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CURTISS-WRIGHT CAUGHT REDHANDED **CIO Board Tries** To Stop Labor Party Movement

By John Adamson

The National Executive Board of the CIO held a special meeting in Washington July 7-10, shortly after the enactment by Congress of the Smith-Connally "slave labor" Act. Militants all over the country, who were anxiously awaiting the decisions of this important labor body, were sorely disappointed.

The CIO bureaucracy served

notice in this board meeting that tion of labor's independent polithe rank and file members, that tical action. Its purpose is to head it off and to deliver labor's they are going to wage a head-on vote to the Democratic Party fight against the most militant machine. and advanced sections of the CIO membership.

WELSH ON PROMISE All progressive sections of the

CIO unions were eagerly looking The Board passed a resolution to the CIO Executive Board to calling for a conference of the speak out in favor of launching CIO, AFL and the Railroad an independent party of labor. Brotherhoods. This call is not for Their growing distrust of the the purpose of using labor's independent strength, nor is it for Democratic and Republican parties has been raised to a new the purpose of fighting the inheight by the passage of the infamous "wage fneeze." On the famous anti-strike law. contrary, the resolution calls

The Michigan CIO convention, "for a complete mobilization of held a week prior to the CIO the people in support of the war Executive Board meeting, adeprogram of our Commander-inquately and correctly expressed Chief, Franklin D. Roosevelt." the aspirations of the ranks of The Board reaffirmed the nothe CIO. Despite the bitter opstrike pledge in the face of the position of the top CIO officials labor baiting in Congress and and the furious denunciations of the passage of the anti-strike bill. the Stalinists, they called for the Emil Rieve and George Baldanzi, launching of an independent labor president and vice-president reparty. spectively of the United Textile

This demand of the membership Workers Union, were denounced found little response in the CIO by the Board members when they Board meeting. Samuel Wolchak, objected to the resolution which president of the United Retail and condemned John L. Lewis and Wholesale Workers, was the only reaffirmed the no-strike pledge. Board member to even suggest Murray launced an especially the idea. And his proposal for vicious attack on the Michigan the building of a national labor CIO convention and mysteriously party was swamped by the op- hinted at outside influences at position of the rest of the Board work. members. Murray declared that The Board rounded out its "now was not the time" to build

Militants Must Continue Fight For Labor Party An Editorial

York, New Jersey and Michigan have demonstrated in the most unambiguous manner that they want to launch an independent party of labor. The most recent example was provided at the Michigan CIO convention. The convention supported the building of an independent labor party, despite the furious protests' and attacks of the top CIO officials and the vitriolic hysteria of the Stalinists.

The national CIO Executive Board meeting last week in Washington ignored these demands of the rank and file and opposed the formation of an independent labor party.

The action of the Board in setting up a political committee under the chairmanship of Sidney Hillman is not a step in the direction of independent political action of labor. It is designed to head off the movement for independent political action.

The labor bureaucrats have revealed their true colors. They know that the launching of an independent labor party would signalize a break between labor and Roosevelt. They know that the launching of an independent labor party would speed the fight to regain the independence of the labor movement, on the economic as well as on the political field. These bureaucrats fear such a development like the plague itself. They are clinging to Roosevelt same way.

It was predicted that district

and local officia's of the United

Since the 1942 elections, the workers of New for dear life, as an insurance for their safety, as protection against their own rank and file. James Lucas, president of the Pontiac UAW local, hit the nail on the head recently when he wrote that these labor bureaucrats "are iust as much interested in crushing the legitimate aspirations of the workers as the corporations themselves."

> The fight for an independent labor party is thus a fight against the whole policy of cowardice and surrender of the Murrays, Greens and the Stalinists.

> The militant unionists of the Michigan CIO who spurned the worthless advice of the top CIO officials will undoubtedly spurn the pronouncement of the CIO Executive Board. They will proceed along the lines which they have charted at the Michigan CIO convention. They will launch an independent labor party if the Michigan locals approve it in the referendum

The unionists of Michigan built the largest, the most militant, the most democratic, the most powerful union in the world, without the help of the Murrays and Greens. They built their unions by aggressive class battles against the bosses and all their agents. They will have to build their independent party of labor in the

Endangered Soldiers' Lives By Selling Government Defective Plane Engines

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Truman Report Charges That Army Officials Aided Corporation In Covering Up Crimes Committed to Swell Huge War Profits

By Anthony Massini

Curtiss-Wright Corporation, holder of the second largest war contracts in the country, is the latest in the growing list of powerful corporations and monopolies caught red-handed in a conspiracy to add to their already huge profits by endangering the lives and sa fety of the men in the armed forces.

Furthermore, the corporation's delivery to the government of sub-standard and defective engines and material for the planes of the Army Air Forces.

Two days after the publica-

tion of the Truman report on

the Curtiss-Wright scandal, the

Crime and

'Punishment'

was aided, abetted and covered up by important Army officials, according to the Truman Senate Committee which revealed the details in a report on July 10.

Department of Justice an-The Truman report shows that nounced the closing of its case profits and not the patriotic senagainst the Sandusky Fountiments expressed in advertisedry and Machinery Company ments are the first concern of of Sandusky, Ohio, on charges Curtiss-Wright. Its officials want similar to those lodged against to win the war; they don't seek Curtiss-Wright. to deliberately kill or maim the men who use their war products. But far more important to them is the coining of more and more profits at a faster and faster rate, regardless of the consequences to the welfare of the workers in the sels. plants and of the servicemen in battle.

The speed with which governof \$80.000. ment officials and powerful newspapers have rushed to the defense of Curtiss-Wright is an admission or in the U.S. Navy who will that its outlook is shared by Big agree that the punishment fit-Business as a whole. The Truman ted the crime. report therefore constitutes a damning indictment not only of Curtiss-Wright and the other companies engaging in similar

criminal practices but of the entire capitalist class.

Cable, etc., the Wright officials decided to increase their profits by selling faulty products to the government. According to the Truman report, the corporation got the government to accept these products by:

Falsifying tests; destroying records; improperly recording results of tests; forging inspection reports; failing to segregate and destroy or mutilate defective material; changing tolerances allowed on parts; skipping inspection operations, etc. Inspectors who complained were intimidated or transferred.

The company and its officials had pleaded guilty to faking its EFFECT ON PLANES tests and selling the govern-The result, according to the ment sub-standard propellor report. was: sleeves for use in Navy ves-"Engines were built and sold

to the government which were Federal Judge Frank L. leaking gasoline. . Kloeb let them off with a fine "Unsafe material has been discovered in completed engines

ready for shipment. "The company's own reports from its field representatives indicate that these parts had failed

in a substantial number of cases. "A substantial number of airplanes using this engine have had crashes in which engine failures were involved. . .

More than 25% of the engines

record of capitulation and betrayal a labor party. R. J. Thomas attacked the promise to fight for wage in- grand jury.

proposal at length, although a creases and the scrapping of the majority of his own union mem-"Little Steel formula." bership had voted for this measure at the Michigan CIO

on its own ticket candidates of 15, 1942, he said that the CIO soon." Attorney General Biddle down or other interruption with the Democratic Party. This ap-Steel formula" and here the "Little has demanded a complete report the operations of plants in pos-Steel formula" and begin the fight on the strike movement. peared to Thomas a good argument against the proposal to for wage increases.

launch an independent labor July 15 has come and gone: party in the state of Michigan. Brices, instead of having been Mine Workers will be called be-

The unionists of Michigan, rolled back, are rising daily. The fore the grand jury for questionhowever, when they launch their very week in which the Board independent labor party, will was meeting, the OPA announced ing in order to determine whether these officials are actually putwant to break decisively and com- price increases in several difting forth a sincere effort to get pletely, not only with the Repub- ferent items. Congress has relican Party but with the Demo- jected grade labeling. But the the insurgent miners back cratic Party as well. The workers resolution passed by the Board work.

of Michigan will want a labor still repeats the same mealy. OPA officials, who have not party, not as a cheap bargaining mouthed phrases about the neces- made much progress in keeping device to horse-trade with the sity of rolling back prices. down prices in the mine areas, two capitalist parties, but as a The CIO top bureaucrats are now busy checking up on the fighting representative of the have fully demonstrated by use of gasoline by coal strikers their actions that they are the with a view to lifting their gas working class.

The action of the Board in agents of the war machine inside cards. setting up a political committee the labor movement. The mili-OMINOUS PROMISE

under the chairmanship of Sidney tants will have to fight this Federal authorities also promis-Hillman and the calling of labor bureaucracy in their efforts to conferences to discuss the CIO win wage increases and to regain ed that "law enforcement ofrole in the coming election cam- the independence of the labor ficials will be expected to make paigns is not a step in the direc- movement. arrests of persons committing

New Book By James P. Cannon Is Ready For Distribution

Pioneer Publishers announced than 300 pages and is packed with crease in paper and printing cost. this week that James P. Cannon's the richest material. It contains Pioneer Publishers have succeeded book, "The Struggle For A in the first section a summary of in making this book available at Proletarian Party," is off the the whole struggle. The second the same price as Trotsky's book: section provides in letter form al- clothbound \$2.00; paper cover press and ready for distribution. section provides in former and state of \$1.50.

This is a companion volume to the struggle. Then follows a sec-Leon Trotsky's "In Defense of tion in which are included the Marxism," published last year. official documents of the party Contained in these two volumes relating to the struggle. The ap- try but from abroad. The pubis the basic documentation of the pendix contains "The War lishers predict a brisk sale of this and Bureaucratic Conservatism," excellent index. Party three years ago.

The coal fields were gripped with tension this week as a federal grand jury was ordered to reconvene on July 14 to investigate the insurgent strikes now in progress in Western Pennsylvania. The government seems ready to invoke the Smith-Connally Act against the coal miners

Coal Miners Threatened

By E. R. Frank

With Anti-Strike Law

The coal operators of Western Pennsylvania demanded governmental action last week against the insurgent strikers. After a hurried te lephonic conference with Attorney General Bidby welshing on its previous dle, Federal District Attorney Charles Uhl immediately asked for the calling together of the

Threats against the insurgent overt acts." This statement must person found guilty may be imstrikers are increasing hourly, be coupled with the fact that prisoned for one year and fined When Roosevelt first announced Federal agents are touring the under the Smith-Connally Act, it \$5,000.

his program to rollback prices, mine fields, preparing reports to is a criminal offense to "coerce, convention. Thomas brought out the fact that under Michigan law, unlike New York State, it is not possible for a labor party to run But it was a week to ten days before the great majority of the

(Continued on page 4) session of the government." Any

CRDC CALLS FOR ACTION IN **KELLY POSTAL PARDON DRIVE**

The Civil Rights Defense Committee this week gave the goahead signal to its local branches in the opening of the nationwide campaign to win an unconditional pardon for Kelly Postal, secretary-treasurer of Minneapolis Teamsters Local 544-CIO, who last month began serving a five-year sentence on a frameup charge arising out of his trade union activities.

The efforts of the CRDCD branches will be directed along izations; the circulation of peti

tions among special groups such 1. Appeals to trade union oras writers, artists, intellectuals,

ganizations to adopt resolutions labor leaders, clergymen, etc. protesting the Kelly Postal frame-The CRDC will require

up and calling on Governor Ed sizable sum of money to defray THE GUEST SPEAKERS Thye, St. Paul, Minn., to pardon him. Similar appeals will be the expenses of this pardon cam-

directed to liberal, fraternal, Ne- paign, and to provide relief for gro, religious and other groups. Postal and his sick wife while he ous acquaintance with the mari-The national office of the CRDC is in prison. The local branches time workers has been entirely equests that it be sent copies of will therefore continue their limited to their experience as money-raising activities along the the resolutions adopted. 2. Circulation of petitions same general lines as in the past. aded across the platform. mono-

for individual signatures in local "OUR RESPONSIBILITY" unions, clubs, factories and A letter from the national ofwherever else workers and lib-

fice to the local branches this nimum. erals gather. The filled-out petitions will be returned to the week outlines the campaign, One of the first acts of the CRDC national office at regular urges the branches to initiate it

intervals and presented by it to in their communities as soon as of the no-strike pledge. In pre-Governor Thye. In addition possible, and concludes on the senting the no-strike resolution, requests will be made for infollowing note:

Many inquiries and advance dividual letters to be sent orders have been received not directly to the Governor. only from all parts of the coun-OTHER PLANS

Besides coordinating these ac- workers of the Twin Cities at his "Our Commander-in-Chief," he volume, which together with tivities of the local branches, the frameup is well-known to the said, "repeatedly reaffirmed his the creation of an independent expression of their pro-Hague struggle against the petty-bourge- which gives the organizational Trotsky's book, comprises the national office of the CRDC will authorities. It is our respon- confidence in the no-strike pledge, labor party in a number of im- orientation arises not so much most important recent contribu- carry on special activities under sibility to show them that the most recently in his veto state- portant industrial states. The from the Communist Party's love Shachtman-Abern which took their own words. "The volume is tion to the theory and practice of its direct supervision. These will workers in the rest of the coun- ment on the Smith-Connally bill." Stalinists have exerted all their of a political boss who has place in the Socialist Workers annotated throughout and has an Marxism. Place your order with include appropriate publicity; try will not stand silently by and Pioneer Publishers, 116 Univer- the mobilization of support from see a militant union leader

Cannon's book runs to more Despite the considerable in sity Place, New York 3, N. Y. defense, labor and liberal organ- framed up and imprisoned."

C.P. Forces Push **Fink Policy at NMU** Convention

By ELOISE BLACK

The National Maritime Union, CIO, concluded its fourth national convention in New York City this week after having adopted a thorough-going Stalinist trade un-

Truman committee. ion line of collaboration with the posses and unqualified support of the Roosevelt administration. An overwhelming majority of handpicked delegates, and an entrenched Stalinist leadership,

guaranteed in advance that the novement today would not be taken up, and that the sentiments of the rank-and-file seamen would not find much expression President Joe Curran, Stalin-

of the convention by his opening address in which he shoved into the background all consideration of wages and working conditions and declared the main work of the convention to be the further-

ance of the war program.

An endless stream. of guest speakers, many of whose previagents of the shipowners, parpolizing a major part of the convention proceedings, limiting dis-

convention was the reaffirmation Frederick Meyers, NMU vice-

"We believe that if sufficient president, absolved Roosevelt of public protest is aroused, we have any responsibility for the mass a good chance of liberating Kelly of union-busting legislation that

Referring vaguely to the pre-

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GREED FOR PROFITS At the end of 1939 Curtiss-

There's hardly a single sail-

built at the plant have consistentlv failed in one or more major Wright had a net worth of 81 parts during a 3-hour test run. million dollars. Its war contracts "Spare parts were shipped up to March 1 of this year without proper inspection... amounted to 41/2 billion dollars, on

which it will make a profit of WHITEWASH REPORTS

hundreds of millions of dollars. The Truman Committee got The government has spent addicomplaints about the Lockland tional millions creating new plant last January. But first it facilities for the corporation; the gave the Army Air Forces and government - subsidized Wright the corporation an opportunity to Aeronautical Corporation plant at investigate the charges. Yet both Lockland, Ohio, was the scene of the military authorities and the criminal practices cited by the corporation officials stated after these investigations that "nothing

But what are a few hundred irregular existed.' million dollars to a corporation? In April the Truman Commit-Like their brother-patriots of U. S. Steel, Anaconda Wire and

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critical problems facing the labor Stalinists Come Out In Support Of Boss Hague

on the floor of this convention. The Capitalist and Liberal Newspapers ist boss of the NMU, set the tone Break Out in a Rc h of Moral Indignation

By George Breitman

Despite the hubbub it created in the capitalist and liberal press last week, the Communist Party's declaration of support for Boss Frank Hague in New Jersey represented nothing essentially new.

The fact is that the Stalinists have been supporting Hague for something like two years now — since Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union on June 22, 1941 to be exact. They supported Hague's candidates in the November, 1942 Oelections.

partial or complete defeats in the What is "new" about the situa- Michigan and New Jersey unions. tion is that: 1. the Stalinists have The chief Stalinist argument now thrown all cautious formula- against launching a labor party tions to the wind and make no is that it would weaken the bones about their support of the Democratic Party and thus corrupt politician who said only strengthen the Republicans. Uncussion by the delegates to a mi- a few years ago that all reds fortunately for the Stalinists, this should be deported to Alaska; false argument does not fool or and 2. the anti-Roosevelt capital- frighten many union militants in ists and anti-Stalinist liberals New Jersey where Hague is "the have seized on the latest C.P. law" in the Democratic Party declaration for the purpose of ad- and where the CIO has had many vancing their own political ends. bitter fights with him and his anti-labor tools.

HOW ISSUE WAS RAISED That is the reason why the Sta-

The Stalinist statement was linists are driven to the explan-Postal. The indignation of the has been passed by Congress. precipitated by the increased ation that "so-called Hagueism is demands within labor's ranks for not the issue." The new and crass energies to discourage and sabo- persecuted it ever since it was tage all labor party movements,

but they have suffered either

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T W O --



AFL and CIO unions, repre-|ers might have secured greater senting approximately 1,100,000 consideration and additional inshipyard workers in 188 yards, creases.

are demanding wage increases of the War Labor Board.

Marine and Shipbulding Workers, was predetermined and pre-CIO, reported that his union is judged. . . demanding a 9% basic wage increase and a postwar payment of ference held following the hand-6% which the workers were en- ing down of the directive on June titled to but did not receive in the 1942 agreement.

The shipyard workers have been badly rooked in the last two years. They are getting fed up. In the 1941, the ship stabilization program, drafted under the direction of Sidney Hillman, then lowed. No." co-director of the OPM, was accepted by the shipyard unions. This program tied wages to liv-

entitled to a 15% wage increase from President Roosevelt. They with the promise that he would what the miners knew all along." stabilize prices.

Now the shipyard workers are convinced that they have been of Boilmakers Union Local 104, tricked two years running. Feel- Seattle, Washington, states: ing is running pretty high. That "Seething with dissatisfaction is why the top union officials are with the passage of the infamous demanding wage increases beyond Smith-Connally Bill over the Presthe "Little Steel formula."

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Stalinist groups of New York's tute books of the U.S. American Labor Party are enganled for August 10.

The average rank and file ALP that law." member must have a hard time trying to choose between the two factions. Both are lined up be- hoods have joined forces in Kanshind a "pro-Roosevelt, no-strike as to fight the new anti-labor law. pledge, support of the WLB" Attorneys for the three organizaprogram.

the United Retail, Wholesale and sas act which restricts activities Department Store Employees, of labor unions. CIO, adopted a resolution at its Similar suits are being in last meeting which declared that itiated in Colorado and Texas. "labor is sick and tired of depending upon so-called friends in public office who are, in fact, only favoring the immediate formation of an independent party of labor working formation of an independent party of labor tools of the reactionary forces."

"Such reasoning," the Journal states, "is pure propaganda bunk. John Green, President of the The case of the Mine Workers

> "The record of the press con-18 substantiates this conclusion. "Question: 'Mr. Davis, could you tell us if there would have

been any different procedure followed if the Mine Workers had been represented in this case?" "Mr. Davis: There would have been no different procedure fol-

Discussing the case of the railroad workers, the United Mine ing costs and guaranteed the ship-Workers Journal states: "The yard workers wage increases to only difference between the case compensate for any rise in prices. of the rail workers and that of The unions were thus legally the coal miners was that the railway unions did attempt to conin 1942. The top bureaucrats surpliance with a telegraphic request icy, while the miners correctly judged that no justice could be accepted Roosevelt's proposal of obtained from that prejudiced a flat eight cent increase along body. Now railway labor knows

> The 104 Reporter, official paper ident's veto, officers and members alike in Boilermakers Local 104 were preparing for a long hard

The Dubinsky-Hillman and the fight to remove the law from sta-"Some leaders declared that ged in a bitter faction fight. Each they would hew to the line set side is running a full slate of can- out in the Master Agreement and flidates in the coming primary when these lines crossed the new elections in New York city sched anti-strike law, then they would Theatre last Friday, a contingent go to jail rather than bend to

> * * * The CIO, AFL Railroad Brother-

tions asked for an injuction from the Federal Court in Kansas City

The St. Louis joint council of against the recently passed Kan-Similar suits are being in-

Congressman Engel has been sounding off recently about war



St. Paul Demonstration

The above scene from a demonstration in St. Paul against the whitewash motion picture, "Mission To Moscow," shows two women carrying signs calling attention to the Dewey Commissions's findings that the Moscow trials were frameups. (Reprinted with the courtesy of the St. Paul Pioneer Press.)

TROTSKYISTS PROTEST **DAVIES' FRAMEUP FILM**

refused to give the demonstration Minneapolis action spread quickly, thousands of people witnessed the picketing. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 9. and the SWP made the record

- When the "Mission To Moscow" against this vicious picture in unfilm opened here at the Century mistakable fashion.

to give the Hollywood frameup an appropriate reception.

cow' tries to whitewash Stalin's

Dewey Commission."

workers earning outrageously literature were passed out.

from the Socialist Workers Party St. Paul ST. PAUL, July 10. - Last night a score of members and For over two hours a most suc- friends of the St. Paul branch of and brazenness, but if you accept cessful demonstration was held in the Socialist Workers Party defront of the theatre. Two beauti- monstrated before the Paramount fully painted picket signs bore Theater at the opening night of

the legends: "'Mission To Mos- "Mission To Moscow." A large number of copies of crimes against labor," and "after the tabloid, "The Truth About vou've seen 'Mission To Moscow' Mission To Moscow" and of the read the truth about the Moscow |SWP's leaflet on the Dewey Comtrials in the report of the John mission's report were distributed by the demonstrators. More attention was attracted by

Over sixteen hundred pieces of the demonstrators than by the Despite the fact it was a Fri- film itself, which drew a very

first-run theatres in the heart of The local paper, the St. Paul Robert F. Mintz, Connecticut the loop, not more than 200 per- Pioneer Press, sent a photographer "has no principles of any sort, ruption of Hagueism. The Presi- duty of keeping the price ceilings fit, the government of Roosevelt

ists ever can be?

are implicated in the murder of

C. P. Support Of Hague Evokes Moral Furore

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THE MILITANT

formed as from its efforts to Roosevelt liberals? head off the creation of a labor WHAT LIBERALS AVOID

party. THE C.P. THESIS

The following is the main thesis of the Stalinists, as set forth by C.P. State Secretary William Norman in the July 6 Daily Worker:

". . . outworn conceptions, if carried over to other historical periods, can prove of incalculable harm to the cause of progress and the chief issue today, the nation's war. Such a misconception con-Frank Hague and so-called Hagueism. . .

"The fact is that Frank Hague supports the President and the government's win-the-war policies. This is indisputable and is a major test for today. . ."

The next day Norman explained that the Democratic Party is "split into two factions, one led by Frank Hague and the other elections. The editorial is entitled by Governor Edison," and added: 'The Hague-Browder Pact" - a "Contrary to general belief, it is much easier subject for editorials not true that Governor Edison than "The Eleven Year Alliance

represents the liberal wing of of Hague and Roosevelt." the Democratic Party in New "It is naivete and foolishness." Jersey." If Edison doesn't repsays the editorial. "to throw up resent the liberal wing, then apone's hands in nice liberal horror parently Hague must, even though everytime the Stalinists are Norman won't say so in so many found walking arm and arm with words. the Nazis or America Firsters, or

STALINIST LOGIC

some independent left-winger, or Therefore? Therefore, say the are found making advances to Stalinists, the "Lewisite-Trotskycorruption-ridden political bosses. ite-fifth column" conspiracy to The Communist movement is any publicity. But news of the create a labor party to combat neither 'idealist' nor 'pro-labor. both the Republican and Demo- It represents a fanatical and cratic reactionaries must be halt- | twisted religious sect, unprincied and all true, honest, sincere, progressive "win-the-war" forces less. . .' must lay aside their differences on secondary questions and rally

behind the Democratic Party and the Hague-selected candidate for Governor in the 1943 elections. Now you can denounce the Sta-

PM'S DISTORTIONS linist argument for its crudity their main premise - that everything, including labor's rights and interests, must be sacrificed on behalf of the war -- then you cannot argue very well against their logic. follows:

That is why one must characterize as equally brazen the moralistic indignation that filled the editorials of the pro-war anti-Stalinists of all types.

TIMES WAXES INDIGNANT The very principled editors of

plumping for Roosevelt.

will help to weaken the Roosevelt | York politics, too. Alex Rose, of | alyzed the motive forces and somachine. But what about the pro- the Hillman-Dubinsky wing in the cial roots of Stalinism have no

American Labor Party, also reason to be surprised by new issued a long statement of pious stages in its degeneration. Inindignation.

For him and his colleagues the ognized as the corrupt tools of Theirs is a none-too-happy position. They can sneer at the incident was a godsend. At pres- the reactionary Stalin bureauera-Stalinists all they want, but the ent they are engaged in another cy in the Soviet Union which is fact remains not only that Hague of their primary squabbles with prepared to sacrifice the interests supports Roosevelt but that ROOSEVELT S U P P O R T S usual both sides find it hard to HAGUE. It is no exaggeration to discover "issues" on the basis of say that without Roosevelt's pat- which they can appeal for supronage Hague's machine might port. Both factions are devoted have been destroyed on more than followers of Hague's pal in the

one occasion in the last ten years. White House; both have and still The liberals pretend to be are engaged in alliances with shocked by the Communist Par- Tammany Hall Democrats who tinues to exist with regard to ty's latest sellout act, but what can teach Hague some tricks. any political force and group in can they say about the White Most important of all, both have the nation is not determined by House which has been much more the same basic position on the what they did five or ten years useful to Hague than the Stalin- | war. The Stalinists have invent- | ago, but by what they do today. ed "the real issue of Dubinsky- Nor is it determined by second-The New Leader carefully ism and its support of Lewis," avoids this question in its edito- and Rose is glad to seize upon

rial on July 10, just as it forgets the issue of Hagueism. that its supporters in New Jer-Workers before whom the Stasey campaigned - along with the linists pose as the continuators Stalinists - for Hague's puppet, of Leninism have a right to get of a secondary issue. Senator Smathers, in the 1942

indignant and angry about the That is why we can predict with Stalinist endorsement of Hague, confidence that if the war lasts but not the cynical people whose long enough, the Stalinists will practices are every bit as conopenly express support for the temptible as those of the Stalinpoll taxers for the same reasons

and in the same way that they are Those who have correctly an- today supporting Hagueism.

Capitalism-Economy Of Planlessness And Chaos

By A. Roland

The necessities of modern war | made to roll back milk and cheese pled, single-minded and shame- force the capitalist countries to prices. When miners strike, the gov-

adopt measures of planning in the Apparently it is also "naivete spheres of production and distri- ernment uses every club to drive and foolishness" to expect the bution. This kind of war-plan- them back into the pits. But the New Leader to denounce Roose- ning is even used by the reform- same government seems perfectvelt for doing the same thing that ist leaders of labor to gain the ly helpless to deal with a capitalwholehearted support of the workers for the war. Every hypocrit-ical speech of Herbert Morrison, set price. The system based on PM recognized the existence of every gilt-edged bit of writing of the making of private profits will he Roosevelt-Hague question, Harold Laski in England, plays not permit the government to inbut only to skirt around it. Its up and down the scale on this terfere drastically with the profit editorial on July 9 reiterated the theme. In this country the Soneed for continuing to fight cial Democrats have similarly imiliarly ited that the open, legitimate Hagueism and then concluded as tated their English brethren in trying to assure the working class ". . .the U. S. Justice Depart- that the war is visibly bringing

ment is already years late in step- on socialism. ping into the corruption it knows This decidedly false propaganda small efforts of his own governto exist there [in New Jersey]. Un- is being silenced completely by less something is done, it is an the obvious signs of chaos in the

final score of the Roosevelt Ad- has gone badly awry. So badly ministration is added up, a large that there are indignant outcries the N. Y. Times found it a good black blot will have to go in for from all sides against this and "individual initiative" of selling occasion to declare that the C.P. the failure to clean up the cor- that individual entrusted with the goods for the highest possible pro-

ist sit-down. It cannot step in, motive. If the capitalist producer market does not offer sufficient "reward" for his "efforts," then he resorts to the black market and thereby nullifies even the

ment to regulate the war economy. unfortunate fact that when the capitalist "planning." The market **ROOSEVELT'S "SOLUTION"**

Sooner than interfere with the

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deed, once the Stalinists are rec-

of workers of all countries, it is

easy to predict what those next

Trying to defend themselves

igainst the many-sided attacks

resulting from the Norman arti-

eles, the editors of the Daily

"The attitude we take toward

ary issues, but solely by the one

central issue - speedy and de-

The poll tax is by this line of

reasoning relegated to the status

cisive victory over the Axis."

Worker declared on July 9:

stages will be.

and working farmers.

William Latal, chairman of the Railroad Brotherhood delegates to brothers in the armed forces, is to join.

big shots are lining up to accept resentative Engel makes \$10,000 The Minneapolis daily papers, Somervell's \$8,500." the Federation. Daniel Tobin, chairman of the committee of three appointed to confer International Teamster: "As one best to bring back the Mine Workers or the CIO. Unfortunately .. there isn't much encouragement towards a coming back to the American Federation of Labor of the CIO organization."

Matthew Woll, the second member of this three-man committee issued a statement: "I favo: strongly speedy and favorable ac-At a meeting of members and tion on the miners' application."

friends of the Socialist Workers Party, many of whom were steel The July 1 issue of the United workers, Farrell Dobbs last night Mine Workers Journal tells about "propaganda being generated to analyzed the stirring events in the effect that if Lewis had re- the American labor movement in frained from labeling the War La- the last few months and called for the building of a labor party bor Board a 'stacked deck' and had gone along and pleaded to meet the offensive of the native the miners case before the fascists and all other enemies of the working class.



a conference of CIO, AFL and labor, which has its own sons and the small audience. launch such a party to participate in favor of their getting more film has continued to flop. News Since the demonstration, the in the 1944 elections. Latal stated money. But when Congressman of the film's true character is begins to compare the widespread. The SWP mailed out to big landlords would be invited salaries of war workers with widespread. The SWP mailed out hundreds of leaflets exposing those of generals, it seems only

fair to compare the salaries of It begins to look like the AFL Congressmen with generals. Rep. film opened here.

the United Mine Workers back a year, compared with General all owned by the Cowles dynasty, supporters of Willkie and Stassen,



the program presented by Comrade Dobbs was one with which they agreed, when they contributed \$93 to aid in the fight for its realization.

Akron

AKRON, Ohio, July 10-Farrell Dobbs spoke to an audience of rubber and aircraft workers in international developments is this city last Sunday on the need for launching an independent labor party. The preconditions for independent political action by labor are here, he pointed out. The

"All problems of the Workers rumblings among the workers intoday lead to Washington and it dicate the coming of political is time for the workers to organize awakening.

themselves on the political field There was great interest arousto defend themselves with THEIR ed in Comrade Dobbs' analysis OWN organizations and not to reand presentation of the views of ly on the old capitalist parties," said Dobbs. "The anti-labor Smith-Connally bill was supported tions were asked and the discusnearly equally by the Democratic sion continued for several hours. and Republican parties. Both Several Negro workers present parties showed their true colors were particularly interested in and voted against the workers." Comrade Dobbs' account of the anti-Negro terror in Detroit. The Lenin and Trotsky. Comrade Dobbs' analysis of the miners' struggle and the lessons audience contributed \$58 in the

thusiastically received in this steel city when the rank and file steel workers were wholeheartedly for the miners.

Youngstown

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, July 8-

The audience demonstrated that

CIO representative, replied: sons saw the picture. Other shows and carried a picture of demonand never did have any." (July "Salaries of men in the armed had queues half a block long. Sta-strators carrying signs and a des-8.) council, proposed the calling of forces are too low, and organized linists made up a good half of cription the following day.

Detroit

interest.

DETROIT, Mich., July 12 - A ation of a labor party as Nor very effective demonstration and man is - have conveniently "for-"Mission To Moscow" before the distribution of literature against gotten" that they themselves were once bedfellows with Hague. the frameup film. "Mission To Moscow," took place last Wednes- That was in 1932 when they joined the Hudson County Hitler in

day evening in front of the Palms State Theatre. The management of the theatre

vas alarmed when several patrons refused to attend the movie until it was explained to both management and movie-goers that the intention of the demonstrators was not to boycott but rather to expose the lies of the film. Hundreds of copies of "The Truth" and the report of the John

Times was associated with a political machine boss; they have also collaborated in recent years with Farley, whose politics are just as reactionary if not as sensationally corrupt as Hague's. The editors of the Times are hardly in a good position to be

raising the question of principles. The aim of the Times is ob-Dewey Commission were distrib- vious. It is today an anti-New ited to Detroit theater-goers who Deal paper, and it makes a big

received them in a spirit of lively issue of the Stalinist support of The O.F. statement of Hague because it knows that this has had repercussions in New

These highly moral gentlemen

the Stalinists do.

that labor should do all the sacrienough. ficing for the war and who are Almost everything in these just as much opposed to the crethree sentences by the ultra-libwhat isn't false is distorted. They make it seem that all Roosevelt is guilty of is "failure to clean up the corruption of Hagueism." Actually, Roosevelt has actively helped to strengthen Hagueism

Nor was that the last time the and to protect it against its enemies. The Department of Justice

sent investigators into New Jer- | NO PLANNING sey in 1938, and it is well known that they found plenty of the corruption which so revolts PM. But after they had spent many months collecting evidence, they were suddenly called off the job. Who was responsible for this if not Roosevelt?

REPERCUSSION IN ALP

July F. I. Features Statement **On Dissolution Of Comintern**

include:

Prominently featured in the magazine is the manifesto of the solution of the Comintern. "The

teristically, was a vicious attack against proletarian internationalthe Socialist Workers Party on ism," says the manifesto, and it be not so much a struggle bethis burning issue. Many ques- traces the history of the first tween Washington and London as three internationals up to the last the reflection of differences within resolution of the C.I. to show the | the French capitalist class over need for building and strengthen- its role in the post-war world and ganization based on the principles | rule over the masses in France. and traditions of Marx, Engels,

International Anew,"

the German working class and

ten years old now, is Leon

Read the

Fourth International



Hook's position and arguments on ing but humble requests for cothe Fourth International. Other articles in the July F.I. the present war with those of the operation from the capitalists. Trotskyists.

"Roosevelt And Labor After Ransom is an examination of the by the meat situation. The pack-The Third Coal Strike" by Felix Morrow, which analyzes the growcauses of the anti-Negro terror in ing break between labor's ranks to risk this break in his handling attacks.

"The Giraud-De Gaulle Dispute," which Marc Loris shows to book was published. "International Notes"

with three countries in this issue: ing the international workers' or- the best methods of restoring its Uruguay, Argentina and India. that prices will soon go higher. The section on India is so im-"Behind The Argentine Coup" by Terence Phelan is an exof special comment in next week's

Another timely article, although tremely interesting explanation of Militant. last month's barracks - revolt Single copies of Fourth Inter-Trotsky's "It Is Time To Build which aroused much enthusiasm national sell for 20 cents; a The Communist Parties And The at first and then disappointment written among the Washington diplomats Order from Business Manager,

after the Comintern's betrayal of and the Stalinists. M. Morrison takes up "Sidney N. Y.

dent moved in the right direction below the clouds in the sky. The and the New Deal sees a better when he backed and helped to put head of the OPA is accused of solution to the problem of infla-Governor Edison into office to being too weak-willed; or he is tion. Deprive the masses of a - who like the Stalinists believe fight Hague - but that isn't castigated for desiring to see high-big slice of their purchasing eral editor of PM is false; and true that many of those whose as much as possible from wageplanlessness of the New Deal war a living.

economy.

er prices and more profits rather power. That can be done in two than a real rollback in the cost ways: keep wages fixed while of living. Now it is perfectly prices continue to rise; take away duty it is to keep prices down earners and salaried workers in sabotage any real effort in this taxes. The contrast of treatment direction. But to lay the blame of the capitalist ruling class on for the chaotic state of affairs the one hand, and the workers on on these individuals serves rather the other, has become so glaring to mask the true cause of the as to anger all who work to earn

> It is this glaring contradiction in treatment, and the utter inability of the capitalist government

The present economy has noth- to prevent chaos in the economy, ing to do with planning produc- that is rapidly bringing new detion of commodities. That is left mands to the front. More and more to the individual or corporate the idea that the government owner of the means of production. should nationalize certain indus-Nor is there any planning of dis- tries comes to the fore. Why not tribution. The government merely nationalize the packing monoposteps in after the goods reach the lies? And why not the coal mines market, to try to set "reasonable" of the country? The government prices. Obviously the present war could then run the industry for market is an inflationary one. The use instead of for profit, for the government buys up almost half benefit of the workers in the inof all the foodstuffs, and very dustry rather than for the few inlarge shares of all other commo- dividual owners.

dities. The purchasing power left It is naive to think for one for the other half of produced moment that a capitalist governcommodities is much greater than ment like that of Roosevelt would ever was, if we consider the take over industries for this puramounts of money in circulation pose. But a movement in the and in savings banks. Under such trade unions and among the circumstances the government's masses to demand nationalization quickly educate the toilers politically. They would learn that real The sort of cooperation the govplanning is impossible so long as "The Detroit Pogrom" by David ernment gets is well illustrated private profits determine the productive process. They would ers know that under present con- learn that a capitalist govern-Detroit, and the responsibility of ditions they can, left alone to do | ment, which is one that recogniz-Executive Committee of the and the administration and the the government's Jim Crow poli- so, raise the prices of meats to es the right to profits, could not Fourth International on the dis- reasons why Roosevelt was driven cies for this and similar lynch give them even greater profits nationalize any industry for the than they now gouge out of the sake of planning it from the point public. They propose to take full of view of production and con-C. Thomas reviews the Pioneer advantage of this fact, come what sumption. The workers would Publishers' book, "Maritime" by may. Hence, the moment the learn in this school that only a F. J. Lang, in the light of events OPA threatened to start a roll political party of the workers raland new facts on the maritime back, the packers went on strike. Iving to their cause the small farindustry made public since the They refused to buy from the mers, could, if given the power, farmers the animals ready for take over industry and run it in a deals slaughter. The farmers in turn planned fashion for the benefit of prefer not to sell when they feel the toilers.

The alternative, if the workers The result is an enormous surplus do not build their own labor parportant that it will be the subject of cattle on the farms and ty, is to see the continuation of ranges, an enormous deficit of the present chaos and the placing meat in the city markets. of the heaviest burdens of the This state of affairs at once afwar on the shoulders of the massfects other sectors of farm eco-les of poor people. It is the workyearly subscription costs \$2.00. nomy. The demand for feed in-lers who will suffer the most of creases far beyond normal, etc., all from the continuation of the 116 University Pl., New York 3, etc. The same kind of "sit-down" chaotic, planless economy of the strike occurs when the attempt is New Deal.



available to readers of the July issue of the monthly magazine, Fourth International, which appeared for sale last week.

last act of the Comintern, charac- of the miners' struggle.

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1943



March-On-Washington Movement Convention

Out of the reports on the Con- entering and protesting in a resstitutional Convention of the taurant that discriminated against March-On-Washington Movement Negroes. Linked with an attitude held in Chicago last week, Negro of passive resistance, the meanmilitants can piece together a ing of such protest action is clear. picture which is far from flatter-It gives the appearance of a ing to the present leadership of struggle without mobilizing the the organization and not at all masses of Negroes for an all-out encouraging for the future of the struggle against the main pillars MOWM. of Jim Crow-the ruling class

There is a growing recognia and the government. Indeed, such a program would tion of the fact that a major portion of the responsibility for the needlessly squander the energies whole rotten system of Jim Crow of the Negro people and lead to and its most vile expression, the disillusionment. Last year Ranrecent wave of anti-Negro lynch dolph did that with his petition campaign and his appeals to Roosassaults, lies with the governevelt for a conference. This year ment, itself. The convention showed it understood this when he substitutes the "technique of non-violent direct action." it declared: "The cause of these

But all these measures have

one aim in common-to keep the

militancy of the Negro masses

dolph bargains with Roosevelt

committee and other forms of

contrast the "respectability" of

good-will protests with the "viol-

ence" of mass action, may ap-

peal to pacifists and members of

the Fellowship of Reconciliation,

no militant Negro worker is

As one delegate said, "The seat

of Jim Crow is the seat of gov

ernment at Washington. It is

there we must go." At least the

rank and file of the MOWM under-

stand that only militant mass ac-

tion can wring concessions from

With the MOWM leadership

membership. As usual Randolph

ence between Democrats and Re-

publicans with respect to Negroes

single thought, tweedledee and

It would seem logical to con-

clude from this that the Negro

people cannot support either the

Republican or Democratic Parties.

But Randolph is apparantly be-

teedledum.'

While such methods, which

"recognition."

riots is not Hitler but the policy of Jim Crow, segregation, discrim ination, in and by the government and in education, housing, under lock and key while Ranrecreation, amusement, before the courts, in the armed forces, and for another conference, another defense industry."

From the support which the government gives to the Jim Crow system in war as well as peace flow such reactionary consequences as the recent anti-Negro terror. The leadership of the MOWM understood also that the reactionary consequences of the war being going to waste his time or breath waged by Roosevelt reach beyond on such ineffective and scattered the domestic scene. As A. Philip actions. Randolph, leader of the MOWM. stated at the mass meeting which concluded the convention: "But be not deceived. This is not a war for freedom. It is not a war for democracy. It is not a war to usher in the century of the common man. It is not a people's revolution. It is a war to maintain the government. the old imperialism. It is a war to continue white supremacy and holding back the militancy of the the subjugation, domination, and rank and file instead of offering exploitation of the people of color. a clear sighted program and meth-It is a war between the imperial. od of struggle, it is not surprisism of fascism and the imperial- ing to find that on the question ism of monopoly capitalistic de- of political action the same old mocracy. Under neither are the line of goods was peddled to the colored natives free."

But when it comes to drawing "There is no fundamental differ conclusions from such statements as these, Randolph begins to blow hot and cold. With one breath he informs the world that the or labor; that they are like two Rooosevelt regime is responsible peas in a pod, two souls with for the plight of the Negro people at home; that it intends to continue the enslavement of colonial peoples abroad. In the next breath, without batting an evelash, he tells the Negro people that precisely because of the war

Kelly Postal -- A Militant The Smith-Connally Act, Fighter For Labor's Rights Labor And The Middle Class tions of trade union democracy. This con- during the strike. With Minneapolis under

By V. R. DUNNE

Kelly Postal. Secretary-Treasurer of Motor Transport and Allied Workers Union Local 544-CIO of Minneapolis, was incarcerated in the State Prison at Stillwater, Minnesota, on June 21. One more name has been added to the long list of militants victimized because they had the courage to fight for labor's rights.

Kelly Postal must serve a sentence of up to 5 years. This is the price he must pay for making an uncompromising fight for democracy in the labor movement.

After the membership of Local 544 voted on June 9, 1941 to leave the AFL and join the CIO, Daniel Tobin, the International President of the AFL Teamsters, lodged the charge of embezzlement against the officers of Local 544, among them Kelly Postal.

Kelly Postal's "Crimes"

The office held by Postal was his, not by appointment, but by a free election of the membership who had voted him into the union leadership year after year. He had played a great role in building the union. He also played a prominent part in swinging the local into the CIO. The instructions and will of the membership were always carried out to the letter by Postal. When instructed by the membership to transfer the local union funds to the new affiliation, he loyally and unhesitatingly did so. That was the crime of crimes in Daniel Tobin's eyes. At the same time Tobin saw in this a peg on which to hang a frameup.

No one has even intimated that a single penny of these funds was diverted by Postal for personal use or that any such steps had been contemplated. The transfer of union funds, voted for by the membership and carried out at their instruction, constituted the whole of Postal's "crime." This was the ground on which he was indicted for embezzlement.

The first trial resulted in a complete exoneration of Postal for having followed the instructions voted by the rank and file in a regular membership meeting of his local union attended by an overwhelming majority of its members. Instead of deterring Tobin, this made him all the more adamant. By means of legal subterfuges, a second trial against Postal was launched. The charges were the same; the evidence was the same.

Union Democracy Is Issue

This second trial was a frameup from beginning to end. The jury was instructed by the judge to find Postal guilty. Around the Hennepin County court house in Minneapolis, it was common talk before, during and after the second trial, that Kelly Postal was the victim of a frameup.

an individual but against the very founda-

viction means, if it is allowed to stand, that the membership of any local union cannot vote, no matter by how large a majority, to transfer from one trade union organization to another and to take the local union property or funds with them.

THE MILITANT

Trade union democracy is the issue. It is not unfitting that this issue should revolve around the personality of Kelly Postal, one of the bravest, most able, resourceful and devoted union men it has been my privilege to know. Those who know Postal know that he could not have acted in any other way than he did.

He has devoted his life to the interests of his fellow workers. A student of the labor movement and an internationalist in the true sense of the term, he has always been a union man. His record is an open book.

His Role in the Union

He was one of the first to see the possibility of building a strong and militant Truck Drivers Union in Minneapolis in the winter of 1933-1934.

He was one of the outstanding leaders of the coal yard strike in February, 1934 when 75 retail and wholesale coal companies were tied up and the open-shop employers were forces to recognize the local and to grant wage increases to truck drivers and yard laborers.

In the swift organization campaign which followed this union victory, Postal took his place, being invariably present in those situations that could profit most from his devoted, tireless, selfless activity. Thousands of truck drivers have known him for years and looked to him for leadership. They knew him, as he always has been-honest, just, friendly, "for the union," and absolutely fearless.

Thousands of other newer workers came to know him for these and other sterling qualities displayed in action especially during the two great strikes in May and July, 1934, when the Citizens Alliance open-shop in Minneapolis was finally smashed and the General Drivers Union Local 574 (later 544) was launched. Every militant still remembers and admires Kelly Postal for his work in those crucial weeks and months of day-to-day, night-and-day functioning of the union and the strike headquarters.

A Man of Courage

Many old-timers still discuss among themselves Postal's feat in fighting almost single-handed a gang of armed hoodlums who early one May morning attacked the strike headquarters. He held the thugs off until the sleeping pickets were aroused and came to his aid.

Thousands of workers remember how Tobin's victory is a blow not only against Kelly, as spokesman for a union committee of three, was called in by Governor Olsen

martial law, with the strike headquarters in the hands of the troops, with most of the union leaders and hundreds of pickets in the military stockade, Postal told the Governor that the strike would NOT be called off, that picketing WOULD CONTINUE.

No less well known to every militant in the twin cities is Postal's acceptance of the responsibilities of leadership (without pay) during the difficult period in the summer of 1935 when Tobin tried to smash the new | tion of the war only, but one Truck Drivers Union Local 574 by withdrawing its charter and telling the employers that they did not have to deal with Local 574.

ment.

At the meeting of the entire Teamsters International Executive Board at Washington on June 3, 1941 Kelly Postal faced Dictator Daniel J. Tobin; told him that hq was a liar, and branded as fraudulent most of the evidence presented against the 544 leadership. He further told Tobin that Local tion. 544 would not give up its democratic rights and accept an appointed receiver. This is how Postal incurred Tobin's enmity. All this was reported to the membership meeting of Local 544 on June 9, 1941-the meeting that voted to affiliate with the CIO. of the capitalist press against the It is a matter of record how Kelly Postal stood firm under the all-out campaign of tive and the legislators must have union busting immediately launched by felt that voting for the bill would terested in getting sufficient food, Tobin with the aid of Governor Stassen. Biddle and Roosevelt against Local 544-CIO. He had to stand trial in the Federal Court in the famous Minneapolis "sedition" Trial in November and December, 1941.

Dictator Tobin first tried to get Postal the voters. by framing him on federal charges. But this failed; Postal was one of the five union middle class to its side? leaders acquitted by the jury in the Federal Court.

Thereupon Tobin moved-with the pressure of his \$8,000,000 treasury-into the District Courts of Minneapolis. The first "embezzlement" frameup of Tobin's failed in January, 1942 when Postal was acquitted. The second time Tobin met with success.

Postal Must Be Freed!

Now Kelly Postal, a man of unimpeachable integrity, the soul of workingclass honor, sits in a cell as an "embezzler!" Why? Tobin knows. So does Stassen. So do Biddle and Roosevelt. They know because they all took part in the frameup.

No honest militant can or will rest so long as this monstrous injustice is not rectified. Kelly Postal must not rot in jail. He must be freed. A full pardon must be

The Civil Rights Defense Committee has launched a national campaign to secure Postal's pardon.

The way to smash the Kelly Postal frameup is to join in this campaign.

July 11 issue of the New York

By M. Morrison

The enactment of the Smith- | the support of the people, the Connally bill over the veto of the trade unions must offer a pro-President is the most serious gram which presents the possiwarning that organized labor has bility of solving their problems. thus far received to the effect | They must connect their militant that its policies are ineffective struggles for immediate gains and, if continued, must necessar- with this program for the people ily lead to the destruction of all and thus gain the support of the the rights that it has gained in people for their militant strugvears of struggle. On its face gles.

the Connally bill is for the dura-The central feature of that program must be the taking over of would be foolish to expect that, the big industries by the governwith the end of the war, labor's ment with their operation under rights will automatically once the control of the workers. It may more be recognized by the owners be argued that the middle class of industry and by the governis opposed to government ownership of industry. Even if that is

War or no war, labor will meet so — and I seriously doubt it greater blows than the anti-strike it is essential to launch a cambill unless it makes a shift from paign for the education of the the narrow basis of business middle class, to make it realize unionism to a program capable of that at the bottom of all their solving the problems of the na- difficulties is not the demands of organized labor but the desire of Big Business for profits. The

THREET

The ease and haste with which | trade unions must show by all the bill was passed over the veto | the arguments available that the of the President is an indication elimination of private ownership that the middle classes are almost of the major industries and their solidly behind it. The propaganda operation under workers' control will solve the problems now contrade unions was obviously effecfronting the nation.

The masses are primarily inlose them no support from the clothing and shelter. The trade middle class voters. As anxious unions must show them who and as they are to do the bidding of what are responsible for the inthe capitalists, many Congress- ability of the masses to have their men hesitate when it comes to needs satisfied. It is the only way voting for a measure that is un- by which the trade unions can popular with the vast majority of rally the wide masses around them and thus not only assure Why did the capitalists succeed their present position but their in winning a great part of the progress.

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Certain sections of the middle The capitalists have fairly well class are suffering severe priva- succeeded in convincing the peotions as a result of the war. This ple that the war requires sacriis especially true of the urban fices and is responsible for their middle class. The income of this | privations. As against this, the group has not increased propor- trade unions must undertake to tionately as much even as the in- show that the productive capacity come of the workers and, with of the country is so huge that, the rise in the cost of living, it if properly organized, it can sathas been caught in a vise. This isfy not only the needs of the war has engendered a terrific resent- but of the civil population. A ment against the present state of proper organization of industry affairs, a resentment which the requires, as a preliminary, its capitalists have succeeded in turn- nationalization and operation uning against the trade unions. der workers' control.

The middle classes are patriotic | There is boasting galore about and the capitalists cleverly play the huge production of armaupon this patriotism to win their ments since the country entered support against any strikes. The into the war. The conservative real purpose of the big industrial- trade union leaders add their ists in their drive for anti-labor voices to this boasting, seeking legislation is not apparent to the to gain the credit for the achieveaverage citizen who belongs to ments of industry in order to the middle class. It is not at all strengthen their position. But clear to him that anti-labor legis- the increase in the production of lation is the means whereby the war armaments does not satisfy monopolies guarantee huge prof- the needs of the masses and by its for themselves. joining in the chorus of capital-

In this situation the conserva- ist bragging the trade union leadtive trade union leaders are ut- ers do not at all gain the sym-

yond logic. Instead of proposing they must embrace and support that labor and the Negro people the government which keeps them unite to create an independent lain the prison of Jim Crow! bor party through which to launch

The Stalinists also support the a struggle for a government rep-Roosevelt war program 100%; resenting the oppressed and not their support of it compe's them to sell out the Negro péople and the oppressors, Randolph proposes the tried and proven failure the labor movement every minute the non-partisan political bloc. of the day. Does Randolph real-"It will express their united polily think he can run both ways at tical strength, regardless of party the same time? That he can lead politics," he said. "When this is the Negro people in a struggle done, it will strengthen the posiagainst the government at the tion of the Negro leaders in the very moment when he is telling Republican and Democratic Parthem to support the government ties.". It never enters Randolph's because it is conducting a war head that a new party is needed. which incidentally is "not a war He wants the Negro people to for freedom"?

not appear to make sense, it does they will be betrayed on year by explain why his militancy is "tweedledum," the next year by limited to talk and not to action, and why he is unable to provide a program of action which can guide the Negro people in a lifeand-death struggle against the Jim Crow system and the government which upholds it.

The convention went on record in favor of the method of direct times but we shall say it again: mass action, such as local The way out for all oppressed peo marches, picket lines, demonstra- ple is through their unity and tion and other means of effect- not through their separation. Yet ively mobilizing the Negro masses Randolph failed to propose a to struggle. Delegates from St. single concrete step toward ach-Louis told how effective the mass lieving such unity, thus leaving picket line demonstrations were in the impression that the Negro forcing war industries to let down people can depend only on themthe bars to Negro workers. Yet selves in the fight for equality. the great emphasis at the convention was put by the leaders on the MOWM may seem pessimistic, the so-called "technique of non- the MOWM is not yet a lost cause violent, good-will direct action." The militancy of the rank and

This philosophy of passive res- file and a section of the leaderistance and good will, while Det-ship accurately reflects the sentiroit still echoed with the sound ments of the vast majority of the of mass murder, met with ob- Negro people. The steel worker jection from rank and file work- delegate from Buffalo who dener delegates ounced the idea of passive resist

One of them wisely pointed out: ance, the delegate from St. Louis "We didn't build our unions that who declared Negroes should way. When the strikebreakers and march, war or no war, the delecops attacked our picket lines, gate from New York who challthen we had to fight to defend enged Randolph on the war resoourselves and prevent them from | lution . - these delegates show | smashing our lines. If we didn't that there is still life in the do that there wouldn't be any MOWM. unions today."

It is their duty to revive the Coupled with the official glor- original promise of the MOWM; ification of passive resistance went to make it an instrument of mass a tendency to divert the eyes of struggle against Jim Crow and the Negro masses from the main the system of capitalism which struggle, the fight against the breeds it. Our best wishes are government, to secondary and with them in their fight to give isolated actions to be carried on the right kind of program to the by a few individuals, such as MOWM and the Negro people.

Curtiss-Wright Found Guilty Of Endangering Lives Of Soldiers (Continued from page 1) | facts as the Committee, but | remove two officers acting as its | A sorrowful editorial in the

tee began its own investigation. claimed that the situation was not representatives at the plant, during which Air Force officials serious. Corporation officials were change and increase personnel daily, PM, says: ". . .ask yourself misrepresented facts, tried to in- able this week to point to the there and take other "remedial if this country shouldn't have a timidate witnesses, and other- Knudsen board's whitewash convise "displayed an undue regard clusions as a defense of their for the well-being of the Wright policies. No action has yet been taken against the military of-Aeronautical Corporation and too often seemed to be motivated by ficials who tried to obstruct the Committee's investigation. a desire to protect the company

and its interests." Two days after the report was The Truman Committee then released, Acting Secretary of War turned its findings over to the Robert P. Patterson issued a Army which set up an investigat- statement saying that the results ing board headed by Lt. Gen. of the situation at the Lockland William S. Knudsen of OPM plant were "much less sensanotoriety. This board admitted tional" than appeared, but adfinding substantially the same mitted that the Army had had to

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law enabling, it to shoot as The Department of Justice re- traitors all those who are responports that it is still investigating. sible for selling out the war Meanwhile it has brought suit for effort for gain." Many workers, damages against a number of the especially those with relatives in corporation's officials. If found the armed forces whose lives guilty, the corporation would have have been imperiled by the pracwith an angry Yes. to that taken in the government's The Militant, however, has a

case against Anaconda Wire and Cable Corporation, which resulted in a measly fine that Senator Bone correctly described as "a slap on the wrist."

THE BASIC CAUSE

An editorial in the N. Y. Times place of the capitalists removed his militancy should be condemnwould be taken by other capital- ed. With us it means that his of July 12 tries to dismiss the whole affair by saying that in ists whose outlook is motivated lack of an adequate program does not create a political party the growth of a big corporation by the same insatiable lust for should be criticized. such as Curtiss-Wright "errors profits and more profits.

almost inevitably creep in." The The Militant proposes that the undeniable facts of the Truman ownership and control of the war report, and the efforts of the industries be taken away from Big corporation to cover up its ac- Business. Let the government, such a great danger and enables the trade union militants to betivities before the Senate Com- which has paid for most of the mittee, show that what went on war plants anyhow, take over of the resentment of large sec- bor party with an adequate prowas not an "error," but a cold- their ownership, and let demoblooded conspiracy. cratically-elected committees of Of course, it is possible that the workers in the plants take

in some of these fraud cases the over their control. top officials are not aware of all

This program will strike even the details, or take care not to be more fear into the hearts of the informed of them. But even in corporation officials than a shootsuch cases they are at least in- ing law. In addition it is the only directly involved for what hap- workable solution to the problem pens because they are continu- of criminal fraud endangering the ously forcing their underlings to lives of the men in the armed speed up output to such a degree forces. Government ownership that production of defective ar- would put an end to war profiteerticles inevitably results. Minor ing, which is the root cause of officials then resort to such the criminal practices. Control of methods as faking inspection tests industry by the workers, who have and records in order to hold their no interest in extracting profits jobs. Regardless of how these from the blood of the soldiers, criminal policies are arrived at, would insure careful construction the responsibility for them can and honest testing of war always be traced back to the materials. profit system and the profit It is time to end the Big Busi-

motive. ness murder conspiracy! It is time question arises: What to institute government owner-The be done about the ship and workers' control of the should criminals? war industries!

terly helpless. Pathetically they pathy of the masses. They would turn to their savior, President serve the interests of the work-Roosevelt, and thank him for a ers infinitely more if they were to veto which is slowly being rec- show that, with the elimination of ognized as a mere political ma- profit and with the proper organneuver to prevent a complete ization of industry, production break between the president and of war material would be even the working masses. The trade greater than at present without union leaders are grateful for the the need of curtailing the means veto because, for the moment, it to satisfy the essential needs of saves them from complete poli- the people. Even the patriotic tical bankruptcy. They can still masses would respond to such an go to the rank and file and preach argument. So long as the trade union lead-

faith in Roosevelt. Although John L. Lewis does ership has no fundamental pronot fawn on Roosevelt, he does gram, so long as it continues, at not see much further than Green | best, to confine its efforts to getor Murray. For a moment he cap- ting a little improvement for tured the imagination of the their membership, so long must workers who are being driven to it inevitably alienate large secdesperation by the freezing of tions of the middle class.

to pay a token fine which wouldn't tices of the corporations, will ing. But Lewis' militant business masses, I think, constitute a mawages and the rising cost of liv-In this country the working make even a dent in its tremend- undoubtedly answer this question unionism is far from sufficient to jority of the population. But the solve the basic problems at this middle class is a very significant time. Indeed, it must be admitted part of the population. If labor far more drastic proposal. Shoot- that the capitalists, by pointing can gain its support, the path to ing the capitalists responsible to his militancy, were able to greater gains will be comparwould certainly make the other convince a large part of the mid- atively easy. If the capitalists employers more cautious, but such dle class of the need to pass anti- gain the support of the middle action by itself could not solve labor legislation. With the Stalin- class, labor will find it harder to the basic problem because the ists and liberals this means that make progress.

But no section of the middle class will be for labor if labor of its own with a fundamental program for the nation.

It is the failure of organized It is too much to expect the labor to present a program for backward trade union leaders to the nation, for the workers and take the lesson of the Smithtions of the population. To gain gram.

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While Randolph's position does of the capitalist parties where maneuver inside the framework 'tweedledee. What would be more logical than for a minority like the Negro people to seek aid from the organized labor movement in a struggle against the common

enemy? It has been said a thousand Although our judgments on monthly magazine, Fourth International . \$3.00

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- 7. An Independent Labor Party based on the Trade Unions.
- 8. A Workers' and Farmers' Government.
- 9. The defense of the Soviet Union against imperialist attack.

out a moment's delay got his signature to an order for a federal grand jury investigation.

The grand jury was called for July 14. Although that was only five days off, federal officials said that in the meantime "law enforcement officials will be expected to make arrests of persons committing overt acts." "Overt acts," under the Smith-Connally law, include encouraging, instigating or aiding strikes at government-controlled enterprises such as the mines.

Many liberals and labor zombies spend a lot of time trying to prove that there is a basic difference between the Democratic-Republican Congress and the New Deal administration. But the parallel we have shown between the attitude of Congress and of the administration's Department of Justice demonstrates that there is no important difference. An independent labor party is needed to challenge not ony the reactionaries in Congress but those in the administration as well.

Two Methods

The War Labor Board has voted to include "maintenance of membership" clauses in several union contracts since the passage of the Smith-Connally Act. WLB Chairman Davis announced that the Board will continue to grant these "union security" clauses.

Howard W. Smith, co-author of the anti-strike law, insists that such clauses are outlawed by the new law and demands that they be discontinued. "Mr. Davis deliberately and knowingly is vio-

lating the law," Smith declared. What is behind this tug-of-war between the WLB, which represents Roosevelt, and Smith, who represents the anti-Roosevelt bloc in Congress?

The Roosevelt administration rests upon an alliance with the labor movement, via its top leadership. Roosevelt knows full well that the Murrays and Greens are political cowards, that they are willing to sell out the interests of their members, that they will go to any lengths to hang on to Roosevelt's coat-tails.

But the Murrays and Greens are big "labor statesmen" only by virtue of the fact that they head a numerically powerful labor movement. They can continue to help Roosevelt put over the freezing of wages, they can continue to keep the labor movement tied in the straitjacket of the war machine, only if their union careers are assured. Roosevelt's present policy is therefore to organizationally prop up the labor unions by means of 'maintenance of membership" clauses and the checkoff. Roosevelt guarantees the union bureaucrats their revenue and their continued recognition as the national leadership of labor.

Howard Smith represents the point of view of the National Association of Manufacturers. The industrialists do not want to govern on the English model, by means of a coalition with labor. The industrialists want to go back to the good old days of Harding, Coolidge and Hoover. They do not want to maneuver with a strong labor movement. They want to seize the opportunities afforded by the war to crush the labor movement and re-establish the old relationship of masters and slaves.

The quarrel between Howard Smith and Roosevelt is therefore not a guarrel between friends of

Coal Miners Threatened With Anti-Strike Law

(Continued from page 1) |important mines of U.S. Steel, ent interruption of coal producniners could be persuaded to re-Republic Steel, Crucible Steel, tion nor that it will continue to turn to work. The miners were Weirton Steel, Jones and Laugh-deprive us of possession of our consumed with bitterness and re lin and the Pittsburgh Coal Com- mines. To do so would mean sentment against the mine owners pany. Flying squads of union complete capitulation to Mr. and the government. They found men were travelling around the Lewis, and that in turn, would be it hard to swallow the bitter pill district in automobiles and women a threat to the entire industrial were reported especially active in structure of the nation." that Roosevelt handed them. The

passage of the Smith-Connally discouraging the miners from re-They complained of Roosevelt's nti-strike law did not frighten turning to work. statement at a pressconference that The leading editoria' in the curthem, or dampen their ardor. It there was no way of forcing the only increased their hostility and rent issue of the Mine Workers UMW to sign a contract. "If the inflamed their mood of defiance. Journal states: "Mine workers coal industry is to retain its faith The injustice of the treatment should return to work. There is in the authority of the War Labor they had received continued to nothing to be gained by continu- Board and the power of your ofrankle the proud and independing the work suspension in local fice," they wrote Byrnes, "it is ent men who mine the nation's areas." essential that you give us some But the coal miners of this re-assurance that the president's re-

coal. This hostility, resentment and gion are embittered and defiant. marks this morning do not condefiance reached the breaking Undeterred by the passage of the stitute capitulation by point in the western district of anti-strike law, they are continument to Mr. Lewis." Pennsylvania, where are located ing to fight. Byrnes apparently gave the

the greatest number of the "cap-WHAT OPERATORS WANT tive mines" owned directly by Meanwhile the coal operators the steel corporations. The coal are pressing the government for miners are only too well aware a bloody crushing of the miners that these corporations, making and their union. They are not out the three months' period of millions of dollars in war profits, satisfied with denying the miners negotiations in coal that it was are the leaders of the present their justified demands. They now determined to housebreak the union-busting drive. want to force the UMW to sign miners union. The denial of any

a two year contract, as ordered concessions to the miners was MINERS STILL BITTER The situation in this region has by the War Labor Board. They meant as a dramatic warning to been chaotic since June 22. Miners continue in addition to demand the whole labor movement that would work one day and walk out an immediate return of their it had better reconcile itself to the next. A climax was reached properties. "We do not believe," the Appa- ard of living. last week, when approximately

18,000 miners were reported out lachian operators representatives The government is apparently in the California-Brownsville stated in a letter to Byrnes, on preparing now to teach the Amer area. Twenty one mines were July 9, "that the administration ican workers that they will be put shut down, including the most will continue to tolerate the pres- in jail if they resist this policy.

Stalinists Push Fink Line At NMU Gathering | ing the National Association of presented to the convention was

(Continued from page 1). sent labor-baiting, union-smashing campaign of the American bosses, both Curran and Meyers placed the blame wholly upon a 'handful of appeasers and local fascists." Almost without discussion the convention accepted the resolution and voted to send Roosevelt an inscribed statement of its no-strike pledge, signed by every delegate. A resolution offering Roosevelt unqualified endorsement was also unanimously adopted.

WSA THREAT

Captain Edward Macauley, miners conditional support in indication that this line may not deputy administrator of the War their fight against the coal go down so well with the rankoperators-the condition being and-file membership was the great Shipping Administration, an important speaker at the conven-that they cease to fight and that amount of attention given by tion who apparently was aware they oust their present leader- the bureaucrats to what they that the convention did not ship. The other called upon the vaguely designated as the "unrepresent the sentiments of the Attorney General to invoke the ruly minority."

rank-and-file membership of the sedition laws against John L. The marked absence of rank-NMU, issued an ominous warn-Lewis as an enemy who "seeks and-file seamen in the visitors' the delegates. Attacking to change the American way of section showed that the member what he termed a "minority in the life." Not a word of discussion ship understood that the most union who constitute a potential preceded the unanimous approval vital problems confronting the powder keg," he warned the conmaritime workers would receive of these two proposals. Craig Vincent, East Coast little attention at this Stalinized vention that the maritime unions would "suffer the loss of many Regional Director of the Recruitconvention. of their present rights unless ment and Manning Organization, these elements are weeded out and an outfit in the forefront of the ejected from the maritime in- campaign to eliminate the union **Socialist** dustry." hiring halls, commended the of-Lt. Commander Dugan of the ficials of the NMU on the degree Workers U. S. Coast Guard explained the of collaboration they have achievdisciplinary functions and proce- ed with the shipowners and gov-**Book Shop** dure of the Coast Guard Hear- ernment boards. Vincent appealed ing Units. He was answered with to the union to cooperate with the Chicago a resolution endorsing the Hear- RMO^ein driving back to sea those ing Units and pledging the former merchant marine workers The Militant union to assist the Coast Guard who have found jobs in shoreside Fourth International in "weeding the undesirable industries. The convention adopted Pioneer and other Marxist elements" out of the merchant a proposal which promised the Publications RMO full cooperation in ferreting marine. out these ex-seamen and forcing **Open Daily** (except Sundays) LYNCH SPIRIT them back to sea. 11 A. M. to 5:30 P. M. AGAINST UMW Thursday Evenings 5:30 to 9 An old time Stalinist hack in UNION PROBLEMS

Why U.S. Government **Backs General Giraud**

Upon his arrival in Washington on July 7, a reception with full military honors was accorded General Honore Giraud, Commander-in-Chief of the French armed forces in North Africa and co-president of the newly formed French National Committee of Liberation. Admiral Leahy, President Roosevelt's personal representative, headed the reception committee of high American and French dignitaries at Bolling air field to greet General Giraud. As soon as the welcoming ceremonies were over, Giraud was whisked off to a private conference with Roosevelt at the White House.

The reasons for General Giraud's journey to Washington were described by official sources as being "mainly military," pertaining chiefly to the rearmament of the French troops in North Africa. Government officials have denied that either the question of recognition for the National Committee of Liberation or Giraud's dispute with De Gaulle had brought Giraud to Washington.

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is about to begin. The govern

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drastic reduction of its stand

The warm welcome extended by official Washington to Giraud is in strong contrast to the systematic campaign directed against General De Gaulle, Typical is a news story in the N. Y. Times of July 7 bearing the headlines "De Gaulle Drive Vexes Washington." This story says, "In the opinion of high American officials General De Gaulle is less interested in helping to win the war than in advancing his personal political fortunes under the assumption that the war will be won in any case."

In the struggle between De Gaulle and Giraud for control of the French National Committee of Liberation and the French armed forces in North Africa, both Washington and London, despite official denials to the contrary, have thrown their weight on the side of Giraud.

The N. Y. Post, a pro-Roosevelt paper, stated editorially on July 9: "Now it is abundantly plain to the French and ourselves that Giraud was brought to Washington as an anti-DeGaulle demonstration." Washington and London are apprehensive of De Gaulle's "independence." When De Gaulle demanded that the more open supporters of Vichy be ousted from the North African regime, he met with stubborn resistance from Giraud - and Washington. On June 4, the office of War Information issued a statement denouncing, "the cheap political maneuverings" of the De Gaullists, declaring they were no better than Vichy men, "Nogues, Peyrouton, and so on."

Roosevelt cynically withholds recognition from the French National Committee of Liberation on the ground "that 95% of the French people are still under the German heel and that there is no France now." But one of the reasons why Roosevelt denies "recognition" to the Committee of Liberation is in order not to give recognition to De Gaulle who shares with Giraud the leadership of it.

Washington and London know that De Gaulle differs by not one iota from Giraud in his desire to restore the French Empire to the defeated capitalist class of France. Nor do they fear De Gaulle's "dictatorial tendencies." Giraud can hardly pass for a democrat. Washington and London fear "De Gaullism" because it seeks a popular following.

Around Giraud have gathered reactionary top layers of the officer caste and powerful sections of the French capitalists whose program is limited to the

Manufacturers, Hamilton Fish, the demand for a flat sea-risk Dies, etc., and whitewashing the bonus of \$250 for all ratings on anti-Negro attacks as "Axis-in- merchant ships in place of the spired," Lawrenson launched into present bonus of 100% of the a hysterical tirade against the salary for a rating. Another leadership of the United Mine demand raised was for a 40-hour Workers for their rejection of the | working week for seamen who no-strike policy. The discussion now put in a 56-hour week. How which followed this harangue these demands were to be won developed a lynch spirit against was not explained by the leaders. union militants and ended in an The NMU convention was a appeal to the government to complete success from the point "hang John L. Lewis."

of view of the Stalinists. Machine-Two resolutions on the United controlled from start to finish, not Mine Workers were presented to a dissident voice was raised the delegates. One offered the against the Stalinist fink line. An

Class Justice

Two weeks ago we commented in this place on the contrast between the speed with which Congress hastened to override Roosevelt's veto of an antilabor measure, the Smith-Connally bill, and the leisurely tempo in which it handles a measure in the interests of Negro and white workers, the antipoll tax bill.

Since then developments have given rise to a similar contrast in actions by another arm of the government, the Department of Justice.

It was generally expected after the anti-Negro terror in Detroit had yielded casualties of more than 30 dead and hundreds severely injured, that a grand jury investigation would be held. When the local authorities made it plain that they were not interested in such an investigation, eyes were turned toward Washington and the Department of Justice. Scores of organizations and thousands of individuals appealed to the White House and the Attorney General for grand jury action.

But not a word came from Washington. It is reported that Vice-President Wallace may soon deliver a speech in Detroit which presumably will be quite wordy and filled with all the proper sentiments. But not a single step toward a grand jury investigation is being planned by the Department of Justice so far as anyone can learn.

To assume from this that the Department of Justice is incapable of moving with rapidity would be to make a big mistake, as Attorney General Biddle convincingly demonstrated last week.

The third coal strike was called off by the United Mine Workers three weeks ago, but in a great many areas, its members did not return to work immediately. Indeed, in the California-Brownsville area in Western Pennsylvania, center of the captive mines owned by the big steel corporations which played a leading part in rejecting the miners' justified demands, workers have remained out of the pits up to this week."

On July 8 some coal operators whose mines were still closed down called on the federal district attorney in Pittsburgh to demand some action from the government. These were just a few men, mind you, not thousands of people. But they got action in a hurry. The district attorney telephoned Attorney General Biddle. Biddle asked for a complete report of the situation. Sources close to him asserted that there would be "fireworks aplenty soon," which would probably pave the way for federal prosecutions under the Smith-Connally law.

By the next day Biddle apparently had already received his complete report. His district attorney in Pittsburgh went before a federal judge and with-

labor and enemies of labor. It is merely a quarrel between two sections of the capitalist class. Both want to throttle the labor movement. They simply have different ideas as to which method is most effective.

Congress Forgets The Soldiers

Every time the House and the Senate took up an anti-labor measure this year, the halls of Congress resounded with thunderous speeches about "our boys on the fighting fronts and in the fox holes." The gums if not the hearts of the labor baiters literally bled for the members of the armed forces.

When Congress, somewhat exhausted by passing so much anti-labor legislation, took a recess last week, it had appropriated something like 135 billion dollars in 1943. Yet for some reason Congress was unable to find a single dollar to raise the miserably inadequate allotments for soldiers' dependents.

At the present time there are close to 4,000,000 dependents receiving such allotments from the government. The mother of one child receives \$62 per month to meet all expenses; she gets an additional \$10 per month for each additional child. Dependent parents receive \$37 per month.

These allotment figures were wholly inadequate when the dependency act was first passed. Since then prices have skyrocketed and have reduced the living standards of many soldiers' dependents to a level lower than that of a WPA worker.

The flannel-mouthed gentlemen in Congress are little concerned with the welfare of soldiers' dependents. Their main concern is safeguarding profits. The war and all the sufferings it entails, including the suffering of the soldiers, merely supply them with a convenient pretext for carrying out the anti-labor program which they supported long before the war began. Only the militant labor movement, today the object of Congressional attacks, will safeguard the living standards of the masses as a whole and of the soldiers' families inparticular.

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military defeat of Hitler and the restoration of "orderly" government in Europe. Around De Gaulle have gathered many diverse elements - sections of the capitalist class, a portion of the officer caste, the lower middle class, and sections of the youth. Undoubtedly, "De Gaullism" is an influence in the underground movement in France.

What London and Washington fear is that the De Gaullist attempt to create a mass movement opens wide the possibility for a popular uprising in France. This can easily get out of hand and lead to a genuine revolutionary eruption which will sweep away any capitalist regime whether it stems from the left or the right.

Prepare Dissolution of Young Communist League

The National Council of the Young Communist League, youth section of the Communist Party, has called a special convention in Detroit on October 9 and 10 at which this organization will be officially buried. (Daily Worker, July 7). Nothing is to remain of the YCL, not even the name. It will be replaced by a "new united anti-fascist youth organization" with a new program and a "broader" leadership.

All pretense of the old program of mobilizing the youth for the struggle against capitalism and for the establishment of socialism has been dropped. The program of the new organization is strictly limited to "win-the-war" planks. First and foremost comes "maximum support in developing the second front offensive in Europe." Then come the subsidiary planks for fitting the "working youth" for industry, cooperation with Civilian Defense, combatting the spread of juvenile delinquency, etc. The question of the Negro youth is dismissed with a promise "to integrate Negro youth fully into the war effort without discrimination or segregation." The only proposal faintly connected with political activity is the plank for lowering the voting age to 18.

What has all this in common with Marxism or Leninism? Appropriately enough, the statement of the National Council refrains even from referring to either Marx or Lenin. The Stalinist renegades have long ago betrayed the struggle for the socialist emancipation of mankind. For a while they found a convenient cover in revolutionary phrase-mongering. Now they deem this no longer necessary.

The burial of the YCL, coming on the heels of the dissolution of the Comintern, should open the eyes of the most naive youth who joined the Stalinists under the mistaken impression that they were thereby joining a revolutionary organization devoted to the cause of socialism.