ben Davis will show that repudiation of them and all that they stand for is one of the first lessons that the revo-

The Meaning Of the Vote In Argentina

-By A. Ferrara

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For many months now the American capitalist press has been assuring the world that the Argentine people, given half a chance to express themselves in "free" and "honest" elections, would quickly dispose of Colonel Peron's brutal police régime. The Argentine elections, their honesty guaranteed by the army (!) have come and gone, and it is plain that the would-be prophets were wrong. For although the ballot counting has not been complete, it is clear that Peron has decisively defeated the candidate of the Democratic Front, Tamborini, and will soon be installed as the elected President of Argentina. So that an army-sponsored régime, which came into being through an open seizure of power, a régime that has practiced violence against any and all political opposition from its first day, will continue on its way backed by popular support and bearing the stamp of legality! How are we to explain the riddle of Argentine politics? Are we to say that the Argentine masses are not democratically-minded and willingly embrace the slavery that a military-police régime imposes? Such an explanation would be sheer nonsense. What must be explained is the fact that Peron's police brutality toward political opponents is only one half the picture. It is only this side which the American capitalist press has revealed, for purposes of its own. What must be explained is the social content of Peron's demagogic politics, which undeniably won him the support of the most oppressed sections of Argentine society.

While the spokesmen of the Democratic Front spoke in lofty terms about democracy and freedom, Peron initiated minimum wage laws in agriculture and industry. While the landowners and industrialists denounced Peron for his connections with the Nazis and fascists, Peron's régime decreed a 30 per cent general increase in wages to meet rising prices, and made a demagogic thrust at breaking up the large estates, the latifundias, by seizing the estate of one of his political opponents. While the speakers of the Democratic Front praised Yankee democracy, the Argentine workers remembered the fact that the United States government had never moved a finger against some of Peron's predecessors who also ruled by decree. They remembered also that the great meat-packing industries of Argentina are owned in large part by American and British interests who realize tremendous profits and pay sub-standard wages. Unions controlled by Peron's henchmen had organized the workers in these same industries.

ABC'S OF SITUATION

To a politically experienced observer it is ABC that what Peron gives with one hand he takes away with the other. The rise in wages will be washed away by the rise in prices. The unions which Peron's régime' organized he polices with his ruffians. Meanwhile he jails militant, classconscious trade union leaders and breaks up independent unions. His gestures toward breaking up the big landed estates in order to win the support of the farm workers and the tenant farmers will remain but gestures. But what matters to the underprivileged masses of town and country in Argentina is the fact that at least Peron is doing something while his opponents not only have a record of doing nothing but did not even promise anything during the present crucial election.

In a word, Peron's demagoguery succeeded because his political opponents, banded together in the so-called Democratic Front, lacked a program. And if we take apart this Popular Front coalition we see that by its very nature it could not have a program. The Democratic Front consisted of the National Democratic Party, the party of the conservative landowners, masters of tremendous estates; the Radical Party, the party of the industrial capitalists and the urban petty bourgeoisie; and, bringing up the rear, were the small Socialist and Communist parties. One other member of this coalition should be mentioned which added greatly to its unpopularity, the United States government. To rally the oppressed masses against Peron, a little more than the empty slogan of free elections was necessary. It was necessary to announce a vigorous program that would give economic security and a decent standard of living to the workers. To Yet, bend as they will, lick boots as they will, try to . satisfy the demands of the agricultural workers expropriation of the gigantic landed estates. To pay for this program and insure its realization it would be necessary to call for the expropriation of that large sector of Argentine industry which is owned and controlled by foreign capital. In other words, it would be necessary to invade the sacred realm of private property. The leaders of the Democratic Front, the landlords and industrial capitalists, preferred to talk about freedom and democracy in general. No wonder!

H. G. Wells, famous British novelist and his-"On the basis of all the evidence, we find torian, Captain John Baird, member of Parliament, that Trotsky never recommended, plotted or George Orwell, noted left-wing writer, and Arthur attempted the restoration of capitalism in the Koestler, author of "Darkness at Noon," are among USSR. On the contrary, he has always uncomthe signers of a petition to the Allied War Crimes promisingly opposed the restoration of capi-Commission and to the British prosecutor at Nutalism in the Soviet Union and its existence remberg asking for an investigation of the allega-

H. G. Wells in Group Asking Nuremberg

Inquiry in Frame-Up Against Leon Trotsky

In conclusion the commission found the of connections between Leon Trotsky and other Moscow Trials to be frame-ups" and "... Trotsky revolutionary leaders on the one hand and the ... not guilty."

the end of the section of their report dealing with "Agreements with Foreign Powers" is that: "We therefore hold the charge of conspiracy with foreign powers to be not only not proved but preposterous." (Report of Trotsky Commission.)

AN INVESTIGATION IS NOW POSSIBLE berg prosecutor by the Revolutionary Communist

In 1936 and 1937, when the trials in Moscow

anywhere else."

The conclusion reached by the commission at

support of the prominent men listed above, has already been featured in LABOR ACTION. Excerpts from the letter specifically asking for an interrogation of Hess. follow:

Party (British Trotskyists) and which enlisted the

tions, made at the infamous 1936-37 Moscow Trials,

Other prominent men of letters in England who

signed the statement to the Nuremberg prosecutor

include C. E. M. Joad, Henry Sara, F. A. Ridley,

Dr. C. A. Smith, A. A. Ballard, Paul Potts and

The request originally made upon the Nurem-

Nazis on the other.

Julian Symons.

During the Moscow political trials of 1936 and 1937, many references were made to an alleged association between Leon Trotsky and other of the accused on the one hand and the Nazi government and Gestapo on the other. For example, the indictment of the January (1937) trial states, inter alia:

"The investigation has established that L. D. Trotsky entered into negotiations with one of the leaders of the German National Socialist Party with a view to waging a joint struggle against the Soviet Union....

"The principles of this agreement, as Trotsky related, were finally elaborated and adopted during Trotsky's meeting with Hitler's deputy, Hess." (Verbatim report of the trial. Moscow, 1937.)

DEWEY COMMISSION DISPUTED FINDINGS

Following the Moscow Trials a commission of inquiry, initiated by the American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky and having the mandate of similar organizations in other countries, was set up. Meeting in America, it acted under the chairmanship of Dr. John Dewey, eminent liberal publicist and educationalist, was served as secretary by Suzanne La Follette, author and journalist, and as counsel by John P., Finerty, famous as counsel for Sacco and Vanzetti and for Tom Mooney. The remainder of the commission was composed of well-known public figures-socialists, educationalists, editors, journalists, authors. In the voluminous report subsequently issued by the commission, the commissioners describe themselves as "... holding widely divergent political and social opinions, and none of them being a political adherent of Leon Trotsky " Their findings in regard to the charges of collaboration with the Nazis were:

"We find that Trotsky never instructed any of the accused or witnesses in the Moscow Trials to enter into agreements with foreign powers against the Soviet Union. On the contrary, he has always uncompromisingly advocated the defense of the USSR. He has been a most forthright ideological opponent of the fascism represented by the foreign powers with which he is accused of having conspired.

took place, and in' 1937; when the commission of inquiry was held, it was not, of course, possible for either side to check the allegations of collusion between Trotsky and the Nazis by reference to Nazi sources. Now, however, the position is different. The whole of the Gestapo records are in the hands of the Allied powers and Hess-the only Nazi named in the Moscow indictment-is available at Nuremberg for public questioning. The opportunity thus presented for an investigation aimed at the establishment of historical truth and bearing upon the political integrity of figures and tendencies of international standing is invaluable.

We therefore suggest the following:

1. That Hess be interrogated at Nuremberg in regard to his alleged meeting with Trotsky. 2. That an accredited representative of Natalia Sedov-Trotsky (Leon Trotsky's widow) be invited to attend this session of the Nuremberg trial with authority to cross-examine the accused and witnesses.

3. That the Allied experts examining Gestapo records be instructed to state whether there are any documents proving or disproving liaison between the Nazi Party or state and Trotsky or the other Old Bolshevik leaders indicted at the Moscow Trials and if so to make them available for publication.





By IRVING HOWE

Recent reports from Germany indicate that, at least in the zone controlled by Russian troops, there may soon be a fusion between the Stalinist and the Social-Democratic Parties. This fusion should be understood primarily as part of the tendency towards totalitarian dictatorship wherever Stalin's armies take control.

What is the nature of these two parties in eastern Germany? The role of the Stalinists is well known: they are the unquestioning and unscrupulous servants of the Russian regime; they twist their "lines" and politics, regardless of effect on the workers, to serve the interests of the Russian ruling group.

"LIBERATION" BY PAUPERIZATION

Their task in eastern Germany was therefore especially difficult. For here was a situation in which the advancing Russian armies were behaving, according to the most favorable reports, in a manner little short of barbaric. Looting, raping, political terrorism-these characteristics expected of conquering imperialist armies were also the characteristics of Stalin's troops.

But it wasn't only a question of the behavior of the troops. The political and economic policy of the Russians was one which could bring only total misery to the German workers; it was a policy which could be summed up in one word: looting. Whole factories were dismantled and shipped to Russia. The workers in Eastern Germany were in many cases deprived of the social basis of their existence: the factories in which they had worked were simply no longer there. In other words, the policy which the British-American bombings had begun -that is, the destruction of Germany's industrial plantwas deliberately continued by the Russians; and the result could only be misery and pauperization for the German workers.

Yet here were the German Stalinists trying to hail this as the work of the "liberating Red Army." The German workers soon learned exactly what ironic significance that word "liberation" had (a significance which others, in America, have still to learn.) The Stalinist party in eastern Germany has resultantly had some difficulty in "selling" the Russians to the local workers.

And this is where the idea of a fusion with the Social-Democrats comes in. Traditionally social-democracy is a working class party whose leaders serve as the agents of its "own" capitalist class; that is the role which it plays today in France and England, for instance. It is committed to the maintenance of the status quo, that is, capitalism, regardless of what reforms it may simultaneously suggest. But to serve in this role, social democracy requires a certain minimum of political freedom; it flourishes during those periods of capitalist democracy when capitalism is attempting to placate the workers with dribs and drabs rather than suppress them completely by fascist terrorism. So soon as capitalism turns to the perspective of the "closed fist," the perspective of fascism, it has no more use for social-democracy.

When capitalist democracy-that distinctly limited kind of democracy-began to rise again in France and Belgium after the rout of Hitler, the Social-Democrats

were its main agents. One of their main purposes was to "calm down" the workers, to deflect them from the idea that the workers must seize power themselves. But suppose there isn't the traditional capitalist democracy: suppose, instead, there is a Stalinist domination. How little democracy that brings everybody knows. Here, too, the social-democrats are willing to bend; their backs. have infinite flexibility.

make their peace with the Stalinist armies in eastern and tenant farmers it was necessary to propose the Germany as they will-the Social Democrats still cannot serve as quite the unquestioning servants of the Stalin regime that the Stalinist parties do. Social Democratic organizations, though hureaucratized enough still do not have the incredible totalitarian, ja-voting character of Stalinist parties. Reformist rascals though they may be, the social-democratic leaders are comparatively more responsive to the pressure of dissatisfied workers than are the Stalinists. For the Stalinsts have as their sole and exclusive function the furthering of the interests of the Kremlin; no amount of workers' pressure can make any Stalinist narty take a fundamental or important. course which the Kremlin bureaucracy does not wish it to take.

Is it therefore far-fetched to surmise that in eastern Germany some of the workers fretting under the Stalinist dictatorship may have turned to the local organizations of the Social Democratic Party in order to find there some expression for their grievances? We think that is what may very likely have happened, and that it is to remove this "nuisance." that the Russian military rulers are forcing the Social Democrats to agree to fusion.

To Anglo-American imperialism in western Germany, the fusion is a distressing prospect. It means that their main agent and native political counterweight to the Russians has been lost to them in eastern Germany. And they are determined not to let it happen in western Germany. Their attitude is: You, Stalin, keep YOUR agents; but for goodness sakes, let us hang on to OURS too!

Thus, a New York Times dispatch of February 6 reports: "There is a tendency in London to take the line that the best way to counter this Communist maneuver is to shape Allied policy in the west so that it supports the Social Democrats and does not play into the hands of the Communists."

STALINISM VERSUS REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISM

An extremely important conclusion must be drawn from these events. Wherever Stalin's army entrenches itself, there sooner or later develops a totalitarian regime. No independent working class activity is tolerated by the Russian overlords: not even the hesitant, partial, atomized activity which might result from a Social Democratic party.

Between revolutionary socialism and Stalinism there can be no peace. The one represents freedom; the other brutal dictatorship. The one means independent initiative and expression on the part of the workers; the other total suppression and militarization. The advance of Stalin's and governs in behalf of the ruling class is Bonaarmy brings not liberation, but suppression.

CLASS FORCES

Having explained why Peron won, we must try to explain Peron. What social forces brought his régime, with its aggressive nationalism and its dangerous social demagoguery, into being??

It is a well-known fact that the growth of Argentine industry was greatly accelerated during World War II. This growth is reflected in the astonishing expansion of the working class which, numbering less than half a million in 1935, grew to more than a million by 1945 out of a total population of 13 million. Inevitably, this growth of industry has sharpened the conflict between the landlords and the industrialists for political supremacy. And besides ousting the landlords from power, the industrial bourgeoisie must break the hold of foreign capitalism on Argentine industry. But these tasks cannot be carried out without the support of the masses and primarily of the working class. And that is why the industrialists are paralyzed politically. They fear to invoke the power of that force which they consider the most dangerous-a politically awakened working class, which will fight not only to end the economic power of foreign capitalism and the political power of the landlords, but will also fight for its own rights. The main enemy of capitalism is still the working class.

Given the serious divisions within the ruling class which paralyze it, given the pressure of foreign capital to maintain its privileged positions within the country, and given the striving of the proletariat, though politically immature, for a change in its miserable conditions, a régime is called for which will arbitrate all these differences while defending the interests of the ruling class as a whole. The correct name for a state power which rises above a society torn by social contradictions partism. Such is the Peron government.



WORKERS PARTY SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

We Are All Getting Together for a Grand Time

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-On Karl Marx and the 75th Anniversary of the Paris Commune-They Showed the Way to Labor Emancipation!

By J. R. JOHNSON

The American working class is not yet as familiar as the European working class with the history and traditions of the revolutionary socialist movement. March 14, anniversary of the death of Karl Marx and March 18, the anniversary of the Paris Commune will be celebrated only by a small minority.

U.S. Workers and Marx's Heritage

As the international crisis deepens, the American proletariat will rapidly increase its interest in the great thinker whose whole work was based upon the proletariat as the most progressive force in modern society and the irreconcilable enemy of capitalist barbarism. As the class struggle sharpens in the U.S. Marxism will come into its own as a great popular study. The American proletariat will then learn to celebrate in its own vigorous style the anniversary of those workers in Paris who in 1871, to use Marx's

phrase, stormed the heavens. They gave to the world for the first time, the "political form at last discovered under which to work out the economic emancipation of labor." Karl Marx's life was all of a piece. He devoted himself to a scientific demonstration cf the inevitable decline of capitalist society. But side by side with this decline there emerged the socialist proletariat. the class destined to overthrow capitalism, establish the socialist society and wipe away for good and all the exploitation of man by man, In Marx there was not the slightest trace of mysticism. He was a master of English political economy, German philosophy, and French political science. These he used in his monumental labors to

establish that the social movement had the inevitability, of a process of natural history, that it was "governed by laws not only independent of human will, consciousness and intelligence, but rather on the contrary determining that will, consciousness and intelligence." By this he did not mean to say that the future of human society was predestined in all its events and occurrences. He knew that men made their own history. He knew that social life pro-

ceeded by the conflict of interests and passions, complicated by all the bewildering phenomena which attend the daily activity of hundreds of millions of human beings. But he, more than any other thinker, established the fact that all these multitudinous actions took place according to certain laws.. For him the most important law was the organic movement of the proletariat to overthrow bourgeois society.

Perhaps today it would be as well to recall an aspect of his doctrine too often forgotten. No man had a more elevated conception of the destiny of the human race. This for him was the greatest crime of capitalism, that while on the one hand, it created the possibility of a truly human existence for all mankind, by the very nature of the process of capitalist production, it degraded the individual worker to the level of being merely an appendage to a machine.

A New Vision for the Working People

In his great work, CAPITAL, over and over again, he pointed out that as capitalist production became more scientific, the actual labor of the worker was more and more deprived of intellectual content and educational potentiality. So far was Marx from being a vulgar materialist that in his denunciation of the evils of capitalist production, he did not hesitate (for the moment) to brush aside the wages of the worker. "In proportion as capital accumulates," he insisted, "the lot of the laborer, BE HIS PAYMENT HIGH OR LOW, must grow worse." On the basis of economic analysis he drew the conclusion that modern society would perish if it did not replace the worker of today, condemned to automatic repetition of mechanical movement, by the highly developed individual. Such a man, according to Marx, would be fit for a variety of labors, ready to face any change of production, a man to whom the different social functions he performed were but so many means of giving free scope to his own natural and acquired powers. This for him would be a worker in a civilized society but that could come only by the destruction of capital.

Such was his vision that this student of political economy and the labor process has unfolded perhaps the most poetic and farseeing perspective for human society ever propounded by any philosopher or poet. According to him it was only with the creation of the socialist society that the real history of humanity would begin. Thus at a single stroke, he thrust into insignificance the painfully acquired knowledge and culture of thousands of years of civilization, which he, more than most other men had studied and understood. All this, he said, would be as nothing in comparison with the perspective which would be opened to human society by the abolition of the exploitation of classes on the basis of a worldwide cooperation.

Yet scientist and philosopher as he was, with an unquenchable faith in the inevitability of socialism, Marx was no mere man of the study. He took part in the German revolution of 1848, was active in the preparations of the French revolution of that year, and to the end of his days participated, whenever possible, in the workers' struggles against capitalism which he always knew as preparation for social revolution.

In 1871, when the workers of Paris established the Commune, Marx hailed it as one of the greatest events in human history. Let us briefly recall the circumstances.

The First Working-Class Government

France had been defeated by the armies of Germany which stood at Versailles, a few miles away from Paris. The leaders of French capitalism, statesmen and soldiers, were on their knees before the German conquerors, anxious to save their hides and the plunder that they had accumulated during the war. They were ready to sell out France to the conquerer. The French people had proclaimed the French republic, and these capitalist politicians knew that one great obstacle stood in the way of their conspiracy with Bismarck. This obstacle was the armed republicans of Paris.

Working in the closest association with the German invaders, the French ruling class attempted to disarm the Parisians but the workers of Paris, emaciated by a five month's famine, did not hesitate for a single moment. They seized the power in Paris and established the Paris Commune.

What exactly was this Commune?? There have been many interpretations. The interpretation of Karl Marx remains unchallenged in its simplicity and its penetration.

"It was essentially a working class government, the product of the producing against the appropriating class, the political form at last discovered under which to work out the economic emancipation of man."

What the Paris Commune Symbolized

The Paris Commune was first and foremost a democracy. The government was a body elected by universal suffrage. None of its functionaries was paid more than the wages of a skilled worker. It did not expropriate the property of the bourgeoisie, but it handed to associations of workingmen all closed workshops and factories. whether the capitalist owners had run away or simply had decided to stop work.

It lasted for 71 days. It was destroyed by a combination of its own weaknesses, chiefly a lack of decision, and the treacheries of the French bourgeoisie in shameless alliance with the German army. The murderous brutality with which the fighters of the Commune were shot, tortured and deported, remained a landmark in

European civilization, until the days of Hitler and Stalin.

Today, to the American proletariat, there are many lessons to be drawn from the history of the Commune. Perhaps the most important for the advanced workers are the methods by which Marx approached its study and the conclusions which he drew. For him, the Commune, despite its failure, was a symbol of inestimable value.

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It was a symbol in that it showed the real women of Parisheroic, noble and devoted like the women of antiquity. It was a symbol in that it showed to the world: "working, thinking, fighting, bleeding Paris-almost forgetful in its incubation of a new society, of the cannibals at its gates-radiant in the enthusiasm of its historical initiative."

It was a symbol in that it admitted all foreigners to the honor of dying for the immortal cause.

It was a symbol because even before peace had been signed with Germany, the Commune made a German working man the Minister of Labor.

It was a symbol because under the eyes of the conquering Prussians on the one hand, and the Bonapartist army on the other, it pulled down the great Vendome column which stood as a monument to the martial glory of the first Napoleon. Marx saw in these actions not accidental gestures but organic responses of the revolutionary proletariat to the barbarous practices and ideology of bourgeois society.

The Important Conclusion

Most important, however, Marx drew a great theoretical conclusion from the experience of the Commune. He showed that the capitalist army, the capitalist state, the capitalist bureaucracy, cannot be seized by the revolutionary proletariat and used for its own purposes. It had to be smashed completely and a new state organized, based upon the organization of the working class. In 1871, he drew this as a theoretical conclusion. In 1905, and later in 1917, the Russian working class, by the formation of Soviets, or workers councils, laid the basis of a new type of social organization. It was by his studies of Marx's analysis of the Commune that Lenin was able to recognize so quickly the significance of the Soviets and to establish them as the basis of the new workers' state.

Today the advanced American worker needs to know the history of the international struggles of the proletariat. From these he will most quickly learn to understand his own. Marx's pamphlet on the Commune, THE CIVIL WAR IN FRANCE, is a profound and moving piece of writing. The worker who has not yet begun the study of Marxism will never forget this double anniversary if he celebrates it by reading what Karl Marx had to say about the great revolution of the Paris working-class.



By SUSAN GREEN

According to the food experts, there are 500,000,000 people in Europe and Asia who, between now and next harvest, will face dangerous malnutrition or actual starvation. The food shortage will, as always, hit the poorest the hardest.

There are several reasons for this critical scarcity of food, and varied as are these reasons they are all the fault of the capitalist system, with its imperialist wars and its profit motivation.

For the war-devastated farmlands in Europe and Asia made useless for food production, we have the imperialists of the world to thank. For the bomb-ruined docks and transportation facilities which are holding up what food can be produced and could be distributed, we owe our profound gratitude to the same source. For the dislocation of world trade and industry and imperialist politics which, for instance, compels Argentinians to burn wheat instead of the coal they cannot get (U. S. imperialism is withholding fuel from Argentina), we must doff our hats to the war-waging powers of the world. For the uncontrolled floods that But, as always when it comes to huruined the crops in parts of China, for the drought that blighted crops in India and North Africa, diminishing further the food supplies of the world, capitalism must also, be blamed. Scientists who placed war on the high technological plane of World War II, culminating in the atom bomb, could devise controls for ered necessary for a minimum safety floods and counter - measures to diet of 2500 calories a day. Only half droughts to save crops from ruin and of that tonnage was delivered, while people from starvation-if these scientists served a system dedicated to human needs and not to power and rope are subsisting on 1500 calories profits.

Finally, the operation of private oils and fats, UNRRA has shipped enterprise in this country, where food is most bountiful, has led to withholding from human consumption millions of bushels of wheat and other grains. In July, 1945, there were an estimated 1.404.000.000 bushels of wheat on hand in the United States. Six months later, half of that stock pile simply "disappeared." It will reappear when higher prices have been forced, or, better still, when the powerful farm lobby has induced Congress to end all price controls. Another 205,000,000 bushels of precious wheat were fed to animals and fowl because there was more money in meat, eggs and poultry.

The 500,000,000 hungry humans in the world are, therefore, the tribute we pay for continuing the capitalist system, the price for allowing the ascendancy of the power of money over the needs of man.

practically nothing to speak of. The recent gestures emanating from the White House are a mockery of the urgent needs of the hungry. On February 6 the President promised to send 6.000.000 tons of wheat to feed 2,000 calories a day to 50,000,-000 people - only one-tenth of the estimated needy. His plan was to divert grain from alcoholic beverages and beer, to increase the extraction

ventories against hoarding, to stop feeding grain to animals, and so on. needed. Mr. Hoover's idea is to put Then for three or four weeks nothing famine relief on a voluntary basis. happened, because, after all, Mr. Let the American people pull in Truman is not hungry. their belts to the extent of twenty-

Next we heard that ex-President Hoover, mixer of food and politics of post-World War I fame, was called in by the President. The former President was going to go Tru-

leaving the problem exactly where it man one better. He would ship 8,000,was, except for the fact that UNRRA rate in making flour, to control in- 000 tons of wheat to feed 67,000,000 representatives from all participating

"Builders" Slate Elected in UAW Local 719

CHICAGO - The Stalinist Party- order to be better able to attack the books to the negotiating committee. backed slate for local officers and union as a whole. One has only to Toward the establishment of a gendelegates to the national convention read their daily attacks on the GM uine independent Labor Party. the UAW-CIO from Local 719 strikers and the labor movement in

people-still a long cry from what is nations are scheduled to meet for a talk-fest this month.

PRICE OF GRAINS GOES UP

No, begging your pardon, it is not five per cent of their present concorrect to say that the problem remains exactly as before. The governsumption. They eat too much, anyment has decided to increase the way, thinks Mr. Hoover. Whereupon prices of grains. Reporting the glad Mr. Hoover prepared to go to Europe, news, the New York Times wrote: "The government announced tonight increases in the prices of six major grains as a step to carrying out the country's program to help feed hungry people." It would be very hard for a starving Italian or Hindu to figure out how making food dearer will make it easier to feed him. Nevertheless wheat is now up three cents a bushel, corn similarly, oats two cents, barley four cents, and so on.

Still another steal is in the making

business was presumably to keep

This is the way a capitalist govern-

The working people of America should be concerned about the famished of Europe and Asia, especially since the great majority are their class brothers. Between now and next harvest, instead of spring and summer rejuvenation and bloom, millions will die of starvation and disease unless they receive immediate help.

What must be done? Hoards of grain held for higher prices must be seized and released for shipment. The government seized plants to break strikes. Let it seize food to prevent starvation. The Army and Navy must be made to disgorge food from their overstocked warehouses to provide relief abroad. The black market supplies must be unearthed and similarly utilized. No time can be lost. This IS a matter of life or death.

UNRRA DOESN'T DELIVER

Back in November, 1943, the United Nations created the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, ostensibly to stem the ravages of disease and hunger among the war-torn peoples of the world. man needs, the governments talk big and do little. UNRRA has functioned insufficiently, furthermore coupling food and medicine with politics. For the first quarter of 1946 UNRRA was to have been provided with 1,200,000 tons of wheat for use abroad, considmore than half of the people of Eua day and less. Of much needed food

(Electro-Motive) has been defeated by a margin of 150-300 votes. A total

of 2,300 votes were cast. The campaign was marked by vicious personal attacks by the Stalinist group on one side, and red-baiting with the aid of the reactionary Chicago Tribune and Hearst press by the "Rank and File Union Builders"

on the other. There is no doubt that the margin of victory of the latter group over the Stalinists and their misguided. stooges would have reached the proportions of a landslide had they not stooped to enlist the aid of the reactionary boss press. Progressive unionists have always opposed soliciting the aid of the boss newspapers in order to settle their

differences in the labor movement. The capitalist newspapers are the instruments of the employers, and only open their columns to one side or another in an intra-union dispute in general to see that this is true. Though the program of the "Rank

and File Union Builders" was progressive and militant, they did practically nothing in explaining or popularizing it among the ranks of the union and missed a good opportunity in not exposing the vague and catchall program of the Stalinists.

In addition to many excellent points /dealing with local issues, the program of the "Builders" pledged their candidates to fight for: Unrestricted collective bargaining. Against "cooling-off" and "fact-finding" legislation.

The defeat of all "company security" plans.

Against a no-strike pledge in any form.

Full employment insurance during strikes and illness. A guaranteed annual wage based

on the cost of living.

Annual opening of the corporation

Against because of race, creed or color and for legislation to enforce this prin-For a fair tax program based on the ability to pay.

The future will tell whether or not Bowles, is urging the continued unthe "Builders" take their program derwriting of big business to the exseriously or merely used it as a steptent of well over two billion dollars. Of this sum more than half has been ping stone to victory in the local with the intention of discarding it once paid to the big food interests. This they are in power. If they seriously gift of the taxpayers' money to big intend to carry on a campaign in the local and at the national convention prices down. But by Bowles' own adof the UAW to effectuate the program mission last year, the consumer benethat helped them to victory, their fited by only \$378,000,000 out of a \$1,leadership in the local is assured for 250,000,000 subsidy paid the food inthe future. If they fail to do this, dustry, which means that prices did however, the ranks of the union will not stay down to anywhere near the extent warranted by the subsidy. The seal their fate and put an end to their aspirations for positions of leadership government wants this outrageous graft to continue. in the local.

LABOR ACTION will carry an article in a forthcoming issue thorment evades the life-or-death problem of feeding 500,000,000 people, oughly analyzing the election campaign in Local 719 and drawing the lessons from it.

Labor has to make these reasonable up on Capitol Hill. The question of demands from the government at renewing subsidies to big business is once. coming before Congress. The admin-Also, let the working people save istration, including ex-OPA head

what food they can and send it to their starving brothers. But let them do so on their own-not, as Hoover plans, through the medium of the capitalist government, which has evaded and stalled and increased the profits of the profiteers, while human lives hang in the balance. Let the unions organize a drive to send food to the stricken abroad, on the basis of humanity, international brotherhood and working class solidarity. These things can be done, and must be done at once.

....For a permanent solution of the vital issue of food, for its equitable distribution and for its most abundant production, the big farm and food corporations must be nationalized and placed under workers' conhungry and starving. Feeding profits trol, all according to the plan and to the capitalists is hardly the way. guidance of a workers' government.

Sub-Drive Passes Half-Way Mark!

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By REVA CRAINE, Press Manager

LABOR ACTION's drive for 5000 new subscriptions is swinging into the second half as this week's scoreboard shows a total of 2523 subs. The reports from the branches of the Workers Party and the requests for additional subscription booklets indicate that in the remaining eight weeks of the drive more than the remaining 2500 subs will be obtained.

This week, the second branch of the Workers Party went over its quota, reaching 121 per cent. We received from the Hibbing Branch the following communication:

"Dear Comrade-Well, last Sunday, J. and I went after the subs again. After meeting at ten o'clock we drove over to Chisholm and went to work. The mine workers and their families that we met in our house-to-house canvass received us favorably and a high percentage of them bought a sub. The fact that they are on strike now and need their money so desperately kept some of them from taking the paper. We have gone over the top on our quota and I feel confident that it will be doubled by the end of the drive. If we had all our time free to put into the drive, I believe it would be an easy matter to get a thousand. Yours. H. J."

The Louisville Branch, from whom we have been waiting to hear, came in this week with 41 subs, fulfilling 86 per cent of its quota. The Reading Branch follows close on its heels with 80 per cent of its quota completed.

From Philadelphia we learn:

(Berlin)

"Within a half hour fifteen members of the Workers Party in Philadelphia rallied to a picket line in front of a meeting called by the Christian Vets, a fascist outfit of Gerald L. K.

Smith. We distributed LABOR ACTION and without effort six subs were gotten from the bystanders and pickets.

"Last Sunday, several members of the Workers Party went into the neighborhood of the General Electric plant with LA-BOR ACTION. The residents of that area witnessed the police brutality last week. They read the pro-corporation articles and editorials in the daily press and immediately recognized the need for a labor paper, for LABOR ACTION. In less than one hour, fourteen subscriptions were sold.

"Though a little late in getting started, the Philadelphia membership is enthusiastic in it response .-- M. W."

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The April 1 issue of LABOR ACTION will be EIGHT PAGES -a forerunner of the regular Eight-Pager which will appear on June 17. Every member of the Workers Party and every LABOR ACTION booster will now have the living proof of what we mean when we say that we are going to EXPAND the SIZE AND CIRCULATION of LABOR ACTION. Be sure to get your subscriptions in before that date so that all new subscribers will have the opportunity of seeing the sample copy of the enlarged LABOR ACTION.

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