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# **ROOSEVELT 'FREEZES' BADOGLIO RULE AFL Convention Paves Way For Miners Return**

#### Ultra-Conservative Policy Revealed by Slavish Adherence to **Roosevelt and Sidetracking of Fight On Jim Crow Practices**

Virtual reinstatement of the United Mine Workers and a debate on Jim Crow union locals were the highlights of an otherwise perfunctory and spiritless annual convention of the American Federation of Labor. Oct. 4-14 in Boston.

Continuing their slavish adherence to the Roosevelt administration, the AFL leaders did not even give the delegates a realistic picture of the price-rises, wage-freezing and growth of reaction during the last year.

A message from Roosevelt, promising "success" in the "roll-back of prices," was read and accepted at face value. Wage-freezing was hardly even mentioned, except for a few whining complaints about the War Labor Board and a tearful warning by George W. Harrison, president of the Brotherhood of Rail-9

way Clerks, that Economic Sta-bilization Director Vinson's veto of a wage raise was "turning the railroad workers against their leaders."

The growth of reaction was indicated in the report of Judge Joseph A. Padway, AFL counsel, who listed twelve state legislatures which during this year have enacted legislation "imperiling the life and activity" of trade unions. Padway also stigmatized the Smith-Connally Act but was careful not to mention Roosevelt's complicity in its passage. **GOVERNMENT PARADE** 

The sole significant indication October 14. that the AFL leadership was aware of the growth of resentment against Roosevelt among the Council — that is, buried.

Characteristic of the subservience of the AFL leadership to a major part of the convention proceedings.

**By Miriam Carter** 

Tired of the runaround they have been getting from the War Labor Board and the company, the swing and night shifts of the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., Kearny, New Jersey, members of Local 16, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, CIO, struck Thursday,

The spark that set off the strike was the firing of five committeemen by the company for organizworkers came when the conven- ing a demonstration against the tion side-stepped discussion of a appointment of John Dempsey as resolution praising Roosevelt's grievance committee chairman. "domestic and foreign policies." Dempsey was appointed by Gavin It was referred to the Executive Macpherson, the Green-appointed receiver-dictator of Local 16.

This incident, however, was only the straw that broke the the government was the parade, camel's back. The contract which day in and day out, of government Local 16 had with Federal Shipofficials whose speeches consumed building expired last June 23. The new contract has not yet been ap-Typical enough of the contempt proved by the WLB's shipbuilding

To Protest Stalling Of WLB

# Shipyard

company.

16,000 Strike At Cramp

PHILA., Oct. 17. - Follow ing an almost complete walkout yesterday of the 16,000 workers employed at the Cramp Shipbuilding yard, the general membership of Local

42 (IUMSWA) at an enthusiastic, overflow meeting voted for a showdown with the The men will return to work

for one week, and if the scores of unsettled grievances are not settled and provocations by the management do not cease, they will come out again.

The meeting, over 2500 attending, was ready for action. As a flock of speakers from government agencies and top union official Philip Van Geldustrial Union Local 544-CIO. er made promis Their prosecution arose out of and an investigation, they were politely heard. None of the ministration and its labor flunspeakers dared to blame the keys, like AFL Teamsters Inmen for the situation. ternational President Daniel J Finally, the President of the Tobin, to smash and outlaw all Local, William Schaeffer, came political and union opposition to forward. the war program. Encouraged by shouts from This was the main motive bethe members to "get hot Schaeffer," he made the prohind the Minneapolis trial which posal for further action in a week. dants consisted of certain remarks the government, with no clearcut demands formulated and without made before witnesses who were organized leadership the workers, for the most part, returned to tions of the Socialist Workers their jobs. By Sunday only 600 Party, together with the works tants. men, mostly machinists and by Marx, Engels, Lenin and

A Page from Badoglio's Book **Postal to Appear** WITH A FOREWORD BY BENITO MUSSOLINI

#### Letters, Resolutions **Demand His Freedom**

**Pardons Board** 

On October 13 the Minnesota State Pardons Board took under Workers Union Local 544-CIO. Postal is now in Stillwater state The Pardons Board said it would question Postal personally on October 20, but its decision on

until a later date.

tained by the Civil Rights Defense that Postal had acted under legal co-belligerent state. advice of the national CIO when

What is the meaning and pur-Drivers Union 544-AFL to the matic chess-game? Is this new CIO union after the membership event to be understood as a simhad voted to transfer to the ple military maneuver on the part he issued the decree dissolving CIO. He declared that Postal had of Anglo-American capitalism, the Chamber of Fascists when never been accused of misusing designed solely to increase its Mussolini was ousted. Badoglio the funds on his own behalf.

UNION CONTRIBUTION Harold Falk, former president handed out by the spokesmen of streets and began the physical of the Minneapolis Council of the British and U. S. govern-Civic Clubs also appeared to argue ments.

Italy's declaration of war in Postal's favor, declaring that against Germany, has at best only Postal's personal record was good tenth rate importance for the vocate for the rights of labor."

## **Allies Intend To Dominate** Before Minnesota Europe Through Quislings

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Stalin Joins With Roosevelt-Churchill in Support of Counter-Revolutionary Regime

#### By John Adamson

Repeating all the harsh phrases about Nazi Germany that only yesterday it spoke against its presadvisement pleas for a pardon for ent allies, the government of King Victor Emmanuel Kelly Postal, secretary-treasurer and Marshal Badoglio declared war on Germany Ocof Minneapolis Motor Transport tober 13. Thus the Italian capitalists once again expose the real aims and purposes of the Second World penitentiary serving a five year War. Like their fellow capitalists all over the world, sentence on trumped up charges the Italian rulers are not interested in the fatherland, of "embezzlement" of union funds. love of country or democracy. They are fighting only for their profits, their privileges, their rule.

Acting on obviously a pardon would not be announced prearranged plans, the righthand man during twenty years of fascist rule, took the oc-Roosevelt and Churchill casion of Allied recognition of governments prompt - to strengthen the position of his

Committee, stated to the board ly recognized Italy as a feeble regime. He assured the Italian masses that "free elections" would be held four months after "peace is restored." As a pose of this new turn in the diplo- sign of his good faith, (he knows the Italian people do not have a nickel's worth of confidence in him) Badoglio cited the fact that

military strength? Only com- forgot to relate, of course, that pletely ignorant people will ac- this decree was issued only after cept this hypocritical explanation the Italian workers took to the destruction of the fascist leaders while the troops refused to shoot down the demonstrators.

Italy as a co-belligerent to try

ITALIAN ARMY

The N. Y. Times correspondent and his integrity had never been Anglo-American war camp, from gives the unofficial point of view questioned. The only thing that the purely military point of view. of the allied governments and the had ever been said against him Its primary importance is politi- military high command as folcal. The Badoglio deal is part lows: "The Italian army as such was that he was an "ardent ad- and parcel of the whole reaction- cannot be regarded in its present ary Roosevelt-Churchill policy of state as an important striking



**CRDC Renews Fund Drive On Anniversary Of Trial Of 18** 

October 27 marks the second | poll-tax Representative Howard anniversary of the beginning of Smith who leads the anti-labor the Minneapolis labor trial of 28 bloc in Congress and who backed leaders of the Socialist Workers the Smith-Connally anti-strike Party and officers of Motor law.

Transport and Allied Workers In- SUPREME COURT APPEAL The convictions of the 18 were

Elwood Fitchette, attorney rehe turned over funds of General

which these government officials feel toward a labor leadership so lacking in backbone was the jected by the WLB, with wage speech of Joseph D. Keenan, vicechairman for labor production of FOURTH STRIKE the War Production Board. The day before he appeared, the con- classifying them to mechanics' vention had adopted a resolution "vigorously" opposing "incentive on strike at the beginning of last pay" - the new name for piecework. Nevertheless Keenan blandwould soon be introduced in the period. ly announced that "incentive pay" West Coast shipyards — which are mainly operating under AFL union bureaucracy, the company, contracts.

#### JIM CROW

Another example of using the platform of a convention of labor to spit upon the workers was the Federal Shipbuilding employes speech of W. H. Atherton, head registered with them had been of the American Legion, who put in 1-A. Those who did not branded every striker as guilty strike, the draft board announced, of "treason." AFL President William Green "answered" him by classifications. adducing Roosevelt's praise because of the small number of strikes.

Indicative of the ultra-conservative character of the convention the men. The union joined with was the fact that of over 600 dele- the company and the WLB in gates - representatives of international unions, local central bodfiliated to the AFL — only eight grievances were scarcely menies and federal locals directly afwere Negroes and 15 women.

The convention adopted a resolution condemning discrimination and pledging AFL support to opening the doors of all unions to Negroes. The resolution was in previous ones, but had no teeth in it.

Crow auxiliary locals - locals in which Negroes are segregated and which have no voting power in the international unions to which they belong - was introduced by the Sleeping Car Porters but was buried by being retee to a "post-war problems committee" for "further study."

Spokesmen for the Boilermak ers and the Blacksmiths brazenly defended their use of Jim Crow auxiliary locals, in answer to the attack on them by A. Philip Randolph of the Sleeping Car Porters.

#### COAL MINERS

Randolph, replying to a formal disclaimer of discrimination by in the end. It is therefore fitting

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9% wage increase, has been rereclassification still hanging fire.

Angered by the delay in rerating the steel handlers went out week. This was the fourth time they had gone out in the recent

As soon as the men struck, the and the government apparatus joined to break the strike and punish the strikers.

The Selective Service Board of Union County, reported that all welders, were still out. The problems of the Federal Shipbuilding workers, however, remain unsolved. The Internawould be put back into deferred tional Union, headed by President John Green, makes no attempt

The WLB sent a telegram to solve them. The top bureauthreatening to punish the union. crats spend their time stifling

workers back from taking any telegram and distributed it among action. Local 16 has been in receivership for months. Experiences such as demanding strict adherence to the Kearny strike will open the eyes no-strike pledge. The workers' of hundreds of shipyard workers to the true role of the WLB and the government agencies in

TRAITOROUS OFFICIALS general as well as the traitorous Faced with the solid pressure conduct of their own top union of the union, the company and officials.

### some ways an improvement over previous ones, but had no teeth Cannon, Goldman, Dunne to Speak at A resolution condemning Jim SWP Fifteenth Anniversary Banquet

Local New York of the Socialist | plans for the expansion of our Workers Party has arranged for work in the great days ahead." Albert Goldman, whose record bassadors. an Anniversary Banquet to be of service in the labor movement held on October 30th, 6:30 P. M. goes back many years, will ofat Werdermann's Hall, 160 Third ficiate. James P. Cannon, founder ferred by the resolutions commit- Avenue, to celebrate the fifteenth | of the Trotskyist Left Opposition, anniversary of the Trotskyist together with Vincent R. Dunne movement of the United States.

> tortuous road since the first issue of The Militant made its appearance on the streets of New will give short addresses. York," said Rose Karsner, chair-

man of the arrangements comdoubts that victory must be ours mission will be free.

this October that we celebrate

our accomplishments and discuss University Place, N. Y.

Trotsky.

Supreme Court. The Minneapolis case has been nationally recognized as the test case of labor's rights and civil

liberties in the Second World War. If the Smith "Gag" Act is upheld and the Socialist Workers Party lasted five weeks. The sole leaders are sent to federal prison, "evidence" against the 28 defen- other minority groups can and will be similarly punished for which they were alleged to have their opinions. If the officers of mostly Tobin's employees or their union activities, this sets a agents and publicly-sold publica- precedent which can and will be used against other union mili-

The Civil Rights Defense Com-

guilty of violating the Smith ducting a national campaign for Machine Workers local 1140, tic content as a Hitler plebiscite. 'Cag' Act which makes it a funds to finance the U.S. Minneapolis, Minn.; United The N.Y. Times, authoritative ican capitalism thinks it can federal crime to exercise freedom Supreme Court appeal. Contribu- Cement & Quarry Workers local organ of the American money- strangle the Italian revolution of speech as guaranteed by the tions should be sent to the na- 1229, Petoskey, Mich.; United bags, virtually admits as much and impose its reactionary pro-The union printed the WLB union democracy and holding the in 1940, was sponsored by the same of the same of the cRDC, 160 Paper Novelty & Toy Workers in its own guarded language. Marshal Badoglio. Mussolin

The labor movement continued throttling the working class revo- | force because of its great losses recently upheld by the Circuit the attempt of the Roosevelt ad-ministration and its labor flum Court of Appeals and are now pouring in support for Kelly lution in Europe and installing of men and equipment, but pri-ministration and its labor flum marily because the all important being appealed to the U. S. Postal through contributions to Supreme Court. the CRDC, which is conducting tionary regimes.

a national campaign to secure the FEEBLE REGIME

freedom of Postal. Among this week's trade-union contributors of Italy's co-belligerency consti-Local 544-CIO can be jailed for lodge 1876, Bay City, Mich.

Rochester, N. Y.; Packinghouse Churchill hope to ensure the rule "will see in the advancing forces Workers Organizing Committee, of the Italian capitalists under the not only foreign armies consider-

mittee, which has directed the Workers local 49, Grand Rapids, are forced to call elections, these are driving out but Italian forces Eighteen defendants were found case from the beginning, is con- Mich.; United Electrical Radio & will have about as much democra- themselves.

marily because the all-important will to fight had been observed as very low for a long time preceding the armistice.'

Why then accept Italy as a co-The U. S.-British recognition belligerent? Because "there is obweek's trade unit of the seen of of Italy's co-beingerency could viously an encluded the seen of tutes the latest link in the allied behind-the-lines work, particular-behind the line of tutes the latest link in the allied behind-the-lines work, particular-policy in Italy, which has been ly in their own country, where United Steelworkers lodge 1358, Detroit Mich.; United Steel sued since the ouster of Musso-use." What kind of work? The Workers lodge 2075, Clawson, lini. Anglo-American capitalism Allied governments apparently Mich.; United Steel Workers now hopes to "freeze" the Bado- are thinking first of all of "the glio regime in power and to thor- great laboring populations of Mi-UAW-CIO local 80, Detroit, oughly stamp out the fires of the lan, Turin and Genoa" and they Mich.; Rochester Railroad Council, Italian revolution. Roosevelt and hope that the Italian workers Albert Lea, Minn.; United Rubber monarchy, so that if later on they ably less odious than those they

In plain English, Anglo-Amer-

Marshal Badoglio, Mussolini's (Continued on page 3)

## Spellman Defends Franco Dictatorship

#### **By Felix Morrow**

Archbishop Francis J. Spellman recently concluded a six- tinent. months' trip abroad. Ostensibly he went as Vicar-General, to inspect the work of the chaplains and visit with the soldiers. But, if one examines the press clippings, and even by his own account, it is clear how little time Spellman gave to the official pretext for his journeying.

He spent his time primarily shuttling between Rome, Lisbon, Madrid, North Africa, spending much time with the Pope, Franco, Salazar, Churchill, Ei- 🗩

senhower and the American am- ed closely with Pacelli when he came here in November 1936, met

and was successful in persuading Spellman met with Roosevelt Roosevelt to aid Franco by on the eve of his departure. preventing arms shipments to Two items must be recalled to the Loyalists.

understand the significance of The field of "parallel action" and others, will speak about the this fact: (1) Roosevelt's letter between Washington and the a central role. "We have travelled a long and early days. Other speakers, rep- of Dec. 24, 1939 to the Pope, Vatican was indicated by the well- Even the time Spellman spent

resenting later phases of the extending an official invitation informed French journalist, Per- with the U.S. soldiers was used development of the movement, to the Vatican for "parallel ac- tinax who stated in the May 12 for this purpose. For example, tion" on post-war problems; N. Y. Times that Archbishop in a speech to the troops in North The banquet will adjourn early (2) Spellman's role as link be- Spellman had reported from Africa, Spellman reassured Sala-

ported in the May 11 N. Y. Times as having been "elaborated in a

> around collaboration between the Badoglio elements and the Allies of Spellman's "letters from the and it is the plan now being fighting fronts to his father.

> Now indications are accumulat- appear, for the real business is ing of a similar Vatican-Allied to sell the Vatican-Washington agreement on a plan for saving brand of reaction. In addition to Franco's regime from the ven- the millions of readers of geance of the Spanish masses, Collier's, many other millions and here too Spellman is playing are receiving the gist of Spell-

wide summaries of them in the daily press.

masses of Spain and Portugal.

The device of letters to his ather serves Spellman's aim very well. It enables him to pass off

and the audience will be invited to tween the Vatican and Washing- Italy that the Vatican was zar and Franco by declaring that as honest and informal eyewitness mittee. "There are many hurdles continue the festivities at 116 ton-he was for seven years in "deeply concerned with the social "we"-the U. S. government- reports a program for Spain ahead for us. But none of us University Place, where the ad- the Vatican Secretariat of State, upheavals in the peninsula that "have engaged to respect the which in reality is least of all worked closely there with the are likely to be the outcome of territorial integrity of Spain and to be supported by eyewitness Banquet tickets, at \$1.75 per present Pope (Cardinal Pacelli) military defeat." Nor is the Portugal." Obviously he really evidence.

plate, can be obtained at 116 who was then head of that Vatican's fear of revolution meant that the "integrity" of Thus, for example, the founda-Secretariat. Spellman also work- limited to the peninsula; its fears, those dictatorial regimes would tion-stone of the Vatican-Wash-

indeed, extend to the entire con- be protected against the suffering ington program is the re-establishment of the Spanish monarchy as a "new" facade for the hated Franco regime. For Spellman to attempt to present persuasive arguments for it would be a dificult task, indeed. Much easier s to pretend to "report" to his father:

"There are many Spaniards who desire a return of the monarchy and are in agreement more now than formerly, for the pretender to the throne has married a Carlist, which unites in one family both groups desirous of monarchial rule." (Colliers, Oct. 16.)

How many are the "many Spaniards?" This all-embarassing question Spellman does not have to answer, thanks to the use of the device of "informal" letters to his papa.

MORE LIES

One lie demands another still greater one to fortify it. Having pretended that "many Spaniards' want the monarchy back, Spell-

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The Vatican's plan for prevent- | SPELLMAN'S LETTER ing revolution in Italy was re-Now Spellman has embarked on campaign to prepare U. S. public opinion for the Vaticanspecial message from the Pope to Washington plan for Spain. The Archbishop Spellman." It centered

carried out. Actually the fighting fronts hardly

man's "letters" through nation-

THE MILITANT

## The American Legion -- Tool Of Big Business and economic arrangements." The average of education. Its viciously reactionary ideas

#### By Larissa Reed

TWO-

At its silver anniversary convention on Sept. 21 in Omaha, the American Legion laid plans to make itself the dominant organization among the fighting men of the Second World War. And Big Business has publicly offered millions of dollars to finance the Legion's effort. The sinister motive behind the announced campaign becomes clear once the history of this organization is recalled.

Born out of the First World War, the American Legion is a counter-revolutionary tool of monopoly capitalism. First used to combat the growth of revolutionary sentiment among the American workers and soldiers after the October, 1917, revolution in Russia, it has remained throughout the years a viciously anti-labor organization.

#### **Revolution** in the Air

"When the Armistice was signed [in 1918]," wrote Marcus Duffield in "King Legion," "the American troops in France suffered an emotional let-down. They wanted to go home straightway and the longer they stayed abroad the more discontented they became. As Allied troops fraternized with Germans, both sides began asking why the war was fought. Talk of Bolshevism and revolution was in the air: of German soldiers' risings against their generals, of French mutinies.

"The American General Staff was seriously concerned about how to keep up morale. American bankers and business men who visited Europe returned filled with anxiety. What would-be the attitude of the returning troops. . . Would the ex-soldiers upset things?"

The gravity of the threat to capitalism

set in motion the combined forces of Big Business, their government servants and the military staff. On Feb. 15, 1919 at a private dinner given by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt for a group of 20 "silk-stocking" officers, the organizational setup and program of the American Legion was cooked up. A month later the scheme was set in motion through a public caucus in

#### **Chartered By Congress**

Colonel Roosevelt, with the tacit approval of the War Department undertook the task of forming the new veterans' society among the American troops. "He created a nationwide skeleton organization," writes Duffield. "Placards were posted everywhere, in the country and shiploads of publicity sent abroad for soldiers to read on the return voyage. When the men reached the piers, they were met by the Legion representatives with more pamphlets. The mayors of every city and town in the country were asked to help get the Legion in the local newspapers."

It was more difficult to round up the men in this country. Franklin D'Olier, a wealthy business man who was the first commander of the American Legion, complained of the "skepticism" of the veterans here and of difficulties with the labor movement which felt that the Legion was out to become a strike-breaking organization. The campaign was given a big boost when Congress on Sept. 16, 1919, granted a charter to the American Legion, the first veterans organization in this country to be so distinguished.

A quarter of a million dollars was needed to finance the Legion up to the time of its first convention. A letter on Swift & Co. stationery, dated Dec. 26, 1919, exposes the method by which the money was raised from Big Business and banking interests who "had reason to feel that the Legion would be the safeguard against the spread of undesirable ideas" among the homecoming troops. The letter stated that at a meeting of stock yard interests, a quota of \$10,000 was voted by these business men toward the \$100,000 requested from the state of Illinois by the American Legion.

The Legion has never revealed the names of the "400 friends" who subsidized it. nor has it denied the accusation that the powder trust, the rubber trust, the oil trust and others were among these "400." The Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce made the Legion a present of a magnificent headquarters in that city.

#### **Reactionary Leadership**

The Legion is tightly organized through a bureaucratic hierarchy. Under the national commander, who holds office for one year, is the national executive board which helps formulate policies. Then come 49 department commanders, one for each state and the District of Columbia. Then the post commanders, who in 1936 numbered 11.248.

"American Legion commanders have not been average Americans, average ex-service men, or average Legionnaires," writes William Gellerman of Columbia University in "The American Legion as Educator." They are members of the "privileged class" which has "profited from existing social

commander is a college graduate, a prosperous lawyer, banker or businessman. All of them have been military officers.

· Following an established pattern, typical examples of these commanders are: Hanford MacNider, Harvard graduate, member of several fancy country and racquet clubs, banker and businessman, Assistant Secretary of War under Coolidge, minister to Canada under Hoover and former head of the Iowa chapter of "America First," an ultrareactionary group; Alvin M. Owsley, notorious red-baiter; and Paul V. McNutt, the "Hoosier-Hitler," one-time governor of Indiana and present head of the War Manpower Commission.

#### **Political Influence**

Although its constitution declares it is non-political, the Legion goes into politics on a vast scale. From the very beginning a powerful Washington lobby was built up, the envy of other lobbyists in the capital. This "legislative committee" costs over \$25,000 a year. By 1935 the American Legion had 16 members in the U.S. Senate, and 130 in the House of Representatives. "Naturally," said the 1942 report of the Legion lobby, "we fought for the continuation of the Dies Committee."

The Legion has virtually taken over one arm of the government, the Veterans Bureau, which is packed with selected Legionnaires who carry out the will of the Legion. Above all, it serves as a huge propaganda arm of the officers' caste in the War Department.

Like a giant octopus, the American Legion extends its tentacles into every walk of life, and particularly into the field

are wrapped in star-spangled bunting and labeled "Americanism." Teachers who oppose Legion interference and ideas are condemned as "radicals" and accused of "poisoning the minds of children." Pressure is applied to terrorize them into submission or expel them from the schools.

#### Anti-Soviet

In the sphere of economics, the Legion attributed the great depression to "human nature." Glorifying its "spiritual" benefits. the Legion declared that the depression gave the wage workers-millions of whom were standing in the bread lines-"a chance to rest and get in good physical shape for the next pull."

This year the Legion is preparing to raise additional millions of dollars to "keep America sold on Americanism." This, writes Gellerman, "has come to mean 100% agreement with the American Legion." All dissenters, all opposers of their reactionary program are called "subversive elements" against whom the Legion has declared total war. "Subversive elements" are either "foreigners" who should be shot or deported. or "idealists" who should be shot or imprisoned.

The Soviet Union has been the prime object of the Legion's hatred, and it early condemned those who advocated the recognition of the "Lenin-Trotsky Soviet Government" by the U.S.

#### **Toward Fascism**

Commander Owsley made clear the direction in which the Legion wishes to travel when he declared to an interviewer in the 1920's: ". . .the Fascists are to Italy what the American Legion is to the U.S." Legionnaires participated in attacking workers who attempted to picket theatres showing Hearst's anti-labor and pro-war films. In California a Legion committee horsewhipped an editor because it did not like his views. In Cincinnati Legionnaires "rescued" two American flags from the headquarters of the Communist Labor Party. They broke up a Lenin Memorial meeting in Wilkes Barre, Pa., prodding the audience with guns to make them salute the flag.

Organized violence against workers and their trade unions began on the first anniversary of the Armistice when legionnaires attacked the IWW at Centralia, Wash. It has continued from that time and has afflicted cities from coast to coast. In Oakland, Calif., a Legion post armed 200 of its members as auxiliary police against striking workers; in Detroit 1,000 were pledged for the same purpose: in a Denver street car strike 500 armed and uniformed Legionnaires patrolled the streets.

A Legion Commander explained why eight men had been given exceptionally heavy sentences for trying to organize a strike of melon pickers in the Imperial Valley: "The Judge who tried them was a Legionnaire; 50% of the jurors were war veterans. What chance did they have?"

Just as it did in the service of Big Business 25 years ago, the American Legion is trying again to drive a wedge between the soldiers and the workers in the Second World War. The labor movement must meet this threat with its own campaign to unite the workers and soldiers in defense of their common interests.

## AFL CONVENTION PAVES WAY FOR MINERS REINSTATEMENT

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instated earlier at this convention after having left the AFL May Bugniazet of the Brotherhood of 27 because of jurisdictional dis-

Electrical Workers - who said putes - and other groups had at-"competent" Negro electricians tempted to prevent it. were accepted — said that he had The motion on the miners took looked for such IBEW members the form of empowering the Exe-

'can't find them anywhere." ners. Opponents had attempted Although the leadership felt it to amend the resolution so that necessary to record itself against the next convention would pass discrimination, resentment on the on the conditions of reinstatement. issue in its top circle was indi- But apparently an understanding cated when John P. Frey, head of had been reached between the migation of auxiliary locals. Ran- with the miners' District 50 would

The motion which paves the The motion which paves the way for the reinstatement of the Buy 'The Militant' miners came with almost no opposition on the floor, although it



When the third mine strike was | come to admit that Roosevelt's called off last June under a truce handling of the wage demands of the job. extending to Oct. 31, the UMW almost one and one-half million policy committee instructed the railroad workers is a farce. The miners to go back into the pits N. Y. Times of Oct. 17, in comand dig coal only so long as the menting on Vinson's approval of mines remained under formal gov- a four cent increase for the 350,ernment control. Last week Fuel 000 operating employes, and Coordinator Harold L. Ickes turn- Roosevelt's appointment of still ed the last of the mines back into another board to reconsider the the hands of the private owners, demands of the 1,100,000 nonand 22,000 Alabama coal miners operating employes, said: "Toimmediately quit work. 5,000 day's actions further confuses a Indiana shaft miners followed situation which students of labor arbitration say is putting the suit.

John L. Lewis wired the local railway labor arbitration machiunions involved, requesting them nery . . . into disrepute."

13 foremen belonging to the un- publicly stated that the steel com-13 foremen belonging to the un-affiliated Foremen's Association panies were refusing to settle Frankel Discusses UAW of America went on strike at any grievances and that "I have the Republic Steel Corporation's taken my gloves off, thrown them in the corner and am ready for **Convention At Forum** the Republic Steel Corporation's taken my gloves off, thrown them went out in support despite pres- | a showdown." Donovan proceeded sure from Phillip Murray and however, to get tough, not with

unions. He instituted charges Owen Dixon, international rep- against militant union presidents resentative, stated that he had Adams of local 1298 and Jablonski to the capitalist class, or strike can labor."

in local 2265, back to work, but in their own locals exonerated revolutionary role. Trotsky said lecture with a note of hope and admitted that, "The men just don't both of these union officials. feel like going through a picket Robert H. Keys, national presiline. They are union men, and a dent of the foremen's union, picket line means a picket line condemned the WLB for refusing regardless of what union is in- to recognize their dispute and for volved." not considering foremen as "em-

Murray and William Donovan, ployees." Industry has gone to great district director of the steel

workers here, were concerned, lengths in the past, with fair however, only with the fact that success, to get foremen to conthe "no strike pledge" had been sider themselves as "a part of "examining the UAW convention, speak on "Soviet Life in War-

to meet and call off the strike. Threatening to invoke the Smith-been negotiating for a 20% wage Threatening to invoke the Smith-been negotiating for a 20% wage Threatening to invoke the Smith-been negotiating for a 20% wage Threatening to invoke the Smith-been negotiating for a 20% wage Threatening to invoke the Smith-been negotiating for a 20% wage The 'no strike pleuge had been sider themserves as a part of the union of the Moscow press. The 'no strike pleuge had been sider themserves as a part of the union of the Moscow press. The 'no strike pleuge had been sider themserves as a part of the union of the Moscow press. Connally law and Roosevelt's increase since Sept. 1942. The WLB, Donovan said "There is no ment will unquestionably become although the convention showed

sanctions order against the operating unions have been strike as far as we are concerned strengthened if these "non-coms" that the bourgeoisie and the union leadership failed to realize their perspective of "wiping out the every effort to get the mill back million throughout the country, trade union democracy which into operation at the earliest come to identify their interests stands as strong as ever in the with those of other workers. UAW . . . that the workers defended themselves against any attempt to wipe out standing union gains." The mood of the convention was vividly portrayed as one of intense seriousness. The delegates were described as "obviously the cream of the American working class—seasoned workers from the heart of the mass industries." -Keen insight was shown in the

"Leon Trotsky explained that against the whole present adorder from the WLB to stay on the companies, but with the local the trade union movement would ministration, the delegates were in every part of the country and cutive Council to admit the mieither become tied to the bour- not ready to actually take the geoisie and grow closer and closer lead in that struggle for Ameri-

tried to get the men, organized of local 1519. Trial committees out for itself in an independent Comrade Frankel ended his this must be true of all unions, optimism for the future in sayno matter what type they are," ing, "A Marxist who saw that the Metal Trades, and C. J. Mac- ners officials and the AFL "big stated Harry Frankel in his convention and analyzed the un-Gowan of the Boilermakers, both shots" and John L. Lewis, on the Marxian analysis of the UAW dercurrents . . . does not doubt condemned A. Philip Randolph as eve of the convention, sent a letconvention before approximately that he is in the presence of the having done the Negro people a ter giving satisfactory assurances 60 workers who attended the future working class government "disservice" by demanding abro- that jurisdictional differences

October 17 Sunday forum spon- of the United States. At next Sunday's forum, Oct. dolph made the unanswerable be adjusted. sored by the New York School of 24, John G. Wright, noted reply that to call attention to an Social Science.

The speaker explained that upon authority on Soviet affairs, will abuse could only aid the Negro

time" as reflected in the pages

miners, the WLB ordered them negotiating for a 30% wage in-negotiating for a 30% wage in-and we are not recognizing that of capital, who number several to go back into the pits forthwith. crease since Feb. 1943. Both picket line. We are going to make The Indiana miners are re- groups have been getting a royal

ported to be reluctantly returning runaround. to the job. However, the Alabama coal diggers voted almost unanimously to disregard the WLB tions between the non-operating order and stay out of the pits unions and the carriers, Roosevelt

until they get a union contract. appointed an emergency board to "According to reports from the hear the case. This board on May striking areas," says the Oct. 19 24 recommended a miserly eight N. Y. Times, "the miners were refusing to attend meetings lest they incur the penalties of the omic Stabilization Director ar Connally-Smith act and they had bitrarily vetoed the raise. The officials of the non-operatsomehow set up some form of a 'silent understanding' with each ing unions then went back to see other whereby they did not even Roosevelt. He advised them to go need to speak, but would act as back into direct negotiations with individuals as long as their wage the carriers. These meetings greivances were not redressed." | resulted in an agreement between

strike was called off, every agree- embodying the eight cent in- gratifying. Most of the delegates certain things. . .' he said." the mine owners has been turned Vinson who simply sat on it, down by the power-drunk "im- refusing to rule. partial arbitrators" of the WLB. The union officials now treked Lewis and his negotiating com- back to Roosevelt to protest mittee concluded an agreement Vinson's stalling. This time early last summer with the Illinois Roosevelt advised them to wait operators, providing for portal-to- until the board which was conportal pay of \$1.25 and overtime sidering the operating unions' pay. The WLB vetoed it. Other demands had handed in its recomnegotiations with the Appalachian mendation. Then, he said, both operators were after many fruit- matters could be settled at once. less meetings broken off by the

arrogant mine owners who feel contract with them. This new nounced it will hold a "public Chicago Oct. 22 to consider tions and speeches—with the noof the WLB. The board has anhearing" Oct. 21 to give the Appalachian operators a chance

to attack the Illinois agreement. his approval of the four cent in-With the Oct. 31 deadline less crease to the operating employes. than two weeks off, the coal At the same time he virtually miners are finding many ways to ordered the new board just apregister their indignant protests pointed by Roosevelt to bring in against the raw deal they are a like recommendation for the getting from the Roosevelt ad- non-operating employes.

ministration. One mine owner told Ickes that the lack of a contract about our contracts?" "No contract, no sweat!"

Even the capitalist press has the miners but the railroad work- 1926.

After a breakdown of negotia- possible time."



We hear from our agent in resolution committee - R. J. Buffalo that "the reception of the Thomas got up to recommend a two issues of The Militant, dis- night session. 'I know there are the four main issues before the tributed at the UAW convention people who seem to think that body - incentive pay, the Little Since the last general mine the union officials and the carriers, in Buffalo, October 4-10, was very there has been some stalling on Steel formula, the no-strike

sible.'

ment the UMW has forced out of crease. The contract was sent to took the paper and it was read carefully by delegates and officers. Showing their appreciation

of the paper, delegates gave our distributors \$2.65. "Any observer entering the huge convention hall after each convention sent to me airmail

distribution could see Militants spread out and being read in the balcony, on the floor, and on the Militant report as soon as posplatform.

"One incident of the convention reveals the effect of our paper.

Late in September the emer- On Saturday The Militant, carrysecure in the knowledge that the gency board hearing the operating ing the story on the first two WLB is a bulwark behind them. recommendation for a four cent tributed. In the story, Art Preis negotiations with the Illinois for the set of these workers. The mentions that the officers were operators and concluded another union officials, under heavy pres-trying to stall discussion on the sure from the rank and file, fundamental issues. On Saturday agreement still lies in the files labeled the grant an "insult" and afternoon, after much valuable announced that they will meet in time was spent on gift presenta-

authorizing a strike vote.

On Oct. 16, Vinson announced a Negro to the executive board today?

This seems to sum up the

thoroughgoing analysis of the action taken by the convention on pledge and the fourth term for

Roosevelt. Comrade Frankel explained that "the issues could be A subscriber in Detroit wrote better understood when divided us airmail special delivery: "Will into issues of offensive and

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you please have The Militant with defensive measures." the complete report on the auto In all defensive matters, such as democratic rights, increased special delivery. I am leading a union dues-matters which they discussion on the convention and fully understood-the delegates would appreciate having The

Our Chicago agent sent us an irmail order: "We wish to order 1,500 additional copies of the issue of The Militant which will contain the complete story on the UAW convention. Money will follow. Our bundle of that issue will thus be 3,000 copies." \* \* \*

We just received a longstrike pledge and the election of distance telephone call from our agent in Philadelphia ordering still not reported in by the all additional copies of this week's issue and last week's issue that we can spare.

#### ers as well would be further ahead

A number of comrades from opinion of many railroad workers the New York Local mobilized as well. Ceorge W. Harrison, Friday night, Oct. 15, to distribute In the July 3 issue, The Militant president of the Railway Clerks, the paper carrying the "Open said editorially: "Isn't it obvious admitted at the AFL convention Letter to the Members of the is undoubtedly responsible for the that if instead of isolating and that the railroad workers "are Noung Communist League," at low level of coal production. He knifing the mine workers, the losing confidence in their leaders," the opening rally of the YCL said that coal cars returning to railroad union officials had joined and that "the demand for a strike Dissolution Convention. The rethe surface in his mines bear the chalk marked legends, "When do welt's wage freeze policy, if in-union officials report there were no provocations, most of the we get our contracts?"-"What stead of cooperating with Roose- have been more strikes on the people who went to the meeting velt against the miners, they railroads since July than there took the paper, and comrades had cooperated with the miners have been since the Railway Labor who went into the meeting saw against Roosevelt, then not only Act was passed by Congress in it being read all over the meeting

A Letter from Natalia Trotsky

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#### **By Albert Parker**

Father Haas, chairman of the there is not a Negro serving as a commissioned officer in the Fair Employment Practices Committee, has resigned to take a job entire Navy, and only one in the as bishop in Michigan, and Presi- Coast Guard. Trained seamen are dent Roosevelt has promoted Mal- strictly segregated. Some of them, colm Ross, former deputy chair- handling explosives in a New man, to Haas' post. Opponents of England ammunition depot, "sup-Jim Crow will be pardoned if they plant civilian stevedores who were voice the suspicion that Haas took formerly paid up to \$80 a week date. a runout powder. for this work. These men complain

For a month has passed since that they are not permitted to the FEPC hearings on railroad work at their trade, are denied Jim Crowism, and the FEPC is promotion. . ." He quotes a letter still deliberating over what it shall from a seaman in training at do or attempt to do about the Great Lakes. Ill.:

railroad situation. Haas knows "Not a single colored chief that it cannot do anything really petty officer leads a colored comeffective, because the FEPC has pany, yet third class petty officers no power to enforce its recomare doing the work but are denied mendations, and he knows that the rank because of their color.. he cannot make good on his Up here in Illinois, the Navy has Reilly, member of the State Board promises about abolishing in- introduced segregation, refusal to serve colored seamen in certain the liquor traffic in California; dustrial Jim Crow.

centers, segregation of white and and Chester MacPhee, City Su-Willard S. Townsend, president colored sailors at camp movies by pervisor. The CIO leaders issued of the CIO Transport Service Employes was 100% correct when he compulsion."

asserted immediately after the Government officials express railroad hearings that the FEPC concern over the effects of is dead. One could go even further | Japanese propaganda on the and say with good grounds that American Negro people. Yet a the FEPC was still-born. It never thousand Japanese agents workington never intended that it couldn't do as much to arouse should. Some Negroes still enter- discontent among the Negro tain hopes to the contrary, but we masses as the U.S. brass hats predict with confidence that they do every day in the week. will be dashed to the ground when the FEPC finally takes a position

on the railroad industry.

George Padmore, well known writer and London correspondent for two of America's leading

Negroes at home have no desire Negro papers, has supplied the to see Negro troops slaughtered following information a bout on the war fronts. Nevertheless colonial aspects of the U. S.they are getting angrier and British deal with Badoglio:

angrier about the Army's policy "Reports from Brindisi, reachof not using Negro soldiers for ing London over the weekend, combat duty. This may seem like speak of important discussions bea contradiction, but it's not. tween top-ranking British and

Because while not used as American representatives and combat troops except on very rare Marshal Badoglio. These reports occasions, the Negro soldiers are suggest that Badoglio, who orfacing danger and death just the dered Abyssinians to be sprayed same. Employed for the most part with mustard gas during the as "engineers," which is a fancy Italian invasion of Ethiopia, is name for labor battalions, they trying to get the Allied governare active on the fighting fronts ments to return certain territories in building roads, clearing demoli- in Africa to King Victor Emtions and handling supplies. manuel as a reward for deserting Dispatches from North Africa and Hitler and going with the Anglo-Italy confirm that the proportion American bloc.

of casualties is at least as great "At the same time, Badoglio for this kind of work as for any has established relations with other in the armed forces. certain so-called Italian liberals

The point is that while Negroes, in America, headed by Count do not object to doing their fair Carlo Sforza, a former foreign share of this kind of dirty and minister of Italy before the Musdangerous work, they do feel solini regime. The marshal has strongly about being restricted to invited these Italian anti-fascists it. But that is one of the purposes to come back to that part of Italy of the military segregation of now under AMGOT. Negroes, which the White House "In a declaration made public upheld in 1940 on the ground that | in London, Count Sforza, who is changes "would produce situa- politically persona grata with the

tions destructive to morale." American State Department and A lot has changed in the three

## San Francisco Union Skates Proposed Plans For Peace Block Road To Labor Party That Will Bring No Peace

#### By C. Thomas

tion provides an object lesson in company unionism in politics. committee of the communist rai-ty expressed the following senti-San Francisco is one of the most strongly organized union ment:

cities in the entire country and the labor movement, with its friends and allies, constitutes the overwhelming majority of the other union and progressive city's population. Yet the AFL and CIO leadership refrained force, that the way can be cleared of explaining to the workers why from presenting a labor candi-9-

llife, on the basis of open and sin-

The CIO Council, complete-the basis of his ability to unite And lo and behold! If lv dominated by the Stalinists, the broadest sections of the city but a few days after that the met Sept. 19 to discuss which in support of the President at prayers of the Communist Party of the four principal contenders home and abroad, and for an ener- were answered: the local CIO for mayor was to be designated our city, the best candidate avail-dorsement of MacPhee and enas the "workers' choice." The able for mayor of San Francisco dorsed Reilly. The same Reilly four are Angelo Rossi, present in the coming elections is Chester who was characterized in the CIO MacPhee." mayor; Roger Lapham, chairman

Two weeks later the AFL group following manner: of the board of the American Hamet and endorsed their own waiian Steamship Company; Geo. of Equalization, which controls hoped to force an all-labor en-

the following statement:

ENDÖRSE MACPHEE "We have considered all the candidates. It is our full and con-

Hillman, who as chairman of the phasis-C. T.) sidered judgment that on the ba- CIO Political Action Committee. A number of CIO unions influaccomplished much because Wash- ing night and day for five years sis of personal integrity and abil- was making a tour of the West enced by the Stalinists had al ity, on the basis of a record of Coast. A few days after the en- ready gone on record for Macactual accomplishments in public dorsement of Reilly by the AFL, Phee. The rank and file Stalinists



materiel from Hitler and Mus-|for democracy?" Spellman can (Continued from page 1)

plished fact.

man is compelled to explain why tirely dependent. Axis aid to democracy out the window. He Spain was a republic from April Franco outweighed a hundred writes: 1931 until crushed by Franco in times the pitifully small amounts the civil war of 1936-1939. Taking of materiel received from abroad be solved by saying: 'Let every a leaf out of Hitler's book, which by the Loyalists. 5. Spellman raises the Com- the United States is free, and then taught that if a lie is big enough munist spectre. In reality, the everything will be just fine.' The some of it will be believed, Spell-

republic was thoroughly bourgeois, formula for freedom is not so man writes: "A word equivocally used in and the Loyalists lost the civil simple in every place in the world. Spain and America is 'Loyalwar not only because of Franco's Freedom is an anomalous term." st.'... However, other Spaniards military superiority but also be- (Colliers, Oct. 16.) do not call them 'Loyalists.' They cause of the conservative policy call them 'Communists.' It was of staking everything on the vain this group of Loyalists or Com- attempt to win the support of the being asked to fight for it are active determination to pick their munists that assumed power in "democracies" instead of arousing Spain at the time (April 1931) the European masses.

when King Alfonso XIII fled. BESTIAL REPRESSIONS "General Franco's supporters Nowhere in Spellman's account maintain that the general would does the fact appear that Franco have assumed control over Spain led an armed invasion against a if international legionaires had legal government. Nor is there a not come to the aid of the word about the fact that the first Loyalists." (Colliers, Oct. 16.) forces of this "Christian" enter-In these few sentences Spellman has perpetrated a series of prise consisted chiefly of Moorish deliberate falsehoods. Let us mercenaries. Nor a hint of the fact

that, even after exhausting all single out a few: 1. The opposition to the Spain for three years by fire and monarchy became so universal sword, Franco can rule only by among the great masses that not the most bestial repressions

the official Stalinist "Election in the unions translated the offi-SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17. — The current municipal elec- News" published by the campaign cial CIO Council characterization committee of the Communist Par- of Reilly - "all things to all around post-war foreign policy ists" is indicated by the adoption men" — into the language of the

"pimp." Now they are confronted "We hope, together with every it is necessary to cast their vote quickly for labor to get together behind ONE candidate." for a "pimp."

The boss press, which has di-And lo and behold! It wasn't as "contemptible" and "unprinci-Action Committee explains that

it was done in the name of "unity of labor" and for the purpose of Council's original statement in the 'unifying all the people in support of the commander-in-chief." "While seeking labor support. "workers' choice," George Reilly. Reilly remains on the friendliest MacPhee, acting the injured innocent, issued a statement which This caused a bit of consternation terms with the labor-baiting said: in the Stalinist camp which had Hearst press. This benevolent as-"The CIO endorsed me because

sociation dates from the time they said they believed I was the dorsement of MacPhee by con- when Mayor Rossi appointed Reilpest qualified candidate for fronting the AFL with an accom- ly to the Board of Supervisors. mayor. If this was true two In fact, the record shows that weeks ago, it is true today. The These events coincided with the Reilly has been, and still is today, appearance in the city of Sidney all things to all men." (My emrank and file of organized labor vill speak for labor on election

lay — they need no one to pick their candidate for them." ABSTENTIONISM

Unfortunately, it is not true that the rank and file of labor will speak for labor on election day. AFL and CIO Teaders have again blocked the road to independent working class political see peace and justice reign on largely favor the creation of represent the interests of organized labor.

The workers of San Francisco are not fooled. This is indicated solini on which. Franco was en- reconcile the two only by throwing by the report of the registrar of into the election with the fewest

voters since 1935. This, in spite of the fact that the population of the city has enjoyed a tremendous increase, and despite the frantic efforts of the union officialdom to get out the vote amounting in some Stalinist-led ontingent on registering to vote.

There will come a time, and Certainly freedom is an ansoon, when voting with their feet omalous term when those who are is converted by the workers into serving to keep the Francos, own candidates, to write their own Salazars and Victor Emmanuels program, to build their own indeon their shaking thrones. Every pendent labor party. The miserthinking worker should read able fiasco of the San Francisco Spellman's letters for, despite all municipal elections is part of the their pious hypocrisy, they make inevitable process of political educlear the starkly reactionary game | cation leading to labor's own parof the Washington-Vatican Axis. ty,

U.S.-Britain Back

By M. Morrison -

The discussion now raging | The passing of the "isolationis a clear indication that Ameri- of a resolution at the Republican street, referring to him as a can imperialism is confronted by Party conference held recently at tasks that demand a sharp turn Mackinac providing for the parwith the not too pleasant task on the part of those who ticipation of the United States formulate and control its poli- in some form of international cies. The necessity of bringing machinery to be set up after the policy into correspondence with war for the purpose of "preservthe actual relationship of forces ing peace." The Fulbright resoluvided its endorsement between on the world arena is the factor tion, similar in character, was Lapham and Rossi, published in- that has evoked the multiplicity adopted by an overwhelming dignant editorials stigmatizing of books, articles and debates majority in the House of Reprethe CIO "betrayal" of MacPhee dealing with the problem of the sentatives and one of the same role of the United States in the type will probably be adopted in oled." In reply, the CIO Political post-war world.

the Senate. The resolutions are The First World War ended vague and can be effectively with American capitalism winning limited in scope. Nevertheless a dominant position in the capital- they constitute a victory for the-"interventionists." ist world. Its productive capacity brought victory to the Allies;

\* \* \* from a debtor nation it became If the economic factor is basic the outstanding creditor nation in determining the trend of, and its influence became para- American capitalism, it does notmount in every corner of the mean that the sentiments and globe. The situation called for a ideas of both the masses and the more energetic, open and decisive ruling group can be disregarded. participation in world affairs. Anxious to prevent another fright-In proposing the creation of a ful holocaust, the masses are un-League of Nations with full memdoubtedly in favor of some form bership for the United States, of international organization. The President Wilson gave expression ruling group is doing its best to to the needs of American capitalassure the masses that such an ism. Naturally the proposal was organization will be able to made with all the necessary prevent future wars. We can conidealistic references to peace and fidently attribute the huge vote justice, and it need not be given to the Fulbright resolution categorically denied that Presi- to the fact that Congressmen are dent Wilson would have liked to convinced that their constituents

action. None of the candidates earth. Only it was the kind of "peace" machinery after the war. peace and justice that would be Fearing that the capitalist of invaluable aid to American system can not survive another capitalism. The democrat and war, the ruling clique is also idealist Wilson represented the anxious to establish an organizainterests of American imperialism tion which will prevent not only voters that San Francisco will go far better than the hard-boiled war but also revolution. Pressed isolationists. by the masses who want peace for

But the time was not ripe. The its own sake, and themselves isolationist forces developed by anxious to have peace to avoid the preceding economic era, in revolution, the capitalists and which the home market was their representatives are almost almost, if not altogether, ade- unanimously in favor of some quate, were too powerful to permit form of international machinery American imperialism to make to prevent have not nations from unions to making membership | the necessary adjustments. Wil- | interfering with the possessions son's proposal to join the League and wealth of the powerful imof Nations was defeated. perialist nations.

Wilson's failure did not bring But even at present, while the war is still raging and the capito a halt America's irresistible talists are trying their best to penetration throughout the world, create an impression that this is with the exception of the Soviet really the last war, the rivalries Union. Every major economic problem had to be discussed with between the two most powerful American financiers who made the capitalist nations are coming to ultimate decision. Every im- the surface and clearly indicate portant matter arising within the that the forces operating under League of Nations was discussed the capitalist system will not with an eye on the attitude of permit peace to endure for long, the U.S. government and it is no matter what kind of machinery doubtful whether any important is created.

decision was made without con-American imperialists have al-Regime Of Badoglio As the strongest section of merchant marine will control its world capitalism, the United share of shipping. The British States could not possibly isolate capitalists are terribly worried itself. When German imperialism lest air traffic come under commade another desperate venture plete control of their American to achieve a "place in the sun," brothers. One can be certain that it was inevitable that this country behind the scenes both American should participate in the conflict and British capitalists are preparagainst Germany. It had too much ing for the inevitable economic at stake to permit German struggle that will follow the capitalism to become the dominant present conflict. power in the world. And aside from the economic And one of the results of the rivalries between the capitalist present conflict is that it is nations the fundamental anreducing the number of those who tagonism between them and the want to confine the influence of Soviet Union is a constant threat American capitalism to someto peace. An agreement may be thing a little less than the whole reached between the capitalist world. The essence of the strugnations and the Soviet Union but gle between "isolationists" and it will not do away with that "interventionists," before as well antagonism. An agreement may as after Pearl Harbor, consists of be reached between the United a difference of opinion as to the States and Great Britain but it extent of the territory that will not do away with the American capitalism should con- economic rivalries between Amersider necessary for the protection | ican and British imperialists. of its interests. Whereas the "interventionists" correctly esti-ganda of the capitalists and the mate that American capitalism is Stalinists, the class - conscious interested in the whole world, workers will stress the fundamost of the "isolationists" are mental proposition that this war satisfied with the Western Hemi- will mean the end of wars only sphere and China. if the working masses will take The "isolationists" are giving power and control the economy of way, with the exception of a few the world. Failing that, no silence all opposition and critidie-hards who cling to the old alliances or international organeism of this stark reactionary poideology and old phrases. ization will prevent wars. icy by pointing to the fact that

one be free, just as every one in

"Some might think it could all

the British Foreign Office has enyears since this statement was dorsed Badoglio's colonial claims. made, but not the Army policy. He advocates the return of the As Secretary of War Stimson | Dodecanese Islands to Greece, but told a Pittsburgh Courier reporter | wants England and America to last week, "the Army's basic allow the Badoglio governmentpolicies are unchanged." broadened to include liberals and other anti-Mussolini elements-

During this same period, the to retain control over Libya in Navy policy has changed some- North Africa, and Eritrea and what, for it now admits many Italian Somaliland in East Negroes and not only as kitchen Africa."

lackeys, but it too still treats It is not yet certain that the Negroes as second-class citizens. Allied leaders will recognize the Washington correspondent John Badoglio-Sforza colonial claims. Jasper estimates in the Oct. 16 Whether they do or not, one thing Afro-American that as many as is sure: the Allied leaders, like 500,000 Negroes may be drafted the Axis leaders, have no inteninto the Navy next year. Mr. tion of returning these African Jasper examines present condi- colonies to their righful owners, tions of Negroes in the Navy and the people who live there. Only finds that the prospect is not Workers' and Farmers' Governments in this country, Britain and particularly "promising." He reports, for example, that Italy will do that.

### TROTSKY SAID: EUROPEAN LABOR MUST BUILD **ITS SOCIALIST FEDERATION**

The danger of war and a defeat | the status quo that the European of the Soviet Union is a reality, workers and the colonial peoples but the revolution is also a can rise against imperialism, and whole Italian divisions, the Franco compatible with the "war role to the allied war machine. reality. If the revolution does not against that war which must prevent war, then war will help break out and overthrow the the revolution. Second births are status quo almost as inevitably as commonly easier than first. In the a developed infant destroys the new war, it will not be necessary status quo of pregnancy. The to wait a whole two years and a toilers have not the slightest inhalf for the first insurrection. terest in defending existing Once it is begun, moreover, the boundaries, especially in Europe revolution will not this time stop | --either under the command of half way. The fate of the Soviet their bourgeoisies, or, still less, Union will be decided in the long in a revolutionary insurrection run not on the maps of the general against them. The decline of staffs, but on the map of the Europe is caused by the very fact class struggle. Only the European that it is economically split up proletariat, implacably opposing among almost forty quasi-national its bourgeoisie and in the same | states which, with their customs, camp with them the "friends of passports, money systems, and peace," can protect the Soviet monstrous armies in defense of Union from destruction, or from national particularism, have bean "allied" stab in the back. Even come a gigantic obstacle on the a military defeat of the Soviet road of the economic and cultural Union would be only a short development of mankind. episode, in case of a victory of The task of the European the proletariat in other countries. proletariat is not the perpetuation And on the other hand, no mili- of boundaries but, on the contary victory can save the in- trary, their revolutionary aboliheritance of the October revolu- tion, not the status quo, but a tion, if imperialism holds out in socialist United States of Europe! (From Pages 231-33, "The Revoluthe rest of the world... It is not under the banner of tion Betrayed.")

continued executions, millions stil a blow had to be struck to topple the throne. On April 13, 1931, imprisoned, etc. Spellman has the effrontery to say only that when the results of the first relatively-free municipal elec-

tions became known, proving Franco in 1939. beyond dispute that the masses Spellman digs up again the old own military government. Roose- | a chance." had voted overwhelmingly for lies of Loyalist atrocities: "Thou- velt and Churchill believe that the anti-monarchial parties, Alfonso fled—he could not even sands were put to death for no the Italian masses can be held depend on the palace guards to greater crime than wearing a in check more easily if Italy is

necktie," etc. The truth is that still in a state of war and offithe workers and peasants, when cially a partner, even though an 2. Far from requiring "inthey rose to repel Franco's in- insignificant one, of the Angloternational legionaires" to enable vasion, were all-too generous, American war camp. They also them to hold power, the repubfailing to take the necessary hope thereby to gain the support lican parties were able to count stringent measures against the of the Italian population behind on the great majority-the workupper class which would have the German lines. ers and peasants-against at-

put an end to the "fifth column" tempts to re-establish the about which Franco openly monarchy. Franco saved himself boasted. in 1931-35 only by swearing

allegiance to the republic. COMMUNIST SPECTRE

protect him.

under their command would fol- reeking with the blood of Spain's hind the scenes master under the State to the Pecora-Pope-Antonito write: "I cannot doubt that he

suppressed. 4. The first "international is a man loyal to his God, devoted N. Y. Times correspondent means legionaires" that appeared came to his country's welfare, and when he states that "the new stain July 1936 in the Franco forces definitely willing to sacrifice him- tus of Italy means a new and -German and Italian aviators self in any capacity and to any minimized role for the AMG." and artillery specialists, German extent for Spain."

and Italian battleships and finally But how is this vile support of fectly willing to play this jackal



(Continued from page 1) are too bad and they are without

hope they turn to other presumed "thousands" were imprisoned by gram far more successfully by cures. The allies must help us, means of the Italian Quisling Ba- in the press and in propaganda, To cover up these omissions, doglio regime than through its so that communism does not stand

#### STALIN'S ROLE

Roosevelt and Churchill are already working to sell the Badoglio government to the masses of England and the U.S. With this aim in mind, they are trying to enlist the support of the treacherous labor bureaucracies and the hicken-hearted liberals of both countries. Churchill in his recent

Stalin has approved the deal and

that the Soviet Government is a

signatory to the agreement rec-

SETS PATTERN report to Parliament urged that. The Badoglio deal sets the patthe King and Marshal Badoglio tern for the Allied "liberation" should be supported by liberal perfectly," writes Spellman of regram in all Europe. Wall and and left wing elements. .." Roose-Lombard Streets think they can velt went even further in solicit-3. In 1932 a group of generals doubt, for they were there to do attempted to overthrow the republic. Not even the soldiers blody butcher, his hands still blody butcher, his hands still ion. The AMC will source as here the low them and they were quickly millions, the Archbishop dares facade of the Quisling Badoglio ni Italian-American Committee Columbus Day meeting with a personal message calling upon labor to cooperate with and throw their support behind the Badoglio dictatorship. The Italian capitalists are per-Government spokesmen hope to

They understand too well that rule is with the aid of Anglo-American arms. Badoglio makes no bones about this aspect of the matter. In an interview published October 14 in the Eighth Army

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ognizing Italy as a co-belligerent Stalin's action on Italy demonstrates that Pravda's criticisms of News, a field newspaper for Brit-AMG policy are not worth the ish troops, Badoglio states: paper they are written on. Again "After every war there is dan-Stalin has helped to disorient the ger of communism. People are working class. Again his policy excited and overwrought after plays into the hands of the capithe distress of war. If conditions talists and weakens the only reliable ally of the Soviet union, the Italian workers and the work-

ing masses in all countries. **Buy** The Militant The exact pattern of the pro-IN CHICAGO gram of Anglo-American canitalism is now fully clear. Anglo-THE SOCIALIST WORKERS' American capitalism intends to follow in the footsteps of Hitler BOOKSHOP and attempt to rule Europe thru Open Daily (except Sundays) the agency of native reactionary Quisling governments. But that 11 A. M. to 5:30 P. M. s the exact program with which Thursday Evenings 5:30 to 9 Hitler first launched his conquest 160 N. WELLS STREET of Europe. The European masses will confront the Anglo-American Tel. Dea. 7562 occupation armies with the same resistance and revolt.



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they feel so cocky. The Congressmen understand only too well the chicken-hearted character of the Hillman-Murray type of leadership.

They know that Hillman's campaign did succeed, for the time being, in heading off the important labor party movements in Michigan, New Jersey and elsewhere. The campaign has demonstrated the treachery, bankruptcy and servility of Hillman, Murray and their type. It has confused the workers and emboldened the capitalists.

The first important measure to come up before Congress, the present tax measure, shows that Congress is still the same old servile and brazen tool of Big Business.

Congress will continue to load the cost of the war on the shoulders of the working masses, until labor breaks with company-unionism on the political field and builds its own independent labor party. Only then can labor move to clean out of the seats of government the whole reactionary Democratic and Republican crew of politicians that serve, not the people, but the billionaire monopolists and bankers.

## **UAW** Convention

The United Automobile Workers is not only the largest but also the most aggressive and militant union in the country. More than in any other union, the UAW rank and file participate in the life of the organization and exercise a certain measure of democratic control over their officials. For these reasons, the annual convention of the auto workers provides the clearest picture of the level of political consciousness, of the wishes and moods of America's mass production workers.

The Buffalo convention proved, as The Militant explained all along, that the Reuther-Leonard and Addes-Frankensteen factions espouse virtually the identical pro-Roosevelt "sacrifice" union program. In other words, the faction fight was primarily an unprincipled clique struggle for posts and control. The majority of the convention delegates recognized. this fact by shifting their votes back and forth in such a fashion as to deny sole control of the union, to either faction.

This eighth UAW convention endorsed a fourth term for Roosevelt and passed again an "unconditional" no-strike pledge. But the delegates approved both steps in a very grudging manner. Roosevelt's name has lost its magic; in contrast to previous years, it evoked no enthusiasm or response during the entire convention. The no-strike pledge was likewise approved in sullen, embittered and grudging fashion.

In the ranks of the union there exists an immense dissatisfaction with the "sacrifice" program. There is an increasing realization that the labor movement is in a blind alley. This feeling was voiced to a certain extent by the convention left wing, represented by delegates like Emil Mazey, president of the Detroit Briggs local and De Lorenzo, president of the east coast Brewster local.

The auto delegates, in their great majority, are seasoned unionists. Their experiences have taught them that there is no half-way house between the present union policy of slavish reliance and dependence on Roosevelt and an out-and-out break with the Roosevelt administration, reassertion of the right to strike, launching of an independent labor party, etc.



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

party," and "get the union of-

#### Shipyard Workers And 'The Militant'

Editor: I think that everyone all over the country engaged in Militant

distribution will be interested in knowing the reaction of the workers in the shipyards after receiving copies of the paper for Stalin and a period of time.

The workers, feeling the pinch Editor: in their pocket books, are beginning to ask all sorts of questions which show a leftward development of their thinking. Inasmuch cannot answer their questions because of their alliance with the fascist butcher in Abyssinia and Roosevelt administration and their blind adherence to the no-strike pledge, the workers are begin-

ning to voice sentiments in line chance." with the views of The Militant. From their past performance Any discussion with an advanced we don't expect anything else



fight Communism. In Tuesday's N. Y. Times That means that Stalin has joined forces with Badoglio ment in Italy.

worker, does not take long to lead | from Badoglio, the King and their

to the questions of a "rise in gang. They've been fighting

wages to meet the rise in the cost against the workers and their

of living," "formation of a labor revolution for over twenty years.

I wonder how the Daily Worker "The Allies must help us so that Communist and counter-revolu-Communism does not stand a tionary deal between Stalin and Badoglio?

And Churchill and Roosevelt will

#### W. F. W. New York City



BROTHERS UNDER THE SKIN | unskilled and low-paying jobs. | population-the colonial peoples by Carey McWilliams. Little, The Negro, ever mindful of the of Afmica, Asia, and Latin past, remembers the old saying, America-belong to the colored Brown, 1943. 325 pages, \$3. The oppression of national and fired." races the oppressive treatment of 'last to be hired first to be "colored" minorities in the United racial minorities ranks as not the The Negro people, engaged in States and its possessions provides least of Hitler's crimes. In this respect however, American a struggle for their rights are a preview of their status under victorious "democratic" capital-"democratic" capitalism differs troubled, Mr. McWilliams points ism.

not one bit from its fascist out, by the donothing policy of Hawaii illustrates the point. A brother. In the United States, as the government with regard to mixture of colored peoples, Chin-"Brothers Under the Skin" ex- Jim Crow in the armed forces, ese, Japanese, Filipinos, Puerto plains, the role of the "Jew" has industry, and branches of the Ricans-300,000 in all-make up been thrust upon 17 million color-government itself. They are skeptical concerning the four the laboring force of the islands ed people. Negroes, Chinese, freedoms of Churchill and Roose- sugar plantations., There is no Filipinos, Mexicans have been velt while total segregation is overt segregation of races on singled out as inferior because permitted in any army sup- grounds of color. Instead racial of race and color and condemned posedly fighting for democracy. and economic discrimination to a ghetto. merge into classic colonial form. In their eyes, Roosevelt has sur-

Negroes bulk as the largest and rendered to the Southern reac- For all the wealth and privileged tionaries on the question of race positions go to the small clique nost important "colored" minority prejudice. It is a state of affairs in the United States. For Mr. they refuse to accept. McWilliams the treatment of the But the surrender of Negro

Negro people provides "the acid rights began, Mr. McWilliams test of democracy." But neither shows, not in 1943 but in 1876 the Negro masses nor Mr. Mcwhen a victorious Northern capi-Williams are optimistic about the future. Discussing the economic talist class yielded the Negro's status of the Negro, Mr. McWil- civil liberties to the Southern liam says: "Perhaps the most landlord class as the price of ominous sign on the horizon is peace. This "deal" laid the basis only a drop of tar to spoil a the impending collapse of the for future discrimination against barrel of honey." What mars the plantation economy of the deep all colored minorities in the factual excellence of "Brothers

and business world. An old proverb says "it takes

of whites who own and control

the five sugar corporations that

dominate the islands' economy.

No Hawaiian of the second or

third generation can hope to

penetrate the barriers of color

that surround the professional

capitalists are by no means op

posed to imperialism. They just

don't like the kind where the

Yankee capitalists are in the

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Cairo is fast becoming the

central embarkation point for all

decrepit monarchs of Eastern

Europe, who hated and despised

by their own people are never-

theless befriended and supported

by Roosevelt and Churchill. There

drivers seat.

## Freedom of the Press in Argentina and the U.S.A.

Last week President Roosevelt sharply assailed the Argentine government for suspending the Jewish press. Freedom of the press is an extremely precious democratic right and The Militant supports the Jewish minority in Argentina in the struggle to protect that right.

Since Roosevelt has suddenly become such a valiant defender of freedom of the press, he should now instruct his own Attorney General and Postmaster General to restore the second class mailing rights which were taken away from The Militant on March 7, 1943.

Why did the Roosevelt administration deprive The Militant of its second class mailing rights? Because, as specifically stated at the Postoffice hearings, The Militant prints the truth about the role of Big Business in the war; because it criticizes the domestic and foreign policies of the administration; because it urges the workers to defend their living standards and their rights; because it condemns Darlan deals; because it advocates a Workers' and Farmers' Government and the socialist program as the only solution for the problems of war, fascism, unemployment and racial discrimination.

Many labor and liberal papers and even many influential capitalist papers have condemned this suppression of The Militant's mailing rights --- the first major blow against the free labor press during this war.

On July 6 of this year, The Militant's attorneys reapplied for the restoration of its second class mailing rights. The Postmaster General has not yet taken any action upon the reapplication.

According to the N. Y. Times, the Argentine government lifted its ban against the Jewish press within a few days. Like the Argentine dictatorship, the Roosevelt administration does not hesitate to curtail freedom of the press. But Roosevelt surely takes longer to restore it.

## **How Monopolists Conspire** to Rob and Cheat People

Testifying before a Senate subcommittee last week, Assistant U. S. Attorney General Berge revealed how the monopolists literally kick the consuming public in the teeth. "It may be stated almost as a law of their nature that cartels restrict the fullest development of new products and attempt to place rigid handicaps on output," said Berge.

As one of "the shocking extremes to which monopolists will even consider going," Berge cited the exchange of correspondence among "a monopolist clique," including the du Pont Company, Rohn & Haas of Philadelphia, and the Vernon-Benshoff Company, which controlled the production of the plastic, methyl methacrylate. This plastic, suitable both for industrial and dental uses, is employed in making dental plates.

The monopolists charged their fellow-industrialists 85 cents a pound for this plastic while soaking dentists \$45 per pound! When dentists discovered what was happening, they naturally began to buy from industrial consumers.

To stop this undermining of their highwayman's price, the Vernon-Benshoff Company wrote on March 15, 1940 to their monopolist colleagues proposing that they add some ingredient to the plastic molding powder, which would disqualify it for use under the Pure Food and Drug Law. Rohn & Haas replied that "they would turn their research department to work" on this task of adulteration right away.

#### read an account of an interview of U. S. correspondents with as the trade union bureaucracy Marshal Badoglio, new ally of against the revolutionary movethe Allies. Badoglio who was the Mussolini's sidekick says this: will try to cover up this anti-

9. The defense of the Soviet Union against imperialist attack.

### The Sales Tax

To the already heavy load of taxes, forced bond deductions and increases in the cost of living, the Roosevelt administration proposes to add an additional tax load of ten and one-half billion dollars.

The present "¾-time" Ruml tax law places the bulk of the existing 20 billion dollar tax collection on the shoulders of the working masses. The Roosevelt government, true to its whole policy of fattening industry and starving labor, proposes that nine billion dollars additional be raised by heavier income taxes and excise taxes with the lion's share again borne by the people with incomes of less than \$5,000 per year. The Treasury proposals call for only one and one-half billion to be raised by higher corporation, estate and gift taxes. The Roosevelt administration has the nerve to make these proposals in face of corporation super-profits in the last three years of 25 billion dollars after the payment of all taxes, and the accumulation of billions of dollars more in corporation reserves.

The die-hard, reactionary Congressional timeservers of the billion dollar corporations are, like their Wall Street masters, power-drunk. Maybe, they think, they can fleece the people even more thoroughly, even more ruthlessly? Under the leadership of the Chamber of Commerce, the reptile press and the prostitute columnists, they have launched a drive to raise the new taxes by a flat 10 per cent sales tax. Even Roosevelt's labor policemen - such as Vinson, Director of Economic Stabilization — are afraid that a sales tax is too raw, that it will arouse the wrath of the masses and provoke revolt. But the crew of poll-taxers, laborbaiters and other servants of Big Business in Congress are ready to go through with the sales tax, if they are reasonably sure that they can get away with it.

Why are they so bold, why are they so unafraid of the people? Don't they know that that master "statesman of labor" Sidney Hillman, with the aid of the Stalinist finks, has just concluded a heroic campaign of speechmaking in order to convert the present anti-labor Congress into a pro-labor Congress? Don't they know up in Congress that the CIO Political Action Committee has just finished its coast-to-coast drive to demonstrate labor's political might? Yes, they know! That is exactly why

The auto unionists sense that such a policy involves far more than just passing a convention resolution. It means breaking with Roosevelt and the whole war machine. It means also breaking with the present treacherous leadership of the unions and launching an independent fight all along the line to win the allegiance of the rank and file of the whole union movement for a new militant labor program.

The auto workers know only too well that their present leaders, Thomas-Reuther-Addes-Frankensteen, will not and cannot lead such a fight. The auto workers have not yet created such a new leadership. They are not yet ready to burn all the bridges that tie them to the present official union leadership and launch such an independent struggle.

Those delegates who hoped that the leaders of the Reuther caucus would wage a fight for a militant program even if in a restricted form, were much disappointed. On every decisive question the Roosevelt fourth term, the no-strike policy, etc. - the Reuther leaders joined with Addes and Frankensteen. In united fashion they supported and fought for the policies which in their totality make up the present official union program of surrender, capitulation and retreat.

The experiences in Buffalo establish conclusively that the Reuther faction is nothing but a power caucus. Its occasional radical declarations are only sucker bait designed to confuse and ensnare the militants.

The auto militants must take these lessons to heart. They must break decisively with the Reuther caucus as well as with the rival Addes clique. Only then can the militants begin the work of building a genuine progressive group, relying on their own resources, their own strength, their own independent program of militant labor action. There is no other road to success. There is no magic short cut.

There does exist the assurance, however, that work along this line will be well received by considerable numbers of the auto rank and file. Only such independent work will assure solid, sure and steady progress in the forging of a new, honest, militant and class conscious leadership which will point the way, help educate the rank and file and at a later stage give leadership in struggle.

United States. Perhaps the most under the Skin" is Mr. McWil-South. During the past ten years Negroes have been virtually interesting chapter in "Brothers liams' belief that a government forced out of agriculture. Ways Under the Skin" is the one which engaged in a war of conquest can and means must therefore be de- shows the link between anti- and will carry through a program vised by which Negroes may be Chinese and anti-Negro agitation. of legislation and action to absorbed into non - agricultural A series of Chinese exclusion laws guarantee the democratic rights fostered by Pacific coast poli- of minorities at home. The facts types of employment." But the whole point of "Brothers ticians and supported by the about the government's "do-Under the Skin" is that the gains Southern congressional bloc nothing" policy in "Brothers Under the Skin" prove otherwise. made by Negroes in industry dur- flowered into national exclusion The emancipation of America's ing the war are of a temporary laws against all Asiatic peoples. oppressed minorities will come nature unless they are accom- In this fashion the myth of racial from another source. Until the panied by a destruction of Jim "inferiority" of non-white peo-Crow practices and an extension ples was written into the law of workers took power, Czarist Rusof civil rights to Negroes. And the land. Not just the Negro but sia was known as the prison this hasn't occurred. Though the the Chinese, the Japanese, the house of nationalities. History extreme shortage of labor has Filipino and other colored groups forced employers to hire Negroes, have been impounded in the that prison of colored minorities, the United States. discrimination is practiced by ghetto.

-Reviewed by David Ransom chaining the Negro worker to Since a majority of the world's



Herbert L. Matthews, N. Y. | leaders were said to be planning (poor at the moment-poorer Fimes correspondent, reports the to evacuate the capital because perhaps than they have ever story of the surrender of Naples. of fear of public reprisals." been." The Economist aptly sums The dispatch further reports up the trend of U.S. Capitalism "When Badoglio's government announced its armistice 6 P. M. on that armed Italian guerrilla bands as an "explosion of economic na-September 8, the people rose continue to roam the mountain tionalism."

Apparently much v a u n t e d joyously. All that night and all country around Turin and that the following day they had the disturbances continue in Turin American "isolationism" nothing but a new name for old Germans on the run. The Ger- and Milan. fashioned imperialism. The British

mans were surrendering their

arms to Italians. . . Had Naples The Yugoslav Partisan army been properly organized . . . it announced on October 13 that the would have made all the difentire Venezia Division of the ference. However, there was no Italian army has joined its ranks. anti-fascist organization. . . So Gaetano Salvemini, noted authothe Germans quickly regained rity on Italy, divulged in a recent control, but they did it with the interview that the Bergamo Divi-

help of Fascist hierarchs and sion has revolted and joined the above all many Fascist Black- Yugoslav Partisans. The division shirts. Those Blackshirts became changed its name to the Garibaldi marked men. . . When those days division. of reckoning came, everyone of

those Blackshirts . . . met death The British capitalists are is the arch reactionary King at the hands of the citizens. They were willing to take the Germans worried sick that their dear ally, Peter of Yugoslavia. The masses

alive . . . because after all they the U. S. capitalists are getting don't want any part of him, but were doing only what they had all set to grab up every bit of Roosevelt and Churchill are been ordered to do. But when the wealth in the world that isn't grooming him as the head of the Italians caught a Blackshirt, he nailed down or to hot to carry. future Quisling government in This deathly fear of declining that country. died."

The Italian workers are wiping British capitalism was brought to In Cairo, resides also King the fascists off the surface of the a fever pitch by the arrogant and George of Greece who sanctioned earth. AMG is leaving the fascist aggressive behavior of America's the bloody Metaxas dictatorship. "five travelling Senators." officials in office. There isn't a single group in The Economist, organ of the Greece representing the masses

British Big-Business writes "there that supports the monarchy. But The October 11 UP dispatch are signs of a return to the big British bayonets put George on reported that "twenty members stick and the ideology of Mc- the Greek throne once before and of the new Fascist Republican Kinley. . . The prospects of any Churchill is ready to use British militia were found dead of knife dramatic and immediate reversal bayonets to put King George on wounds in Rome. . . Fascist of American economic policy are the Greek throne again.

This is only one small example of the million ways in which Big Business robs and cheats the people. The only permanent protection against these practices is to expropriate these profit-greedy monopolies and operate them under worker's control.

## **Company Keeps Profits On Sale of Defective Parts**

Add the name of the National Bronze and Aluminum Co, of Cleveland to the long list of plants which have been selling defective war material to the government. For over two years this company has been making super-chargers and other parts for airplane engines.

Finding that the cost of scrapping defective castings rejected by the government cut too deeply into their overstuffed purses, these "patriots" conspired to weld cracks and seams, rub off the identification numbers and pass off the defective parts as new. They even built a secret welding room with an alarm system to warn the welders when government inspectors arrived.

The company and seven top officials were indicted by the government on nine counts, including fraud and sabotage. The company tried to pass the buck by firing the top officials involved, and the president, who was among those fired, tried to blame his subordinates. The company and four officials were found not guilty while three officials were convicted by jury trial. Three men go to jail, the company is absolved, and the profits on 50 to 60 million dollars worth of castings sold in 1942 stay with the stockholders.

The employees of this company have not even received the raises due them under the Little Steel formula. In its efforts to pile up profits, the company doles out piddling raises to a few men and establishes new time rates and speedups for the rest. For example, the pay of metal pourers, who do back-breaking work in terrific heat, is only 78 cents per hour. Speedup, cutting the size of crews, elimination of wash-up time, fake bonus schemes, etc., have already led to several walkouts of the men.

· The "patriotism" of the bosses boils down to their insatiable greed for profits, whether obtained by the speedup and low pay, or by defrauding the government with defective parts.

It is Time to Build An Independent Labor Party

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