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James P Cannon's Report to **Tenth Trotskyist Convention** 

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# WLB ACTS TO INTIMIDATE MILITANTS

# **Breitman Calls** For Workers' and Farmer's Gov't

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 20-The Socialist Workers Party has something that makes it unique among all political organizations, and that is its program which alone has the answer to the great problems today facing the workers, George Breitman, S.W.P. candidate for the U.S. Senate from New Jersey, said last week over the radio as he took the Trotskyist program to the workers in the first of a series of three broad-

The three problems he referred to were the protection of labor's living standards, the struggle against fascism abroad and at home, and the fight to end imperialist war. Calling for a rising scale of wages, expropriation of the war industries, the creation of an independent labor party and the establishment of a Workers' and Farmers' Government, he explained his party's program for defending labor's living standards. (A transcript of his first speech will be found on Page 2 of this issue.)

Breitman's first address intensified interest in the next two broadcasts. The candidate will speak on the problem of fascism on Oct. 24, at 5:15 P.M. James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the S.W.P., will discuss the question of imperialist war the following week, Oct. 31, at the same time, over the same station, WPAT, 930 kilocycles, which can be heard from New York to Philadelphia.

### STATEMENT ON OTHER CANDIDATES

In a statement issued to the press this week, Breitman reaffirmed the position of the Trotskyists on the need for labor to form its own party and run its own independent ticket.

"For a long time now," the New Jersey candidate said, "our party has advocated the creation of such a party. The developments in this campaign, the complete support of all Democrats and Republicans for wage-freezing, again emphasize the need for such a step, which most militant unionists consider long overdue."

In this connection, Breitman also commented on the current campaigns of two union leaders in local election contests: the state president of the CIO, Irving Abramson, who is running as the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Eighth District; and the president of District 4 of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, who

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Grace Carlson

Geo. Breitman

**Labor Baiter** 

NEWARK, N. J. - U. S.

Senator William H. Smathers,

Democratic candidate who is

asking to be re-elected because

he stands 100% behind Roose-

velt's policies, charges his Re-

publican opponent, Albert W.

try's No. 1 labor-baiter."

Board last January.

of Smathers?

Hawkes, with being "the coun-

But although everyone

knows Hawkes' labor record.

President Roosevelt appointed

him as one of the 12 members

of the National War Labor

So what does that make out

Since he stands 100% behind

FDR's policies, it would seem

at the very least that Smathers

is a fellow who favors the ap-

pointment of labor-baiters,

even though he is opposed to

their election in his place. At

any rate, no one ever heard

him object to Roosevelt's ap-

It looks like a case of the

pot calling the kettle black.

pointment of Hawkes.

# SWP Candidates | Socialist Answer To War Given by Minn. Candidate **Carlson Radio Talks** To Reach Thousands In Industrial Areas

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 19 -Arrangements were completed last week by the Socialist Workers Party campaign committee, which is running Grace Carlson as its candidate for U.S. Senator from Minnesota, for state-wide distribution of election literature stating the Trotskyist program a gainst war and fascism.

In a press release from campaign headquarters in Minneapolis last week, Grace Carlson stated, "I have entered the Senatorial race in order to present the socialist alternative to the present system of imperialist war and fascist totalitarianism. None of the other Senatorial candidates is able to offer a solution to the problems created by an outworn capitalist system which produces a world war in every generation."

("For A Socialist World," statement by Grace Carlson, will be found on Page 2 of this issue).

# Radio Speeches

The Trotskyist candidate will make her first public campaign speech on October 25 at 3:30 P.M. at the Twin City Sunday Forum, 919 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis at 3:30 p. m. The subject of her speech will be, "The Socialist Road to Enduring Peace." Leaflets announcing this campaign rally have been distributed throughout the working class neighborhoods of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

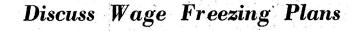
Plans have been completed for candidate on Station WLOL. The broadcast will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 10:15 to 10:30 p. m. The candidate will also be heard over Station WDSM in Duluth and Station KWLM in Willmar, both at the same time, Friday, Oct. 30, 10:15 to 10:30 p. m. Duluth is the center of the iron ore and Great Lakes shipping and shipbuilding industries where thousands of industrial workers are concentrated. Willmar is in the heart of the agricultural region of western Minnesota where the militant Farm Holiday strikes of 1933-35 took

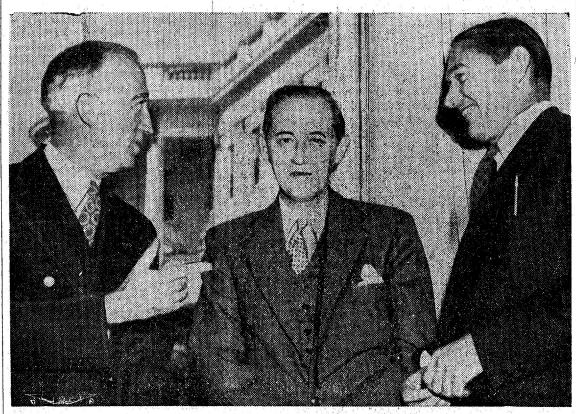
Thousands of copies of a special election edition of THE MILI-TANT will be distributed throughout the state during the campaign. Because she is forced to run as a sticker candidate, thousands of stickers printed with the name of Grace Carlson for U.S. Senator have been prepared for distribution.

# Stalinist Role

With the complete breakdown of the Farmer-Labor movement in being aroused by Carlson's campaign, the only one being run on a working class program. The Stalinists in control of the remnants of the once powerful Farmer-Labor Association, that a campaign for Benson under the Farmer-Labor label might assist in the election of the Farmer Labor candidate for Governor Hjalmar Peterson, whom they have denounced as an "appeaser' because of the former isolationist

The activities of the Stalinists in the political as well as the are aimed at the re-election of Harold Stassen, Republican candidate for Governor. Petersen, on the other hand, is reported to be receiving support from the "isolationist" section of the Minn. with the Stassen-Ball-Willkie group. . The Communist Party has not entered a candidate for United States Senator but is conducting a paper campaign for the Stalinis





Photographed for the first time in his new office at the White House, James F. Byrnes (at left) is shown conferring with Harry Hopkins and deputy war shipping administrator Lewis Douglas. Byrnes' new job as economic dictator is to hold the workers' incomes down while Congress lowers their living standards by the most drastic tax program in history.

# Flint Auto Workers Win Fight Against Jim Crow

Union and March-on-Washington Get Production Jobs for Noro Unionists

By JEFF THORNE

production jobs and 15 cent BOSSES' TACTICS nourly increases for all Negro janitors except three or four who did not want to change jobs.

The decisive factor in this victory was militant mass action mapped out by the Negroes organized in the United Auto Workers, CIO, in support of the union negotiators. It is significant that the recently organized Flint branch of the March-on-Washington Movement was centered mainly in that plant and its action actually forced the management to capitulate to the union demands. In weeks and weeks of union

negotiations the corporation stalled on all sorts of false and empty pretexts, through many heated meetings. Then the March-

| for a mass march on the main of-FLINT, Mich., Oct. 19— fice, with all the Negro sup-Auto workers of Chevrolet of This could muster in the Plant 3, most militant union held mass meetings of as many group in Flint General Motors as 200 and 300 Negroes from this plants, took another big step area, and Chevrolet management forward last week in winning knew of its influence and power.

Management heard of the mass action plan in advance and tried to stall it off by personal calls on some of the leaders and promises of speedy settlement "as soon as we can hire new janitors, but we just can't find them now." The leaders were not fooled and stuck to their plans, whereupon the management capitulated entirely and immediately. Back pay of the 15 cent raise was promised for all the lost weeks of the negotiations, since the corporation had violated a previous agreement by placing white men with less seniority than the veteran Negro janitors.

This clear example of victory through militant methods, as a on-Washington group arranged supplement to union membership, cases.

### Negro Paper Lauds 'Fourth Internat'l Article on India

An editorial on India in the Oct. 10 Pittsburgh Courier calls attention to 'the brilliant analysis by Felix Morrow in Fourth International for September" which "revealed the full infamy of the conspiracy on the part of the press and propaganda agencies against the movement for Indian free-

"Mr. Morrow makes clear that the Cripps' account of what caused the rejection of his proposals was a complete fabrication prepared after the conferences with Indian leaders had been concluded and disseminated to build up American opinion favorable to British repressions."

is winning favor to the Marchon-Washington Movement, not only in Chevrolet plants but throughout the city, and the leaders anticipate growth of the movement here into a mass organization to deal promptly with all such racial discrimination

# **Labor Board Wants To Coerce** Officers Of Local Unions

WLB, With Labor Members Concurring, Orders Its Agents to Check on the Relation of Local Leaders to Strikes

By Joseph Andrews

The War Labor Board took a new step against the independence of the trade unions last week, ordering Board officials to reach down into every local union and by intimidation force union officials to submit to the strike breaking governmental machine.

In a three-point program unanimously adopted by the WLB on October 17, all mediation panels and investigators are directed to investigate and report on the conduct of trade union officials whose unions go on strike. The program states:

"In any case in which the workers are organized and represent- each strike. The newspapers will tor shall include full information as to the relation of the local officers to the strike and their efwith the international officers to prevent its occurrence."

It is well known that in many of the war local union officials have supported the workers. Those union leaders closest to the fuses to repudiate his striking rank and file have more than fellow-workers. once either given open support to the strikes, or have refused to repudiate the strikers.

The WLB program is directed union leaders. It is intended to force them to toe the mark along with the top union officials in attacking workers who dare to go out on the picket line in defense of their living standards.

WHAT PLAN WOULD DO Under this plan, local union of- grievances and achieve their deficers will be subjected to intimi- mands almost entirely through dation by being publicly forced the government mediation machto state their attitude toward | inery.

# WLB Rejects Ford union leaders has been to police and curb the rank and file and Workers' Demand For Wage Raises

War Labor Board last week flatly turned down the demand machine. of the Ford workers for a dollar-a-day wage increase, not one cent in wage increases was allowed by the Board.

The WLB based its decision on the "Little Steel" formula, stating that the increases won Greens are already under Rooseby the Ford workers after their | velt's wing. The problem is the great strike in April, 1941, ex- secondary leadership in the local eeds the 15% increase above the unions. January, 1941, level allowed by the "Little Steel" formula. Price rises since April, 1941, were not considered by the board.

The Board also stated that in ts opinion no further wage increases should be allowed in the auto industry generally.

"A halt of wage advances must demands of the 120,000 Ford workers at which to call the halt. ROLE OF LABOR MEMBERS

The decision was unanimous The labor members of the Board voted with the employer and 'public" members. Labor mempers of the Board are George Meany and Matthew Woll representing the AFL, and Thomas Kennedy and R. J. Thomas, representing the CIO. (Thomas the president of the UAW-CIO, which represented the Ford workers in this case.) None of these labor members gave any public reasons for voting against

the demands of the Ford workers. The Ford decision once again llustrates the effect of the 'Little Steel" formula. It operates to prevent wage increases for the overwhelming majority of the workers.

The Board had previously turned down the demand of the UAW-CIO for dollar-a-day general wage increases in General Motors and Chrysler, and granted instead a 4 cent an hour increase.

The WLB in the Ford decision also refused to grant the union's demand for a 10% bonus for night work and for equalization of pay in all the Ford plants throughout the country.

ed by a local union, the report of be drawn into the campaign, givthe mediation panel or investiga- ing headlines to every anti-strike statement thus extorted from local union officials. The power of the government will make itself forts locally and in cooperation felt in every local union and will impress itself on every union executive board member and officer. The WLB will pointedly call of the strikes since the outbreak to the attention of the international union officials any case in which a local union official re-

This plan to coerce local union officials is part of a rapidly developing campaign by Roosevelt to convert the union movement especially against such local into a harmless appendage of the government.

The no-strike agreement was the first step toward the subservience of the top union officials to the government. Without the strike weapon, the unions were forced to attempt to adjust

Since the no-strike agreement the main function of the top and curb the rank and file, and to sell Roosevelt's "sacrifice" program to the workers.

Roosevelt, with the cooperation of his flunkeys in labor's ranks, is thus attempting to pervert the union movement into an institu-In a unanimous decision the tion to defend and uphold the anti-labor program of the wat

In order to complete the process of tying the union movement to the government, it is necessary for the administration to attempt to hogtie the entire apparatus of the unions from top to bottom. The Murrays and the

LABOR LEADERS' ROLE

The WLB reports that this program was adopted unanimously. That would mean that the labor members of the WLB voted for this anti-labor program.

As this WLB program illustrates, the greatest danger now be called at some point," the facing the trade union movement Board stated. And they chose the is the government campaign to reduce the unions to tools of the capitalist state.

The American workers, now organized 11 million strong into powerful unions, must guard their organizations against such subjugation. They are now under attack as never before.

To defend the workers' standards, complete union independence from government control is necessary.

# **EDITOR'S NOTE**

As we go to press we learn of the passage of the monstrous 9 billion dollar tax bill by Congress

Next week's issue of THE MILITANT will carry an analysis of this latest attack on the living standards of all workers.

# Not First Time Breitman Has Opposed Smathers and Hawkes

NEWARK, N. J. — This is not the first time that George this state, widespread interest is Breitman, Socialist Workers Party candidate for the U.S. Senate, has been found fighting against the anti-labor program and activities of William H. Smathers and Albert W. Hawkes, representatively the Democratic and Republican nominees in the current Senatorial election campaign.

In 1936 Breitman was one of the leading figures in the Tren- have even ceased to use the Farmton Siege staged by New Jersey unemployed organizations. For cr-Labor label in campaigning for nine days the jobless workers "took over" the meeting place their candidate for United States in the State House of the New Jersey Legislature, in protest | Senator, Elmer Benson. They fear against the failure of that body to pass adequate relief legisla-

Breitman, who later recorded this demonstration in a popular pamphlet called "The Trenton Siege by the Army of Unoccupation," acted the part of the Assembly Clerk in the "mock } assembly" staged by the unemployed, reading the various resolutions satirizing the contemptible role of the politicians who position he (and they too) took. refused to do anything about the relief crisis.

Smathers was at that time one of the State Senators in the New Jersey Legislature, a flunkey for the Hague machine. Like | trade union movement of the state the other legislators, he was temporarily "evicted" from his seat \$ by the action of the unemployed.

In 1937 Breitman was active in helping the strikers at the Congoleum-Nairn plant in Bloomfield. The owner of the plant hired labor thugs to smash the strike, and Breitman was active not only on the picket-line, but also in the efforts of the strikers | Republican Party which is at odds to secure relief.

The owner of the plant, later national president of the Chamber of Commerce, was Hawkes, then as now a die-hard Repub-

# First Anniversary Of The Minneapolis Trial

Prosecution Was One of Government's First Steps Toward Regimentation of Labor Movement

By FELIX MORROW

One year ago, on October 27, 1941, the famous Minneapolis "sedition" trial began. Since then, according to the Civil Rights Defense Committee which took charge of the defense, over 150 central labor bodies and local unions representing over one million organized workers have passed resolutions of support and contributed financially to the defense.

The Dep't of Justice sent Asst. Att'y-General Schweinhaut to conduct the case against the 28 members of the Socialist Workers Party and Local 544-CIO. In the light of the events of the past year we can see why. This blow against the Socialist Workers Party and a local union led by SWP members was, in reality, one of the first steps toward the systematic governmental regimentation of American labor, which is now unfolding in all its vicious implications.

The immediate cause of the trial was the fight between Local 544 and Daniel J. Tobin, President of the AFL Teamsters International. When the local seceded and accepted a CIO charter, Tobin ran to Roosevelt for help; he got it; the prosecution was designed to behead the local union, to intimidate the Minneapolis truckdrivers June 1941, found it no longer possible to permit and force them to return to Tobin's International.

But the fight between Tobin and Local 544 was itself caused by the war situation. Tobin had fought the Local 544 leaders in 1934, denouncing the militant strikes they conducted, and had expelled the local from his International. But when he failed to have his way, he accepted the local back into the International in 1936. He managed to live in the same International with the Trotskyist leaders of Minneapolis during the intervening years.

# Effect Of The War

As the war drew close, however, Tobin and all the other top bureaucrats in the unions began to feel more and more the pressure of the capitalist class and its government. Above all for the war, the bosses want housebroken unions which do not fight for the interests of the workers. Prohibition of strikes, wage-freezing, rising prices, were coming. To put these over on the workers, it was necessary to intimidate the workers, scare them away from militant leaders. It is only in the light of these aims of the bosses and their labor lieutenants that one can understand why Tobin, in

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# An Economic Program For Labor In Wartime

The following broadcast by George Breitman, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senator from New Jersey, was delivered over Station WPAT. 930 kilocycles, on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 5:15 to 5:30 P. M. Giving the answer of the Trotskyists to the problem of protecting labor's living standards in wartime, it was the first of a series of three broadcasts arranged on behalf of Breitman's candidacy.

The three great problems today facing the people of New Jersey and the United States are: how to protect labor's living standards; how to destroy fascism abroad and prevent the rise of fascism at home; and how to put an end to the cycle of imperialist wars that engulfs the world every generation.

The Socialist Workers Party, on whose behalf I am speaking this afternoon, is as yet a comparatively small and unknown party. It does not have many members, it has very little money, the daily press does not see fit to give it much publicity. Nevertheless, it has something which makes it unique among all political organizations and assures it a glorious future as the party of the American working class, and that is its program, which alone gives the correct answer to the three great problems I have referred to. I am the Socialist Workers Party candidate for the U.S. Senate because we want to acquaint the majority of the American people with this program and to win their support for it.

But before labor can formulate a program for the protection of its living standards in the present period, it must first understand who is trying to undermine those standards, and how they are going

### Different Interests

It is easy to show that in peace-time the Sixty Families who control most of American industry, the monopolists who amass huge fortunes out of the toil of the people, and the representatives of Big Business in the government, have interests which are different from and opposite to the interests of the working people. The workers have recognized this difference in economic interests by organizing powerful trade unions to defend themselves against the assaults of the ruling capitalist class.

But what is not so well understood is that in wartime the economic interests of capital and of labor remain as they were in peacetime, different and opposite, While many workers do not recognize this, the employers do, and they act accordingly. Although the employers talk a lot about the need for "national unity," they themselves have not discontinued their centuryold war against the American working class. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say, that the war which the employers are waging against labor at home is far more vigorous and effective, thus far, than the one they are conducting abroad.

The wartime economic program of Big Business can be briefly stated in two points: Point 1 is to coin as much profit out of the war as possible.

Last year corporation profits, after the deduction of taxes and reserve funds, reached a total of 7.2 billion dollars. This was more than the corporation profits made during either of the war years of 1917-1918, and was equal to the all-time

high profits made in the boom year of 1929. All figures indicate, furthermore, that profits for 1942 will be even greater than in 1941. In addition, the government has provided for Big Business, virtually as gifts, new plants and equipment worth more than 13 billion dollars. It is plain. then, that Big Business has been eminently successful in achieving Point 1 of its

### Put War Burden On Masses

Point 2 of the Big Business program is to place the burden of the war costs on the backs of the working people, that is, to make the workers pay the costs of the war from which Big Business is making the hugest profits in history.

To do this requires the reduction of the masses' living standards to the lowest possible point. On several occasions Leon Henderson has expressed the hopes and wishes of Big Business by predicting that by next year the people's living standards will be reduced to the level of 1932, the lowest point in the Hoover depression.

Big Business and its government agents have unleashed a wave of propaganda about "necessity for sacrifice" and "equality of sacrifice," calculated to persuade the working people to give up their social and economic gains won in the last ten years of struggle. How fraudulent this talk about "equality of sacrifice" is can be shown by the fact that the employers want the workers to get along on the starvation standards of 1932 while Big Business makes profits bigger than it made in 1929!

### Roosevelt's Order

Last month President Roosevelt moved into action to help Big Business achieve the second part of its program, which cannot be achieved by propaganda alone. His Labor Day ultimatum to Congress resulted in his October 3 executive or-

That executive order was presented in

the guise of a program to stabilize the people's living standards. Actually it will have the opposite effect, it will lay the basis for the sharpest possible attack on the people's living standards.

That October 3 order was the strongest blow struck at labor in the history of this country. First of all, it froze wages at the September 15 levels, which even according to government figures are inadequate to maintain the average family in health and decency. Secondly, it appointed as economic dictator the former poll tax Senator, James F. Byrnes, who has a long and notorious record as a tool of Big Business and an enemy of labor. Thirdly, it sharply restricted — in effect suspended — the right of trade unions to negotiate a single cent's wage increase without the approval of Director Byrnes.

The purpose of all this was not to stabilize living standards, but to handcuff labor and to freeze its income so that it will be unable to escape the consequences of the next step in the attack on labor's living standards - the stiffest taxation program in American history. If you read the papers and see what is going on in Congress today, you know that such a tax program is already being voted on.

That, in brief, is the wartime economic program of Big Business. That program is openly supported by both major parties, Republican and Democratic, and their candidates for office, and more or less openly by the official labor leaders and the Communist Party.

### Our Program

As for the Socialist Workers Party, commonly referred to as the Trotskyists, we openly call on the workers to resist this program with every means at their disposal. Against this program, based on the interests of the capitalist class, we pose our own program, based on the interests of the working class, and advocate the following:

1. A RISING SCALE OF WAGES TO

MEET THE RISING COST OF LIVING. President Roosevelt promises that his price-freezing program will stabilize the cost of living. But that is only a promise, and we have no confidence in that promise when no other capitalist government in the world today has been able to fulfill it. Regardless of what happens to his program, we are in favor of raising wages by 1 per cent every time the workers' living costs go up 1 per cent, whether that rise in costs is due to concealed price rises, or to tax rises, or for any other

2. THE REGULATION AND CON-

TROL OF PRICES BY DEMOCRATIC-ALLY-ELECTED COMMITTEES OF THE CONSUMERS. The only way to control prices in the interests of the masses is through the organized action and vigilance of the great majority of the people who are affected by price rises. Such consumers' committees to run the price control program would really be interested in preventing price-chiseling hidden deterioration of quality, unfair rationing and the operation of a bootleg market - or black market as they call it in Europe - which diverts from the regular sales places the commodities of which there are shortages and sells them at criminally high prices on an illegal market. The people would be able to depend on such price-control committees, because they would be committees of the people themselves, elected by the unions, housewives, poor farmers and small store-keepers and subject to recall if they did not do their job properly.

3. THE EXPROPRIATION OF THE WAR INDUSTRIES, AND THEIR OP-ERATION UNDER WORKERS' CON-TROL. Let the government, which has drafted the soldiers, take over the factories too, and let these factories be operated under the control of committees elected by the workers and technical experts in the factories, who know all there

is to know about efficient production. Profiteering could be ended in this way, by the elimination of the employers who contribute nothing to production and take the lion's share, and production costs could be decreased in the interest of the masses. Furthermore, under workers' control of production, the unions would be able to get their grievances settled promptly and harmoniously, eliminating the cause of 99.9 per cent of strikes, which workers are driven to only by the obstinacy and provocations of the employ-

4. THE CREATION OF AN INDE-PENDENT LABOR PARTY. Workers have created their own unions because they know they need organizations to defend their interests on the economic field. Now they should create their own party to defend their interests on the political field which is inseparable from the economic field in wartime. Let's not forget that not a single Democrat or Republican got up in Congress to oppose wage-freezing. Labor should work out its own independent political program and form its own party to run its own labor candidates against the program and candidates of Big Business.

5. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKERS' AND FARMERS' GOVERN-MENT. Labor also needs a new kind of government, the kind of democracy that will function on behalf of the great majority instead of on behalf of the ruling minority of capitalists, that will carry out an economic program in the interests of the masses instead of in the interests of Big Business.

As the Socialist Workers Party's candidate in this election campaign, I ask the workers of New Jersey to elect me so that I can fight for this program in the U.S. Senate. I urge the workers to support this program at the polls on November 3, and to fight for it on every other day in the factories, in their unions and everywhere

# NO USE FOR CROP YOU RAISED, SAYS GOV'T.

## Lack of Planning, Gov't Mismanagement To Lose Farmers \$70,000,000 Cash Income

By HOWARD ALLEN

farmers, who had grown soy- to give their labor, their time and beans at the express request of their money to grow the beans. the Department of Agriculture, hit the poor farmers can be seen were told by Secretary Wickard from the government's own figures which show that in 1941, last week that their toil and the ngures which show that in a same show that it is a labor of their families had been money income of less than \$1,000.

Even since Pearl Harbor and the loss of important Asiatic sources of vegetable oils, the the wasting of 45 million pounds administration has been pressing of oil and almost three billion the farmers to increase their pounds cake-meal which can be production of soybeans to be crushed for oil.

Thousands of county agricultural agents throughout the country conducted a high-pressure campaign through personal contacts, special bulletins, the press the workers who will pay part and radio to push the farmers of the loss through higher prices into substituting soybeans for their usual crop.

The administration's campaign belongs. was successful. Too successful! On October 11, Secretary of

Agriculture Wickard was forced of resources involved. The adto admit in a statement that ministration which egged on the "there was a shortage of facilities | farmers to produce this "record" for crushing, transporting and crop has thousands of agriculstoring this year's record crop of tural experts at its disposal. In soybeans." He urged the farmers addition there are thousands of to "store soybeans on farms statisticians in the field and in wherever possible."

# CAPITALIST PLANNING

The Secretary was forced to admit that no facilities had been provided for processing 50 million bushels of soybeans, onefourth of the total 1942 crop, during the period from harvest to September 30, 1943! In other words, since soybeans deteriorate very rapidly, unless superior storage methods are employed (for example, inoculating beans against mold) he has told the farmers to let their beans rot.

Wickard revealed that "his ofat country points, (adding that) continued piling up of shipments could result in serious loss." (N. Y. Times, Oct. 12.)

Undoubtedly, if the Secretary did not have to tell the farmers to hold the beans on their farms (and take the losses involved) this public revelation of incompetence, mismanagment and utter planlessness would never have been made.

The magnitude of the criminal waste of 50 million bushels of gressive of the existing farm orsoybeans is almost incomprehensible. In 1937, the total soybean crop was only 45.2 million posed of tenant farmers, as well bushels: that is, over four million bushels less than is now being

Fifty million bushels at even the 1941 price of \$1.40 per bushel would bring the farmers \$70,000,- Traditionally, the Farmers

000. This staggering loss must be borne by the same farmers who Thousands of American were urged by the administration How hard Wickard's order will

# CRIMINAL WASTE

In addition to the financial loss to the farmers, there is involved processed from 50 million bushels of soybeans. The oil is important for industrial and food purposes. The meal is used for cattle-feed, in the manufacture of adhesives, flour, plastics, etc.

The farmers who are losing more than 70 million dollars and on salad oils, paints, beef, pork, plywoods, plastics, etc., must fix the responsibility where it

There can be no excuse or apology for the criminal waste Washington who compile huge masses of data on farm production and industrial capacity.

In spite of all the resources at their disposal, capitalist "planning" and management result in endless chaos and waste!

# For A Socialist World

A Statement by Grace Carlson \_\_\_\_\_

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American workers and farmers again find them- terests of the common man. selves involved in another world-wide holocaust But international socialists know-and now

ourselves upon the teachings of Marx, Lenin and war was the inevitable result of the commercial an end. rivalries of capitalist nations. As the Socialist Defense Of The USSR Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senator from Minnesota in 1940, I said, "The imperialist govvernment of the United States cannot fail to drag this country into war. This will not be a war of defense, or a war for democracy or liberation; cessions, sources of raw materials and spheres of influence."

# Our Predictions Fulfilled

This prediction has been tragically fulfilled! The present war, in which hundreds of thousands of young American workers and farmers will have to lay down their lives; this war for which other countless millions of men and women suffer daily hardship and suffering, is not a real war AGAINST FASCISM. It is an imperialist

the long period of depression which followed it, United States Senator.

After only a short interval of twenty-five years, that World War II is being fought in the in-

of suffering and death. Against their will; against only the Trotskyists are worthy of the name their interest, they have been plunged into World that neither the oppressed masses of Europe and the Americas nor the exploited colonial peoples Socialists long ago predicted this war. Basing of China, India and Africa, can be emancipated until the decaying capitalist system which breeds Trotsky, we maintained that modern imperialist war, fascism and colonial tyranny is brought to

A true war against fascism can be fought only heroic struggle of the Russian masses against the Nazi war machine is a magnificent proof of the it can only be a war for markets, foreign con- power of the banner of a workers' state to inspire a fight to the death against the forces of fascism. The Soviet Union deserves the unconditional support of the working class of every country.

Bitter defeats have been sustained by the Soviet Union, however, because of the failure of the Stalinist bureaucracy to call upon the working masses of the world, and especially the terribly oppressed workers of Germany and Italy, for aid. Stalin's repudiation of the principles of international socialism for the sake of temporary of the American working class will be asked to alliances with various imperialist agents has disorganized and disoriented millions of workers. Not only Stalin and his Third International, but war, which can never serve the interests of the other so-called "socialists" of the Second Interworking masses of this or any other imperialist national have left the road of internationalism and now support their various national govern-Continuous and urgent attempts are being made ments in the prosecution of the war.

by capitalist politicians on both the state and A new world society of brotherhood, freedom the national scene to dress up the present, bloody, and equality for all, can arise only on the basis imperialist war as a holy struggle for a "free of a revolutionary socialist program. As the only world." Republicans and Democrats, Farmer- candidate pledged to a true working-class pro-Laborites and Stalinists, are united in their gram in the Minnesota elections, I appeal to the efforts to convince American workers and farm- workers and farmers of this state to cast their ers, disillusioned by the useless slaughter of votes for revolutionary internationalism and a World War I and the misery and suffering of socialist world by voting for Grace Carlson for

Grace Holmes Carlson was born in St. Paul in 1906. Through experiences of her father who took | from Essex County. part in the militant railroad Shopmen's Strike of 1922, she for office on an independent labor labor leaders, but they are also learned early in life the meaning of the class struggle.

Campaigned actively as a Farmer-Laborite for Floyd B. Olson and the radical "Cooperative Commonwealth" platform of the Farmer-Labor Party in 1934.

She was led to a Marxist analysis of political problems thru are running as candidates of the contacts she made with the Hague's party, the same Hague the workers away from the Marxist leadership of the progressive Minn. movement while during the strike wave of 193435. As graduate student and inSocialist and Communist Parties

labor political organization. But we can never support any candidates of the capitalist parties, no structor in the Psychology Department of the University of the campus.

nesota State Employees Union, AFL. Served on the executive three years; as delegate of her Smith Act. local to state conventions of the

also an active member of the St. time she is out on bail. Paul branch of the National Association for the Advancement of as a candidate for Mayor of St. Colored People.

As U. S. Senatorial candidate number of votes cast,

# Short Biography Need Workers'-Farmers' Government Of Grace Carlson Says N. J. Candidate for Senate (Continued from page 1)

"Had these labor leaders run ticket, we would have thrown our discrediting the idea of indefull support behind them, despite our differences with their program, because this would have ment for a labor party. been a step breaking the workers away from the parties controlled the fundamental stand of the by Big Business," said Breitman. Socialist Workers Party on this

engaged in labor defense work of the Trotskyists in 1940, she Socialist and Communist Parties. Was indicted in July, 1941 to-Minnesota, she was closely iden- gether with 28 other members of

tified with left-wing activities on the Socialist Workers Party and of Local 544-CIO of Minneapolis Took a position as a psycholog- on charges of "seditious conist in the State Department of spiracy" to overthrow the gov-Education in 1935. Became a ernment by force and violence charter member of Local 10, Min- and of violating the 1940 Smith "Gag" Act.

On December 1, the jury found board of this local for two years; all of the defendants not guilty as delegate to the St. Paul Trades of the charge of "seditious conand Labor Assembly for four spiracy" and 18 of the defenyears; as member of the Assem- dants, including Carlson, guilty bly Education Committee for of the charge of violating the

On December 8, at the same AFL for three years in succes- time President Roosevelt was reading his war declaration mes-Active in labor defense work, sage to Congress, she was senshe is now a member of the Na- tenced to 16 months in jail. The tional Executive Board of the case is now being appealed to Workers' Defense League, and higher courts, and in the mean-

On February 17, 1942, she filed Paul; the City Clerk ruled that Stalinists are devoting them-Resigned from the State De- her name be placed on the ballot selves to spreading the worst partment of Education in Sep- despite reactionary attempts to kind of lies about the Trotskytember, 1940, and has since de-keep it off. in the March 10 ists. Their election statement voted her full time to the work primary election she received says, among other things: of the Socialist Workers Party. 1185 votes, or 3% of the total

who tried so long to prevent the is running for the State Assembly | CIO from organizing in Hudson County. In this way they are not only disgracing themselves as pendent labor political action and weakening the progressive move-

"Once again I want to repeat "But instead of doing that, they | question. We stand ready to support every move that will lead parties of Big Business and will help to establish an independent matter what the labor background of these candidates may be. For to support such candidates means to strengthen the old line parties. which are fundamentally antilabor in character and always will

> The New Jersey campaign was marked by the usual anti-Trotskyist slanders hurled by the Communist Party.

> The Stalinists, who have sufficient strength in New Jersey to be able to run almost a full ticket, are running only a handful of candidates for the minor offices, and are instead supporting most of Hague's candidates, including the incumbent U. S. Senator Smathers, who voted for such things as the concentration camp bill and only two years ago was viciously attacking the Soviet Union.

While covering up the record of such people as Smathers, the

"In this vital election campaign, the fifth colum Trotskyites (Socialist Workers Party) must become the concern of all labor and the people. This fifth column conspiracy, particularly among the Negro people, whose just grievances are being exploited by these Fascists to cause incalculable harm to the Negro people, must be smashed. . .

It is difficult to say how many Negro workers will be fooled by this kind of propaganda. It certainly will have little effect on the many hundreds of Negroes who know Breitman personally political social equality.

All told, the Breitman camnaign committee will have distributed about 30,000 pieces of election literature in New Jersey before November 3. Included in this will be special leaflets and special copies of THE MILI-

Those who are interested in helping the work of the campaign committee, which still has a big job to do, should contact it at the campaign headquarters, second floor, 423 Springfield Ave., Newark, N. J.

# Poor Farmers Express Sharp Dissatisfaction With Government Program at Farmers' Union Convention

nesota Farmers Union against the plans of Roosevelt's agents held here October 15-17.

Claiming a state-wide membership of 2,500 farmers, banded together for the purpose of duce, and purchasing their needed farm supplies through organizations which they own and govern, the Farmers Union is generally regarded as the most proganizations in this part of the country. Its membership, comas debt-ridden owner-operators. reflects the point of view of the

most exploited sections of the

farm populatio nin the Middle

FERUS FALLS, M i n n . , | Union has demanded that the pri- | his capacity as chairman of the | Oct. 19. — Revolt of the rank ces of farm commodities be in- legislative committee of the na- opposed to this program was evi- velt supporters and the most vig- the Roosevelt policy of making period 1909-1914.

The fight for "fair" prices has always been regarded by Farmjointly marketing their pro- ers Union members as a struggle against middle men and monopolists generally, and not against consumers or workers.

Since Pearl Harbor the notorihave been able to secure better wages, due to the scarcity of farm labor. Because the farm lasmaller farm operators, broad is just as willing to betray the forces, they turned around and sections of the farm population interests of his membership as elected a long time Stalinist support these wage increases. ATTEMPTS JUSTIFICATION

and file members of the Min- creased. Since the early thirties tional board of the Farmers denced by the fact that Thatcher orous defenders of the Roosevelt the workers and farmers bear the the Farmers Union has sought Union, M. W. Thatcher of St. was repeatedly and heatedly in- farm policies in the Farmers full burden of the war. legislation which as a minimum | Paul attempted to justify his all- | terrupted even during the radio | Union, but they were not recogwould guarantee parity prices out support of Roosevelt-in the broadcast of his hour-long speech, nized as such because neither fice had received many reports to make the masses bear the that is, those prices for farm name of "national unity" behind Furthermore, responding to the Kuivinen nor any other Stalinist brunt of the cost of the war, commodities enabling farmers to the war program. As part of his ire of rank and file delegates, the dared to defend this unpopular flared up at the convention purchase the same quantity of attack on the living standards of resolutions committee brought in position openly. machinery and supplies that they the masses, Roosevelt insists that a resolution reaffirming the long were able to buy in the base no consideration be given to these established position of the Farmrecent wage increases in setting ers Union for price adjustments farm prices. Thatcher easily ac- upward. cepts this policy and pushes for the rest of the Roosevelt policy, of the Thatcher-Roosevelt forces namely, the "stabilization" of is the fact that when the convenfarm prices and wages, etc., as tion opened, the Thatcher forces well as the freezing of farm la- had a complete slate of officers bor so that workers would be un- for whom they were campaignously underpaid farm laborers able to seek more remunerative ing-but when election time came employment.

In taking this position, the bu- the convention. reaucrat Thatcher is acting like borers in this area are recruited Murray, Green and the other lead-lers were able to understand the largely from the families of the ers of the trade unions. Thatcher role of the Roosevelt-Thatcher Murray of the CIO or Green of wheel horse, Einar Kuivinen of the AFL—whenever Roosevelt re- | New York Mills, as their state Coming to the convention in quests it.

Another evidence of the defeat they were not even presented to

However, while militant farmpresident. The Stalinists are the

That the working farmers are most determined pro-war Roose- because both elements support

NEED OWN PROGRAM

small retailers should control prices and rationing policies in The crying needs of the rank favor of the masses. Only such a a tireless fighter against all and file working farmers cannot program can serve the interests forms of Jim Crowism and as be satisfied under the leadership of the organized farmers and editor of various labor papers of either the Thatcher bureau- bring them a step closer to the that stood for complete economic, crats or the Stalinist misleaders final solution of their problems.

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# Negro Struggle

By Albert Parker \_\_\_

There were three national gath- | will get the answer they deserve importance to the Negro people vigorous an answer as the one and the whole labor movement: they prevented Randolph from the AFL convention: the Socialist | making. Workers Party convention and the Detroit conference of the March-on-Washington Movement. third to a future time.

### The AFL Convention

A. Philip Randolph breathed a convention at Toronto by taking the floor for half an hour, and denouncing the Jim Crow practices that still prevail in a number of AFL international unions.

This is not a new role for Randolph; he has been doing it every vigorous and biting this year as ever, but just as little as ever was

Randolph remarked on the many speeches about democracy that had been made at the convention. A man from Mars, he said, might have thought most of the speechmakers really believed in democracy, but when he saw that Negroes were being Jim Crowed by these same people, he would reach the conclusion that these speeches are baloney.

After outlining the various ritdeny Negroes equal rights, Randolph called on the convention to set up a committee to investigate "various forms and cases of discrimination that may be presented to it." The CIO already of its objectives."

ersnip, and seek to modifize the whole working class in support turely, not to expose themselves to reprisals. The deGaullists, has such a committee.

down Randolph's proposal, declar- aware of the fact that the Negro ing instead that the AFL deplored people will be unable to achieve discrimination and making it full equality without the support clear that the AFL would not in of the rank and file white workers. terfere with those unions that con- This struggle is as much the probtinue discriminating. Just as the lem of the white workers as of reactionary poll-taxers and lynch the Negro people, the resolution leaders oppose the anti-poli tax pointed out, and it called on the and anti-lynch bills on the white workers to fulfill their obligrounds of "states rights," so the gations to their oppressed colored as spokesmen for the French, AFL bureaucrats defend the brothers and sisters. rights of Jim Crow elements in the AFL on the grounds of "lo-

cal autonomy.

The next day Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Negro workers in the party, and Brotherhood of Teamsters, took pointed to the unions and facthe floor and viciously denounced tories as the places where the Randolph for daring to raise the most class-conscious, courageous question of discrimination. No and experienced Negroes would more appropriate person could be found for the party. have been chosen to defend the and expels and frames up all there as delegates, and I was able Hitler and Laval, would welcome caught in the convulsive throes took it as a personal affront for and spirit of Negro workers drove them to action were social upon religion and superstition for anyone to get up and speak a throughout the country. few truths that exposed the hyp-

Randolph was typical of all his the deep South, is soft-spoken but some importance, because it is relations with working-class op- very realistic; he is not an intelponents, typical too of his attacks lectual removed from the masses, on the Trotskyists and the lead- but a worker himself, and a comers of Local 544 in Minneapolis: rade in whose judgment I have to rely on aid from abroad which the method of slander, frame-up the fullest confidence.

discrimination and segregation! ing more in my opinion to des- could not help thinking about this troy the future progress of the comrade. Shortly after he boardto bring about, than any other tion, it became crowded, and since section within a local constitu. he was a Negro, he had to give asking the AFL to suit its ac- miles as that bus rode north. tion to some of its speeches even more than were the Jim having within our ranks such Crow artists in leading AFL comrades who carry on with mod-

get the floor after this attack, danger as are the underground and each time President William Green - who also makes speeches about democracy - refused to give it to him.

Unquestionably, the coming convention of the CIO will see rades are truly the pioneers of ward the Negro worker. The CIO the Negro masses in the South an entirely different attitude tois by no means perfect in this are looking for a fighting prorespect, but it is miles ahead of gram and fighting leaders, we are the hide-bound AFL leaders.

The bureaucrats looked all-pow erful at the AFL convention, but the day is coming when they will be swept aside as the labor fakers they are. The Negroes can have no expectation of getting support for their struggle from people of this kind - the only place they will find support is among the rank and file white union work ers, who are also the object of the bureaucrats' contempt. When the Negroes and the white workers unite, Tobin and his type

### **SWP Convention**

The biggest accomplishment of Here we have room to discuss the recent Socialist Workers only the first two mentioned, so Party convention was the adopwe leave our comments on the tion of the political resolution dealing with the major problems facing the workers in the present period (the resolution was printed in full in last week's MILIlittle life into the annual AFL TANT). It is not our intention here to deal in detail with the great significance of the convention or the resolution, but rather to call attention to one or two things that should be of special interest to our Negro friends.

The resolution points out that the Negro masses have by no Porters Union. He was just as means been deceived by capitalist will probably become known to war propaganda into giving up their struggle against Jim Crowdone about it by the AFL big ism, and hails the militant spirit that is more and more evident among the Negro people. The convention also took a positive stand toward the March-on-Washington movement, whose creation it considered a sign of the general growth of Negro militancy:

"Such an independent Negro movement has been made historically necessary by the betrayals and indifference of the trade union bureaucracies, by the failures of the traditional workers' parualistic and other devices used to by the weakness of the revolutionary party. We support the March-on-Washington Movement, despite the vacillations of its lead- were telling the French peopleership, and seek to mobilize the via radio- not to "act" prema-

As the latter part of this quota-The well-fed bureaucrats voted tion shows, the convention was crats and trade union leaders

To play the greatest possible role in the Negro movement, the convention recognized the need for increasing the numbers of

defenders of "local autonomy" In the course of the convention, as dictator over the Teamsters to the Negro comrades who were those who seek to exercise their to learn a good deal of interest democratic rights. He probably and importance about the mood Nations. But the forces that cannot understand, falls back

ocrisy of the Executive Council. comrades struck me as particu- the democracies was secondary to a reliance upon supernatural What Tobin had to say about larly significant. He comes from say the least. This question is of phenomena for relief.

I asked him what had happened tion among a large section of the war there had been a marked movement for national liberation. jinx off things. population." In other words, change in their attitude. They Randolph - not the Jim Crow are looking for a way out, they elements inside and outside the are ready to start fighting even AFL - was responsible for the though they do not yet have a Negro masses' discontent with program, they are aware that now

is the time to seek to make gains. "Men of this type," Tobin went | As I thought over this very sigon in his arrogant way, "are do- nificant development to myself, I black man, which we are trying ed a bus to come to the convention or international union by up his seat. Rather than miss law." In other words, according the convention, he remained on to Tobin, Randolph was hurting the bus, standing up; and he was the interests of the Negroes by kept standing on his feet for 500

We have reason to be proud of est courage, although their every Three times Randolph tried to day activities are as fraught with activities of our comrades in Germany and India. Small in numbers and fully aware of the terrible risks they run in carrying out their party work, these comthe revolution in the South. If

### Calculating Machine

confident that they will find them

in comrades such as this one.

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# French Unrest Caused By Social Forces, Not Allied Propaganda

If the French masses had any doubts concerning the nature of the Petain regime just after the the French industrialists and fac- betrayal of the French workers erings in the last month of real - and it will be at least as debacle that engulfed France, tory-owners as well. This section they do not mention. "The prethe entry of Laval into that regime helped to clear matters up for them. The French working class is now undergoing an experience unprecedented in any large capitalist nation in modern times. It would be hard | tirely on the Germans to carry | Front and the unity of the socialindeed to find any other instance of the conscription of the workers of one country to serve in the land of the victors without going far back to the days of actual slavery. No modern working class with

for its rights, would submit tamely to such enslavement. The French proletariat has been driven finally to desperation. The protest of men and women has been widespread. Its full extent us belatedly, but there can be no mistaking the spontaneity of strikes and demonstrations in the large cities of unoccupied France. Under such circumstances the French Legion, recruited for just such purposes by Laval, has gone into action-to shoot down French workers.

What part precisely was played by the various sections of the French underground movement is not yet clear. But the response on the part of the so-called "leaders" living safely abroad was quite typical. Only yesterday. when the masses were still quite passive, despite the numerous acts of sabotage against the Nazis, these leaders of all shades, supported by the Social-Demotold the French to await the signal of English invasion.

Now that the workers have shown their readiness to resist these same "leaders" urge the workers to resist and to fight all the more. This whole affair gives every evidence that the exiles who are accepted by the Allies have no real roots among the masses and give them no directives and no guidance. Rather, they try to place themselves at the head of a movement after it has begun.

### SOCIAL FORCES DRIVING THE FRENCH MASSES

against Hitler's conscription of forces affecting their daily lives The remarks of one of these and the factor of sympathy with in the minds of the working class thinking? Issue a string of gushy one thing for the workers to gain a new confidence in their life offers today: own power, and an other for them can only be treacherous aid.

The protest against Laval can-

## Resistance in France Is Directed Against Native Capitalists As Well As Axis Forces

masses properly lump together Hitler, Laval, and the immediate French capitalist oppressors. It will not be a simple matter

for the deGaullists and their labor lackeys to divert the wrath the least tradition of struggle of French toilers from the collaborators with Hitler, The movement for national liberation is quite another for the working class. The followers of Blum and the syndicalist trade-unionists in the abyss that yawns between the two movements. Their sup-. port of "national liberation" is a distinct treachery to the workers. One has only to read their latest declarations to be made completely aware of this treachery.

### PROGRAM OF THE BLUM GROUP

taken the name of the Jean to say, these "socialists" promise Jaures Group in London. A docu- not to try any tricks on the ment recently issued by them capitalists but to respect the tries to lay the entire blame for rights—of the capitalists! the French defeat on the "nationlicans." Their own part in the intend to return to the working tarian revolution and socialism.

of French capitalism has co- war weaknesses have paved the and more in the administration operated fully with Laval and way for the invader of today. Hitler. Many workers were laid With the nation that the nationaloff by the factory-owners in an ists surrendered, we must remake effort-which failed-to make a republic that the faithless them acquiesce to being sent to republicans dared not defend." Germany. The owners depend en- But what about the Popular on their business. Thus the ists (and Stalinists) with these "faithless republicans?"

These faithless socialists actually think that they will once subordinate the workers comreactionary authoritarian deare anti-Hitler. DeGaulle, far from heeding the protests of the London do their best to gloss over Vallin, sent the latter to Libya on a military mission.

That does not prevent the Blumists from continuing to avow their unity with the French capitalists. "We pledge our unity to make the necessary political, economic and moral transformations and to base them on a dual respect for popular sovereignty The supporters of Blum have and the rights of man." That is

Here is their program of and "faithless repub- liberation for the workers: "We the movement towards the prole- peared a news story in the N. Y. organizations, even under Stalin-

classes,; according to their oldest traditions, the integrity of the right to organize, so that workers can, through the associations of their choice, freely determine their fate and participate more of the nation's economy. We want to eliminate the powers of the trusts forever, either by submitting branches of directed activities to the effective control of the public, or by destroying all germs of monopolies and privileges." And shall the workers of

France once more place Blum in power to carry out his program? again have the opportunity to once again to save capitalism so, however, the rulers of Italy It is a safe assumption that the from the proletarian revolution, and Germany would have gone out men in his group are militant pletely to the capitalists. They as he boasted properly that he of their way to proadcast the rank and filers of the Stalinist are in a united front with the did in the Riom Trial? It is news, since it would have been a party or simply militant workers Gaulle who accepts the aid of lackeys rely entirely on the lack factor, together with the dubious only against Hitler but also for one thing for the capitalists, French fascists so long as they of memory of the French masses. reputation of the Daily Worker the social revolution. It is not socialists against the fascist for France that the masses ment concerning Mikhailovitch's the N. Y. Times, but if there are,

lackeys of the capitalists speak the Stalinists. for the underground movement are those who warn against the treacherous collaborators of Hitler at home and all the henchmen of French capitalists abroad. The would maintain the complete ining class, those who would direct

God must.

for one week.

stop with one week's campaign.

Inter-Denominational Committees

operate to close the united front

rangements have been completed

# The Partisan Bands In Jugoslavia

A few months ago there appear- duct the struggle in their own ed an item in the Daily Worker way. So long as Hitler kept Staaccusing General Draja Mikhailo- lin as an uneasy ally, the Stalinvitch, Minister of War in the ists in Yugoslavia kept under Yugoslav Government at London cover, but when the "Fuehrer" and commander of the Yugoslav launched his attack against the troops still fighting the Nazis, of Soviet Union, the Stalinists in being in league with the German Yugoslavia, as everywhere else, reand Italian fascists. The intima- discovered the necessity of strugtion was that Mikhailovitch had gling against Hitler. With the actually gone over to the side of forces at their disposal and under Understanding the reactionary Yugoslavia, a man of the type of

character of Mikhailovitch, it is Kosta Najy, probably a brave man not of course impossible that he with considerable initiative, had would decide to make peace with no difficulty in organizing his That is, shall they permit him Hitler and Mussolini. Had he done own partisan band. have been driven home by the ment proved was that a serious mander. events of the war and after. rift had entered into the relation-Neither deGaulle nor the socialist ship between Mikhailovitch and

bands that destroyed villages, con- property. trary to orders.

business; hence National Bible ed in the N. Y. Times. The Amer-Week. And if nothing else brings ican Government had received rewhat they once were, the stream- have been killed by a "spontanelined approach to the Word of ous uprising of the people." The tion. Today the heavens are tween the Yugoslav Government ists are revolutionary Socialists. bombarded with every mechanical and the Soviet Union." Kosta device for persuasion. Every soap Najy, formerly an officer in a time. FDR will use up one Stalinist, is the leader of the parreminding the cinema audience with Mikhailovitch.

that there is a Good Book which Even now we do not know what has not yet been filmed. The mail actually happened to create the are not afraid of treading on the of the devoted will rush by rail rift between the Stalinists and the and air from coast to coast with Yugoslav commander, but on the stickers—sold at a proper profit basis of the above-mentioned re--urging attention to the Bible ports we are in a position to advance an explanation for the But the scope of organization quarrel between allies. on the religious front does not

bands is not subject to the central be coming in thick and fast. authority and control of a war conducted by a regular army. similar to that existing in China Each group is more or less on but on a much smaller scale. The its own, marching and fighting as, Chinese Red Army is composed with Hitler for the reinstitution when and if it pleases. Since the of revolutionary peasants but led sian territory now occupied by members of such a band are on by Stalinists who, because of the a voluntary basis, discipline of a very composition of the army, are All this the Allied forces of type prevailing in a regular army forced to pay some attention to Religion have to offer as their cannot be enforced. The discipline the demands and interests of the Labor of Love. Alas, poor God! of a partisan band is largely self-How will He maintain His proper imposed and arises from the willists into conflict with Chiangobjectivity in the face of such a lingness of the members to fight for an ideal. The leadership of Stalinist-dominated group com-And alas, also, for the sponsors a partisan band is on a much of National Bible Week! Suppose higher scale, than in the ordinary hostile to capitalists and landlords they are taken seriously and the army, commanding obedience and population learns that the story devotion through ability and disof the Bible is the history of the interested service to a cause.

Prince of Peace and that part of It is quite natural, under condithe story tells how He chased tions of partisan warfare, for men the money-changers out of the possessing similar ideas and ideals to band together and con-

obvious that these socialist sort of victory for them. This and peasants eager to struggle not But the results of Blum's when it comes to telling the truth, unlikely that there are Trotsky. betrayal have been so frightful made it probable that the state ists in that group, as reported in cannot possibly forget. The going over to the Axis was they certainly do not reveal their lessons of the pre-war period not correct. All that the state- identity to the Stalinist com-The existence of an armed group of revolutionary workers and A fairly good guess could have peasants, even under Stalinist

the circumstances prevailing in

in France. The real spokesmen been made as to the cause of the leadership, is naturally frowned rift, but since nothing was reveal- upon by the reactionary leader of ed other than the accusation the official army. Though the against the official commander of reactionaries are quite willing to the Yugoslav forces, guessing was get the help of the Soviet Union real spokesmen are those who extremely hazardous. As was to in their struggle against German be expected the matter did not imperialism, they prefer not to dependence of the French work- end with the accusation in the have any Stalinist-controlled or-Stalinist press. Soon there ap- ganizations in their midst. Such Times cabled from Ankhara, deny- ist leadership constitute a danger ing the truth of the Daily Worker to the rights and privileges of charge, and giving the version of landlords and capitalists. It must an anonymous Yugoslav official. be remembered that the Stalinist His version was to the effect that bureaucracy bases itself on the General Mikhailovitch found it Soviet Union which is the very necessary to stamp out partisan antithesis of capitalist private Mikhailovitch wants to defeat

the German and Italian armies. gle as that waged by the reactionary Yugoslay Government home to the thirsting soul a ports that thousands of partisans when attacked by Hitler. But the realization that times are not opposing General Mikhailovitch partisan band composed of militant workers and peasants cannot be and are not interested in respartisans are said "to include not toring the reactionary Yugoslav only criminals, renegades and ban- regime. These militants accept ORGANIZED BOMBARDMENT only criminals, renegates and pair the leadership of the Stalinists bedits, but also communists of both the leadership of the Stalinists because they have not as yet learn Long past are the days when the Stalinist and Trotskyite per. cause they have not as yet learnouny, timid fanatics bowed down suasion." The report adds that ed the meaning of Stalinist polibefore the Almighty in supplica- "no issue is said to be involved be- cies; they believe that the Stalin-

In waging his war Mikhailovitch necessarily takes the rights opera this week wil hand over to Croatian regiment on the Republand privileges of the landlords God-gratis, mind you!-at least lican side of the Spanish Civil and capitalists into consideration 180 seconds of its priceless radio War, and therefore presumably a while the militant workers and neasants are not at all interested minute's footage of newsreel tisan band that came into conflict in the welfare of Mikhailovitch's friends. In struggling against Hitler's and Mussolini's armies the members of the Stalinist band toes of wealthy landlords and capitalists. We can surmise that the revolutionary partisans are not particularly careful about taking food from Serbian landlords whenever necessary and in all probability they do not promise to pay the landlords. Com-By its very nature guerrilla plaints to Mikhalovitch about the warfare carried on by partisan conduct of these partisans must

We have here a situation peasants. This brings the Stalin-Kai-shek. The existence of a posed of workers and peasants must necessarily and inevitably create friction between such a group and a government representing capitalists and landlords. Because the Red Army in the

Soviet Union fights in a country where capitalist private property no longer exists, the struggle against Hitler assumes a different character from the struggle of the American and English capitalists. The struggle of the Red Army is unhampered by the interests of the capitalists and landlords. It is hampered only by the interests of the Stalinist bureaucracy. The partisan band in Yugoslavia under Stalinist leadership is approximately in the same position as the Red Army in fighting against Hitler. This explains the conflict between the partisan band under Stalinist leadership and the official leader of the Yugoslav

It is certain that the Soviet bureaucrats will intervene and try to patch up the quarrel in Yugoslavia just as they did in China. And it is also certain that they will agree to settle the controversy in favor of Mikhailovitch. The revolutionary workers and peasants will ultimately learn that their desire and determination to struggle against Hitler in their own way and for their own purposes cannot be realized until they completely reject Stalinism and all it stands

# Boss Class Enlists God And Superstition On Their Side tory Corner with a flag and a individual. It must organize the Washington, another item appear- He is carrying on the same strug-(This article was intended for bust of MacArthur, planted and

TANT, but was held over for little children-God bless them! lack of space occasioned by the printing of the political resolution of the S.W.P.—Ed.)

Starting on Monday, October 12, and giving her the gun for Dig up the corpse of Nostraseven rip-snorting days, Amer- a French grave, publish his ican capitalism is launching a astrological gibberish with more super-duper campaign to woo "interpretations" than text, dress God. Almighty, who "is always it up in the propaganda mill at on the winning side," away Hollywood, and assure a confused from Axis influence. In a word, National Bible Week is upon

And that reminds us again of Karl Marx and the accuracy with its own reassurance and fosters

**HOCUS-POCUS IN 1942** 

Every independent movement of staff display its bankruptcy at among the Negroes in his state in the French masses helps them to Dunkirk, Singapore, Tobruk? to say, was helping "to light the recent months. His reply was clarify their own social aims as Three dots and a dash and a but to the reactionary philosophy torch of dissension and destruction that since the beginning of the against the aims of the capitalist "V" on every wall will take the of a class society.

last week's issue of THE MILI- cultivated after school, by the -will take care of that.

Does there seem to be no force strong enough to overwhelm Hitler and the processes of reaction?

world that a miraculous conjuncture of stars is due to put Hitler out in 1944.

Do the masses look about for reassurance that wars and crises French toilers be considered as which he called his shots on are not to be their eternal lot, pro-Ally? It is very possible that capitalism. Somewhere in his and find no one to give them that than this man who rules virtually I had the opportunity to speak the same workers who risked writings he remarks that the assurance? Arrange huge outtheir lives to demonstrate against capitalist class, finding itself door mass prayers, sunrise cerean armed invasion by the United of crisis, the source of which it with processions and hymns and flickering tapers. Does the working class begin

to show signs of independent movies, full of false philosophy. Have the hero of "This Above What a mass of factual proof All" accept the vicious, reacon behalf of this contention our tionary advice of the Anglican preacher who tells him to disregard the dictates of his mind and follow the blind direction of Does the imperialist general his confused "soul," so that he can violate the counsel of Shakespeare and be true not to himself

Is the population slow to burst cannot leave the choice of hocusnot help but be a protest against into a patriotic fervor? A Vic- pocus to the whim of the private

of superstition against the progress of reason. Laymen's committees labor ardently to bolster the influence of the church. Ar-

of the Catholic Church in Rusthe German army. American capitalism, however,

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# Who Will Kill The Poll Tax

No one seriously expects the poll tax Democrats to do anything but fight to the bitter end against all efforts to kill the poll tax. They have lost the first round of the fight now that the House of Representatives has passed the Geyer bill prohibiting payment of poll taxes in elections to federal offices, but they are not discouraged because they know that they will be able to put up a much more effective resistance to the anti-poll tax measure in the Senate than they did in the House.

Four years ago, for example, when the House passed an anti-lynch bill, the poll taxers in the Senate filibustered it to death. In addition to having the filibustering device in the Senate, the poll taxers have a stronger control of important committees and greater bargaining power. So far as the poll taxers are concerned, then, the poll tax is far from dead.

What about the Republican members of Congress? Can they be depended on to push a fight on behalf of the legislation? It is true that the Republican fight for control of Washington has been handicapped for a long time by the poll tax which virtually assures the election of Democrats in one-sixth of the states. Nevertheless, the Republicans have failed to kill the tax every time they had complete control of both Houses.

Wouldn't it be to the Republicans' advantage to have these people voting, since the Republicans always lose in the poll tax states now? Perhaps, but no more than the Democrats do the Republican representatives of Big Business want to see a large number of poor whites and Negroes able to participate in elections. It would take a long time before the Republicans could make any electoral gains in the South, even with the poll tax gone, and meanwhile, if they help to abolish the tax, they might lose something they have now the collaboration of the Southern Democrats whose aid they have often found essential in combatting legislation that might in some way benefit the labor movement.

This same consideration, also determines the course of Roosevelt and his section of the Democratic Party. Roosevelt might not be president today but for the poll tax; a lot of the bills he's introduced might not have been passed but for the poll taxers. Roosevelt early this year stated briefly that he did not favor poll tax restrictions, but he has never exerted an ounce of pressure to abolish it. To think he might exert some now is like expecting the poll-taxers to support the destruction of their own political base.

Now this, of course, does not mean that individual Democrats or Republicans cannot be persuaded to vote for the anti-poll tax bill. They certainly can and they certainly will if the labor movement and the Negro people put sufficient pressure on them. But to entertain any illusions about what can be expected from the parties of Big Business on this question can be fatal so far as the anti-poll tax bill is concerned. They will not vote for the bill because they care about democratic rights, but only because they feel their political fortunes require them to make the record on the popular side.

That is why, now more than ever, the labor movement must let its voice be heard. Unless this is done, the anti-poll tax bill will not be passed by January 1, and the whole legislative fight will have to be begun again. NOW, and with energy, the labor movement must put the heat on Congress.

# Yes, Punish The War Criminals

On October 14, Molotov, Commissar for Foreign Affairs in the Soviet Union, issued a declaration calling for public frials of war criminals. Molotov's list of those to be singled out for punishment is limited to six "criminal Hitlerite rulers": Hitler, Goering, Hess, Himmler, Ribbentrop, and Rosenberg. Molotov goes on to propose that Hess, now a captive in England, "be brought to trial without delay."

Dispatches from London imply that this proposal is closely linked with the Kremlin's demand

for the second front and that it really expresses "Russian suspicion of Anglo-American support of the Soviet cause." (N. Y. Times, Oct. 16.)

The American Stalinists are linking Hess directly with the issue of the second front. Thus, James S. Allen writes in his Oct. 20 column in the Daily

"Hess and the second front are closely related. To Munichite and defeatist circles in Britain Hess presents the alternative to a second front."

It remains to be seen just what is really behind the latest diplomatic controversy between the Kremlin and its "democratic" allies. But there is another aspect to Molotov's declaration which is of vital importance to all workers. The question of Hess in particular and of war criminals in general is indissolubly bound up with the question of just who bears the responsibility for the war. Molotov does not lie when he points to the political rulers of Germany as war criminals. But this is not even a half-truth. Hitler and his henchmen are merely the representatives of all the war criminals in Germany, the German ruling capitalist class. Molotov does not even mention the Krupps, the Kirdorfs and Boersigs, and the other families of German industrialists, financiers and monopolists whom Fascism serves and for whose benefit and profits the Axis war is really being waged.

It is by no means accidental that the names of these war criminals are suppressed by Stalin's puppet. Had Molotov mentioned them in his declaration, the rest of his omissions would have been even more glaringly evident. This is an imperialist war. The ruling classes of England and America bear as much responsibility for this war as do their class brothers in Germany.

One of Stalin's greatest crimes against the world working class is that he hides this truth from the masses both inside and outside of the Soviet Union.

The English imperialists are not waging a war to destroy fascism. In order to preserve their smallest colony they would readily destroy every democratic right at home. They are sending the masses into the slaughter only in order to preserve their empire. America's Sixty Families pursue aims no less predatory, reactionary and imperialist than do the Krupps, the Kirdorfs and Boersigs of Ger-

They all bear the real responsibility for the war. They are all equally guilty. They, together with their political representatives, are the war

We are wholeheartedly in agreement with the idea of bringing all these criminals and their respective Hesses to trial without delay. When the workers of all countries have said their final say, this is precisely what they will do.

# Two Wars

There are two wars going on at the present

One of them is the so-called war to destroy fascism for which American workers in uniform are being shot to death every day on foreign battlefiields and American merchant sailors are being sent to the bottom of the sea by Axis submarines.

The other war is the war now being fought by the American bosses and their political agents against the labor movement.

In a speech to his masters on Oct. 19, Admiral Emory S. Land of the Maritime Commission told the Investment Bankers Association convention that he believed union "organizers ought to be shot

Land blustered that his pet hates were "organizers, profiteers, typewriter strategists and needle boys." But the only people he proposed to shoot

Land didn't say why he wanted to shoot union organizers. He didn't have to. The bankers understood that he was voicing their common objective in this war: the destruction of the American labor movement. Insofar as union organizers are protecting the interests of the workers, they are interfering with the profits of the parasite bankers and industrialists. Start by disposing of these organizers and end by making the trade unions illegal: that's the program of Big Business. It's also fascism. Only a few weeks ago another desk admiral named Moreell told a trade union convention that this country could not do without labor but it could do without labor unions, and that they were doing all right without unions in Germany, Italy and Japan.

Who is Admiral Land? He is an appointee of Roosevelt, the smiling-faced friend of labor. Roosevelt didn't repudiate Moreell. And he isn't likely to repudiate Land either, even though he is too astute to make such statements himself.

The probability that Roosevelt did not authorize Land's statement is not important one way or the other. The statement is significant because, as something which could be done by a part of the administration itself, it indicates the general direction in which the administration is moving. In this sense, such statements are even helpful in educating the workers to understand the real nature of this war: not a war against fascism, but a war against rival business men for profits abroad AND a war against American workers for profits here

The day isn't so far off when the American workers will be saying to hell with the phoney Admirals and the parasites they represent. When that day comes, the Admirals will be singing another tune because that will be the day when the real war against fascism begins - where it should begin, at home.

For a Rising Scale of Wages to Meet Rising Living Costs

# First Anniversary Of The Minneapolis Trial

(Continued from page 1)

Local 544 to exist under its own militant leader-

The Local 544 membership, in its overwhelming majority, backed its Trotskyist leaders, and went into the CIO, thanks to a charter offered by John L. Lewis. Here, too, however, the bosses and their government exerted pressure. Had the top leadership of the CIO given wholehearted backing to Local 544-CIO, not only could that local union have been saved from destruction at the hands of Tobin, but tens of thousands of truckdrivers throughout the country, inspired by Local 544's example, would have gone over to the CIO, creating a great new industrial union. Precisely to prevent this, Tobin appealed to Roosevelt, and Roosevelt publicly condemned the CIO for chartering Local 544!

The governmental pressure had its effect. Philip Murray and the top leadership of the CIO left the fight in Minneapolis primarily to such forces as the local union could muster by itself, while against it was arrayed the whole strength of the AFL officialdom and the government.

Neither Tobin's scores of thugs sent into Minneapolis, nor the huge sums he expended, could crush the militant local. He needed open, direct government support. It came in the form of the "sedition" trial. During six crucial weeks while the Tobin-Local 544 fight was on, the union leaders were tied up in the trial. It constituted a government warning to every Minneapolis truckdriver to dissociate himself from these "reds," or risk similar prosecution. What Tobin could never have achieved for himself, the government helped him do. After a long struggle, the drivers were forced back into Tobin's Interna-

### The Issue Made Clear

Despite all the government pressure, however, the frameup collapsed in one important phase. The jury refused to convict any of the 28 on count 1-which charged that the Union Defense Guard of Local 544 was an armed force, organized to overthrow the government by force and violence. It convicted 18 under count 2, which was based on the notorious Smith Act of 1940—this was the first case tried under it revolutionary socialism, but the jury recom-

mended leniency-clearly indicating its reluctance to send men to prison for long terms merely for their political opinions.

The jury's verdict thus made the issue clear. The government was persecuting men solely because they were devoted to the labor movement and were ready to lead it in militant struggle.

During the year that has passed, scores of trade unions have shown that they understand the real issue in this case. They are supporting, by resolutions and funds, the appeal of the 18 to the higher courts.

In the history of the labor movement, there have been notable trials which, designed as a blow against the labor movement, have been turned into the opportunity to arouse great masses of workers to understand the realities of the class struggle. Oustanding examples in America were the trial of Bill Haywood, the Mooney case, the prosecution of Eugene V. Debs.

Already, in the year since the Minneapolis trial began, this case has become such a rallying-point for the class education of the American working class. Many thousands of workers have already read the words of the defendants in the Minneapolis courtroom, as published in the two pamphlets, "Socialism on Trial," by James P. Cannon and "In Defense of Socialism," by Albert Goldman. These two pamphlets have become primers by which a new generation of American labor is being given its first education in the principles of the class struggle.

The response of the advanced workers to the Minneapolis trial is, however, only to be understood in the light of what is happening. Just as the trial itself is comprehensible only in terms of the war, so, too, the working class support of the defendants. More and more workers are beginning to understand that the Minneapolis trial was a blow against the entire labor movement, a part of the attempted regimentation of American labor.

The 18 defendants were sentenced on December 8—the very day the government formally entered the war. An appropriate symbol—that the entry should have been signalized by sentencing to prison 18 devoted adherents of the labor movement. It expresses the fact that the regimentation of American labor is utterly reactionary and which in effect makes it a crime to advocate serves, not the struggle against fascism, but the bosses' war against the workers.

# Navy Tries New Trick To Smash Seamen Unions

The government's running | Reserve) your only chance to | since it would be difficult for the offensive against organized safeguard your job at sea!" reads men to demand their enforcemaritime labor flared into the open again last week. This time it was the U.S. Navy that was used in a squeeze play designed

that a special Naval reserve has militants. been created for them. The leaflet

the closing paragraph of the leaflet.

Should the Navy (and Selective Service) be successful in its There appeared on the Seattle | subject to induction into the Navy waterfront a leaflet issued by the at any moment. Thus the govern-Naval recruiting service which ment would be in a position to informed the merchant seamen chop off the heads of all union

Once the seamen are forced warns that failure of the men to into the Naval Reserve, and subjoin the reserve may result in ject to call to active service. the draft boards sending them signed union contracts will be into the army. "It's (joining the nothing but a scrap of paper

### been the spear-head of labor's current drive, the seamen might resistance to the government's to rob the seamen of union not immediately be placed under maritime union busting tactics, protection and place them Navy discipline and wages and under the direct control of the military. Navy move. The October 15 issue of the Seafarers Log, official

gave prompt answer to the latest organ of the union, wrote: "The Brass Hats won't have to wait long for an answer from the men in the SIU-SUP. Their answer is the same now as it has

The Seafarers International

Union, which in the past has

peen in the past and will be in the future—NO NAVY UNI-FORMS-NO NAVY PAY-NO BRASS HAT DISCIPLINE. We will continue to sail the ships but only as free men under union conditions!" The Navy leaflet has appeared only in Seattle which would in-

dicate that the move is a trial balloon intended to test the temper of the men and their organizations. The full text of the leaflet

U. S. NAVY RECRUITING STATION, FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING, SEATTLE, WASH. Attention Maritime Men:

Is your draft number likely to remove you from the duties you have chosen as your life's work at sea?

Are you confronted with the idea that the war is going to haul you ashore and place you high and dry with a bayonet for your

That worry need not haunt you. There is a way out!

The United States Navy has opened class M-1 for just such men as you, so you can stay on your ship and do your regular job. By enlisting in an active status with the Navy's M-1 program, you can remain aboard the ship you are now on until such time as the Navy may have to take over that ship. You will be subject to call by selective

No other procedure could so adequately protect the personnel and guarantee the operation of much needed merchant marine. That's why the Navy has opened

service. You will be in the service

of your country.

At Navy recruiting headquarters, Federal Office Building, Seattle, there is a special enlistment officer to see to it that men of the merchant marine are this new Navy reserve unit. It's your only chance to safeguard

Ensign D. V. (S), U.S.N.R. M-1 Enlistment Officer

# NOTES FROM **ENGLAND**

What kind of paper is the British Sunday Dispatch? Recently this paper stooped into the GPU sewers to hurl a slander against British Trotskyists, a slander that they were receiving directives from a Nazi radio

Let us see who are the agents of Hitler. In October 1933, eight months after Hitler seized power, an article in this paper said:

"... The passionate sincerity of Hitler cried aloud. This was no cheap tub-thumping political firebrand but a fervent patriot and a realist. It is monstrously untrue to say that the Storm Troops and Brown Shirts are a new German army in disguise. Germany does not want another war. .."

And here it is again:

"Germany welcomed her savior, and largely owing to the obviously sincere and single-minded appeal of his policy he is today the adored leader of certainly 90 percent of the German population. Eight months ago Hitler became Chancellor of the Reich. Today, and I now speak of experience barely a week old, the whole atmosphere of Germany has changed. Sobriety has replaced license, patriotism has usurped Communism, virtue has abolished vice." (Dispatch, Oct.

This rag not only whooped it up for Hitler in Germany. It plugged for Oswald Moseley, would-be Black Shirt fascist Fuehrer of England. On Jan. 21, 1934 it featured a fervent editorial entitled: "The Blackshirts are coming."

And a few days later:

"To the world Sir Oswald Mosely: to Blackshirts, the Leader.

"He quests for a better, healthier, happier England like a King Arthur Knight for the Holy Grail."

The chief ally of this fascist rag engaged in the dirty work of brewing frameup scandals against the British Trotskyists is the Stalinist Communist Party. Remember the old saying: show me your friends...

The Socialist Appeal, a British Trotskyist paper, publishes the following notice in their September

"Ten Pounds REWARD.

"To any member of the Communist Party who can prove that the so-called quotations from Trotskyist publications in their pamphlet 'Clear-Out Hitler's Agents' are not forgeries. Or, to any member of the CP who can show any page of pamphlet which does not contain a minimum of five fies.—Socialist Appeal."

The Seventh Day Adventists will see their hoped for milennium long before our British comrades see that Stalinist walking through their doors with the proof that will get him his reward.

"Profits First" is the Motto of British Shipowners, says an article in the Socialist Appeal. Shipbuilders are proceeding in their merry way to build slow, large and cheap ships regardless of the fact that fast, streamlined vessels are needed to outrun Axis submarines. The reason is not difficult to find:

The shipyard industry is at present so constructed as to make it difficult to construct anything but jerry-built rustbuckets. To expand or rebuild the industry for its war-time needs would leave the shipbuilders with an "excess capacity" they could not

The government official in charge of shipbuilding is Sir James Lithgow. This belted duke is also President of the British Iron and Steel Federation. Get the connection?

How widespread is the mass movement in North Ireland against British imperialism and American occupation can be seen around the events surrounding the execution of the young Irish patriot Williams.

Originally six young Irish revolutionists were slated for execution for the alleged assassination of a policeman. Protests were strong enough to force a commutation of their sentences to 20 and 15 years im-

Williams was executed although evidence at the trial definitely proved that the shot which killed the cop was not fired from his pistol. The British imperialists have spilled the blood of an Irish patriot but they have not killed the movement.

Every day, news from England reports, incidents of opposition are taking place. Dozens of people are being arrested and interned. British and American soldiers have been confined to barracks and instructed never to go out in the blackout except in twos and

The vicious repression has given rise to a resurgence of the Irish labor movement. In Dublin, the Labor Party has for the first time received a majority. In Ulster, much to the dismay of the British imperialists following a policy of divide-and-rule, Catholic and Protestant workers are forgetting their religious differences and uniting against Orange reactionaries. The first result of this unity was the majority received by a Labor candidate in a byeelection reversing the vote which elected an Ulsterite reactionary in the last election.

As a proper christening for the British Daily Worker, Stalinist newspaper, the first day of republication after the government ban was lifted was marked by a strike of the printers.

The printers were striking because of the refusal of the Stalinist management to rehire a worker who had been employed on the paper up to the time of its suppression two years ago. The union called the firing a "case of victimization."

William Rust, editor of the paper, wired the Trade Union Congress then meeting in Blackpool, asking that the strike be called off. The request was rejected. While the strike was in progress and negotiations taking place, members of the C.P. were called in to scab on the strikers.

The Daily Worker management was finally forced to capitulate and reinstate the discharged worker.

# WLB Denies Union Shop To Union That Had It

By J. MICHAELS

had already achieved it.

reason for refusing to grant the for calling off the strike and union shop, the Board stated that | attempting a settlement. A mainneither workers nor employers tenance of membership clause, should gain any advantage from said the panel, is merely a device the "emergency" and that the to freeze the open shop. status quo should be frozen for

the duration. But now for the first time, in what may prove to be a precedent ployer asked for a change from order. the union shop to the open shop the Board granted that request, thus exposing the hypocrisy of

its previous statements. The union involved was Local Toy Workers (C.I.O.) at the WIN UNION SHOP

The workers fought almost against a union-hating reactionary management. Starting with a sit-down strike in Chicago, in 1937, the union finally organized both plants and in 1940 the company signed a union shop agreement. In 1941, the company refused to increase wages and a union-shop arrangement althe union went out on a six ready incorporated into a conweeks' strike. The strike was tract would appear to be re- handled quickly and efficiently in mediated under an agreement to ference of a dispute over renewal the process of enlistment into go back to work, negotiate a new of the agreement to the War agreement, and preserve the Labor Board." status quo. The company dragged Undoubtedly this is intended as out negotiations until after Pearl a tip to employers who want to

Labor Board took the case.

A panel of the War Labor CHICAGO, Ill.-The War Labor | Board heard all the evidence for Board in a recent decision exposed three days in Washington and its real character by taking away recommended that the union be the union shop from workers who allowed to keep the union shop. To do otherwise, said the panel In many previous cases, as a would be to penalize the union

Despite this panel recommendation, the Board members simply took away the union shop. Richard Frankensteen, the CIO for future cases, when the em- member joined in signing the

# HOW THE BOARD WORKS

The workers of Wilson-Jones now realize that the War Labor Board has done what the com-148 of United Paper, Novelty & pany itself could not accomplish. The Wilson-Jones case shows the Wilson-Jones Company, a large policy of the Board members: the stationery manufacturer in Eliza- employer members fight forever beth, New Jersey, and Chicago. for the open shop; the "public" members want to get rid of the union shop; and the labor members are so inextricably tied up single-handed for five years with the war machine that they are compelled to vote against the union shop.

Labor Relations Reporter, a dope-sheet on labor relations, analyzes the decision keenly in its October 5 issue:

"One way for a union to lose

Harbor, and finally the War take advantage of the war situation to get rid of the union shop.

its M-1 branch.

your job at sea! (signed) ROBERT S. DOLE,