End Post Office Persecution Of 'The Militant'!

-- An Editorial --

.The Post Office-Biddle attack on The Militant was not terminated by the March 7 order revoking the the second-class mailing privileges of this paper. Although The Militant was informed at that time that it could go through the third-class and fourthclass mails, the postal authorities have since then continued to persecute and harass this paper and to interfere in the most highhanded manner with its delivery to subscribers.

The New York Post Office has received orders to withhold all copies of The Militant from delivery until after they have been examined and released in Washington. The result has been to delay the delivery of the paper for as long as two weeks after its printing.

In reply to our protest against this procedure, Post Office Solicitor Vincent M. Miles wrote on March 29 that it would not be discontinued but that a decision concerning the "mailability" of each issue would be made in time for the paper to be dispatched on the Saturday of each week, two days after deposit at the Post Office. Here is how his promise was kept with the very next issue, dated April 3 and deposited on April 1:

To date, April 14, nothing further has been heard about this issue, despite numerous inquiries; it has not been found "objectionable" in Washington and it has not been released for delivery.

The Militant is the only paper in the country being subjected to political censorship and threatened issue by issue with non-delivery if its contents do not satisfy the bureaucrats in Washington. The reason is that The Militant is the nation's most consistent and hard-hitting defender of the rights of the labor movement, working farmers and Negroes, that it is the most merciless opponent of Big Business profiteering and fraud, that it is the most unsparing and honest working class critic of reactionary domestic and foreign policies of the administration.

So many labor and liberal organizations and journals have condemned the Post Office's attack on The Militant as a flagrant violation of freedom of the press that the authorities appear to have postponed their drive to completely silence this paper. But their continued and deliberate interference and delay in the delivery of this paper, even when they cannot find a pretext for not dispatching it, are evidence that they are determined to destroy its effectiveness, which is the next best thing, for their purposes, to outright suppression.

The interests of the struggle to preserve freedom of the press in wartime require mass protest as much against the Post Office's week-by-week infringement on The Militant's right to go through the third-class mails as against its cancellation of this paper's second-class privileges. Send your protests to the Solicitor, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C.

HOUSE PASSES VICIOUS ANTI-LABOR MEASURE

Hobbs Bill to Jail and Fine Unionists Wins Big Majority; Now Before Senate

On the heels of President Roosevelt's wage freezing order last week the House of Representatives intensified its war on labor by passing the Hobbs so-called "anti-racketeering bill." This bill, ostensibly aimed against racketeers but actually a vicious Argued May 17 attack on trade unionism, passed the House on April 9 by the overwhelming vote of 270 to 107.

The size of the majority rolled up for this anti-labor, anti-

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NEW ORDER FREEZES WAGES Sets Up Strictest Wage Control In U. S. History

Keep Your Eye On The United Mine Workers



"The executive order I have-signed today is a hold-the-line order."-Franklin Roosevelt, Apr. 8, 1943

Department's index.

living.

Govt. Living Cost Index Branded As Inaccurate

The Department of Labor's cost-of-living index is branded as grossly inaccurate and unreliable in the April issue of The American Federationist by the AFL's chief economist, Boris inishkin, who cites figures from an AFL survey to show that

And Shishkin's estimate of how the consumers' dollar has

shrunk does not include greatly increased tax burdens placed on

most of the workers since 1939, nor the fact that the value of

many commodities has been lowered while prices remained sta-

The labor movement cannot depend on the administration's

prices have gone up far above the figures shown in the Labor

the consumer dollar today is worth only 67 cents. . ."

Miners Still Cowardice Of Labor Leaders Seek Raise Is Responsible For New Blow In Wages

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Bolstered by President Roosevelt's order freezing wages, the southern coal operators have again taken the offensive in an effort to break up the current negotiations with the United Mine Workers over their demands for wage increases to compensate for the rising cost of living.

On April 12 Edward R. Burke president of the Southern Coal Producers Association, sent a telegram to the president inform ing him that his "hold-the-line" order ruled out the granting o the miners' demands. Burke' telegram gave extravagant praise to Roosevelt's wage-freezing orde and then requested, for the second time within a week, that the coal controversy be immediately cer tified to the War Labor Board. The miners, despite the blows eveled at them by the operators and the Roosevelt wage-freezing policy, are sticking to their guns and are demanding relief from the squeeze of high prices and low pay. Despite the betrayals of the AFL and CIO officials, the miners are relying on the support of rank and file union members throughout the country.

This was made clear by UMW's President John L. Lewis in a special press conference held last Sunday: "The United Mine Workers," he said, "and its membership will continue to make this fight for the millions of our population represented by their membership and their dependence on the farm and labor population of the country who are so obviously and understandingly in sympathy with our efforts.'

Roosevelt Reaffirms Little Steel Formula, **Gives McNutt Full Job-Freezing Authority**

By Anthony Massini

President Roosevelt's executive order of April 8 places wages under the most drastic and sweeping controls in United States history. Completely freezing the incomes of the great majority of the wage earners while merely repeating the often-made promises about controlling prices, the effect of the new order will be to speed up the reduction of the masses' living standards to a level lower than that which pre-

vailed in the worst years of the last depression.

His latest decree was de-

scribed by Roosevelt as a living has risen almost one and "hold - the - line" order. ing this period. Everyone realized that Only a very small proportion of the workers has not already what he was really hold- received the 15% raise permitted ing back was the effort of by the Little Steel formula; and the leaders of every important the labor movement, and union in the country have been particularly of the mine workers who are now engaged in contract negotiations, to bring their wages into line with rising living costs.

BOSSES HAPPY This was shown positively by the universal approval and delight with which the order was greeted by all sections of Conress and the capitalist press, both Roosevelt; and it was shown negatively by the shocked surprise few people. In certain cases "in-CIO first reacted to the order.

compelled by pressure from their members to protest the continued application of this formula. The only permissible exceptions to the stringent wage provisions

a half times over that figure dur-

of the new decree are "reasonable adjustments of wages and salaries in case of promotions, reclassifica. tions, merit increases, incentive wages or the like. . .

Since most workers are not pro-Roosevelt and anti- promoted or reclassified for years, this obviously will affect and apprehension with which the centive wages" might bring highnational leaders of the AFL and er pay checks for a time, but only through the reintroduction of the Roosevelt chose a strategically nerve-wracking speedup-stretch-

democratic measure indicates the Dtemper of Congress which is modify or effect labor sections of determined not only to shackle the Clayton Anti-Trust Act, the Norris-La Guardia Anti-Injunction labor with the costs of the war Act, the Railway Labor Act or the but to use the war as an excuse National Labor Relations Act. to smash the workers' organiza-This amendment was a meaningless gesture, as the Congresstions.

The Hobbs bill amends a 1934 anti-racketeering act by providing of the Hobbs bill.

penalties of up to 20 years' imprisonment and up to \$10,000 fine for interference with interstate ican Federation of Labor and which contained a slightly more commerce by robbery or extortion.

THE BILL'S DANGER

It is easy to conceive of how the courts could easily interpret legitimate union activity, organizing drives, strikes, picket lines, tained in the bill were placed etc., as constituting interference there for the specific purpose of with interstate commerce and could on this basis imprison and SENATE PROSPECTS fine active unionists.

The bill defines robbery as "the unlawful taking or obtaining of its passage there in the near nersonal property from the person . . . against his will, by means jury . . . to his person or property."

Thus the property of the employer and his strike breakers become involate. A picket line which the head of labor. They believe agent and steward of the memstopped the movement of supplies that further concessions can be bership and turned over the money into a strike-bound plant would wrung from labor under threat at their direction." of its passage. conceivably make the unionists "racketeers" under this bill. And remember, this is not a "war New York Meeting measure," it is intended for all

time. Extortion is defined by the bill In the Armed Forces as "the obtaining of property from another with his consent induced by wrongful use of actual or threatened force, violence, or fear under color of official right."

the workers of their economic strength through union organization and action could be interpreted as "actual or threatened use of force, violence, or fear."

THE AMENDMENTS

character of the bill, the House thorities of the "no-discrimina-

Supreme Court will be heard on Monday, May 17, the Civil Rights Defense Committee announced this week. Postal, secretary-treasurer of Minneapolis Teamsters Local 544-CIO, faces up to five years in prison as a result of one of the most

Kelly Postal's

Appeal to Be

Oral argument in the Kelly

Postal appeal to the Minnesota

men well knew, for it completely vicious frameups in American failed to draw the anti-labor teeth labor history.

Kelly Postal's conviction is a The Celler amendment, which continuation of the persecution had been sponsored by the Amerlaunched against 28 Socialist Workers Party leaders and 544-CIO members in the famous clear-cut protection of union ac-Minneapolis labor case of 1941.

tivity, was decisively defeated by POSTAL'S "CRIME" the House in a voice vote. By this

tionary or even rose. action the House clearly indicated As secretary-treasurer of the that the broad definitions of local union, Postal merely obeyed "robbery" and "extortion" con- the unanimous vote of the union cost-of-living index any more than it can depend on the administration's promises to halt the rise in living costs. The trade membership at a regular meeting unions today must fight for a rising scale of wages to meet to take 544's funds with them out interfering with union activity. of the AFL and into the CIO. the rising cost of living; in addition they must work out their These funds belonged to the local own cost-of-living index on which to base the rising wage scales.

union, since all per-capita taxes The Hobbs bill now goes to the had been paid to the International. Senate. Considerable support for Postal was never accused of misusing these funds personally. future has already been organized. In Postal's first trial on these There are, powever, a group of 'embezzlement" charges in Jan., Senators who are mildly critical 1942, Judge Hall directed the jury of force, violence, or fear of in- of the measure and believe that to discharge the case, declaring: it "goes too far at this time." In other words, opponents of the must have believed they had measure are in favor of with- right to transfer these monies by

holding immediate approval be- resolution, as they attempted t

Tobin then pressed the County

for a second time on the same write a hasty "finis" to the U.S. kind of indictment which differed Steel scandal involving the fakfrom the first only in the amount of money Postal was/ alleged to nave "embezzled." This time, on May 1, 1942, Postal was found seamen in the armed forces of the scandal rested with top man-

'guilty." The Civil Rights Defense Com-

On-Washington Movement' will hold a mass meeting on the Winfred Lynn case and against Here again the employment by Jim Crowism in the armed forces

on Thursday, April 22, 8:30 P. M. at the Golden Gate Ballroom

Movement's campaign to gather

nation-wide support for Lynn, the

Lenox Ave. and 140 St., New York. The meeting is part of the

Attorney to bring Postal to trial bined last week in an effort to **To Protest Jim Crow**

NEW YORK-The Negro March

mittee is now conducting a cam-Holding a brief closed meeting paign to help defray the expenses on April 8, the WPB heard Beninvolved in Kelly Postal's appeal. jamin Fairless, president of U.S.

facts. This drive for funds has already Steel, report that employes alleged

In spite of this, no open moves report the scandal, while others, met with encouraging response to be responsible for the faked among liberal and labor circles tests had been discharged. Accord- have been made to bring such such as the N. Y. Times, "angled" interested in defending the demo- ing to the N. Y. Times, the produc- officials to justice, and the Fair- the story to whitewash U. S. Steel cratic rights of labor. This week's tion record of the steel industry less denial of any responsibility by loading their report with alibis contributors to the Kelly Postal was then praised by Donald is blandly accepted by the press Defense Fund include Knitgoods Nelson and the Board adjourned. and used as an excuse to close the Negro draftee whose suit alleging Workers Local 155, ILGWU, New

the United States and its allies.

Fairless' contention that only issue. To camouflage the anti-labor violation by the military au-York, and the Wood, Wire and subordinate employees were in-The bald facts are that U.S. to hurl at the miners who are Metal Lathers International Union volved in the faking of tests which Steel has made millions of dol- now fighting U. S. Steel-conadopted the Sumner amendment tion" clause in the 1940 Draft Act of Minneapolis, Minn. All friends allowed the shipping of inferior lars in profits by selling steel to trolled coal mine operators for a at the last moment. This amend- will come up before the Supreme of labor are urged to send their steel to the navy merchant marine the armed forces. There is no decent wage, but they have joined versity Place.

ment provides that nothing in the Court in a few months. All op- contributions to the Civil Rights and for lend-lease use, is at way of knowing just what per- almost unanimously in the camsection dealing with extortion ponents of Jim Crow are urged Defense Committee, 160 Fifth variance with all the implications centage of the steel is subof the testimony taken by the standard and may, at this moment, in this fraud.

MINERS' DEMANDS

The miners are continuing to In one community where the Labor Department showed an carry their story to the people in increase of 22%, the AFL found a 381/2% rise in the cost of to pose as a fighter against rising advertisements in 60 of the counliving costs while he undertook try's largest newspapers. A five In another community where the Labor Department reported measures which cannot halt rising column advertisment appeared on a rise of 23.7%, the AFL survey discovered a rise of 32%. costs but which will further tie April 12 which dealt with the the hands of the workers and The Labor Department index shows a living cost rise of question of portal-to-portal payapproximately 23% since August, 1939. But Shishkin insists: ment. "Do you know that coal "It would be a conservative assumption that since August, 1939, miners who are paid for a 'seven mounting cost of living. the cost of living has gone up at least 33%. . . This means that hour day' actually spend an

average of at least eight and a WAGE PROVISIONS half hours below the ground?" the The provisions of the new advertisement asked.

lecree concerning wages went far This advertisment refers to beyond all of Roosevelt's previous UMW demands that the workers. decrees. It was possible for Roose. receive pay from the time they velt's lieutenants to pretend that appear for work on company some of his 1942 wage orders property until the time they check out. Lewis has indicated a willinging"-but his new decree is so ness to modify the union's demand 'clear and specific," to use his for a \$2 daily wage increase and own words, that no one can cover offered to accept a 6 day week with up its meaning and intent. the sixth day's pay at time and a

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Try To Whitewash U.S. Steel to discharge the case, declaring: "The membership of the union Faking Of Armor Plate Tests

negie-Illinois Steel Corporation,

out that the president of Carnegie

War Production Board and Boss Press Combine cause of its value as a club over do. Postal, the defendant, was the To Place Blame On Minor Officials

The War Production Board | Truman Senate Committee which | be jeopardizing the lives of solfirst uncovered the scandal last diers or sailors. It is known that and the capitalist press commonth. one ship built with these sub-stan-

Testimony given by officials and dard plates, the S.S. Schenectady, inspection supervisors at the Car- snapped in half on its trial run

for the corporation's top officials

These capitalist propagandists

can not find charges vile enough

last January. No one will ever ing of tests on steel armor plate U. S. Steel subsidiary caught in know how many men will die bewhich endangered the lives of passing the sub-standard steel, in- cause of faulty equipment turned more than 15% above the rates

sailors and merchant marine dicated that the responsibility for out by a profit-hungry steel trust. of Jan., 1941 although the cost of agement circles. Truman pointed PRESS WHITEWASH

Roosevelt's Freezing Order to Be In spite of the startling nature Hlinois had "not given very strong of this case, the press has distorted Discussed At New York Open Forum cooperation" in uncovering the some of the facts and suppressed others. Many papers failed to even

William F. Warde, popular | connection between it and the coal Trotskyist lecturer and writer, crisis. He will also discuss the will speak on "Why Roosevelt the CIO and AFL leaders and its administration's relations with Froze Jobs and Wages" at the failure to freeze profits and veto next session of the Sunday Open the repeal of the \$25,000 salary Forum, to be held April 18, 8 limitation.

P. M., at the New York School will deal are: Can Roosevelt Other questions with which he of Social Science hall, 116 Uni- control rising profits? Are wage increases responsible for infla-

In his lecture Warde will tion? Why is Roosevelt being April 8 freezing order and the open anti-labor position?

lever moment for the issuance easily be manipulated against the of his order. His yeto of the Bankinterests of the workers and head bill to raise farm price ceilwhich the labor movement fought ings gave him the appearance of impartiality and the opportunity for decades to abolish.

"INEQUITIES" TO REMAIN

The labor leaders noted with consternation and dismay that Roosevelt's April 8 order made make it exceedingly difficult for no mention of wage raises to them to successfully combat the eliminate "inequities," a provision in all of Roosevelt's previous wage decrees under which the unions were able on occasion to wring a few cents' raise from the War Labor Board.

The provision in itself was unimportant and used by the WLB seldom and only as an escape clause to appease angry workers were "stabilization, and not freez. denied wage raises under the Little Steel formula. But the fact that Roosevelt now omits this provision is a sign of the direction in which the wind is blow-

The government agencies are ing.

directed by the order "to authorize Other important aspects the no further increase in wages or April 8 order included:

salaries except such as are clearly Authorization for War Manecessary to correct substandards power Commissioner McNutt to of living. . .' prevent workers from shifting to

The government's concept of jobs paying higher wage rates substandard" wages has never than their former jobs "unless the been clearly defined, but its at- change of employment would aid on this question as dem. in the effective prosecution of the in the War Labor war." Thus the miners, for ex-Board's decisions during the last ample, could be prevented from year has made it abundantly clear leaving the mines to accept higherthat the administration does not paying jobs elsewhere. regard the wages of the over-The granting of increased wage

whelming majority of the workpowers to Economic Stabilization ers as substandard. Director Byrnes, with a cor-

esponding decrease, for the time 15% FORMULA UPHELD The same provision of the order

being at least, in the powers of the War Labor Board. The labor reaffirms the Little Steel formula, members of the WLB violently which limits wage raises to no protested Byrnes' intervention into

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tracts.

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TRADE UNION Roosevelt Freezes Wages NOTES (Continued from page 1) [given expression by UMW Pract.]

By E. R. Frank

In the wake of Kansas, Texas | other daily newspaper in Akron. and Colorado, the state legis-"The establishment of such a newspaper is in the realm of latures of Idaho and South Dakota have passed repressive anti-labor possibility. It can be financed promise he has made so many laws which prohibit picketing and through the support of Akron's times in the last year-that he other forms of labor action at all labor unions and their individual would take steps to control prices. agricultural establishments, while members. He added: "Some prices affecting

"It is the desire of the Summit the cost of living are already Oregon adopted a law which limits workers' opportunities to collect County Labor News that a new above the levels of Sept. 15, 1942,' back pay from chiseling em-publishing company be formed the so-called stabilization date of immediately and stock offered for his previous decree. "All of these ployers.

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Eric Peterson, Vice President

of Machinists, has denied that

negotiations were under way for

a merger of the IAM and the

* * *

The Daily Worker was caught

red-handed in its campaign of

withdrawing from the AFL.

An important battle is now sale to unions and members of cannot be rolled back. But some taking place in the key industrial organized labor. . .' Hats off to the Akron labor back." Roosevelt is vague here state of Ohio over the French Bill which would virtually outlaw movement! If they go through much vaguer than in respect to unionism. The purpose of the bill with this proposal, they will re- wages, but he is specific enough in its own words is to "protect ceive renown all over the coun- about not returning all prices to try as the pioneers of the coming their Sept., 1942 levels. the right of employes to refrain from joining a union." daily labor press.

500 representatives of all sections of the Ohio labor movement attended the Judiciary Committee hearing on the hill demanding its defeat. Phil Hannah. AFL spokesman. stated: "This bill is closer to absolute totalitarianism than any measure that has ever been Machinists Union will, however, submitted to an American legissoon conduct a referendum on lature-it belongs in Nazi Germany.'

TWO-

Ted Silvey, CIO State Secretary, predicted that if the French Bill passed, all of Ohio labor lying and misrepresentation on leaders would be in jail "except the "incentive pay" plan. In a letthose who would desert the inter to the Daily Worker printed on terests of their members." April 9, Percy Llewelyn, the newly-On April 12, the notorious Rickenbacker appeared before the local of the UAW-CIO, stated: Ohio State Legislature and called for the virtual outlawing of unionstory of April 5 on incentive pay ism. "You won't be the first state plan is the inference that I adto do it." he said. "Others already have had the courage to do so." Ohio is a good place to start the campaign to roll back the UAW-CIO. Such inference is unanti-labor offensive. The labor true.' movement if it fights is more powerful than all the money bags,

the corporation lawyers and the lackeys in the state legislatures.

The Summit County Labor News, official publication of the they point out that a survey of interests of the union movement. the Aircraft War Production Akron & Summit County labor movement, states in a front page editorial that the labor movement is "incensed by unjust attacks" and transportation difficulties. of the Akron Beacon Journal, the city's only daily newspaper.

Workers constitute the vast of the million dollar corporations, no serious intentions of putting bulk of Akron's population," the reveals in its March number that up a fight, that they were capit editorial points out. "Still day the four most important causes tulating to the pressure of the after day, the workers are being of absenteeism in plants are sick- war administration. By their ac slandered, unjustly attacked and ness, bad housing, low wages and tions they have joined forces with held up to public ridicule by this homesickness. Fortune concludes the administration against the ingiant octopus in newspaper form." that the way to remedy this "new terests of the labor movement

Journal represent anyway? Cer- these causes. tainly not the thousands of work-

"It is the opinion of the Summit stop apologizing and hurl the pleas early this month that they County Labor News," the editorial accusation about absenteeism back would not press for wage raises concludes, "that the best interests into the teeth of the hypocritical if only Roosevelt would do someof Akron would be served by the and blood thirsty War profiteers thing to curb price rises, they laid immediate establishment of an-land their Rickenbackers.

"The farmer and miner in efno consideration of wear or tear or depreciation of human plant facilities while corporate industry s given ample allowance for maintenance of plant and equipof these can and should be rolled ment and \$6.250.000.000 in nine months of monetary awards for luxurious living or any other consideration.

abor organizations such as the ation of the appointment by re-ships called for in the initial ing the old-line shipyards. Beyond repeating the same old AFL and CIO, through their viewing Land's long record of order. generalities about the need for leaders, have adopted a policy of price control, Roosevelt did little cringing toadyism to the adof the International Association to assure the masses that living ministration coupled with a blind costs could be controlled. He said worship, of the astoundingly unnothing at all, for example, about sound economic policies of the adblack markets by means of which ministration.

UAW-CIO. He stated that the price control of several com-"The United Mine Workers and Aiken and inserted in the Conits membership will continue to gressional Record of March 30,

The big manufacturers and make this fight. . ." distributors can and do resort to WHAT IS NEEDED black market sales when they

The labor movement has been feel their profits are limited to struck a powerful blow by Rooseany important degree by the velt's decree, the full consequences and shipbuilding contracts. The half-way measures of the adminof which are yet to be felt. istration. But the workers do not Recovery from this blow is dif- this committee-that Land had have any similar means, legal or

illegal, of evading the restrictive ficult, and it is made still more sabotaged the Higgins contract to elected President of the Ford provisions concerning their wages in the new decree. "One of the several errors in your | GREEN AND MURRAY This blow at the workers was fensive, are fully possible. made possible only by the policies vocate such a plan and did ad- of capitulation of both William

vocate it during the election just Green and Philip Murray, reprenot on the needs of the admincompleted at Ford local 600, senting the top leaderships of the AFL and CIO. It is obvious now Soviet bureaucracy, as is the case

that their opposition to the Little Steel formula last month was only Big Business knows the truth a pretense, carried out only to save industrial studies in their own the suspicions of the workers that house organ Wall Street Journal, their leaders were betraying the It is clear now, as it was last Council revealed that 95% of all month when the top leaders of the Business.

absences in West Coast airplane AFL and CIO promised to remain factories was found due to illness as members of the WLB even after that body had upheld the Fortune magazine, the organ Little Steel formula, that they had

"Just whom does the Beacon national malady" is to remove which are finding expression at the present time in the campaign

modities is evaded today.

With these facts in mind, it is of the United Mine Workers for time for the labor movement to higher wages. By their whining

the groundwork for the April 8

(Continued from page 1) the West Coast aircraft wage case last month on the ground that he had been responsible for the denial of the workers' justified wage demands. PRICE PROMISES Received also repeated the Received the the research the second the the research the second the working farmers of the workers and working farmers to keep up with rising living costs:

fect are being asked to maintain their living standards on a sta-Admiral Land Intervened Because It Was Producing So Rapidly tus quo, ante-bellum basis with That It Embarrassed Old Line Companies, AFL Report Charges

> When Rear Admiral Emory costs on \$1 per hour, the report ing for exorbitant profits for his S. ("shoot 'em at sunrise") declares that "the government company."

Land's reappointment as head would have saved in labor costs of the Maritime Commission was being considered by the launched;" and goes on to add eliminating the Higgins plant, U. S. Senate two weeks ago, that the Higgins contract "would Mr. Powell and the Maritime Senator Aiken of Vermont vain- have saved the government at Commission succeeded in re-es-"It is beside the point that other ly attempted to block confirm- least \$50,000,000" on the total 200 tablishing their policy of protect-

> But it was this very efficiency collusion with Big Business in that alarmed Land and his addefrauding the government on visors, for had Higgins been alshipbuilding and operating conlowed to build ships at the speed and low costs foreseen, those in-One juicy item uncovered by terests which dominated the Maritime Commission and control the existing shipyards, (U. was the hitherto unpublished find-S. Steel, Bethlehem Steel, etc.), ines of a committee set up by the would have had difficulty compe-American Federation of Labor to ting with Higgins and maintain-

investigate Land's cancellation of ing their high rate of profit. the Higgins Corporation shipvard "Both the Bureau of Ships and the Maritime Commission," says general conclusions reached by

the AFL report, "have for years openly pursued a policy of protecting existing shipyards, by opposing construction of new yards by independent firms."

BETHLEHEM'S AGENT

Among the group which determines this policy is Joseph W. Powell, special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy and THE AFL'S CHARGES dominant figure on the Bureau of dent of the Bethlehem Shipbuilddent of the United Shipyards, Inc., which consolidated all the major ship-repair yards in the New York

tions and rights in time of war. less. Basing the average labor through an unfair contract, provid-



The meat situation national-1 was frantically struggling to they could dispose of them to who was responsible for the fraud, y has assumed the proportions of an open scandal. The large of an open scandal. The large person into adequate rations of profits.

cities are at the mercy of specu- meat, fat, and cheese for her While the hotel supply firms Commission, and 'the Senate con- mean that Held is included among family and experimenting with were trying to figure out how to firmed the nomination. lators and racketeers. In Al-

Miners Still Seek Raise In Wages

(Continued from page 1) half, and the guarantee of 52 weeks work in the year at the present wage scale. The operators have rejected both the portal-toportal demand and the 6 day week, 52 week year compromise.

STEELMAN'S LINE, AND THE OPERATORS

Meanwhile the negotiations continued this week with Dr. John R. Steelman, Roosevelt's personal representative, attempting to bring about some sort of a settlement. The report continues. ". . . he It is obvious from Steelman's conduct that the administration, despite its sweeping wage regulations, is seeking to reach a compromise settlement and thus dispose of the highly inflammable situation in the coal fields. It is for this reason that Steelman has been opposing the southern operators in their efforts to throw the entire controversy into the about cancelling the Higgins con-

tracts by first of all instructing lap of the War Labor Board. As Lewis has pointed out, the its public relations department to coal operators have already re-"soft pedal on Higgins, soft pedal on Kaiser, and build up Bethlehem ceived enough coal price concessions from the government in order to grant the union's demands and still turn a nice profit. But artificially create a shortage of the operators, controlled by U.S. steel plates and informed Nelson Steel and Wall Street, want to that it was necessary to cancel the the Higgins contract. The AFL make an example of the miners. They want to so decisivly defeat report says of this, "Not only was them that the workers in other this deception practiced on the industries will hesitate to chalpublic, but factual misrepresentations and concealment of material lenge their exploiters.

Moreover, the intransigence of facts were resorted to by Admiral the operators in the present The fat melon of a 200 ship negotiations is aimed at pressurcontract, originally awarded to ing the government into the ad-Higgins, was now divided among justment of coal prices to a still higher level should a compromise the old-line companies at an unsettlement with Lewis and the miners be supported by the administration.

> **Clarification On** '4th Intl.' Article And Walter Held

The March issue of the magazine, Fourth International, printed an article by Marc Loris, "The German Revolution in the Leninist Period." an answer to an interpretation of the German events after the first world war which had been written by Walter Held "In asserting that a shortage and printed in previous issues of of steel was the reason for the the magazine.

cancellation of the Higgins con- The March 13 issue of The Militracts the Maritime Commission tant carried a short notice calling selected an excuse that was with- attention to Loris' article as "an excellent contribution to the strug-The AFL concluded by asking gle against the petty-bourgeois that the contracts be restored to elements who strive to show that Higgins. This, of course, was not | Bolshevism was responsible for done. Furthermore, Admiral Land | Stalinism."

the sake of clarification The Mili-

tant wishes to make it clear that

this was not the intention of the

short paragraph on Loris' article.

was fully aware of the fact that

Walter Held in an exponent of

The author of this paragraph

A reader of The Militant sugterm as head of the Maritime Held," this could be taken to such anti-Bolshevik elements. For

What is required is a policy of published until Aiken inserted them in the Congressional Record. istration-or on the needs of the THE PROFIT ANGLE The Higgins contract was for with the Stalinist policy-but on the construction of a shipbuilding Ships. He is a former vice presithe interests of the working men yard in New Orleans which, at the and women. What is required is peak of operation, would turn out ing Corporation and former presiabout absenteeism. In a series of face with their ranks and to allay a leadership that boldly carries Liberty ships at the unheard of out the wishes and furthers the rate of 2 per day. This was to be aspirations of its members, not accomplished by a new assemblyone that knuckles down to the line method worked out by Andrew demands of the agents of Big Higgins, president of the company. According to the AFL report,

difficult by the servile acceptance protect existing U.S. Steel yards of the decree by the Murrays and and Bethlehem Steel-had been the Greens. Nevertheless recovery. released by the AFL last Novemand even the assumption of the of- ber. However, many of the details of the scandal remained un-

area except the Todd Company. The AFL report points out that it was this same Powell who had Only with that kind of policy the Higgins yard would have cut represented the shipyards in and leadership can the workers the man-hours in constructing the World War I and had "used the successfully defend their condi-ships from 500,000 to 230,000 or Nation's desperation to force

Burch Discusses Fight To Abolish Jim Crow

the regular Sunday Open Forum living standards. of the New York School of So-

cial Science, held on April 11 at 116 University Place. Burch showed how the continuation of discriminatory practices the ranks of the workers and to against the Negro workers in industry and in the armed forces today belies the claims of capitalist propagandists that the present war is being waged to preserve the democratic liberties of the masses.

He traced Jim Crow to its source as one of the foulest weapons employed by the ruling class to prevent the natural unity and solidarity of white and colored workers. His account of how white and Negro workers have success fully battered down this cleverly erected barrier in the course of numerous strikes and jointly brought the corporations to their knees formed one of the most inspiring parts of the lecture.

The Negro worker, Burch pointed out, has demonstrated in

The speaker also described the programs of various Negro organizations and subjected them to will be reached. a thorough going Marxist analysis

He explained that despite their An important contribution to short comings the Trotskyists give the campaign as well as to the wholehearted support to the education of the membership is Harry Frankel on dialectical demand of these organizations the publication of a symposiumthat Negroes be granted their bulletin, containing articles by a rightful place in the industrial expansion now taking place in the contents of Comrade Trotsky's U. S. book.

Trotskyists in the factories

Milton Alvin's article of ap- by their study of Trotsky's writpersistently combat racial prepreciation places Trotsky's book ings on the subject. judices of the white workers and among the great classics of the seek to teach them, just as they Marxist movement and points out especially instructive since it University Place, N. Y. C. do with Negro workers, that unity of Negro and white against their that in "In Defense of Marxism" shows that those who did not go

at dangerously sub-standard wage Bourgeois Opposition." She re-movement make it required read-

common oppressor is a necessary Trotsky has not only, summed up through the struggle against the step toward the solution of the the lessons of almost a century revisionists can nevertheless abof Marxist struggle but forged a sorb the lessons of the struggle problems of both. Roosevelt's April 8 executive new weapon for revolutionary by a careful study of this new

order freezing wages will work its workers. The Bulletin contains an article greatest hardship upon the Negro by Myra Ward entitled "Trotsky Defense of Marxism" illuminates masses, especially in the South, who are already forced to subsist After the Split With the Petty. the fundamental concepts of our

NEW YORK - Jim Crow levels. However, the blow is aimed and the Second World War was at the working class as a whôle, and only the united efforts of the the subject of a lively discus- entire class can effectively meet sion led by Arthur Burch at this latest attack on the masses

In conclusion Burch discussed in sidetracking the wage demands the need for carrying the struggle on to the political arena. He pointed to the fact that the bosses use their political parties to divide Daily Worker and in the unions nass legislation to achieve the same end. A labor party based on the trade unions and embracing both white and colored workers would constitute a powerful weapon in the hands of the masses

both in smashing Jim Crow, and in furthering all of the economic | LEWIS' STATEMENT

And now, in openly or tacitly bany a legislative committee on make one-half pound of meat seem hotels and restaurants who were approving the April 8 decree, they have stabled in the back not nutrition announced that "an like two-health authorities warn- restricted in their purchases by organized gang has made New ed of the danger of protein in- points, the OPA helped them solve only the miners and John L. York the Eastern headquarters sufficiency in the nation's diet, their difficulties. Meat in danger Lewis but also the rank and file of their black market opera- particularly for those engaged in of spoilage, it seems, may be sold members of their own unions.

THE STALINISTS Everything that can be said about the treachery and cowardice of the official labor leaders applies with equal force to the Stalinists,

who have been the advance guard of the workers into the blind alley of dependence on the administration to control prices. Both in the they dominate they have hailed the April 8 order and are trying to utilize the workers' demand for

wage increases to put over the return of the speedup and piecework to "increase production for a second front."

and political interests of labor.

movement.

Marxist classic.

The clarity with which "In

mittee, estimated "that one out of every five pounds of meat now being consumed is uninspected and health-endangering." Not only are meat prices skyrocketing, but meat substitutes and high. Poultry prices have been

mounting steadily. Investigations | Meat." and ceiling prices were promised after complaints of the Federation of Kosher Butchers of N. Y. forced to pay from 16 to 20 cents the prevailing price. Vegetables

and fruits are 100 to 177% higher than at this time last year. The attitude of the masses was | While the average housewife

tions." Senator Thomas C. increased physical activity, as war at a lessened point value. So the big supply houses, claiming that workers are today. Desmond, chairman of the comthe huge stock in their coolers WHERE IS THE MEAT? was about to spoil, could sell their The main reason advanced for meat at four points a pound inthe lessened supply for civilians stead of eight, thus selling twice is the huge demand of the Army, the amount of meat and making Navy and Lend-Lease program. an extra profit.

Yet the N. Y. Times of April 5 are keeping pace. Fish is scarce carried an article headlined: Army Has Trouble Getting

an pay fancy prices at hotels and Where, one wonders, is the restaurants will have a variety meat? A partial answer was given of meat to choose from. The diet in PM of April 2. Hotel supply of the wealthy will not be disclosed that they were being houses, it claims, were glutted deficient in protein or anything with meat the first week that else, rationing or no rationing, a pound more for poultry than rationing began. Since the ceiling war or no war. prices on meat for hotels and

GRADE MARKING OUT restaurants is higher than the When the latest dollar-and-cents retail ceiling price, these supply

celling price order on beef, veal, houses, many of whom are sublamb and mutton was signed by sidiaries of large packers, simply neld on to their huge stocks until Prentiss Brown on March 27, it

contained a provision requiring all stores to mark the grade of he meat on each cut. It was earned last week that this provision has since been eliminated rom the order. According to Charles Fleischer, head of the OPA's Food Distribution Branch and a former A. & P. official:

None of this meat, however, will

find its way to the table of the

average family. Only those who

"Grade-marking would add to the already heavy burden of the retailers without substantially easing the enforcement problem." He insisted that prices "would indicate the grade of the cut as well as the grade mark." (PM April 8.) Without the grade of the meat clearly marked, the opportunity for price ceiling violations are obviously greater.

Spokesmen for the OPA contend that the problem is one mainly of distribution. Meat distributors, they say, have to realize that while "lax" methods were good enough for peacetime, they cannot function during war.

We agree in part with the spokesmen of the OPA. We would like to see the most efficient handling of the production and distribution of meat and all foodstuffs at all times and that is why we believe the control of such necessities of life should be taken out of the hands of private individuals. When the workers control the production and distribution of food-there will be no shortages, no black markets and no profiteers.

starchy fillers and substitutes to dispose of this hoarded meat to Where You Can Get THE MILITANT Boston-Adelman's Newsstand

HOW LAND OPERATED

Steel.

Land."

sible.

specified rate of profit.

After this review of Admiral

Land's actions, and those of his

big business dominated Maritime

Commission, the American Fed-

"There has been waste of govern-

ment funds. much-needed mate-

rials, and manpower through the

"Decisions vital to the war ef-

fort are influenced by certain

men in high places who are pro-

tecting private interests.

out foundation in truth."

gross negligence of those respon-

eration of Labor summed up:

The Maritime Commission set

Admiral Land then began to

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with appreciation by the memsales of Leon Trotsky's latest International. Myra Ward's the most loyal and courageous book, "In Defense of Marxism" description of Trotsky's infinite bership of the New York Local the most loyal and courageous book, "In Detense of Marxism" patience in explaining the com-allies of the white worker in class is gaining momentum. Reports plex problems of the class strug-that 144 copies have been sold that 144 copies have been sold gle to serious minded individuals try by the national office. indicate that the campaign and his impatience with petty-

goal of 200 volumes by May 1 bourgeois dilettantes will be of PLACEMENTS IN LIBRARIES interest to old timers as well as The New York Local wants to newcomers in the revolutionary place "In Defense of Marxism" in

all branch libraries in New York City. Party members and symmaterialism demonstrate that the pathizers are asked to place understanding of the relationship number of party niembers on the between dialectics and the prorequests for the book with their librarians as well as with book gram of the party has been greatly dealers. Readers of The Militant advanced among the membership and Fourth International, who

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Justice Department Leads With Its Chin

When two white Texans were | war, refuses to take a single step sentenced to prison last month to pass anti-lynching legislation. for keeping a Negro worker in If the administration is to be slavery on their farm, we re- praised for enforcing the thirmarked in this column that it was teenth amendment, what should good to find something for which be said about its attitude toward oppressors of the Negro masses the fourteenth amendment? can be punished by law and The first section of the fifteenth added: "For even though it's al- amendment reads: "The right of most 80 years since the abolition citizens of the United States to

of chattel slavery, the Negro vote shall not be denied or remains so oppressed in so many abridged by the United States on fields that it is still a novelty to by any State, on account of race, find laws operating to protect any color, or previous condition of servitude. of his rights." Everyone knows, even Rotnem,

Apparently we were not the only ones to be struck by the fact that the poll tax laws in the that it is unusual to observe en- South are violations of this forcement of laws affecting the amendment, even though so democratic rights of the Negro drawn up as to technically evade people. The Department of Jus- its meaning; and that the admintice has thought it over and also istration has steadfastly refused seems to regard it in the light to support congressional action of news - so much so that they to abolish the poll tax as a reput one of their officials to work quirement for even federal elecwriting an article for the Negro tions. If the administration's enpress on its work in prosecuting forcement of the thirteenth violators of the thirteenth amendment proves that its war amendment to the Constitution, aims are just, what does its diswhich forbids slavery or involun- regard of the fifteenth amendtary servitude, "except as a pun- ment prove? No, Mr. Rotnem, you and your ishment for a crime whereof the boss. Biddle, will have to do betparty shall have been duly conter than that before you can con-

The Stalinist desertion of the

Writing in the March issue

"We have no guarrel with those

victed." So rare is the opportunity for vince the Negro masses that the the Department of Justice to administration can be depended present itself to the Negro people on to protect their democratic as a defender of democratic and rights and aspirations. On the constitutional rights that no less basis of the record, to which you a person than Mr. Victor W. were sufficiently injudicious to Rotnem, head of the Department's call attention, the Negro people Civil Rights Section, was assigned are learning that they can depend to this job, and he has written on nothing but the organized the article with a soberness and strength of the labor movement gravity suggesting that he too is and their own militant action. aware of how unusual this situation is.

As might be expected, Rotnem's Negro struggle for equality has article (Pittsburgh Courier, April become so barefaced that respon-10) utilizes the occasion to blow sible Negro trade union leaders the bugles for the righteousness of whom they have been wooing for the United States government's a long time are now forced to aims in the war by contrasting its repudiate and denounce them in attitude on the question of the no uncertain terms. The recent thirteenth amendment with that statement by one of these leaders, of the Axis powers who, he notes, Willard S. Townsend, member of hold "to a contrary ideal and will, the CIO national executive board if successful in this war, subject and international president of the millions not only in foreign lands Red Caps' union, the United but in this country as well, to Transport Service Employes, was both sharp and significant. compulsory labor and involuntary servitude.'

But it seems to us that Rotnem of his union's paper. Bag and rather overreaches himself in his Baggage, Townsend said in part: eagerness to make this point, that he winds up leading with his chin. honest intellectuals, progressives There is no need to convince the and radicals whose sincerity of Negro people that fascism is their opinion and sacrifices have created enemy and must be fought; their many of the bright spots in the that. Nor will their desire for however, emphatically question equality be satisfied by accounts the unwholesome role being played

By A. RQLAND "new" press. The Stalinists have made a

The Stalinists have made a curious turn in their Jewish work, a turn that deserves more than passing attention. The law press. The several kinds bourgeois views, were to receive than the several kinds. This aid can be of several kinds. This country, realize that the several kinds bourgeois wiews were to receive than the several kinds. than passing attention. The support in their demand for a aid that the Jews can give in there are many of them who, Hitler-Stalin pact disillusioned Jewish army in Palestine. The Stalin's territorial demands, inmany of the Jewish Stalinists, Zionists of all shades (here is a cluding the half of Poland oc. moment in the charges so despiboth members and sympathiz- turn indeed) were to be attracted cupied by him during the Hitler- cably made against Erlich and ers. The influence of the Com- by the promise to "aid the Jews Stalin pact, Lithuania, Latvia, Alter, yet wish to hush the matter munist Party in the Jewish of Palestine to build the Yishuy Esthonia. Stalin hopes to obtain up at once. They say that the (community)." The Assimilation- this territory with the consent of trade unions tended toward the ists were to be placated by a gen- the United Nations. He is laying vanishing point in the period of erous offer "to make a richer col- his plans to neutralize all those Stalin's collaboration with the Nazis.

The sudden invasion of the ican nation." USSR and the heroic resistance of

the Red Army revived the hopes of many who had dropped away Unity to suit any condition of in the various territories. In that Davies to serve as his accessory from the Stalinists. Certainly it man. The new Freiheit was "to case Stalin would like the Jews can be said that the Jews of all reflect in every possible way all to vote for incorporation in the classes ,and especially the work- the opinions and attitudes of all Soviet Union. ers, wished ardently to see the the anti-fascist currents in Jewish Red Army victorious in their life." The Stalinists make a

struggle against the vicious Nazi special effort to attract into their orbit the bourgeois Zionist politicos. Not only have communist selves utterly opposed to Stalinism. STALINIST PROPAGANDA aims completely disappeared in How have the Stalinists atthe "new" orientation, but even so much against Stalin that it tempted, under these circum- common working class aims have

invaders.

stances, to carry on their work

among the Jewish masses? It becomes evident that here as every- STALIN'S AIMS

become submerged.

What is the meaning of this when Stalin invaded Poland, and where else, Stalinist propaganda has been for the benefit not of the turn? What does Stalin wish to registered itself at that time in workers or the Jewish masses, but accomplish by gaining control favor of a Greater Poland. At the for the sole aims of the Soviet over such a movement? It is not same time it claimed to desire bureaucracy. At the beginning of to be blinked at that the Stalin- independent working class action the year the Jewish language ists refer again and again to the against Nazism and for socialism. daily, The Morning Freiheit, sud- "ani-fascist currents in Jewish Unquestionably it was because of denly carried through a typical life." The vile, utterly cynical this, and because of its opposition everywhere who consciously pur- there would be no difficulties with Stalinist maneuver, pretending to acts of the Stalinist bureaucracy, to Stalinism, that the Bund was sue the aims of the independent Poland. replace or discard one false face including most recently the doing persecuted by the GPU and its international proletarian policies. for another. The Morning Frei- to death of Alter and Erlich, heit Publishing Co. became the make obvious the implication done to death. Stalin cynically opposition to Stalinism and all its not willing to be so accomodating. "Morning Freiheit Association." that there are currents '(and in disregarded Jewish and world

ciples was enacted which at first mind you!) which are fascist. glance seemed to aim at a "People's Front" for all Jews. But what could such a Front be, what nize that what he aims at is not Exile in London. They might have He wishes to besmirch them in same frontiers because he does could its goal be? The Stalinists evidently decided that to be pro- attract closely enough all kinds Stalin's plans. Russian and anti-fascist was of careerist elements so as to No doubt Stalin would like to many such devoted types among like all bureaucracies, is after

enough of a basis to re-establish offer them a bargain. He will sup- have a section of the Jews bolster the Jewish workers, here and heir movement. Beyond this port demands at the peace con- up his frameups and fraudulent abroad. Stalin seeks allies to isoevery 'element' of Jewish life was | ference for a Jewish Palestine- | accusations against those among | late and destroy them. Let him

Why Doesn't State Department Permit **Full Use Of Immigration Quota?**

By JUDITH JANOW

Recently huge memorial-pro- lenter the country annually, while every endeavor to relieve the optest meetings were held in only 51,776 (that is a third of the pressed and persecuted peoples." quota) were allowed to come in DIPLOMATIC CYNICISM

Madison Square Garden, New during the year 1940, and no more York City and in other large than 28,781 came in during the centers. Representatives of the critical years of 1941-1942! clergy and Jewish bourgeois or- Thus, the State Department not ganizations prayed for the mil- only failed to request Congress to lions of dead and martyred and set aside the quota restrictions to meet the needs of the present being wiped out by Hitler, when directed supplications to the President, Congress and the lengths, through its Visa Division, where the Jews had lived for long situation, but it even went to the own experiences have taught them history of our movement. We do, United Nations to undertake of arbitrarily and wilfully cutting something to save the remnants the quota set by Congress to the when transports of deportees were

of tortured Jewry. point of practically stopping all

"promised" a free say in the so he implies-if those Jews who the Jews whom he has called are interested in power politics "fascist agents." Those who know

'larger issue" of the war is so all-important, especially to the Jews, that Stalin must not be lective contribution to the build- who might oppose him, or even to accused of his misdeeds. Not now, ing and progress of the Amer- win in advance to his side not now! This is the road that, willing. The United Nations might suasion on Stalin's part, can lead Here was a Jewish People's place the matter up to a plebiscite to the next logical step! Stalin got to the crime after the fact, as his subject. whitewasher of the infamous

It is clear that both England Moscow Trials. Why not a few and the United States want Stalin frightened Jews? Never forget that Stalin had the Freiheit crowd to be satisfied with the borders of the Soviet Union as they existed do just that. at the time of Hitler's invasion of

NO CYNICAL BARGAINS

Let Jews beware of any cynical modate the English and American The Polish Bund for example was bargains with Stalin! He knows capitalist politicians on this point only one loyalty, one service. That it would be exceedingly helpful would most likely prefer Sikorski is loyalty to his own power and to them. There would then be the to the Kremlin dictator. The Bund that of the bureaucratic clique old buffer states against the Sovie in fact declared itself for the war that hopes to maintain power in Union. (It is true, as Assistant on the side of the democracies the Kremlin after the war. What Secretary of State Berle claims, ever stands in the way of that that buffer states are not so one aim, Stalin will try to remove valuable in these days of the fastflying plane. Nevertheless they at all costs.

Especially dangerous to Stalin still have great value.) The Atare those independent elements in | lantic Charter would not appear the ranks of the working class to be so hollow a document and

Next come those who, by their leaders, Erlich and Alter, were wave, to the ranks of the revolu- the frontiers of the Soviet Union and fascist agents. There are course the Stalinist bureaucracy,

> Stalin's primary aim is to prepare against any possible attack. find none among the Jews! In his designs, Stalin is aided Stalin knows that this war not only by the resistance and viccannot end without profound tories of the Red Army, which upheavals in Europe. He has set have greatly enhanced his preshis course in advance-everytige, but also by the conflicts bewhere-to act in his own way as tween English and American a brake on the working class capitalism and by the disagree movement. Let that movement ments between sections of the gain its own independent momen-

tum, and Stalin will be among its

first victims. The Kremlin hopes to be able, from the midst of the Recently an editorial appeared in the London Times which pracworking class, to disorient and disorganize it, as he has done over tically stated that Stalin should Inured as we are to diplomatic the years now, so that no harm be his own judge as to the frondouble-dealing and cynicism, the can come to him or to the clique tiers necessary for the defense of record is shocking. For this in power in the Soviet Union. If the Soviet Union. It also laid down in power in the Soviet Union. If the Soviet Union. It also laid down procedure was deliberately raised the workers in the other countries the proposition that the Soviet to a system at a time when the where revolts may occur, make Union and England have primary German and Polish Jews were their appeal for aid not to Stalin responsibility for the peace of Union. but rather against Stalin to the Europe. This was not at all entire German cities and villages Soviet workers and peasants, then agreeable to the American capital- group of capitalists, whose sentiall the efforts of the dictator will ist politicians and Anthony Eden, ments are expressed by the N.Y. generations were emptied and come to naught.

A Shift In C.P. Jewish Work They Do Not Care About The **European Masses' Desires**

By M. Morrison

At present, when the Red | States, hastened to assert that the Army is no longer advancing as London Times does not represent it was several months ago, the the views of the British governcapitalists of England and the ment. That is not so easy to be-United States are breathing a lit- lieve. At any rate it can be taken tle more easily. Their fears con- for granted that the London Times cerning Stalin's aims and course speaks for an influential section of action in case of a victorious of the British ruling class.

Red Army marching into Ger-English imperialism, smarting many have been allayed. Neverunder the dominance of American theless they still show great anxi- capitalism', must be quite anxious to keep the latter from gaining complete hegemony in Europe. the peace table. There is still With Germany out of the way much uneasy speculation on this some agreement with Stalin appears to be the only way by

which to prevent revolutionary uprisings and to keep the United States from gaining complete control. To achieve such an aliance some of the English capialists are willing to grant Sta-Poland. Should Stalin accom lin's demands.

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The fact that England has an agreement with the Polish government of landlords and capitalists guaranteeing the boundaries of Poland as they existed prior to Hitler's attack, has, of course, no influence whatever with the practical politicians of London. Agreements should not be taken seriously.

* * * Helpful to Stalin is also the fact that a powerful section of the American capitalists is willing to appease him to the extent of con-

ceding all his demands with It is also clear that Stalin is reference to the territory which works, may find their way at the Before Hitler attacked the Soviet he wishes to annex to the Soviet Union. All elements of the capitalist class would of course prefer to have Stalin content himself they do not agree on any policy should Stalin, as is clearly indicated, demand those territories which he had seized prior to Hitpower, prestige and revenue. This ler's attack on the Soviet Union. was pointed out by Trotsky. But On the one hand there is

Bullitt. former American Ambassador to the Soviet Union. and representing the more obstinate section of the American capitalists, who proposes the "carrot and club" method. Were this policy to be followed it would mean that Stalin must commit himself now and, if he does not agree to the demands of the United States, all aid to the Soviet Union should be

cut off with more serious action to be taken against the Soviet Union later.

It can be safely predicted that this policy will not be followed while the war is on. Until Hitler is defeated the interests of the capitalists of this country demand that aid be given to the Soviet

On the other hand there is a while on a visit to the United Herald Tribune, who are willing

to go very far to satisfy Stalin in

A new declaration of prin- the ranks of the Jewish workers, opinion in the pursuit of his own next rise of the revolutionary Union he was anxious to extend war aims. He did not want the Anyone who has studied the Jewish leaders to leave Russia to tionists. It is these elements that because he feared an atack by his treacheries of Stalin will recog- join the Polish Government in Stalin aims consciously to isolate. ally Hitler. Now he wants the unity but disunity. He wishes to become too great an obstacle to advance by calling them fascists not trust his present allies. Of

THE BUND'S POSITION

There are Jewish elements how-

ever which have declared them-

THE MILITANT

of enforcements of certain sections by a completely dishonest clique of the Constitution. For Rotnem's of union power-politicians, the 'Communists.'. . . point serves only to raise other points: "To us, the present 'party line'

What about other parts of the of the carpet-baggers on the Ne-Constitution? What about the first gro question in America is indissection of the fourteenth amend- tinguishable from that of many and persecuted peoples" and proment which says "No state shall of our Southern poll-taxers or posing an "exploratory conference" make or enforce any law which Uncle Toms. They wrap their reshall abridge the privileges or the actionaty position in a red flag cynicism and shameless disregard immunities of the citizens of the and yell 'unity.' In the open they United States; nor shall any state spout fire-eating but harmless deprive any person of life, liberty. phrases about 'freedom and or property, without due process equality of opportunity' for Neof law; nor deny to any person groes, but behind closed doors within its judisdiction the equal they are sabotaging every decent protection of the laws"? effort and impulse on the part of

Lynching, to take but one ex- independent liberals and trade ample, certainly violates this unionists to push for an immeamendment, and yet the govern- diate and adequate solution of ment, even in the midst of the these problems. . .'

International Notes

By BETTY KUEHN

As we reported last week, the missioner of the Republic" when Jean Jaures Group, composed of deGaulle debarks in France, they

French "socialist" leaders who expose as a representative of the faculties develop more rapidly if escaped to London, split recently Comite des Forges, France's giant | the stomach is not overburdened." over the question of their relation steel trust. with deGaulle.

They state that M. Andre Meyer, The main point of disagreement who was made the treasurer of the is over deGaulle's political aims. Free French Relief Fund in New The pro-Gaullist minority states York, is a well-known intimate of that it is "impossible to artificially Georges Bonnet and Fernand de separate military resistance from Brinon, both openly pro-Hitlerite. political resistance" and supports "This gentleman," says the deGaulle in both. The majority, on the other hand, was willing to ing on his functions aroud the "threatened" to communicate their support deGaulle as long as it Free French League, continues his dissatisfaction to Mr. Churchill was a "purely military" matter. relations . . . with Henry Haye, and Stafford Cripps. When deGaulle finally made known Vichy Ambassador to the U. S." his political aims they broke with him.

for socialist reasons. They want- | "socialist" group are for revenge ed assurance that there would be against Germany, for the recona "democratic" arena in France, with elections. national assembly, with its colonies, etc. trade unions, in which to operate as bureaucrats as they had before the war.

propaganda? Although deGaulle, as a concession to these critics, addressed himself to his "dear trade unions" in France, and spoke of a "national Times states: assembly elected by universal suffrage," the majority of the Jaures group did not believe him.

They proceeded to expose the trolled press in France expatiates tion as anti-Semitic and as agents rations. . of the large capitalist enterprises.

Its immediate result was a note immigration to the United States French internment camps and from Secretary Hull to the British in 1942. Ambassador in this country stat-

ing that the United States "has rastination, delay and obstrucbeen and is making every endeavor to relieve the oppressed on the refugee problem. For brazen of the plight of the unfortunate man-occupied provinces. Orphaned people it will rank high in diplomatic documents.

RECORD OF STATE DEPT. The Secretary of State said that 228,964 visas were issued in the cutters of Antwerp, were left to war years 1939-1942 and that 'from the advent of the Hitler regime in 1933 until June 30, 1942, 547,775 visas were issued." He em-

Fourteen members of the Belgian

Army in England were recently

sentenced to imprisonment by a

Their crime, according to the

March 12 British Tribune, was

phasized that the U.S. governso on and so forth. ment "is and must be bound by

legislation enacted by Congress." But the quota ration-miserable

later to the waste lands around Every device of red tape, pro- Lublin.

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all his demands. This group feels that it is essential to have an agreement with Stalin in order to prevent or suppress a revolution in Europe. They are willing to pay him any price for such a service. It is also their aim to achieve control of Europe as against England, through an agreement with Stalin.

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Another interesting article is ture, John G. Wright's "The Civil War It is of course fundamental with in Yugoslavia."- In it the author, us that in case of any conflict bewho recently wrote a factual setween any capitalist country and ries of articles on the Yugoslav the Soviet Union, a victory of the situation in The Militant, draws Soviet Union, even under Stalin, a number of political conclusions would best serve the historic inconcerning the Mikhailovich-Parterests of the working masses. tisan struggles and indicates the But that does not mean that we policy to be followed by revoluin any way approve of Stalin's tionists in such a situation, which territorial demands or of his formay soon spread to a large part

ign policy. Leaving aside the question of an actual conflict between a capitalist state and the Soviet Union the attitude of revolutionary Marxists is clear. We are for the right of the masses to determine their own fate. We are against their being mere pawns of powerpolitics.

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A British Election

In a significant parliamentary by-election held in war-torn England in Eddisbury, Cheshire constituency, on April 8 RAF pilot John Loverseed, candidate of the newly-formed Common Wealth party, scored an unexpected victory over his opponent who was endorsed by the Conservative, Liberal and Labor party coalition. Loverseed ran on a platform of abolishing the "big capitalists" and obtaining "common wealth" through common ownership of the great resources of the country as well as of securing immediate reforms under the Beveridge plan.

What adds to the significance of this victory is the fact that the Common Wealth party was formed only eight months ago. Pitted against its candidate were the combined machines of the three biggest parties together with that of the Stalinists, aligned with the entire governmental apparatus. The leftward moving masses of England, disillusioned with the policies of Churchill's government and ground down by the war-time economy of Big Business, finally broke through the straitjacket of the government-labor coalition and served notice that they were ready to embark upon a bold and revolutionary policy to end monopoly rule. But they have yet to find the correct path to their emancipation.

The Common Wealth party and its candidate Loverseed had no clear-cut program to eliminate the "big capitalists" from control of the economy or to bring about the transfer of the country's resources into the hands of the real producers. Without such a platform the Common Wealth party. was in effect demagogically exploiting the present suffering of the masses and 'their genuine desire for a revolutionary change from the anarchy of capitalist production to the planned economy of socialism. Sir Richard T. D. Acland, founder of the Common Wealth group, Loverseed and other party leaders represent the English middle class which like its counterparts in the U.S.A. and throughout the world, is in process of being wiped out by the monopolists.

Had the British Labor Party broken with its policy of capitulation to the Tory party, had its leaders resigned from their governmental posts and taken the course of independent labor action against the rule of Big Business, it would by now have rallied to its banner not only the entire British working class but also the sadly disillusioned middle class whose support is needed for the abolition of capitalist exploitation. The treacherous and cowardly policies of these labor lackeys, their subservient role in bolstering up the Tory government have forced the middle class as well as the workers to look elsewhere for leadership. Under these conditions they can become easy prey to utopian proposals, and demagogic appeals on which fascism is nourished.



The vicious Hobbs bill which would imprison workers up to 20 years and fine them up to \$10,000 for union activity, has passed the House of Representatives and is now before the Senate.



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The columns are open to the opinions of the readers of The Militant. Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers, but keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed. - Editor.

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Screen Guide' On The Davies' Film

Editor:

In a sampling of the poison hat Warner Brothers intends to dish out in "Mission To Moscow' I refer your readers to the May issue of Screen Guide, one of the slickies that specialize in glamor photos and advance publicity for Hollywood. The article is entitled "Hollywood Drops A Bombshell' o "look busy" and put some work before us, even though it is aland contains a two page spread of stills from "Mission To Mosready finished.

Despite this situation, the super-Over the caption, "Here are visors and foremen tell workers, three of Europe's most despicable when they ask for time off or



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ONE WORLD. By Wendell L. Willkie. 206 pp. this war now going on in the far reaches of the world, that only new men and new ideas in the

What Kind of Education Is Needed in Europe Now?

By RALPH JOHNSON

The season of post-war planning is upon us. Washington is busy night and day sprouting plans: Plans for post-war trade, post-war disarmament, post-war political organization, post-war monetary system, post-war feeding of European peoples, etc., etc. Apparently not a single field of economic, cultural and social life in the post-war world will be allowed to escape the intervention of U.S. capitalism. The latest is a plan to "re-educate Europe."

At New York University, under the auspices of the United States Committee of Educational Reconstruction, a two day session (April 8) was devoted to the educational "decontamination"-not of American colleges but of Europe. The State Department sent an official observer.

The gist of this plan as expounded by one of the experts is "to provide some temporary supervision of education as assurance of mental and moral disarmament" (N. Y. Times, Apr. 8.) It is proposed to exercise this supervision through "specially trained teachers for an 'educational expeditionary force'" who will of course be supplemented by the run-of-the-mill armies of occupation. The "education of the common man in Europe" is thus guaranteed: For should the teacher's textbook fail to implant conviction, the bayonet surely will.

Capitalist educators, from America or elsewhere, have already taught the masses in Europe and throughout the world what they need to know. Seared deep into minds and bodies of men and women are the lessons of the first world war and of the ensuing quarter of a century with its depressions, crises, unemployment, misery and hunger. The unprecedented torture and suffering of the four years of the second world war have driven in deeper the import of these. lessons. The hammer blows of events are teaching more and more millions that decaying capitalism spawns economic, political and cultural reaction. That it breeds war and fascism. That another road is needed by mankind.

The only thing any capitalist "educative" expeditionary force has to teach is: SUBMISSION - and this, under savage oppression - to the perpetuation of the outlived capitalist system.

We agree, however, on one point: There is a real deficiency in the education of the masses both at home and abroad-a deficiency in Socialist education. The real task is to educate all peoples to think, feel and act in the spirit of socialism in order to struggle against brutality and injustice, and especially the most abhorrent injustice of all from which all the others flow: The exploitation of man by man.

Once this deficiency in the education of the masses is overcome, and they begin moving to abolish capitalism, expeditionary forces from the U.S. A. or elsewhere will avail nothing.



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A Reader New Rochelle, N. Y. Price Control

Breed Inefficiency Philadelphia Reader Editor: Your readers may be interested

in the following which shows how well patriotism pays the bosses. I work for the Horni Signal Manufacturing Corporation which is doing 100% war work. The workers in the plant are often forced to stand around idle, although this is not of their own

choosing. There is sometimes so little work that our foreman invents a lot of unnecessary small tasks which we call "killing time

jobs." Before government inspectors come to the department, word is passed around telling us

9. Defend the Soviet Union against imperialist attack.

Salary Limit

The \$25,000 salary limitation was revoked on April 10 when President Roosevelt refused to veto the Public Debt Expansion Bill, which carried a Congressional rider repealing the salary limit.

The dispute over this measure demonstrated that the capitalist class is divided into two groups on the question of how to finance the war.

The group headed by Roosevelt — which took a setback when he let the salary limit be repealed without a struggle - believes that the masses will be persuaded to accept a greatly reduced standard of living if "equality of sacrifice" is given the appearance, and that is all they ask, of reality. For this reason the Roosevelt group believes the bosses should openly sacrifice some luxury and get along on \$25,000 a year per person, besides additional income from bonds, stocks, rents, profits, etc., etc.

The majority of Congress, however, takes the hard-boiled and cynical stand that the best way to deal with the workers is by not temporizing with them but by unceremoniously shoving down their throats a diet of high taxes, wage freezing, job freezing, longer work week, increased prices. They don't want to make even symbolic gestures such as the salary limit. They openly proclaim their capitalist bias.

However the differences between these two capitalist groups are slight when compared to the important issues on which they agree: the need for reducing the workers' living standards, the need for higher taxes on low income groups, opposition to the miners' demands for wage raises to meet the rising cost of living, support of Roosevelt's April 8 wage freezing order, etc.

Against the workers and the lower income groups the president is bold and unwavering, as he showed in his wage freezing order. Toward the hard-boiled capitalist class he is vacillating and timid, as he showed by failing to veto the salary limit repeal. In the final analysis he is in essential agreement with them for he represents a capitalist party and a capitalist system.

The limitation of capitalist income is an excellent idea. The Militant is for it and for the confiscation of all war profits. But only the workers themselves, through their own political party, can carry through such a program.

Labor's "friends" in the Senate are now making a few mild criticisms of the measure. Typical of such "friends" is Senator Truman, chairman of the Senate War Investigating Committee, who stated this week, "I think the bill has some bad features, but at the same time I think that labor has got to display some statesmanship in this critical war period or it is going to feel the effects of some stringent regulations."

When Senator Truman demands "statesmanship" from labor he is really calling for more retreats. by the workers before their enemies. He asks that they make more sacrifices while the employers not only profit from this war but shackle the workers with its costs. And should labor refuse this suicidal role, then it is threatened with ever more "stringent regulations."

Such are labor's "friends" in Congress. In payment for a vote against such a flagrantly antidemocratic measure as the Hobbs bill, these Senators demand that the workers passively accept measures which would not only further undermine their living standards but would place the very existence of their unions in jeopardy.

Labor is reduced to legislative dependency upon such "friends" as Truman because it has failed to place its own representatives in Congress. Not a single union voice is heard in the Senate because no labor party exists to elect genuine workers' representatives to that body.

The principal lesson which labor must learn from the Hobbs bill and the other anti-labor legislation in Washington is that an Independent Labor Party provides the only effective means of defense on the political front. Without such a party the workers are reduced to making deals and compromises with "friends" which will progressively weaken the labor movement at best and result in its total destruction at worst.

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This war has produced virtually a library of books by Americans who discovered the world. Most of these books have been written by foreign correspondents, professional newspapermen who are capitalizing on the great interest in international affairs awakened by the war. "One World" by Wendell L. Willkie is a book written by an aspirant to the highest office in the country and should be viewed as a significant contribution to the campaign literature of the 1944 elections. But it is also more than that: It is a key to the mind of a significant section of the ruling class.

Mr. Willkie, who in the 1940 presidential elections campaigned so vigorously against the "New Deal" at home, presents himself now in his book as 'a crusader for a new deal abroad; now the bare-foot Hoosier of 1940 makes his bow as the cosmopolitan man about the world. The transformation of Mr. Willkie is symbolic of the death of isolationism. It is also symbolic not only of the role America is destined to play on the world arena, but also of the role the world is destined to play in American political life.

Purpose of Willkie's Mission

Warriors of the ancient Roman Empire had to go outside their country for long periods of arduous fighting in order to cover themselves with the glory of foreign conquest before they could seek positions of power at home. Mr. Willkie was gone abroad for only 49 days (in the fall of 1942). But in this brief period he covered 31 thousand miles, circling the entire globe, which is indeed a tribute to the great advance of modern technology.

Then too it was not Mr. Willkie's task to cross swords with any foreign foe. His mission carried him only to the "friendly" countries, his task was to arm himself with the necessary weapon for the presidential election: a chance to speak of foreign policy on the basis of first hand observation: a chance to be photographed with foreign rulers and to speak of them with intimacy. Mr. Willkie's itinerary carried him first to the Middle East and a portion of the British Empire. He presents us with the picture of poverty, squalor and disease that prevail there. He very boldly blames British colonial policy for the sorry plight of the natives. From the very beginning he comes to the conclusion that a change is required. He tried "to draw out" the British colonial administration to learn "what they saw in the future, and especially in the future of the colonial system and our joint relations with the many peoples of the East."

"What I got," continues Willkie, "was Rudyard Kipling, untainted even with the liberalism of Cecil Rhodes. . . That evening started in my mind a conviction which was to grow strong in the days that followed it in the Middle East: that brilliant victories in the field will not win for us

machinery of our relations with the peoples of the East can win the victory without which any peace will be only another armistice" (P. 15, our emphasis). "New men and new ideas". In other words, a new deal all the way down the line.

What is this new deal to be like? Willkie is no man to advocate a social revolution which would liberate the millions of colonial slaves. He is no rabble-rouser! On the contrary, he asserts that even the radical natives are weighing both the course of social revolution and another course:

". . .In every city I found a group - usually a small group - of restless, energetic, intellectual young people who knew the techniques of the mass movement that had brought about the revolution in Russia and talked about them. They knew also the history of our own democratic development. In their talk with me they seemed to be weighing in their minds the course through which their own intense, almost fanatical, aspirations should be achieved" (P. 22).

Willkie's Main Proposition

In reporting these conversations, Willkie, by the way, overlooks a small detail: that American "democratic development" required a violent revolution and a civil war. As Willkie goes on with the book, whatever else may remain blurred, one course stands out, stripped of all extravagant phrase-slinging. It is reducible to the simple proposition: America must reorganize the world. Here is how Willkie puts it in his own words in the concluding paragraph of his book:

"Our allies in the East know that we intend to pour out our resources in this war. But they expect us now — not after the war — to use the enormous power of our giving to promote liberty and justice. Other peoples, not yet fighting, are waiting no less eagerly for us to accept the most challenging opportunity of all history the chance to help create a new society in which men and women the world around can live and grow invigorated by independence and freedom." 'Independence,' 'liberty,' 'freedom,' 'justice.' These words are used very freely by Willkie throughout the book. It so happens that the British Empire rules one-fourth of mankind, and on the lips of the spokesmen of Wall Street, these words represent an instrument with which to yank the colonies out of the grasp of the British lion. Wall Street would indeed like to see the colonies independent - of British rule, that is. This is the necessary preliminary for its own penetration of these colonies. This is why Willkie can outdo himself in the profession of seemingly liberal ideas, running a close competition with Vice President Wallace.

We shall deal subsequently with that section of Willkie's book which treats with his visit to the USSR, Turkey and China.

Issues Bulletin On Women By ARLENE WILLIAMS

> The first number of the "Bulletin of the Women's Committee" of Local New York, Socialist Workers Party, issued last week, contains ten articles of special interest to women in all fields of work housewives, mothers and women in industry.

The Bulletin opens with an editorial stating the reasons for the formation of the Local New York's Committee at the present time when women are streaming into industry and when they are playing an ever more important role in the unions and the revolutionary party. The editorial quotes from an article by Clara Zetkin reporting her discussion with Lenin on exactly this question. A reprint of this discussion is also printed in the Bulletin.

Included among the other articles are "Facts For Women Workers" By Reba Aubrey: "Women In Industry" by Marie Taylor; two articles on the lack of nurseries in New York and nationally by Rose Karsner; "How We Won Equal Pay In Our Department" by Rose Young; "Suggested Slogans For Propaganda," etc.

The Women's Committee has been functioning since October, 1942. Regular meetings have been held; A research department has been set up to gather pertinent newspaper clippings, books and pamphlets; a study class in Engels' "Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State" was organized for a group of mothers who cannot attend the night sessions of the Party school.

The Bulletin, which will appear monthly, sells for ten cents a copy. Contributions to it by women throughout the country, in the form of letters or articles, will be gratefully accepted by the Committee.



Reviewed by M. Stein.