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JOBS FROZEN TO KEEP WAGES DOWN MAY DAY MANIFESTO GPU Killer Of Trotsky Of The Socialist Workers Party Sentenced To 20 Years Better Paid Jobs 27,000,000 Denied

Fellow workers:

Since 1886 the First of May has been set aside by the workers to demonstrate their international class solidarity and their opposition to the capitalist system which condemns mankind to exploitation, oppression, crises, fascism, and war.

May Day, 1943 marks the fourth May Day of the Second World War. The official leaders of the trade unions, the Stalinist and Social-Democratic parties together with all representatives of the capitalist rulers, call upon the American workers to support this war. They declare that the capitalist governments of the United States, England and their satellites are fighting this war not for profits, not for monopolistic privileges, not for the preservation of private property and for world domination, but against fascism and for democracy, liberty, a better world.

In their efforts to persuade the workers that monopoly capitalism is not the sole beneficiary of the war, Roosevelt and his labor lieutenants promised to preserve the social gains and democratic rights of the workers. They proclaimed a program of "equality of sacrifice." They promised to keep down the cost of living; to respect civil liberties; to protect small business against the huge corporations; to eliminate profiteering.

Promises and Performances

But what has actually happened? By executive decree on April 8 Roosevelt froze wages and authorized the freezing of jobs. Meanwhile the costs of the prime necessities of life continue to mount. The most crushing tax load in history has already been imposed on workers' incomes. Hours are being stretched out; working standards are broken down; the speedup is being enforced.

Because their leadership gave away the right to strike, the trade unions have proved unable to counteract these capitalist practices and economic consequences of the war. Bills for conscription of labor have been introduced into Congress. Militants who fight for better conditions in the trade unions are terrorized and victimized.

While the workers, the poor farmers, the lower middle classes receive blow upon blow, Big Business prospers. The public treasury is wide open to the monopolist masters of America. Less than 100 corporations have 80% of all war contracts. 15 billions of new plants and machinery have been donated to them. In many cases corporate profits for 1941 and 1942 exceed those of 1929. The same men who head Big Business direct the government and dictate the policies of the War Production and other boards in Washington. Wall Street is seeking, under cover of war patriotism, to cripple and if possible to wipe out the trade unions and to restore open-shop conditions in industry. These plans of the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce are being energetically promoted by the Democratic-Republican coalition of ultra-reactionary Congressmen. The Hobbs Bill to jail and fine unionists, already passed by the House, is typical of the anti-labor legislation now being pushed through Congress and the state legislatures. Through their ownership of the means of production and their predominant position in all government agencies, the monopolists are using the war to pile up new billions and to tighten their stranglehold on the productive forces

and resources of the nation. While Big Business and its political agents pretend to be fighting a war to destroy Nazism, Rockefellers' Standard Oil, duPonts' chemical trust and General Motors, Morgans' General Electric and other international monopolies maintained patent-pools, royalties and market arrangements with their brother Nazi capitalists. Representatives Jones of Ohio estimated recently that shipowners will have grabbed "a cool billion" out of the U.S. Treasury.

Monopolists Caught Red-Handed

Such corporations as U. S. Steel, Anaconda Copper and National Bronze and Aluminum have been caught red-handed selling the government defective and sub-standard armor plate, wire cable, airplane parts and other products for the armed forces. In their mad haste to pile up profits, these monopolists do not hesitate to imperil the lives of the men in the armed forces and merchant marine of the United States and its allies.

The best of everything for the capitalists; as little as possible to the workers. Ruin for small business and the small farmer; impoverishment for the masses. Events have disclosed that this is how Roosevelt's "equality of sacrifice" actually operates.

The Roosevelt administration, which in nine years before the war had failed to establish a single one of "the four freedoms" at home, has asserted that through the war it is going to extend them throughout the world. Yet, in the first military move toward Europe, the U.S. forces entered into collaboration with Darlan, executioner of the French workers and with the pro-fascist Governor-Generals of North Africa, feared and hated by every progressive force in France and North Africa. The U. S. Ambassador to Spain hails Franco, butcher of the Spanish workers, as an ally. Here is a forecast and forewarning of the real pattern the Anglo-American coalition expects to impose upon the European peoples. Washington's program in this war is the program of U. S. capitalism.

And this program holds out no better prospect than interminable war, deepening reaction, more misery and poverty at home, enslavement for the conquered and colonial peoples.

On this May Day 1943 the end of the Second World War

(Special to THE MILITANT)

MEXICO CITY, April 16 (By Telegraph)-"Frank Jacson," GPU murderer of Leon Trotsky, was sentenced today to a twenty-year term for the crime. Mexican law does not have either a death sentence or life-term for murder. The maximum for premeditated murder is 20 years. The killer received a 191/2 year sentence on this charge, and another six months for illegal bearing of arms.

Prosecutor Ligorio Espinosa El enes jubilantly declared the verdict a "victory for justice." The GPU killer's lawyer had asked the judges to pronounce it an "unpremedi-"

to eight years sentence. The defense claims were rejected by the three pamphlet published November

judges, presided over by of Leon Trotsky-The Proofs of government. Manuel Riviera Vazquez, meditated and that "Jacson" had come to Mexico — he had arrived October 1939, nearly a year beore the murder — solely to kill Trotsky.

The verdict also rejected as illogical" the killer's claim that e had come to Mexico to be a secretary to Trotsky-the GPUconcocted tale designed to make t appear that Trotsky had been tilled by one of his own followers. Likewise the verdict rejected 'Jacson's" attempt to change his original story. Jacson struck

tated murder," with a decision-Mexico does not have lia Trotsky's statement to the the jury system-permitted Albert court branding "Jacson" as an minimum of from three Goldman, Trotsky's attorney, to agent of the GPU. It was perhaps cross-examine "Jacson." hardly to be expected that a Goldman's cross - examination Mexican court should categorically enabled him to establish, in a identify him as Stalin's agent a 1940, entitled "The Assassination at war in alliance with the Soviet

Stalin's Guilt," that "Jacson" But in affirming "Jacson's" could only be a GPU killer sent premeditation and his coming to one of Mexico's foremost by Stalin to murder Trotsky. Mexico solely with the aim of page verdict. Their verdict ruled an obvious attempt to get away any reasonable person the plain that the murder had been pre- from the admissions and fumbled inference that it was a well-orlies on the basis of which Goldman | ganized political assassination and that Stalin was its instigahad proved his contention, 'Jacson'

porting the verdict stated:

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claimed that he had been under tor. the influence of drugs during his "Jacson" is appealing to the first confession and the ensuing Supreme Court against the verexamination and cross-examinadict. tion. The new version his attorney

offered 13 months after the A special dispatch from Mexico murder sought to show that the to the April 17 N. Y. Times recrime was unpremeditated.

Today's verdict forcefully rejected this claim and the new version of the crime offered by "Jacson," the judges declaring that neither on legal or other Trotsky from behind with a reasonable grounds could they acpickaxe on August 20, 1940 and cept the belated change of story. Trotsky died of the wound the The killer's GPU connections next day. The investigating judge were not affirmed by the court the "Jacson" trial will be found who prepares the case for final which, however, mentioned Nata- on Page 4 of this issue.)

a time when Mexico is officially the wage-freezing projurists, who handed down an 118- Seven months after the crime, in killing Trotsky, the court left to order of April 8. The earlier decree ruled

out the possibility for the great majority of the workers to obtain wage raises at their present jobs. The new order prevents them from changing their jobs to get high-"Jacson has had plenty of er pay elsewhere.

money throughout his imprison-Apparently the administration ment and his sources have been believes that the corporations kept well guarded, athough curneed incentive in the form of rent reports say that he is being huge profits or they cannot be exsupported by the Communists." pected to produce. But it denies (An article on the backgroud of the workers the opportunity of freely seeking better-paying jobs to meet the rising cost of living.

While the real price of all other commodities continues to rise, the price of the commodity, labor, s alone to be held down

Roosevelt recently expressed

'Essential' Workers **By Philip Blake** War Manpower Commissioner McNutt's April 17 order freezing 27,-

Heavy Penalties Set

For Violations By

FIVE (5) CENTS

000,000 industrial, farm and government workers to their jobs is intended to bolster and strengthen gram of the administration enunciated in President Roosevelt's executive

is nowhere in sight. What must the workers do?

Fight for Socialism

The workers need to regain their independence of class action. They need a militant class program to combat the terrible consequences of the war and the onrush of reaction. They need a clear Socialist goal to find their way out of the war and capitalist chaos. For this a new leadership is needed.

All vital problems confronting the workers today from wages to prices are settled in Washington. They have become political questions. Old-style "pure and simple" trade union methods are impotent to cope with these new wartime conditions.

More and more workers are beginning to understand the necessity for independent political action by organized labor. The vote given to the American Labor Party of New York and to the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota in the 1942 elections combined with the mass boycott of capitalist candidates,

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Dunne Is SWP Candidate Speak On Movie For Minneapolis Mayor **Of Davies' Book**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 17. – V. R. Dunne, state organizer for the Socialist Workers Party in Minnesota, filed last week for mayor of Minneapolis — the only candidate standing for independent working class political action in the campaign for the municipal primary election to be held on May 10. The following press statement was issued at the time of his filing:

"The Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party has been auctioned off, piece by piece. Part of it was purchased by Governor Stassen last ficials of the AFL, acted as the |a living wage. auctioneers.



V. R. DUNNE

won for it the respect of workpurchased friends by introducing ers on a national and internationvicious anti-labor bills into the al scale. Great gains were made sador Joseph E. Davies, which is state legislature; Roosevelt's by the Minneapolis workers both scheduled to open in New York the dangerous and criminal prac-Democratic administration also on the economic and political on April 29. 'rewards' these spineless leaders field. These gains are being fall; another part was bid in by by wage-freezing orders, threats rapidly whittled away. The acthe Democrats. Agents of Stalin of regimentation, and violent at- tions of so-called labor statesmen, in the CIO, together with char- tacks upon John L. Lewis and the with their child-like faith in the acterless business agents and of- hard-pressed miners who fight for promises of labor-hating employ-

"Bound by their promises to "Stassen 'rewards' his cheaply- the Democrats and the Republi-



ers and their Democratic and Re-

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Another War Plant Accused Of Defrauding Government

Sold Defective Material for Use In War Airplanes

By DINA SANDERS

Add another name to the growing list of corporations who are defrauding the government and endangering the lives of thousands of men in the armed forces: the National Bronze and Aluminum Company of Cleveland,

world's largest maker of sand and aluminum mold castings. The Albert Goldman to government last week filed suit against this company, charging against this company, charging it with supplying defective parts for war planes and seeking an award of twice the amount of dollar damages.

Little publicity as been given the case by the capitalist press. But the New York daily, PM, reported on April 16 that a federal grand jury is listening to testinony from workers at the plant and that the government's suit had named three company of-

ficers, "charging that they conspired to 'make false bills and "Mission to Moscow: Film of a claims to the Packard Motor Co., Frameup" will be the title of AI- which used National Bronze castbert Goldman's lecture at the | ings in Rolls Royce Merlin engines for combat planes."

New York School of Social Sci-The National Bronze and Alu ence, April 25, 8 P. M., at 116 minum Company declared no University Pl., New York City. dividend on its stock in 1940. In Goldman, who acted as attorney 1941, as a result of government for Leon Trotsky at the Mexico war contracts, it was able to Republican a n d Democratic hearings of the Dewey Commission declare a dividend of \$1.25. But

investigating the charges against the company officials weren't "In the past, the militancy of Trotsky and his son at the Moscow satisfied with their enormously the Minneapolis labor movement Trials, will discuss the new increased profits. Warner Brothers motion picture

Will Explain Aim of

'Mission to Moscow'

At N. Y. Sun. Forum

next Sunday Open Forum of the

As for the government, its ac based on the book by ex-Ambas- tion in this case does not indicate a great desire to crack down on tices of the war profiteers. Wash-

He will discuss the reasons why ington is apparently willing to he picture is being released at settle the case by fining the comthis time, why the issue of the pany, but a fine will hardly seem Moscow Trials is being raised once an adequate punishment to the again. He will also analyze the men in the air forces whose lives

effect which Davies and the State are imperilled by the production Department hope the film will and sale of defective parts for have in this country. combat planes.

Corporations And Welders - AN EDITORIAL -When U. S. Steel officials are caught deliberately falsifying

records of tests on armor plate for shipbuilding the capitalist press buries the story on its back pages and the War Production Board urges the steel barons not to bend over backwards in meeting contract specifications.

When Anaconda Copper officials are caught deliberately selling the government and its allies defective wire cable to be used on the battlefield, that's called "defrauding the government" and one or two people are indicted on charges that bring a maximum of a two years' sentence.

When National Bronze and Aluminum officials are caught deliberately selling defective parts for combat airplanes, the government brings them to court and asks that they be fined

But when ten welders in Baltimore shipyards, driven by the piecework speedup system, are accused of faulty welding, THEN the administration really gets upset and the FBI swings into action, arresting the workers on charges of SABOTAGE.

THEN, even though FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover admits there is no evidence "of any Axis direction or sympathies on the part of the welders," the hand of the law is felt, one of the welders is sentenced to a year and a half in jail and the others are held under \$5,000 bond.

on the wrist for criminal fraud -these are for employers. Frozen wages and jobs, overwork, speedup and prosecutions for "sabotage"-these are for workers. That's "equality of sacrifice" in practice.

Falls in Wake of

By ANTHONY MASSINI

35% in nation-wide production of armed forces.

which all records for steel plate production would have been broken, this month's production

may fall seriously below previous months-possibly fall off as much as 35%. The effect is being noticed equally in manufacture of steel itself and steel products othe than steel plates.

"Lower production prospects are due to the demoralizing fear the Senate inquiry has instilled into every steel plant. . .' WHAT CAUSED IT?

Why has steel production de clined in the last month? The steel barons blame it on

the Truman Committee! According to the N. Y. Times of April 17, it "has been ascribed by the industry to over-anxiety of discovered].

Billions in war profits, taps

opposition to enactment of the Austin-Wadsworth Bill to draft all workers; but by the new jobfreezing decree he puts into effect the most important provi-**Steel Production** sions of that bill which has been denounced by all sections of the union movement as a slave-labor

bill. PROVISIONS OF ORDER **U.S. Steel Scandal** The new ruling issued by Mc-Nutt prohibits workers in jobs essential to the war program from

transferring to higher-paid essen-A reported decline of possibly tial or non-essential jobs. (On the same day this order was issued, steel plate has taken place since the War Manpower Commission last month's Truman Senate released a revised list of 35 ac-Committee hearing, which uncov- tivities considered essential). ered the falsification by U. S. Workers violating this order can Steel officials of test records on be sentenced to pay a fine of steel armor plate used for the \$1,000 or to a year in jail, or both.

Louis Stark, labor reporter of A Washington dispatch in the the N. Y. Times, points out in April 16 Pittsburgh Post Gazette the April 18 issue of that paper declared that "preliminary and that the new decree "might well informal reports to WPB on embarrass one group of men, production tend to show that in- those required under selective stead of April being the month in service rulings to move from

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Cannon Pamphlet Goes Into Second Edition in England

James P. Cannon's pamphlet, 'Socialism on Trial," the text of his testimony at the famous Minneapolis trial of Socialist Workers Party and CIO members, has gone into its second edition in Britain, where it was issued by the Workers International League under the title of "The Case For Socialist Revolution: An ABC of Trotskyism."

The Cannon pamphlet, which has met a very favorable response inspectors, government or private, in Britain as it has elsewhere, and trying to avoid a repetition of the which has been translated into Irvin affair [the plant where Arabic and other languages, is 116 faking of steel tests was first pages long in the American edi-WPB spokesmen tion issued by Pioneer Publishers, denied that the companies had and sells at the low price of 10 been disposed to cut production cents per copy.

out of resentment of criticism stemming from the Truman disclosures."

not appear to agree that its hear- Minneapolis trial also priced 10 ings were responsible. A spokes-

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By E. R. Frank

The War Labor Board, with the | of its April 8 issue. Although the concurring vote of the AFL and editorial admits that the Army CIO, last week voted a 2 cent maneuvers at the fort consisted hourly wage increase in the Uni- of training "in how to break a versal Atlas Cement case, the strike" it goes on to say: "Howfirst case to come before the ever, this is no time to raise a board since the issuance of Roose- rumpus over indiscretions of velt's "hold-the-line" order. The army officers at a reception cen-Board set aside the recommenda- | ter." And further: "Let us retion of its own referee who pro- spect fighting men of our army, posed an increase of 51/2 cents, and not put them on the pan for in spite of the fact that the Board | their economic beliefs." itself had previously granted a | That is how Tobin's henchmen similar increase to the other disgrace the once proud name of plants of the same company. the Minnesota labor movement.

The Atlas decision, if allowed to stand, means that most of the The Michigan State Labor Methe WLB might as well be tossed crease of over 50% in strikes immediate succor." and labor disputes in the monthinto the ash can.

A few days later, the "labor of March as against the previous month. leaders" began to howl.

Frankensteen, Vice - President of the UAW-CIO, called the Board decision "a serious misthe Atlas decision, suddenly came | years in which records have been

to life and in ringing style de-nounced the President's executive order as "a flagrant violation of ties, 170 permanent disability Steel Production Declines to life and in ringing style de- kept. the no - strike - no - lock - out - cases, 300 hernias, 632 cases of all - disputes - to - be - settled - cuts or lacerations, 973 sprains by - peaceful - means agreement and 762 bone fractures. All but 10 of the permanent disabilities of Dec. 23, 1941." Walter Reuther, Vice-President involved amputations.

It is obvious that all fatalities

Seafarers Log, organ of the

Atlantic and Gulf District of the

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of the UAW-CIO in charge of its GM section, meanwhile made and injuries in this war do not public a letter sent to the GM take place only on the battlefield. corporation, which demanded the opening of negotiations on the wage clauses of the union contract. "Labor cannot agree," the letter states, "that the executive order which freezes existing wage differentials and gross inequalities is acceptable or a solution of the present chaotic wage situation in our industry." The let-ter also adds that incentive pay ganization. "Henceforth," the "Consequence." plans "are not the answer to these wage inequalities."

Apparently, the Murray-Greendyism" will not be allowed to voyage." stand in its present crude form. Why? The proclure in the membership ranks for wage increases of the Michigan State legislature, tions." is becoming very strong.

AFL and CIO. Here is a partial list of the strikes of last week: 1,000 maintenance workers of the Detroit Street Railway system struck for the 48-hour week; over 1,000 foundry workers of Detroit's Main Dodge plant struck over the miners closed down three coal

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opened, Richard K. Law, British

der wartime exigencies." Despite its tone of tact and In Bermuda this week repre-The general consensus of the diplomacy this appeal discloses the sentatives of the two richest spokesmen was that the only despicable role of Britain in

'democracies" are meeting to definite program that could Palestine. While the British policy discuss the problem of the ref- provide the "true and final solu- is condemned, that of America is ugees. These unfortunates, driv- tion" was the "complete and final completely whitewashed. Rooseen from their homelands and victory" of the "Allies" in the war. velt is not asked either by the seeking some temporary haven, Since the plight of the refugees Committee for a Jewish Army or is a direct outgrowth of the war the New Zionist Organization of will find little to comfort them and becomes more desperate every America (whose full-page ad apin the statements now being reday the war continues, that "so- pears in the same issue of the leased from the Anglo-Amer-*Times*) to revise the immigration lution" solves exactly nothing. ican Conference. laws so as to allow a larger quota

AND MEANWHILE? Even before the Conference

Even if one were to grant the appeals request only that pressure Undersecretary of State for For- gentlemen in Bermuda that an he exerted upon Washington to eign Affairs declared: "I believe allied victory would solve the persuade the British government the persecuted people should not problem of these victims of war to open wide the doors of Palestine. be betrayed by false hopes of what and capitalism, what, pray, are may be possible into belief that they to do in the interim? Anglo-American Conference has aid is coming to them, when in The Jews constitute the largest no solution for the refugees. They ago.

17,000 cases now pending before diation Board reported an in- fact we are unable to give them group, their problems are most can find no room on this planet pressing. Yet, no Jewish organiza- for a small section of mankind, Harold W. Dodds, chairman of tions are represented at the and yet pretend that they can the United States delegation, Bermuda , Conference. Both in solve all the burning problems stressed further the "exploratory England and in this country, com- of the post-war world.

character" of the conference and mittees representing all the im- Small wonder that they chose The Michigan State Depart- the fact that it is not empowered portant Jewish organizations re- Bermuda-which is very inaccesment of Labor and Industry re- to make decisions when he said: quested permission to attend but sible, not only to the general take." Reuther declared that ported that compensable indus- "The problem is too great for a were turned down. The Committee public but also to the newspaper-"Labor must make every effort trial injuries hit a new high of solution by the two governments For A Jewish Army of Stateless men-as the fitting place for their to have the decision reversed." 3,292 in the month of March. here represented. The cooperation and Palestinian Jews published a conference: They prefer as little and the traditional terror regime The AFL representatives, who a This figure, the report pointed of others must be solicited. Our full page ad in the N. Y. Times publicity as possible about their few days before had voted for out, is the highest for the 30 task will be to offer such definite of April 13 appealing for a bankruptcy.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April Labor Board instructed the com-15. — Thompson Products pany to rehire the dismissed men workers returned to work today the plant.

after a one day strike. The lo-The regional War Labor Board cal press called it the first "au- turned over the question to its because it continued to tell the thorized" strike since Pearl conciliation commissioner and re-truth, the administration revoked commended to the National War Harbor. Thompson Products Labor Board that an investigation last month and interferes with the Incorporated, producers of air- be made. Understanding what this craft parts, is one of the last meant — that just one more third-class mail. strongholds of the open shop. grievance would join the mountain The CIO United Auto Work- of grievances collecting dust on ers has been trying for 5 years WLB files - the union local called of European Jews. Both these to organize the plant, gaining the first star toward unionizing the first step toward unionizing a regular meeting of the Cleveland the Cleveland unit of 5000 Industrial Union Council on It is already apparent that the workers when it won limited Wednesday night, that the strike bargaining rights a few months was authorized. He stated further that the union had placed charge

The strike was called as an after charge with government answer to the firing of 12 work- agencies and had written to Presiers, 11 of whom were union dent Roosevelt about the situation stewards and committeemen. The at Thompson Products but "govworkers responded enthusiastically ernment agencies were lethargic

to the strike call. Despite the and something had to be done to barrage of propaganda against any wake them."

union activity, open incitement to WLB AIDS AND ABETS violence against the strikers on the part of the capitalist press, at Thompson Products, strong work. In doing so it placed on the tain their patent pools with the picket lines were formed at the

wo main gates.

COMPANY PROVOCATION The immediate issue behind the products and its anti-labor presi- the workers to resist the anti-labor present dispute was the refusal dent, Frederick J. Crawford, who offensive of the employers, who of the company to permit a union had provoked the strike. By are concerned not with democracy committee to attend hearings on centering its attack against the but only with profits and placing worker's grievance. A worker workers, the War Labor Board the burden of the war on the charged with falsification of gave aid and comfort to the union- workers through increased taxes,

right to have a union committee Products. It backed the company represent him against a battery still more by excluding the 12 men Militant of deriding "democracy of company officials and super- originally fired from the order to and the 'four freedoms' as hypovisors. The committee composed return to work.

WPB chairman Donald Nelson ments, Benjamin F. Fairless, North America, AFL, reports who have not authorized the use has also expressed concern about president of U.S. Steel, issued a that its organization voted last of their names, that there may be an "appreciable" decline in steel statement on April 19, brazenly week to reject the fink card sys- a 35% steel slump because the production which he traces to asserting that the sub-standard tem introduced by the War Ship- committee has required the Car- "more than usual" vigilance on the steel plate investigated by the ping Administration through its negie-Illinois Steel Corporation to part of inspectors. In a telegram Truman Committee were "entirely to 90 mills producing steel plate, suitable for their intended uses

sent on April 16, he paid a little for shipbuilding purposes, despite spection" but warned the corpora- production in this Irvin Works Stalinist policy of "cringing toa- mitted to them at the end of a amount of working time in March tions, that that they should not plant... there is no proper basis reducing the previous volume of the safety or suitability of these trying to get out from under, the incorporation of trade to the requirement that they steel plate produced and shipped. plates for shipbuilding purposes." In effect this was a request to avoid scandals if possible, but to the testimony at the Truman maintain previous production hearing which revealed that U.S.

quotas at all costs. The War Production Board followed this up by calling a

which fail to produce as much in good judgment in testing and in- small percentage of the plate R. J. Thomas unless the War plant are numbered. amount of working time in March to report to the committee the extent of any slump in their their extent of any slump in their their backwards seeking "un-attainable perfection" and thus the contractor is the proper basis to characterize these plates as defective or faulty, or to question W.R. Dunne is SWP Candidate For Mayor Of Minneapolis This flies right in the face of

> (Continued from page 1) Steel plate sent to Kaiser shipvards last winter was "brittle' up this process. WHAT DUNNE ADVOCATES "I ask the support of Minneaship, the Schenectady, snapping polis workers and the friends of

"Instead of cooperating in an

investigation of a serious situa-

tion which had arisen by reason

of the carelessness and negli-

gence of the management, it at-

tempted to delay and obstruct the

investigation by refusing access

to records and an opportunity to

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919 MARQUETTE AVE., MINNEAPOLIS

Social to follow meeting ': Admission free

examine witnesses."

the labor movement. as the So-Nor does Fairless' new state cialist Workers Party candidate ment jibe very well with his own for Mayor of Minneapolis. Now,

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A Short History **Of 'The Militant'**

The Militant had entered its fifteenth year of service to the labor movement when the United States entered the second world and investigate the situation in war. Because The Militant continued to defend the interests of the masses in war as in peace, delivery of every issue entered as

> The stand taken by the administration was voiced by Attorney General Biddle. who charged in a letter written last December that this paper "is permeated with the thesis that the war is being fought solely for the benefit of the ruling groups and will serve merely to continue the enslavement of the working classes. It is urged that this war is an imperialistic clash for spoils at the expense of the lives and living standards of the people..." This was Biddle's way of saying that The Militant had shown

that the war was the result and the continuation of the economic The War Labor Board, in keep- rivalry of the capitalists; exposed ing with its established anti-union the monopolists who even after policy, ordered the men back to Pearl Harbor continued to mainworkers and their union the Nazi monopolists and to sabotage responsibility for the strike which production in the interest of postreally belongs on Thompson war profit and privileges; urged production records demanded the busting tactics of Thompson higher prices and frozen wages. Biddle's letter also accused The

critical shams.

This was a bare-faced lie, and men was violently evicted from work pending prompt considera- Biddle knew it. The Militant did tion of their grievances. Their not and does not deride democracy. Ed Hall, UAW organizer of justified lack of confidence in the On the contrary it aggressively Thompson Products Local 300, War Labor Board and the and consistently fights to preserve stated immediately after the determination with which they and extend the democratic rights dispute that the union, in turning rallied to the dismissed union of the masses, as every issue of derides, but the hypocrisy of the administration which makes noblesounding speeches on the question but violates all its lofty promises in action, as it did on a domestic issue such as the anti-poll tax bill and on a foreign issue such as the hand of friendship which it extends to the fascist Franco. Was The Militant, wrong in

to the program of international denouncing the Biddles as hypopublican office boys are speeding Socialism. The out-moded social crites? They proved how right our system which produced capitalist charge was when they went ahead anarchy, war for the profits of to attack this paper for telling imperialist gangsters and bloody, the truth. brutal fascism, must be abolished

Another charge of Biddle's was that The Militant published "anti-The so-called labor candidate. British attacks.

endorsed jointly by AFL and CIO This was another lie by the unions in Minneapolis, is a man

After U.S. Steel Scandal In either case, it seems clear | lowering its quality." (N. Y. man of the committee, Senator that failure to meet these speci- Times, April 18.) An advisory fications must have been pretty committee was selected to make hearing!

Seafarers' International Union of sorted to gossip and rumor, but

to sign the RMO draft registration cards when they are sub- April as they did in the same

The Feenstra bill, calling for production which they attribute cions. was killed in committee comply with government specificaafter it was denounced by the

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(Continued from page 1) Mead, declared on April 19: MEAD'S STATEMENT

"It has been suggested by steel company officials who have re- NELSON'S APPEAL

"Consequently, the committee is

WHAT IT PROVES

It is impossible to state with certainty whether the decline in Prentiss Brown, OPA Admin- steel production is due to pressure meeting of leading steel corpora- steel" and resulted in a Kaiser istrator, informed a House Com- being exerted by the steel barons tion officials and war agency ofmittee: "I am dubious in my own to prevent any more exposures of ficials. The meeting was closed to in half on its trial run. mind whether or not OPA has their criminal practices which the press, but was followed by the the authority to enforce grade endangered the lives of men in announcement that the conferees discharge of a union member; 900 | labelling," and said he would hold the armed forces or whether it is had agreed on the advisability of the matter in abeyance pending due to special care taken by in- "simplifying" testing procedures testimony before the Truman mines in Harlan, Kentucky, in congressional action clarifying due to special care taken by in-mines in Harlan, Kentucky, in congressional action clarifying due to special care taken by in-motest over the "filibustering bio when he for steel plate so as to "maintain bio when he for steel plate so as to "maintain bio when he workers' movement. for a

widespread before the Truman recommendations along this line. FAIRLESS GETS BOLDER Emboldened by these develop-

of union stewards and committeethe plant by the company cops.

the case over to the regional War representatives indicates that the this paper since the beginning of Labor Board, was prepared to call days of the open-shop regime at the war will testify. It is not Log states, "SIU men will refuse asking all producers of steel plate lip-service to the need for "honest irregularities in the testing of a a strike authorized by President the Cleveland Thompson Products democracy that The Militant

the "filibustering protest his authority. tactics" of the operators in the

They haven't got "authority" current coal negotiations; Spicer to put labels on cans, but they Manufacturing Company, key parts manufacturer of Toledo, Ohio, employing approximately workers to their jobs! 2500 workers, shut down over a wage dispute necessitating the

closing of the Willys-Overland which, presumably, he has all the plant; members of District 50 of the United Mine Workers conto the monthly figures of the Intinued a strike at the Celanese dustrial Conference Board, food Corporation of Newark. N. J., in prices showed the sensational rise defiance of the WLB; 8,000 UAW-CIO workers demanding a At this rate prices would go up signed contract continued their 30% in a year's time. strike at the Bendix and East

Orange, N. J., plants of the Ben-

dix Aviation Corporation; a one The AFL and CIO unions have day strike was called at the joined forces in Bayonne, N. J. Cleveland plants of the Thompto form a United Labor Comson Products Company; 500 mittee and have put into the field workers continued striking for of the current city elections, higher wages at the Universal | Chester Nadrowski, President of Atlas Cement Company plant at a local CIO electrical shop, as Universal, Pa., etc., etc. candidate for City Commissioner

on an independent labor slate. The Minnesota Teamster, or-Bayonne is an important indusgan of Tobin's Minnesota lieute- trial city of approximately nants, discusses the Fort Snell- 100,000 population. ing scandal in a leading editorial / Other cities please copy.

Wm. F. Warde Speaks On **New Freezing Orders**

William F. Warde, popular | workers chained to their jobs, the the understanding that it was ten- emies. writer and lecturer, analyzed price of commodities continues to tative and they would have an-Roosevelt's April 8 wage-freezing soar, for the millionaires and in- other opportunity to go over it. and job-freezing order at the last dustrialists and bankers who own But after a few days the Murregular Sunday Open Forum of the means of production are rays and the Greens broke their the N. Y. School of Social Science. driven by an insatiable thirst for silence. On April 19 Murray ap-

Reviewing the domestic war profits. "Capitalist thirst for proproved the job-freezing order program of Big Business, Warde fits can never be quenched," with some reservation to save showed how Roosevelt, as the re- Warde said, "no matter how much face, of course, with the plea that presentative of the capitalist blood they wring out of the some features of the order be class, consistently serves the in- workers." "clarified," etc., and the hope that

terest of that class and faithfully In dealing with inflation, the the WMC intend "to protect the speaker exposed the falsity of the provisions of collective bargaining executes its anti-labor program.

"Roosevelt has become Wage claim that high wages cause in- and wage agreements ! . . " This Cutter No. 1," Warde stated. He flation. Wages cut only into the is known as swallowing the camel has already instituted all of the bosses' profits, he said, while the and straining at the gnat. Green time-tested means of intensifying root causes of inflation are to be weakly declared on April 20 that the exploitation of labor and in- found in the war economy of capi- the order was "uncalled for and creasing the profits of the bosses: | talism. unnecessary at the moment;" he

"The dictates of the bosses have also asked for "modifications." lengthened work days, speedup, direct and indirect wage cuts and become clothed in federal authorthe abolition of reforms. ity," Warde stated, and the work-

At the same time as it deals ers can counter the united attack put to the test in recent weeks. repeated blows at the workers, the of the government and Big Busiadministration winks its eyes at ness only by forging a political protest against the Little Steel war profiteering and allows the weapon of their own. An Indeprovision for a \$25,000 salary lim- pendent Labor Party, based on ing them for the week-kneed capiitation to be indefinitely tabled; the trade unions, could stem the tulators that they are, gave them and powerful forces in Congress tide of reaction, and representaa song-and-dance until his wage are pushing the much-ballyhooed tives in Congress who directly freezing order was ready to be Ruml pay-as-you-go plan to light- represented the working class slapped into their faces. en the tax obligations of the could effectively block the mass of anti-labor legislation now be- WELL TRAINED DOGS

And while wages ar's frozen and ing advanced by boss politicians. Making face-saving protests that

contract specifications are met. maximum output without unduly

have plenty of "authority" to freeze all wages and freeze all Jobs Are Frozen To Brown is doing a wonderful job however of controlling prices, for Help Keep Wages Down

(Continued from page 1) fooled no one, they then annecessary "authority." According non-deferable occupations under nounced that they would "fight" to have prices rolled back and penalty of being inducted. "Thus, an elevator man in an frozen and to have the wage-freezaircraft plant, engaged in a non- ing order applied in a "flexible" in the month of March of 21/2%. deferable occupation, wishing to manner. Now comes the jobtake a war job which would nor- freezing order, and again they mally pay him a higher rate, is make a few protests but again prevented from taking the new they retreat like well-mannered job under the ruling. On the dogs.

other hand, he may be inducted Thus they have clearly shown into the Army if he remains in what their policy of supporting his non-deferable job even though Roosevelt means in action. It he may have a wife and several means visiting the White House and getting sugary promises children."

which the labor leaders pass along HOW UNION HEADS ACTED to lull the workers until their As in the case of the wage-freez- | "friend" Roosevelt is prepared to ing order, the top leaders of the crack down a little harder. AFL and CIO looked shocked The job-freezing and wage-

when they were informed of the freezing orders, and the behavior latest anti-labor step by the ad- of the national AFL and CIO ofministration and they refused to ficials in the face of these antimake statements until they had labor measures, make it clear had an opportunity to "study" that the unions must strike out the order. Labor members of the as an independent force fighting WMC's Labor-Management Com- for their rights or they are on mittee said they had seen the or- the way to destruction at the der a few days before its public hands of their capitalist "friends" announcement, but that they had as well as of their avowed en-

What Happened to The April 13 Issue Of 'The Militant'

The Militant reported last week that the April 3 issue of this paper, which had been deposited in the Post Office on April 1, had not been released by Washington for delivery as late as April 14, despite a promise by Mr. Vincent Miles, Solicitor of the Post Office, that efforts would be made to dispatch the paper within two days of deposit.

We have since been informed The "strategy" of the top labor by the postal authorities that bureaucrats has been decisively the long delay was not intended, that Mr. Miles had sent a They started out with a nominal telegram to the New York Post Office authorizing the dispatch formula, but Roosevelt, recognizof the paper on but that the New York Post Office. had not received the telegram or learned of its contents until April 16.

The April 3 issue was dispatched on April 17.

said that he was "as shocked and cials boasted they picked up outdesirous of a correction of the militant struggle for full econosituation as you are" and ad mic and political rights for all mitted that the testimony showed white and colored; Jew and Genvery poor management." tile. These rights can be gained

"DELAY AND OBSTRUCTION" only if Stalinism. Stassenism and Fairless' new statement repeated | Tobinism are eradicated from the alibi that the scandal un. the labor movement.

"A fresh start must be made. covered at the Truman hearing was the fault of a few plant of. Long steps toward a better day ficials. But the behavior of the can be taken by Minneapolis lahigher corporation officials, as bor in this election. I stand for described in a Truman Committee | militant industrial unions, for an report issued on April 19. gives independent labor party, for good reason for suspecting that elected workers' representatives

they were well aware of what was everywhere, for a march to a Sogoing on. The report says of the cialist World. higher management:

"As a Trotskyist, I am pledged

CIO Woodworkers Aid in Appealing **Kelly Postal Case** "We hope you will receive a good response to your appeal for financial assistance and that the ultimate results will wide hook-up. be most favorable," writes-Local 28, International Wood-De Boer, campaign manager, workers of America, CIO, of thousands of copies of this issue Portola, Calif., one of the recand a special election edition of ent contributors to the Civil Rights Defense Committee, distributed in working class which is conducting the campaign on the Kelly Postal appeal. campaign.

V. R. DUNNE

FOR MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS



CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY

AT A RADIO BROADCAST

on the issues in the Minneapolis election

FRIDAY, MAY 7

7:15 to 7:30 P. M.

Over Station WLOL

from the earth."

paign.

The strikers voted to return to

carried articles denouncing the British IMPERIALISTS for refusindependence to India. But we merce and Roosevelt's War Manpower Commission before accept- ish attack. We believe that the ing the offer of the union move- policy we follow on this issue is ment. It was revealed that the in the interests of the great bargain included the promise by majority of the British people. British imperialism and whose desire to wipe out fascism is obdefeated in the election camstructed by the imperialists' opposition to granting freedom to the Indian masses.

Opening his campaign with a This paper printed "charges of peech at the Twin City Sunday Fascist collaboration by the United Forum on April 18, Comrade States," Biddle continued.

Dunne spoke on "Labor's Stake Of course it did. It not only in the Minneapolis Elections." He made such charges but protested will speak again at a May Day against such practices most rally on Saturday evening, May vigorously, as when the U.S. ad 1, at the headquarters of the Soministration carried through the cialist Workers Party in Minnea-Darlan deal, the Giraud deal, etc. polis. A radio speech is scheduled This may be a crime in Biddle's over station WLOL on Friday, eyes, but it isn't in the eyes of May 7, at 7:15 P. M. in a statethe American people and the masses exploited by the fascists Under the direction of Harry

with whom the administration collaborates. The Militant is also guilty of

he "stimulation of race issues," The Militant next week will be Biddle declared.

This is his distortion of our areas. Other plans are under way to rally the workers of Minneapolicy pursued before and after polis behind Comrade Dunne's Pearl Harbor of opposing dis-

crimination against the Negro people and other minorities practiced by both the employers and the government. The truth is that this paper, far from stimulating racial antagonisms, tries to unite Negro and white in a joint struggle against their common enemy. Despite Biddle, thousands of workers became acquainted with The Militant for the first time in 1942, and many of them learned that it defends their interests. They can rest assured that The Militant will continue in the same tradition in the future as in the past.

(This is the final in a series of articles on this paper's history. Those who are interested in examining the 1942 issues of this paper can get the bound volume for that year by sending \$3 to Business Manager, 116 University Pl., New. York.)



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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY CANDIDATE **SPEAKS IN MINNESOTA:** AT THE MAY DAY RALLY

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1943

Socialist Workers Party's May Day Manifesto

THE MILITANT

(Continued from page 1)

the recent moves toward the formation of Labor Parties in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and other states attest to this growing demand for independent labor political action.

The workers must end company unionism on the political field and organize their own party to check the anti-labor drive in Congress and in the state legislatures and to promote their interests.

For an Independent Labor Party based on the trade unions and equipped with a militant program of action!

The workers cannot entrust the conduct of their fight against fascism to capitalist forces or their agents, who are primarily concerned with protecting their profits, privileges and property. The American people cannot leave the welfare of their sons, husbands and brothers in the armed forces and merchant marine to the mercy of these profit-mad monopolists and their political representatives.

To clear the road for the struggle against fascism abroad and at home, to take the profit out of war, and to protect their very lives, it is necessary for the workers to:

Expropriate the war industries! Operate them under workers' control!

Frozen wages, soaring prices, scarcity of basic commodities, and mounting taxes slash deeply into the workers' standard of living. Swollen profits of speculators, big food manufacturers and distributors, black market prices keep pushing up the cost of prime necessities. Price-fixing regulations have admittedly broken down.

To protect the living standards of the masses, workers' wages and working farmers' incomes must rise to meet the rising cost of living. All unions must fight for:

A rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living!

Scarce consumer goods should be rationed and everyone who works should be guaranteed by law an adequate allotment of food and clothing. There must be strict enforcement of price ceilings through mass committees of trade unions, housewives and working farmers. There should be no taxes on workers' wages nor on incomes below \$5,000 a year. All incomes over \$25,000 should be confiscated.

The main weapon of the workers in defense of their living standards and working conditions, the right to strike, has been surrendered by their official leadership to Roosevelt in exchange for unkept promises. To combat the everincreasing cost of living, to maintain their conditions of life and labor, and to defend themselves against the anti-union offensive of the bosses, the workers must regain their freedom of economic action. The firm stand and stubborn struggle of the coal miners have pointed the way to the rest of American labor.

No reliance upon government boards packed against labor! Defend the right to strike!

2. An

By the end of 1943 over ten millions will be in the armed forces. Scattered all over the world, they will be militarized for years. These men and women in uniform should have the same rights as in civilian life.

The Rickenbackers are trying to cover up capitalist war profiteering and to pit the men in uniform against the workers in overalls by lying stories about "overtime millionaires," absenteeism, and so forth. This propaganda campaign of the bosses is being supplemented by the training of soldiers in strike-breaking tactics.

This anti-labor offensive within and around the army

determination to fight for full social, economic, and political equality. Nevertheless discrimination prevails in the war industries and in the armed forces. As the principal oppressed minority in the United States, the Negro people cannot achieve the freedom they seek without the active and whole-hearted support of the white workers. We call upon every Negro and white worker to unite:

Against Jim Crowism! For equal rights for Negroes in industry and in the armed forces!

Women by the millions are entering the factories, many for the first time. The trade unions must demand:

Equal pay for equal work by women!

The administration threatens to ration civil liberties and curtail the democratic rights of free speech, freedom of the press and of assembly. It refuses to repeal the poll tax laws which disfranchise almost ten million white and Negro workers and sharecroppers in the South. After sentencing 18 lead-" ing members of the Socialist Workers Party and of Teamsters Local 544-CIO in Minneapolis the day war was declared, the administration has proceeded to revoke the second-class mailing privileges of The Militant. This first attack upon the foremost anti-fascist labor paper provides a precedent which can be invoked against other labor and liberal organs.

No return to the witch-hunts of 1917-1918! Defend the freedom of the press! Abolish the poll tax! Free all class-war prisoners!

World economic crises, the spread of fascism, and now the Second World War in a generation have made workers everywhere realize that the security and salvation of the workers in any one country depend upon the political and economic situation of workers in other countries.

Events today compel the American workers to think of their problems in world terms. All class-conscious workers have been inspired by the stand of the Soviet masses against the Nazi invaders and the recent victories of the Red Army. Their class feelings tell them what Marxist theory confirms: that the Soviet Union, despite its political degeneration under the regime of Stalin, nevertheless remains a workers' state, rid of capitalists and based upon nationalized property; that the basic conquests of the Russian revolution remain; and that every worker is duty-bound to defend the USSR in its struggle against all imperialist attempts to overthrow and destroy the first workers' state.

The morale of the Soviet peoples and the virility of the Red Army's resistance spring out of the conquests achieved by the October Revolution of 1917.

But the struggle in defense of the USSR is seriously handicapped and its achievements imperilled by the policies of the degenerate and treacherous Stalinist clique which has usurped the power in the first workers' state. This reactionary bureaucracy tries to stifle the revolutionary spirit of the Soviet masses, refuses to restore Soviet democracy, and tightens the hold of its totalitarian apparatus upon Soviet life. Stalin's foreign policy is an extension of his reactionary domestic policy. Instead of summoning the workers in capitalist countries to a joint struggle against their common enemy, world imperialism, Stalin helps chain them to Anglo-American capitalism.

The winter victories of the Red Armies and the spreading civil warfare in Yugoslavia and Poland have engendered a deep-going crisis in the relations between the Kremlin and its Anglo-American allies. The fundamental and irreconcilable opposition between Soviet property relations and world capitalism asserts itself in this widening rift. The subsequent development of this antagonism can lead to an open revival of the anti-Soviet mobilization organized during the Soviet-Finnish war of 1939-1940 when the entire "democratic" capitalist world cheered on Mannerheim's army.

against Japanese invaders. Now they have been joined by the people of India who struggle for their independence against Britain. We unconditionally defend the Chinese and Indian masses in their fight for emancipation against the rival imperialist enslavers. The titanic struggle of colonial Asia for national freedom and social liberation is a genuine fight for liberty, democracy and progress. Their liberationist struggle can finally triumph only under the leadership and through the program of the youthful proletariat who can lead their peasant allies toward a Soviet China and a Soviet India, keystones in the Socialist United States of Asia!

Unconditional support to the struggles for independence of the Chinese, Indian and all colonial peoples in Asia, Africa, and South America!

The American workers want to destroy fascism and to. help liberate the conquered peoples of Europe. How can these worthy aims be realized?

The trade union bureaucrats, the Stalinist and Social-Democratic leaders urge the masses to trust in and to stake all upon a military victory of the "United Nations" over the Axis. But the armies being prepared for invasion come not to liberate Europe from capitalism but to save capitalism. London and Washington propose to dismember Germany, subjugate and punish the German nation.

The German people today fear that the Anglo-American victors will inflict just as severe penalties upon them as Hitler himself imposed upon France. However much they hate Hitlerism and long to rid themselves of it, they are held back from struggle by the paralyzing dread of the political and economic consequences of another "peace treaty" imposed by the victors. The German people's memories of the Versailles aftermath of the last war combined with their knowledge of the avowed aims of the Anglo-American coalition help to prop up Hitler and deter internal resistance against his regime.

This situation inside Germany could be transformed overnight if the workers of the United States would establish their own Workers' and Farmers' Government. Such an anti-capitalist government could hold out the hand of fraternity to the German workers and peasants, calling upon them to overthrow the Nazis and the capitalists who back this regime and to march forward to establish their own government.

A Workers' and Farmers' Government of the United States would not fear the consequences of a Soviet triumph over Hitler but would exert its full power to help the Red Armies conquer and destroy the menace of imperialism. A Workers' and Farmers' Government could honestly renounce all imperialist aims and privileges. It could insist upon independence for India which would transform four hundred million sullen slaves of British imperialism and all the natives of Asia into powerful allies of the workers against fascism and imperialism.

- THREE

A Workers' and Farmers' Government alone could realize a Socialist program which would bring peace, security, freedom and plenty to the American people. That is why we appeal to the American workers:

For the establishment of a Workers' and Farmers' Government which will end fascism abroad and at home!

The program we advocate is Lenin's and Trotsky's program of international socialist struggle which was tried, tested, and proved triumphant during the First World War. The Bolshevik program of peace through socialism stopped the imperialist war in Russia and hastened the end of the war elsewhere by its revolutionary effects.

The anti-capitalist revolt of the masses emerging from the first world war was carried through to the creation and maintenance of a workers' state only in Russia. Elsewhere it faltered, stopped short, and was crushed by reaction.

Chronic crises, fascism, Stalinism, and finally the Second World War are the heavy price the world working class has had to pay for the failure of its leadership to spread the victorious revolution from Russia to the rest of Europe and Asia.

The terrible experiences of the years between the First and the Second World Wars demonstrate that society can only go from one convulsion to the next, from the Second World War to the Third, unless capitalism is abolished, the workers take full power in their hands, expropriate the exploiters, and set up their own regime.

The only way out of the bloody chaos of capitalism is through the struggle for socialism.

For peace through international socialism! For the united struggle and international solidarity of all workers and colonial peoples! For the Socialist **United States of the World!**

NATIONAL COMMITTEE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

The Militant Origin And **Traditions Of May Day**

By MARVELL SCHOLL

sary of the first international advanted working class holiday, May gram. The workers of the Mc-Day, it is fitting that we once Cormick-Deering plant had been again review its history.

May Day as a working class months. Another strike among tion, began in the United States. But it has always belonged to the international working class for the idea for such a demonholiday, a one day demonstra- the lumber workers was also in

advocated a revolutionary pro- THE TRIAL AND AFTERMATH

The trial began on June 21, 1886 before Judge Gary of steel

ly takes on new significance this May Day as a mounting wave of economic and political oppression meets the workers on every side.

own political and economic organ-

izations. The last slogan especial-

| tantly in this city. The Central | and Fisher were indicted for the | end of colonial oppression, the Labor Union was led by the so- murder of the first policeman to right of workers to form their

locked out for more than two trust fame. From the very begin-

gravely endangers the trade unions. Organized labor must defend the interests of the rank-and-file soldiers both for their sake and its own. The unions must step forward and demand a moratorium on all debts and union wages for draftees, must uphold their right to hold meetings and to be tried by a jury of their fellows instead of by brass-hat court-martial.

For democratic rights of all men in the armed forces!

Trade unionists should demand training camps of their own, financed by the government. These should include special camps to train worker-officers who, unlike the present high officer caste, will have no reason to spread anti-labor venom among their men.

For military training camps under control of the trade unions!

Not since the Civil War have the Negroes displayed more

The sole reliable allies of the Soviet Union in its lifeand-death struggle are the workers of the world, above all, the German workers. Hitler's forces can be disintegrated from within and won over by a revolutionary program, a summons to the German workers to overthrow Hitlerism and imperialism, and, together with the liberated peoples of the continent, go forward to create the Socialist United States of Europe.

Defend the Soviet Union against all the imperialist powers and against the Stalinist bureaucracy!

For six years the people of China have been fighting

The Bolsheviks av Day And the meaning of this day to the Republic was as yet too poor and memorials of the epoch of the

By JOHN G. WRIGHT

The first document relating ing, he wrote: to May Day and accredited to Class."

The founding congress of the the capitalists of the whole world. Second International in Paris And once we lift up our toilas a day of international labor chains of slavery will be shatsolidarity. The whole capitalist tered. The working people shall world was alarmed at the time by rise in Russia and there will be tion of 1890 would serve as the always zealously serves and aids direct signal for the world prole- | them. tarian revolution. This summons was fully answered in backward | elapse before history proved that Czarist Russia.

Although Marxist organizations bourgeoisie were by no means unin Russia were not yet formed founded. Lenin's forecast was reat the time - the first genuine alized in life in October, 1917 Marxist groups were founded in when the Russian workers and 1894, that is, four years after the peasants did shatter their chains. original May Day celebration, -In the darkest days of the justthis holiday was nevertheless born workers' state the Bolshecelebrated in Petersburg in 1891 viks under Lenin and Trotsky with about 200 participating in never failed to give true expresan illegal meeting. The Moscow sion on May Day to the internaorganization of Russian Marxists tional tendencies of the modern did not acquire sufficient strength labor movement: They sounded and influence to issue a call for the tocsin for the liberation of a May Day celebration under il- mankind. legal conditions until 1895. The earliest surviving docu-

LENIN IN 1896

ment of Lenin's May Day speeches in this period is dated 1919. In his circular of 1896 Lenin And of them only newspaper achad to explain in simplest terms counts survive. The young Soviet

Petersburg workers. In conclud- too direly beset by the armies of capitalist system. It will be difdemocratic' imperialists to be able ficult for them to understand "Comrades, if we unite firmly in the heat of the Civil War to how the trade in primary neces-Lenin is a circular dated 1896 and wholeheartedly, then the day take down a full transcript of sities of life could have been left written by him in a Czarist jail is not distant when we too, form- Lenin's two speeches in the Red in private hands; how factories in the name of the "Petersburg ing our forces in serried ranks, Square on May 1, 1919. Here is and mills could have belonged to League of Struggle for the will be able openly to join the a newspaper report of the second private individuals; how one man could have been permitted to ex-

Emancipation of the Working common struggle of the workers of these speeches: "The majority of those assemof all countries, without distinction of creed or color, against bled here — said Lenin — who have lived without having any

have not reached the age of 30- useful work to do. Up to now, 35 will see the flowering of com-(1889) had established this day hardened hands, the shameful munism, from which we are still so far removed. "Pointing to the children, Len-

the proclamation of May Day. quaking in the hearts of capital- ating in the holiday of labor's They expected that the celebra- ists and of the government that emancipation, will enjoy the full

Twenty one years were to

through the efforts and sacrifices

of revolutionists. "-Our grandchildren will gaze

the original fears of the world in wonder at the documents and

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for the idea for such a demon- ally all the workers in Chicago stration was born in the minds were out on the streets. Pitched

of men who were themselves in- battles between parading workers ternationalists, and who went to and police occurred all day long. their death as a result of that The next morning the May Day taken by prosecution. When it first May Day, unshaken in their strikers found a city-wide lockconvictions that the workers of out facing them. all the world would one day join On May 3 the picket line at the

hands to abolish capitalism, to McCormick-Deering plant was years in prison. establish world socialism. joined by thousands of May Day The very words - May Day strikers. Suddenly the police at-

recall the memory of the heroic tacked the picket line with gunfigures of the Haymarket Mas- fire and clubs. Four workers were sacre: Albert Persons, August killed. Spies. George Engel, Adolph THE BOMBING OF MAY 4 Fisher, Louis Lingg, Michael

Schwabb, Samuel Fielden, and Oscar Neebe. CHICAGO STRUGGLES

The idea for calling upon all sons, Spies and Fielden. vorkers to down their tools in a fight for the eight-hour day was dle of the meeting. Most of the Engel were hanged by the neck contained in a resolution passed crowd of 3,000 had already until they were dead. in the 1885 convention of Feder- sought cover from the rain when ation of Trades and Labor Unions suddenly 150 police charged the of the United States and Can- meeting. Fielden, the speaker, world. In the founding convenada (later renamed the American | protested that the gathering was Federation of Labor). May 1, peaceful, that it was breaking up. in Paris (1899), May First, 1890, 1886 was set aside as the day Then without warning, a bomb for this demonstration.

The response to the call exceedshall-Field warehouse across the ed even the expectations of the most optimistic among those who crowd. initiated the idea. All over the country workers by the hundreds of thousands laid down their tools and picked up their banners. Clashes between the police and paraders took place everywhere. shot just above the knee. In many large centers, the work-

ers won their demand for a shorter day and resumed work against the labor movement be- moded or won. on May 2. gan. Every prominent labor lead-It was in Chicago that the

fight assumed its sharpest form. Labor had been organizing mili- Schwabb, Lingg, Neebe, Engels prisoners, universal suffrage, the possible only under socialism.

Gompers tried in vain to sell the

The trial dragged on for many weeks, most of the time being was over, seven of the men were sentenced to be hanged; the other, Oscar Neebe, was given fifteen

All appeals failed. The protests of the national and international labor movement were disregarded. Shortly before the date for the execution .Governor Altgeld of II. linois commuted the sentences of Fielden and Schwabb to life im-On May 4 a mass meeting to prisonment. Lingg, defiant and protest the police brutality was contemptuous of his persecutors called in Haymarket Square. to the very last, committed sui-

Among the speakers were Par- cide in his jail cell. On Nov. 11, 1887, August Spies, Albert Par-A rain storm broke in the mid- sons, Adolph Fisher, and George

Repercussions of the Haymartion of the Second International. was set aside as the first internathrown from the roof of the Mar- tional working class holiday.

street, burst in the midst of the MEANING OF MAY DAY

Since 1890 the manner in which When the smoke had cleared May Day has been celebrated has seven police and four workers lay reflected the moods and trends lead. Henry Spies, brother of within the labor movement. For August, was wounded in deflect- two decades it was celebrated ing a bullet intended for his every year with mass parades, brother. Fielden was also injured, demonstrations and strikes. Every year new slogans were added to din of bombs. The day is coming The next day the program the roster, as old ones were out-

Among the slogans carried by workers of the entire world will er in Chicago was arrested. Eight parading workers through the rejoice in the new-found society,

CELEBRATE THIS MAY DAY WITH THE TROTSKYISTS!

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At this meeting there will also be mass singing of labor songs and other May Day features

bomb

American workers the idea of replacing May Day with "May Sunday," a day upon which the workers could go to the parks, eat a picnic lunche and listen to speeches of labor fakers. During the world war, President Wilson forbade the celebration of May Day.

Finally a legal "Labor Day," the first Monday in September, was established.

In 1919, the first year after the end of the first world war, the American workers celebrated May Day with one of the most militant one day strikes in the history of the country.

MAY DAY THIS YEAR

This year May Day will not be celebrated with mass demonstrations. parades or strikes. In the

eves of superficial observers, four years of total war seem to have robbed the world working class of its international bonds of class solidarity. But those ideas which bind our class together are imperishable and unconquerable. Everywhere in the world, small groups meet, carrying aloft the banner of international solidarity, some under the most savage illegality, others in conditions of

semi-legality, to pledge their lives anew to the cause of socialism. And the voice of socialism will

yet make itself heard above the when May Day will be one of real celebration. A day when the men: Spies, Parsons, Fielden, years are - freedom for political that apex of civilization which is

The transition from capitalism o socialism has turned out far more torturous and tortured than

structure of socialism lodged by in said that they, now participus is not — a utopia. And our children will work still more zealously to build this structure." measure of the fruits gained Vechernye Isvestia of the Moscow Soviet of Workers' and Red Army

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see with your own eyes, that the

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Lenin's lifetime. The road for re-

action was cleared above all by

the betrayals of the Second In-

ternational and of Stalinism. But

the entire experience of the years

that have since elapsed, far from

detracting from the message and

program of Marxism-Leninism.

has invested them with even a

greater urgency. Socialism is the

only way out for mankind. The

struggle for socialism is our task

and our duty. Otherwise we and

our children and the whole of

civilization will relapse into bar-

barism.

Deputies. May 3, 1919.

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TRIAL OF TROTSKY'S MURDERER 'N.Y. Times' Tries To Distort The

History And Background Of The GPU Killer 'Jacson' Case

By Betty Kuehn

The GPU murderer of Leon Trotsky, sentenced by the Mexican court on April 16, came to Mexico in October 1939, as the three judges stated, solely for the purpose of killing Trotsky.

For months after his arrival he did not go near the Trotsky household in Coyoacan but 'stayed in Mexico City waiting for the right opportunity. His unwitting tool was to be Sylvia Ageloff, whom he had married in Paris in 1938, obviously in preparation for his task. She had entree through friends into the Trotsky household.

When she followed him to Mexico, he did not attempt to enter the Trotsky house with her, but through her he became known by name to the household. Finally, on one errand or another for her, he visited the Trotsky household a few times for a few minutes.

Using the pretext that he wanted Trotsky's opinion on an article he had written "Frank Jacson," on his last visit, succeeded in getting behind Trotsky as he sat at his desk and drove a pickaxe into Trotsky's head.

The May 24, 1940 Assault

Trotsky knew that Stalin had decreed his death. During the three months following the May 24, 1940 attack, Stalin's most recent attempt on his life, he had greeted Natalia each morning with "Another lucky day. We are still alive!" The May 24 assault was carried out by some 25 men disguised as policemen, armed with machine guns, rifles and incendiary bombs. They succeeded in getting through the walls surrounding the house, holding off Trotsky's guards, and spraying bullets through the doors and windows of the room where Trotsky and his wife were sleeping. Miraculously, the two escaped unharmed.

Four of the participants in the attack were known Stalinists and admitted their complicity. David Alfaro Sigueiros, Mexican painter, a Stalinist for more than 15 years, a "colonel" in the Stalinist forces in Loyalist Spain, was identified and indicted as the leader of the armed attack.

During the investigation it was shown that the GPU had rented every house that became empty in the vicinity of the Trotsky house. At one of these houses in the country nearby, the police found the murdered body of Robert Sheldon Harte, Trotsky's guard who had been kidnapped. during the assault.

Siqueiros admitted he had led the attack. Yet he was let out on bail and, of course, skipped the country along with three of his accomplices who had also been members of the Communist Party at one time or another.

From the time of Leon Trotsky's arrival in Mexico in 1937, the official Stalinist press and Stalinist-controlled press had carried on an endless campaign against him.

They demanded his expulsion from the country. Before the Stalin-Hitler pact the Stalinist press accused Trotsky of being an agent of Nazi Germany. After the Stalin-Hitler pact, they accused him of being an agent of England and the United States. These slanders were a political prepara-

'Frank Jacson' **GPU Killer of Trotsky**

"Jacson's" first story was to pretend that he had been close to the Trotskyists in Europe, that members of the Executive Committee of the Fourth International had sent him to Mexico to serve as a secretary for Trotsky, that he had become disillusioned with Trotsky and then decided to kill him.

The Assassin's Passport

Trotsky's attorney, Albert Goldman, showed up "Jacson" as a liar. Permitted by the judge to question the killer, Goldman showed that "Jacson" lied about his income, his passport and about his non-existent connections with the Fourth International.

"Jacson" claimed that a member of the Fourth International Bureau furnished him with his passport. Sylvia Ageloff and her sister testified that he claimed to have bought the passport for \$3,500 from some passport forgers in France.

The passport "Jacson" used was traced by the Mexican government. It had been issued by the Canadian government in March 1937 to one Tony Babich who had enlisted in the Stalinist International Brigade to fight in the Spanish Loyalist Army. On May 12, 1939, the Franco government of Spain had issued a death certificate for Babich. His picture and name were taken off the passport and the picture and name of "Jacson" inserted.

"More than any other evidence in the record of the whole case, conclusively proving that Jaccall Trotsky a Hitlerite agent, and "Jacson" revised his story to fit the Stalinist line.)

"Jacson's" "confession" letter also clearly established premeditation. The criminal had destroved all his documents - thereby proving that he wanted to hide his real identity. The Stalinist origin of his passport makes this understandable.

"Jacson" confessed the way he had tricked Trotsky into sitting down to read an article brought by the assassin in order to distract his victim's attention. He confessed that he had struck from behind.

Tactics of the Defense

The defense embarked on a tactic of delay with two possible escapes in view for "Jacson" - a "legal" and an illegal one.

A "legal" escape might be arranged by maneuvering the case into the hands of some judge amenable to the inducements of a well-stocked GPU treasury. For this it was necessary to create and seize upon every pretext, no matter how small, to accuse Judge Vasquez of partiality against the prisoner. In this way the judge might be forced to resign from the case. (The judge's fair handling of the case was later upheld by a higher court.)

It is known that on two different occasions the GPU had a plan laid to get "Jacson" out of jail. Reliable reports told of the extremely friendly relations between him and certain prison authorities - to the point of having drunken parties, music, women in his cell. "Jacson" has had plenty of money for whatever he wanted.

There was and still is the danger that the GPU will try to liquidate the case by liquidating "Jacson." They no doubt would like to kill him to make sure he will never talk.

The "New Version"

Seven months after the murder, "Jacson" suddenly announced that his key statements had been made while under the influence of some mysterious "liquid" with which he was injected. Under the instructions from his new lawyer -one connected with the Stalinists - "Jacson"

murder. The defense then started on a new tack, saying that the direction of the wound showed that the blow could not have been struck from behind. A "provocation" by Trotsky had led to an unpremeditated murder - that was the new story. On the very last day of the hearings, after no more proofs could be presented, "Jacson" handed in the "new version" of his crime. As was to be expected, it played up the "self-defense" line. The murderer did not try to explain how it

happened that he was so well prepared to "defend" himself - with a pickaxe, a knife and a 45 calibre revolver.

When the judges handed down the decision, they completely rejected this latest version which was presented 13 months after the crime.

The Struggle Against Stalinism

The assassination of Leon Trotsky can only be nderstood if one understands that it resulted

of a bureaucratic regime which would oppress the masses.

Stalin and his clique began with slander and falsification. These first steps inevitably led to hundreds of Stalinist frameups, to the murder of thousands of Trotsky's followers, relatives, secretaries and guards, and finally to the murder of Trotsky himself.

Issues in the Struggle

Stalin representing the interests of the Soviet. bureaucracy — which was satisfied with thing's as they were in Russia and therefore no longer interested in the socialist revolution outside the Soviet Union - propounded his theory of socialism in one country.

Trotsky saw in that system of ideas the inevitable degeneration and ultimate destruction of the Soviet Union and waged a fierce theoretical struggle against Stalinism. To Trotsky the world was a unit, inextricably bound together by economic ties created throughout the whole history of capitalism. Socialism must be a product of the highest forces developed under capitalism, and therefore must be world-wide.

The defeats of European and Asiatic revolutions enabled the Stalinist bureaucracy to consolidate its power and defeat the advanced section of the working class represented by Trotsky. The Stalinists sent Trotsky into exile in Turkey where he would have no apparatus, no resources with which to continue organizing the revolutionary opposition to Stalinism. Trotsky himself later explained Stalin's scheme:

"Stalin calculated that after he had succeeded in completely blackening me in the eyes of the country, he could without difficulty obtain from the friendly Turkish government my return to Moscow for the final reckoning." ("Stalin Seeks My Death," Aug. 1941 Fourth International.)

With the help of friends in the International Left Opposition organized around Trotsky's ideas, he managed to leave Turkey before Stalin was able to carry out his plan.

With a small apparatus and practically no financial resources Trotsky and his co-workers laid the foundation of the Fourth International. Stalin's plan to prevent Trotsky's effective opposition was thwarted. His mistake was obvious.

The Final Years

It became more imperative than ever that Trotsky be liquidated. There remained only one way - a terrorist act. And to this end Stalin's GPU hounded Trotsky and his co-workers through France, where they managed to live for a while, then to Norway, and later to Mexico.

It was while Trotsky was in Norway that the Moscow trials were staged. During the two years of these trials, Lenin's entire general staff, the old Bolshevik leaders who had led the successful revolutionary struggle of 1917, was destroyed by Stalin.

After the end of the Spanish Civil War in 1939, Stalin's GPU agents, who had slaughtered numerous militants in Spain, started arriving in Mexico. There was no doubt as to the purpose

of this influx.

Miliukov Record

By Felix Morrow

Paul Miliukov, the principal leader of the Russian capitalist class, died at 84 in France on March 31. The April 16 N.Y. Times publishes a warm, indeed loving, biographical obituary of more than a column. It serves to remind us that the most elementary facts about the Russian revolution still must be falsified by the world bourgeoisie. For the truth about Miliukov is also the truth about all other 🗭 capitalists.

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like the "democracies" as a whole,

endorsed as true at the time.

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slander after the October revolu-

tion: Sisson, Petrograd represen-

tative of George Creel's official

American propaganda bureau, in

1918 brought back manufactured

"documents" to prove that Lenin

and Trotsky were German agents.

The frameup of the Bolshevik

leaders as hirelings of the Kaiser

was designed to create an at

mosphere in which they could be

assassinated with impunity. With

the help of this slander, the

Bolsheviks were outlawed, their press and headquarters closed,

Trotsky and others arrested,

while Lenin was forced into hiding

to face the charges, Miliukov's of

ficers would murder him. Not

would Miliukov have stopped with

the Bolsheviks. He later declared

that his removal from the govern

ment "was directly inspired from

Germany," and that the demon-

strators against him were "boy workers paid ten to 15 roubles"

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cratic party, an organization HE HELPED THE COUNTERrepresenting the points of view REVOLUTION

Then came the attempted Korof British liberals and French radicals (sic), with an advanced nilov counter-revolution, openly social, labor and agrarian pro- aimed to crush the Soviets and to gram." Let us grant this much, establish a military dictatorship. that Miliukov's Cadets, as his Miliukov backed Kornilov, but the party was called, were of the same Times obituary delicately skates stripe as bourgeois democrats around this with the following everywhere, including the Demo- formula: "In August 1917 Miliukov cratic and Republican parties in made a futile effort to reconcile this country. His brother-"demo- Premier Kerensky with General crats" will do what he did when- Kornilov." That is true enough; ver the masses arise to demand but also Miliukov was the ideoan end to oppression and slaughter. logical leader of the Kornilov attempt, with or without Kerensky, aimed to drown the Soviets

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The Times does not mention dictatorship of the proletariat. The signal for the Kornilov the fact that Miliukov wanted a separate peace between Russia revolt was the fall of Riga to and Germany in 1915-16 precise- the Germans on August 21. Eight ly in order to prevent the Feb- days earlier, Miliukov writes in his "History of the Second Russian Revolution," "As Kornilov told me "When it (the February revolution) came he gave it his support, and, hoping to help direct it along constructive channels he t along constructive channels, be-

tunity." In other words, its tunity." In othe Bolsheviks, in order to weaken the fact that Miliukov remained an adherent of the Romanov Kornilov marched on the capital. the revolutionary forces while dynasty after the February revolu-Likewise, after Kornilov failed, tion. He insisted that before he Miliukov tried to get the Provisional Government to leave Petro-Provisional Government recognize grad and let the Germans occupy Czar Nicholas' brother, Mikhail, it. He wanted the Russian proleas. Regent for the Czar's son. tariat to go to school to Luden-Mikhail, however, decided not to dorff and the Kaiser. Fortunately, accept because the government the Bolsheviks forestalled him. could only guarantee him the

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On all this the Times is silent, as it also breathes not a word about where Miliukov went when the Bolsheviks took power. Tender protest against what he regarded to his memory, the Times would like the world to forget that this "democrat" fled from Petrograd to the Kaiser's forces in Kiev.

From calling for "war to the WHY HE LEFT MINISTRY end" against the Kaiser, he On the day America entered the switched to offering his services war, Miliukov, greatly encouraged, to the Hohenzollerns against the declared that Russia's war aims Bolsheviks, begging for that same

tried to retract his earlier description of the

tion for the assassination of Trotsky

Arrest and Trial

When "Frank Jacson" was seized after the

murder, the police found a "confession" letter in his pocket. Like the "confessions" fabricated by the GPU

for the Moscow Trials, this "confessor" claimed to have been an ardent Trotskyist, sent on fantastic missions by nameless superiors, and finally "ordered by Trotsky" to go to the USSR to spread sabotage and kill "the leaders of the USSR."

With "Jacson's" letter, the GPU only succeeded in convincing the world of Stalin's guilt as the real murderer of Trotsky.

The trial of Trotsky's assassin dragged out for two years and eight months. "Jacson's" lawyers employed every possible means to postpone the sentence.

Under Mexican law a case is turned over to a trial judge, who is required to hand down a verdict within one year. The judge conducts his investigation and examination of the witnesses and of the accused throughout the year allowed. The prosecutor plays a relatively minor role. Finally a board of three judges prepares the verdict and sentence.

son is a GPU agent is the fact that the passport used by Jacson was one belonging to an individual who fought in the International Brigade and died in Spain," says Albert Goldman in his analysis of the evidence.

The "Confession" Letter

"Jacson's" "confession" letter also showed his GPU connections.

There was one significant difference between this "confession" and those in the Moscow trials. The defendants in the trials "confessed" that Trotsky was in league with Hitler and the Mikado; Stalin's foreign policy at that time demanded that all his enemies be considered in alliance with Hitler and the Mikado.

But at the time of "Jacson's" "confessions" in 1940 Stalin's policy had changed. By then the Hitler-Stalin pact had been signed. "Jacson's" letter mirrored this change. It charged Trotsky with conspiring with "a certain foreign government and with a certain parliamentary committee" - an obvious reference to the Dies Committee and the United States. The Stalinist press had also been calling Trotsky an agent of the Dies Committee. ' (Later, when Hitler attacked the Soviet Union, the Stalinists again began to

from his struggle against Stalinism, which had been going on for more than 16 years.

Trotsky fought against the dictatorial bureaucracy which under the leadership of Stalin was becoming more and more powerful. He waged a fight for democracy within the party. He struggled against every tendency toward the creation

Mexican CP Breaks Up Alter-Erlich Meeting

While the N. Y. Times carried a brief report of the affair on but also Enrique Gironella, an This is t an inside page of its April 3 is- antifascist refugee professor from sue, the press has generally Barcelona, who had been hit on hushed it up and details have the head with a pipe. been difficult to obtain.

Juianl Gorkin, a leader of the

Spanish POUM, was stabbed and badly wounded in the head.

The meeting had been called by he Iberian - Mexican Cultural Center, organized and sponsored by Spanish anti-fascist refugees living in Mexico, and those speakers who were heard before the meeting was disrupted, denounced the Stalinist terror against political opponents.

"At eight o'clock," says Serge, "a gang of about one hundred Communists laid siege to the hall, the speakers to beat them up.

"Armed with clubs and bits of broken furniture as well as knives and guns, they formed a strongarm squad, evidently recruited off by some Communist Party leaders who kept shouting, 'They are Germans, enemies of Mexico'." Serge also reports that some of the Stalinists telephoned the police

With the force of a mighty state behind him, with inexhaustible financial resources at his disposal, Stalin finally succeeded in assassinating Trotsky.

The real murderer of Trotsky is Stalin. It was he who directed the GPU to murder Trotsky. "Jacson" was an agent of the GPU, and through the GPU of Stalin.

to the masses. Although thenceforward outside A meeting held by Spanish breaking up a fascist meeting hatchet man who was an active refugees in Mexico City to com-memorate the deaths of Carlo Tresca, Victor Alter and Henryk Erlich was broken up by Stalinist thugs on April 1. When the police arrived and the semen met two days before Will in the memorial meeting and planned with the political maneuvers of the

> SECOND IN A MONTH This is the second time that agents of the Kaiser. Erlich and Alter memorial meetings have been attacked by the Mexican Stalinists. According to



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included seizure of Constantinople, German gold that he had accused Armenia and northern Persia, and Lenin and Trotsky of taking. division of Austria and Turkey.

A CONSISTENT COURSE

He followed this up with a note In all this Miliukov pursued a the Allied governments pledging consistent course. As Trotsky Russian fulfillment of the Czar's treaties. The Petrograd soldiers virtues: In reening out analytic czarism the path to a separate peace in order to avoid revolution; in great demonstrations demandin demanding war to complete ing peace without annexations victory in order to stop the and indemnities—and the removal February revolution when it of Miliukov. He became such a came; in seeking an alliance with ocus of the hatred of the masses the Hohenzollerns in order to hat the British and French amoverthrow the October revolution passadors-the real rulers of the -in all this Miliukov remained Provisional Government-insisted true to the interests of the on Miliukov's removal as a sop possessing class."

Likewise his methods were consistent. Support of czarism, pseudo-liberalism after the February revolution, collaboration with the "socialist" Mensheviks. the frameup against Lenin and Trotsky - the grandfather of Stalin's Moscow Trials - the at-Lenin, Trotsky, Zinoviev as paid tempted military dictatorship, etc. - all these together constitute the arsenal of a bourgeois "democrat."

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March-On-Washington Movement Issues Pamphlet Exposing Army Jim-Crow Policies

Senator Downey of California | violation of Section 4 (a) of the has introduced a resolution into Draft Act and suing them to be the Senate for an investigation allowed to return to civilian life into discrimination against Ne- on the ground that he was drafted groes in the armed forces. If in a separate Jim Crow quota and Downey or anyone else in Wash- on a discriminatory basis. His ington wants to know what it is case will probably come before about the armed forces that the the Supreme Court some time this for the recruit is saluting. A great Negro people object to, we recom- year.

We might add parenthetically mend that they read the pamphlet on the question just issued by here that a reading of this secthe March-on-Washington Move- tion of the pamphlet convinces ment: "The War's Greatest Scan- us that the Lynn case has not dal: The Story of Jim Crow in been sufficiently emphasized by Uniform." Written by Dwight the whole labor and Negro press. HOW TO SALUTE Macdonald on the basis of re- It deserves a good deal more atsearch prepared by Nancy Mac- tention than it has hitherto redonald, it is the most up-to-date ceived, not because it can by itdealing with military Jim Crow | Crow in the armed forces but because it can serve as a dramatic in World War II.

In its own words, "This pamph- | focus in the fight for equality. let has two purposes: (1) to give | The March-on-Washington Movethe brutal facts on Jim Crow in ment is doing an important serthe American Army and Navy; vice to that fight in its current (2) to show that the colored peo- campaign to publicize the Lynn ple of America, and their white case and mobilize support for it, friends, must begin right now to and both the labor and Negro make a real fight on this issue." organizations and press should

The pamphlet calls attention to extend more aid in this campaign. Section 4 (a) of the 1940 Draft Other sections of the pamphlet Act, which says: "In the selec- that can be singled out for spetion and training of men under cial praise are its brief but pointthis Act, and in the interpreta- ed history of the Negro in the tion and execution of the provi- U. S. armed forces; its analysis sions of this Act, there shall be of the Negro's position in the no discrimination against any Navy and the Air Corps today; person on account of race or col- and its conclusions, which center or." But this provision is being around three points:

"(1) The colored people of violated in the treatment of every Negro in the armed force, for America have come a long ways "a doctrine of 'White Supremacy' since the last war; they are no which is simply Hitler's 'Nordic longer willing to be pushed Supremacy' in Cracker lingo has around as an inferior race. become the official policy of the "(2) The Roosevelt Adminis-American armed forces. Realism tration has backed up the Jim is monstrous in Nazi Germany Crow policies of the military authorities as much as it has dared: but O. K. in the U. S. Army."

The result is: "Every one of nothing can be hoped for from the half million Negroes now Washington without a much serving in the armed forces is do- tougher fight than the Negroes ing so on a Jim Crow basis. Every and other friends of democracy regiment, every ship, every bat- have put up so far. "(3) This great issue must be tery, every flying squadron and

medical staff and jeep company faced; it cannot longer be evaded is either all white or all colored. and compromised as our political The most ingenious planning, the leaders are trying to do. Either most complicated and voluminous you advance toward real democquantities of paper-work, the racy, and the Negro with you; or tireless efforts of thousands of you go backward to racialism officers are devoted to the great and fascism." task of keeping apart the two Readers of The Militant and

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I am in an Infantry Training would bring your whip (held in "good citizen"-and the ABCA fighting for peace before the war Center undergoing 6 weeks ele-mentary training. The most im-to the side, pointing approxim-lectures, of course, is to mold the last, reluctantly going to war to portant (very, very important) is ately at 45 degrees to the ground. men's minds, though the officers destroy the bestial fascists in drill-instills discipline, sir! And of the drill, the most important part of the first week is taken up gave us a history on saluting to of making the men think for through press and radio, carried with this "morale-building" factor.

One of the central slogans proved the opposite. posted up in standing orders is: We were not allowed out for They get it. "At all times salute-and if in three or four days until we had doubt at any time-salute."

passed the saluting tests.

The men in my platoon are which they repeat word for word We spend hours learning how mainly, in fact 100% industrial -cannot stand against any into salute to the front, to the left workers. Many have been trade telligent opposition. As a classand to the right. Do you know unionists and some are keenly conscious worker, I do my duty and one of the best documents self solve the problem of Jim how to salute if you were on a class conscious. They are all good to help my comrades to get a bicycle? No! Well, you stiffen fellows. What struck me was the scientific approach to the ills and

INDIAN WORKERS IN BRITAIN **BLAME FAMINE ON IMPERIALISTS**

The following is the text of a resolution adopted by the India Workers Association in Britain and sent to the Executive Committee of the British Labor Partu:

The India Workers Association in Great Britain views with serious concern the fast imposed upon Mahatma Gandhi by the barbarous policy of British imperialism. It demands his immediate, un-

conditional release and calls, upon the British and American working class organizations to support this demand.

Responsibility for Famine

The Indian Workers Association holds the British imperialists responsible for the terrible state of food shortage and famine in India. It considers that this is a logical result of the most brutal exploitation of the Indian masses carried out by the imperialists in the last 150 years. It has caused a large part of the cultivable land to remain waste. increased the pressure of the population on land; and forced down the living standards of workers and peasants to starvation level. This normal state of affairs is aggravated by the presence of a huge army living upon the resources of the country and the continued export of foodstuffs in the last three years; and the incapacity of the government to deal with the food hoarders. It condemns the brutal methods adopted by the

government to suppress hunger riots and regards the order to shoot without warning as a sign of complete bankruptcy and impotence.

They are at a disadvantage, for

It considers that the problem of adequate food and its proper distribution cannot be achieved without ending the imperialist rule in India. British imperialism is in alliance with the

proper distribution achieved if the power to search the granaries of landlords and zamindars in the villages and grain merchants in the cities is given complete independence of India. Only by the endpass, in the words of the Congress resolution, into the hands of the "workers in the fields and factories."

Call for Solidarity

Therefore, we call upon the British and American working class organizations to express their solidarity with the Indian masses who are forced to resort to hunger riots and demand that shootings be stopped immediately. We further call upon the British and American workers to raise the demand for the release of Indian political prisoners and acceptance of the Congress demand for immediate independence.

ficers come out with their bunk, I give them the works. They

wriggle and twist and turn, but facts are facts, and my fellow comrades appreciate this.

For instance, the ABCA paints front, at the same time you Life"-about how to become a a picture of a righteous Britain Detroit Diesel Engine Division by does not interfere directly with the (young ones mainly, who often order to make the world safe for industry should the foremen be desire on the part of the unions They tell the men there is no have come from the ranks) democracy. When I point out that permitted unionization. Reaction- to have a control over people upservility in saluting. The O. C. pretend they are for the purpose for years the British capitalists, prove this-though it actually themselves. They invite opposition on a pro-Hitler campaign-that from "Reds or anybody," they say. the same gang are running the country now-the officer reddens

foremen and the men say, "Yes, yes, that's true."

the lying, whitewashing text-There is a great admiration for Russia amongst the ranks and they have an understanding that 'it's because the Russians have something to fight for" that they fight so grimly.

PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM One lecture was held on "The Parliamentary System." The black- ficers of the management," writes theless foremen are considered by board was filled with figures. The Mr. Wilson, and as such, so runs ecture was given around these the general conclusion in his it is because of this that they are figures and the officer gave his telegram, must be responsible to so disturbed by the demand of lecture around these, pointing to and under the complete control of the unions to control the foremen. a picture of slow and inevitable the management. Undoubtedly not They see in this demand a dangeprogress-of course, there were only Mr. Wilson but all other capithings wrong-but these could be talists behold a horrible vision of ions demand, as the next step,

righted. It all depended on how labor unionism steadily encroach- supervision of all aspects of operthe people voted. In any case we ing upon their right to manage ating industry?

were better off than Hitler. the industries as they please. The He then invited me to come out demand of a union for jurisdiction

of my comrades. I drew the real son the capitalists appeal to Con-strengthen the unions but bepicture of Parliament. How only gress to come to their aid. the struggle of the masses against the ruling class had been the are justifiably worried. For the dustry. It is of course true that cause of progressive legislation. demand of the United Mine Work- foremen as a group are less millto the committees of workers and peasants. But | Pointed out that the lecture made | ers, that it be recognized as the tant than workers as a group but such a transformation is impossibe without the no mention of the Chartists, etc., bargaining agency for the fore- a powerful and militant trade then showed that Parliament was an instrument of the capitalists; dicates a trend of the trade unions nothing to fear from a small quoted the case of Carson, and the to restrict, more and more, the group of foremen. To have them Home Rule for Ireland Bill," the rights of capitalist management in the union means to have a cerobstruction suffered by the Labor and to gain greater control over tain control over them by the ungovernments in 1924-29-31. Showed industry. that as in Spain in 1936, even if The imm

like Franco. the British bosses would not allow them to use it strengthen the union by absorbing visors of the technical end of for the interests of the people. I an effective layer of the personnel production. The class-conscious finished up by calling for a Soviet in the industry. That in itself workers will answer Mr. Wilson system of government. 70 TO NONE for us to support Lewis in that

The officer tried to get oppo- demand. He may even be in- boldly stating that the trade unsition against this, but only got terested in the additional dues or added support for it. He then put he may simply have put forth the management.

t to the vote and the result was demand as a bargaining point. 70 for the Soviet system and 0 All this is unimportant in comfor the Parliamentary system. parison with the fact that the This is the mood of the workers demand symbolizes the tendency the industry not merely on the in uniform. The vast majority are of labor unionism to gain greater vholeheartedly determined that control over the operation of inwe cannot and will not return to dustry. * * *

Of Food As Weapon In 1918 the "world of before the war." Typical Jew' in

Unionization Of Foremen And Workers' Control

- FIVE

By M. Morrison

Last month C. E. Wilson, presi-, the industry is concerned, outside dent of General Motors Corpora- of wages, hours and conditions tion, sent a long telegram to four of work. Some craft unions have committees of the House of Repre- been compelling employers to pursentatives, protesting against the chase only union-made material organization of the foremen of the but that too is a limitation which the Foremen's Association of management of industry. Unionson sees a veritable breakdown of operation of industry, shows a aries in Congress have already on whom management depends in taken up the cudgels on behalf of disciplining workers and super-Mr. Wilson and plan to introduce vising production. bills to prohibit unionization of The demand for the unioniza-

tion of foremen is all the more If Mr. Wilson gets so excited significant because in the past unabout a union of foremen unaffi- ions have generally frowned on liated to the regular trade unions the idea of taking foremen into one can imagine his consternation the organization. The altered atwhen he read that John L. Lewis titude towards the inclusion of is demanding that the coal op- foremen in the unions may be erators recognize the United primarily due to the changed Mine Workers as the bargaining character of industry, which has agency for all the foremen and considerably lowered the status of subforemen in the coal industry. foremen in comparison with the "Foremen are the first line of position they had formerly. Neverthe capitalists as their agents and rous precedent. May not the un-

Revolutionary Marxists must and speak, hoping that I was over the foremen is evidence that wholeheartedly support the degoing to be stumped. I took up the the situation has been permitted mand for the unionization of forechallenge, helped by the urgings to go too far. Through Mr. Wil- men. Not only because it will cause it is also a step in the di-And in fact the capitalists rection of workers' control of inmen, is significant in that it in- union movement has

ion. They are transformed The immediate motives of Lewis from agents of the bosses the workers did get a majority, in making such a demand are not entrusted with the task of discivery important. He wants to pline and speedup to mere super-

would be sufficient justification not by denying that they want to interfere with management but by ions must have greater control of

> And what is most important is that the advanced workers must base their desire for control of proposition that they thereby want to benefit the workers of their particular union. The

weakness of Lewis and other con-With the birth of trade unions servative trade union leaders in the control which the capitalists demanding jurisdiction over the had over industry began to be re- foremen lies just in this - that stricted by the workers. No long- they do not connect that demand er could the employer deal with | with the necessity for controlling the worker as he pleased; no industry as a measure to benefit longer was he able to "enter into the wide masses of the people." a contract" with the individual Trade unionism will obtain suplaborer. He had to contract with port amongst all layers of the popthe trade union and his sacred ulation outside of the capitalists right to control his property was only if it presents a program thereby limited. The more power- dealing with all the problems of ful the union, the greater were society. To confine themselves to the limitations upon the rights of the interests of their members alone means to alienate the supthe owner. But the trade unions have been port of the wide masses and thus limiting the rights of ownership to injure their own members. only in so far as they were In reality this means the ordirectly concerned with the wel- ganization of an Independent Lafare of the workers in the shop. bor Party with an adequate poli-It has been taken for granted that tical program, with workers' conthe owners could do anything they trol of industry as an important pleased as far as management of part of that program.

racketeers and exploiters in India. Hoarding of food can only be controlled and ing of British imperialism in India can the power

is in itself discrimination. But, | Workers Party and locals of proas Macdonald demonstrates in gressive trade unions will find ample detail, segregation in the that it can serve well as an inarmy as in civilian life always troduction to the question for works out to mean discrimina- white workers as well as Negroes, tion in practice, confinement to and will want to obtain it for menial and laboring tasks, in- distribution among their memferior training, lesser opportuni- bers and friends. It sells for 5 cents a copy, 4 cents apiece for ties for advancement, etc.

An excellent section of the bundle orders under 100, and 3 pamphlet is the one dealing with cents for orders of 100 or more. the case of Winfred Lynn, the Send money to the March-On-Negro draftee who is legally chal- Washington Movement, 2084 Sevlenging the military authorities' enth Avenue, N. Y. C.



By BETTY KUEHN

has been heavy and continuous..

The social structure of what

Steele calls Red China "bears no

under firm party supervision."

He appears to mean by this that

this predominantly agrarian area

Nevertheless, the political opin-

ions of the masses have made it

The Red China area, says

"As their only source of arms

able to capture from the Japanese

and their puppets, the Chinese

Reds have grown militarily weak-

small arms, ammunition and

ment since 1939."

We support China's war for three years. Combined with this, national liberation, but we have Japanese pressure on Red China never supported Chiang Kaishek's way of fighting that war. The Chinese capitalists, with Chiang as their representative, have stifled the initiative of the masses in order to prevent the national struggle from turning supplies from the central governinto revolutionary struggle.

Remnants of a former revolutionary struggle still exist in former Red China, spread out resemblance to true communism. over some of the Provinces. When It is nearer to democracy, though the Chinese revolution was defeated in the cities in 1927, peasants and some workers formed roving Red armies which finally is cultivated in individual farms. found refuge in what was called Soviet China

impossible for the Communist As a part of the Peoples' Front Party to come to a political agreedeal with Chiang Kai-shek the ment with Chungking. Further-Stalinists liquidated Soviet China more, both Red China and Chungin 1935. The former Red armies king "find it expedient to mainwere subordinated to Chiang Kai- tain garrisons along their joint shek. However, Chiang was frontier."

never satisfied with the extent of that subordination. He wanted to Steele. has had no military aid wipe out every vestige of revolufrom Soviet Russia. "Soviet Rustionary tradition in those armies. sia has confined its military and The present relation of Chiang's material assistance. . . to General Kuomintang to the former Red Chiang Kai-shek's central governarmies, which have been fighting ment at Chungking. so valiantly, is now told by A. T. Steele, foreign correspondent recently returned from China. In is what little they can make the April 6 Chicago Daily News themselves and what they are he declares:

"Kuomintang China is blockaded by the Japanese, but has a narrow inlet of aerial supply from er. They are desperately short of the outside world. Red China, however, is blockaded not only by

to the

Thus the former Red armies of the Japanese but by the Kuomintang. Only the tiniest driblets of China have had to face the Japmaterial have entered the com- anese onslaught practically baremunist areas during the past handed.

medicines."

By ELOISE BLACK

New Conference Recalls Use

And so the "democracies" have | Hoover says: "Besides the trans-Cold, hunger and disease are taking a far greater toll today | scheduled a whole series of post- | cendent purpose of the organizawar planning conferences. Among tion which I directed to stop the than in World War 1. Thousands die daily in ravaged the first of these is the food con- flood of human misery, to save ference which will convene on millions of lives, to prevent a Greece. Famine in China has dwarfed and mentally degenerated May 18 at Hot Springs, Va. wiped out whole sections of

the population. Belgium's hos- FOOD AS A WEAPON

pitals are reported to be choked / That this conference will not be with children, their limbs swol- concerned alone, or even chiefly, withering blasts and their inevilen from starvation. Reports with the feeding of the starving table aftermaths of anarchism and millions of Europe is strongly in- communism. Communism was from such territories as Nor- dicated by the announcement that the pit into which all governments way, the Netherlands, Spain press representatives will be barand Africa, relatively unaffec- | red from all but the formal open- | the frantic peoples were driven ted during the last war, indi- ing and closing sessions. The

cate that the Eastern hemis- capitalists know that one of the Pestilence." phere is fast becoming a hell most potent weapons they hold in their hands is the control of food gress in 1919, asked for \$100,000, of hunger, epidemic and death. supplies.

Memories of how the last war The best guide to the real deended haunt the imperialists of liberations at this conference, to the whole European situation Britain and America. As the war which will take place behind and to the solution of peace. Boldrags toward its fifth year and locked doors, is the way in which shevism is steadily marching the first rumbling of revolt sounds food and relief supplies were "The Communists, who have a from the depths of suffering Eu- used by the "democracies" to impoorly equipped army of about rope, the capitalist rulers tremble. pose their wishes on Europe in half a million rifles, claim that They cannot forget that it was the post-World War I period.

they have received no military the wave of popular rebellion, rising out of the misery of the HOOVER'S ROLE

Herbert Hoover, as head of the masses, that forced the belligerents to conclude a hasty peace in European relief commission un-1918. Red Russia stands as a con- der the Wilson administration, stant reminder that the world of was one of the American pioneers the capitalist class is not im- in the use of food as a political pregnable. Fear of the inevitable and counter-revolutionary weapon. uprisings that will sweep Europe Disguised as a humanitarian, he if the war continues much longer fought the spread of Bolshevism motivates every consideration of for the allies.

the allied government today. Of his own work in this field,

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The Soviet Issue generation of children, my job was

to nurture the frail plant of democracy in Europe against these were in danger of falling when

Of 'Life Magazine' "The special Soviet edition of Life included pictures of unnamed individuals typical of the different people who make up the Soviet Union. The typical Jew was Professor Joseph J. Lieberberg, former president of Biro-Bidjan, who was dismissed in October, 1936, on charges of Trotskyism." -The Nation, April 17, 1943

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10,000 Workers Protest Jim Crow In Detroit

DETROIT, Mich., April 17. | Negro soldiers who spontaneously - Over 10,000 Negro and white workers marched to Ca- USO center.

dillac Square last Sunday afternoon to hold a mass demonstration against Negro discrimination. The march and meeting were sponsored by the De-SATURDAY EVENING troit branch of the National 423 SPRINGFIELD AVE. ment of Colored People in cooperation with other organizations including the CIO United Auto Workers and Negro fraternal groups. Chevrolet Local 235 of the UAW was represented by a band and drum corps. There

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stepped into the line of march as the parade swept by a Negro Most of the speakers protested against job discrimination in war plants, police brutality, refusal to serve Negroes in Detroit restaurants, failure to give Negro women jobs to which their skill entitles them, the defeat of anti-Association for the Advance- poll tax legislation by Democrats and Republicans, Jim Crow housing, etc. Some of the placards demanded freedom for India. ARMY JIM CROW

An incongruous note was struck by one of the speakers, Colonel George E. Strong, Chief of Plant Protection for the Army Air was also a small contingent of Forces in the Michigan district, who dwelt on the heroism of Negro soldiers in battle, but who never mentioned the fact that Negroes are segregated in the armed forces. The speakers who followed Strong took care to denounce military Jim Crow; one drew extended applause when he said, "If we must fight and die together, for God's sake let's live

together!" Among the speakers were Dr. McLendon, president of the Detroit NAACP, Walter Reuther of the UAW, Leonard Strong of the United Rubber Workers, Rev. Charles Hill of the Detroit Citizens' Committee. Greetings were received from Pearl Buck, A. Philip Randolph, Roger Baldwin and others.

Auspices: Socialist Workers lomatic strategy of the "United Nations." According to Cordell Hull, all food supplies to Marti-**TWO MAY DAY MEETINGS IN BOSTON** nique were cut off when Admiral Robert, High Commissioner of this isolated island, failed to break his ties with Vichy. Later reports stated that the starving "Labor's Political

natives were threatening open rebellion against the Robert regime. Can the capitalists be prevented from repeating their performance of the last war? Yes. The Saturday, May 1, 7:45 P. M. workers in this country can do it. They can take their fate into their own hands, establish a Workers' 158 Broadway at Shawmut and Farmers' government and solidarize themselves with the masses of Europe and Asia. Such a government alone can take adequate and sincere measures to feed, clothe and shelter the vic-

tims of imperialism.

It cannot be stopped with force. t can be stopped with food. . . Wherever the workers succeeded in driving out their oppressors and set up governments of their own, the allied governments im-**Full Course Dinner** mediately raised a blockade that cut off all food and medicine supplies to the beleaguered people The young Hungarian Soviet Re-**Dancing and Songs** public was first undermined and

then overthrown by just this method. Without a doubt the "dwarfed and mentally degenerated generation of children" in post war Hungary can in good measure thank Hoovers' "Relief commission" for their tragic condition. IN THIS WAR In the present war food has already played a role in the dip-

by the Horsemen of Hunger and

Wilson, in a message to Con-

000 for European relief, and add-

westward, is poisoning Germany.

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To defend the USSR as the main fortress of the world proletariat, against all assaults of world imperialism and of internal counter-revolution, is the very class-conscious worker.

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- LEON TROTSKY

JOIN US IN FIGHTING FOR:

- 1. Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions. Special officers' training camps, financed by the government but controlled by the trade unions, to train workers to become officers.
- Trade union wages for all workers 2. drafted into the army.
- **3.** Full equality for Negroes in the armed forces and the war industries-Down with Jim Crowism everywhere.
- 4. Confiscation of all war profits. Expropriation of all war industries and their operation under workers' control.
- 5. For a rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.
- 6. Workers Defense Guards against vigilante and fascist attacks.
- 7. An Independent Labor Party based on the Trade Unions.
- 8. A Workers' and Farmers' Government.
- 9. Defend the Soviet Union against imperialist attack.

up to follow such a course because obviously they seek to suppress the truth. But why does Hollywood, which so loudly asserts its fidelity to the facts, ignore the great volume of unimpeachable evidence on the Moscow trials gathered, analyzed, substantiated and published by a truly impartial body, the John Dewey Commission investigating the charges against Leon Trotsky? Why does it ignore the testimony of the chief defendant of the trials, Trotsky, who was not permitted to speak on his own behalf in Moscow? Why does it confine its film version to Moscow's court records which do not contain a single piece of verified documentary evidence and make not a single mention of the testimony and evidence presented before the Dewey Commission?

Hollywood can no more disprove the findings and the verdict of the Dewey Commission than the Kremlin could. This verdict, passed on Sept. 20, 1937, still stands:

"We find that Trotsky throughout his whole career has been a constant opponent of individual terror. The Commission further finds that Trotsky never instructed any of the defendants or witnesses in the Moscow trials to assassinate any political opponent. "We find that Trotsky never instructed the defendants or witnesses in the Moscow trials to engage in sabotage, wrecking or diversion. On the contrary, he has always been a consistent advocate of the building up of socialist industry and agriculture in the Soviet Union and has criticized the present regime on the basis that its activities were harmful to the building up of the socialist economy in Russia. He is not in favor of sabotage as a method of opposition to any political regime.

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

"On the basis of all the evidence we find that Trotsky never recommended, plotted or attempted the restoration of capitalism in the USSR. On the contrary, he has always uncompromisingly opposed the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union and its existence anywhere else.

"We find that the Prosecutor (in the Moscow trials) fantastically falsified Trotsky's role before, during and after the October Revolution.

"We therefore find the Moscow trials to be frame-

"We therefore find Trotsky and Sedov not guilty."



The Department of Justice has been publicly commending itself for obtaining a conviction of two Texas farmers who held a Negro as a slave; and for undertaking no less than thirty investigations of peonage and slavery cases in Mississippi, Florida, Texas, and other states.

The conduct of the Department of Justice reminds us of an experience a friend of ours had while getting some sparkplugs cleaned. The cutrate outfit entrusted with this simple task made such a to-do about its wonderful work that our



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. 2084 Seventh Ave., New York | Suggest a

2. We are trying to dramatize

nationally the case of Winfred

A. P. Randolph On **Military Jim Crow**

Editor: Lynn, the Negro draftee whose suit alleging violation by the mili-The treatment of Negroes in tary authorities of the "no dis- column entitled "In My Shop," the armed forces of this country s a shame and reproach to every American. We of the March-On-Washington Movement believe that a Jim Crow army is a mockery of the principles proclaimed by the leaders of the United Nations. May I, therefore, request the courtesy of your correspondence columns to tell your readers about two current developments tend. in the fight we are putting up against military Jim Crowism?

1. We have just put out a 16page illustrated booklet, "The War's Greatest Scandal: The

crimination" clause in the 1940 Draft Act will come up before the ing information on the attitudes containing newsy bits of interest-A mass meeting on this case will and reactions of workers in the war plants throughout the counbe held at the Golden Gate Ballroom, Lenox Ave. and 140th St., by the government, might well be New York City, at 8:30 P. M. on New York City, at 8:30 P. M. on Thursday, April 22. All who share of interest to the readers of The Militant if placed in the paper as our concern about military Jim a regular feature. Please take it Crow are cordially invited to atunder advisement.

New Column

It has occurred to me that a

N. L.

New Haven, Conn

Editor:

A. Philip Randolph, National Director, March-on-Washington (What do other readers of the Movement.

(Albert Parker's review of paper think about this suggestion "The War's Greatest Scandal" The editorial staff is in favor, but Story of Jim Crow in Uniform." which contains all the facts on will be found in his column on the success of the proposed column this issue brought together for Page 5 of this issue. Next week's would depend on the willingness the first time. It costs five cents | Militant will carry a report of the | of our readers to supply us with and may be obtained from the mass meeting on the Lynn case. the material for the column.-March-On-Washington Movement, -Ed.) Ed.)



ONE WORLD by Wendell L. of the high officials of the Le-lenigma when he comes to the Willkie. 206 pp. New York: banon the following words: "A Soviet Union. He mostly has high Simon & Schuster. \$2 (cloth), plague on both their houses." Re- praise for the Stalinist clique, but \$1 (paper cover). vealed by these statements is the the nationalized property relations Mr. Willkie has no governpattern of the conflict going on be cannot swallow. Is it perhaps ment post. Considerations of dipright now even while victory over because' Willkie has a stake in lomacy do not fetter him. Nor the Axis is still out of reach. does he have to soothe the sen-Turkey is one country in the could possibly enter his mind Middle East that captivated Will- | Willkie procedes here as in every sibilities of a Churchill. In dekie's imagination. He represents thing from the noblest of motives nouncing British colonial rule, he it as "a possible prototype of He is opposed to communism, be speaks out what is in the mind of Wall Street. At Wall Street's what is happening to all the vast cause he is "... completely opposed disposal is the greatest industrial area that used to be the Ottoman to any system that leads to ab machine; its coffers hold almost | Empire." What makes it a proto- | solutism."

all of the world's gold; it needs type? While painting a glowing elbow room, new markets, places picture of Turkish progress for for investment — in short, it the past 19 years, what really needs its own super empire. interested Willkie becomes quick-Great Britain stands in the way? Then it is necessary to "liberate" the colonies from British rule. And what about France? One would think that Willkie,

out of considerations of sympathy for the prostrate French Empire, would at least moderate his attitude toward it. But the more impotent the French all the more merciless is our author. Here is white man had the Bible. Now

capitalism? Nothing so vulgar

Willkie resorts here to the outworn but still favorite trick. Like all capitalist apologists, he idenly obvious: Turkey is already tifies communism with reaction within the American sphere of ary Stalinism. As a result, the influence and may play an impor-tant role in the Middle East in USSR in industrialization, educabehalf of the American empire. | tion and public health, along with Missionaries have often served the magnificent performance of as scouts of imperialist penetra- the Red Army, are thus credited tion in the colonies. The Bantus to the leadership of Stalin, while of Africa have a saying: "At Stalin's totalitarian regime is first we had the land and the blamed on socialism,

Willkie's description of his meet- we have the Bible and the white Union's future in the scheme of man has the land." In Turkey, it

Issue of Truth Arouses Disputes in Washington By RALPH JOHNSON

Last week came controversial news from Washington, from which, as is well known, nothing ever comes but the truth. Some people there, it appears. now deny this. They say that they believe in slicing the truth, but not baloney. On April 15 approximately two-thirds of the publications sections at the Office of War Information (OWI) resigned. According to these 15 men and women, the domestic publicity on war issued by the OWI is "dominated by high pressure promoters who prefer slick salesmanship to honest information."

The dissident writers and research specialists do not specify just what brand of "slick salesmanship" turned their stomachs. But it is safe to assume that it was something quite unsavory. It would have to be.

The profession of selling capitalism to the people in peace as well as in war does inure one, and all of the dissidents are case-hardened veterans in this field. The case for capitalism must be bad indeed, if such people throw up their hands at this time.

We Trotskyists are indeed deeply concerned with the truth, and all matters relating to this vital issue. Even a claim from Washington that there are truthseekers there almost strikes in us a sympathetic chord. But we remain a bit skeptical that the latest conflict in the OWI occurs between the seekers of truth and those who remain indifferent to it. It is rather a conflict between two different schools and traditions in peddling the most abominable lies of all - the lies of capitalism, stripped in wartime of all the convenient camouflage and hypocrisy that peace-time conditions permit.

To us it is old news that the truth is feared and suppressed in Washington. This is attested by the vicious persecution of the one paper in this country that really tells the truth - The Militant.



The Stalinists have been caught red-handed in their campaign of misrepresentation and lies on the "incentive pay plan." Last week The Militant reported that Percy Llwellyn, the newly-elected president of the Ford local of the UAW-CIO, wired his objections and corrections to the "several errors" in the Daily Worker's story of April 5 which asserted, among other things, that Llwellyn's election implied approval by the Ford Rouge workers of an incentive wage plan. Recounting this incident, United Automobile Worker, official organ of the UAW-CIO, adds the following in its April 15 issue:

"The Daily Worker's article stated also that the UAW board had approved incentive wage plans, with vice-president Walter P. Reuther the only one voting in opposition. The truth is that the UAW board, without opposition, reaffirmed the union's opposition to incentive plans.

"The Communist paper also boasted that Earl Browder, leader of the Communist Party, was a 'pioneer' in the current incentive pay movement.

Hollywood And The Moscow Trials

On almost the same day that Hollywood opened its newspaper campaign to advertise the opening of the motion picture, "Mission to Moscow," which will have its premiere in New York on April 29, a Mexican court passed sentence on "Frank Jacson," the GPU assassin. The coincidence begins and ends here. The motion picture repeats the Stalinist lie that Trotsky and the Trotskyists sought to assassinate Stalin; in the Mexican court it was established that Stalin's hired killer had come to Mexico for the sole purpose of taking the life of Leon Trotsky.

Hollywood, it goes without saying, did not film the story of this real plot and real murder. The film, based on the book by ex-Ambassador Joseph E. Davies, has an altogether different task to perform. With actors, make-up artists and movie cameras Warner Brothers hopes to accomplish what the Kremlin, with its entire colossal apparatus and network of foreign agencies, so miserably failed to achieve: namely, to justify before world public opinion all of Stalin's crimes against the working class, above all the blood purges of the infamous Moscow trials.

Stalin was able to set the stage in Moscow with living puppets. The best Hollywood can do is boast about the physical resemblance between its actors and the personalities they represent. But it has something which Stalin lacked: it is able to present the story of the Moscow trial frameups with an air of impartiality. As evidence of its impartial adherence to the truth, Hollywood's publicity men have been flooding the capitalist press with the assurances that the only changes made involved the telescoping of Stalin's three major public trials into a single one for the screen. And then they play their trump card: the actors, they emphasize, speak only lines taken verbatim from the official transcript of the frameups. The same words, that is, that the GPU put into the mouths of its victims or wrote into the records through the prosecution.

This is like making a picture of the Mooney or Sacco and Vanzetti frameups and citing only the arguments of the prosecution. But everyone acquainted with those cases knows that it is necessary to go beyond the "evidence" of the prosecution and even outside of the courtroom in order to establish the truth.

No one would expect the perpetrators of a frame-

friend forgot to check his motor. The sparkplugs were cleaned well. What the outfit neglected to mention was that the motor had been ruined in the process. Our friend's sad experience has taught us to watch closely those people who raise a hullaballoo about something they are supposed to do in the first place. What is the Department of Justice trying to cover up with its beating of drums about the enforcement — a trifle belated — of the Thirteenth Amendment?

We think we know. This cleaning of a few dirty sparkplugs in out-of-the-way places is intended to distract attention away from moves in Washing+ ton that threaten to destroy the entire mechanism of our people's elementary rights and liberties.

There is the Roosevelt-McNutt order freezing 27,000,000 workers to their jobs, with penalties of \$1,000 and one year in jail, or both, for any worker who tries to better his condition by changing jobs without permission. Peonage remains peonage for 27,000,000, even when the label on it reads "frozen."

And what is the gist of the Austin-Wadsworth Bill to conscript all labor? In the last analysis, it comes down to turning every man, woman and child in this country into a peon. Everyone, that is, who is not a member of the capitalist class. The capitalists and their agents, you see, do the freezing, bill-passing, tax-passing, etc. - all of which invariably comes down to one and the same thing - PROFIT TAKING.

We propose a simple method whereby the entire mechanism of our society can be kept not only clean but vastly improved:

Set up a Workers' and Farmers' Government and let the "Department of Justice" of this government do the job of really abolishing all peonage and slavery.

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the general's private room, where every corner, every wall, held busts, statues and pictures of Napoleon":

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his aide added. . . When I re-minded him that Syria was but Further, "They would like to trade with us . . . They produce, a mandated area under the in Turkey, nearly one-quarter of League of Nations, he said, 'Yes, the world's supply of chrome . . and they need manufactures and I know. But I hold it in trust. . . In no place in this world can I machinery ... "Mr. Willkie com-"The Turks are our yield a single French right. ... " ments:

General de Gaulle, heading friends. They both like and admire us. They do not fear us, only one faction in a defunct emnor do they envy us." Clearly, pire, says with bravado: "In no place in this world can I yield the Turkish bourgeoisie — which Willkie omits to mention, maina single French right" - the tains a dictatorial regime-is fully right, that is, to exploit the naaware that it can play no in tives and to grind them down dependent role on the internaunder conditions of starvation tional chess board and is willing and pestilence. Mr. Churchill, to be a pawn in the hands of the heading the waning and but still

American ruling class. quite potent British Empire, says threateningly — and unmistakably with the U. S. in mind — "We mean to hold our own. I over the liquidation of the Brit- for a lack of any clearcut perspec-

challenger for the right to world rest of the post-war world, finds own peace. empire, puts in the mouth of one himself face to face with an

Willkie's "One World"? Out of al appears, "educators" have taken the verbiage he employs to cove he place of missionaries. Outside up his fears and misgivings, on stanbul, Roberts College has thing stand out: "The industrial been established by Americans, ization of Russia will require a and Mr. Willkie informs us, "Its limitless amount of American graduates are now sitting behind products, and Russia has unsome of the most important limited material resources that we desks in Turkey. They are turnneed." There is the basis for a profitable business deal, which no and ideas given them by Amerhard headed American business ican teachers. . ." man would overlook.

> In his book Willkie gives us not only a survey of the world as he saw it, but also his picture of the world to come. This, too, is very vague and blurred in a thick fog of Jeffersonian phraseology. All this is deliberate. Willkie has sufficient confidence in the preponderance of American power on the world arena. Only the spokesmen of the weaker imperialists need make more precise guarantees for the future. The strong can do what they please.

> > It is safe to predict that as the war goes on we will be engulfed in a deluge of books on the peace

About a quarter of Willkie's and the world to come They will book is devoted to his two weeks' all speak eloquently and very sojourn in the Soviet Union, and generously of "liberty, justice and did not become His Majesty's his two meetings with Stalin. By plenty." Very few, after the exfirst minister in order to preside sheer volume he tries to make up periences of the last war, will be deceived by them. The workers ish Empire." And Willkie, speak- tive. Willkie, who speaks with and the oppressed colonial peoing for Wall Street, the main assurance of America's role in the ples will go on planning their

-Reviewed by M. STEIN.



"General Motors Corporation and other industrial corporations beat the Communist Party to the punch on it; however, the CP is a close second for the honor of proposing re-introduction of incentive, piece-work, speed-up systems which the UAW-CIO and other unions fought so hard to eliminate from industry."

Madame Chiang Discusses The Poll Tax and India

The American capitalists have not been wining, dining and acclaiming Mme. Chiang Kai-shek on her official tour for nothing. In a press conference at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on April 2, according to the April 5 issue of the Negro weekly, L. A. Tribune, she evaded the question of whether she and her husband favored independence for India and issued statements to the effect:

That China's sole interest in India was to have that country throw her full weight into the war effort. That whether the poll tax in the United States should be abolished depended on how much the Negro people are doing to help the war and on how the Negroes would use their voting power.

No direct quotes from Mme. Chiang's remarks were permitted. The L. A. Tribune remarks: "No reason for the restriction was given."

The chief reason is the masses of China. The lady does not speak for them and knows it.

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