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CIO STRIKERS FIGHT WARD'S OPEN SHOP CIO And AFL Locals U.S. Big Business Sees More Strikes **Demand President Pardon The Eighteen** Ahead in England

The membership of UAW-CIO Local 260, Newark, N. J. voted last week to donate \$100 to the Civil Rights Defense Committee after permission had been granted to representatives of the Newark Local Committee to speak at their union meeting and present the issues involved in the Minneapolis Labor Case. Several union members spoke out vigorously in protest against the unjust imprisonment of the 18 Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544-CIO leaders under the infamous Smith "Gag" Act.

testing the imprisonments and squelched by individuals or gov-Letters and resolutions proernment." demanding unconditional Presidential pardon for the 18 con-

tinue to pour into the National CRDC Office. Writing to President Roosevelt, August Pepe, President and Helen Hazaard, Secretary, Local 144-ILGWU-AFL, Newark, N. J. declared: ILGWU PROTEST

"The members of the Dressmakers Union Local 144-ILGWU, on February 24, in a general meeting assembled, took up the 18 prisoners in the Minneapolis case of the Minneapolis prisoners, the 18 men and women who, of the workers, have been framed came to the meeting at the Pfisby reactionaries and sentenced to ter Hotel. Among the audience jail in this country. . . The ex- were the president of the Milwauwere conspiring against our gov- the Secretary of the German secernment proved to be so stupid tion of the Free Thinkers, also that it was refused attention even the Secretary of the Women's Indealing with the labor struggle at the meeting. The success of certain branches of the military the CRDC members in Milwaukee, services. As you know, the persecution against them was start- away. They have been successfu ed years ago by Daniel Tobin, in getting CRDC activity started SUBSTANTIAL MINORITY President of the Teamsters In-both in Milwaukee and at the A substantial minority ternational Union-AFL, with the University of Wisconsin in Madipurpose of destroying the real son.' union spirit of the membership.

Smith Act invoked to strangle the half of the 18 and would like to

A resolution adopted by Local 366, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Newark, N. J. urged uncondition-

al and immediate Presidential pardon for the 18 and voted a donation to the CRDC. George Novack, National Sec-retary of the CRDC, visited Milwaukee last week on his coast to coast tour to arouse all progressive sections of the labor and lib-

Case. He reported: "Although it was Easter Sunbecause they stood for the rights day, a large number of people nually." Divided among several cuse that these 18 labor leaders kee Free Thinkers Society and plight in the face of wartime scar in court. The real charge was that ternational League for Peace and Labor, and Major Gwilyn Lloyd they sold and circu ated literature Freedom. A collection was taken George made it clear to the min-... and the Jim Crow methods in the meeting greatly heartened put was expected as a result of

and they will continue plugging April 14).

Not only are all local commit-Therefore Tobin sought revenge tees of the CRDC stimulated into against. The opposition among . Nothing can be imputed to greater activity as a result of the miners themselves is unquesthe 18 prisoners but their loyalty Mr. Novack's tour, but new Com- tionably much larger. to labor and their socialistic prin- mittees are being formed. A let-

Akron CIO Backs Fight

Of The URW Militants

following steps:

America, CIO, is now locked in **RALLY TO MILITANTS**

AKRON, O., April 17.-The | weeks ago was followed by the | opposition to Dalrymple were or-

1. The great majority of the

cal union. He then proceeded to

lence against the rights of all local and usurped all the local tisement in the local daily paper

members and condemned Dalrym-

pelled two members, without trial, on the cases of the expel'ed mem- plied to the expulsion of the In-

from the Akron Sieberling local, bers and reinstated all but 7 of ternational president from his lo-

URW President Dalrymple has no-strike pledge, but the 7 work- al Executive Board that Local 5

evoked a rising tide of resistance ers were singled out as "ring- reinstate the President.

According to the latest dispatches from London the Churchill government and its Laborite flunkeys have for the time being succeeded in "settling" the coal strike. A new four-year pact involving the government, the mine owners and the miners' union has been accepted by the delegates of the.

National Miners Federation. This pact fixes a weekly minimum wage of \$20 for underground workers, and reportedly grants slightly higher rates to skilled workers and piece workers. The minimum wage in the coal

industry still remains almost \$3 a week below the average male factory wage in England, officially estimated at \$22.78. That the miners have been granted only a pittance is clearly to be seen from eral movements in behalf of the the figures estimating the annual cost increase arising from the new pact. This is set at

hundred thousand miners, in comes to less than \$2 a week, and will hardly alleviate their terrible city and inflation.

The pact also involves a spee the concessions." (N. Y. Times,

A substantial minority of the miners' delegates rejected the

new agreement, the vote being reported as 512,00 for and 97,000

It is reported that the North-

ness. The foregoing article in

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dered expelled by the General Ex-

ecutive Board for alleged disrup-

tive activity. 5. Goodrich Local 5 brought

6. The Firestone Local 7 exe-

supporting Local 5's action in ex-

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A picket in the Montgomery Ward strike, involving 5,000 Chicago members of the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes, is held by police when he protested their assistance to a scab trying to pass the picket line.

The De Gaulle Clique And Its **Plan For A Capitalist France**

By James Cowan

The real aim of the Anglo-American capitalists to prop up reactionary dictatorial governments all over Europe has already been revealed in the case of Italy, where the war-weary people have been harnessed to the Allied war machine and had foisted upon them the infamous regime of Badoglio and the King. This self-same policy is now being pursued in the case of France.

A consistent pattern emerges. It resembles not at all a blueciples. Is it a crime to help those ter from Dayton, Ohio to the Cumberland and Yorkshire miners print for the liberation of France, but a plan for frustrating the who suffer and to advocate a so- National Office stated: "I am in- have returned to work and that will of the French masses, subciety of greater justice? The terested in the campaign on be- strikes elsewhere have subsided. jecting them anew to the rule of good reason to fear that their "liberation" of France will be ac-

for Hitler

An essay contest in Columbus, Ohio, on the general subject "What to Do with Adolf Hitler" was won by a sixteenyear-old Negro girl. Her idea, as reported by a religious magazine, is to put the Fuehrer into a black skin and make him spend the rest of his life

WLB Fails To Enforce Ruling Against Mail Order Company

Chicago Walkout Is First Strike During War To Be Authorized By Any CIO International

CHICAGO, April 17.—The first war-time strike authorized by a CIO international union is holding firm in its sixth day here. Some 5,000 embattled workers of Montgomery Ward and Co., one of the world's two largest mail order firms, are fighting on the picket line to compel the company to renew its contract with CIO United Mail Order, Warehouse and Retail Employes Local 20, following the failure of the War Labor Board to enforce its three month old order against the company.

Only when the workers[®] took matters into their liously iocal 20. own hands last Wednesday and struck at Ward's

Local 20 organ, in its "Fourth Strike Bulletin" of April 15, "in key mail order plant, cen. a call from Washington today, Allan Haywood, National CIO tral warehouse and larg- Director of Organization informest retail outlet store, did ed Leonard Levy (Local 20 president) that the CIO is prepared the War Labor Board, to aid and assist us immediately! Half an hour later, Minneapolis which moves so quickly CIO Director, Fullerton Fulton, and harshly against work- called to tell us that the CIO WILL NOT PERMIT CHICAGO ers defying its decrees, fi-ORDERS TO BE SHIPPED FROM ST. PAUL! This rapidnally certify the case to the President. Roosevelt cials puts the CIO on record for fire response from top CIO offihad intervened twice in 1942 to the first time since Pearl Harbor compel Ward to accept a previ- in full support of a strike." It us WLB ruling. In sharp con- would appear from this that the trast to the speed with which he CIO officials apparently are givacts against striking workers, ing behind-the-scene support to

Roosevelt has thus far made no the strike. statement condemning the com-Particularly inspiring has been pany for its defiance of the WLB the solidarity demonstrated by nor ordered it to comply with the members of non-CIO unions. Thus twice-stated WLB directive to exfar, all local AFL union members have refused to cross the CIO picket lines. Teamsters and Railway Brotherhood members

mously supporting the battle of

According to Spotlight, official

Meanwhile, the Democratic are refusing to handle "hot" Kelly-Nash city administration, a shipments or make deliveries to notoriously corrupt Rooseveltian or from the struck buildings. The

Punishment

voice of democracy is an attack of the reactionaries. . .

OREGON CIO PROTESTS

quite welcome. I would like to means denotes the end of the From the far west, another letter to President Roosevelt stahelp."

Among this week's contributors in the coal fields. This is taken ted: "The Congress of Industrial are the following branches of the for granted by the conscious Organizations in the State of Oregon wishes to add its plea to Workmen's Circle: Branch 276, spokesmen of American Big Busithose of other labor organizations | Clifton, N. J.; 420 E., Bronx, N. asking you to pardon the defend- Y.; 601, Los Angeles, Calif.; 684, Business Week goes on to warn ants in the Minneapolis Case. . New Brighton, Staten Island; 325, that "the basic causes behind the While we do not agree with many Brooklyn, N. Y.; 45, Pittsburgh, wave of labor unrest remain, and of the things these people ad- Pa.; 663 Los Angeles, Calif.; 303, realists will not be surprised if vocate, we do not believe that the Birmingham, Ala.; 65, Chicago, right of free speech should be Ill.; 126, Brooklyn, N. Y.

United Rubber Workers of

The dispute inside the rubber

union takes on special signific-

ance since the entire CIO move-

ment is faced with a campaign

by the top officialdom to force

strict adherence to the no-strike

pledge by means of open vio-

defend the workers against com-

pany encroachments and pro-

The campaign on the part of

the Dalrymple clique to house-

up a dictatorship over the mem-

week, when Dalrymple again

The General Executive Board ex-

for participating in a walkout.

vocations.

militant unionists who dare to union's rights.

bership, reached a new high this out a trial.

inside the rubber union. The ex- leaders."

cracked down on the rank and file. of the International union there-

pulsion of the 72 bandbuilders at 4. Howard Haas and Ray Sulli-

the General Tire Local several van, leaders of the General Local

de la

a critical internal struggle.

help make Mr. Novack's visit to (April 15): "Tyneside shipyards on the constitutional doctrines of Dayton as successful as possible. are back to almost normal operathe nation and a menace to the I have contacts with several of tion, and Belfast, where dock, airowe it to our dignity as a free which might prove useful in help- walked out, is again functioning people to defeat the maneuvers ing Mr. Novack present the case as an important arsenal city." here. . . Any plans or courses of | But the temporary subsidence action that you can suggest are of strikes in these areas by no

General Local membership rallied | Dalrymple up on charges for vio-

to the side of the victimized mi- | lating the basic provisions of the

litants and demanded their re- URW constitution and a member-

instatement. So overwhelming ship meeting voted by an over-

was the opposition that Dalrym- whelming majority to expel him,

ple found himself without any suspend him, and fine him on

set up an administrator over the cutive board inserted an adver-

2. Goodrich Local 5 and Fire- pelling Dalrymple and condemn-

stone Local 7 adopted resolutions ed the International General Ex-

significant support inside this lo- several counts.

all the expelled General local union democracy.

3. The General Executive Board local 5.

the dictatorship According to Business Week capital, "200 Families."

vasion?

Now that military plans are alupheaval. As every report on conmost completed and the Allied liberty of our Commonwealth. We the Dayton trade union officials craft and engineering workers armies stand poised for the thrust the shadow of civil war hangs into western Europe, both the over the land.

Anglo-American capitalists and **Roosevelt and Churchill realize** their French satellites are becomthat to forestall and hold back ing more and more obsessed with revolution, the aid of the French the probable political consequencapitalist class is indispensable. have all your ideas on how I can strike wave or the termination of ces of the pending military cam-The bulk of that class is in metro-England's labor crisis, especially paign: What will happen in

France on the morrow of the inoperating with the Nazis through the Vichy government. Hence

The experience of Italy is fresh Roosevelt's instructions to Genin their memories. The Italian eral Eisenhower to deal with workers took the promise of libwhatever French authorities he eration seriously. Having overdeems fit once his armies have thrown the government of Muslanded on French soil.

solini, they moved forward to These instructions have had an complete the job of political upsetting effect in the emigre house-cleaning. A popular revolucamp of the de Gaullists, who tion threatened, and still threathave been striving to persuade ens, to sweep away not only the last vestiges of the Fascist realone are able to save France for gime, but the capitalist system capitalism. Liberals of every that gave it birth. stripe, who view de Gaullism as the white hope of a future capi-

ALLIANCE WITH REACTION

talist democracy in France, are In order to avert this catastroequally perturbed. They stubbornphe, the imperialist "liberators" y refuse to acknowledge the fact allied themselves with every element of Italian reaction. The reill are concerned about is not gime of Badoglio and the King, "democracy," but the preservasupported by Allied bayonets, was tion of capitalism which is now fastened upon the country. In- so ominously threatened by the stead of the promised freedom upsurge of the European masses. and democracy, Italy has been Both American and British imgiven an Allied military dictatorperialism, moreover, have covet-

Roosevelt and Churchill have (Continued on page 5)

Toledo Auto Barons Launch **Attack On Union Militants** TOLEDO, O.-On March 30, | five days; and the third time paid

demanding the reinstatement of ecutive Board for violation of five employes of Willys Motors, off. Aircraft Division and members 7. The Akron Industrial Union break the rubber union and to set ple's arbitrary action in depriv- Council, after an investigation, ing unionists of membership with- publicly supported the General pany, on charges of excessive in the Alterate building. In the Alterate building. local and the actions of Goodrich absenteeism and showing lack of former member of the navy and 8. Despite this mounting reinterest in their work. upon held star chamber hearings sistance, the Dalrymple clique re-

There was no protest of any stated that due to his physical kind made by the union, al- and nervous injuries he was not the bandbuilders. All were de- cal union by issuing a peremptory though one of the men fired was able to endure the long and The bureaucratic actions of clared guilty of violation of the demand in the name of the Gener- a union steward. These firings sustained hours demanded by the were made in complete disregard, Company. Testimony of the other

> The constitution of the union first infraction of discipline, a had worked 12 or 14 hours a day. plants and facilities has been oc-

worker is to be warned; the second time to be suspended for

companied by a similar popular in America. (From The Nation, April 15).

Ickes Scheme Aims **To Shield Plunder** politan France and at present co-By R. BELL

Speaking before the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco last week. Harold Ickes. Secretary of the Interior, commenting on the plan to place billions of dollars worth of Governmentbuilt plants on the auction block for sale at a fraction of their Roosevelt and Churchill that they cost said that the acquisition of these properties "by existing monopolies for the purpose of halting their competitive production" would produce "postwar chaos." "On the other hand," he added, "continued answer.'" After brushing aside the "negative answer" of Government ownership and operation,

Ickes goes on to say: "Some other which would avoid the death grip of monopoly and give vitality to the American principle of real free enterprise."

"We must make sure," says lckes. "that the ownership and control of these plants come to time, if the company doesn't do widespread dissatisfaction with rest in the hands of those who the right thing with these men, are interested in their continued, I would still like to see them full operation and have hopes of quit work." These were the dea rejuvenated and even more vigparting words of Raymond Jab- on May 9. orous America. I know of no betlonowski, former president of

ter way to accomplish this than The men protested the charges to vest the ownership and control of Local 12, UAW-CIO, were and demanded immediate action of these Government plants in the of Local 12, UAW-CIO, were and replacement on the same jobs men and women who have served in the Aircraft Building. In reply in our armed forces. These are the people who, we can be sure, will be interested in maximum produca veteran of the Coral Sea battles, tion and maximum employment." (N. Y. Times-April 15).

"POST WAR" PLANNERS

The disposal of some fifteenand-one-half billions of dollars of the union ruling that at the men revealed that at times they worth of Government-owned war union.

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political machine, has placed its local AFL Building Service Emuniformed forces of "law and or- ployes publicly announced supder" at the disposal of the Ward port for the strike and contrib-Company. An obliging Cook uted \$500 to the strike fund. The County judge has issued at the independent Illinois Union of behest of company and city offi- Telephone Workers has informed cials an injunction limiting pick- Local 20 that it will not service eting and other rights of the Montgomery Ward until the workers. The reactionary daily strike is settled. The Chicago press, Republican and Democra- Printing Trades Union, which for tic alike, features huge advertise- a year has refused to print the ments by the company spewing Ward catalogues, has offered poison against the striking workmoral and material support to ers and their union. the strikers. But countering the strikebreak-**PRO-CORPORATION** ing actions of Roosevelt's politi-The pro-corporation attitude of

tend the union's contract.

KELLY-NASH

cal colleagues and the anti-labor the Roosevelt administration and smear campaign of the kept press, organized labor support both here its War Labor Board has never and throughout the country is be- been so c'early demonstrated as ing mobilized behind the strike in the Ward dispute. This is the in the greatest demonstration of second time within the past year union solidarity witnessed during and a half that Montgomery Ward, headed by Sewell L. Avthis war. Over 1,600 fellow unionists in Ward's Kansas City outlet | ery, one of the most uncomprolast Thursday went out on a one- mising openshoppers in the counday sympathy strike. Jeff Craig, try, has openly defied WLB rulorganizer for the Detroit Joint ings. In each instance, the WLB Board and officers of the Detroit has responded with a hush-hush Ward local promised to close kid glove policy, acting only after down Ward's five largest Detroit a strike threat or an actual that what Roosevelt and Church- Government ownership and op- department stores "unless the walkout. eration would be 'a negative President acts to force compliance." The Chicago CIO Council

issued a statement today unani-

Thirty days before the expira-

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way, in my opinion, must be found which would avoid the death grin **OPPOSED TO RECEIVER**

CLEVELAND, O.-"I don't | the rest of the workers in the incare if I'm out in battle at the dustry. There exists, however, the policies of the International which will undoubtedly be expressed at the steel convention scheduled to be held in this city

After weary months of negotialocal No. 1519 of the CIO Steel- | tion, there is still no progress to workers Union after his induc- report on a new steel contract, test case for the whole labor

At the same time, he urged the movement now in breaking the local to seek affiliation with some Little Steel formula. The steel other organization. The IWW has companies have laughed at since made overtures to this local, grievances ever since Murray whose officers and committeemen shackled his own union with the have been suspended by the in- no-strike pledge, and the men in ternational union's executive the mills want an end of this board and a receiver appointed to pledge at the convention.

The maintenance workers in the industry are especially under-The majority of Steelworkers paid today and want action in

move which isolates them from

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in this district are opposed to any

tion into the navy.

take over the affairs of the local

TWC -

Significance Of The UAW Local Elections

By E. Henry

The recent local union elections in the Auto Workers Union demonstrate the deep discontent of the auto workers and their desire for a new militant program for the union. In local after local it is the same story; the old leadership has been thrown out of office.

In Dodge Local 3. Earl Reynolds and his Addes-supported slate were defeated by a combination of Reuther and the Association of Catholic Trade Union elements. In Chrysler Local 7 Ed. Carev and his Reutherbacked slate were defeated by a close margin. Cunningham, an Addes supporter, was elected to the presidency. The election in Chrysler Highland Park Local 490 saw the incumbent President Rubini defeated in the primary and Jenkins elected in the run-off.

The election in the Murray Local 2 witnessed the defeat of Lloyd Jones, seven times president of the Local. Jones was defeated by a two-to-one margin by Fagin who "opposes factionalism in the UAW." Al Germain and his Reuther slate were defeated for re-election in Hudson Local 154 by Bland and an Addes-supported slate also by a two-to-one margin.

Ford Local

In Ford Highland Park Local 400, the former President Ben Garrison was decisively defeated in the primary election. Ten candidates were competing for this post. In the run-off, Hindmarsh, an Addes man emerged the victor.

In Continental Motors Local 280, the incumbent President was defeated. In Lin-

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coln Local 900, Scotty Clarkston was defeated for re-election. In the powerful Ford Local 600, the old Reuther leadership of Twyman and Co. was defeated by a 3 to 2 margin by the Grant-Addes slate. In the Willow Run Bomber Local 50 election, the incumbent President Glen Brayton was defeated by Wally Quillico, although both candidates ran on a program of "rescinding the no-strike pledge" and "building a labor party." The old leadership was likewise defeated in the Lansing Oldsmobile Local. In Local 659 at Flint Chevrolet, Terrell Thompson was ousted from the presidency. And so on and so forth. The story is the same in local after local. The old leadership has been ousted. The fundamental tendency is not difficult to establish. The secondary leadership of the UAW, the local officers, have fallen victims to the growing wrath of the auto workers. In this negative manner the ranks of the auto union have expressed their dissatisfaction with the conditions in which they find themselves today and the existing program of the union leadership.

An election of especial significance occurred in Plymouth Local 51. Here, after a reign of four years, the Stalinist machine headed by "Pop" Edelyn was swept from office. The fact that they were replaced by a combination of Reuther and Catholic Trade Union elements does not detract from the importance of this event.

The Stalinists

On March 10, Walter Reuther,

CIO United Automobile Workers

vice president and head of the

General Motors Division, sent a

letter to all GM locals advising

them as to the cause for the

undue delay on their wage

that it was all a clever move to

Although the Stalinists have been steadily losing ground in the UAW for the last

few years, they retained control of three powerful local unions in the Detroit area: Plymouth Local 51, East Side Tool and Die Local 155, and Bohn Aluminum Local 208. They retained control of these locals for such a long period and had built such powerful bureaucratic machines that it appeared that their strangle-hold on these locals was unbreakable. The defeat they suffered in Plymouth Local therefore acquires tremendous significance. The Stalinists have collected their first installment in the UAW for their open, unabashed capitulation to the hosses.

In the other two locals which they have dominated, East Side Tool and Die Local 155 and Bohn Local 208, important changes have likewise occurred. The election in Local 155 saw the election of three opposition candidates to posts for the first time. The Stalinist leadership, in violation of the UAW Constitution, bared 990 workers of one plant from participation in the election because that plant membership had initiated steps to obtain a separate charter. Other units in this local are also initiating steps to obtain separate charters. In Bohn local 208 a similar move took place some months ago when the largest plant of the local split away and obtained a separate local union charter.

It should be mentioned that while the Stalinists have suffered these defeats in the various locals, they have managed to retain their leadership of the Wayne County CIO Council. They have been able to do so, largely because of the basis of representation to the Council, which limits the number of delegates of any local regard-

less of size to 12 delegates. Through this provision, Ford Local 600 with its 80,000 members has only twelve delegates, while many small or paper locals of the Professional Workers, State, County and Municipal Workers, and other Stalinist-dominated unions carry a weight far out of proportion to their actual strength or membership. This situation cannot continue very much longer.

Dominant Tendency

While the defeats of the incumbent local union leadership has been the dominant tendency in the current elections, naturally not all the existing local union leadership have been replaced. In Packard Local 190, Matthews and his slate were re-elected by an extremely close margin. Almost 14,000 members participated in the voting. In West Side Amalgamated Local 174, Ed Cote was reelected without opposition. In West Side" Tool and Die Local 157, Hammond was unopposed for re-election. In Briggs Local 212 the Mazey slate carried by a margin varying from 200 to 1200 votes, with the exception of two secondary posts, despite the fact that Mazey, the actual leader of the slate was preparing to enter the army and was not a candidate. In Detroit Steel Products Local 351, Silvers, co-worker with Mazey in the internal battles of the union during the past year, was re-elected without much opposition.

One additional factor of considerable importance is revealed by the elections. In many local unions, posts all the way from Chief Steward to the Presidency went un-

contested. In some locals some of the posts had no acceptances at all in the original elections. This can only be undestood as a reflection of the growing understanding of the militants that the union is unable to solve even the' most elementary problems which confront the workers today with the present program and leadership of the International Union. They want to avoid the responsibilities in what appears to many of them to be an impossible situation.

Active Participation

In the main, however, the elections witnessed an active participation of the membership in the local elections with many locals establishing new voting records. This shows that in spite of the discontent and dissatisfaction with the policies of the top leadership the workers have not reacted against the union but continue to support the union and express their desire for a change.

The elections in no way reflect a shift in relationship of forces in the direction either of the Reuther or Addes camp. The jubilation expressed by some of the Reutherites as the returns came in are without serious foundation. The state of flux which at present exists in the UAW will continue. In those locals where the policy of the local leadership has been of a different character than that of the top leadership, where the local union leadership has advanced a program of struggle against the program of "sacrifice," the local leaders

were rewarded with continued support of the local membership.

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The re-election of the Mazey slate in Local 212 without his direct participation is one example of this tendency. Mazey has been an outstanding spokesman in the UAW during the past period for the retaking of the strike weapon and for the establishment of an independent labor party.

Militant Action

Similarly the re-election of De Lorenzo in Brewster local 365, in spite of the terrific pressure and attacks he has been subjected to in the past year, can be understood only as backing of the program of militant action he has supported in the past year.

The defeat of Thompson in Flint Chevrolet by a slate campaigning on the two point program of throwing out the no-strike pledge and building an independent political party of labor is another outstanding example. The re-election of local leaders who have been associated with this program in Local 351 and Federal Mogul Local 202 again illustrates this same tendency.

The outcome of the election proves conclusively that the auto workers are looking for and are receptive to a new militant program for the union.

Because the auto workers dissatisfaction is bound to increase with the continued failure of the union movement to make any gains or even to defend the standards of the workers with its present program, the tendency and movement for a new militant program and leadership is bound to gain inscope and strength.

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NOTES UN		(Continued from page 1) their behalf. The millworkers see
	Campaign for 3,000 new readers to The Militant. During the first	grievances piling up by the hun- dreds. They feel that the interna- tional's bureaucrats are too secure

Cotton-rayon textile workers the mine workers could not unare forced to exist on average derstand why the Government twenty-seven new readers to The Militant, which is 90 per cent of wages lower than the federal sub- permitted the political malice of their quota. sistance relief allowances during the War Labor Board and the the depression, representatives of cupidity of the Southern Coal the CIO Textile Workers Union Operators to rob them of the proved in their testimony before right to receive wages they have

a War Labor Board panel in At- | earned." lanta, hearing the union's demands for a general 10 cents an hour wage increase, a minimum wage of 60 cents an hour and other improvements.

A cost of living survey made in five typical textile communities revealed that while the average cotton-rayon textile worker now earns only \$22.80 a week, it would demands. Reuther "explained" levels to provide the equivalent of "time" the hearings on the GM the federal emergency budget for

two weeks of our three-month campaign, Reading has obtained

The pace has been set by Reading, but Allentown is not far behind with 40 per cent of its quota fulfilled and a promise from our

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agent that many more subs are forthcoming. Toledo, Seattle, and Milwaukee are also among those top few who have not lost a moment in getting their local campaign under way.

FROM OUR MAIL BAG

Newark asks that the following correction be made in their letter quoted last week: Their campaign quota was raised from 80 to 100 subs demands "so that they are acted and they expect to obtain at least the federal emergency budget for a relief worker's family in 1935. Upon by the NWLB at the same time that the Steel case is acted paign. The literature agent also asks 150 subs before the end of the camlief standard, it would now require upon." While this "will involve that their Militant bundle be increasa 76 cents an hour wage for a forty hour week. The rate for cot-ton-rayon textile workers aver-ages 57 cents

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Milwaukee	15	
Detroit	300	
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	100	
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San Diego	50	
New York	500	1.4
Akron	40	
Minneapolis	200	
Newark	80	
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| several days until Jablonowski, on the eve of his departure for the navy urged them to go back workers see to work and leave the internaby the huntional.



strikes emerge as England's No. domestic problem.

In desperation against this in action, local 1519 workers have BASIC CAUSES

walked off the job several times Among the basic causes the article then goes on to cite the American Steel & Wire Company, war-weariness of the masses; subsidiary of the U.S. Steel "the long working hours (still Corporation. These direct action over 50 a week in the principal methods brought down the weight industries)"; the meager rations; of the international against the the shifting of "literally millions" militants, and the local found the by government order, etc., etc. international much quicker and In short, the wartime capitalist tougher in acting against them conditions are at the bottom of than they had ever been in dealthe increasing mass discontent and resentment.

After one of these walkouts, What has kept this rising tide of anger from breaking out with ous leadership of the British

ages 57 cents.

Testimony of typical textile workers is summarized in Textile the machinery, but rather by the Labor, TWU official paper. Here concrete results obtained." is how they live: "All members of the family sleep usually in one completely side-tracked by the bedroom. The toilet is in the back WLB during the steel wage hearyard. There is no running hot ings, which began several weeks water, no bathtub, sometimes not ago, but these same farcical tion. We've got a swell campaign even a sink. The cold water tap hearings further confirmed the is outdoors. Overcoats bought role of the WLB as an agency over the top. Everyone is growing from four to six years ago are for upholding the wage-freeze, still being worn. Many clothes are backed by Roosevelt's new "hold second-hand or hand-me-downs. the line" decree. Reuther is There is little or no fresh milk simply pulling a double swindle

for the children, none for adults." on the GM workers. When attorneys for the mill owners protested that the TWU is trying to crack the Little Steel formula the union's general Bethlehem Steel ship repair yards secretary-treasurer William Pol- in Hoboken, N. J., and Brooklyn, lock answered. "We're interested last week engaged in a six-day in food, not in formulas. Workers "coffee uprising," as it was can't eat formulas." Emil Rieve, termed in the daily press, refusing our quota." TWU president, told the board to work the regularly scheduled that in demanding a 60 cents two hours of overtime when Akron: "We are minimum now "we want it clearly management deprived them of understood that this is just a their customary 15 minute rest pressed with the stop-gap-and that we'll be back and lunch period between their n e w six-page for more."

week to Secretary Ickes, Ad- period practice claiming it was John L. Lewis, in a letter last ministrator of Coal Mines, charged a plot between the bitu- workers require the rest period minous coal operators and the not only to get a pickup after War Labor Board to cheat the their hard eight hours stint, but miners out of \$18,000,000, or \$40 to partially recuperate from the for each miner, in retroactive effects of paint and gasoline portal-to-portal pay as approved by the WLB last October. Lewis pelling the payment of this award and the press raised a howl about demanded that Ickes aid in comand thereby "redeem the honor of the President's word."

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"Certain groups of coal operators and the War Labor Board are in conspiracy to continuously pedient of conceding to the obdelay and void the payment of viously justified demand of the this guaranteed back-wage claim," workers. The matter is now in the the United Mine Workers presi. hands of government "arbitradent charged.

Referring to previous similar representations he had made to Ickes, Lewis wrote: "I advised you further that the mine workers of the country need the money cialist Workers Party is very they earned to buy food and to much in need of a good typepay taxes and that they had been writer for the next few months. deprived of these back wages for If you have a typewriter you can

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you send the extra 55 copies separately, as they will get here in plenty of time for our campaign mobilizamapped out and are going to go way enthusiastic about the sub campaign and we want to get our teeth into it."

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A. West of Toledo: "Please send us twenty

additional s u b cards - and we Some 5,000 workers in the have just started our sub campaign here. We hope to at least double D. Hillson of very much imeight hour shift and the overtime Militant. . ."



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DeLorenzo Tells 'Militant' His Indictment lokes Plan Aims To Shield **Plunder Of Public Wealth** Is Part Of Drive To Smash Brewster Union (Continued from page 1) It has become the particular function of such representatives

By Art Preis

"The labor-haters are out to get me. I recognize the fact. And if they get me on this charge, which is comparable to "spitting on the floor,' God help those guys in the labor movement who open their mouths and fight for the workers like we've done in the last few years."

That is the warning issued by Tom De Lorenzo, president of the militant Brewster Aeronautical Local 365, CIO United Automobile Workers, when I interviewed him last Friday afternoon on the government's attempt to railroad him to jail on a charge of falsifying a civil service application. His indictment by a federal grand jury two weeks ago followed the attempt of the Vinson House Naval Affairs Committee to smear the fighting Brewster local in the course of hearings supposed to investigate the failure of the company to fulfill its war contracts on time.

"The indictment against me was brought specifically at the request of the Vinson Committee, which sent a letter to Thomas Clarke, an assistant to Attorney General Biddle," charged De Lorenzo.

"The Vinson committee has been out to get me one way or another and smash our union. They tried to beat me out in the last local elections. They timed the news about the forthcoming indictment just before the elections. But the members stood behind me, and they couldn't beat me in the elections, so they decided to beat me by putting me in jail."

Next Question

Why are they out to get you, was the next question. The stocky, powerfully-built union president hitched up his blue shirt sleeves and leaned forward.

"We have the only union shop contract in the aircraft frame industry. We have the highest average rate of pay in the industry in America. We're the only local that's had the spotlight on us for strikes and stoppages in defending our rights. . ."

Turning to his colleagues, Gabe De Angelis, financial secretary and editor of the local's paper, Aero-Notes, and Bernie Rifkin, an associate editor who sat in on the interview, De Lorenzo added with obvious pride:

"Strikes-why not a man crossed the picket-lines when we had walkouts. That's right, isn't it, guys? Nobody ever crossed a picket line."

We discussed the Vinson Committee hearings when De Lorenzo testified to the failure of the previous managements to properly organize production and defended the strikes and militant activities of his local.

"It was pretty obvious at the hearing that they were just out to wreck the Wagner Act and smear the labor movement. That's the whole meaning of this indictment against me.

"We contend that the fundamental difficulty with the old man- Long Battle agements, which were picked by the Navy, was that they were probably given instructions to break our union. For 18 months they did nothing on production, but they just tried to break our contract every way they could and to bust our union."

He reached forward suddenly and picked up a huge volume lying on his desk. "They're going after me because I'm a union leader and fought for the men. But right at that same Vinson hearing it was brought out that the Brewster officials and other big aircraft company heads had put up a \$65,000 slush fund to influence the insertion of a clause in the federal tax bill which would help them escape taxes they ought to pay. But nothing's been done about indicting them, when they're making millions with that sort of dirty and crooked stuff. It's only guys like me they go after-and we're fighting that sort of thing."

Thick Volume

He handed me the thick volume-the verbatim testimony of the Vinson Committee hearings on the Brewster failure in productionand opened it to a page with which he was evidently very familiar. He stood up and pointed to the open page. "There-you can read it for yourself-it's all there in their own words. But you don't see them being indicted!"



THOMAS DE LORENZO

minimum for experienced men and a 40 cents hiring rate. There were no vacations with pay-no union maintenance-no paid holidays -no sick leave-no upgrading system. Well, when the local officers came in with a contract for only a 2 cents increase, I took the lead in opposing signing such a contract. The guy who was local presilent went to the company and asked to have me fired. Three of us were hauled up to be fired, but the company took the position it was an internal union affair and they didn't want trouble with the NLRB. Right then and there we made up our minds to get that old leadership out.

"Today, we've got like I said, the highest rates in the industry, averaging between \$1.10 and \$1.12, with a 77 cents minimum and top of \$1.70. There's no differentials in rates for the same work. We've got equal pay for equal work for women and Negro workers."

At this point, I broke in with a question on the treatment of Negro workers, suggesting that this was an important point in determining the progressive character of a union.

"Do you mean they are forced onto jobs like porters and sweepers? We don't allow that in our union. Nine-tenths of the Negro workers in the Long Island plant are on production-and in the Johnsville plant-that's where we had the strike last year-there's no colored brother on a porter's job."

Speaking on the long battle of the union to defend its contract, De Lorenzo became pretty heated. "They tried to attack our contract as unworkable. We have a contract that says they can't shift anybody around or transfer workers or fire them without the consent of the union. They couldn't arbitrarily move workers from shift to shift or department to department. No moving anybody around unless management can show a goddam good reason for it." He emphasized his words with a hefty wallop on the desk.

The interview was interrupted time after time by phone calls, committee members, stenographers with papers to be signed. De Lorenzo courteously insisted on putting off all other engagements until our interview was completed. Another phone ring.

It was Eugene Teter, president of Local 213, CIO Utility Workers, calling to offer the support of his union in the defense of De Lorenzo. This prompted a question about the support the local is getting to carry on the fight against the attempt to railroad its president to jail.

"R. J. Thomas wired his support to our defense meeting the other night and offered to head the defense committee. Reuther and even Frankensteen have offered support-but we haven't heard anything yet from Addes.

had the representatives of Locals 795, 906,669,969 and 260. But we expect to get a lot more unions in on this fight.

"Joe Eccles-he's president of the Ford Edgewater plant where they had the strike over those two speed-up artists the company put to work after the union kicked them out-he was elected president of the regional defense committee."

At the conclusion of the interview I was invited to inspect the local's headquarters-a large suite of rooms on the tenth floor of the Chatham-Phoenix Building out in Long Island City-which at this late hour in the afternoon was overcrowded with union men and women just off the day shift, coming in to discuss their hundred and one shop problems.

Shaking hands before leaving, I took the occasion to assure De Lorenzo that The Militant would back his case and help rally support for his defense.

DeLorenzo And **The Minneapolis Case**

- An Editorial -

Thomas De Lorenzo, president of Local 365, United Automobile Workers, CIO, has been indicted by the government on charges alleging misrepresentation of his employment record when applying for a job. The charges are so flimsy that no intelligent worker can take them seriously. The real charges, which the indictment does not set forth, is that the De Lorenzo administration of the stick' for each industry." In other America's productive capacity Brewster Aircraft local has led a number of militant actions in de-1 words, Ickes plumped for the was great enough to ensure fense of the union contract and the interests of the union membership. In the general election of officers held by the local last February, De Lorenzo was returned to office with his entire slate despite the smear campaign directed against him by the Stalinists aided and abetted by the government threat of prosecution.

Having failed to intimidate the workers into voting the De Lorenzo administration out of office, the Stalinists challenged the "legality" of the elections and when that crude maneuver failed, the government moved in with its indictment of the union leader. The pattern followed by the government in the De Lorenzo case closely parallels the frame-up engineered by the Roosevelt administration against the leaders of the Minneapolis Truck Drivers Local 544-CIO. In the latter case, Roosevelt's Department of Justice, came to the assistance of Tobin and the Minneapolis bosses who were out to housebreak the Teamster's Local, by indicting the militant leadership of Local 544 on charges of "conspiring to overthrow the government by force and violence."

The Minneapolis case, in which 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis Truck Drivers Local 544-CIO were railroaded to prison, was the first step in the government conspiracy to housebreak and throttle the labor movement. In an editorial in the January 8 issue of The Militant published after the 18 had entered prison, we pointed out the significance of the Minneapolis case to ment-owned plants be "owned and the entire labor movement. "This gigantic labor movement," we said, "undefeated in battle, is every day absorbing more clearly the meaning of this war. Every day greater sections of this working class will come to realize that the jailing of the 18 is part and parcel of the campaign to outlaw strikes, to harass and throttle the trade unions, to freeze wages, to raise taxes, to exploit, starve and en- framework and geared to the obslave the American people, and to saddle them with the full burdens and costs of the criminal war. Ever greater sections of labor will realize that the fight to free the 18 is the fight for the freedom of the labor movement, the fight for the needs and the rights of the whole working class."

The indictment, prosecution and imprisonment of the 18, has as we see, emboldened reaction. When we raised the alarm and called upon the labor movement to rally to the support of the 18. most of the top leaders of labor were stricken deaf and dumb. They could not, or would not, see, hear or speak, because the defendants were Trotskyists. Their treacherous silence has encouraged the labor-

cupying the attention of a con- of the "New Deal wing of the adsiderable number of "post-war" ministration" as Ickes and Walplanners. Practically all of these lace, to screen the reactionary plans, including those designed character of the Roosevelt adminby the "labor statesmen" in the istration. While Roosevelt publeadership of the AFL and CIO licly proclaims the "New Deal" have as their central theme, the dead, endorses the Baruch plan preservation of the "free enter- and establishes the administraprise system." The greatest dan- tive machinery to put the plan ger to "free enterprise" as envis- into effect, initiates forced labor aged by the planners, is the polegislation, freezes wages in the tential competition of the Governface of a constantly rising cost ment with private industry. To of living, etc., etc., Ickes and Walquiet such fears, the Baruch-Hanlace busy themselves drawing up cock plan was drawn up, endorsed blueprints of "post-war" prosby Roosevelt and an administra- perity, not only for this country tive apparatus, composed of Wall but for the entire world. These Street tycoons was selected to suplans, which always remain in a pervise the disposal for a song of "fluid" state, can only be char-Government-owned properties to acterized as so much hogwash! the corporations. "NEW DEAL"

In commenting on Ickes' sudden conversion to REAL free en-Under the so-called "New terprise, The Wall Street Journal, Deal," the wealth of the country April 15, reveals that: "Prior to has been concentrated in fewer the Baruch-Hancock report, Mr. | and fewer hands. The monopolists Ickes had a much different plan have, if anything, tightened their for post-war use of the Govern- stranglehold on the economic life ment's plants. It provided for conof the nation. The era of "free tinued ownership of all plants, enterprise" that existed prior to leasing of most plants, and Gov- the war was an era of riches for ernment operation 'at cost' of the few and insecurity, unemployenough plants to provide a 'yard- ment and poverty for the many. "free enterprise" disposal of abundance for all-but "free en-Government properties on 1 y terprise" decreed that food, cloth-AFTER the Baruch-Hancock plan ing and shelter shall only be made was put over. available to the people at a profit. It will be no different as long

BARUCH PLAN

as the "free enterprise" system The Baruch plan to give Big prevails-whether of the Ickes or Business free rein to loot the pub- the Baruch variety.

lic treasury for the relief of Wall NEED PROGRAM Street is such a rank steal, that

many "liberal" supporters of the The workers can have no faith administration were outraged. in those who peddle the poison of But Roosevelt long ago learned "free enterprise" as though it that it doesn't take much to quiet were a recently discovered curethese gentry-usually a dema- all for the ailments of mankind. gogic speech or article by a rep-The workers need their own proresentative of what has come to gram: Confiscation of all war be known as the "New Deal wing profits! Expropriation of all war of the Administration" will turn industries and their operation unthe trick. der workers' control! And their

Apparently, that's where Ickes own political party: An Independcomes in. To soothe the ruffled ent Labor Party. Only under their feelings of the dejected "New own party and their own program, Dealers" Ickes trots out a granwill the workers REALLY have diose plan to have the Governsomething to say about what is to happen to the plants, facilities operated" by the 10,000,000 war and other wealth produced by laveterans, "after the war." When bor.

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sked by reporters to amplify his lan, Ickes said that so far it was in a "fluid" state, but it would be THE FOURTH a free undertaking within the INTERNATIONAL' jectives of private enterprise."



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How did his union administration differ from the one he re- Local Presidents

placed in 1941, when he first became the local's president? "All the presidents of the important Region 9A UAW locals "I came to work in Brewster in July 1939. The highest rate of

pay was 65 cents an hour-that's the very top rate-a 50 cents | met in a meeting and helped to draw up plans for the defense. We

Escalator Clause In All Contracts Is Only Effective Wage Policy For Labor then it is all the more reason for centrate on the policy of ad- bureaucrats were at all serious

By C. Thomas

Roosevelt presented his "inscale of wages!" divisible" seven-point program

In the two years that have two years ago (April 27, 1942). elapsed, the propositions advanced He imposed the wage freeze on by The Militant have been proven the promise that he would to the hilt. The need for labor's stabilize the cost of living. The own program to combat the in-Militant (May 9, 1942) exposed flationary rise in the cost of

at that time the demagogic living is more urgent than ever character of Roosevelt's "stabi- before. The experience of life lization program" and warned: itself has shown that such a pro-"It is clear that the labor move- gram must embody the demand

THREE UNIONS

ment needs its own program to for an escalator clause-a rising protect its own interests in this scale of wages to meet the rising constitute a powerful bloc of apsituation." The Militant pointed cost of living-in all union conproximately 2,000,000 members.

out that "the workers must tracts. So transparent has Roosedemand the rising scale of wages velt's stabilization fraud become is affiliated with the CIO, the to meet future price rises. If the in the two years of its existence Ladies Garment Workers to the government really believes that it that the official spokesmen for a ers is independent. Whatever dif- wage agreement which omitted The leaders of the Auto Union union contracts-the rising scale has stabilized the cost of living, number of powerful unions have ferences may divide the leadership the "anti-inflation escalator whose president, it of themes, is of living! clause." Julius Hochman, General preoccupied with the burning of living! then it can have no valid objec- been compelled to give lip service tions to this demand. If the gov- to the demand for a rising scale of these respective organizations, ernment opposes this demand, of wages.

then it shows that it has no faith in its ability to achieve stabiliza- SECRETARY ADDES

tion of the cost of living, and Writing in the December 15 the interests of ALL wage earners is a fraud. If this is the case, ing on behalf of the Union In- vocated the calling of a national ternational Executive Board, conference to which all unions,

called upon all local unions to regardless of affiliation, would be

support the union's demand for invited to participate to hammer

which provided: (1) "That all labor action around an effective

such wage agreements entered wage policy for the labor move-

into should contain escalator ment. The logical and intelligent

clauses calling for higher hourly action for these labor organiza-

rates if living costs go up," and, tions, confronted as they are, by

(2) "That escalator clauses con- a common enemy and agreed as

tain the provision that wage they are on a common policy,

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three months so that when living of action on the ONE question on

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Today, three months after the 18 Minneapolis defendants have been imprisoned, De Lorenzo, an ordinary militant union official, is under indictment. Roosevelt and his war machine have gone so far that they are no longer able to tolerate even the slightest challenge or protest to their rule of repression and reaction. Any labor leader who doesn't go along, who insists on fighting for the interests of the rank and file, is to be singled out for persecution.

The prosecution of De Lorenzo is a threat to the whole labor movement. Like the Minneapolis prosecution, it is part and parcel of the whole drive of reaction in America. Will the labor movement retain its democratic rights, will it maintain its independence free raising the demand for a rising vancing wages to match ad- about the wage program, they from the domination of the capitalist government? That is the real issue in this case. The fight for free independent unionism, the fight wage negotiations of the In- tional conference as the first for workers' rights, the fight for democracy, demands that all labor ternational Ladies Garment Work- step toward implementing the rally to the support of De Lorenzo and smash this latest government frame-up.

> by the WLB, so they "agreed to dard of living of the workers is fixing a relationship between such a call would rally a major defer the union's demand" until to betray the labor movement. part of the unions, practically all Roosevelt and his henchmen on That is what the whole top the WLB got ready to GIVE it union bureaucracy has done-beto them, or-until some other trayed the labor rank and file. union or unions smash the wage It is up to the union militants to take the lead in demanding a nafreeze by conducting an in-However, the official labor dependent struggle. Until that tional conference of ALL unions spokesmen have no intention of time, Hochman and his cronies to break the wage freeze by leading such a struggle. This was are content to sit back with formulating a program of inmade apparent once again when folded hands and patiently wait dependent action around the the ILGWU officials signed a for any gifts the gods may bring! slogan: an escalator clause in all

Thomas De Lorenzo conferring with UAW President R. J. Thomas and CIO Regional Director Charles Kerrigan, during the UAW Convention held in Buffalo in August, 1943.



velt's wage freeze.

These three unions together, JULIUS HOCHMAN

vancing prices." In the recent would have long ago called a na-

The United Automobile Workers AFL and the United Mine Work-

Manager of the Union's New York question of drafting Roosevelt they profess to have one thing in Joint Board explained the omis- for a fourth term, are birds of common: support of a realistic sion by saying: "The unions asked a feather. They are also sitting wage policy which would protect

for an increase in wages to meet back and waiting for their the constantly rising cost of "friend" in the White House to admits that its justication for issue of the United Automobile against the ravages of inflation. the constantly rising cost of inflation issue of the United Automobile against the ravages of inflation. living. But both the union and the give them a handout. As for the War Labor Board wage freezing Worker. Secretary Addes, speak- The Militant has consistently ademployers recognized that under leadership of the Mine Union. its present rigid wage policy the their fight for a rising scale of War Labor Board would not ap- wages is still confined to the prove any such increase. It was editorial pages of the United therefore agreed to defer the Mine Workers Journal.

union's demand until there is a "HOLD-THE-LINE" change in any government wage

The recent anniversary "holdoolicy or formula which will the-line" report released with the permit further increases in wages. When such a change endorsement of Roosevelt, was a occurs, the union will have the calculated blow aimed directly at right to ask for an increase from the struggle of the workers the employers" (Justice - April against the wage freeze. The report concluded by saying: "Ob-

viously, too, we should cling to the policies and machinery which

the "anti-inflation escalator whose president, R. J. Thomas, is of wages to meet the rising cost

Hochman's "explanation" sums have served us so effectively It is obvious that the workers, fed up with Roosevelt's promises, up the craven servility of the thus far." The policies, as proven are pressing to break the wage union bureaucrats who are terrorby the experience of the last two

In the March 1 issue of the freezing policy of the administra- stricken at the very idea of years, are those of freezing wages United Mine Workers Journal an tion. It is this pressure of the letting loose of Roosevelt's coat- in the face of the constantly editorial which sums up labor's ranks that has compelled some tails and embarking on an in- rising cost of living; the machisad experience with Roosevelt's of the union heads to give lip dependent policy. The ILGWU of- nery, the War Labor Board, to "stabilization program" concludes service to the demand for a rising ficials "recognized" that the enforce the wage freeze. To with the warning that: "To pro- scale of wages to meet the rising union's demand for an escalator depend on those policies and that tect its interests, labor must con- cost of living. If these labor clause would not be "approved" machinery to protect the stan-

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ers Union (AFL) with the em- demand for an escalator clause. ployers, the union included in its | They have sufficient numbers indemands, "an anti-inflation clause fluence and authority in the labor based on the 'escalator' principle movement to be assured that wages and living costs."

of whom are held down by Roose-

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Free Speech And The Fight Against Fascism

and "My Days of Anger." Chairman of the Civil Rights Defense Committee, discussed on Radio Station WEVD, April 15, the case of the 18 Minneapolis Trotskyists who are now serving federal departments and agencies interested in this matter notified." prison sentences under the Smith "Gag" Act in an address entitled "Free Speech and Labor's Rights." We are printing below sections of his speech.]

By JAMES T. FARRELL

"Practically all sections of the labor and liberal movement in this country have expressed alarm over the mounting tide of reaction. Today this threat is not distant; it is immediate. And inevitably, the major purpose of reaction is that of destroying the independence of the labor movement, and thereby of being free to and with the expression of opinion for the same purposes. The first forge new chains for the workers. In order to achieve this, it is necessary to abrogate civil liberties, and most especially, the directed against supporters of the slave owners' rebellion. The precious right of freedom of speech.

"Freedom of speech and freedom of labor are integral. This is why the fascist dictatorships of Europe, when they achieved power, immediately crushed the labor unions and imposed rigid censorships. And in the last few years, there have been a whole series of attacks both on the labor movement and on the Bill of Rights. Congress, largely under the inspiration of poll-tax legislators, has passed the vicious Smith "Gag" Act and the Smith-Connally antistrike bill. The Smith "Gag" Act, a peace-time sedition law, is in



James T. Farrell

flagrant contradiction with that provision of the Bill of Rights which states unconditionally that Congress shall pass no law abridging freedom of speech. According to this law, freedom of speech has not merely been temporarily suspended in the name of an emergency; it has, in essence, been abrogated. As a result of this law, it is possible for American citizens to be convicted and jailed, merely for the expression of opinion. In fact, this has happened as we will see in a few moments. . .

Trade Union Conflict

[James T. Farrell, noted novelist, author of "Studs Lonigan", that Stephen Early, Secretary of President Roosevelt, told, the press: 'When I advised the President of Tobin's representations this morning, he asked me immediately to have the Government

> "Significantly enough, the Governmental department which seemed most interested in this matter was the one which is described by the word-Justice! Shortly after Mr. Early made this statement, agents of the Department of Justice raided the headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party, and also of the newly formed Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union. Local 544-CIO.

> "The Government indicted twenty-nine persons, charging them with a conspiracy to commit acts to overthrow the government, of these charges was based upon an antiquated Civil War law, econd was based on the Smith 'Gag' Act. . .

Argument of Attorney Anderson

"In the government prosecution of this case, one of its attorneys, Mr. Victor A. Anderson, argued that in order to gain a conviction, it was not necessary to prove that the defendants had committed overt acts: mere expression of opinion was enough. Thereby, this case was raised to the level of becoming an important constitutional trial concerning freedom of speech. In passing, one of the proofs presented by the prosecution was The Communist Manifesto, written in 1848 by Karl Marx.

"The jury threw the first charge out of court, and convicted 18 of the defendants on the second count. The conviction was sustained in the Circuit Court, and then carried to the U.S. Supreme Court. The U.S. Supreme Court three times refused even to hear the appeal on this case, despite the fact that it was the first one which tested the constitutionality of the Smith Act. With this action of the highest court in the land, the case is just about closed as far as the government is concerned. As a final action, evidence in the case, such as the seized literature written by Marx, Engels, Lenir and Trotsky, was burned.

"However, for the labor and liberal movements, this case cannot be closed. It has resulted in the effectual substitution of the Japanese idea of dangerous thoughts in place of the Holmes and Brandeis doctrine of 'clear and present danger.' It has substantially upheld a law which abridges the right of freedom of speech. And the government has already cited this case as a precedent in its latest efforts to deport Harry Bridges, the west coast labor leader. Despite the fact that Harry Bridges is one of the leading labor supporters of the present Administration, despite the fact that he is an unqualified adversary of the Minneapolis defendants, he is not immune to the consequences of this conviction. No more evidence tant union men. is needed to document the dangerous precedent established here. . .

History of Fascism

"The history of fascism teaches us that the first attacks made to a higher body, namely the Ex- also pointed out that the previous by reaction are against the labor movement, and usually against its extreme left wing. This has happened in the Minneapolis Case. Further, the force of law and the police power has now been substituted for the use of reason, persuasion, argument, in the case of those who defend the historic ideas of Marxian socialism. It telling them, to forget their ally adopted by the unit meeting. should be clear that this kind of an attack against socialist ideas, this jailing of socialist leaders can only help pave the way that makes it so much the easier for fascism. This kind of governmental action further has the effect of making men fearful, of helping further to spread that paralysis of will, of morale, of intellect which is already much too apparent in the present period of history. . .

The 18 Defendants

"The 18 defendants in this case refused to sacrifice their views that if they try to fight the case with similar moves against unionand convictions, even at the price of their freedom. If those of us the Navy will blackball them. who are outside of prisons do not continue our struggle in their defense, it is not at all impossible that they will have company in their confinement. . .



Harry DeBoer (left) and Farrell Dobbs, two of the 18 imprisoned Trotskyists and union leaders in the Minneapolis Labor Case, conversing in the Minneapolis headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party a few days before their incarceration in the Federal Penitentiary at Sandstone, Minn.

TOLEDO AUTO BARONS LAUNCH ATTACK ON UNION MILITANTS

(Continued from page 1)

Most of the men were family men out the plant. The stewards' body but this factor was given no con- met and elected a committee of sideration by the company. The five to draw up an answer and a main fact that interested the set of counter-proposals. company was that they were mili-

FIVE MEN

The five men were informed to do everything possible for the that the case was to be referred wives of servicemen. The union ecutive Board of Local 12, and record of the Company, was one the management. This "higher of callous disregard for the wives body" has been the graveyard of of servicemen or any other emso many grievances, that to the ployes. workers this was the same as This program was enthusiastic-

grievances. Throughout the entire proceed- the company's anti-union moves ings in this case there has been a However, militants in the plant noticeable lack of union repre- realize that the company is just sentation for these members. In waiting for another opportunity fact there is evidence pointing to make a new attack on union to collusion between the union conditions. leadership and the management. SIMILAR MOVES

The union leadership has confined itself mainly to trying to scare the rank and file with the threat auto workers in 'Ioledo coincide There is much talk in Aircraft and elsewhere. The barons of in-

that 300,000 families have a net respondent of the London News-Division that these firings are not dustry, upheld on the one hand average wealth (as distinct from Chronicle stated that not only the last; that in every depart- by the government and on the linkonith labor- income) of only \$341. Some 40,- was the general hunger not at an 000 possess worldly goods to the end, but that a recrudescence of militants whom they want to fire skates are conducting an all-out value of \$3,800, while 10,000 the famine in full severity was in posses \$9,600 or more. At least prospect in May "when the Himament. 250,000 people live in the vilest layan snows will have melted, On the other side of the ledger. of slums, and, says Villard, these bringing torrents of water down however, more and more workers slums "are worse than I found the Ganges to flood thousands of are beginning to realize that what them seven years ago. There is acres in Bengal and dislocate they need is a program to kick no sewerage; no garbage removal, transport. . . . May 15 is the date out from under their capitalist nothing but an occasional water given by which the authorities masters their two principal props. pipe line. And the people starve." will know whether their schemes They need a labor party to The death rate per 100,000 of have succeeded or whether there retire the power-drunk. anti-labor the population is 415.5 in diarrhea will be another famine in Bengal. Congress and an aggressive union and enteritis, 266.5 in tuber-After that it will be impossible leadership which will fight for culosis, 107.3 in malaria. The unit of Local 12, a Company of- their demands, repeal the noto move food to districts which corresponding figures in con- by that time have no adequate fensive was initiated against the strike pledge, and wage a real tinental United States are 14.2, supplies." struggle for a rising scale of 44.7 and 1.8! wages to meet the rising cost of Meanwhile the hunger, though As long as the island remains mitigated for some, continues for living. under the heel of the American numberless others. The London capitalists there will be no hope "Save the Children Fund" reof economic development and no ported a little girl being offered In Detroit, Mich. relief from the grinding poverty for sale as late as Feb. 9 in the which is the lot of the vast, You can get Bengal famine area. The child majority of its inhabitants. It is THE MILITANT was bought by a British officer against the interests of the imfor one rupee and taken to a at the perialists to develop the island welfare center. According to the FAMILY THEATRE industrially, and it pays good same source, the number of dividends as a mere producer of NEWSSTAND deaths due to famine and confoodstuffs for the United States. opposite the theatre current diseases in Bengal alone There is a widespread movemay be anywhere between 3,500,ment for independence among the 000 and 5,000,000. Puerto Ricans. They understand At a meeting of the UNRRA very well the cause of all their (United Nations Relief and Rewoes. The American workinghabilitation Association), the head class should support this moveof the British delegation informed ment by joining in the demand the press that no resolution on for the island's political inderelief for India would be enterpendence. We should also demand tained, although other delegations that Washington furnish funds to feed and house, clothe and educate gave assurances that their govthe population - which would ernments would take part in a relief project. The reason given merely be returning a part of the was that UNRRA activities were wealth stolen from them-until intended only for countries rethe time when the territory can taken from the Axis. be developed economically.

BELGIUM

In The Colonies

By LI FU-JEN

PUERTO RICO in all but name. White overseers Puerto Rico is without doubt he most grisly of the skeletons in the closet of American imperialism. Each time Roosevelt gets up to prate about the "Four Freedoms"-especially the one about "freedom from want"-the fleshless bones rattle in ironic mockery. The small Caribbean isle was wrested from Spain almost half a century ago and it is doubtful whetner its inhabitants suffered as much under the prolonged and brutal rule of the Spanish conquistadores as they have under the heel of American finance capital during these past fifty years.

Since the war for "democracy" and the "Four Freedoms" got under way, the conditions of these victims of imperialism have proved, was dyed in the blood of grown progressively worse. Real starvation stalks the island. "One does not need to go to India to furore among the workers of see naked babies with the swollen England that the British imbellies of the pitifully starved, perialists, who were perpetrating with eyes blurred by hunger, similar cruelties in India, were bodies stunted so that twelve- compelled to cancel a projected year-olds look but six, with the visit by the Belgian monarch. saddest of faces," writes Oswald Garrison Villard in LaFollette's

paper, The Progressive.

| workers learned of this action a wave of protest spread through-

The program of the stewards' committee provided for the strict adherence to the seniority rules. The program included provisions annual population increase of year.

about 30,000, the island possesses "These results," says the bul-

This stopped, for the time being, population! SUGAR MILLS

Workers in the sugar mills,

which are the property of American corporations, receive wages averaging 30 to 38 cents an hour.

INDIA But work is seasonal and they work full days only part of the

Company provocations against year. Workers in the sugar and corfee plantations receive about half of these miserly sums. ists in Detroit, Cleveland, Akron Villard's investigations show

kent watch over them at work. whether caring for the plantations or tapping the trees. Recalcitrants were brutally flogged. Word of the monstrous cruelties that were practiced in the Belgian Congo reached the outside world and E. D. Morel, a British socialist, investigated charges made against King Leopold. He published his findings in a nowforgotten book entitled "Red Rubber." That was before the first World War for "liberty and democracy" in which Belgium was one of the high-minded Allies. Morel disclosed the presence of an abysmal sink of cruelty and barbarism in Leopold's African colony. Every pound of rubber brought out of the Congo, he beaten and murdered Negroes. "Red Rubber" aroused such a

under a system that was slavery

MORE REFINED

Since the days of Leopold, the Villard is in San Juan, capital old crude and barbaric methods of the American colony, writing of colonial robbery have given a series of articles. His first way in the Congo to a more article contains facts sufficient to refined system of exploitation. indicate that the territory and its | Since Japan captured the rubberpeople have been handled by Wall producing regions of the Far street just as the British im- East, rubber output in the Congo perialists have handled India. In- has been greatly increased. This stead of developing an industry, fact we learn from the bulletin they have kept the island a plan- of the Belgian Information lation. They plunder its natural Center, which reveals that 8,000 riches-mainly sugar and coffee tons were exported in 1943, ex--and keep the people poverty- ceeding the exports of the seven stricken. With a present popula- preceding years put together. A tion of about two millions, and an turther increase is expected this

no economic undertakings which letin, "have been made possible can utilize the available labor- thanks to the strenuous efforts power. Unemployment is chronic. of the stout-hearted producers of At one time it reached the figure the labor front to beat their own of 300,000 — one-sixth of the records." The Belgian imperialists continue to plunder the wealth of the Congo and exploit its inhabitants-to whom, incidentally, the benefits of the Atlantic Charter do not apply.

> When' early this year L.M.S. Amery, His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, announced that the famine in Bengal was over, he was lying. Reporting from New Delhi on Feb. 21, a cor-

"As a result of a trade union conflict between Minneapolis trade unionists, who were also members of the Socialist Workers Party, to appeal to the President for pardon. It is asking the entire labor away with it. and of Daniel J. Tobin, President of the International Brotherhood and liberal movement to support it in this campaign by signing of Teamsters. the Minneapolis Labor Case has become an item in its petitions for a pardon and by writing directly to President mood and would be ready to fight the history of free speech and of the American trade-union movement. The Minneapolis leaders opposed Daniel J. Tobin's attempts | Minneapolis victims is, itself, an attack on the Smith "Gag" Act. to impose his authority over their local. Then, after a democratic And this law remains hanging over the head of labor like the and almost unanimous vote of nearly 4,000 members of their local, they disaffiliated from the AFL and joined the CIO. Daniel J. | The defense of labor's rights, the defense of free speech. the defense Tobin made representations to President Roosevelt. These were of all of us against the danger of fascism requires that this pennot ignored, for the New York Times of June 14, 1941 tells us dulum be put into a museum."

Capitalist Rulers Busy Making Preparation For Another War II. Which meant that capitalism | policing the United Nations may | this matter of war and peace. In- | and dance about wanting to help

undertake."

By Harvey Brown

held out no prospect to suffering The greatest hope of the peohumanity other than an arithple during World War I was metical succession of wars inaroused by the slogan that the terspersed with raging economic last war was a "War to end crises and depressions, War!" Every sacrifice was jus-WAR PREPARATIONS tified by the legend that never War is a symptom of the crisis again would the youth of the of the social system and as long world be flung into the bloody as capitalism exists there will be stating that, "after our enemies fairs, as a basic element in maelstrom of war-to die bewar without end. In the very fore they had even begun to live! In the period intervening between World War I and World War II the illusions so diligently fostered that wars and depressions were "diseases" which could be cured by the capitalist therapy of "free enterprise" was completely shat- 15, reports that: "In addition to gests, "it will probably be neces- that it was necessary to take adtered. So much so that the ruling powers have been unable to fix a name for this war!

Some time ago, Roosevelt initiated a contest to find a suitable name for this war. His own contribution to the contest was that the war be named the "War for Survival." No one even suggested that it be called a "War to be scaled down from their

military training should be made universal in peacetime." The N. Y. Herald-Tribune, Jan. 21, reports: "Under present plans

to end Wars" and the contest present war-time strength of 11,-

midst of World War II, the tion period, and perhaps a long to learn that hard truth, apcapitalists are already making one, before the future world order parantly." preparations to pave the way for can be established. During this succeeding wars. The House Com- transition period it will be neces- nation in preparation for future mittee on Post-war Military sary for the United States to wars are being rushed to com-Policy has begun a study on maintain powerful armed forces." pletion before the decisive battles "post-war military policy and To provide the manpower for this of this war have even been fought. needs." The N. Y. Times, March "transition period" Baldwin sug- Mr. Wilson informed his audience

studying the advisability of a sary to continue in effect until vantage of the present war large military establishment after two to four years after the end psychology to "set the machinery the war, the group would seek to of hostilities the present selective in motion" because "the revulsion determine whether compulsory service act." "Peace," under against war not too long hence capitalism, will no longer be an will be an almost insuperable obinterval between wars, but a stacle to overcome." "transition period" from one Only a society free from ex-

world wide conflagration to the the Army and Navy are expected next!

CHARLES E. WILSON

an end to war. The "revulsion finally petered out without 000,000 men and women to some-Speaking before the Army against war" will not only lead Ordnance Association, Charles E. to upsetting all the finely laid producing one single slogan that where near 2,500,000. This force could replace, in the minds of the would be of sufficient size to Wilson, president of the General schemes of the war planners but people, the designation of the war provide a highly-trained army Electric Corporation until he left will lead mankind onto the broad as "World War II." But it was capable of quick expansion, if to become one of the heads of road of a socialist society where precisely the latter designation necessary, together with a navy the War Production Board, in- wars will be relegated to a place that Roosevelt was trying to and air force of ample strength formed an audience composed of eliminate. Such an arithmetical to patrol American offensive- Big Business representatives and alongside of cannibalism as a designation implied that just as defensive bases around the world brass hats that: "Perhaps it is curio in the history of the II followed I so would III follow and contribute to any world-wide time for some fresh thinking on progressive march of humanity.

"The Civil Rights Defense Committee, authorized representa-

tive of the 18 Minneapolis victims, is now conducting a campaign Roosevelt, asking that this pardon be granted. The defense of the if they had any leadership. Howpendulum over the head of the victim in Edgar Allen Poe's story.

Hanson W. Baldwin, N. Y. and unpreparedness as a safe-

series of articles to the problem discredited doctrine-let us try

of preparing for the "next war." the opposite: full preparedness

In his article of Jan. 20, Baldwin according to a continuing plan.

quotes a passage from a book The thought may be unpleasant,

written by General Palmer and but thru the centuries war has

surrender there will be a transi- evolutionary force. We have yet

The plans to Prussianize the

ploitation and tyranny, from

profits coined out of the blood

and bones of the people, can put

published by The Infantry Journal been inevitable in our human af-

as fast as they think they can get drive against the union move-The workers are in an ugly

ever, the company's policy has been to crack down first on one department and then on another. while the union top leadership has been working hand in glove with the management.

At the Spicer Plant, another union at almost the same time. Various jobs were classified as women's jobs and no men were allowed to be upgraded to these jobs. This was in clear violation

of the union seniority rules but the company thought it could get away with it by a patriotic song stead of looking to disarmament out the wives of servicemen.

Times military expert, devoted a guard against war-a thoroughly PROTEST WAVE The company proposal was accepted by the union officials and the shop committee. But when the

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The last thing Churchill and his crew desire is any intervention in

Indian affairs by Britain's allies Belgium, the smallest and least influential of the imperialist of today-but probably her rivals powers, now occupied by the of tomorrow. They prefer as Nazis, also has its skeleton in the far as possible to keep the curcloset-Belgian Congo in the tain drawn over the pestilential heart of Equatorial Africa. When plague-spot that India has deverubber first became a source of loped into under British rule. profit, the late King Leopold Better that more thousands and staked out for himself large millions of Indians die rather plantations in the Congo and his than risk revealing the ghastly colonial administrators employed the most frightful cruelties to mess to the world at large. After compel natives to work in them all, we have Churchill's own word for the aggrandizement of this for it that the Atlantic Charter alien monarch. Armed gangs of does not apply to India-partiwhite bullies roamed the dense cularly that part of the Charter forest areas, 'recruiting' Negroes by violence and intimidation. The which refers to "freedom from Negroes were then indentured want."

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Significance of the Supreme Court Decision

Although the Supreme Court | Negroes of the South, or any decision to outlaw the lily-white other oppressed group for that primary in Texas was hailed matter, through the agency of throughout the Negro and liberal quislings from among the oppress as a great triumph for pressed races.

democracy we are being neither Such tactics might have been overly pessimistic nor narrowly utilized sooner had it not been cynical when we declare that the for the rabid opposition of the Negroes in Texas will not henefit | reactionary Southern bourbons from this decision to any measure- who still contend in their arable degree. rogance that the Negro can best

The ruling class has become so be handled by the methods of adept at playing their hand close open terror and dictatorship: to the chest while feigning weak- such as lynchings, denial of the ness, that we are apt to call and right to vote and segregation to raise, without properly evaluat- the point of ostracism.

ing the potential value of their The reactions of the ignorant hole card. In this case they have southern blowhards to this move granted us the right to vote in an by the more suave capitalist election where none of the candi- brothers of the north were pretty dates will want to or be able to explosive. They set up a howl better our condition in any prac- resembling that of a suckling tical way. baby when you take away his

That is because neither the bottle. The editors, party bosses Democratic nor the Republican and political hacks threatened parties represent the interests of almost everything up to another the working class of people which civil war. Their spewings are not includes the great majority of worth quoting here. Negroes not only in Texas but

throughout the country. Any DIFFERENT METHODS nominee of this democratic party The fight however, over what will have to serve the interests types of methods should be emof the ruling capitalist class. ployed in dealing with the Negro This class exists by its parasitic will certainly grow more intense. exploitation of the laboring man | The method of the Rankins and and is therefore the irrecon-Bilbos-the method of open cilable enemy of the masses of terror and violence against the ple of southern Italy and Sicily Negroes. Negro people-is becoming more

INDEPENDENT ACTION

Only a genuinely independent militancy and labor solidarity. to the reactionary regime of candidate of organized labor New methods, more subtle, more Badoglio and the King. By would be in a position to work treacherous, more deceitful are for our interests. Putting our necessary. We already see this vote in the capitalist ballot box trend thoughtlessly being hailed accomplishes about as much as in some quarters as a "victory position to this papier mache sticking it in a hollow log. for democracy." In time every Negro will come From this vantage point, we

to understand this fraud for what can better understand what Earl it is. Granting us the "right" to Browder had reference to when decide who will be the nominee he recently attempted to vinof the capitalist party is not only dicate his servile support of throwing a clay bone to us; it is Roosevelt by saying he chose throwing one at us. True, we will "progressive" capitalism over see political big-wigs built up reactionary capitalism. among Negroes. There will be the standard practice of passing out political plums to "leading" citi-zens as a reward for their cor-fully be applied to capitalism is among Negroes. There will be the ralling the Negro vote for the to state that under such a system their petty positions of authority these quislings will be forced to function as Uncle Toms to betray gressive" capitalism is, in reality, the Negro people and their struggle again Jim Crow.

These Negro fakers will soon this or that candidate will "do something" for the Negroes, where the truth of the matter is



Stalinists to the Rescue!

Stalinists Rush To Aid Bankrupt Badoglio Rule

By Ralph Graham -workers, farmers, small shop-

and more difficult to continue, in keepers-have been demonstratthe face of growing Negro ing their firm refusal to submit cism.

> meetings and demonstrations they have manifested their opgovernment which exists solely | Badoglio regime. This explains by virtue of the support it gets their dogged persistence in hold-

rom the Allied invaders. Every attempt of the Allied powers to make the regime acceptable, and to furnish it with a basis of popular support, has failed utterly. What Roosevelt and Count Sforza, have all along and Churchill have failed to ac- hesitated to identify themselves

complish, is now being attempt- with the malodorous Badoglio ed again with the aid of the Stal- clique, for they feared such a inist traitors. The Stalinists stand in the fore- fluence they still possess with the

front of the new counter-revolu- masses. The Badoglio governwinning clique. In return for their lot will become progressively dle the Italian masses. They have remained isolated and helpless. tionary plot to deceive and swin- ment, in spite of all its efforts, become the principal agents of SECRET DICKERING capitalist-imperialist reaction in only decadent capitalism faced a scheme to give the Badoglio re-Now the Stalinists, by their with so many contradictions that gime a "democratic" face-lifting, own admission, have taken the

the capitalists themselves disa-to side-track the Italian revolube seen propounding the lies that gree on the best methods of tion, to confuse the masses and further supressing the Negro to subject them to permanent people. His "progressive" capi-talism is much more treacherous ism talism is much more treacherous ism. because his policies, such as the

that no representative of a capitalist party can or will do more difficult for the politically. ALLIED ADMISSION more difficult for the politically How completely abhorrent the

structure. It is the representative reaction. They have provided Baand the political expression of the doglio with a new breathing spell For seven long months since interests of the Italian capitalist by their announcement that they the Italian armistice, the peo- class, the same rotten crew which stand prepared to enter his govspawned the fascist regime of ernment under the Savoy mon-Mussolini. Badoglio and the King archy.

gress between the Allied author-

Liberals and the Stalinists-with Badoglio and the King hovering in the neighborhood. In these secret conclaves the Stalinists rank high, for they still have a mass following and still clothe themselves with the authority of the Russian Revolution. They have become the important bulwark

Out of the secret dickerings is scheduled to emerge a dressed-up talians as something substantialy different from the junta which now struts on the political stage. King Victor Emmanuel has already announced that after the Allies conquer Rome, he will turn over active administration to a ieutenant, his son Prince Umberto. And the Sforzas and Croces and even the Stalinists may be don't figure at all except as a

But in essence nothing will be the imperialists, including the changed. Not only will capitalism French imperialists-not forgetremain, with its exploitation, op- ting the Stalinist traitors who in pression, graft and corruption, the case of France, as in the but the new regime will by no case of Italy, are working to neans even be a coalition "demo- prevent revolution and frustrate the popular will. cratic" capitalist government. It De Gaulle, the N. Y. Times rewill be the same military dictaported, has broadened his Comtorship, resting on foreign baymittee so as "to include in reonets, ruling by autocratic decrees and the power of Allied sponsible posts virtually all the arms simply coated over with a major political groups, from the extreme right to the extreme little "democratic" veneer. left." And this, the dispatch add-

The De Gaullist Plans For A Capitalist France

(Continued from page 1)

ous designs on the French colonial empire in Africa and the Far Stalinists has been expressed in ognition for de Gaulle, and Wash-East. De Gaulle is pursuing a a similarly meaningful manner by ington's decision to give Eisenprogram designed to preserve the the Central Committee of the hower a free hand, reflects mereintegrity of the French empire French Communist Party, which ly the intention to recognize and and to unite the entire French declared that the party's partici-sustain whatever capitalist clique capitalist class for this purpose. pation in the de Gaulle commit- proves most capable of preserving Here is an added reason why Washington and London, desiring if there was a "firm and resolute is invaded. The Stalinists, reto keep their hands untied for all application of measures intended eventualities, refuse to treat with to: "1. Concentrate all the re-

de Gaulle as the sole representative of a "liberated" France. sources of France and her em-"Gen. de Gaulle is angry," the pire for the war effort. . .

N. Y. Times correspondent re-"2. Punish all traitors already in the hands of the French Comported from Algiers April 8, "toward those in Washington and mittee of National Liberation and London who treat him as a claim- energetically weed out all fifthant who does not have a pro- column elements from governfound, unshakable conviction that ment agencies;

he has a mandate from the "3. Develop a democratic social French nation for the mission he policy to galvanize all the energy assumes. . . It is the contention of the French people and stimuof Gen. de Gaulle and his support- | late enthusiasm for participation ers that the only hope for an orin the war of liberation;

derly regime without delay lies "4. Carry out a policy of French in him and the prestige he enjoys national unity by understanding with all groups in France save and granting the legitimate dethe small group who sold out to mands of the colonial peoples; the Germans.' "5. Develop the role of France

Here we have the essence of in the United Nations bloc, for the de Gaulle program. Not a the foundation of the independword about "self-determination," ence of our country and the re-"freedom," "democracy" and all storation of her greatness rest the rest, but just a promise of in the maximum development of an "orderly regime," meaning a French participation in the comregime of capitalist "order" which, with the help of Allied mon struggle of the Allies." STALINIST BETRAYAL

bayonets, will resist all attempts by the French masses to make a This program shows what is clean sweep of the hated system brewing. It means that in France. of exploitation and oppression as in Italy, the Stalinists will do which plunged them into the carall in their power to prevent revnage of war.

DE GAULLE'S AIM

De Gaulle is trying desperately to strengthen the position of his camp vis-a-vis the capitalist clique in metropolitan France and and the system that gave it birth. thus demonstrate to his Anglo-American allies the superiority can be understood only in terms patronage. He has been purging conflict. The Vichy regime and his camp of Vichy-tainted ele- the de Gaulle committee are ments and also those who appear as rival claimants to the affections of Roosevelt and Churchill. This was the meaning of his giving sanction for the execution of

talist who became minister of interior in the Vichy government, and his latest act in removing General Henri Giraud from supreme command of the French armies

But where in this picture do the French people figure-the people who are to be "liberated?" They menacing background to the sinister intrigues and plottings of

be understood. Not a popular re- are similarly united on this fungime, nor a democratic one-but damental question. Their hedging

an "orderly" one. The role of the on the question of exclusive rectee would have significance only capitalist "order" when France flecting in their policies the Kremlin's fear of what a French

revolution might mean for the Soviet bureaucracy, are equally avid in their desire to see French, capitalism preserved.

UNHOLY ALLIANCE

Here, despite the contradictions between the separate cliques, we have the elements of an unholy alliance whose purpose it is to strangle and destroy the coming French revolution.

Roosevelt stands at the head of this nefarious conspiracy. At a recent press conference, when questioned about American policy with regard to de Gaulle, he said "he was not prepared to say whether anybody outside France knew what the French people wanted."

This great champion of liberty and self-determination also professes not to know what the Italian people want. No one had the temerity to remind him that at least he knew what the Italian people DID NOT WANT-that they did not want Badoglio and the King, but that Roosevelt and his allies have nevertheless inolution and to harness the work- sisted on ramming this hated pair

down the throats of the people. ers to the war machine of the Roosevelt also knows that the "democratic" imperialists, heed-French masses will not tolerate less of the fact that what the the Vichy regime or any of its workers want most is an end to members, who even now live in the mad imperialist slaughter constant fear of their lives.

The "do not know" formula rep-The situation as regards France resents the ideological preparaof his claim to their exclusive of class antagonism and class tion for a Badoglio-King deal in France. But the French workers, having observed how Italy was "liberated" by the Allies, will not merely the political representatives of temporarily antagonistic | be caught unawares. If they are united and determined, and arm sections of the French capitalist class. On the fundamental questhemselves with a revolutionary regime, which, the conspirators Pucheu, a prominent French capi- capitalist exploitation, they are all the dirty schemes of their enetion of preserving the system of socialist program, they can bring united. Washington and London mies crashing to the ground.



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FRANCE-A deportation order issued against Leon Trotsky by the French government brought to a new climax the struggle of reactionary forces to silence "the leader who personified revolutionary struggle and the victory of the proletariat," The

Behind the scenes in Naples seboth were among the principal adornments and agents of fas- cret dickerings are now in proities, the Social-Democrats, the The Allied imperialists, in their desperate need to protect Italian capitalism against the revolution-

ary onslaughts of the masses, can find no other native tool than the ing fast to this discredited clique and trying to force this regime upon the country.

of Italian reaction. Even the Liberal capitalist politicians, such as Benedetto Croce step would destroy whatever in-

permitted to take more of the lead to "break the deadlock" for imelight.

anything for the masses of people except to make it easier for friend from foe. the capitalists whom he repré-The Trotskyists, however, will sents to exploit the people.

NEGRO FAKERS

From the domestic point of liberation of the exploited peoview the liberalization of the ples of the world. They will condemocratic primaries in the tinue their relentless fight against control, the people of at least nine There is a further provision South will only mean the open- all forms of the repressive capiing of the door for the Negro talist system. Their bead and that fakers to swarm in and suck the of every class-conscious worker blood of the workers while be- will consistently be drawn not traying them in their real social only on the openly reactionary struggle against the ruling class. elements but also on the numer-In fact, the more experienced ous quisling-type political fakers capitalists have known all along who make their appearance under that they could more easily and the "democratic" two-party efficiently exploit the system of American capitalism. more

PIONEER PARAGRAPHS

THE TROTSKYIST PARTY IS A **PARTY OF 100 PERCENTERS**

These comrades who stood be-| in the face of all persecution, that fore the court are typical of the strength to go forward and fight the military rule of the Allies out and departmental stoppages. kind of people that make up the against all obstacles and against membership of the Socialist all odds.

Workers Party. We are a party Now our case—the case of the they now offer? Do they now issued April 16 by the URW Genof one-hundred percenters. We 18-perhaps seems more dramatic have made up our minds that the than the struggle, the life, the the Italian people to clean out pointed out that "there is evigreat cause to which we have work, the role of other comrades this vile cesspool of reaction and dence of wage cutting through Italy. dedicated our lives is more im-portant than anything else in this is not so. We are the kind of to Col. McCaffrey, "the most work rates and the imposition of world. We place it before every dynamic organization that we are likely thing to help is to broaden unfair work standards." This other consideration. Nothing else because each and every member the base of the government so practise is "putting the internais dearer to us. And we laugh of the party stands in his ap- that it will not consist of former tional right in the middle when with disdain at the capitalist pointed place and serves as best civil servants who grew up under work stoppages result."

tyrants who try by their persecu- he can in accordance with his fascism." He sees a hopeful sign tions, by their legal frameups and capacities, and serves in a greater in the fact that the Stalinists their prisons to swerve us from capacity as he or she develops in have taken the "lead" in a scheme our path, try to frighten us away the course of his or her training for swindling the people by re- this deliberate campaign of comfrom the fight for the great goal and experience. Collectively as a furbishing the regime and "broadfor which we struggle. We under- party, we march forward with ening" its character.

stand — every one of us — that the working class, in the ranks of nothing is more important than the working class, standing in the the essence of the matter—is the working class cause to which vanguard of the working class. not an independent, arbitrary the union," the board asserted. we dedicate our lives. And while it may*seem a great

Some of the newer comrades, sacrifice for some of us to go to now serving a sentence in the now coming into the party, are prison, risks just as great are Stillwater penitentiary in Minonly just beginning to assimilate taken, sacrifices just as great are nesota. Kelly Postal was framed this knowledge. But, comrades, as made by other comrades every up by Tobin in the same fight in you live, as you learn, as you go day in carrying our struggle for- which we were framed up. forward in our party waging the ward. The comrades fighting Day after day, week after tant rubber unionists are already great struggle, you will draw to shoulder to shoulder with the week, the comrades do their duty, aware of this danger and are on yourselves strength and reas- workers in the unions, in the stand in their place in the ranks guard against it. They are desurance and courage and con- factories, on the picket line are of the working class and carry termined to smash any attempts fidence from the comrades who always in the forefront of the forward their tasks regardless of to split the union. That is why will be standing at your side, struggle, taking all the necessary risks. fighting shoulder to shoulder with risks.

We have in the hall here toyou. And each of us draws from our group collectively, our party night a picture of Kelly Postal, Publishers, 116 University Place, issue that confronts the rubber as a whole, that strength to stand one of our trade union fighters, N. Y. 3, N. Y. 56 pages, 10c.) union today.

immature Negro to distinguish Badoglio government is to the (Continued from page 1) masses was revealed last week

URW Militants

provides that any expelled memby an American member of the continue their determined and Allied Control Commission, Col. ber has full rights to appeal his unwavering struggle for the G. H. McCaffrey, who declared in case to the International board an address before that body that and subsequently to a conven-"in 24 hours, without the Allies' tion.

> provinces. . . would throw out the that in the case of the Interna-Badoglio government." tional President facing expulsion He went on to say that in these or charges, wherein the General nine provinces, over which he had Executive Board is involved, a served as regional commissioner. special convention shall be conthere was "widespread evidence of vened to hear and act upon the a revival of fascism." The fascists charges.

> honeycombed every department of But Dalrymple, hell bent upon the administration, he pointed out, assuming absolute dictatorship and "various ministers are put- over the union, has disregarded ting back the people we fired on all these democratic provisions. the payroll and under the circum- The basic source of this crisis stances I cannot very much blame in the rubber union is the nothe Italians for saying the old strike pledge. Dalrymple, like so Italian is back in control." He many of the other top CIO leadadded the further revealing in- ers, has been faced with the growformation that local governments ing difficulty of preventing "outwere "ridden with grafting and law strikes." The provocations of looting." the corporations are being met

> This sordid mess, it must be by the rank and file with short, emphasized, has developed under but increasingly numerous walkwho promised "liberation" to the The cause of these walkouts is Italian people. What remedy do understood by all. In a statement

> propose to clean out, or permit eral Executive Board, it was to Col. McCaffrey, "the most work rates and the imposition of

VIOLENT COURSE

How does the URW board meet pany provocation? By cracking down on the union militants! But the regime-and herein lies "Violators (of the no-strike pledge) are being expelled from Dalrymple's violent course

against the membership is full of serious dangers to the union. It is possible that unless he is stopped he may lead the union toward a catastrophic split. Milithey are pressing for a special

(Speech of Farrell Dobbs from convention to freely air the con-"Why We Are in Prison," Pioneer troversy and decide the burning

INDEPENDENT ACTION ed. "is expected to serve as a stimulus to the unity that has The only effective counter to been hitherto somewhat lacking the plottings of these combined and as a symbol of the repreelements of reaction is independsentative nature of the Commit-

ent organization and independent tee.' action by the masses. Workers' councils need to be set up every-MILITARY DICTATORSHIP

where to mobilize the broad mass-The Committee is neither repes for the struggle for bread, for resentative nor in any sense demfreedom, for peace; to coordinate ocratic. Its members have not the activities of the workers in been elected by any popular vote. every town and locality, to repel nor do its policies reflect the inevery advance of the forces of terests and desires of the French reaction, to struggle for the true masses. The de Gaulle junta is interests of the people.

Above all it is necessary for not a coalition that represents a the Italian workers to burn out traditional democratic capitalist of their ranks the virulent danger government. It is simply a handpicked selection of capitalist poliof Stalinism, whose treacherous ticians and military men, with a role as the savior of capitalism light sprinkling of social-demobecomes clearer every day. Stalcratic, liberal and Stalinist lackinism has become the important prop and support of capitalist | eys of capitalism. It is a military counter-revolution, a deadly vi- dictatorship barely covered with per in the ranks of the workinga thin veneer of "democracy." The anti-working-class, counclass. The strangling of this viper ter-revolutionary character of is the pre-condition for the sucthis junta is sufficiently exposed cess of the socialist revolution in by de Gaulle's reference to the

need for an "orderly regime with-out delay." These words should

Militant reported. It quoted a United Press dispatch: "there was some indication that the government was anxious to get Trotsky out of France before May Day. . . Though secret police said they believed that the Fourth International was largely in the formative stage, European governments seemed to fear it, and were reluctant to give the exiled Communist shelter."

A second article in The Militant told in detail of the long years of persecution Trotsky had endured, since his first arrest by Czarist police at the age of 19, for his leadership of the South Russian Workers Union.

EW YORK-James P. Cannon was announced as the speaker for a New York mass meeting to be held on April 22, as the first step of a campaign to fight for the right of asylum in the United States for Leon Trotsky. Said The Militant: "Despite the imposing combination against the admission of Trotsky to the United States, we intend to start the fight and to broaden it, with the help of other organizations, into a united front movement for the reestablishment of the right of asylum for political refugees generally."

RIS-In an historic meeting in Paris, four organizations-the International Left Opposition (Bolshevik-Leninist), the Socialist Workers Party of Germany, the Independent Socialist Party of Holland, and the Revolutionary Socialist Party of Holland, issued a declaration obligating themselves "to direct all their forces to the formation in the shortest possible time of this (Fourth) International on the theoretic and strategic principles laid down by Marx and Lenin." The declaration, reprinted in The Militant, said in part: "The position of world capitalism; the frightful crisis which plunged the working class into unheard-of misery; the revolutionary movement of the oppressed colonial masses; the world danger of fascism; the perspective of a new cycle of wars which threaten to destroy the whole human culture... demand the welding together of the proletarian vanguard into a new (Fourth) International."



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

not only for the population of Germany but for the peoples of continental Europe as a whole. The restoration and well-being of Europe is impossible without the planned participation of its most advanced technological sector and its greatest single productive force, represented by German industry and the German working class respectively. If this criminal program of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin ever goes into effect, Europe faces the danger of being plunged into barbarism.

The programs of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin are worth more to Hitler than dozens of divisions. These public proclamations that the German people will be enslaved, the country carved up, the country's economy decimated help drive the German masses into Hitler's arms. What need is there for a Goebbels to manufacture propaganda? A candidate for the role of Sforza in Germany, Prince Hubertus zu Loewenstein laments that the Nazis are now well able to afford to lift their prohibition on listening to foreign broadcasts. He correctly says that "the Nazi may simply turn on the loudspeakers at the street corners" and let the Allied statesmen do a job that Nazi propaganda itself could not hope to achieve.

The revelations of these aims come on the very eve of the projected invasion of Europe, admittedly the largest, most difficult and sanguinary operation of the entire war.

The enormity of the crimes already perpetrated in the course of the second world slaughter fades into the shadows in the face of the crimes that are in preparation. It is as if the capitalist rulers, "democratic" and fascist alike, were consciously seeking to demonstrate to mankind once and for all that capitalism has nothing left to offer except political reaction, police suppression, starvation and degradation and that there is no way out of the bloody chaos except through the road of the struggle for socialism.

Balkan Federation

In an interview granted to the correspondent of the N. Y. Times, Dr. Josip Smodlaka, the Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Stalinist-dominated Partisan government of Yugoslavia, came out in favor of establishing a Balkan federation as the new structure for south east Europe. In the same breath, he declared that the "question of monarchy (in Yugoslavia) will not be decided until after the war." These statements are important because they express not Smodlaka's personal opinion but the policy of the Tito regime in Yugoslavia. And they also reflect the policy of the Kremlin whose agent is Tito.

The idea of a federation of all the Balkan peoples is indeed a progressive one. It was one of the ideas sponsored by the old revolutionary socialist movement in the Balkans before the first world war. It was advocated by the Communist International in Lenin's lifetime, as an integral part of the struggle for the establishment of the Socialist United States of Europe. It undoubtedly represents the aspirations of the masses of Yugoslavia and the rest of the Balkans who have paid a terrible price both in times of peace and war for the perpetuation of the artificial and outlived state boundaries.

But who has stood all these years in the way

5,000 Chicago Strikers Fight Montgomery Ward's Open Shop

(Continued from page 1)

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tion on Dec. 8, 1943 of what the company termed the "so-called agreement," the union was informed that the company did not intend to negotiate a new contract. The company offered the pretext that the union no longer represented a majority of the employes. In the meantime the company openly called meetings of the workers inside the mail order house and attacked the union. It initiated a million dollar suit for "libel" against Spotlight, the mimeographed paper of Local 20.

As soon as the contract expired, a union statement charges. "the Company instituted a wave of wage cuts, demotions, layoffs and firings. Established policies such as Holiday pay for New ear's were discontinued. The Company furthermore stepped up its campaign of persecution of union members, and fired the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union for alleged 'insubordination' and violation of company policy.' Increases in the rate of production and job-loads were widespread throughout the plant." On January 15, the WLB is-Tomorrow.'

| sued a directive order extending | Last Friday, Judge Lupe of the the previous contract for 30 days, County Superior Court issued a while the union was required to sweeping injunction limiting the file for a new NLRB election. total number of pickets at all The company immediately stated gates to 42, with a maximum of that it intended to defy the ex- 25 pickets at the main building, tension order. Finally on March the catalogue and mail order 29, the WLB after holding a com- house. The injunction even propliance hearing, issued a second hibits the strikers from talking order. But the company, having to non-strikers in order to peacesuccessfully defied the first or- fully persuade them to support der, ignored the second directive. the strike. Despite the injunction The Board then did absolutely few scabs are entering the plant nothing until after the strike was and the strike ranks remain solid underway. The issues are clearly drawn The strikers have been very and the battle is now joined. Al militant. Hundreds of them have the forces of capital and the gov

helped to maintain a 24-hour a ernment are out to smash this day picket line around the struck strike. If they succeed, employbuildings. "Hold that line," was ers everywhere will be emboldtheir battle-cry as large squads ened to violate contracts, refuse of police sought to escort scabs union recognition, and ignore

through the strikers ranks durcompliance with labor laws. ing the first three days of the All organized labor is confront walkout before the injunction. ed with a serious challenge. Every Two strikers were arrested durunion must rally to the support ing the first day of the strike. of the Ward strikers. The strike The police deliberately manmust be extended throughout the handled picketers, including wohundreds of Ward outlets and men, and attempted all sorts of provocations. The picket banners warehouses. CIO President Philip proclam: "United We Stand Murray is duty-bound to speak Against SLAVERY (S. L. Avery, out in defense of the strikers and head of the company)" and "We Strike Today That We May Live to mobilize full CIO support on their behalf.



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.

Cramp Ship Local Elections

Editor:

Being a constant reader of your paper, I am writing to ask you to devote a small column in your paper for the interest. I believe, of the whole labor movement. especially that of Cramp's Shipbuilding workers and Local 42, UMSWA-CIO.

This coming Sunday there will e nominations for an election pany of a new official board. I do, not know if William F. Schaffer will run for President or not, as up into Cramp Shipyard with our families. until now he has made no commitments. But I feel that a fighter like Brother Schaffer will not let the membership down by declining

I was happy to note that in both major crises, namely in October and January, The Militant came out 100 percent in back of Brother Schaffer's actions.

The three candidates who

told certain high officials what the union's side while the comwas wrong with the management | pany lawyers presented the case and also told John Green what for the company's side, so you he personally thought of that can easily see why we lost the statement that Mr. Green put in case. But the facts remain that the papers about the members of after the case was lost, Brother Local 42. Schaffer got the Company after After a meeting with high of- two weeks of arguing with them,

ficials of Covernment Agencies, to reopen the case and allow him Mr. Ellis, the labor relations ad- to present his side of the story. visor of the Company, along with The new labor relations advisor five foremen, was immediately after hearing Brother Schaffer's discharged and a new labor rela- story, agreed to rehire the tions advisor sent into the com- painters with the consequence that the majority of us fired

Our President, Brother Schaf- painters are again drawing a fer, sent us 17,000 members back paycheck and supporting our I am not only expressing my heads held high and damn proud to say we had a President that opinion but the opinion of 1000 had plenty of what it takes. shipyard workers. The election When the case of the 52 painters | will be held on the 24th and 25th

that were fired in January went of April. before arbitration, the official board would not allow Brother Schaffer to present the case. The Militant, we would appreciate it Exceutive Secretary who is if you would give us your opinion Johnny Green's boy and the of Brother Schaffer, the same as

Knox Spills the Beans About Arabia Oil Deal Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has a propensity

for spilling the beans about the war aims and deals of the Roosevelt administration. Knox, who once disclosed that American imperialism intends after the war to "police the world for 100 years," last week tipped his mitt on the administration's much-publicized Saudi Arabian oil pipe-line project, which the administration has defended as an urgent war "nec ssity" and dictated by a "shortage" of oil reserves in this country.

Testifying on April 12 before the House Appropriations Committee, Knox revealed that the government's concern over oil "shortages" was aroused only after Standard Oil of California and Texas Company in 1941 came begging government assistance to meet British competition over Middle East oil concessions. These companies "were unable to operate to any great extent, or to any extent at all, I suppose," Knox related, "but they made some prepayments to the Arabian government in anticipation of royalties running up to several million dollars. The Arabian

government, at the same time was, I believe, calling on the British for help and they advanced considerable sums of money. Eventually the American companies became a little alarmed over the situation."

The American oil monopolies then asked the U.S. government to protect their Arabian oil concessions arguing that the British companies had "all the support and prestige that the British government could bring."

At that time, Knox admitted, the administration offered to buy up the rights of the American companies, but they weren't "alarmed" enough to accept that proposition. This confirms the charge of Representative Jerry Voorhis that this "war-vital" pipe-line project was held up almost three years until the government agreed to build the line with guarantees to the oil corporations of full profits as well as the right to acquire outright ownership of the government properties within 25 years.

Knox's statement completely exposes the administration claim that the \$165,000,000 pipe line is "needed" because of alleged depletion of American oil reserves. This situation was "discovered" only after the American oil imperialists came crying for a government hand-out. And the urgency was not so great that the project could not be held up for three years until the companies received the guarantees they demanded.



"Contributions to charity" is another racket being worked by the war profiteers as a further means of looting the public treasury.

In his recent testimony before the House Naval Affairs Committee, Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren disclosed that war contractors have handed out millions for "charity" which are then deducted from their personal income taxes. Warren gave a number of examples.

"In a little town in Ohio, where a contractor set up a plant at government expense, he made a handsome contribution to the Community Chest and the local newspapers lauded him as a paragon of generosity. The editor and the people didn't know that the contribution was being paid in full by the government

War Aims

The secrecy shrouding the "United Nations" program for Germany is being gradually lifted. We are now informed that the country is to be dismembered. The full extent of the projected partition still remains unknown, but the capitalist press has already revealed that secret agreements were made at Teheran which provide for Stalin's grab of Eastern Poland and East Prussia as far as Koenigsberg, while Poland is to be "compensated" with the rest of East Prussia, Silesia and Eastern Pomerania. Correspondents have further disclosed that tentative agreements have been concluded fortripartite military rule of Germany. The troops of each of the three participants at Teheran are to occupy a designated area for an indefinite period.

The AMG, fresh from its infamous labors of propping up the military dictatorship of Badoglio in Italy, is now getting set to enter Germany. In Italy, which comes under the provisions of the Atlantic Charter, the AMG has by naked military force imposed a regime of the same rotten capitalist monarchist clique which for 20 years has backed Mussolini. It requires no great effort of imagination to picture the reign of unbridled reaction being planned for a defeated Germany which has been explicitly excluded from the provisions of the Atlantic Charter. The post-Mussolini regime in Italy will appear beneficent compared to the post-Hitler rule, which Roosevelt and Churchill envisage for Germany.

Stalin is projecting a program no less savage and reactionary. The reparations exacted by the Versailles Treaty are trifles compared with the tribute Stalin hopes to grind out of the German masses. Millions of German workers are to be turned into slave laborers; Germany's industry and agriculture are to be pillaged through the removal of "machines, apparatus and equipment for industrial enterprises, locomotives, railway cars, motor transport, ships, cattle, seed and other agricultural products, coal, metal and similar goods." This is the plan tentatively sketched out in the October 1943 issue of War and the Working Class, Stalin's organ of foreign policy.

The darkest pages of modern history do not provide parallels of such vast economic and cultural depredations. For historical precedents, one has to go to the most sanguinary records of the barbaric hordes of the dim past.

In point of fact, all these proposals spell disaster

of the achievement of a Balkan Federation? The reactionary monarchical, military, capitalist and landlord cliques who have exploited and subjugated the Balkan masses, and the major imperialist powers who have supported and bolstered up these discredited rulers. A European federation, or even one of a narrower scope in the Balkans is a utopia under capitalism. Neither the upper class scum of the Balkans nor the imperialist powers will permit it. This has been demonstrated over and over again since the beginning of the century. The Balkan federation can be realized only by the creation of new workers and peasants governments in the Balkans and the struggle for a Socialist Europe.

Anyone who pretends to the contrary is either ignorant or merely seeking to deceive the Balkan people. But Dr. Smodlaka, who served the gangster monarchy of Yugoslavia as Minister to the Vatican and Spain cannot plead ignorance. In the name of the Tito government he proposes to hold in abeyance not only the question of the capitalist order but even to leave open until after the war "the question of monarchy." The federation he envisages has room apparently even for the Yugoslav gangster regime now represented in exile by Peter II. What is now obviously in progress is that Tito and his clique are working under the guidance of the Kremlin toward the establishment in the Balkans not of a genuine federation, but the creation in alliance with the old ruling groups, of a South Slav entente, within the Kremlin's sphere of influence.

Smodlaka's proposal is still another proof that Tito and the Stalinists seek to betray the revolutionary movement of the Yugoslav peasants and workers.

The Balkan federation, like the Socialist United States of Europe of which it must form a part in order to survive, can and will be built only in implacable struggle against all the imperialist powers, the Balkan capitalist and landlord cliques and their Stalinist henchmen.

IN DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION **By LEON TROTSKY** (A Compilation - 1927-1937) 10 CENTS PIONEER PUBLISHERS 116 UNIVERSITY PLACE NEW YORK going around the yard campaigning for the position of President are attempting to tell the membership of Local 42 that Brother

Schaffer is a radical, who took Federal Ship Workers and that if the membership Fight WLB Award money out of their pay-checks elected any one of these three, Editor: hey won't have to worry about

At a mass meeting of Federal losing any money out of their Shipyards workers employed at pay-checks through strikes. I the Port Newark and Kearney agree with them because the shipyards, where 40,000 workers whole three of them don't have are employed, an aroused memenough nerve to defend thembership of Local 16 of the CIO selves, let alone 17,000 members. shipbuilding union, almost un-They do not tell the memberanimously voted to take a strike ship that when Brother Schaffer vote under the Smith-Connally became President of Local 42, the Act.

local was a beaten-down union The workers had previously reand practically dominated by the jected a Shipbuilding Commission executives of Cramp Shipbuilding (WLB panel) directive which Company. granted increases averaging 33c. It is through the courage of a day to one-third of the workers. Brother Schaffer in telling the The Shipbuilding Commission had down the various proposals put Navy Department, the War Labor kicked the case around for ten Board, the Cramp Shipbuilding months. Last June the WLB had Company and our own National rejected the union demand for a office in October, what the hell general increase of 9 percent for he thought of them and demand-| workers on the west coast. ing a Truman investigation that Not one worker at the meeting

we had Admiral DuBose, who defended the present award. It rescind the no-strike pledge and was then President of the Com- | was evident that the rank and file | make the international union pany, removed along with a few wanted militant union action, and again a fighting industrial union. other officials. were sick and tired of running In January at the Broadwood from one government board to Hotel, Brother Schaffer again another.

chairman of the Grievance Comyou did in October and January One of the Painters mittee, who is now running for President, presented the case for Philadelphia, Pa.

Knowing that a lot of my

brothers and sisters read The

Another fact evident was that the rank and file had thrown up a whole new group of spokesmen Worker after worker who had previously seldom spoken took the floor to denounce the dirty deal that had been given them. They pointed out that the miners and railway workers got their increases by action and why couldn't the shipyard workers do the same.

The Stalinists attempted their usual game of steering the work ers into some harmless conference which is to be held by President Green. But the rank and file showed they were wise to these shopworn tricks. They booed forth by the Stalinists.

We can be sure that Green and the top bureaucrats of the unior will not support us as they are all tied up with Roosevelt and the WLB. We must start the fight to

S. P.

time to communicate with their

families. This situation has pro-

voked tremendous resentment

among the workers . . . 'a new

general strike is shaping up be-

fore long' writes the underground

"In Rome the situation be-

comes more serious every day

The life of the city is completely

disorganized because numerous

public services are interrupted.

The kinds of food one can find on

is the daily ration of those, who

being without means, cannot buy

paper Avanti!

Jersey City, N. J.



A special cable to the N. Y. | new general strike in Northern | The workers were not given Times from Stockholm reports: Italy" states:

"Following earlier reports of or-| "Following the opening of a ganized Communist activity in wide campaign of repression, Germany, stories of the first primarily aimed at the working underground Communist conven- class, thousands of workers have tion 'somewhere in Germany' been arrested by fascist bands. have been heard. Trains filled with workers are

"The convention's aim was to leaving continuously from Genoa establish a Communist trade- and Milan. The paper Libera union central body. This is re- Stampa published in Lugano ported to have been done. Comwrites 'the aim of the arrests is munist 'cells' have been formed to break the unity of the workin many German industrial cen- ing class, whose tremendous ters ... the German Communists solidarity makes it impossible to the market are extremely limited. are said to be internationalists, discover the leaders of the recent Cauliflower and a piece of bread or as they would be called in strikes.' Moscow, Trotskyites." "The German authorities have

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on the black market. Rations of men and women workers be An article in the April 8 Unità transported to Germany to work flour, bread, oil, sugar are disdel Popolo, entitled "Towards a in the German war industries. tributed very irregularly."

ordered that one million Italian

and also that the contractors sought a deduction for it on his income return."

Warren further disclosed that the War Department was supporting this practice of charging "charity" to the government, as well as millions for advertising, much of it including attacks on organized labor.

Sick Soldiers Face Ouster From Palm Beach Hospital

Assistant Attorney General Norman Littell's suppressed report recommending retention of the Palm Beach, Florida, Breakers Hotel as an Army hospital for the treatment of wounded World War II veterans was subpoenaed and made public last week by the Truman Senate Investigating Committee, while Army officials sat in secret session "reconsidering" an order to evict over 1,000 injured and sick soldiers by April 30.

The order to evacuate the Reams Hospital, which was converted at an expense of \$500,000 from the former \$50 per room per day luxury hotel and rented by the government for \$250,000 a year, was issued by Lieut. Gen. Brehon Somervell, chief of the Army Service Forces. The eviction was originally scheduled for March 31, but was changed to a month later after wide-spread protest against the ouster order. Somervell is reported to be a member of the secret Army committee now "reinvestigating" the matter.

Somervell's evacuation order followed a highpressure campaign, conducted through Senator Charles Andrews, of Florida, and Rep. Pat Cannon, of the Palm Beach district, who were acting for big real estate and railway interests, connected with the duPonts, trying to resecure the hotel in order to accomodate the wealthy play-boys and socialites desirous of recuperating on Florida's sunny beaches from the strain of hauling in war profits.

The War Department used the pretext of "excessive cost" in defending the eviction order, although Surgeon General Norman T. Kirk had stated that "it would be a distinct financial loss to dismantle this excellent hospital unit when there seems every prospect that it will be needed and would in all probability have to be replaced at a later period."

In a statement last week, Senator Claude Pepper. of Florida, admitted that "there is a deep feeling that the action of the War Dept. has been influenced either by the present management of the corporation which owns the hotel, or by a mistaken policy in economy by the War Dept."

The Littell report, which was withheld by Attorney General Biddle, also discloses the tremendous general shortage of hospital beds and facilities for the warwounded.