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U.S. AIMS AT WORLD RULE, SAYS KNOX Can't Discuss Soviet War

Kremlin Conceals Real Reasons For Defeats

"Some materials have reached

Soviet Union has been sent."

ficient in itself to save the situa-

tion, added the Daily Worker

"Not only is much larger and

speedier aid necessary for the

Exaggerates Moscow Conference Results To Hide Lack Of Competent Army Leaders, Failure To Inspire Revolutionary Struggle

By ART PREIS

The Kremlin is making fantastic claims for the results of Has the Soviet Union's military the Moscow three-power conference on aid to the Soviet Union. situation, for which the Datty Thanking the representatives of the imperialist democracies

for the "bountiful supplies" already sent to the USSR, Stalin than mere material aid, now taken on October 1 put forth the claim that the promised aid will a magical turn for the better? enable the Soviet forces "forthwith to strengthen their relentless defense and develop vigorous at-

tacks against the invading army." | in conjunction with statements by Lozovsky, chief of the Soviet Lords Moyne and Clement Attlee Information Bureau, stated that in behalf of the government, we the Moscow agreement has "colos- have a declaration of definite disastrous defeats continuously sal explosive powers" and "will policy which can be summed up suffered by the Red Army since have a deadly practical nature ion as limited assistance to Russia, the inception of the war. the Germans." rejection of military action ana

A Moscow dispatch in the Daily 'ceaseless study of the problem.' Worker, October 4, declares: "The (Daily Worker, Sept. 22). pooling of the vast resources of the U.S.A., Great Britain and the sion of the conterence, the Daity USSR are guarantees that Hitler Worker, October 2, still said editwill meet his doom, the Izvestia orially: stated."

The Daily Worker, October 6, calls the conference results a "deadly blow to Hitler."

These claims about the extent and importance of the forthcoming material aid from the Allies are in sharp contrast to the attitude of the Stalinists and their press in the days immediately preceding the conference. Harry Pollitt, leading British

Stalinist, publicly declared on September 21:

"Churchill's policy announced on Soviet Union, but our country . . September 9, completely failed to must undertake equal responsibilsatisfy public disquiet. . . Taken ity for the military destruction of

stating:

Hitler." That is, open up a western front.

SITUATION NOT CHANGED Has the attitude of the Churchill government, as described by Pollitt, now changed overnight? Worker says more help is needed Not at all. These fulsome claims for the results of the Moscow conference are made in order to stifle the doubts and serious concern of the Stalinist ranks everywhere, about the causes for the

This agitation about the significance of the "aid" promised by Churchill and Roosevelt is only On the very day of the conclu- a Stalinist smoke-screen to hide

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Soviet factory workers at a Dimitrov plant being taught the mechanism of rifles and other arms in preparation for service with the armed forces against the Nazis.

Stalin Forbids Soviet Masses To Discuss War Developments

Are Critical Of Kremlin's Ruinous Policies

(This is the second of a series of articles on conditions in the Soviet Union today, based on the first number of consecutive issues suspicion between soldiers and worker was kept busy repairing of Moscow newspapers available in this country in almost a year). civilians. To engage a soldier in an apartment instead of being en-

22, the day Hitler started his invasion. Military authorities being charged with contacting an do not live in houses in the center now rule supreme. No one is permitted to enter or leave Mos- agent of the enemy. But that is of Moscow. The house in question

penetrate deep into the interior formed person', told the housein order to perpetrate their black wife all sorts of fantastic nondeeds here.' sense." We interrupt at this point

Obviously, the Kremlin wants to to explain that Pravda is not at erect an impenetrable barrier of all enraged by the fact a Soviet The Soviet Union was placed under martial law on June conversation is to run the risk of gaged in defense work. Workers

Will "Police Seven Seas" For Next 100 Years

Admits This War Will be Followed By Other Imperialist Struggles For World Domination

By GEORGE BREITMAN

American imperialism does not have and cannot afford to have a perspective of peace after the defeat of Hitler in this war, for it must work for world domination and the assurance that this domination will be maintained for 'a hundred years, at least,' Secretary of the Navy Knox told the American Bar Association in Indianapolis on October 1.

Knox's warning that an American-British victory in World War II would not usher in a period of lasting peace but would be only the first step in the direction of world domination by the victorious powers, came in the course of a speech pleading for support of a naval expansion policy that would permit the United States, together with Great Britain, to "police the seven seas" after the war.

Knox, authoritative spokesman for the Administration, in this intimation of the imperialist war aims and problems of the American bosses, avoided much

of such a force, as I have indiof the high sounding camouflage and talk about "four freedoms" cated, must be the control of the employed by Roosevelt and seas by the United States and Churchill to decorate their Eight Great Britain. . ."

WHAT "FREEDOM OF America is already in the war, THE SEAS" MEANS

he said, and "the world has now In this speech Knox dwelt at grown so small, so interrelated, great length on the imperialist so interdependent that, try as we concept of "freedom of the seas," will, we cannot escape from this and stressed its use not only as task" (of insuring American doma slogan for complete entry into the war, but for world domination "It is by no means sufficient

after the war. that we take those steps neces-"The objective of all naval opsary to clear the sea lanes of the erations is control of maritime bandits which now infest them. communications and the ability We must do more than that. We to preserve such communication

for one's own use, whether mili

tary or commercial, and to dent

"I hope that what I have said

does make for a better under

standing of how vital to us is the

principle of the freedom of the

seas. This freedom means that

the great historic highways of

the nations are free for the use

of all alike, on even terms, save

only those activities which are

designed to be hostile and ag-

"Freedom of the seas" is not

them to the enemy. . ."

the Soviet Union from America, but thus far it has been only a token. Neither the vast quantity nor the full range of materials necessary for effective aid to the But even material aid is not suf-

(Pravda, July 6).

effect, scrapped the Stalinist

"Constitution" with all its "guar-

antees". The military tribunals

-the courts martial-are the sole

judges of the distinction, if any,

between "free speech" and "false

in advance. The Secretary of

"Especially intolerable today. .

ance with the new ukase of the

Presidium of the Supreme Council

of the USSR it is necessary to

conduct the most ruthless strug-

gle against the disseminators of

among the populace. Our work

must be directed toward the ex-

tirpation of spies and diversion-

ists, the exposure of panicky

It will be observed that the

Secretary of Propaganda makes

tween a "babbler" and a "spy";

between "panicky people" and

"diversionists." They are lump-

ed together along with "dis-

seminators of false rumors,"

"provocateurs", etc. Perhaps

this is merely an excess of

zeal? PRAVDA itself hastens

to dispel any illusions on this

"Fascist plunderers," thunders

methods of diversionism and

score in a leading editorial.

no distinction whatever be-

Even the judges are instructed

Measure Is Intended To Silence Those Who fascist barbarians are trying to show off that he was a 'well-in-

By JOHN G. WRIGHT

New Pamphlet On SWP **ProsecutionNowOnSale**

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 .- The - it is an attack on the political Civil Rights Defense Commit-tee has just published a pamph-This is why the Minnesota 'Sedi-tet setting forth the mane of the Supreme espionage on the broadest scale let setting forth the main facts tious Conspiracy' case is of such Council of the USSR, follows: and important issues involved crucial importance.

in the Federal Prosecution of "Today, there are few places on the Socialist Workers Party and this globe where a man is per-Local 544-CIO. The pamphlet mitted honestly and openly to exhas been written by George E. press his ideas and to defend his Novack, Secretary of the Comconvictions. The American people do not want this to happen mittee, and contains a foreword by James T. Farrell, noin the United States. The way ted novelist, author of "Studs to prevent this is to implement Lonigan", and Chairman of the and strengthen our civil rights. Civil Rights Defense Commit-And we can and must do this by defending them. Freedom of tee.

In his foreword James Farspeech is meaningless if it is rell makes the following signifreedom to agree with those who ficant comments on the case: are in power. No real social ad-

"I once heard free speech cynvance is ever attained in that manner. Unless this attack on rumor." ically described as a right which the citizen possesses as long as our basic rights is checked, it will he doesn't exercise it. Do we want establish a precedent for subsethis statement to be more than quent ones. This is precisely the Propaganda of the Moscow Dismere cynicism? Do we want it manner in which liberty dies. trict Committee of the Communist to be a description of the status Inch by inch it is eaten away. Party elucidated the ukase as folof free speech, of civil liberties, One precedent after another is es- lows: tablished. Repressive and reac-

in the United States - in the year 1941? These questions, in tionary tendencies are built up are general discussions, empty essence point to the vital issue until they can, in time, resemble and abstract babble. . . In accordinvolved in the Minnesota 'Sedia tidal wave. When that has haptious Conspiracy' case. pened - it is too late."

"This case is the most impor-The pamphlet sells for five tant involving civil liberties since cents and copies can be obtained from the office of the Civil Rights the trials of the I.W.W. members Defense Committee at 160 Fifth false rumors arousing alarm during the First World War. And it is similar to the I.W.W. cases Avenue, New York City. in its fundamental point. Both The first meeting of the Naconstituted attacks on the labor tional Committee of the Civil movement. It is axiomatic that Rights Defense Committee was there can be no freedom in a so- held on Monday, October 6th, at people, provocateurs, etc." ciety if labor is not free. The which a statement on policy was basis of our liberties rests, forratified and plans made for the mally, on the unconditional guar- extension of the Committee's

antees given us in the Bill of work in the next few months. Rights. It rests actually on the New members of the National freedom of labor. In Italy, when Committee include Alice Stone Benito Mussolini rose to power, Blackwell, prominent fighter for he undertook an immediate at- women's rights, Alfred Baker tack on all working-class organ- Lewis, well-known Socialist, Dr. izations and he crushed them; in Benjamin Lippincott of the Uni-Germany, this was also the first versity of Minnesota, Joseph Gilstep of Adolph Hitler after he bert of the Minnesota Midland

became Chancellor. The major Cooperative Wholesale, Charles step in the restriction, the D. Egley, Manager, Farmers abridgement and the abolition of Union Livestock Commission Co., Pravda, "are trying to employ the civil liberties is always the same St. Paul, Minnesota.

Workers who live in the suburbs of Moscow must obtain cow. special permits to go to their jobs in the city. (Pravda, June 26). But even martial law is not rigorous enough for Stalin's

requirements. After two weeks of war, on July 5, he issued a lians. Pravda makes no bones wife of an important person. special ukase virtually forbidding people to talk! The text of

throats are outfitting their spies "It is hereby decreed that whoand diversionists with uniforms ever is guilty of spreading in of militia-men and Red soldiers. wartime false rumors arousing They try to invest them with the alarm among the populace shall appearance of Soviet citizens." be sentenced by verdict of the

courts martial to a term of 2 to 5 TRYING TO SEPARATE years in prison, unless the nature WORKER AND SOLDIER of the crime is such as carries

with it a severer penalty by law" With this ukase Stalin has, in

continues Pravda, "to think that the enemy is sending his diver- house on one of the central streets sionists and spies only behind the of Moscow . . . Ts. deported him- he knows in public? To jail with lines close to the front. The self very freely, and wishing to

not all. The Kremlin wants no was not at all an ordinary house discussions of any kind, neither but that of a bureaucrat. And the among soldiers nor among civil- "housewife" obviously, was the about it: Could anything be more sus-

"NO UNNECESSARY CON-VERSATIONS, NO SUPER-FLUOUS WORDS! THE BAB-BLER IS THE FIRST ASSISTthe police. ANT OF THE SPY AND DI-VERSIONIST" (Pravda, July

13). emphasizes Pravda, "that Ts. was systematically engaged in counter-In order to illustrate that the GPU alone is equipped to pass revolutionary agitation among the judgment on the character of con- workers in the building trades, Anyone wearing the uniform of versations, Pravda featured the and was trying to sow panic." the Red Army is thus a potential case of a Soviet worker. "On What greater criminal could suspect. "It would be a mistake," June 25," says Pravda, "one Ts. there be than a worker who was doing some repair work in a thinks he can deport himself

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to guarantee that they shall be kept clear of pirates in the future. . . (It means) that the great law-abiding, peace-loving nations (United States and Great Britease in such circumstances? The ain) must take the power into "housewife" immediately reported their hands and keep it there for this most suspicious behavior to a long time to come to prevent the inauguration of another "The investigation proved," world war. . ."

ination of the world).

must do our full share and more,

Points.

NO PROMISE OF PEACE Knox makes no promises that such a course will mean peace. As a matter of fact he strongly indicates that other wars will have to be fought by the master nations of the world if "freely" or "show off" how much they want to maintain supre-

an abstract principle for Knox and the capitalist class he represents. In their double talk it becomes monopoly of the seas by the United States and its satellites. The seas will be "free" to

gressive."

"We will not engage in any dle dreams of a millenium. We them, but they will be "controlare not going to stop all wars. |led" for other nations whose ac-But I am convinced we, for our tivities "whether military or own safety and protection, and commercial" may be regarded as for the maintenance of our way | hostile or aggressive to the dominof life, shall have to provide an ant powers. Thus, for example, interregnum in which we will not the United States and Great Britonly devote ourselves to the pur- ain will be able to shut off the suit of peaceful aims, but pro- use of the seas to any nation that vide the essential might to en- | tries to compete with them comforce such a peace on those who mercially in any foreign market. for that would be regarded as

"If we must fight, and mark this well, there will not be for many years to come a time when we may not have to fight, then with modern weapons what they are, let us determine that we will fight elsewhere than our own

Knox has no illusions that the victory of either the "democratic" or the fascist imperialists in this war will bring in any lasting per- permitted to deprive other nations. iod of peace. Nor does he pretend that any World War II edition of the League of Nations will be able to do that, says will do away with imperialist war | Knox. or imperialist peace.

"Sometime, somewhere, an international order may emerge which need not rely on force, but that time, unhappily, is a long way off.

"In the interim, a justly con- is over? Knox makes clear that ducted, peace-loving force must no other nation will have any say intervene to save the world from in this matter unless it is comself-destruction. The foundation (Continued on page 2)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota, Oct. 5. - In ill health for a long time as a result of shell-shock suffered during the first World War, Grant Dunne, Organizer for Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544-CIO, committed suicide yesterday. Shortly after 6 P. M. he was found fatally wounded on the floor of a bedroom in the apartment in which he lived with his wife and two of their four sons. A 22-target pistol lay at his side. He had been shot through the right temple.

His wife, Clara and their ten-year old son Russell, were in the apartment at the time of the shooting. Deputy Coroner Dr. Emil Johnson officially pronounced the death a suicide by shooting and said that no inquest would be held.

Workers Mourn His Loss

Thousands of Minneapolis truck drivers are grief-stricken over this tragedy which has ended the life of a devoted and courageous trade union leader, who, together with his brothers Miles and Vincent and other Minneapolis militants, built the Drivers Union 544 into one of the most powerful labor organizations in the country. These workers who have gained so much through their union, understand that the blows which had been struck at 544-CIO in recent months by Stassen, Blair and the state apparatus as well as by Tobin, Roosevelt and the FBI, pressed heavily upon (Continued on page 4)

Grant Dunne, 1894-1941



GRANT DUNNE

are not willing voluntarily to pursue such a course. . ."

macy.

hostile or aggressive. "Aggressor nations must not be allowed to deprive other powers of the free use of the

seas upon which their lives and futures depend. This is the essence of the meaning of the principle of the freedom of the seas. . ." Nations which the American-

Anglo controllers of the seas consider "aggressive" will not be of the use of seas - only the United States and Great Britain

WHO WILL RUN THE

WORLD AFTER THE WAR And who else besides the United States and the British Empire will decide these questions when the second "war for democracy,"



picious than a worker feeling at

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Reason For Union Guards

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Labor Groups Denounce Union-Buster LaGuardia

Anti-Labor Policies Hit By TWU, Teachers, Municipal Workers and Negro Groups

Without consulting the wishes of the rank-and-file of their member organizations, the bureaucratic tops of the New York Central Labor Union (AFL) and of the New York Industrial Union Council (CIO) have announced their support of unionbuster Fiorello H. LaGuardia in the coming elections. At the same time, unions affiliated to these same groups have in the past two weeks come out with strong condemnations of La Guardia's anti-labor policies, indicating that the union leaders speak only for themselves and +

against the interests of the rank labor, anti-Negro policies. On July 19, Herbert Newton, and file.

Last week, two hundred and Negro vice-president of the WPA fifty delegates assembled at the Teachers' Union was arrested third biennial convention of the while leading a picket line pro-Transport Workers Union in New | testing the dismissal of 20,000 York City heard Allan S. Hay- WPA workers. He was taken to wood, national director of the C. | the 23rd Precinct Police Station I.O., Michael J. Quill, internation- by LaGuardia's cops and there al president of the Transport | badly beaten. The job was done | to James Marshall, president of Workers Union, and Joseph Cur- so thoroughly that his attorney the latter Board. ran, president of the Greater was not permitted to see him for New York Industrial Council, de- twenty-four hours. He finally nounce the failure of Mayor La found Newton in the prison ward Guardia to recognize the Trans- of Bellevue Hospital, unable to port Workers Union as the bar- speak, suffering from crushed gaining agency of the city's ribs, concussion of the brain and 32,000 transport workers. other serious injuries. The president of the WPA

La Guardia's administration was attacked by Haywood as having made "the most brazen and outrageous attempt to break a labor union that I have ever witnessed in my long career as a labor leader."

On September 20, in Lansing, campaign conducted by the union Michigan, the national convention Committee for the Defense of of the State, County, and Muni- Herbert Newton, LaGuardia's apcipal Workers of America. CIO. declared its opposition to the suspension from employment of ing on the charges of brutality Ewart Guinier, New York district against Negroes on October 2nd. SCMWA president.

The charges brought against ever, Deputy Inspector Mulhol-Guinier by LaGuardia's Commis- land refused admittance to repsioner of Investigation, William "trumped-up"; and his suspension was termed another "unionbusting attack on the SCMWA." mand the reinstatement of Guinier, who is a popular Negro militant and not the first of his race

B. Herlands, were denounced as terested organizations. Their presence was not "in the public interest," he said. At the "hearing" itself, police officials charg-The State, County, and Municipal ed with brutality were not per-Workers convention voted to de- mitted to testify or be questioned. The main actors in this farce never got on the stage.

On the day of the hearing, how-

resentatives of the press and in-

Negroes."

Board of Education on the grounds that "national defense" comes first. Meek though it usually is, the New York Teachers Guild, Local 2 of the American Federation of Teachers, attacked LaGuardia's "outrageous and unprecedented" procedure, when on his authority, the City Treasury stopped payment on checks of thirty-five members of the Board of Education's clerical staff who

necessary funds requested by the

had been granted sabbatical leaves.

A statement declaring the Mayor's action a "flagrant attempt to use the budget as a pretext for curtailing the powers of the Board of Superintendents and the Board of Education" was sent

These four cases which we have cited all received publicity within a few weeks. Far from being "exceptions", they are characteristic of LaGuardia's regime. They show that instead of being a "friend" of labor, the Little Flower is just another political agent Teachers Union, William Levney, of the bosses fooling the work-

described the beating as "the last ers. straw in a whole series of inci-The AFL and CIO leaderships dents of police brutality against attempts to force their rank-and-

file to support LaGuardia, prove After a prolonged pressure that these leaders are closer to LaGuardia and his war program than they are to the workers who are the victims of LaGuardia's pointee. Police Commissioner regime. Valentine, granted an open hear-

VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE WHO FIGHTS AGAINST WAR

The workers and local unions who have protested against La in direct contradiction to his Guardia's misdeeds need only to deeds and actions. Cannon is carry their position to its logical | a working class militant and reconclusion to see that the only volutionist with a record of 30 mayoralty candidate worthy of | years service to the American latheir support is James P. Can- bor movement. The bosses want non, the Trotskyist Anti-War to continue LaGuardia as their

candidate of our Party. Cannon and the other militants | The workers of New York must in the federal prosecution of the give real expression to their own Socialist Workers Party and Lo- interests by supporting Cannon

in the firs



What a union defense guard might have prevented is shown in this picture of Homer Wilson of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, one of two CIO organizers waylaid September 25 by masked vigilantes in Roane county, Tennessee. Both were flogged and drenched in hot tar after being warned that: "We're not going to pay northern wages in Tennessee."

stand and for their militant union smash the militant unions, and

national law. . ."

mayor and send Cannon to jail.

work. LaGuardia, working hand U.S. AIMS AT WORLD RULE remove the opposition to the imperialist war. (Continued from page 1) | real war aims of the administra-

pletely subservient to the inter- tion - that the talk about "demests of American-Anglo imperial- | ocracy" and "war to end war" ism. "Other nations of similar are only the sugar coating used in aggressive designs, could be a war that has no interest in ginning would be made leading long as the capitalist system retoward the restoration of inter- mains.

Here then is the American ver-ILGWU Local sion of the "Versailles Treaty" for World War II. Here is the program for which American improgram for which American imperialism is spending billions and Calls Strike

must set up conditions which will | 1500 workers of the Maiden Form Brassiere factory, members of Local 160 of the International lers. . ."

But Hitler was able to rise in Ladies Garment Workers Union, ernment must revive the democrat post-war Germany precisely be- went out on strike here last week ically-elected Soviets and legalize describes how the Moscow radio cause of the efforts of the Allies and completely shut the plant all pro-Soviet political parties.

By LOU COOPER

BAYONNE, N. J., Oct. 6. -

Kremlin Conceals Real **Reasons For Defeats**

(Continued from page 1) numerically; (c) Sufficient milit- admit that the 170,000,000 (it is the real question: Why has the ary equipment?" not more than that now) of the Red Army suffered only defeats "Question 2: In quite a number Soviet Union are now facing a since the first days of the war? | of Soviet military reports I have combination of 400,000,000 people,

The Red Army, at the outset of read that Soviet troops have met either fighting, producing for war the war, was numerically superior with numerically superior forces ... or threatening war. Now all the to the Nazi army. It possessed In view of the assertion that the answers become clear."

arms and material equal in quant-Soviets have a larger military In a word, Hitler's admitted ity and quality to what the Nazis manpower than the Nazis, how superiority now flows, according could immediately utilize against can we account for the Nazi super- to this Stalinist, from the peoples it. The morale of the Soviet sol- liority admitted in so many reof the occupied territories-those diers was superior to that of Hit- ports?" people who, under a revolutionary fer's soldiers. The Red Army had "A Veteran Commander's" releadership, might be a dagger in

'sufficient.' But this is a fine

the advantage of a defensive posi- ply to the question on the Dnieper Hitler's back. This Stalinist "expert", of tion, behind prepared and natural defeat simply evades the issue by

defenses, and could maneuver on raising all sorts of new speculacourse, fails to mention the decisfamiliar terrain. Why, then, the tions. The level of his answer is ive source of Hitler's strength, the defeats? indicated by this: "Militarily German people. speaking, no equipment is ever

STALINIST RANKS ASKING QUESTIONS

point, and we better drop it for a The Stalinist leaders are being moment.' compelled to explain away ques-These Stalinist evasions cannot. tions along this line which events however, silence the insisten have aroused in the minds of the questions. Why the defeats of the Stalinist ranks. Red Army despite its superiority Such are the questions which "A

in manpower, equality in materiel. Veteran Commander", Stalinist etc.? military commentator, vainly THE LACK OF tries to answer in the Sunday

LEADERSHIP Worker, October 5: "Question 1: How were the

No amount of Stalinist smoke Nazis able to cross the Dnieper in screens can hide the fact that the view of the following: (a) The Red Army command is hopelessly pressive Versailles "neace" Soviets had the advantage of the inferior in leadership and staft Dnieper: (b) About equal forces

Stalin.

ending defeats.

work to the Nazi officers' staff. In these defeats are revealed the in order to aid in the establishconsequences of Stalin's behead ment of a Socialist United States

ing of th armed forces of the of Europe, and that the Soviet USSR in 1937 and 1938. Union will fight against a Ver-During the frameup purges of sailles "peace", will do more than those years, no less than 40,000 any other thing to undermine Hit-

Red Army officers, including al. ler's influence in Germany. most the entire general staff of The masses of the occupied

experienced and trained generals, countries are already seething were executed or imprisoned by with revolt. Far from desiring to aid Hitler, they are seeking that The Red Army, with its officers program and leadership which

peaceful inclinations, and lacking to win support of the masses for corps depleted by Stalin's purges, will organize and lead them in lacks qualified leadership. This the revolutionary overthrow of joined to them, and thus the be- democracy and no end in sight so accounts in great part for the un Hitlerism. If Hitler still can utilize the resources of the conquered

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yoke of a foreign conqueror.

Hitler's strength lies, above all,

in the fear of the German workers

of another Versailles "peace", the

By his complete political ident-

ification with the "democratic"

imperialists, Stalin alienates the

German workers from the Soviet

Union. The German people are

led by Stalin's policies to assoc-

iate the Soviet Union with his

imperialist "allies", who, if vic-

torious, would impose a new op-

A pledge from the Soviet Union

that it is fighting to defeat Hitler

While the Red Army goes on countries against the Soviet from one debacle to another Union, it is only because the Stalin continues to hold in his peoples of the occupied territories prisons and concentration camps as yet lack the program, organiz thousands of trained officers and ation and leadership to destroy industrial experts, loyal elements the invader. who can provide the type of lead

STALIN'S "APPEAL"

How does Stalin appeal to these subjugated peoples? He asks them. in effect, to fight for a restoration of the old traitorous capitalist regimes and appeals to them in terms of the reactionary ideas fostered by the capitalist classes. Daniel T. Brigham, in a dispatch from Berne. Switzerland to the New York Times, October 5,

ership so sadly lacking. That is why all those who have at heart the true interests of the Soviet Union must raise the in sistent demand that the Soviet Government immediately release all pro-Soviet political prisoners and restore them to their rightful place in industry and the Red Army. At the same time, the gov-

addresses the populations of the

Every one knows that Mayor cal 544-CIO have been indicted and the program of the Trotskyto suffer from LaGuardia's anti- LaGuardia has failed to provide by Roosevelt for their anti-war ist Anti-War Party. preparing to enter the armed conflict. These are the conditions Knox referred to in his speech in Bayonne when he said, "When we have defeated Hitler, and destroyed this Nazi bid for world dominion, we prevent the rise of new Hit-

Seamen Win War Bonus Gains As Result Of Strike Action

But NDMB Uses Threats To Coerce Union | seventh bonus in the first | REVOLUTION!

LaGuardia is a clever agent of the bosses whose words and gestures as a "friend" of labor are

Heads To Accept Limited Concessions

The leaders of the Seafarers International Union and the Sailors Union of the Pacific have bowed to a virtual government ultimatum and accepted a "compromise" agreement on their demand for war bonuses and increased insurance payments for seamen sailing merchant ships into belligerent waters. The National Defense Mediation Board, which heard the case, threatened the unions with what amounted to the establishment of a to accept the "recommendations." tory, for the Maritime Commission had for years conducted a

Harry Lundeberg, heading the SUP, and John Hawk, heading the SIU delegation, agreed in Washington to recommend to the membership of their respective unions that the NDMB findings be accepted. It was revealed by the negotiating committees that the government had declared its readiness to clamp upon the seamen, arbitration machinery similar to the Railway Labor Act, which would make future strike action all but impossible, if the committees had rejected the NDMB "recommendations."

The unions, however, were not defeated on all the points involved in the dispute. They won several concessions, including a 33 1-3% bonus increase. But the attitude of the NDMB proved to the seamen, that the Mediation Board was just as much on the side of the shipowners as was the Maritime Commission which ran scabs on three ships during the 10 day strike in September. Today the seamen are no longer deceived by the fiction of governmental impartiality between worker and boss. They know that all governmental agencies are stooges for the bosses. They know that the concessions they did win, were due to their own militancy and not to the fairness of the Mediation Board.

Aside from the bonus boosts, the unions smashed several reactionary precedents that the shipowners were trying to establish. Killed was the move to tie seamen's bonus rates to the ships' hull insurance which seldom varies much. Moreover, the Maritime minated from the field of labor Atlantic Coast of Canada.

month bonus four areas, and \$33 a month in Canadian waters.

The following port bonuses will also be put into effect: \$100 for Suez, plus \$5 per day for each day beyond five days in port: \$45 for Red Sea and Persian Gulf ports. The Board made no recommendations as to port bonuses for Vladivostok or ports in Iceland. These rates amount to a 33 1-3% boost over the rates

now in effect. the guise of an "impartial" governmental agency. When the The three man mediation panel Commission manned three Alcoa which heard the case was comships with scabs, during the posed of Charles Wyzanski, Jr., strike, the SIU served notice on George H. Mead, and Robert J. both the government and the Watt. Watt was the official repshipowners that it would henceresentative of the AFL, parent forth attend no negotiations in body of the unions involved. He

which the Maritime Commission was a party. Also, the unions succeeded in establishing machinery for rapid

settlement of future disputes with the bosses over bonus payments. The shipowners dodged the present complaints for six months before they finally settled. The new agreement will re-

viciously anti-labor policy under

quire the bosses to meet with the union within five days after written notice of a desire to revise the existing agreements. Should the parties fail to reach an agreement within another five days, the bonus dispute is to be turned over to the conciliation service of

the Department of Labor. The principal defeat suffered of the MILITANT, two of the deby the union was on its demand that the waters of the Caribbean speakers at the affair. be declared belligerent and sea-Comrade Cannon, in his speech, men receive bonuses for sailing

assured the gathering that the them. This, the NDMB high handedly denied, despite the acdefendants would conduct themselves in court in a manner which knowledged presence of Nazi would advance the revolutionary raiders throughout the North and movement. South Atlantic.

The Board set five war risk He described the government's areas: the waters of Spain, Poractions as a sign of fundamental tugal, Africa, Red Sea, Persian | weakness, and expressed his con-Gulf, India, Iceland and Green- fidence that if the defendants are land; the waters of Siberia; the finally sent to prison the grow-Commission was completely eli- Zealand and Australia; and the fect their release. He urged the mankind."

relations. This was no small vic- Able-bodied seamen will re- activities in answer to the govern- tary of the Civil Rights Defense man.

How much "democracy" is a democratic army supposed to have? Hanson W. Baldwin, New York Times military commentator, tells us in the September 28 issue:

"There must bc, of course, democratic discipline for a democratic army. But some of the manifestations of the 'new discipline' transcend such concepts. . . Too often National Guard officers and enlisted men can be seen drinking together: all too often the officer forgets the inherent dignity of his rank; sometimes

orders have been ignored."

reach a decision in the case. had the dual role of "represent-Watt voted with the other two ing" labor during the hearings, members of the panel. The findand also representing the gov- ings of the NDMB panel were ernment when it came time to unanimous.

Horrors!

era of reaction and imperialist war. It is no wonder that Knox warns that American imperialism must be prepared to back up its war aims with "the essential might to enforce such a peace": Wars for boss profit followed by imperialist "peace" which will give way again to new

wars — this is the perspective of American capitalism for the next hundred years. A true and lasting peace is indeed "a long way off" in the calculations of the warmongers in Washing. ton.

Those who want to fight against the war must understand that Knox's words describe the



NEW YORK. Oct. 3.-About 200 members and friends of Committee, described the growing OTHER UNIONS the Socialist Workers Party, at a Solidarity Banquet held here response from workers and protonight, gave an inspiring demonstration of solidarity with the gressives all over the nation to couraging support from many defendants in the government's "seditious conspiracy" case the appeals of the committee for sections of the militant labor against the SWP and Local 544-CIO. funds and moral support in the Prolonged and tremendous applause greeted James P. Can-

non, National Secretary of the SWP, and Felix Morrow, editor dants.

fendants, who were the leading ment's attempts to cripple the anti-war fight by attacking our party's leadership. Felix Morrow gave a moving

dress. "To go to prison is a small

future

price to pay for what the party one of the founders of the Amer- \$1000 to their strike fund. has given me, and for what it ican Trotskyist movement, C. will give me and all of us in the Charles, New York SWP organ-

izer, Robert Chester, chairman of the Cannon-For-Mayor committee. "Only through the party do we really live useful and satisfactory Jerry Kirk, and Sam Ryan trade lives. For everything we do in unionists, and Genora Johnson, a waters of the Philippines, China, ing power of the working class the party is directed toward the former leader of the CIO Auto Indo-China, East Indies, Malay- movement, in this period of capi- only purposeful goal, the usher- Union's Womens Auxiliary during an Peninsula; the waters of New | talist decay and crisis, would ef- | ing in of a new order of socialist | the Flint sit-down strikes.

Lydia Beidel, business manager party to double and re-double its George Novack, national secre- of the MILITANT, acted as chain-

to crush and dismember Gerdown The strike came after many efmany. The economic destruction

which Knox proposes for the riforts by the shop negotiating vals of American capitalism by committee to obtain an improved contract had been stalled by the its domination of the seas will in employers. The employers had return inevitably bring forth a new ceived assistance in this unionbusting maneuver from the bueaucratic representatives of the national office of the ILGWU. who were preparing to sign a contract behind the backs of the vorkers involved, as they had two

years previously. The strike, although supported unanimously by the workers in the plant, has not been authorzed by the ILGWU, and the questions of local autonomy and mion democracy have become as

sure ultimate victory. prominent in the strike as the problem of wage increases and THE ECONOMIC FACTOR mproved working conditions. For victory cannot be assured But the strike has made it

workers want the right to negotiate and sign their own con- Nazis is a measure of the supertracts, and the employers have ior economic resources which Hitnot yet dared to sign a contract ler commands. with the bureaucrats from the The industrial productivity of ILGWU office in New York, who Germany alone is greater than plainly do not represent the that of the Soviet Union. Addec workers. to this initial Nazi economic advantage, is the productivity and

countries.

mander" states:

SUPPORTED BY

The strikers have received enmovement of Bayonne. Thouscoming fight to free the defen- ands of shipyard, auto and electrical CIO workers as well as

many AFL workers in the vicin-Among the local speakers at the banquet, who pledged the full ity have joined the mass picket support of the party to its in lines, the huge meetings and the dicted leadership and assured lusty songfests of the strikers. tribute to the party in his ad. them that the work of the party They have further shown their would go on with increasing ef- solidarity with the Maiden Form fectiveness, were Rose Karsner, workers by contributing close to

> The strike headquarters is a beehive of activity, but of well organized activity, with hundreds of workers seriously going about their business. Experienced trade unionists in this city have remarked that this strike is relatively stronger and more militant than was the recent Kearny shipyard. strike.

In this strike the workers have Dubinsky's office.

Axis and occupied countries. The release of the tens of thousands of loyal revolutionists and

vigorate the morale of the Soviet

masses, organize them for a total

defense, and strengthen their re-

These measures will enable the

Soviet forces to hold their ground

and beat back the Nazi army. Bui

that alone, however, will not as

This is a factor which even the

Stalinists are forced to recognize.

In answering the question why

the Red Army with an initial

superiority of manpower is re-

ported to be meeting numerically

superior forces, "A Veteran Com-

"In evaluating the strength of

both sides on the Eastern Fron⁺

one should not think in terms of

pre-war populations, but definitely

solve to fight on to victory.

"To stress the righteousness of the Soviet cause against fascism experienced cfficers-men who today," reports Brigham, "the proved their worth in the Civil Moscow radio propaganda cites for War of 1918-20 and in the build its hearers' benefit, with regional ing of Soviet industry and the incidents, how, although the Comarmy-will provide much of the munist regime has changed and needed leadership for the military no longer 'resists God,' the Fascist and industrial machine of the and National Socialist regimes Soviet Union. The mobilization of continue those reprehensible perthe masses, through the democratsecutions that they originated in ically-elected Soviets, will re-in-

the early Nineteen Thirties." The masses are not primarily concerned with the fate of religion and the churches. The churches have not been able to save the masses from fascist oppression. They have not shown any ability or willingness to fight for a new social order without classes and exploitation.

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A. T

The religious leaders, who have

sided largely with reaction and on the basis of military factors supported the ruling regimes, applain that the Maiden Form alone. In the last analysis, the pear to most of the workers as military superiority of the part of the oppressor class.

ROAD TO VICTORY

The masses want socialism, peace, bread, freedom from exploitation. But Stalin appeals to them only in the language of a church father, without reference to their material needs and aspirations. Such an appeal can only resources of all the occupied repel the masses.

> Instead of this reactionary claptrap, it is necessary for the Soviet government to issue a direct revolutionary appeal to the masses of occupied Europe, and to the workers of Germany, calling on them to join hands with the Sovlet Union for the creation of the Socialist United States of Europe. This is the only road to final victory for the Soviet Union. This is the only hope for the free future of the oppressed peoples of Europe.

the sympathy of not only the lo-In AKRON, O. the MILITANT may be obtained at: NEWS EXCHANGE, 51 S. Main St. PORTAGE CIGARS, cor. Howard & West Market

cal workers, but also of the other scores of thousands of out-oftown garment workers, who also have felt the dictatorial yoke of the New York City bureaucracy of the union, and who also have had unhappy experiences with contracts that they are not even shown until they have been signed by representatives of David OCTOBER 11, 1941

THE MILITANT

SOVIET LOSSES ARE THREATENING THE FUTURE CONDUCT OF THE WAR

Bureaucrats, Afraid To Tell The Workers The Truth, Minimize Extent Of Losses

Hitler obviously lied when he cited in his speech the pur- trical energy is produced in the ported astronomical losses of the Red Army. If his claims were Ukraine, and most of this has true, the German troops would have long ago occupied the whole been lost with the destruction of of the Ukraine and would now be knocking at the gates of Dneprostroy. The Ukraine contains 45 per Moscow.

On the other hand, it is just as obvious that one Scherbakov, cent of the aluminum plants. The who has replaced Lozovsky as the figurehead in charge of the aluminum ore is mined far in the Soviet Information Bureau, has likewise issued false figures coninterior but aluminum was fabcerning the German losses. If

the German army actually suffer- minimize Soviet losses. In this, regions because of the availability ed losses of three to one in man- as in all other things, they are of electric power, there. The power, and almost two to one merely accomodating themselves in guns, tanks and planes, as the to the plans of their capitalist ready; the remainder in the Don-Kremlin claims, then Hitler's ar- masters of the "democracies." In losing two-thirds of the Ukmies could have never penetrated as deeply as they have into the raine, the USSR has been deprivheart of the strategic sections of ed of its richest agricultural the Soviet Union. Each side areas. In addition to the loss of minimizes its own losses while wheat, there is the loss of the ty of the battlefront. exaggerating those of the adver- sugar crops - two thirds of which are raised in the areas alsary.

It is small consolation to the ready occupied by the Germans. genuine defenders of the USSR Most of the sugar refineries are likewise located there. The loss that the losses of the Red Army are smaller than those claimed of Byelo-Russia involves the loss by Hitler; or that these losses are of the major pig farm area in the USSR. It will be necessary far below the original expectato dig deep into the food reserves tions of the German General in order to make up for the short-Staff. The terrible fact remains that the Red Army has thus far age that this implies. So far as technical crops are concerned, the met only with reverses. It has suffered staggering losses in few textile plants that still remain in Soviet hands have been manpower, equipment, and has deprived of the major flax-probeen forced to yield key areas.

WHY SOVIET LOSSES ARE MINIMIZED

No great insight is required to explain Stalin's reasons for hidsuffered by heavy industry, and ing the threat to the Soviet Union implied by these reverses. Stalin bears the chief responsiplants. Here is what Stalin's own bility for every defeat suffered Encyclopedia has to say about by the Red Army. To remain in two-thirds of which is already in power he must maintain his prestige. It is hardly surprising that Hitler's hands: "The Ukrainian Socialist Sothe "democratic" imperialists are keeping quiet about the threatening catastrophe toward which Stalin is leading the USSR. They are quite content to see the Red foundations of socialist economy Army bleed itself white and re-

in our country.' treat ever deeper into the interior. Victories for the Red Army would alarm them far more than Hitler's successes.

It is by no means accidental ment of the Ukraine never repthat the Russian Mensheviks are to be found in the front ranks of does represent the most concen- a little more than three months dicated that Jacson would try which comprises his testimony. racketeer friends. those who are helping Stalin to trated development of Soviet in- of war.

STALIN FORBIDS MASSES

ducing regions. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UKRAINE The greatest blows have been

Ukrainian industry represents

The pages of the Stalinist press

The initial period of confusion

caused by the blows of events was

undoubtedly followed by anxious

doubts and questionings. The

secretary of the Komsomols public

ly warned the youth: "There must

dustry. It produces the bulk of coal, iron, steel, armored plate, etc. More than one-fourth of all elec-

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 2. - Attorneys for Local 544-CIO,

motor transport workers union here, have filed for a writ of cer-

local drivers to belong to a union of their own choice is made In the October 2 issue of the Inunion of their choice. dustrial Organizer, official weekly

ricated in the Dnieper and Don of Local 544. The hearing on the motion to review Blair's decisions is expected

Nazis hold the biggest plants alto start November 15 at the District Court, according to the etz Basin is threatened; and canunion's attorneys, Gilbert Carlson not be functioning to anywhere and David Shama.

near capacity because of loss of Blair in handing down this electric power, the difficulties of brazen ruling against Local 544 transportation, and the proximdeliberately ignored the evidence of hundreds of local drivers and The same thing applies to the warehousmen who testified at the Leningrad plants which manustate hearings to the terroristic facture 20 per cent of all the

methods of Tobin's gang of 300 aluminum. What this crippling of imported hoodlums in forcing the almost two-thirds of Soviet alumen to pay ducs to and sign up with the AFL.

minum production means, espe-cially with regard to airplane Blair's ruling was made at the production, requires no comment. direct behest of Governor Stassen, WHOLE INDUSTRIAL who has been working hand-in APPARATUS THREATENED glove with Tobin, the employers and the Roosevelt administration. Still another grave loss is the seizure by the Germans of Nikoin a vicious attempt to smash layevsk and its shipyards. The Local 544, which on June 9, at a Black Sea fleet, and water transmembership meeting of over 4,000, voted to quit Tobin's dictatorial port in general, have been seri-

ously weakened by the loss of craft-union outfit and join the this strategic port and its indus-CIO. trial facilities.

It is not generally known that Stassen ignored the letters of the Ukraine is also vitally imthis means, the vital defense portant in machine building, not only because of the basic raw material it supplies but because of

the importance of the Ukraine, the plants which produce not less than one-fifth of the machines, locomotives, tractors, tanks, etc. The loss of these plants is furviet Republic is the most impor- ther aggravated by the crippling tant sector of Soviet economy. of the productive capacity of Len-Already in 1931 it permitted us ingrad under fire where another

to conclude the building of the fifth of the machine building plants is located. Further retreats for the Red Army carry with them the threat billions upon billions of rubles in of the complete collapse of the capital construction. The advance- | industrial apparetus of the country. This is what Stalin's "leadresented socialism but it did and | ership" has cost the USSR after |

solutely exposed" (Pravda, June

"EXPLAINING"

THE DEFEATS

544-CIO Continues Fight For Elections

Motor Transport Workers Appeal Blair Anti-Labor Decision In District Court

tiorari in Ramsey County District Court in an effort to secure | ment of Justice, take steps against a review of State Labor Conciliator Blair's ruling denying the the union. Minneapolis drivers democratic elections and arbitrarily certifying Daniel Tobin's AFL teamster's set-up as the sole bargaining agent for all Minneapolis drivers.

Announcement of this latest step to secure the rights of the Paul, and the federal indictment

Joining the government's allout effort to crush Local 544

and aid the Administration's pro-war ally Tobin, the regional office of the National Labor Relations Board last Friday announced that it refused to issue complaints against several hundred Minneapolis employers whom Local 544-CIO had

charged with unfair labor practices. Pressure was undoubtedly exerted on the regional board by th Administration in Washington to ensure that the board would not

give consideration to Local 544's charges against the employers. Although the board's decision was not formally announced until last week, the NLRB regional dir-

ector had informed the union's at torneys of his decision on September 19, the day Blair announced his ruling. There can be little question that the board worked in | ize motor transport drivers. conjunction with Blair, and did

case. In supporting the Blair ruling, This NLRB action follows a thousands of drivers, and their union-busting moves against the racketeer elements in control of friends, asking that the drivers Minneapolis drivers.

be given a chance to vote on the Roosevelt, in response to a let- before the beginning of the So-

Trotsky Assassin Gives New GPU 'Defense' Line

By WALTER ROURKE MEXICO CITY, Mexico, why he burned all his documents out the country, the Stalinists job easier. Oct. 5. - Jacson, the G.P.U. does he deal with his false pass- are aiding him in his fight to murderer of Leon Totsky, has port that originally belonged to a smash that opposition. finally played the hand which member of the International Brighe hopes will gain his freedom. ade killed in Spain-a sure sign issue of IBT News, entitled "For For several months the line of or G.P.U. connections. All that the the Defense of Our Country and questioning followed, by his new "version" accomplishes is to Our Union," is nothing more lawyer, Medellin Ostos, has in- add one more lie to the long list than a defense of Tobin and his to invent a story of "legitimate defense." During a reconstruc- everyone by its weakness. The of the report that the CIO United fact that this is all the G.P.U. and Construction Workers Organiztion of the crime on September 8th, Jacson 'refused to accept | 3 slick lawyer can produce after ing Committee, headed by A. D. his former "version", as he re- a year is sufficient proof of the Lewis, is "out to organize the unferred to it, of the murder. His difficulty of its position. The en- organized teamsters" and charg-

lawyer tried to show that there tire press greeted the new version es that the "net result" of this

ter from Tobin, last June issued strike a heavy blow at the antia public denunciation of Local war forces in the labor movemen 544's action in joining the CIO represented by militant Local 544 as "union-raiding", and ordered that the "proper government agencies", the FBI and Depart-

This was followed by FBI raids on the headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party here and in St

on "seditious conspiracy" charges of 29 persons, including 16 mem bers and leaders of the union.

Roosevelt's onslaught on the leading union in the Northwest is motivated by the desire not mere ly to do a favor for his political henchman, Tobin, but also to

That Local 544 and the Min neapolis drivers do not intend to take these latest union-smashing blows lying down is indicated by an editorial in this week's Industrial Organizer entitled: "Our Fight Goes on.'

> "Since Governor Stassen's labor conciliator handed down the brazen decision to deny elections in the motor transport industry," states the Industrial Organizer, "hundreds of Minneapolis drivers and warehousmen have contacted us to

for democratic industrial unionism would continue. We assured them, and we assure all our members and readers, that this fight will go on and on until the Minneapolis drivers have won their victory and established their rights to have a union of their own choosing, a union that functions ONLY in the interests of the membership."

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In addition to the legal steps being taken locally, Local 544 is consulting with national CIO officials on further measures to be taken to compel the government to live up to its own laws and grant the Minneapolis drivers the inquire anxiously if the fight elections they want.

Stalinists Join Tobin In Attacking Teamsters

Will Defend Tobin In Whatever He Does So Tobin is fighting precisely those Long As He Continues To Support The War

By ANTHONY MASSINI

The Stalinists in the AFL International Brotherhood of democracy in the union. eamsters have made their peace with President Daniel Tobin, and are now defending his union-busting moves against Local 544-CIO of Minneapolis and the CIO national drive to organ-

The IBT News, self-styled "Voice of the Rank and File", not even consider the union's is a newspaper published monthly by the Stalinists in New York. Until a few months ago it devoted most of its space to sharp attacks on Tobin's bureaucratic domination of the union whole series of Administration and his collaboration with the +

In other words, because of the many of the locals. That was war, the workers who oppose dictatorship and racketeering in the viet-Nazi war. unions must do nothing to chal-

But now that the Stalinists are lenge the rule of the bureaucrats, like Tobin all-out supporters of for the Tobins will fight back viciously to maintain their grip the imperialist war, and now that Tobin's reactionary policies are on the union, and this will lead neeting some progressive oppo- to the disunity which the Stalinists assure us will make Hitler's sition from various locals through The Stalinists make it clear that what motivates their sup-

port of Tobin is not his union volicies but his support of thr An editorial in the September war. "And let us not forget who A. D. Lewis is. He is the brother of John L. Lewis. . . These men would like to weaken the Teamsters' International which, under

the leadership of Dan Tobin is lining up solidly behind the anti-Hitler policies of President Roosevelt."

STALINISTS TELL TOBIN TO MAKE IT LOOK GOOD In the most fawning man

unions and local leaders who want democracy in the union. They know that Tobin will fight to the last gangster against real

"The troubles that our International now have in Minneapolis and other cities show the need for cleaning out racketeers and dictators before they stab us in the back."

LIES ABOUT MINNEAPOLIS TEAMSTERS

Here the Stalinist school of falsification aimed at defending Tobin reaches its peak. For the "troubles" in Minneapolis did not arise because there were racketeers and dictators in Local 544, but because the members of 544 fought against the dictatorial policies of Tobin and by democratic vote decided to join the CIO. There were no racketeers in the * Minneapolis teamsters' movement until Tobin sent them in to smash the union.

Against frame-ups, vilification, thugs and legal blows, Local 544-CIO has fought for all the things which the IBT News was demanding only three months ago, for clean, progressive, democratic, militant industrial unionism. They have had to fight for this against Tobin. Roosevelt and the reactionary Stassen administration in Minnesota. Now the Stalinists have joined in the fight against Local 544 and against all other

in his pocket. He does not explain before committing the crime nor have rushed to his defense and

This new version surprised The editorial takes cognizance

TO DISCUSS WAR MOVES

(Continued from page 1) the counter-revolutionist! The vincibility of the Fascist German ing that the "treacherous enemy" bureaucratic mind remains the Army, stories of the bravery of had caught the Red Army un- have been struck from behind. same in war as in peace. Today Red guerilla fighters, accounts of prepared. But once the full However Jackson was not permitthese contemptible parasites feel the unheard of bestialities of fas-strength of the the Red Army was ted to present a new version at themselves besieged on all sides. cists— this is the material with mobilized, the enemy would be the time and had to be satisfiewhich the agitators must go to halted and crushed. In his July As always, their only answer is the population." Here is a verific 3 speech Stalin worded his alibi -more repressions. ation of the fact pointed out by as follows: "As regards the fact

GPU WANTS HELP

Pravda concludes its revealing

story with this warning: "The duty of every Soviet patriot, of every citizen of our great father- public attention away from the war of Fascist Germany against land is actually to help the organs of state security (i. e., the GPU) to apprehend spies and their asconduct of the war. sistants" (Pravda, July 19). The The increasing isolation of the Soviet troops." GPU finds itself overworked. The Kremlin from the masses is evid- Taking this as its cue, Pravda only ones 'actually" helping are the privileged "housewives".

It is clear that the Soviet mas ses are becoming more and more alarmed about the continued advance of the Fascist armies. With the most rigorous censorship it is impossible to suppress news of defeats. Such news circulates of circumstances." necessity by word of mouth. The BUREAUCRATS FEAR official communications tell no-THE YOUTH thing.

In this connection the role of the so-called Bureau of Information is especially significant. The impression has been deliberately especially the Komsomols-the Stalin publicly acknowledged his created that this "service" has Russian YCL. The defeats of the own stupidity. His prestige, his been set up primarily to supply Red Army have stunned the pretensions to infallibility could news for foreign consumption. Soviet Youth more than any other not fail to suffer thereby. More-That is not its primary function. section of the population. The over, if the "best" Nazi divisions The communiques issued by this Bureau set the limits within which Soviet citizens can discuss of the Soviet armed forces. Events German divisions which kept ad the war. Everything which goes are now pounding the truth into vancing against the fully organ beyond what is specified in its their minds. Many of them half- ized might of the Red Army, with bulletins is-"false rumor", "panaccepted the beheading of the Red Stalin as Commissar for Defense. ic-mongering", "aid to spies and Army during the monstrous Mos- Commander-in-Chief, etc., etc. How diversionists", etc.

This is made very explicit by having "safeguarded" the defens- stopped explaining and issued the Pravda: "The widest popularization of the dispatches of the are now witnessing the disastrous the better. Even the Pravda has Soviet Information Bureau must | consequences of Stalin's crimes. be counterposed to all sorts of rumors and petty gossip which might work hand-in-hand with the enemy." (Pravda, July-17).

DISCUSSION LIMITED-TO OFFICIAL LINE

In the same article we find the be no indulgences to panicky following: "Popularization of people and tail-endists. All whisepisodes from the exploits in perers and whimperers who hindbattle of our glorious Red Army, er our great struggle must be re-

growing vere logical doubt and alarm, the Kremlin atstatements about the positions of tempted at the beginning to ex the victim and criminal. He stated exposure of the myth of the in- plain the defeats away by plead- that judging from the direction of the wound. Trotsky could not

writing.

In a twelve page document Natalia Sedov Trotsky, namely, that a part of our territory has written in French, Jacson develthat Stalin is utilizing guerilla nevertheless been occupied by the warfare with all its disproportion- German Fascist troops, the chief about Trotsky's ordering him to ate sacrifices in order to distract explanation for this is that the go to the Soviet Union to commit sabotage, etc. He further lack of leadership, the absence of the USSR began under conditions a unified strategic plan in Stalin's advantageous to the German troops and disadvantageous to the

for having false documents unless he followed orders. Jacson pre-

tends that the article which he enced by the fact that Stalin dis kept promising: "If as a result used to gain entrance to Trotsky's trusts even his own agents. The of the first days of resistance b. office was in reality written as a above-cited instruction to the agit- the Red Army, when it was still final effort to convince Trotsky ators concludes with this well- far from mobilized, 'the best divthat his journalistic abilities were nigh incredible admonition: "Be a islons of the German Fascist Ar worth more to the movement. Trotsky, he says, scanned the article very rapidly and throwing it down on the desk insulted him.

According to Jacson, this was too much for him, so he seized Trots-Napoleon and Kaiser Wilhelm' ky by the coat and told him, "1 (STALIN)" (Pravda, July 4). am the last on ; you'll ruin." Then These "explanations" only made Trotsky reached for his gun, but further reveal that the Kremlin things worse. By proclaiming that the G.P.U. agent was "much quickfears the reaction of the youth, Hitler had caught him by surprise er" and grasping the pickaxe

(whose handiness he does not trouble to explain), he struck down his victim. Jacson did not explain why he

came so well armed to the house youth had been duped by the had been destroyed, as Stalin on August 20th. (He carried a Stalinist boasts of the invincibility claimed, then it was the inferior dagger and automatic in addition to the pickaxe.) He does not even mention his "confession letter" prepared by the G.P.U. and placed

incredibility. It is safe to say that of locals have split away from no one in Mexico believes the new the AFL to join the CIO. version or has any doubt that it is merely an ancient alibi with

less than the usual foundation. The trial is officially ended. Now the defense and the prosecu- is forced to admit a little relucttion must present their conclu. antly, "they have taken advant-

the defense will appeal the case organization."

and try to find some technical denounce him to the authorities seems very unlikely at present. one can not be certain after the

Trotskyites Again!

queiros.

On June 30, a little more than a week after Hitler invaded the USSR, Stalin's tled "Vigilance And Organization!" It is one of the many articles calculated to whip up a spy mania in the Soviet Union. Unlike the others, however, it contains a direct reference to "gangs of Trotskyite-Bukharinite degenerates.' The subsequent issues of Prav-

da deleted this tell-tale formula Stalin is afraid to make public that he is once again purging his apparatus of Trotskyists! 'This is an infallible

sign that *political* opposition

to Stalin is growing under

wartime conditions.

with sarcasm and expressions of so far has been that a number

ADMIT "JUSTIFIED GRIEVANCES"

"In some cases," the editorial with presenting "his version" in sions and the judge decides the age of some of the justified griev- he would get even more support case. There is no doubt but that ances of the rank and file of our

The IBT News, it continues, ops a bit further his former lies pretext to demand a retrial. It has also been opposed to "lack the gangsters because without

called CIO drive is promoting racketeer friends. warfare among laboring men at "If Tobin and the Interna-

a time when we need co-opera- tional Executive Board helped united front of the labor bureaution. Hitler and his American the rank and file achieve real crats and the warmongering govfriends will find it easier to pro- democracy within our local mote their program to crush all unions, they would get even more measure and no slander to pre-Pravda carried an article entil labor should they succeed in pro- backing." voking disunity," etc.

the editorial tries to tell Tobin elements in the union who refuse how to make his union-busting to capitulate to Dictator Tobin. policies (and their support of The IBT News declares that it

those policies) look a little betis "ready to fight side by side ter. with our officials, local and na-"If President Tobin took real tional, in the common struggle action against gangster-rule in certain locals, we are sure that from the rank and file."

But the Stalinists do not explain that Tobin does not fight

might then be able to find a more of democracy and gangsterism" their support he himself would complacent judge and could count and "critical of the 'do nothing' be pitched out of the union by on a diminished public interest policy of some of our Internation- an angry rank and file. They do criticize in the slightest degree states that Trotsky threatened to as time passes. Although this al and local officials on this is- not tell their readers that Tobin Tobin's reactionary struggle sue." But that was in the past. is able to fight the dissident lo-"But today, when our country cals in the International only beexperience of the freeing of Si- is in a state of national emerg- cause he has the aid of gangster attempt to win internal democency. . . we feel that this so- forces supplied to him by his racy and the fruits of progressive

against Hitler and Hitlerism. We will, however, continue to criticize all policies and practices that play into the hands of pro-Hitler forces, disrupters and employers." This lying promise is easily ex-

posed by the Stalinists' failure to against 544 and the other locals which have joined the CIO in an unionism.

The Stalinists have joined the ernment that will hesitate at no vent workers from fighting for

But the Stalinists know that independent unionism.



29 people-members of the Socialist Workers Party and the leaders of Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union, Local 544-CIO have been indicted in Minnesota on charges of "conspiring to overthrow the government."

This sweeping attack upon civil liberties and labor's rights must be repelled! The job of defending the victims of this prosecution is up to the workers themselves. Roosevelt's administration isn't subsidizing this defense project.

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'We Were Bombed At Suez'

bonus for the port.

Seaman Describes How Aerial Bomb Exploding Close To His Ship Knocked Him Out of His Bunk; Crew Says Bonus Not Worth Risk

By AL SWANSON

It didn't take more than the first bomb, exploding so close | we could see the form of the to our ship that it rolled us out of our bunks, to convince pilot. Directly overhead it swoopthe crew that the \$75 bonus for the Port of Suez was a pretty ed; a black object came hurtling down. We held our breaths. cheap price to place on our own lives.

Our ship, the President Buchanan, American President Line WE CURSE THE BONUS boat chartered by Isthmian, a U. S. Steel subsidiary, had been tied up in Suez since July 8, six days. We were carrying trucks, tanks and planes for the British Near East Army. We had observed a few Italian air-raids, always previously directed at British and Greek ships. But+-

ours was an American ship. We | square aft of the sailor's quarconsidered ourselves mere spec- ters. tators.

THE BOMBING ATTACK The company and ship's offi-The scene was one of great cers had made no real attempts confusion. We first noticed the to protect the ship. In the bright continual popping off of the momoonlight, despite the black-out, tor of a tug tied up to the after our white-painted deck-work part of the ship. The native longgleamed like a mirror. It was shoremen were running around just the bad aim of the Italian like mad, some jumping to the bombers that any of us from the President Buchanan are alive to barges below, others running for the gangway, doing anything, in tell why the biggest bonus we fact, to get away from the ship. might get couldn't be too much. The crew members gathered to-It was two o'clock in the morn-

gether. We were able to see the ing of July 14 when that first attacking plane in the white bomb landed. My partner and I moonlight, circling upward, prewere suddenly hurtled out of our paring for the next dive attack. bunks by the tremendous vibra-The first bomb, we learned, had tions of the ship, as if it had been struck only a few feet astern of struck a violent blow. Later, we us.

learned, that although no direct hit had been scored, the force Searchlights were playing all over the sky. The flair of the of the exploding bomb was so great as to rip radiators off the anti-aircraft guns firing from the ther end of the harbor flashed walls and crack up the ship's

papers and ran down the black-

pipes. on and off like photographers' "What's happened to the lights. Now and again, we heard ship?", we both exclaimed at the the rending impact as a bomb exploded on the other side of the same moment. We hurriedly dressed, amid the crazy rocking harbor, where the attack centerof the ship, grabbed our seamen's ed.

that we were not safe. The biggest bonus could not compensate for that fear we carried with us Again the attacking plane div- night and day.

bomb.

ed-out alleyway to the open ed on us, its motors zooming in Despite the attack, and the

Working Class Revolts Sweep Nazified Europe

A popular underground movement of bitter intensity har- no visible connection with the asses German rule in Czechoslovakia — invaluable munition war of the imperialist enemies of works are blasted to the ground, calls for general strike appear imperialist Germany. on the walls of the cities, German soldiers walk in danger of | The lie is also given to Hitler's their lives on Czech streets. In Yugoslavia a Serbian guerrilla plaint to the disturbed German army of 12,000 descends to towns and villages, wiping out whole people, that the conquered nations German garrisons. The slogan "Hail Croatia's revolutionists!" would be happy and cooperative is found written on all the walls.

Factory production is low or irregular for the Nazis in not for British fifth column activother lands - Norway, France, Holland, Belgium, Denmark - | ity. Hitler can no longer with the degree of opposition ranging from Norway's "slowdown'

opposite side of the ship.

under German domination were it

obvious danger we were in, the British port authorities didn't help to ease our minds any about our safety in future attacks. We covered our deck a rising crescendo. It came so white-work with canvas. But the port authorities tied up a barge of uncovered white flour alongside our ship for several days after the bombing. It shone like a field of snow in the moonlight, a perfect invi-The bomb struck on the star-

tation for a bomber. board side, not more than fif-As an aftermath of the bombty feet away, sending up a huge ing, the native longshoremen, geyser of water. We cursed, mostly from desert tribes, fled and what we cursed about most from our ship and the two other of all was that we were risk-American boats near us at Attica, ing our necks for a lousy \$75 the military camp where trucks and planes are assembled. Suddenly, a huge flame explod-

ed into the sky at the other end CONDITIONS OF NATIVES of the harbor. It was the S.S. They didn't like the idea of Georgic, a 27,000 ton British pasbeing blown to bits by bombs for senger boat. Later, it was towed 22 piastres a day, roughly 88 away from the other ships and cents. A working day, we learned, beached in shallow water, where was six A. M. until 12 midnight, it continued to burn for a week. and, if necessary, the clock

All that finally was left of it around. was its warped steel plates. We The British then used soldiers got our only laugh out of the to work the cargoes for several bombing a month later, when we days. This, by the way, was in heard a BBC broadcast to the violation of the Anglo-Egyptian effect that the SS Georgic had pact, which says that all work been slightly damaged by a done in Egypt shall be done by

Egyptian labor. But all of Egypt But, at the time, we did not is dominated by the British, have much inclination to think whose troops over-run the counabout the fate of the Georgic. try.

Once more, the Italian bomber The conditions of the native circled aloft and then descended workers under British exploitin its deadly dive. This time the ation are incredible. The longbomb struck about 50 feet on the shoremen at Suez, Egypt, the Red Sea port of the Suez Canal, From that time on, the shadow live mainly on a diet of hardof fear hung over us. We knew baked, unleavened bread and what a bombing meant, we knew water. They live in complete filth, as no sanitary facilities at all are provided them. The regular longshoremen, inhabitants of Suez, get far less than the tribesmen brought in from the desert. They receive only 8 piastres, or 32 cents, a day, slaving from 18 to 24 hours a day.

> They are kicked around, hit and beaten by the foremen and soldier supervisors. Formerly, before the British troops replaced the Indian Sikhs used by the British in Suez, the workers were simply bayonetted down when they did not do their work to the liking of the British taskmasters.

But there is a deep spirit of resistance in these exploited workers. On our ship, the tribesmen pulled a strike, before the bombing, when a supervising sergeant blacked the eve of one of

ish imperialists.

SUEZ MADHOUSE

I told them there was no Labor Party in the United States. They are class conscious, and well understand the difference between capital and labor. The chief grievance of the Co-

lonials was that they were forced to do the brunt of the fighting to save the British Empire, while the British ruling class was keeping 4,000,000 troops in England for its own immediate protection Most of the Anzacs are sick of the war and want only to get home.

I talked to two Anzacs who had been through the bloodiest fighting in Greece, Crete, Libya and Syria. When they were sent into Syria, they were completely unprepared for the bloody fighting

they were to encounter. They had been told that the native Syrians would welcome them with open arms; that there would be very little resistance to the British Army.

Instead, they encountered some of the stiffest and bloodiest encounters of the entire war. The two soldiers with whom I talked were the sole survivors of an entire platoon which had been sent to wipe out a French machinegun nest.

One of the most striking incidents related to me came from two South African soldiers. They had been through most of the Ethiopian campaign. They saw very little severe action, as most of the Italian troops were only too willing to

surrender and get out of the war. At the capture of Addis Ababa, the Italian troops were disarmed. The Ethiopian natives, who have some bitter scores to pay off with the Italian imperialist exploiters, sought to attack the Italian troops. Whereupon, the British command rearmed the Italian soldiers, and British and Italian troops together suppressed the

natives. BRITISH OFFICER CASTE I talked with several soldiers who had been through the evacuation of Dunkirque. To prevent panic from spreading through the entire army, the British high command had ordered anyone showing signs of panic to be shot. The number executed in this fashion was very high. The significant fact, however, was that there was a higher percentage of executions

Anti-air-craft unit on Soviet Black Sea ship firing at attacking Nazi planes.

Grant Dunne, 1894-1941

(Continued from page 1)

Grant who was already in a poor physical condition. Workers who had followed Grant Dunne in the struggles on the picket line and who knew of his fearlessness in the face of danger, appreciate the desperation over his own failing health which finally drove him to end his life.

Grant J. Dunne was born on a farm east of Little Falls, Minnesota, on June 21, 1894. Until he was 15 years old, he lived with his family the poverty-stricken life of hundreds of other families of itinerant lumber and railroad construction workers in northern Minnesota. In 1909 the family moved to Minneapolis where Grant attended South High School until he was forced to leave school in order to help support the family.

He held a variety of jobs with express companies and a number of heating and plumbing concerns. His employment with the Crane Plumbing Company was interrupted in 1918 when he was drafted into the army.

Brought Home On Stretcher in 1919

Sent to France after only a few short weeks of training in the army camps of the United States, he was on front-line duty with Company H of the Third Pioneer Infantry in many of the great battles along the Argonne front, In the closing months of the war he was severely shellshocked and spent months in a field hospital in France before being sent back to the United States. He was brought back to this country on a stretcher in 1919 and was hospitalized in a Long Island hospital for a period before his transfer to the military hospital at Fort Snelling in Minnesota.

After a few months in this hospital he was released to complete his convalescence at home.

ment agencies, he served the union in countless ways.

He was elected as Recording Secretary of old Local 574 in 1935 and held this post by successive re-election even after the return of the local to the International when it became Local 544. In 1939 he declined to run for re-election because of ill health. He continued, however, to serve as Organizer for the union.

One of his most notable achievements in connection with his trade union work was the organization of the unemployed. He was in large part responsible for the successful organization of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544. In 1936, Grant Dunne was sent by the union as a delegate to a conference of the unemployed held in Washington, D. C.

It was in 1936 also that he represented the General Drivers Union before the United States Senate sub-committee on education and labor (the LaFollette Committee) which was investigating the activities of strikebreaking agencies.

Although he partially overcame the handicap created by the shell-shock which he had suffered in the war, he never made a full recovery. During all of the years of stress and strain while the union was being built and its gains consolidated, he had many breakdowns. Because he would not permit himself the luxury of the rest and relaxation which might have restored him to good health, he grew progressively worse.

Prosecuted Because

He Opposed the War

His nerves shattered as a result of World War I, the hysteria of World War II and the start of prosecutions of trade union militants and working class political leaders for their anti-war opinions weighed on him heavily. He was one of the 29 men and women indicted by a federal grand jury in St. Paul on July 15th on charges of "seditious conspiracy". Grant Dunne was not only a trade union militant, he was a class-conscious, political opponent of the capitalist system of war and poverty and suffering. He understood fully that the problems of the war-torn world of today could never be solved unless the decaying capitalist system were replaced by a socialist system. He knew that the Trotskyist movement alone among all the political parties of the working class was the instrument which could effect that change. But Grant Dunne knew too that before a new society was born, capitalism in its "death agony" would lash out at the working class leaders who sought a change. It was not that he feared persecution - he had many times before shown his ability to stand up fearlessly in the face of repeated attacks by employers and government officials, and in front of the flaming guns of deputies and cops. But his health was failing. Since the beginning of World War II, his weakened and over-burdened nervous system had suffered recurring attacks. It is believed that he was in the midst of such an attack when he ended his life.

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movement, from the Netherlands' widespread slogan "The more chaos, the better", to action in + blasting factories off the map. Demonstrations of open opposition to Nazi rule take place everywhere: granaries are burned; railroads damaged; German officials are assassinated daily.

Hitler, through skillful manipulation of Quisling governments, sought for a long time to foster the myth that the conquered nations were satisfied under the Nazi heel. Garrisoned soldiers were publicly instructed to treat the subjugated peoples with court esy. By these tactics Hitler hoped to avoid the popular resistance which marked the Kaiser's invasions of the last war. Evidence of any such resistance was dismissed as work of "British agents" if it could not be concealed.

many thousands more imprisoned for long prison terms. A new outbreak of anti-Semitic terror has been launched in an attempt to deal with popular opposition. But still the present Nazi forces appear unable to get the situation back into hand.

BRUTAL REPRISALS

Today, however, it becomes And thus they give the lie to plain that none of Hitler's con-British imperialism's claim to quests can be sufficiently sugarhaving provided inspiration to the coated to eliminate the inevitable underground movements of revol antagonisms between the conquerof the oppressed peoples under or and the conquered. Hitler's heel. Their struggle has

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that argument tolster the morale of the war-weary German people who begin to see ahead only an And today the Nazis can only epoch of military conflicts with supply one answer to unrest withunwillingly subjugated peoples. in the conquered nations: bruta) He can only prescribe the death reprisals. More than one thousand penalty for those Germans who persons are known to have been dare to listen to radio reports of

executed by hanging and shootthe widespread unrest. ing in the past few weeks, with

BEHEADING LEADERSHIP The Associated Press on October 3rd quoted an "authorized Czecho-Slovak source" to the effect that ors, refugees, and Italian prisonthe victims of Nazi reprisals are ers of war.

not always the leaders of the revolts. Frequently, it states, men known to be capable of "organizing the Czech reople into resist-

Despite the fact that there is ance cells" are taken from con no likelihood of Allied military intervention in their favor at the present time, the peoples of months, and shot for acts in which Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia are today offering the stoutest and most militant resistance to

Nazi domination.

NEW YORK CITY

low uprisings as these. For it is plain that the present

Soviet Union.

uprisings are not the result of a well-planned and organized movement or leadership. But that they stem from the growing consciousness of the European work-

Their class nature is revealed

ing-class is not difficult to per ed on hard road work, receiving little more than their food for

their labor. to us in the class nature of the WHAT I LEARNED reprisals, which cut broadly into FROM THE TROOPS the mass of the working-class. Most of the sabotage takes place The most illuminating experiences I had were in conversations in situations where obviously only workers can be concerned—as, on with soldiers of the British Army. These are of two types, the Colorailroads, in factories, etc. nials and the regular British sol-Their class nature is also rediers from England. The Colovealed by the timing of these uprisings, so obviously inspired by nials, mainly Australians and South Africans, have a common the magnificent resistance of the Soviet workers and soldiers to dislike, mounting to hatred, for the British government. the onslaught of Hitler's armies. They not only represent an up-Part of the hatred which the

Anzacs feel toward the British surge of revolutionary activity by emboldened workers faced with is due to the fact that they feel exploited by British imperialthe necessity to struggle against Hitlerism, but must in many cases ism. Almost every Anzac solinclude a desire to make more dier I talked to was a member difficult Hitler's attack on the of the Australian Labor Party. Some expressed surprise when

the cargo gang. The sergeant it was old-time non-commiswas finally removed from the sioned officers and soldiers who ship. There can be no question had to take the command of enof the profound hatred which tire sections. They were calmthese natives have for the Briter and knew more about what to do then the higher ranking officers.

The discipline at Suez is at a Suez is something of a madminimum. There is very little house, with its normal population saluting of officers, despite regof about 25,000 swollen to several ulations. The soldiers are suphundred thousand by troops, sailposed to get up at 6 A. M., but most get up much later. There

among the officers than among

the soldiers. In many instances

is considerable resentment tow-Most of the Greek refugees ard the officers, although no open seen to be well-heeled with mohostility. One of the British sailney, coming from the wealthy ors did speak to me in great bitclass and thus able to flee and

terness because the ordinary sailsafe-guard their hides, while the ors were being subjected to secentration camps, the outside of Greek masses have been left to vere penalties for infractions of which they haven't seen in many | take all the Nazi blows. There regulations which the officers were several Greek warships in were violating with impunity. they could have had no part. It the harbor. The Greek sailors The caste distinctions in the would seem then, if such a policy | are the wildest of the wild swarm

British army were brought home is being consciously put into of soldiers and sailors at Suez, to me by a sergeant, a well-edupractice, that the Nazis are not who have little to do and are on cated young fellow, who told me concerned only with terrorizing the constant look-out for ways he was taking an examination the populace into submission. An- to escape boredom. From what for a commissioned officership. other purpose would seem to be a I could gather from the Greek He admitted that the average serdesire to behead beforehand the sailors, they are completely disgeant could not compete in these potential leadership of the wideillusioned about the war, caring examinations for officers posts. spread revolution that must folnothing about its outcome. They I asked why he had been recom-

stick with their ships only bemended to take the exam. He cause they have nowhere else to said: "The officers above me know go; it's their only source of food. that we speak the same lan-The Italian war prisoners, howguage." By that, he meant, that ever, seem to be a very jovial they were in the same social bunch, happy to be out of the class. war. These prisoners are engag-

He was a convalescent for a year but the responsibility for the support of a wife and young son (who was born while he was in France) drove him to seek work long before he had fully recovered. He returned to a job in the plumbing business and soon occupied a responsible position as an estimator for the American Plumbing and Heating Company in St. Louis.

Becoming unemployed as a result of the depression which cut deeply into the plumbing business, he returned to Minneapolis in 1931. He found employment as a coal handler and later as a truck driver with the Pittsburgh Coal Company.

Miles and Vincent Dunne were also employed as coal yard workers and they, together with Grant and other Minneapolis militants, organized the coal yard workers. The coal strike which took place in February of 1934 ended with victory for the coal yard workers, the first victory which any group of Minneapolis workers had won in that open-shop town for over a decade.

Although Local 574 won a victory in this strike, some of the leaders of the strike were victimized, including the Dunne brothers. Despite the need to support four children, Grant Dunne continued his day and night organization work for the union, making a living as best he could by parttime jobs, relief, ERA jobs, etc.

A Leader of Great Strikes of 1934

The great strikes of the Minneapolis truck drivers in May and July of 1934 found him in the forefront of activity. As a militant leader on the picket line, as a writer for the newlylaunched Organizer, as a fiery speaker at mass meetings, as a firm and unshakable negotiator

Funeral services for Grant Dunne were held under the auspices of Local 544-CIO. Farrell Dobbs, National Labor Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party and a long time friend and associate of Grant Dunne, delivered the funeral address. The services took place on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Gleason Mortuary in Minneapolis. Burial was at the National Cemetery at Fort Snelling. Four brothers, Vincent, Miles, Fenton and Paul Dunne, together with Carl Skoglund and George Frosig, Organizers for 544-CIO, served as active

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A Little History

Last week John McCormack of Newark, N. J., concluded a letter to the editor of THE MILI-TANT with the question: "What good is the executive order that Roosevelt issued if it hasn't got teeth to enforce it?"

We suspect that McCormack knew very well the answer to his own question. But if there is any one else who isn't aware of the fraud and hypocrisy being practiced by the Roosevelt administration toward the problem of jobs without discrimination for Negroes, we reprint the following parts of an article by George McCray, Negro labor commentator, from the Chicago Bee, Sept. 21, 1941:

"Many people have an almost childlike faith in the power of powerless government committees and commissions. During N.R.A., when we not only had a National Labor Board, but labor adjustment boards for various industries, organized labor learned that these boards of Mr. Roosevelt often wasted a lot of precious time but never got much accomplished. It seems as though Negroes are going to make a similar discovery.

NO RESULTS

Here is an enlightening series of events: July, 1940; the National Defense Advisory Commission stipulated that workers should not be discriminated against because of age, race, or color. No discernible change.

April 12, 1941; Negro employment and training branch was established in the Office of Production Management to make pleas for the removal of "employment barriers erected against competent and available colored workers either by employers or labor organizations." Some results achieved, but frankly hardly worth mentioning. The most strenuous efforts of such field workers for OPM as Poston and Weaver succeeded in placing a half dozen Negroes here and there.

Most of the gains made in the building industry were due to a shortage of labor in many areas and to the bitter battles being fought between the AFL and the CIO to dominate the building industry. When the CIO went after Negro construction workers the AFL decided the time was ripe to change its policies and grant Negroes work permits, rarely union membership.

NO CHANGE

April 11, 1941; both Hillman and Knudsen sent letters to defense contractors urging them to drop discrimination. No change.

NO CHANGE

June 25, 1941; President Roosevelt, very much irritated by A. P. Randolph's threatened march to Washington, took "strong" measures to prevent discrimination against Negroes. Government agencies were cautioned, a non-discrimination clause was to be placed in defense contracts; and another committee, this time one on Fair Employment Practices was to be created, to make investigations and to redress grievances. So far no change, but it should be remembered that the well-meaning, hard-working men on the committee really haven't had time to tackle the problem.

The Trends Of "Isolationism"

THE MILITANT

Movement Splits, Part Goes To War Camp, Part Turns Fascist

By DON DORE

Since the end of World War I, most Americans have banked on the policy of "isolationism" to keep this country out of war. Ity Act. That policy has proved to be very insubstantial. The "isolationist" movement has cracked wide open under the impact of war.

To comprehend the full extent of the debacle of "isolationism" as an anti-war instrument, it is sufficient to recall that until the outbreak of this war, in September, 1939, "isolationism" was the keynote of official foreign policy.

The disillusionment of the American masses with the outcome of the first World War compelled each succeeding national administration to adopt "isola-* tionism" as its formal foreign and its defense and extension policy. Not even Roosevelt, duragainst all rivals. ing his first years of office, dared Thus, even such an "isolatic openly oppose this policy. nist" "intransigent" as Senator In September, 1939, addressing | Wheeler is constrained to declare: "As Americans, interested firs Congress in support of the repeal

of the arms embargo, Roosevelt in America, what is our present expressed himself exclusively in stake? Our stakes are our indeterms of isolationism, when he said:

"To those who say this propreserve them." gram (arms embargo repeal) would involve a step toward war on our part. I reply that it offers far greater safeguards than we now possess or ever have posmilitary appropriation. sessed to protect American lives and property from danger. It is a positive program for giving safety. This means less likelihood of incidents and controversies which tend to draw us into conflict, as they did in the World War. There lies the road to peace."

That is a stock pattern of "isolationist" argument: The United States would hermetically seal itself from the possibility of "incidents" and thereby avoid the risk of "foreign entanglements."

This was the outward senti ment of the overwhelming bulk of Congressmen and Senators, in the months immediately preceding the outbreak of World

War II. As late as July 1939. the Congressional leaders of both parties in conference with Roosevelt, had rejected out-of-hand his proposal to repeal the arms embargo.

ISOLATIONIST EBB-TIDE

I From the moment of the reneal of the arms embargo in November 1939, it was apparent that the "isolationist" movement was in ebb-tide. On no single issue of foreign policy has the pro-war a solid and overwhelming majority for its measures.

sition, including a call for the Monopolies Nibble At Consumers' Pockets immediate repeal of the Neutrali-The Kraft Cheese Company,

All along the line the "isolationist" movement has met with defeat and rout. The forces of "isolationism" are crumbling under the pro-war pressure, and many of its leaders have turn coated on their bewildered follow ers and ended up as shouters for war.

. But the "isolationist" move ment is not dead. If its efforts to intervene against the war have ended in fiasco what remains of the movement retains a life and virulence which has vast implic ations for the future.

Those implications have nothing to do with the prevention of pendence, our democracy and our war. They have to do primarily the war." trade and commerce. Every redwith the war's aftermath.

blooded American would fight to Senator "Champ" Clark one of the few remaining "isolation mains of 'isolationism" $T_{T_{k}}$ "is In keeping with this basic ists", expressed the fundamental purest form, it is fear of the efcharacter of the present move fects of post-war chaos on th objective, no different than Roosevelt's, the "isolationists" in ment in an address to a mass safety of the capitalist system. meeting in Milwaukee, the day This starting point for present Congress have voted for every preceding the opening of the day "isolationism" has nothing in The actions of the recent con-American Legion convention. common with a fundamental vention of the American Legion Clark declared: objection to war or imperialism.

The Lindberghs, Nyes, and in Milwaukee marked a still fur-"I do not wish to see our boys come back home not only racked Clarks represent that sector of ther retreat of "isolationism." Turning its back on its entire by wounds but shocked and American capitalism which oppast policy, the Legion endorsed poisoned by the revolutionary poses entry into the war NOW a completely interventionist po- excesses which every expert and because it feels that the FIRST

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Protection Of Army Caste Responsible For Democrats and Republicans alike, Massacre; Part Of His Move To The Right

Ву РІОСНО

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 29 .--- Somewhere between ten and twenty-five workers were killed and several times that number wounded during a demonstration held September 23rd before President Avila Camacho's house in Mexico City. The previous day, these workers had addressed President Camacho through an open letter signed by their union, the General Union of Work-

ers in War Materials, asking his intervention and support in a dispute with the director of the factories producing supplies for the army. 1500 to 2000 demonstrators had gathered in front of Avila Camacho's house and had sent a delegation to ask his aid; one woman carried a bouquet of flowers for Mrs. Camacho. She received a bullet in the back for her trouble.

Due to the strict police control of all news, it is difficult to ascertain exactly what happened (even the families of the where they are ever poised to by attempting to prove that Amerdead and wounded were not permitted to enter the hospital for Administration failed to command two days). All that is known is that a battalion of soldiers was | the most outrageous, tyrannical

and barbaric oppression. The ofoned and opened fire on the ficer caste of Mexico is composed demonstrators. Among the dead of men who are either large landwere the General Secretary of the owners or desirous and conspirunion together with other offiing to be such. The "revolutioncers; no police or soldiers were ary" military leaders almost invariably became lords of large haciendas through the victory of their "revolutions" and then converted themselves into rulers as ruthless as their predecessors. It is from this same class that the bulk of the present army officer corp is formed.

consuming public was charged prices set by the trust. In efthe Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company_and ninety other fect ceiling prices were set for defendants were named in rethe farmer, while floors were set on prices for the consumer. Since January, 1941, prices of cheese have risen from 151/2 cents a pound to approximately 23 cents a pound, or more than 58%.

of how monopolies cheat the farmer, exploit the worker and overcharge the consumer, farmers. After being processreaping monopoly profits in the process.

> objective for the employing class is the complete destruction of the labor movement and the prevention, its advances of war, of post-

war working-class upsurge. This section of the American bourgeoisie—in a minority today -feels that it is essential to make some compromise with fascism, even to introduce fascism into America, to avoid what it considers to be the greater evil. the

complete loss of their wealth. power and class privileges, which they visualize as the inevitable outcome of the war whether the United States "wins" or "loses."

THE FASCIST TREND

More and more, the present "isolationist" movement is adapting itself to fascist ideology and demagogy. It is no accident that Lindbergh, chief front for the "isolationists," introduced Jew baiting in his recent speech in Iowa, and that his Senatorial colleagues leaped to the defense of his utterances.

attitude of contempt for the worker? One can hear from In no sense, however, does this many mouths in Mexico the story present trend of "isolationism" that although he was not presreflect a movement which atent in person at the massacre, tempts to fight war by exposing Maximo is responsible. The army the roots of the capitalist war officer tradition plus Maximo Casystem. Its differences with the macho seems to be the most probpro-war bourgeoisie are tactical able explanation to the shameful Lindbergh has repeatedly stressed the point that he is for "defense"

of the "Western Hemisphere," pro Most shameful of all, however, is the trade union leadership that posing not that America cease to does not explain to the Mexican be imperialistic, but that it conworker just how much latent fine its imperialism within geo danger this killing exposes. The graphic limits which will avoid mere existence of a fascist group war until the nation is better is bad enough, but allowing them | prepared in a military sense. He to remain in positions of power argues against going to war now leap at the throat of the organ- ican imperialism is "unprepared." ized labor movement bodes a The logical conclusion to this ar-

fierce struggle in the future. It gument is that Lindbergh will is criminal for the leaders of the support war when the nation is "prepared." labor movement to ignore this

Japan's Moves In China Are Prelude **To New Adventures**

By JACK WEBER

China and the War

It took four years of warfare in China to persuade the United States imperialists that China could resist the Japanese invasion. In that four years Japan was forced to strain her economy to the utmost to keep her armies in the field and to continue policing the vast stretches of territory that the Mikado hoped to swallow. Japan spent ten times as much on this war as on the Russo-Jap War. Her casualties in killed, wounded, and diseased were also far greater, having reached over a million by March 1940 alone. With all her tremendous sacrifices of "blood and treasure" as the lingo of diplomacy likes to put it, Japan has proved unable to accomplish the subjugation of China.

United States aid to China obviously is for the purpose of keeping Japan occupied with the war on the continent of Asia so that the Japanese militarists will not be able to turn their full attention to other spheres, such as the Dutch East Indies and Singapore. The moment the Japanese began to withdraw troops from the Chinese interior for the movement southwards to Indo-China, Chiang Kai-shek opened the biggest military operations he had thus far attempted. Chinese troops took the offensive in five of the overrun provinces. This campaign was not merely for the recovery of territory and for the defeat of the weakened Japanese garrisons, but its purpose was as much political as military. It was an attempt to demonstrate to the United States and England that China could keep the Japanese occupied and prevent their withdrawal of really great forces from the Chinese mainland. Such a demonstration would enlist further aid from the "democracies."

The new campaign was also China's answer to the letter sent to President Roosevelt directly by the Japanese Premier Konoye on August 28th of this year. The Chinese had every reason to feel alarmed concerning the outcome of that letter which started negotiations between the two imperialist powers to seek a temporary solution of the Pacific problem. For after all, the United States had never ceased, in the entire four years of war in the Far East, to continue selling the raw materials to Japan that were absolutely. necessary to her for continuation of the attack on China. With Russia now completely absorbed in the war with Germany, China has no place to turn for aid except to the United States.

Roosevelt Cannot Withdraw Forces

Roosevelt had to weigh two factors in the discussions looking to an alleviation of the tense relations with Japan. Without actually being at war, Japan has nevertheless continued all this time to hold half the American navy in Pacific waters. Not only that, but planes and munitions that might have been useful to England, and now to Russia, against Hitler, are also tied up, immobilized, in all the ports of the Far East. Evidently the war in the East has coalesced too closely with that in the West to permit any kind of compromise. Each of the powers is too





cent indictments by the antitrust division of the Department of Justice on charges of Here is a clear illustration

NO CHANGE

August, 1941; Fair Employment Practices committee called on President, had their pictures taken, and recommended that he call on all government agencies to drop segregation and discrimination against Negroes. Seems like this was done once before.

ANOTHER LETTER

August or September, 1941; President issues letter asking various department heads to review employment policies.

SOME RESULTS

September, 1941; Associated Negro Press carried story of five Negro stenographers who had been hired, in the United States war department over which Mr. Roosevelt himself is boss. The girls were "hidden away on the second floor in the sixth wing of the huge munitions building of the war department" with practically nothing to do."

In short, to sum up the whole experience in October, 1941, all the letters, statements, orders, and "well-meaning" committeemen in the world are not going to be able to do anything basic about job Jim Crow. The Negro masses can depend only on their own organized strength to win concessions and to win full equality.

Hastie Can't Answer Baldwin

In a letter to the New York Times, Oct. 4, William H. Hastie, Negro Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War, attempted to answer some remarks in an article in the Sept. 30 Times written by that paper's military commentator, Hanson W. Baldwin.

In this article, devoted to a discussion of conclusions that could be drawn from the recently completed Army maneuvers, Baldwin stated that it was the "virtually unanimous belief of many officers that they (Negro soldiers) do not make good combat soldiers" and that "many officers say that the present tendency to increase the proportion of Negroes in the combat arms of the Army is dictated by political pressure and is dangerous to the efficiency of the Army."

Hastie undertook to argue the question. But he was unable — and afraid — to deal with the point in Baldwin's article that is visible to everyone that wants to see it: namely, that although Negro soldiers by and large are functioning as well as any others in the Army, their officers, in the face of all the favorable evidence given by Baldwin, still belittle and underrate them.

Hastie doesn't mind showing Baldwin's mistakes — but he has nothing to say about this attitude, fostered and tolerated by Hastie's own superiors and covered up by him, that is the source of all the discrimination shown the Negro. of the American capitalist system minute to prove their worth by now beginning to reflect the old

Not only has the "isolationist" movement failed to stem the onrushing forces of interventionism, it has continuously added to those forces from its own ofwounded, much less killed.

ficial ranks. The response of the CTM lead-One by one, during the course ers, of Lombardo and of the leadof the past two years, formerly ers of the union whose members prominent "isolationist" Congresswere killed, is about what would men have sidled or leaped over be expected of cowardly scouninto the interventionist camp. drels whose income and privileges Most recently, following Rooseare based on the official status velt's "shoot-on sight" edict, of the trade unions in Mexico. In there was a major exodus of isoevery "protest" and statement, it lationist Representatives, led by is first made clear that no guilt Dirksen of Illinois from the whatsoever is placed on Camaisolationist bloc. All that remains cho's head. "Justice" is called of the forces which once dominated the direction of foreign policy | for, the guilty officials must be punished, so that the "revolutionin Congress, is a tiny and dwindlary" government of Mexico may ing group of "intransigents". whose chief differences with the continue on its course. Absolutely no attempt is made to explain to Administration lie not in fundamental objections to war as an the Mexican worker why his life instrument of imperialist policy is held in such small regard by but only on questions of how, the officials who surround a "rewhen and on what issues that volutionary" president. war is to be conducted.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REPUBLICAN BACK-SLIDE

OFFICER CASTE Riding the crest of "isolation At first sight, the massacre of ist" sentiment that followed the

these workers may seem inexfirst World War, the Republicans plicable to some people; why on succeeded in holding the reins of earth would an administration government for 12 years. The Re- which depends on support by the sponsorship that the Mexican publican Party has posed as the official trade unions needlessly traditional champion of "isola expose itself to general condemntionism." ation by such a scandalous butch-

Today, the Republican Party ery? There had been no violence can scarcely reflect even the during the demonstration to unshadow of such a pose. Leading nerve the army officials; the Republican hig-wigs, such as demonstrators had not fired upon Knox and Stimson, have been for the officials or attacked them in the past year outstanding spok any way (in spite of rumors to esmen and representatives of the the contrary that the reactionary Roosevelt administration. press tried to spread soon after

Even the old-guard of Republic the massacre). anism, Hoover, Landon, et al. and The explanation for the mass their Congressional followers, no murder lies in the nature of the longer defend the tenets of tra officer caste in the Mexican Army ditional "isolationism". On vir and the fact that they now feel tually every practical measure that the road is open for them which leads to war, they support to regain their old privileges and the Administration. No fear o give vent to their hatred of the "foreign entanglements" has preworkers. Mexico has a tradition vented them from supporting "aid of as savage an army officialdom to Britain" and all the other measures "short of war" which are as any country in the world. leading directly to war. For, in Never has a Mexican dictator essence, both political wings of lacked candidates for an officer American capitalism have an iden- caste to support him; never have of the army, never having lost tical objective: the preservation these candidates hesitated for one sight of the privileged past, are

For the Mexican worker and farmer, this corp has nothing but contempt and hatred. Admirers in their overwhelming majority of Franco and fascism, they fearfully observed the growing size and influence of the trade union movement; they saw in this new main prop to the administration a dangerous rival to their own claim to privilege - as indeed it was; today, trade union leadrs are competitors of the army for the favors bestowed upon those who constitute this prop.

During the Cardenas adminisration, there was little the officer caste could do. Although Cardenas did not remove them from the army, it was under his trade union movement underwent

its most extensive development. Since Camacho took power, however, the officer caste as well as the church and other reactionary sections obviously feel that their turn has come. Maximo Camacho, the President's brother, is well known as the fascist-minded governor of the neighboring state of Puebla. His open disrespect forworker's lives, which he has taken with his own hand, has not prevented his being appointed to a post in the cabinet as Minister of Communications.

OFFICERS PRESSING FORWARD

With such an example of the raditional labor-hating army officer occupying a position of influence - brother of the President, occupying a cabinet post ---s it any wonder that the officials

And that is precisely what we threat; but they do ignore it. may expect from the remnants of "These events do not mean anthe "isolationist" movement when tagonisms between the army and the country is plunged into war the worker" they echo after Presias an actual military participant dent Camacho. And the officer All the more eager will the "isola caste? Not a word - only "comtionists" be to display their "loyplete confidence" that the Presialty" and "genuine Americandent will see justice done. The ism", once war is declared. They police forbade the union leaders will proclaim that "Now that we to make speeches at the mass fuare in, we have no choice but neral attended by nearly 200,000 to stand with our country against workers; and the union leaders the enemy." submitted. The police hide the

real number of killed, the top WHY "ISOLATIONISM" union leaders do not denounce CANNOT STOP WAR

"Isolationism" cannot stand The policy of Lombardo Toledaup as an anti-war movement beno and the CTM leaders has been cause it holds major objectives one of cowardly cover-up of the identical with those of the interman they put into office as Presi- ventionists. It breaks down into dent and of the officer caste he is a maze of contradictions when it planning to restore to a domin- seeks to differentiate itself in any ant role in Mexico. Toledano is- basic sense from the interventionsued a statement immediately fol- ists. It is imperialist; it is for lowing the massacre in which he "national defense"; it is for catermed it a "regrettable inci- pitalism. And, confronted with the dent." and absolved President final choice of carrying through Camacho of all responsibility for a ruthless fight against the war this murderous act of his military or lining up with the capitalist class as a whole once the die is officers.

> The chief danger of "isolationism" is as a snare to catch those



cast, it takes the latter course.

Only that movement can end war and bring lasting peace which organizes the masses for an uncompromising battle with capitalism, the war system. Only that party can lead the anti-war fight which seeks to destroy imperialism root and branch.

As the collapse of "isolationism' brings home to the American masses the futility of seeking to prevent war within the frame work of capitalist Imperialism they must turn to the Socialis Workers Party, the anti-capitalist anti-war party, for true leadership in the anti-war fight.

deeply involved to permit even a temporary solution. The Japanese are face to face with a desperate situation and would like to find a way out without facing all the enemies in the East. But at the same time they must think of the future. If Hitler should win the war, then a Japan which now deserted the Axis would face a far more formidable enemy on the mainland of Asia than either China or Russia.

The Japanese cannot merely afford to mark time while waiting for events in Europe to help resolve their problem. Waiting now means weakening of her position both economically and militarily. The Chinese will continue receiving help along the Burma road from the United States and this help will enable them to put up a far more formidable fight than has been the case up to now. Help will also go to the Siberian forces of the Soviet Union and this will mean a more difficult task for the Japanese Army there also. Meanwhile China does not permit any really great withdrawal of the Nipponese troops. Japan simply cannot afford to abandon China for that country would then become united as never before to keep the Japanese out in any new attempt at invasion later. China has thus become the key to the entire situation in the Far East.

Meaning of Japan's New Campaign

There are those who see in the desperate situation of Japan the means of tying the hands of the militarists and imperialists. They reason that it would be national suicide for the generals to start a new war, say in Siberia. But history has shown all too clearly, again and again, that the reactionary ruling clique never gives up its power voluntarily. The policy of looting of the Pacific region has brought the nation to a trem[±] endous crisis, but it has at the same time enhanced greatly the privileged position of the semi-feudal army caste. To them, just as to Hitler, the solution to their problems lies not in peace but in further looting.

The new campaign of the Japanese army in the interior of China is to be viewed with this in mind. It is not the symptom that the Japanese are now determined to concentrate on the final wiping out of Chiang Kai-shek. Rather it is an attempt to destroy as much of the Chinese forces as possible as well as to drive these forces back. disorganized once more into the remotest sections of China, before the Japanese start on a new adventure. The taking and then abandoning of Changsha indicates this to be the case. The march towards Chengchow is a similar indication, for the object is to destroy as much as possible so that it will take a long time to rebuild what the Chinese had accomplished, - to permit the Japanese to start on a new expedition of loot. The breakdown of the negotiations between Japan and the United States (these negotiations continue only by inertia) may well mark the beginning of the long-awaited attack on the USSR.

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- 9. A Workers' and Farmers' Government.

The Bridges Decision

Those people who believed that Roosevelt's

secution against the 29 defendants in the Minnesota indictments are part and parcel of the administration's drive against the trade-unions and especially against its more progressive section, the CIO. Every worker must condemn and fight against them. For the rights and independence of organized labor together with the civil liberties of the American people are directly imperiled in these cases.

Knox And The USSR

In an editorial devoted mainly to lush praise of Secretary Knox's recent "police the seven seas" speech, the Stalinist Daily Worker, October 3, could not refrain from sounding the following faint note of alarm:

". . .Sec. Knox's remarks about Britain and American policing the world after the war do not help to mobilize the all-out front necessary to defeat Hitler. For after the war, all the democratic peoples of the world will participate in the peace."

The concern here expressed is a recognition by the Stalinists that the Kremlin's new "allies" have no intentions of permitting the Soviet Union to have any voice in the "peace" that will follow the present war.

It will be a "peace" dictated by Anglo-American imperialism alone, and in its own interests.

When Knox speaks of American' and British imperialism "policing" the world, he means "policing" the Soviet Union as well.

But the Stalinists, in return for the "aid" which the Kremlin hopes to get from the Allied imperialists, have broadcast the traitorous lie that this is a war for "democracy."

Knox's speech exposes this lie for what it is. This war, if the Allies emerge victorious, will end in an imperialist settlement which will be no less disastrous for the Soviet Union than for democracy.

When the Daily Worker says that Knox's remarks "do not help to mobilize the all-out front necessary to defeat Hitler," that is not because the Stalinists consider Knox's words a false expression of American imperialist policy and aims. It is because this revelation of the true character of the Roosevelt-Churchill war aims may help to turn the masses away from support of the war, and away from Stalinism as well.

The Stalinist attempt to portray American and British imperialism as "allies" of the Soviet Union aids the imperialists to secure that world domination which will be used to destroy the Soviet Union.



The keynote of the American Federation of Labor convention, now meeting in Seattle, was struck by its president, William Green, when he stated in his opening address:

"... We of the American Federation of Labor are going to advise the President of the United States that we will give him all we have in support of his program, that we will stand by him and behind him and around him, and we will tell him further that if it is necessary to take a more decisive action in order to maintain freedom of the seas and to protect democracy throughout the world, we will stand by him and follow him to the bitter end."

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American Legion Speaks For Army General Staff

Formed By G. H. Q. After World War I To Silence Radicalism Among Veterans, Legion Now Lines Them Up For World War II

By RUTH JEFFREY

Despite its consistent policy of boosting big armaments programs, the American Legion in past years claimed to have an isolationist" position. However, following the President's and took its place in the front ranks of the interventionists. 'shoot-at-sight" speech, the Legion suddenly reversed its stand

The impression is given that the men who fought in World War I now consider the time ripe to send their sons forward

into World War II. But is the American Legion actually the Among the conferees were the voice of World War I's veterans? | men who became the organizers The facts tell a different story. of the Legion, notably Colonel For one thing, at the high point | Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D'of its membership - 1,000,000 Olier and Eric Fisher Wood. . ." strong — the Legion never in-

LEGION EMERGES cluded more than 25 per cent of A tremendous machinery was the men mobilized in the last set into motion and the prevailing war. Nor were the majority of unrest skillfully diverted by the these members men who had army staff into a solidly cast reached the trenches. It has been giant mold of conservatism, sureliably estimated that less than per-patriotism, anti-radicalism ---one-third of the Legionnaires was and 100% loyal acceptance of the ever under shell-fire.

status quo. The soldiers were de-Nevertheless, the Legion is a large and powerful organization, whose influence rests on its claim that it speaks for the majority of veterans. But who really determines its policies? Who organized it and why?

The American Legion was and is the baby of the U.S. Army's General Staff. Regarding its inception, the late Champ Clark testified in Congress in 1919, (on the occasion of the Legion's request to be chartered) "General other high ranking officers. Pershing asked the various commands in France to send delegates and representatives to a meeting of the soldiers in Paris at a certain date. Of course, they had all been talking in camp after the Armistice about organizing something of this sort. I think there were 3,000 at that meeting in Paris. My son, Colonel Bennett C. Clark was chairman." ous corporations, is quoted:

THE RED SCARE

Marcus Duffield states in his ber 23, 1919, presided over by book, "King Legion": "When the Mr. Thomas E. Wilson, there Armistice was signed the Amerwere present representatives of ican troops in France suffered the different stock yard interests an emotional let-down. They and it was voted that they conwanted to go home straightway, tribute \$10,000 towards a camand the longer they stayed paign for funds for the American abroad the more discontented Legion. A national drive is bethey became. As Allied troops fraternized with Germans, both sides began asking why the War was fought. Talk of the Bolshevik revolution was in the air, of the German soldiers' risings against their generals, of French mutinies. The American General Staff was seriously concerned about how to keep up morale. American bankers and business men who visited Europe returned filled with anxiety. What would be the attitude of returning troops? Might they join hands with the I.W.W. who were creating disturbances on the West Coast and threatened to spread the trouble through the East? ute is \$100."

find. Maintaining its hold over its membership with the argument that it alone can obtain legislation to aid the veterans, and with magnificent yearly carnivals called "conventions", the Legion grows stronger with the years. And a more favorable rallying point for a future fascist movenent in this country would likewise be difficult to find. The army generals and the navy admirals have done their work well. Through the years the Legionnaires have been fed a heavy diet of red-baiting, super-patriotism, big-army and big-navy propaganda, and the most amazingly

> crass political statements. The Legion, in its official manual on "citizenship" defines "democracy" as follows:

"Democracy: A government of luged with Legion propaganda, the masses. Authority derived and the path into its folds was through mass meeting or any nade smooth and rosy. The maother form of 'direct' expression. chinery was extended rapidly to Results in mobocracy. Attitude the troops in America as well. toward law is that the will of the Fhe boys were never, from that majority shall regulate, whether day to this, given a shred of an it be based upon deliberation or opportunity to separate themgoverned by passion, prejudice, selves as a group from the grip and impulse, without restraint or of the Army General Staff. regard to consequences. Results The leadership of the "demoin demagogism, license, agitation, cratic" Legion, to this day is peopled by generals, admirals and | discontent, anarchy."

SEEDS OF FASCISM And naturally, the capitalist Such an interpretation of demclass which provided financial ocracy can stem only from those backing for the new organization who are fascists or fascist-mindsupported wholeheartedly the exed. It points the political direcpressed motives of the Legion. tion in which the Legion will In the book "Professional Patravel. And there's other evidence. triots," edited by Norman Hap-Not so very many years ago, good, the following letter, writ-National Commander Alvin Owsten on the letterhead of Swift & ley gave the following interview Company and addressed to varito the representative of a newspaper syndicate, as quoted by "At a meeting held on Decem-Duffield:

> "If ever needed (said Owsley), the American Legion stands ready to protect our country's institutions and ideals as the Fascisti dealt with the destructionists who menaced Italy!" "By taking over the govern-

nent?" he was asked. ing made for the Legion and the "Exactly that," he replied. amount asked from Illinois is 'The American Legion is fighting \$100,000, Mr. James B. Forgan, every element that threatens our Chairman of the First National democratic government-Soviets, Bank, being treasurer for Illinois. anarchists, I.W.W., revolutionary We are all interested in the Le-Socialists and every other 'Red' gion, the results it will obtain, . .Do not forget that the Fasand the ultimate effect in helpcisti are to Italy what the Amering to offset radicalism. It is ican Legion is to be the U.S." important that we assist this After twenty-two years that is worthy work and at the meeting the only perspective the present I was asked by the Chairman to officer caste can present to the write to the different stock yard men American imperialism draftinterests for their contribution. ed for the last war: the role of In pro-rating the amount, it was fascist hoodlums smashing the suggested that we use an arbitraheads of militant workingmen. ry percentage as a basis and the The lesson of what domination amount you are asked to contribby a reactionary officer caste means to men drafted into the Thus with the active financial army now becomes clear, and cooperation of the monied intermust be heeded. The workers, to prevent the threat of a new anti-labor super-Legion after this war, must fight for workers' democracy in the armed forces, for trade union control of military training, for the right of the common soldier to elect the officers under whose orders he is

Are Capitalist **Bosses Necssary**?

By WILLIAM F. WARDE

Capitalists Have No Useful Function Parasitic ruling classes have always spread the idea that they are indispensable. The more useless they become, the more insistently they try to impress this illusion upon workers' minds. Between beatings. slaveholders have always preached to their slaves: "How lucky you are to have us on your backs to direct you. You couldn't get along without us."

In reality, the slaveholders live on the toil and produce of their slaves and couldn't exist without them. But to keep the slaves in submission and uphold their system of exploitation, the slavemasters are forced to twist the real state of affairs into its opposite.

So the modern slaveholders, the capitalists, contend, in order to justify their existence, that they alone are competent to rule the state and control industry. Their spokesmen maintain that workers are slaves by nature and therefore cannot be permitted to assume commanding positions in political and economic life or in military matters, without overturning the foundations of civilization.

As a matter of fact, the opposite is true. The capitalist class possesses its present power, property rights, and privileges as a result of long outgrown historical conditions. This class of parasites no longer performs any essential functions in modern society, any more than the appendix performs any useful function in the human body. Today the decayed capitalist class, like a diseased appendix, imperils the very life of humanity. This source of infection must be removed before society can regain its health ---and only the revolutionary working class can perform that surgical operation.

The life of society does not depend today upon the capitalist exploiters but upon the working mass they oppress and exploit. If these workers put down their tools, then production stops. But if every stockholder in General Motors were to die or be dispossessed tomorrow, the workers in the plants would continue to turn out automobiles. Moreover, if the rich monopolists were wiped out by the socialist revolution, the workers could then produce autos for themselves and everyone to use, instead of tanks and machine guns with which to slaughter each other for imperialist profits.

The worker who now operates a lathe can direct a machine shop tomorrow and an entire industry the day after. This has been done under capitalism by a few individual workers who ascend higher in the social ranks, break away from their original class. and, like Chrysler and Knudsen, become big bosses themselves. What is done by isolated individuals under capitalism can and will be done collectively by the mass of organized workers under socialism, who will own, organize and operate industry by means of democratic councils. They will then produce not for the enrichment of a few but for the enjoyment of all.

Bosses Try to Belittle Working Class

The capitalist rulers try in every way to keep the workers down and to lessen their self-confidence. They want to prevent the workers from understanding their own organized power and from developing their capacities as a class destined to rule and reorganize the world. Many years ago workers were told they couldn't build their own trade unions and administer

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prosecution of the Socialist Workers Party and Local 544-CIO was an accidental or isolated attack upon civil liberties and labor's rights should be disillusioned by the decision handed down on Sept. 30th by Federal Judge Sears that Harry Bridges should be deported. The union-hating shipowners, Edgar Hoover's G-Men, the big business lobbies and anti-labor Congressmen have been trying for years to get the longshoremen's leader out of the trade-union movement and out of the United States, but not until now have they succeeded in getting a Federal decision against him. Bridges is being hounded under a special statute passed by Congress last year to frame him up. His prosecution is directly conducted by Roosevelt's own Department of Justice, which has launched a witch-hunting and union-busting campaign similar to that conducted by Wilson's administration during the last war.

The attack upon Bridges proves that it makes no difference whether unionists support or fight the administration's policy. If a labor-leader represents in any way or to any degree the interests of workers and thereby incurs the displeasure of the bosses, he is liable to persecution by Roosevelt, Biddle and the F. B. I. Bridges today endorses Roosevelt's war and anti-labor policies; yet this does not suffice to save him from being victimized.

The same is true of the Communist Party, of which Bridges is alleged to be a member. The Department of Justice is seeking to deport Bridges for belonging to an organization that "advocates the overthrow of the government by force." This is the same ground upon which the 29 defendants in the Minneapolis "Seditious Conspiracy" case have been indicted and will stand trial on October 20th. Carl Skoglund, one of the 29, faces possible deportation under the same statute that is being used against Bridges.

The Communist Party approves the Federal prosecution of the Minneapolis Trotskyists. The Daily Worker of Aug. 16, 1941 said: "The Communist Party has always exposed, fought against and today joins in the fight to exterminate the Trotskyist Fifth Columns from the life of our nation." The main complaint of the Daily Worker against our prosecution is that the government plans to try the Trotskyists as revolutionists and not, as Stalin did in the Moscow Trials, as "agents of fascism."

Now, despite their slavish support of Roosevelt's war policies, the Communist Party, its members and sympathizers are feeling the knife at their own throat.

The persecution of Harry Bridges and the pro-

This statement is an explicit assurance to the imperialist war government that the leadership of the AFL is prepared to accept every and any measure, regardless of its evil consequences for labor, which the Roosevelt administration may institute.

Green's affirmation of support for the capitalist government and its war contained no single qualification calculated to reassure the ranks of the AFL that their interests as workers will in any way influence the course of AFL policy.

The problems of the AFL members, and of the working class as a whole, were subordinated or completely ignored by Green. His "solution" to the evils of speed-up, soaring prices, fixed wages, attacks on labor's independence and right to strike, was to call on the workers to "give even more" to the employers. His sole proposal for the "protection" of labor's interests was that more union leaders be given posts on government boards.

The road which Green maps for organized labor can lead only to the destruction of the independent power of the unions, to turning them into servile appendages of the government apparatus.

Green expresses no new and extraordinary policy born of special war conditions. He just extends the policies practiced by the bureaucratic trade-union leadership in times of peace.

At all times, the trade union bureaucracy seeks to blur the class lines, to collaborate with the owning class and its government at the expense of the interests of the rank and file. It attempts to wheedle itself into the good graces of the ruling regime in order to wangle a few crumbs from the over-flowing tables of the capitalist class.

If the union bureaucracy seeks to make itself "indispensible" to the capitalist state in peacetime, it is ten times as ready to do so in war. But it is precisely in war-time, when the government demands nothing less than a totalitarian conformity, that there is no room for "give-and-take." Faced by a choice of uncompromising struggle against the ruling apparatus, or a complete capitulation to it, the trade union bureaucracy invariably chooses the latter course.

The rank and file of labor can maintain their freedom of action, their rights and standards, only through independent struggle for their own class interests and despite and against these misleaders of labor.

Would the ex-soldiers upset things? . . .

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from the Intelligence Section of LEGION ON 'DEMOCRACY' the General Staff, and from vari- A more reactionary, demogogic ous units of the citizen armies. organization would be difficult to to fight and risk his life.

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them. Nevertheless the workers went ahead and created powerful, streamlined unions like the United Auto Workers and others.

Now that the trade-union movement has fought its way to recognition and influence, the capitalist spokesmen shift their ground to hold back the workers from further advances. They try to discourage the workers from forming their own independent political organizations in the shape of a Labor Party based upon the trade unions. And if the workers of this country succeed in striking out on their own in the political field, the agents of the bosses will then strive to dissuade them from taking power.

The workers can learn how to answer these reactionary arguments from the history of the capitalists themselves. The feudal monarchs and nobles once regarded the rising bourgeoisie as contemptuously as that boss class now treats the workers. The aristocrats asserted that the divine, hereditary right of managing state affairs and deciding great economic questions belonged to them alone. The merchants and manufacturers were supposed to be fit for nothing but storekeeping and servility. That did not prevent the revolutionary representatives of capitalism from demanding and winning supreme economic and political power.

The Southern slaveholders who dominated the United States before the Civil War thought and taught that the Northern industrialists and financiers should bow before them. These very capitalists crushed the slaveholders during the Civil War and conquered the power they have exercised since.

Only the Workers Can Run Society

The workers of the United States can also learn from the history of their own class. In 1917 the Russian workers demonstrated that the workers can take power, end war, and defend their country against internal enemies. In the succeeding years, despite enormous difficulties and despite their setbacks and sufferings under the Stalinist bureaucratic regime, they managed to lift their economy to new heights and to provide strong defenses for their state. What the Soviet workers of the USSR have accomplished under incredibly hard conditions, the workers of the United States can certainly do under far more favorable circumstances.

Today, it is no longer debatable whether or not the workers should take power and run society. They must do so. For the second time within a generation the imperialists are running amok. If arsonists were running wild in a community, threatening to reduce everything to ashes, people would be obliged and justified to get rid of them. So the imperialist maniacs who are spreading the fires of war must be disarmed and dispossessed by the workers if civilization is to be saved.

Let the organized workers take power and they will learn the art of governing and technique of economic administration no less easily then the capitalists. And they will make social advances that capitalism never dreams of!

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