Gov't Prepares to Suppress European Socialist Revolts

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After The Fall Of Rostov

By ANTHONY MASSINI

With the fall of Rostov and the advance of German troops to less than 50 miles from Stalingrad, the Soviet Union has reached the most crucial stage of the war.

Fighting heroically and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, the Red soldiers have nevertheless been driven from Rostov, the gateway to the Caucasus. The loss of Rostov and the threat to Stalingrad, key machine building and communications center on the Volga, place the Germans in position to deepen the wedge between the southern and central Red Armies; to isolate the Caucasus; and to cut off the supplies coming to the USSR by way of the Persian Gulf, Iran and the Caspian Sea.

The loss of the Caucasus would deprive the workers' state of the area where 80 to 85% of all Soviet oil was produced last year. The loss of these oil fields cannot be overestimated. Even if the scorched earth policy should leave them useless for the Germans, it would be a staggering blow for the USSR, virtually crippling the Soviet mechanized divisions and leaving them no alternative but to resort to guerrilla warfare as soon as the oil reserves were expended. That kind of warfare can be annoying to an enemy, but it cannot win decisive victories against mechanized forces.

All along Stalin has been depending on his "democratic" imperialist allies to save the Soviet Union from defeat. As long ago as last November 6, when the German armies were at the gates of Moscow and Leningrad, Stalin explained the Soviet reverses by "the absence of a second front in Europe" and promised the Soviet people that "undoubtedly this will appear in

Until recently his appeals to secure a second front followed generally along the lines of the propaganda exemplified by the Daily Worker's "Veteran Commander" in an article on July 23: "The Soviet Union will go on, somehow, because it is organized for great emergencies. Its quarter of a century of existence has been but one great and continuous emergency. It is used to 'carrying on in spite.' But the real and permanent danger is one to the United Nations."

The New Note Stalin Is Sounding

But in the last few weeks, since the Nazi offensive got under way, a new note has entered the dispatches permitted by Stalin's censors to reach this country.

To quote but a few of these dispatches:

"The declarations of London and Washington (on the second front) are most solemn in the eyes of the Soviet people. Should there be any hesitations abroad in their fulfillment, should the British and American people fall short of the aspirations expressed, the political effect here would be nothing short of disastrous." (N. Y. Times, July 15.)

"The situation here is serious. It is not ominous, but it is alarming to everyone concerned. The opening of a second front w would have a magical effect on the men of (PM, July 15.)

"The Germans are missing no opportunity. Leaflets showered over the Russian lines on the southern and southwestern front deal with little else besides the relations between the Soviet Union and its allies, and a story is circulating in Moscow of how a German prisoner at Voronezh shouted within earshot of many Red Army men the opinion that the Hungarians were better allies to Germany than the British were to the Soviet Union." (N. Y. Times, July 24.)

"There are impatience, suspicion and doubts about a second front; there is what in the West is called 'popular demand,' which can turn soon to popular disillusionment and to bitterness as full of recrimination as last month's rejoicing over the London and Washington agreements was full of hope. To disappoint these hopes would incur responsibility for damaging Russian morale in battlefield and factory." (N. Y. Times, July 26.)

The Meaning Of These Dispatches

It is impossible to tell to what extent these reports are pure propaganda and to what extent they reflect the masses' doubts about the intentions of the USSR's allies and the wisdom of Stalin's policies. Quite likely they are a combination of both. But there can be little doubt about Stalin's intentions in permitting these dispatches to go through.

In effect, Stalin is telling the "democratic" imperialists: "Time is short. I promised the masses you would save us through a second front. With the military situation growing more desperate, the masses are growing restless and beginning to doubt that my promises were justified and my policies correct. My own control over the masses is not so great that I can dare to ignore this situation. The masses may begin demanding a new policy, and my rule may be threatened. You must come to my aid at once for bear the responsibility for what occurs-whether it be a political revolution to enforce a change of policy, or a deal you may force me to make with Hitler and which I may be able to put over on the grounds that you failed to keep your promises."

What The "Democracies" Want

It is not that the "democratic" imperialists want to see the Soviet Union crushed at this time. As Edwin L. James put it very carefully in the July 26 N. Y. Times: "All of the United Nations wish wholeheartedly that Russia remain in the war and remain in it in a position to fight as she has been fighting." As she has been fighting means as she has been fighting and retreating while inflicting heavy casualties on Germany. This is what the "democratic" imperialists want—the mutual exhaustion of Germany and the USSR. They know that even with the Caucasus lost, the Soviet masses will want to fight on, and they count upon them to keep Germany tied up until the Allied armies are strong enough to take on a serious fight with Germany. The fact that the USSR is being bled white in the meantime occasions no regrets to the capitalists who have always wanted to destroy the Soviet regime.

The Fruits Of Stalin's Policy

The bankruptcy of Stalin's policies must be ever more evident

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Most Workers Defense Of Workers' Gains To Be Denied **WLB Formula**

Board's Latest Ruling Clarifies Meaning of Little Steel Opinion

The wage formula laid down by the War Labor Board in the Little Steel case two weeks ago amounts to virtual wage freezing for the overwhelming majority of the workers. That was made clear this week by the same formula to the Tonawanda, N. Y., Remington Rand case, and its refusal to grant the 10 cent an hour wage increase demand of the workers involved.

The decision of the Board, supported by the employer and "public" representatives and opposed by the labor representatives, was based on the claim that wage increases in this plant had kept pace with the 15% rise in living costs since Jan. 1, 1941, and that therefore the workers were not entitled to any other rise.

That the same excuse for denying wage increases can be applied to most of the country's workers was indicated by the following section of the Board

"The National Association of Manufacturers has called atten-Tention to the fact that over two-thirds of the manufacturing industries of the country have already made increases equal to or in excess of the level fixed by the War Labor Board's (Little Steel) formula."

And lest there be any misunderstandings on the part of the workers, the Board decision aded: "Contrary to some reports. it (the formula) does not guarantee to labor that existing standards of living will be main-

tained throughout the war." Meanwhile the administration "control" wages. Having apparently abandoned his previous intention of going to Congress for added power in this connection because he felt he already had the power President Roosevelt was reported to be considering the appointment of a "wage Governor Lehman of the House of Lehman, recognized as one of America's Sixty Families, has been mentioned as the most likely choice for the post.

Senate Finance Committee Goes Easy On Wealthy

Clearly showing its intentions to go easy on taxing the bosses, the Senate Finance Committee voted on July 27 to:

1. Reject Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau's anti-'special privileges" recommendation for mandatory joint income returns and for taxation of income from state and municipal | securities. (Morgenthau's propoa real program to tax the wealthy; but even such a gesture was abhorrent to the Senate Committee.)

2. To leave the question of a sales tax "open" for consideration at future sessions of the Committee.

·The implied threat to impose sales taxes on the masses comes a bill that starts taxes on workup. Seven million low-wage families will pay taxes in 1942 for the first time. The same House bill dealt with the large corporations in the most gentle manner.

By its action on Morgenthau's recommendations, the Senate higher price. Committee too shows that it favors letting the bosses get away with murder while placing the

Raises Under Key Issue As UAW Convenes Government War Aims Bared

In Secretary Hull's Speech

our purpose. . . to use the full

The capitalist press has stated

that Hull was speaking with an

prepared and willing to accept

That is why they are so in-

But that isn't what Hull

means. He means that the Indian

people must support the allied

show "by their acts" that they

are not worthy of freedom after

the war. This is plainly a warn-

ing to the Indian people that

the United States administration

is going to support the British

in fighting to prevent freedom

Having thus stated that the

victorious powers intend to decide

entitled to "liberty," Hull gave

IMPERIALIST "PEACE"

cratic" imperialists.

for India now.

from British imperialism.

Imperialists Will Decide for Themselves Which Nations Are 'Entitled' to Freedom

By PHILIPH BLAKE

Secretary of State Hull's July 23 address was filled from beginning to end with the sweet-sounding double-talk that characterizes all capitalist diplomacy and can usually be interpreted in two or more ways. But to the careful listener, the harsh sounds of imperialist policy could unmistakably be recognized in most of Hull's presentation of the kind of post-war world the administration is fight-2-

It has been said that Hull made | measure of our influence to sup-Board's application of the this speech to counteract the port attainment of freedom by ultra-liberal pronouncements is all peoples who, by their acts, sued from time to time in recent | show themselves worthy of it and months by such governmental ready for it." figures as Vice-President Wallace, and to assure the world that the fundamental policies of eye of India. Most people who the administration have not been speak plain English would agree

altered by these pronouncements. that the Indian people "are If that was the case, then the speech—despite its diplomatic the responsibilities of liberty. jargon-accomplished what it was intended to do. Even if that sistently demanding freedom wasn't the purpose, the fact that it was so enthusiastically endorsed by President Roosevelt before it was broadcast is a sign that Hull was expressing the cause in the war-or they will views of the government.

WHO WILL GET LIBERTY?

Not everyone is going to have the privilege of enjoying the "four freedoms" after the war, Hull made it clear: "We have always believed—and we believe today—that all peoples, without distinction of race, color or religion, who are prepared and willing to accept the responsibilities of liberty, are entitled for themselves which nations are to its enjoyment.

To make his meaning a little clearer, Hull added: "It has been

To Price Increase

OPA Defends Profits While Denying Wage Raises to Workers

Leon Henderson and the Office of Price Administration shriek "Inflation!" whenever the workers ask for wage incost of living.

But you dont hear such comhandle. On the contrary, Henderson and the OPA fall all over themselves in their haste to be of service to the bosses.

that the prices on all canned ed from 10 to 25 per cent on the 1942 pack. This is a sharp jump over even the original estimate of a 15 per cent increase authorized a few weeks ago.

The decision to "puncture" the the fruit and berry canners conin prices was necessary to maintain their high profit rates.

In the first month of price control, which ended June 15, food levels for city families rose by 1.3%, according to an announcement made by the OPA.

That this process has been conlast week in New York City a week after the House passed when the price of butter went up 2 cents a pound and eggs went | East (April 18) which wrote: ers earning \$11.52 a week and up 2 cents a dozen for Grade B and 1 cent a dozen for Grade A.

Meats are becoming scarce in ready have started to substitute meats where they cannot get a

As food is the most important single item in working class family budgets, all these increasworkers' living standards.

pressing human needs. . . The United States must continue. . . to supplement and make more effective the action of countries individually in re-establishing public order. . . (How the United States is al-

effective action to meet these

ready taking steps along these lines is revealed in an article on a new school set up by the Army, Page 2 of this issue.) Second, the defeated powers

must be crushed so that they will be unable for a long time to challenge the right of the victorious nations to rule the world. As Hull puts it: "In the process of re-establishing international order, the United Nations must exercise surveillance over aggressor nations until such time as the latter demonstrate their willingness and ability to live at peace with other nations."

And third, naturally, is the proposal for a force to police the world: "Some international agency must be created which canby force, if necessary—keep the peace among the nations in the perialists will want peace to enjoy their rule after this war is over, even if they have to keep fighting for 100 years and wipe out half of mankind to get it.

For the rest, Hull's speech was so-called free enterprise and initthe war the capitalist system will provide plenty and prosperity for all the people. No more than his "liberal" colleagues, however did Hull try to explain why this some other indications of the ed plenty and prosperity for the

"peace" planned by the "demomasses before the war. As well as anything said or First of all, of course, they written since Pearl Harbor, intend to put down the attempts | Hull's speech proves that the bargaining rights elections at to back up their demands with of the masses to establish social- workers dare not any longer to Thompson Products in Cleveland, their full strength. With the ist governments. "Disease and entrust their fate in the hands of the key plant in that city, the unions thus weakened, the emdanger of disease will lurk every- capitalist spokesmen who want Vickers Plant in Detroit, the huge where. In some countries, con- to continue the imperialist Curtiss-Wright plant in Buffa- administration and the press have fusion and chaos will follow the policies that led to this war and lo, and many other smaller

Officials' "Equal Sacrifice" Program Stands In Way of Progress for Union By JOSEPH ANDREWS

The UAW-CIO, traditionally the most militant

and democratic union in the American labor movement, will hold its seventh annual convention in Chicago on August 3. The 1600 delegates representing almost 700,000 mass production workers will meet at a time when, as a result of the step-by-step retreat of the top officials, the union is fighting with its back to the wall against employer and government

The same union that in 1937 brought the most powerful manufacturing corporation in the world, General Motors, to its knees; that crushed the open shop in Chrysler by means of militant strikes; and that toppled the anti-union empire of Henry Ford, has lost ground in the eight months since Pearl Harbor. The UAW-CIO today is on the defensive - not because the potential dynamic power of the union membership is waning, but because the leadership of the union by its treach-

erous policy of retreat has back-9 ed the UAW into a dead-end Who is responsible for the de-

Since the entrance of the Unithe UAW has made no significraft industry has not been or-Curtiss-Wright, which the UAW falo convention, have not been brought into the UAW.

The wage demands of the General Motors, Chrysler and Ford workers have been bogged down in the mire of government mea defense of the capitalist system | diation. Grievances in the plants are not being settled. The speediative, and the promise that after up campaign of the employers increases in intensity.

DANGEROUS TREND

The UAW, which eight months before Pearl Harbor successfully capitalist system had not provid- stormed the bastions of River Rouge, is now experiencing a series of NLRB elections defeats to conduct an effective organizwhich are dangerous signs of a ational campaign in aircraft, downward trend. The loss of the was busy taking other steps to "control" wages. Having appargates with a decisive question:

feats of the UAW?

The responsibility for the loss of NLRB elections and the unted States into the shooting war, dermining of union conditions in the organized plants does not lie cant gains. The crucial new air- in the ranks of the workers. The workers want and need unionism ganized. Martin, Douglass and now as never before. The failure of the UAW to move ahead is future." Yes, the victorious im- pledged to organize at the Buf- the direct responsibility of the top leadership whose policy of retreat and surrender of labor's rights has led to an impasse.

The UAW-CIO International Executive Board, as well as the whole top officialdom of the union movement, set the stage for the undermining of union standards, when they gave up the unions' fundamental weapon for the defense of their interests, the right to strike. The surrender of the right to strike gave the bosses new opportunities to speed up their anti-labor drive. This capitulation made it doubly difficult since the unions lacked the means ployers, Congress, the Roosevelt unceasingly conducted a campaign to take back the hardwon gains of labor.

The surrender of the right to strike was followed by the sacrifice of overtime pay for holilays and week ends, and the initiation of a speed-up campaign in the plants endorsed by the union

THE "EQUAL SACRIFICE" PROGRAM

At the Detroit conference of the UAW held April 7 and 8, Thomas, Addes, Reuther and Frankensteen pushed through the sacrifice of premium pay and acceptance of the speed-up - under the guise of an "equality of sacrifice" program.

This program was nothing but a fraud. The workers have nothing to gain by entering into 'partnership" with the duPonts, Morgans, Fords and Rockefellers in their imperialist war for profit. The "equality of sacrifice" program is an attempt to delude the workers into bearing the burden of Wall Street's war.

But even if such a program were desirable, events have proven that it is an illusion to think the bosses will sacrifice anything.

The minority of 150 delegates at the Detroit conference who correctly opposed the leadership's program, has been proven right by the events that followed. The program of the union leadership called for the following points in return for the workers' sacri-

1. A 3% limitation on profits. 2. A \$25,000 limit on incomes. 3. An end to war profiteering. · 4. Democratic rationing of con-

sumers' goods. 5. Adjustment of wages to meet rising living costs.

Not one of these promises has been fulfilled. The sacrifices made by the workers were the only points in the program of the leadership that were carried out.

The policy pushed through the April conference has led to the outright betrayal of the interests of the rank and file. It has had no effect whatever in stopping the profiteering of the corpora-

must be followed by swift and inevitable. Did Cripps Outwit The India Congress Leaders?

Last week we described the deliberate and creases to meet the ever-rising systematic campaign of the British and American press against independence for India. Every supporter of Indian independence must recognize plaints when the capitalists ask that this vicious campaign was facilitated by for an increase in prices of the the conduct of the Indian National Congress commodities they manufacture or leadership in the Cripps negotiations. Churchill and the British imperialists never

intended to surrender any part of their control of India to the Congress-not to speak of grant-This was clearly shown in the ing actual independence. Churchill's problem was OPA announcement on July 24 to offer a semblance of concessions without the substance, in order to silence widespread public fruits and berries will be increas- criticism in England and America at his failure to let India prepare to defend itself against Japanese invasion. The erstwhile "left" socialist. Cripps, was the perfect front for this maneuver. If the Congress leadership succumbed to his blandishments, and became minister-puppets of price ceilings was reached after Britain, that would be excellent for British imperialism. If they refused after closed-door sals were only a gesture, and not | vinced the OPA that the increase | negotiations, that could be made to seem unreasonable, with the help of the press and radio. Either way British imperialism was the winner.

An Accurate Estimate

That is how it worked out. While Churchill and Cripps pretended to mourn the failure of the negotiations, and the general British press chimed tinuing since June 15 was shown | in, the feelings of the British imperialists were quite otherwise. Their real attitude was expressed by the financial weekly, Great Britain and the

"To speak of the Cripps Mission to India as a failure would be a sorry blunder. . . In the some sections and butchers al- broader sense Sir Stafford Cripps has had success. He has fixed the eyes of the world upon the poorer qualities and cuts of realities of the Indian problem. He has enlightened the American people, who in the past have been woefully misled as to British policy, actions and intentions in India. He has compelled the leader writers of a Left group of English newsgreatest burden of the war costs es mean a substantial cut in the papers to accept the truth that the obstacles to India's political advance are wholly centered in

India itself. . . These are great achievements." This cynical estimate of Cripps' successes is, unfortunately, accurate, as is evidenced by the fact that the American capitalist press speaks now about India's demand for freedom in viciously hostile tones which would have been impossible before Cripps went to India.

Why did the leadership of the Indian National Congress permit itself to be maneuvered into a position so detrimental to securing broad mass support in America and England for India's demand for freedom? The answer to this key question will go far to illumine the character of the Congress.

Let us recall that when Cripps went to India the official British proposal was not made public. For one week the negotiations between Cripps and the Congress went on without the masses of India or elsewhere knowing what the British were offering. Then the offer was published on March 30, but for two additional weeks the Congress leadership continued to negotiate without making public whether they were accepting the British plan or not or what counter-proposals they were making. So that, when the negotiations finally broke down on April 11, it was not very difficult for the British government to picture itself as having made a supreme effort to conciliate the Congress.

That the British were offering nothing substantial could be predicted in advance—and was predicted by us here and our comrades in India. That fact should have been obvious to the Congress leaders as soon as Cripps handed them the empty-worded document of Churchill's cabinet on March 23. The Congress should have insisted, even before Cripps came to India, that the British document be published in advance; even more they should have insisted on its publication when they read it. Instead they agreed in advance to conceal the contents of the document until March 30 and to conceal the contents of the rest of the negotiations until the end two weeks later. One

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Army Men Are Trained To Suppress Revolts

Government School Prepares Officers for the Job of Putting Down Workers' Attempts to Establish Socialism After the War

How the Roosevelt administration is already taking steps to prevent the establishment of socialist governments in the countries now under control of the Axis was revealed by a Detroit News staff correspondent on July 26.

The story, written by Allen Shoenfield, and obviously based on information and interpretation supplied to him by administration officials, gave the following information:

"Anticipating the day when an American Army of Occupation must once more play a forceful role in the maintenance of order and the restoration of civil life in the war-torn countries of the world, the United States has established here a unique School of Military Government.

"The first class of 60, ranging in rank from captains to colonels and all carefully hand-picked on the basis of administrative ability and wide executive experience, will graduate late in August after a strenuous four-month's course of instruction. A second class somewhat larger in number is in process of selection.

"The Primary Purpose"

How Bosses Show

Their Patriotism

was not exerting any pressure

on in the plants, forcing men to

buy more bonds than they can

That is exactly what happened

to me, and I know that my case

is not the only one. I had pledged

I could spare since I have a wife

and two children, and prices have

gone up so much that my wages

Well, the boss called me in and

showed me my pledge. He asked

me if that was all I wanted to

buy. I told him that was not

and explained my home situation. per.

He said, "Well, it won't do.

Everyone is pledging 10% of his

wages and you are going to

pledge 10% too, or else things

this plant from now on."

won't go so well for you around

expenses to pay.

to buy \$3 a month which is all Denied At

Editor:

"The military governors are to be attached to the staffs of commanding generals in the several theaters of operations, both in former enemy countries and in friendly countries evacuated by the Axis conquerors. They will take over the conduct of virtually all civil affairs. . .

"It is generally acknowledged that the problems

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I saw an article in the N. Y. ing so much money on govern-

World-Telegram last week which | ment contracts to put the heat on |

stated that the U.S. Treasury men who can't afford to buy 10%.

on people to buy Bonds against selves out to be great patriots to

their will. This is probably true. cover up all the profits they are

Civil Rights

Calif. Camp

want elementary civil rights.

Some friends of Fuiii's were

American Youth Committee

arrested for holding a meeting.

John Loeb, Chairman

Los Angeles, Calif.

the companies putting pressure of the men on the job.

I argued with him, but there

is nothing I can do about it that

I can see, I don't think it is fair

for these employers who are mak-

They are trying to make them-

D. W.

of the peace will be at least as great and as numerous as those which must be met on the way to victory. Good order and economic recovery may be long in coming if the forces of occupation exhibit lack of firmness or purpose. The defeat of the Axis powers might be the signal for loosing the conquered peoples on long and bloody wars of vengeance or causing those of the enemy powers to start costly and futile

"The primary purpose of the School for Military Government is to prevent chaos among the civilian populations as country after country is occupied by the United Nations. But, it is believed, the miltary governors must help to lay the foundations for a new world order which shall hold some promise of enduring peace. .."

Everyone acquainted with the language of the army knows that what is meant by prevention of "chaos" is the suppresson of the socialist revolution. So far as the administration is concerned, there will be no room for socialism in its "new world order."

Elsewhere in his article, Shoenfield reports: "'Word of the establishment of the school has gone into Germany-and they don't like it,' one officer said with a smile."

Whether that is true or not, the European workers and peasants—daily risking their lives to get rid of Hitler's rule and to have the right to choose their own kind of government-are definitely not going to like it.

Henry Ford's Complaint

Henry Ford has lodged a public complaint against the Ford workers. On July 14 he issued a statement in Washington charging that since the UAW-CIO signed a closed shop checkoff agreement in April, 1941, there has been a 33% % reduction

These production "statistics," compiled under the supervision of Ford's chief union buster, Harry Bennett, although undoubtedly exaggerated, are not suprising to anyone acquainted with the regime of speed-up torture which prevailed at Ford prior to the victorious strike in April, 1941.

Ford's empire was built by means of a conveyor system that pushed workers to the last limits of human endurance. The Ford workers joined the UAW-CIO and staged their victorious strike for the primary purpose of wiping out that speed-up system. It is good news to the American workers that unionism has been established in the most notorious open shop fortress in America, and that the workers have succeeded in abolishing the killing pace of production. Harry Bennett's figures show that the banner of unionism still flies at River Rouge.

Ford had hoped to housebreak and control the UAW-CIO by granting a closed shop check-off agreement and by following a "paternalistic" policy in the plants. The militant membership has thus far frustrated this plan and has defended union

Ford's complaints about a "slowdown" are part of a campaign to get government intervention in the Ford plants to reestablish the pre-union speed-up.

The Ford workers, who demonstrated their courage and ability in their strike, must now be on guard not only against the union-busting machine of Henry Ford, but also against the pressure of the governmental agencies to whom Ford has

Why The UAW Lost The **Buffalo Curtiss Vote**

CIO Leaders Failed to Offer the Workers A Militant Program to Improve Conditions

By PATRICK KELLY

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 21. — The United Automobile Workers, CIO was decisively defeated by the AFL International Association of Machinists in a National Labor Relations Board election held to determine which organization should be the bargaining agent for the 24,000 workers employed at the Curtiss-Wright plants here in Buffalo. The results were as follows:\AFL, 9,699; CIO, 7,450; and neither union 936.

The election restored the AFL to a potent force in this area and was the fourth serious defeat for the CIO here in the tract at the Bell Aircraft plant past months. Unless the CIO returns to its original purpose, namely organizing workers for trade union gains and not for before any progress could be made Bond-buying and Speed-up Clubs, we can expect large AFL inroads in the Buffalo industrial plants. That is why a review of the latest debacle is necessary.

Approximately a year ago the UAW decided to go to town and organize the Curtiss plants here A dozen organizers were brought here and a directing staff under Leo LaMotte was set up to do the job. Since the UAW had a con-

The Board members also hope

living standards of the workers

in the face of increasing prices,

they are not hesitant to ask for

higher salaries for themselves.

This demand only underlines the

increasingly bureaucratic tenden-

whole policy separates them

While the top leadership en-

on increasing its own power, the

militant rank and file is more

and more determined to defend

in its great strike struggles. In

the leaders, and the intimidation

campaigns of the corporations

and the government, there are

Those who are really interest-

ed in defending unionism know

that first and foremost the IJAW

must reassert the right to strike.

if it is to make progress. The

The NLRB defeats in aircraft

backed by a demand for wage

spiralling rise in living costs.

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that the WLB, headed by Wil-

against the United Mine Work-

flock into its ranks.

and file.

union's gains.

TO STRIKE

here which called for lower wages than at Curtiss, they realized that this condition had to be changed at Curtiss. All forces were therefore turned to Bell which at that time had organized about 600 members out of approximately Immediately, the UAW leadership 10.000 workers.

RETREAT AT BELL

The program drawn up for the Bell workers called for a 20 cent per hour general increase. 2 weeks vacation with pay, closed shop, etc., or strike. By this time however, the national UAW leaders had already laid down their no-strike policy, and the Bell company knew it had nothing to fear despite local threats of strike. The workers turned to the union but when strike-action time did come, LaMotte went ahead to put out the fire his speeches had started and to accept a 121/2 cent compromise and an open shop. As a result of this capitulation the workers turned away from the Bell Local, and to this day the UAW has only a small minority

of them as members. The Curtiss workers watching the Bell Local developments with keen attention. With the retreat by LaMotte & Co., who was later replaced by Nicholas Dragon, the Bell contract was subjected to a withering fire by the Curtiss company union leadership. Curtiss workers were ters the UAW convention bent averaging \$10 to \$15 more a week for the same work through a bonus system that varies month-tomonth according to the threats the basic gains won by the UAW of genuine unionism.

spite of the jingo propaganda of NEW PROGRAM

With Pearl Harbor, the UAW policy went from bad to worse. The UAW leadership felt comstill many union militants in the pelled to turn completely away UAW who are resolved to stop from the union's traditions of the process of surrender and re- militancy in order to prove treat, and the sacrifice of the their respectability to their new circle of friends, the government politicians headed by Roosevelt The ambition of the UAW leadership (Thomas, Reuther, Frankensteen, etc.) was now to prove that they had graduated into the ranks They pro "Labor Statesmen." ceeded to lay down a new program: buy bonds, speed-up, give up overtime, no strikes, etc.

This program was carried over to the Curtiss drive. The weekly newspaper, American Aircraft Builder, was turned over to Stalinist editorship. An eight page paper reeking of super-patriotism followed. The Curtiss workers were informed that they should join the UAW so that they could buy bonds, form committees to proof of the need to launch a mi- speed-up production, hunt down litant organizational campaign, saboteurs (meaning militants)

levels to equal those in the auto Articles were carried crucifyindustry, and to provide for a ing the AFL for strikes, regardrising scale of wages to meet the less of the reason they were call-The United Mine Workers Should the UAW serve contracts were howled down for striking. on the aircraft industry with such Despite all the protests by the a program, the workers would militants against this cowardly policy, nothing was done about The recent decision of the War it. In fact, they were at all times Labor Board in the Little Steel told to keep in their place. No case, turning down the steel suggestions were wanted. The workers' demands, is a preview bureaucrats, counting their chickof what is going to happen to ens before they were hatched. wanted to make sure that when the local was founded (!) is would not fall under militant lead workers to the low level of Jan-

ership. Side by side with this literary campaign came the organizationliam Davis who led the attack al work. This consisted mainly of holding Roman Circuses for the ers in the captive mine strike, is Curtiss workers. Boat rides and dances with the country's leading bands and entertainers were held free of charge. Since a large number of aircraft workers are young, these affairs were attended by thousands upon thousands of workers. The union leaders. thinking these workers were with

> do everything in their power to retain the annual convention and preserve the democratic control of the rank and file. They will demand that the UAW fight to meet increases in real living UAW call a halt to retreat and conducting a militant organizational campaign in aircraft on

the basis of militant demands.

only taking advantage of it, felt confident that they were on the right road.

In March the NLRB handed down its decision outlawing the company union. The UAW saw victory and became cocky. But the workers did not turn to the UAW; they remained passive. The UAW special conference was held in Detroit and its decision to surrender overtime pay rates for weekends was publicized among the Curtiss workers as if the workers would like it. Needless to say, it made only a negative

THE IAM CAMPAIGN

When the company union was outlawed, it called in the International Association of Machinists, who, seeing "gold in them there hills," issued it a charter. protested to their Commander-inchief, President Roosevelt, who in turn called in William Green. Green muttered something about "looking into the matter." Brown, international president of the IAM, paying not the least attention to this senile creature, was interested in collecting more dues, saw the opportunity and went full steam ahead.

The Machinists fan their campaign on a pure and simple trade union basis. Stories of strikes were carried, contracts in other shops were printed, and a program of demands which included time-and-a-half for Saturday and double-time for Sunday was drawn up. The UAW was attacked for having a Stalinist as editor of its paper. The UAW "equality of sacrifice" program was attacked obliquely by stating that the IAM stood for time-anda-half for Saturday and doubletime for Sunday. This completely disarmed the UAW and was the decisive factor in deciding the matter for a lot of the workers. On this occasion the UAW leadership sank lower. Its wise guvs. bankrupt and discredited on the trade union field, looked thru the IAM constitution, and found the following in its preamble:

Those who toil should use their rights through organizations founded upon the class struggle, and acting along co-operative and economic political lines for the benefit of the people, with the view of restoring the commonwealth of all those performing useful service to society." This preamble has been a dead letter since the early founding of the IAM decades ago. The present leaders who control the IAM are interested in only their own revenues and hides, and the UAW leaders know this, but decided that anything goes. They yelled to high heavens about this, but naturally to no avail. Evidently realizing that they were making no headway with these tactics they kept sparring for time. But in the meantime women kept coming into the plants, thus weakening the small CIO base. Then the IAM called for an election and the CIO had to face the music.

TOO LATE TO COUNT

As at last resort Allan Haywood, George Addes and some others were brought to town. Desperate and with their backs to the wall, the UAW leaders suddenly remembered that buried underneath their patriotic rubbish they had a program that they

But it was too late and four days later the UAW leadership got their answer; "We want a union - NOT a natriotic club. As stated above, this is the fourth election lost by the CIO here in recent months. To the union bureaucrat these defeats know what is good for them. That is a slander and only an excuse for scoundrels. These elections prove one thing:

The Curtiss workers voted for what they believed to be a militant union that would fight in the workers interests. They repudiated the UAW officials' program of surrender and retreat.

The great fighting traditions of the CIO still live on in the minds of those thousands of workers who, despite the conduct of the CIO campaign, stuck by it and defended it. Today they are looking for a way to express their militancy. We are sure that they vill find it.

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Seamen Jailed In '37 Strike

Woodworth and Donald Brown, seamen who were framed-up in 1937 and sent to jail on a 14-15 year sentence, were paroled by the New Jersey Court of ed to stifle every action and every symptoms of rising discontent. Pardons last week, following an word of protest against the unintensive campaign on their be-

half by local and national la-

bor organizations and leaders. But they don't say anything about grabbing, and all at the expense The three seamen, members of he unaffiliated Marine Firemen. New York City. Oilers, Wipers and Watertenders, had been active in the maritime strike of 1936-37, and were convicted by Hague's Hudson County courts and police of robbing a scabherder of \$21.80. They were kept in jail incommunicado for 72 days, with the cops trying to get them to sign false statements lays in a hospital

They had served more than 5 years of this sentence when they For example, on June 25, Shuji were paroled last week and went Fujii, publisher of the anti-fascist newpaper, Doho, was arrestship out again. how much I wanted to buy, but ed for circulating a petition ask-

The New Jersey Committee to Free Panchelly, Woodworth and Brown announced this week that it will continue its activities to secure a full pardon for the sea-

Key Issue At UAW Convention I test against the anti-union ac-I membership. tions, and has only weakened the tions of the corporation. In spite unions in the defense of their conditions. Instead of leading to "equal" sacrifices by the bosses, the UAW "equality of sacrifice"

anti-labor drive more successful-Since Pearl Harbor the UAW leadership has performed two functions: first, it has forced the sacrifice of the unions' conditions, and second it has attemptdermining of unionism. The main function of the Reuthers, Thomases and Addeses today is to curb

program has strengthened the

bosses' hands, and has made it

possible for them to prosecute the

workers. Recent events in various auto centers have demonstrated the growing discontent of the rank and file with the weak-kneed policy of the UAW leadership.

the growing resentment of the

SYMPTOMS OF DISCONTENT In the Grand Blanc Tank Arsenal of Fisher Body, General Motors attempted to enforce open involving the strike committee shop conditions. They would not tion to necessities for the family, The Santa Anita Alien Intern- and beating them so badly that deal with or recognize the UAW. way they seek to further usurp there are debts, doctors and other ment Camp officials are perse- Panchelly spent most of the 72 The top leadership did nothing. the policy-making powers of the the company, and in desperate need of bargaining rights, went out on strike. The UAW tops reto New York, where they plan to plied only by attacking the workers. After a week of strike, the company finally agreed to an

Workers in the Ford Willow

of the fact that it is well known to increase their salaries. While that Ford has been doing his best | they have prevented an effective to wreck the union at Willow fight for the protection of the Run, the UAW officials attacked

Defense Of Workers' Gains

the Ford workers. Sporadic outbursts in several other plants have shown the increasing desire for a militant program to re-establish union conditions in the plants and to call cies of the leadership, whose the corporations to account. While these isolated strikes and more and more from the rank demonstrations are usually short lived, they are nevertheless the

UNION LEADERS' AIMS

The UAW leaders have al ready demonstrated how they will meet this discontent of the membership. They will attempt at the convention to weaken the demoeratic processes in the union, entrench themselves in office, and prepare for the bureaucratic suppression of all protests.

For the above purpose the UAW Executive Board intends to push through a constitutional provision for conventions every two years to replace the yearly REASSERT RIGHT conventions now provided. In this

The Reuther-Thomas leadership, supported by the whole Executive Board, tried to push this NLRB election defeat at Curtissprovision through the Buffalo Wright was proof in itself that convention last year. They were the workers are much dissatisoverwhelmingly defeated. This fied with the policies of the UAW

NLRB election which will be held time they have lined up the paid leaders. The UAW will have to organizers and have laid the reassert its militancy, if it is to ground work for a desperate atattract the unorganized work Run plant staged a short sit- tempt to shove this bureaucratic ers. down strike on July 16 in pro- proposal down the throats of the and the failure of the UAW to grow in that important field, is

Did Cripps Outwit The India Congress Leaders?

(Continued from page 1)

can characterize this only as secret diplomacy, criminally reprehensible in a nationalist organization negotiating with the imperialist oppressor

leaders for not having rejected the Cripps proposal immediately is that verbally Cripps endowed the British document with an acceptable content at the beginning of the negotiations. As the Congress president wrote in a letter to Cripps on April 11 at the end of the negotiations:

scarcely had to wait for the last interview with Cripps to discover it. What business did the Congress leaders have to accept Cripps' verbal promise of a sovereign Indian Cabinet when the written document he brought in no way surrendered the dictatorial powers of the Viceroy and the British Government? Is it possible to believe were not borne out by the official document?

The Reason for Their "Mistakes"

of the masses, who want nothing less than com-British refusal to grant anything, on the other

be recorded as having enabled Churchill to strike a blow against Indian independence. This is but the latest proof that the workers and peasants of India cannot entrust their fight for freedom to the bourgeois Congress. The workers and peasants have their own organizations—the All-India Trade Union Congress and the All-India Khisan Sabha (Peasant Committees)—which fight for the economic demands of the masses not only against the British exploiters but also against the native exploiters who dominate the Congress. Likewise, as events are teaching the masses, they need their own political organizations, separate and apart from the Congress, in order to conduct irreconcilably the fight for freedom against British imperialism and its native agents.

The sole justification offered by the Congress

"It seems that there has been a progressive deterioration in the British Government's attitude as our negotiations proceeded. What we were told in our very first talk with you is now denied or explained away. You told me then that there would be a National Government which would function as a Cabinet and that the position of the Viceroy would be analogous to that of the King in England vis-a-vis the Cabinet. . . The whole of this picture which you (at the first talk) sketched before us has now been completely shattered by what you told us during our last interview. . . We are driven to the conclusion that the British Government attaches more importance to holding on to its rule in India as long as it can and promoting discord and disruption here with that end in view, than to an effectice defense of India against the aggression and invasion that overhang it."

The conclusion is correct but the Congress that crafty old Gandhi and his associates were so naive as to believe verbal promises which

The fact is of course that they are not naive at all. Their conduct of the negotiations is not to be explained by Cripps' superior skill. Their the demands of the GM, Chrysler "mistakes" were fundamental to their entire and Ford workers. The WLB has outlook. They kept the negotiations private as | tied the purchasing power of the long as possible because they hoped to the very end to make a compromise with the British. They kept the Indian masses in the dark about what was happening because they feared the pressure plete independence and the expropriation of the British financial holdings in India. The Congress leaders have made many a rotten compromise with the British during the past twenty years. They were not above another one, but this time that was made impossible on the one hand by hand and above all by the rising tide of India's NEED LABOR PARTY

The Congress conduct of the negotiations must

Every immediate demand of

the workers involving their ecobined apparatus of the big corporations and the political power of the local, state and federal governments. The union movement has no political representacessary than ever for the labor the political field, by launching an independent labor party. The UAW, with its tremendous strength and influence among the masses of workers, is in a strategic position to lay the ground-

work for a labor party. UAW-CIO will fight to reclaim trial unionism.

nothing but a twin of the National Mediation Board which was

branded by the CIO as a strikebreaking set-up. The UAW cannot rely on the WLB to defend the living standards of the auto the CIO when in fact they were

nomic well-being meets the com- the right to strike. They will tion to defend its interests in put in every contract a provision Washington. It is now more ne- for a rising scale of wages to movement to conduct a fight on costs. They will insist that the

Such a program would inspire and strengthen the UAW and in-The real defenders of the sure the growth of militant indus-

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Negro Struggle

By Albert Parker =

How Will Southern Jim Crow Be Abolished

There has been a great deal of comment and discussion on the statement made last month by Mark Etheridge, the Southern white "liberal" member of the President's Fair Employment Practices Committee. And justifiably so. For it was a most significant statement, made not only at the opening of the Birmingham hearings of the FEPC, but also in the Louisville newspaper published by Etheridge.

"I believe," said Etheridge, "that it is perfectly apparent that Executive Order 8802 is a war order and not a social docu-

"There is no power in the world - not even in all the mechanized armies of the earth, Allied or Axis - which could force the Southern white people to the abandonment of the principle of social segregation."

And then, to explain why with this view he continues to remain a member of the FEPC, Etheridge added: "If he (the decent Southern white man) is not willing to break down segregation - and he is not - he can at least see that it is not achieved on the brutal standards of a Ku Klux Klansman. He can see that it is made as painless as possible."

What Etheridge hints at when he says all the armies in the world will not be able to end Jim Crow in the South has been expressed more directly by another Southern newspaperman, Hamner Cobbs, editor of the Greensboro (Ala.) Watchman, a man who doesn't pretend to be a liberal. On June 25, according to the Pittsburgh Courier, he said:

"We know that 90 per cent of the white people of the South are in accord over the present system, and that's all we need to know... We know that the Southern white man as strong as he is today, can repeat what an effort. What disturbs us is the price, and a horrible price it will be, which so many innocent Negroes will have to pay . . .The white man has insisted upon ruling the South, and he will keep on insisting. . . If this disturbance (the hearings of the FEPC) continues, there will be trouble. . . The night riders will be out again. There will be hangings, shootings, burnings."

That Cobbs speaks for the whole ruling class when he says that the fight to retain Jim Crow comes first, was demonstrated last week when the Governor of Alabama, Frank M. Dixon, rejected a contract offered by the War Production Board, under which Alabama State Prison cotton mills would produce material for the Army, because he considered it a "Federal attempt to abolish segregation of races in the South.'

Objecting to a clause in the contract which asks that there shall be no discrimination in the performance of the work because of race, creed, color or national origin, Dixon said:

"Under cover of this particular clause the Fair Employment Practices Committee has been operating to break down the principle of segregation of races, to force Negroes and white people to work together, intermingle with each other, and even to bring about the situation where white employes will have to work under Negroes,"

At the Los Angeles convention of the NAACP, A. Philip Randolph gave a correct answer to Etheridge and all those others who share his viewpoint: "The Negro's reply to Mr.

Etheridge is that Jim Crowism is wrong and undemocratic. It is of the same cloth of Hitler's Nazism, Mussolini's fascism and Hirohito's militarism and it is booked to go. . .

"The old order of Southern Jim Crow can, must and will be destroyed. He is evidently blind to the fact that the Negro has changed. The old Uncle Tom is dead and gone forever.

"Mr. Etheridge should also know that if as he says all of the mechanized armies of the earth. Allies and Axis, cannot force the South to the abandonment of segregation and Jim Crow, that it is also true that all of the power in the world - not even all the mechanized armies of the earth, Allies and Axis — could force the Negro to the abandonment of his fight for the destruction of racial dis crimination, segregaton and Jim

"And since Mr. Etheridge feels this way about the fight of the Negro for his democratic rights, he should have the decency to resign from the President's Committee on Fair

Employment Practice."

But while Randolph's answer was generally correct, it was not complete and adequate. For there are other conclusions to be drawn from Etheridge's statement:

1. When Etheridge emphasizes that the Executive Order 8802 is a war order, he is saying that after the war, the government does not intend to continue even the small, ineffective work of the FEPC. If it is up to the government, the Negro will be in the same position he was in before the war.

2. Etheridge was appointed by Roosevelt-he was appointed as the FEPC's chairman, as a matter of fact—and no one in the administration has repudiated his statement. Is it not logical, therefore, to assume his statement of FEPC objectives - to make Jim Crow as painless as possible, while continuing it — is also the objective of the administration which is interested only in getting the Negro to support the war? Is it not also clear that more than Etheridge must go before the Negro will get his rights?

3. It is not quite true that Etheridge is "blind to the fact that the Negro has changed." Etheridge is quite well aware of it, and that's why he issued his statement. Only a few weeks before this statement, he warned: "They are more aggressive and demanding than they ever have been before; and, I think, we all ought to learn that." As long as the Negroes remained docile and "in their place," Etheridge was willing to pose as a liberal; but when he saw that they were organizing and becoming militant, he dropped his liberal mask with haste. Such is the role of all capitalist

But the important question is: What is to be done? Etheridge declares that Southern Jim Crow is an unmovable object. and Randolph answers that the Negro fight for democratic rights is an irresistible force. What will happen when this irresistible force meets this unmovable object? Will the struggle end only in a stalemate? Won't the Negroes ever get their rights in the South?

We think that they will, and we think that we know the way. In the first place, the South is not an unmovable object. It is not a "solid south." The white workers of the South may not vet realize it, but their interests and those of the Negro masses are identical. They are both oppressed by the ruling class of employers and landlords. They will both benefit by the elimination of capitalist rule. The struggle in the South is a struggle to unite the white and Negro masses against their

common enemy. But even if not all the white workers in the South are brought to understand this, that does not mean the cause of Negro equality is hopeless. For the Negroes in the South have allies elsewhere — in the white and Negro workers in the rest

of the country.

To illustrate what we mean, let us recall what happened after the Civil War of 1861-65. Chattel slavery was abolished, but the Southern ruling class had no intentions of losing its power. They intended to keep the Negro submerged and to deny him his democratic rights.

This was the period of the Reconstruction, 1865-1876, when the federal government, pushed forward by the Radical Republicans, maintained a military dictatorship which prevented the Southern rulers from doing what they wanted to the Negroes. During this interesting period - which it is the duty of every militant worker to study carefully — Negroes not only had the right to vote, but they also exercised their rights and held many federal and state governmental posts. Of course, at the end of this period the Republicans of the North came to an agreement with the Southern Democrats and they withdrew the federal troops and the Southern ruling class by vio lence and legislation took away

After the Civil War of the 1860's, the North maintained its power by a dictatorship in the South. Similarly the Workers' and Farmers' Government of the future will have to take measures to prevent the old rulers from attempting to violently overthrow the new society. It will be this new power - far stronger than all the mechanized armies of the Allies and Axis — which will put an end for all time to Jim Crow in

the Negro's rights.

A Worker's Message From Poland And The Ghetto

"Socialism Lives and Will Dominate the World"

Editor's Note

Last week THE MILITANT printed an interesting letter from an anti-fascist worker in the German underground movement to a friend in the United States. This same German antifascist sent another letter dealing with Polish conditions at the end of 1941, which has just come into our hands. We are glad to be able to print it here for the information it contains, although we do not assume responsibility for all the political ideas expressed in it.

The news of the growth of the underground Polish Trotskyist movement, as well as the leftward developments of the Polish and Jewish socialists in occupied Poland, has been corroborated by other information recently received in this country.

Dear Friend and Comrade:

Warsaw, and met a number of and faces. Jewish and Polish Socialists and Trotskyists. Never in all my years have I seen such misery, hunger and despair - especially in the Jewish ghetto where live the 'capitalist Jews who want to conquer and enslave the world,' as the Nazis would have Germans and all other nations of the world be-

I have seen misery aplenty in Germany. Compared to the impoverished and famished population in Poland, however, the Germans live like princes. A crust of dry bread has become the dream of millions. Literature, art, philosophy, science - they have no significance for these millions. Bread has become their ideal, and for that crust of bread, Poles are betraying their own compatriots. Jews would also have acted in this manner, but they dread leaving the ghetto, and more so do they dread the Gestapo. And for the same crust of bread, twelve and thirteen year old girls sell themselves to German soldiers.

FOR HUMAN BEINGS

THERE ARE NO SOCIETIES As cats and dogs seek leftovers in ash cans, so do Poles and Jews look for this. For cats and dogs there are societies which protect them; for human beings there is — nothing. They are dying of starvation by the hun-

In the Jewish ghetto live hundreds of thousands, forsaken by men and by God to whom they pray with tear-filled eyes. Their prayers do not reach beyond the childhood, and age has left its tragic mark on them.

neath my uniform there was a lieve in the Messiah. human being. They regard us as wild animals — and we have de- | HE MAKES CONTACT served such consideration. I suc-

ceeded in winning the confidence only of the little children of the I spent three weeks in Poland | ghetto, and I did this by giving in official duties. Unofficially them bits of chocolate with which I visited the Jewish ghetto in they soon smeared their hands

Through these children frightened mothers, tattered like no beggar ever was, would at times approach me. I talked with them. They all regretted having brought children into the world. This is the feeling of all mothers whose children are being murdered for the so-called 'New Order' of Fascism.

In the ghetto, I saw men and women who hadn't seen a single crust of bread for days. German workers, who live in extreme poverty, discard better shoes, underwear, and clothes than the Jews of the ghetto wear. When I saw these people, I asked myself: how is it possible that such a nation, which has absorbed the old and new cultures and which has itself contributed a great deal to world culture, should live in this manner?

My answer is this: the Hitlers of all time have turned a nation into paupers.

And, regrettably, there are tofabrications that when the Jews | ning?" will be wiped off the face of the earth, the world will be a happy

I asked three German soldiers who had accompanied me in the ghetto, as to whether they thought these poor Jews want to seize and dominate the world. One of them smiled and said: teachers cannot eradicate from | gation. our children the love they bear towards the mother who implanted in them a love for all oppressed.

ghetto walls. Children have no like of which is not seen among ly who and what I am. He then the yoke of the Gestapo. Even the I employed every means to Poles, whose standard of living is made her appearance in the room. dred went to the Socialist Party gain the confidence of the Jews not much better than that of the in the Polish ghetto. I could not | Jews, are more hopeful than are convince them, however, that be- | the people who so fervently be-

whose beliefs differ from those of elders of their faith. But they no longer believe in a Messiah; their faith is in Socialism. Thru them, I came into contact with meetings, that socialism lives and will dominate the world.

I came into contact with them through a young Zionist with whom I became acquainted in one of the Jewish institutions. During the first few days of our acquaintence I spoke to him only about official matters. Gradually however, I drew him into conversation of human interest and he explained to me that he was a

When he asked whether I was acquainted with Zionism I replied in the affirmative, but said was not familiar with it to a great extent. And so he asked me how official Berlin circles feel about Zionism. To which I replied: "The attitude which official Berlin circles maintain to-

Nazis rule. Because of purely political motives, official circles in Berlin are antagonistic to Zionism, since they want to convince the Arabs that Palestine should belong to the Moslems and to them alone. My personal opinion concerning the Jewish question is that when we Germans will be liberated from the Nazi rulers, the Jews, too, will be free

"I understand," I continued, "that my reply comes unexpectedly to you. Do not think, however, that all Germans who wear Nazi uniforms are brownshirts. But here in this office we will not be able to finish our conversation. day still millions of people in all Is it possible to arrange a visit countries who believe the Nazi to your home on a certain eve-

One evening I visted the Zionist. I found scattered about in his home various Yiddish, Hebrew, Polish and Russian books and papers — exactly as I had instructed him to do. I gave him these instructions so that in the event Gestapo agents accidentally raided his home, it would appear that "My wife is a Jewess. And the I had come to make the investi-

Briefly, I explained to him that I should like to become acquainted with a few socialists, if there Among the Polish Jews, there still are such. He looked at me is a feeling of hopelessness, the in amazement. I told him frankopened the door, and called out I met a few younger Jews heard the word "comrade" for fascism and nationalism.

years, for ever since the Nazis began to call each other "Genossen" (comrades), we call our-selves "friends." We were both surprised. She began to inquire about our movement. I told her briefly about our work, about which not only she, but also the Zionist, were enthusiastic. I spent Polish Socialists and Trotskyists. a few hours drinking tea with What joy prevailed among us! I | the young woman comrade, in the realized, in the course of these presence of her brother and her parents. Those were pleasant hours; I shall never forget them.

A few days later, she introduced me to two Polish Socialists, both of whom spoke German fluently. From them I learned that socialism lives in the hearts of thousands in Poland, that the Polish Socialists have no association whatsoever with the Polish government-in-exile, in London: that they have no connection with the Polish Socialists in Britain who are backing that govern-

FOR A SOVIET GOVERNMENT!

"It is too early to talk of a government," the two Polish comrades added. "When the proper moment comes, we will have a wards Jews is known to you. One government which will be elected feels it here, in Poland, and in by the Polish and Jewish proleall other countries where the tariat. And this will be a Soviet government - without the errors made in Russia.'

Upon my question as to why

the Trotskyists were working separately, they replied that it would not take long before they would be working together. "The Trotskyists still believe that the former nationalist tendencies rule our Party," the two comrades said. "But these tendencies died along with the Polish Republic. We have broken completely

wth the old school of Daszynski. I told them that in the League of Revolutionary Socialists, all differences of opinion have disappeared. I also told them that we are not influenced by any group of the German political emigrants.

The Trotskyists wield a strong influence on the workers of Poland. They too believe that the time is nigh when they will become united with the Polish socialists who support completely a Soviet republic in Poland.

When I returned to Berlin, I conveyed greetings of the Polish comrades to our comrades. These greetings were received enthusiastically. This expression of enthusiasm and solidarity manifested itself in a collection which was taken up among various units of our organization, and which netted the sum of five hunthe name of a woman who soon dred marks. Of this, two hun-She was his sister. When he told of Poland: two hundred to the her I was a member of the Jewish Bund; and one hundred League of Revolutionary Social- to the Trotskyists. This is a small ists of Germany, she stretched amount, but it is the finest posout her hand and greeted me with sible demonstration of socialist the word "comrade." I haven't solidarity in these dark days of

No Hope For British Workers Except Socialism

If one thinks of an end to this war without a socialist revolution in one or more of the advanced capitalist countries, the prospects for the working masses everywhere are indeed gloomy. That applies to all countries, victor and vanquished alike. But it is particularly applicable to Great Britain. If the workers of Germany, Italy or Japan can have a faint hope of some benefits accruing to them as a result of victory for their imperialist masters, the workers of Great Britain can have no such hope at all, even from a defeat of Hitler.

Next to the American workers, the British have the highest standard of living in the world. Their country is small and highly industrialized, producing manufactured goods for export and depending almost exclusively on imports for foodstuffs and raw material. The British colonial empire made it possible for the British capitalists to develop their industries and to give the British workers part of the super-profits derived from the exploitation of the colonies. The conservatism of the British workers is based to a certain ex- . of a defeat of the Axis powers, tent on the exploitation of tens of millions of people in Asia and

Africa. If Hitler should be victorious, Great Britain would be stripped of all its colonies, leaving an island with 45 million people deprived of markets for their industrial products and unable to import the food necessary to sustain them. Could emigration relieve the situation? Where in this day and age, would they emigrate to? Not even Australia and Canada, assuming that Hitler does not control them, would permit unrestricted immigra-

Continental European countries like France can be transformed into agricultural countries, as Hitler will undoubtedly order, and still permit the people to eke out a miserable existence. But not so with Great Britain. With its industries crippled, the 45 million people face a reduction in the standard of living lower than that of the Chinese coolies. It is the possibility of this dreadful fate which enables Churchill and the labor leaders to keep the masses behind the war effort of the British ruling class.

Should Hitler be defeated by virtue of the industrial power of the United States, the lot of the English masses will not be very much better than with Hit-

ler victorious. The workers of the have-not Axis powers can be misled into believing that victory will bring colonies to their countries and a large part of the wealth now in the possession of the opulent imperialist democracies, thus improving their economic situation. It is the hope for such an improvement through victory, and the certain knowledge that a victory of the imperialist democracies means oppression and poverty even worse than their present lot, that makes the workers of the Axis powers prefer a victory of their dictators rather than of the opposing nations.

When the argument is advanced by democrats who support the imperialist democracies that a victory for Hitler means dreadful consequences for the masses in England and the United States, the internationalist answers: Yes, that is true. But a victory for England and the United States means dreadful consequences for the masses of the Axis powers. A proletarian internationalist makes no distinction between workers of different nations.

If there is a certain plausibility to the false argument that

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Stalin promised on July 3, 1941, "In this great war we shall

ler by internationalist propaganda, stressing the unity of interest of all workers-instead of offering the German masses a socialist program to inspire them to make the sacrifices which a struggle against the Nazis will necessarily entail-Stalin is teaching the Soviet people to hate everything German, including the

"We understand that the Germans are not human beings. From now on the word German is a terrible curse; it is a word which makes one spring to arms," the army paper, Red Star, told the Soviet soldiers on July 24. This campaign to make the Soviet masses hate everything German has reached the point, Maurice Hindus wrote the N. Y. Herald-Tribune on July 9, where he cannot imagine any Russian "wanting at the end of the war to spend a single drop of blood or a single Russian sunflower to help any group in Germany to enthrone any kind of new society, however Leftist it might be."

Similarly in the occupied countries. The masses there don't want to fight and die only to bring about the return of the misery and deprivation they suffered under pre-war conditions-but that is all that Stalin offers them. The workers who want to defend the Soviet Union cannot

depend on the imperialists or on an imperialist second front to do it. The true allies of the USSR must be mobilized in defense of the workers' state. The only way to do this is by rejecting the Stalinist policy, by raising the revolutionary banner of struggle against a new Versailles and by offering the European masses a perspective of socialism to replace capitalism, both fascist and "democratic."

In this way alone will the Soviet Union be saved from defeat.

a victory for a particular imperialist nation will improve the standard of living of the masses of that nation, there is almost no plausibility whatever to this argument when applied to Great Britain. For the prost pect of the British Empire remaining intact even with the defeat of Hitler is quite slim. Some very important sections of that empire have already been lost. The richest of all the colonies, India, is on the very verge of being lost. Canada, Australia and new Zealand are under the dominating influence of the United States. If England should come out of the war undefeated, it will be only because of the efforts of the United States, and it is hardly conceivable that American capitalists are waging war in order to preserve the British Empire. That is what some near-sighted isolationists are claiming, but that is attributing a generosity to American capitalism which it does not pos-

Even if we assume that the colonial peoples formerly and at present under the heels of Buitish imperialism will, by virtue still be the subjects of British capitalism, it is well nigh certain that the United States will have an important, if not a decisive, hand in the exploitation of the British colonies. That is the reward that American capitalism will demand and obtain for saving the British Empire. And that is the essential meaning of the "anti-imperialist" speeches of Wallace and Welles.

As an industrial country England is a competitor of the United States and the American capitalists do not look with favor upon the monopoly which British capitalists have of certain important raw materials and of the markets of huge countries like India. That monopoly is bound to end with a victory for the United States. And with the ending of that monopoly the basis for the relatively high standard of living of the English masses collapses.

It is this gloomy prospect that must sooner or later penetrate into the minds of the English masses. They are now dissatisfied and resentful because of the defeats the British armies are suffering. They are so fearful of a Hitler victory, however, that they continue, with great doubts, it is true, to follow their leaders who in all essentials submit to Churchill, the representative of the English imperialists. A great many English workers are undoubtedly hoping that Cripps, who has a reputation as a radical, will some day be at the head of the government. But at present they will not do anything which may appear to them as creating a risk of a Hitler

Once, however, the English workers realize under the present set-up, even a defeat of Hitler offers no chance to emerge from their blind alley, they will be willing to risk more in an effort to solve their problem. To take governmental power into their own hands, nationalize industry and conduct the war against Hitler in their own way, may appear risky to them since they know that American capitalism will not help but try to suppress any workers' revolution in England. And they are also fearful lest any struggle on the home front wil permit Hitler to come out victorious.

But if the English workers clearly see that even a defeat of Hitler means only a victory for American imperialsm, they will realize that they have very little, if anything, to lose by a bold attempt to take power and wage the war against Hitler on the basis of a revolutionary program.

Because of the desperate situation confronting the English masses, it is necessary for them to take all risks. The solution of their problem demands that they take power in their own country and proclaim their goal of building a socialist society. The British imperialists are unable to defend the British Empire. The British workers can defend the peoples of that Empire and save themselves by taking power and proclaiming an end to the Empire and an end to capitalist exploitation. Their chances of victory against Hitler will increase by a thousand fold.

Note: A reader of the MILI-TANT, A. S., has sent a communication contending that my column in the June 27 issue of this paper is not clear and needs further explanation. Both the letter and the explanation will appear in the near future. I take this opportunity to welcome all criticism and discussion on the subjects raised in this column, and requests to discuss any subject not touched upon.

After The Fall Of Rostov

to the Soviet masses-especially since it appears that the next front to be opened may be opened-by Japan against the Soviet

A July 26 dispatch from London to the Chicago Sun says: "For several weeks there have been consistent reports of the presence in Manchuria of 500,000 Japanese troops, and this number may possibly have been augmented recently by withdrawal of forces from China and dispatch of reserves from Japan. London observers seem certain that the 'pretty strong' force' in Manchuria under Gen. Joshjiro Emezu is waiting only for Tokyo to 'push the button' before it attacks." American observers share this opinion.

Such are the fruits of Stalin's policy. Effective military aid which Stalin promised has yet to materialize despite the USSR's critical position. Likewise, the supplies and material aid from the "democracies," which the Stalinists ballyhooed so greatly, have turned out to be very inconsequential indeed.

A London dispatch revealed last week that Britain is sending the USSR 50 tanks a week. And the Daily Worker's Veteran Commander, in trying on July 23 to refute the argument that the U.S. can't open a second front because it is giving "all our stuff to Russia," spilled some more beans:

"The Wall Street Journal tells us that the USA have turned over to Britain, the USSR and China no more than one-eighth of their total production of arms during the last several months. Taking as a basis the figure of 4,000 planes a month being produced here, we see that the total plane lend-lease is but 500 planes a month. It is hard to assume that the Red Army got more than half of that. Such a figure represents less than the weekly

loss of the Soviet Air Force in combat." Nevertheless, in return for the promises and crumbs he has received from the "democracies," Stalin rejected the policy of revolutionary warfare which saved the USSR in the Civil War

It is unfortunate, but nevertheless a fact, that the USSR does not have the internal resources for victory over Hitler. That does not mean, however, that the Soviet Union is doomed unless the "democracies" open a second front.

Mobilize The USSR's True Allies

For the Soviet Union has real allies, allies whose interests coincide with those of the workers' state-the masses of Europe, including the workers of Germany and the occupied countries. These workers are in a position to open a class front against the Nazis, to disrupt the Nazi rear and to disorganize the German army from within.

have loyal allies in the peoples of Europe and America, including German people who are enslaved by Hitlerite despots." But the policies he has followed have not mobilized these allies on behalf of the USSR-on the contrary, the Stalinist policies have done everything possible to repel and confuse and disorient these true allies of the workers' state.

Instead of trying to arouse the German masses against Hit-"German people who are enslaved by Hitlerite despots."

How Stalin Helps Hitler

By this campaign to arouse undiscriminating anti-German hatred, and by his endorsement of the war aims of the United Nations, including the crushing of Germany and the establishment of another and worse Versailles after the war, Stalin helps Hitler to keep the German masses from embarking on the revolutionary path, and enables Goebbels to warn the German people that the victorious United Nations would "vent their base instincts against everything German."

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- 7. An Independent Labor Party based on the Trade Unions.
- 8. A Workers' and Farmers' Govern-

28 Years Since World War I Began

Twenty-eight years ago this week the big guns of Europe boomed the announcement of World War I. After four years of the most terrible slaughter and destruction of the world's resources and manpower, the guns ceased firing and the grim totals were counted:

> 10,000,000 known dead. 4,000,000 "missing." 6,500,000 seriously wounded.

34,500,000 total casualties at the front.

World War I cost the world \$40,000,000,000. The contribution of the United States to the war was large enough — in the words of Nicholas Murray Butler, reactionary President of Columbia University — to have provided "each and every family in the United States a \$5,000 house — on a five acre \$500 plot of ground — with \$1,000 in addition to furnish it comfortably and attractively."

What did this ghastly sacrifice bring the peoples of the world?

They had been promised a "just" peace. They were saddled with the monstrous injustice of Versailles, Europe was Balkanized, revolutions were stamped out in blood by the victorious powers and the old capitalist "law and order" was restored with the aid of American gold.

They were promised "democracy!" All conditions were prepared for military dictatorships in Central Europe. Fascism in Germany was nourished, financed and finally brought to power with the help and encouragement of the dominant ruling groups of the victorious powers.

They were promised "an end to all wars." We now commemorate the outbreak of World War I in the middle of World War II.

The causes of World War I — rivalry for the domination of the world's sources of raw materials and exploitation of millions of colonial slaves by a handful of financial oligarchs — are likewise the causes of World War II.

The sufferings and sacrifices of the great masses of participants are already proportionately greater than those of World War I.

The promises of the ruling classes are no less deceitful, no less threadbare than those of World

The causes of World War II will likewise be the causes of World War III -

Unless the peoples of the world who fight the wars, who suffer from the wars, who are the unwilling victims of the causes of the never-ending wars under imperialism, stop this deadly cycle once and for all by taking their destiny into their

Unless there emerges from World War II a wave of socialist revolution which takes political power and control of wealth and industry away from the ruling minority and puts them in the hands

of the great toiling masses. World War I gave birth to the great Russian Revolution. That revolution marked the beginning of the end of that war.

World War II is already germinating on an even wider scale the process begun 25 years ago in the territory of the Czars.

This time the millions of colonial slaves of Asia and Africa will join with the masses of Europe and America to put an end forever to the cycle

They will finish what the Russian masses so gloriously began.

British Find Use For Indian C. P.

It is becoming more and more obvious that the Indian masses are determined to rid their country of the British rulers and oppressors. They refuse to postpone their struggle for independence. They will not accept any more promises. They want to begin their national life right now.

The growing determination and pressure of the masses are reflected in the proposal of the leaders of the All-India Congress party to launch a new campaign of civil disobedience. Gandhi and his friends realize only too well that should they fail now to give expression to the dominant moods of the Indian people, they would find themselves swept aside. Hence their unaccustomed boldness.

The British imperialists find their position in India becoming more and more precarious. Their old native allies, especially the native princes, are impotent to disorient and paralyze the struggle of the Indian masses. They need new allies. Where are such to be found? The Government of India thinks it has found them in the ranks of the Indian Communist Party. This Stalinist organization has been illegal since 1934. On July 22 the ban was lifted. The Indian Communist Party can now function legally once again.

The Daily Worker printed the news without comment. The UP dispatch it carried on July 23 reads: "The action followed a Communist Party declaration that it regards the war as a people's war, deserving support of the people of India."

What London expects from the Indian Stalinists is in reality their support of the suppression of the Indian liberationist movement. What London requires immediately is support of its expressed intention of forcibly suppressing the projected civil disobedience campaign. That is the real reason why the Stalinists have been granted legality in India.

Will the Stalinists sacrifice the vital interests of the Indian people? To ask this question is to answer it. The Stalinists have never failed in any country to accommodate their policies to the foreign policy of the Kremlin. And Stalin's policy today plays directly into the hands of the "democratic" imperialists.

On March 14, 1942 Governor Sir Andrew Caldicott of Ceylon announced the suppression of the Lamka Sama Samaja Party (Ceylon Socialist Party), adherent of the Fourth International. By this action, London hoped to deal a telling blow to the emancipatory struggle of the Ceylonese and the Indians.

Through the legalization of the Stalinists, the British imperialists hope to achieve the self-same aim. The two diametrically opposed measures express the polar difference in the role of the two parties and the system of ideas represented on the one hand by Stalinism and on the other by Trot-

The British imperialists will not succeed thru any of their devices in stemming the struggle of the Indian masses. The latest perfidious role of the Stalinists will only further disgrace their party in India, and clear the road for the party of Trotskyism, the genuinely revolutionary party of the-Indian working class, the most consistent and reliable fighter for India's independence.

Democratic Rights And Armed Forces

After a stormy debate and over the opposition of some die-hard poll-taxers, the House of Representatives last week passed the Ramsay bill establishing the procedure by which men and women in the armed forces and auxiliaries will be able to vote in the November elections without the formality of registration.

In passing this legislation, the House was undoubtedly carrying out the wishes of the great majority of the people in this country, both in and out of the armed forces, who believe that the soldiers and sailors, faced with death on the battlefields of this war, should have the right to help decide just who shall control the government and determine their destiny.

But the passage of this bill is only a small step in the direction of restoring to the men and women in the armed forces the same democratic rights that are still exercised by the masses in the factories and on the farms.

For hundreds of years the right of petition has been considered an indispensable democratic right. Yet it is a right that the members of the armed forces are not permitted to exercise.

Every worker knows how indispensable grievance committees are for the maintenance of decent conditions and the settlement of disputes in the factories. Yet the members of the armed forces are denied the use of such committees to remove abuses and improve their conditions.

The right to trial by a jury of his peers has been established for even the habitual criminal. Yet it is prohibited for members of the armed

Under what democratic principles, we ask the Congressmen who made such fiery speeches last week about the democratic right of the soldiers to vote, are THESE rights denied to the members of the armed forces?

Puerto Ricans Sick Of Wall St. Exploitation

Landlessness, Oppression, Empty Promises, mainland courts have issued in-Hunger, Is Record of U. S. Rule In Colony

By HOWARD ALLEN

"Here are the basic elements of a culture, in the fall of seldom-failing rains, in the generosity of these soils, in the sky, the earth and the surrounding sea. . ." So spoke Rexford Guy Tugwell shortly after President Roosevelt appointed him as Governor of Puerto Rico.

This island colony of the United States is legally an "unincorporated territory" and its ? people, while American citizens by law, are colonial subjects in been forced by events to propose fact. Although they elect their own legislature, the Governor has the right of veto, and in fact determines what the law shall be.

The apostles of the "four freedoms," seeking to explain how 'liberal democrats and progressives" can subject a people to the dictatorial rule of another country, have pointed at the reported acceptance by Roosevelt of Tugwell's plan to let the Puerto Ricans elect their own governor after the war is over.

LESS FREEDOM THAN UNDER SPAIN

After forty-four year of plunder by American imperalism, these "liberals" point to an "after the war" promise.

The facts betray their hypobitter struggle against Spanish domination, the Puerto Ricans at last won a "Charter of Freedom" from that monarchical tyranny. Hardly had the natives raised their flags of victory, when General Nelson A. Miles seized the islands for the United States. It is a damning fact that before U.S. intervention, Puerto Rico won more freedom from the Spanish than today the "liberals" promise her "after the war."

The struggle for Puerto Rican ndependence will continue inspite of these mealy promises. It will continue because the masses cannot tolerate any longer the fierce exploitation to which they have been subjected.

In the July 1942 Common Sense Russell Lord says, "the physical evidences of overcrowding, undernourishment and a nideous gnawing poverty are at every hand apparent, in open country and in stinking slums." Why this misery "on a land so rich a doubling of population in forty years could easily be technology and by elementary governmental planning"?

WALL STREET DOMINATION

The United States government completely dominates the poli-J. S. capital completely dominates the economic life of the country. In 1939, Puerto Rico imported over 86 million dollars worth of goods from the United States and less than 6½ millions worth from all other lands. In the same year, Puerto Rico shipped 88.9 millions in goods to the United States and only 1.5 millions to other lands.

No, there can be no doubt about the domination of Puerto Rico's economy by the U.S. Nor must be carried in American (Overseas America, issued by the Foreign Policy Association.)

According to Alyce Harris, in Rico, it cost "48c per box per 1,000 miles to ship fruit from American monopolists.

In 1936, less than 20 sugar mill the land in farms while only four land in farms. Forty plants prorefine all the island's sugar.

thus controls not only the is- disease, who might be restored to ncluding the judicial and educational branches, but its agriculture, industry and transportation as well.

WE MUST SUPPORT THEIR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

It is against this control that the natives have fought; it is for giant corporations that have re-

junctions against any action, so no estates of over 500 acres have yet been taken over. Not a single cent of the \$7,000,000 appropriated by the Puerto Rican legislature for this purpose has yet been spent, according to Time, Feb. 2, 1942. Thus after 42 years of the

'blessings of enlightened civilization," the Puerto Rican people still have only promises. There Governor Tugwell himself has is little chance that they are highly impressed with the latest "after the war" promise. And to the President that the law should be enforced. The Partido | there is little doubt that they Popular Democratico, which camintend to continue their struggle paigned under the slogans for freedom. It is the job of the 'Bread, Land and Liberty," was workers in the United States to elected to office in the spring of aid them in every way possible in 1941 and quickly won a ruling that struggle against the same from the Supreme Court that the ruling Sixty Families who exlaw be upheld. However, the ploit the masses in this country.

Death Lurks In The City Slums

Rheumatic Heart Disease Takes Heavy Toll crisy. In 1898, after a long and Among Children of Working Class Families

By GRACE CARLSON

Stalking through the crowded slums of the large American cities, the dread rheumatic heart disease annually takes a huge toll in sickness, suffering and premature death among the children of the poor. Nine hundred thousand persons in the United States are estimated to be suffering from rheumatic heart disease, the big majority of them children and young adults. Thirty thousand deaths annually are attributed to this same disease.

Surveys among school children 9in New York City, Boston and disease which occur in the first Philadelphia have shown that rheumatic heart disease is eight attending schools in the poorer private schools. Dr. Melville Goldsmith of Philadelphia, Chief of the Cardiac Clinic of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, unchief cause of rheumatic heart disease in a recent article in a Public Health Nursing journal:

POVERTY CHIEF CAUSE

"Poor housing and concomitant social conditions seem to be presustained by advanced modern disposing factors. Crowded living quarters, poor ventilation, lack of sunshine, dampness, crowded sleeping quarters, poor hygiene and poorly balanced diets with insufficient quantities of food to insure proper growth and developtical life of Puerto Rico, while ment are among the things noted

rheumatic individuals.' fever go unrecognized. The symptoms — exessive fatigue, pain and swelling in the joints - are often dismissed as "growing pains," inasmuch as the first attacks of rheumatic fever usually occur in children from 5 to 12 years of age.

In from 80% to 90% of the cases of rheumatic fever, the heart is damaged and rheumatic heart is there any doubt about the fact | disease results. The greater the that "all goods traveling between number of recurrences of rheu-Puerto Rican and mainland ports | matic fever, the greater is the damage to the young heart. Since ships; and since two lines have a recurrent attacks of rheumatic monopoly, the rates are high and | fever seem to follow sore this makes the prices of imported | throats, acute colds and other upnecessities correspondingly high." per respiratory infections, it is easy, even for the layman, to un derstand why children, living in damp, cold, over-crowded tene-Fact and Fable about Puerto ments suffer so acutely from

rheumatic heart disease. Like tuberculosis, rheumatic Puerto Rico to New York, and heart disease requires long, costthe same item can be sent from ly medical care, and also, like Honduras to London at 20c per tuberculosis, this disease strikes 1,000 miles. Coffee growers in most often at the children of Rio De Janeiro pay 14c per 1,000 workers least able to pay for such miles to New York and the services. Hospitalization for the Puerto Rican farmer pays 28c rheumatic fever patient during per 1,000 miles. This is how the the acute stage of the disease is colonial masses are squeezed to strongly recommended. Proper provide super-profit for the after-care of the patient requires continuous medical observation and supervision for a period of corporations owned one-half of from six months to a year. These essential but expensive medical firms owned about 1/4 of all the services cannot be purchased by the poorly-paid workers. Public cess the sugar cane grown by health facilities for the proper the natives on the corporations' care of rheumatic fever patients lands, and only four companies are completely inadequate. The result is that thousands of chil United States imperialism | dren with early rheumatic heart land's governmental apparatus, a near-normal life by prompt treatment and prolonged care, develop serious heart conditions and are driven into early graves.

OTHER CONSEQUENCES

Patients who survive the first attacks of rheumatic fever run less risk from new attacks as they grow older, but, unfortunately freedom from this that their they are then exposed to other martyrs have shed their blood. risks. The heart which was dam In their struggle against the aged by rheumatic fever in child hood is likely to develop an irre duced their island to a land of gular heart rhythm or to manimass misery, the natives have fest some other cardiac abnorcalled for enforcement of the 42 | mality as the strain of adult livyear old law prohibiting corpora- ing begins to be felt. The vast tion-owned farms over 500 acres. | majority of the deaths from heart | "Fourth International"

three decades of life are caused by rheumatic heart disease.

Hope for rheumatic heart suftimes more frequent in children ferers may lie in the demonstration by medical investigators districts than in those attending at Johns Hopkins University that sulfanilamide can prevent recur rences of the rheumatic fever at tacks. The use of chemotherapy in the treatment of infectious hesitatingly lists poverty as the diseases represents a great stride forward in the history of medical progress. But a society which can produce and use the almost miraculous sulfa drugs in the treatment of rheumatic heart disease cannot find a way to abolish the damp, dark, over-crowded tenements, in which rheumatic fever is born and flourishes!

"Rheumatic heart disease would largely disappear if decent housing and wages became the order of the day," writes the eminent authority on chronic disease. Dr. Ernst Boas. But "decent housing and wages" will not become the talist system, which, by its very people to work and slave for the benefit of the few.

Upon the heads of the wealthy rulers of society falls the guilt for the existence of disease-ridden tenements in which the under nourished and ill-clothed children of the poor, sicken and suffer and go to deaths which could easily be avoided.

Bosses Turn Down Wage Demands of Aircraft Workers

The government-sponsored conference between nine West Coast aircraft corporations and the unions of aircraft workers, was blown up in Los Angeles on July 16 by the flat refusal of administration and employer spokesmen to agree to the union demands.

West Coast UAW-CIO officials according to the CIO News, stated that "they can't continue the conference" while an OPA official sits n at the meeting. OPA representative Joseph Gilbert had stated that the union demands were inconsistent with Roosevelt's policy and that "the standards of the American people will be reduced below the level at the bottom of the great depression."

The fact that Roosevelt was preparing more drastic wage controls, and that the Little Steel decision had just been handed down, probably prompted the employers to postpone the conference and await governmental aid in reducing the union demands.

The joint AFL and CIO demands would replace the present 60 and 75 cent minimums in aircraft with a 95 cent minimum, and give general wage increases to all aircraft

The employers have resisted these demands, using the administration-inspired argument that 'inflation" would result.

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Ronald Tearse And Edwin Jaffee-19 Years Old

Ronald J. Tearse, age 19, merchant seaman, drowned or killed when freighter was attacked by

Edwin N. Jaffe, age 19, merchant seaman, drowned or killed when freighter was attacked by German

Thus is the last chapter written to lives that had just begun. Thus the brief tale of thousands of seafaring men-hundreds like Jaffe and Tearse not yet out of their teens, with hardly a chance to feel the winds of hope, love and ambition—is rushed to a tragic finish.

What chance did these best sons of the working class have, these young workers whose last moments are often marked by actions of selfless heroism so pregnant with promise for the future of humanity? What chance did they have?

They were born into a world where the ruling class by its domination of the means of production, had plunged the great masses into untold suffering. Together with their fathers they were to live from their childhood in all the misery and despair of unemployment, poverty and insecurity.

Just as their fathers had been unable to escape the agonies of World War I into which capitalism had plunged all of mankind before their advent into this world, so the young workers of this generation could not escape the poisoned fumes of an even sicker capitalism which plunged them into a second Armageddon, leaving only the ocean waves to pronounce a last requiem over their young bodies.

Victims Of An Outlived System

What chance did they have? Their fate, like that of their fathers, was decided for them long before they had reached a maturity that would empower them to fully reason out or articulate their own desires. They were victims of a system that had long outlived its usefulness; victims of the lust and ambitions for world mastery of a ruling class that can retain its power only by doing irreparable violence to the peoples of the world.

Ed and Ronald, like the rest of their generation, were victims of the same system, victims in all respects but one. And here the difference is so vast that the beginning of the end of this senseless slaughter of the working class youth can already be discerned in the way these two young workers

Ronald Tearse was born into a working class family on April 5, 1922. He joined the Socialist Workers Party at the age of 16 while still at high school. Out of school he worked for a short time in the culinary industry and was a member of an AFL local union. For some years he carried on his revolutionary activity among the Negroes of South Jamaica, L. I. Selling THE MILITANT and distributing socialist literature in that district, he became well-known and respected among many Negro workers. His co-workers say that his work was characterized by consistency and seriousness. Quiet and unassuming, he was already well-informed on the laws of capitalist society. Acting on his knowledge he was organizing his fellow workers to bring a better world into be ing. He went to sea early in 1941. One year later he went down with his ship.

Edwin Jaffee would have been 20 this month. At the age of 13 he joined the Young Communist League: four years ago he quit the YCL and joined the Young Socialist League, and from that time until his death he was affiliated with the Trotskyist organization. Like Ronald, Ed came from a working class family and at an early age was earning his own livelihood. He loaded trucks, worked as a busboy, dishwasher and machinist. In each case he was active organizing the workers in his trade and was a loyal and respected member of his union. He went to sea in May 1941 and met his death on the same ship as Ronald. Like Ronald, he was a member of the Seafarer's International Union.

They Knew About The Socialist Road

Ronald and Ed were victims of this system and its wars, but unlike their fellow-workers, their lives were not haunted by the fears that arise from the helplessness of the great masses of modern proletarian youth who are still ignorant of the forces that control their destiny and consequently still do not know how they can become the conscious builders of a new world.

The glory of the lives of Ronald and Ed is that they knew, and knowing they lived all their conscious lives teaching and organizing their fellow-workers for the great change that must and will come.

Farewell, comrade Ronald. Farewell, comrade Ed. Your bodies are lost at the bottom of the sea. But your work can never be lost. It is the work of proletarian revolutionists blazing a trail that humanity must and shall follow.

Their socialist victory will be your undying

Department of Labor Figures Show Wages Are Sub-Standard

Department of Labor figures just published show that 71 per cent of all American industrial workers earn less than \$40 a week — which is less than a "health and decency" standard for an American family; and that 50 per cent do not earn even a "bare subsistence" family wage of \$30.

Even in the war industries alone — where overtime increases weekly wages for many — 68 per cent of the workers are below the \$40 level, and 34 per cent earn less than "bare sub-