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# **BIG BUSINESS PUSHES HUNGER PROGRAM Stalinist Press** Intensifies New Branches Of SWP **Slander Drive**

Smear Campaign Against Trotskyists Aimed To Curb Militant Struggle Against Reaction

### By Joseph Keller

As avowed defenders of Wall Street's "free enterprise" system, front-rank scabs and strikebreakers within the labor movement, the Stalinists are demonstrating increasing rage at the growing militancy of the organized workers. They are particularly perturbed by the influence of the Trotskyists, the conscious vanguard of militant labor, and the mounting trade union support for the 18 Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544-CIO leaders railroaded to prison under the infamous Smith "Gag" Act.

Thus, Earl Browder's "theo-

August issue, contains a 10-pg. "directive" to his henchmen in the union movement exhorting them to step up their slander and terror campaign against Trotskyism in particular and militant labor in general. Typi-cally entitled: "The Trotskyite Fifth Column in the Labor Movement," the article is a receptacle for all the filth recently thrown at the Trotskyists in the Daily Worker, Péople's World. New World, Joseph Curran's The Pilot. and Harry Bridges' Dispatcher. The author is one George Morris, a press gangster of shady antecedents whose specialty is Trotskyist red-baiting.

### STALINIST LIES

Morris' smear technique consists in repeating the Stalinist lies and frameup charges that the Trotskyists are "spies, saboteurs and would-be Quislings for Nazi Germany and Japan's imperialism." One proof of this, according to Morris, is that the Trotskyists on trial in Minneapolis advocated "the continuation of the class struggle during the war" and "brazenly distribute" the court

# **Trotsky Memorial Meetings Held By** NEW YORK, Aug. 20 - A

capacity crowd filled the main ballroom of the Cornish Arms Hotel on Sunday night to attend the Trotsky Memorial Meeting conducted by the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party. Workers who listened atten-

tively to the two speakers of the evening, Comrades Art Preis and George Collins, contributed \$125 to further the work of the Trotskvist movement in this city.

Comrade Preis spoke of the life of Leon Trotsky, his significant achievements as the co-founder with Lenin of the Soviet Union,

retical" organ, The Communist, | complains, "is to utilize every oporganizer of the Red Army, and founder of the Fourth Internaportunity, even the smallest tional after the Third Internagrievance, to violate the no-strike tional had demonstrated its corpledge; oppose the President at every turn; favor the creation of ruption as a tool of the counterrevolutionary Stalinist bureaupolitical split-offs in labor ranks cracy. He emphasized the distincunder the guise of favoring a tive character of a Bolshevik 'labor party'." In his distorted manner Morris thus reveals the party, whose members devote hatred of the Stalinist strikebreak their entire lives to the workers struggle for power. ers toward the Trotskyists because

we advance a program of inde-"The soil which nurtured th pendent economic and political genius of Trotsky to rich fruiaction to defend labor's interests. tion," said Comrade Preis, "was

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### **MESSAGE SENT TO NATALIA TROTSKY**

The following telegram was sent to Natalia Trotsky by the New York Trotsky Memorial Meeting held at the Cornish Arms Hotel on August 20:

"On the fourth anniversary of the tragic death of our great teacher and leader, we, members and friends of the Trotskyist movement, assembled to honor his memory in New York City, send you our deep-felt sympathy and pledge anew our devotion to the cause of revolutionary internationalism, to which he dedicated his entire life.

"As the old order in Europe crumbles and the signs of proletarian revolution multiply in Italy, in Germany and all over the war-tortured continent, the deathless ideas of Trotsky are confirmed more powerfully than ever. In the days ahead these ideas will become the inspiration of millions, their ban**Roosevelt's Reconversion Machinery** 

Roosevelt Seizes Plants As A **Blow To San Francisco Union** 

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22 (By Wire) - Following Roosevelt's seizure of 99 more machine shops here, the War Labor Board today struck a further anti-labor blow at AFL Machinists Lodge 68 by withdrawing all traditional contract rights and privileges because of the union's refusal to permit its members to work more than 48 hours a week without a contract. Preferential hiring through the union hall, determination of vacation schedules by the union, union consent in the grievance settlement, have been withdrawn. A special meeting of Lodge 68 two days ago voted overwhelmingly against lifting ban on overtime work and to continue the fight for contracts and job control.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 18. - In a final attempt to bolster the hand of the of the Senate Kilgore-Murray Under the present version of the bosses against Machinist Lodge 68, AFL, President Roosevelt ordered the "seizure" of five Bill, are now reported to be cook- George Bill, unemployment com-San Francisco machine shops August 14 and began to threaten union members with various ing up what the press itself terms pensation, would range as low as wartime penalties. This action brought to a clim ax the five months fight of the California Metal a "milk-toast" version of the ori-Trades Association, the employers organization, to smash one of the most militant unions in this area by refusing to negotiate new contracts. Seizure came after the near collapse of the entire area by refusing to negotiate new contracts. Sets the value came after the near comapse of the entire apparatus of intimidation lined up against the union by the employer organization, the Regional and National WLB, high army and navy officials, the local press and the Stalinists. After the employers of 104 uptown shops refused to renew • their contracts which expired April 1, Lodge 68 decided by an overwhelming majority, with the exception of less than 10 Stalinist-inspired opposition votes, to maintain a working limit of 8 hours a day, 6 days a week, as provided in its former contract. **Discontent Among** The employers immediately set up a howl that the machinists were to rescind the overtime ban. a howl that the machinists were to rescind the overtime ban. "impeding the war effort," and The union stood pat against RedArmyVeterans called on the W.L.B. to crack every attempt at intimidation. slackens. Capitalism conscripts the workers for down on the union, particularly Dillon laid the responsibility for By John G. Wright on its two business agents, Ed- the dispute upon the employers ward Dillon and Harry Hook. The where it rightly belonged. "As far The hermetic censorship im-

# **Starvation Relief Measures Planned For The Unemployed**

Congress Presses Bills To Aid Wall Street Wage-Slashing Drive And Enrich Profiteers

By Art Preis

The "post-war plan" of Big Business, as revealed by its Congressional and administrative agents, embodies nothing less than an all-out union-smashing. wage-slashing offensive, spearheaded by a calculated program of mass unemployment and starvation "relief." That is the real meaning of the George "Starvation" Bill adopted overwhelmingly by the Senate and now before the House, where its major provisions are expected to be passed without significant. Celler, author of the House "lib-

The Wall Street press | eral" bill, has already let it be makes no bones about proclaiming the sinister | supporting the George Bill with intent of its "industrial demobilization" scheme. The money-bags plan to utilize mass insecurity and hunger as a battering ram against the unions in order to destroy them and their wage standards. Business Week, authoritative voice of the corpo-

busily engaged in pushing through the Administration's real program to knife the Kilgore Bill its August 12 issue that the Kiland secure a slightly revised vergore-Murray bill was trodden unsion of the George Bill. It was derfoot by the Senate because its Byrnes, as Roosevelt's chief lieutenant, who conferred secretly more liberal provision for unemwith Senator George prior to the ployment compensation "could indebate on the latter's bill in the fluence the idle worker very strongly when offered a job pay-Senate and mapped out the strategy for its passage.

ing 50 cents an hour for a 40hour week-and thereby prove a potent factor in sustaining high

wages." Even in advance of debate, the so-called "liberal" minority in the House is in miserable retreat before the sponsors of the George, Bill, who comprise the great majority of Democrats and Republicans. These "liberals," who sup- ployment benefits to \$20 a week port the Celler Bill, House version | and extend payment for 26 weeks.

ROOSEVELT'S SPOKESMEN Byrnes appeared last week before the House Ways and Means Committee, which reported him as "favorably disposed" to the George "states rights" bill. He merely advocated that the states increase their maximum unem-

known that he is prepared to

"compromise" still further by

The shadow-boxing of these

Rooseveltian "liberals," both in

the Senate and House, is deliber-

ately intended to divert attention

from the maneuvers of Roosevelt.

"Assistant President" Byrnes is

a "few amendments."

modifications. rate interests cynically admits in

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transcript "in pamphlets as their program." The Trotskyist program, he

ner of emancipation. Together with you, we will continue the Old Man's struggle for the establishment of world socialism."

# Wall Street's Reconversion Plan -- Or Labor's? By The Editors -

Millions of workers are alarmed by the grim | spectre of mass unemployment which is drawing closer day by day, week by week. Government spokesmen have predicted that with the defeat of Germany war production will be curtailed by as much as 50 or 60 percent. The alarm of the workers is therefore amply justified. Already hundreds have been thrown out of their jobs by production cutbacks and war contract terminations.

The Roosevelt administration and Congress are showing that their deepest concern is not with the prospective plight of the nation's real wealth producers who are destined soon to be thrown on the industrial scrap-heap, but with the fortunes of the capitalist barons who have already coined three times their peacetime profits from the war. The corporations are guaranteed some \$40 billions in tax rebates after the war and Congress is speeding measures to turn over to these profiteers an additional \$75-\$100 billions of socalled "surplus" government property and stores.

Meanwhile the administration killed the Senate Kilgore bill which provided inadequate Federal benefits of between \$12 and \$25 a week for workers thrown out of jobs. In its stead, the notorious George Bill was passed by the Senate. If this measure passes, unemployed workers will be thrown onto state unemployment relief, and in some states would receive "relief" as low as two dollars per week. Moreover, some 30 million workers, not covered at all by state unemployment relief legislation, would not receive even this pauper dole.

Both the CIO and AFL leadership backed the Kilgore Bill as against the George Bill. But Roosevelt's Senate henchmen rode roughshod over their verbal opposition. Now the union bureaucrats, who go cap in hand to the capitalist politicians and beg for hand-outs, are pinning their hopes to the Celler Bill, an emasculated House version of the modified Kilgore proposals.

All three legislative measures serve to demonstrate once again the utter bankruptcy of the capitalist system. All three are based on the assumption that a huge army of unemployed is inevitable as soon as production for destruction slaughter in its robber wars and assigns them to breadlines in time of peace.

What is to be done? It is futile for labor to legislative proposals of the capitalist government | H. Davis termed the action a "parin Washington. With slight variations they all tial strike" and ordered the union

have the same essential purpose in view: to enrich further the exploiters of labor and place the workplans labor must have a program of its own and must prepare to fight for its realization.

To meet the menace of mass unemployment, the workers must advance the demand for a provide jobs for those displaced by the terminainstituted without any cut in weekly earnings in order to maintain the workers' living standards. To provide additional jobs, there must be extensive programs of public works by federal, state and city authorities, with workers on all jobs sufficient to maintain their families in decency

and health.

of plants built with public funds, the workers gathering. must demand nationalization of all industry, with workers' control of production.

Such a program can never be realized by union locals to elect delegates. humble supplication to the administration and Congress, which are merely executive agencies of the plutocrats. Labor must fight for this program on a nation-wide basis. It is a political fight, a ing of the 18 class-war prisoners mobilized against the capitalist class and its political stooges. The working-class can be Cleveland, Ohio; Textile Workers mobilized for political action in its own interests only through the medium of its own party-an independent Labor Party. The building of such a party is an imperative task for the American workers today.

Tenth Regional W.L.B. and the as we are concerned the whole army and navy officials took up trouble centers around half a wrangle over the respective merits of the various the cry. WLB chairman William dozen national organizations

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# ers on hunger rations. To defeat these nefarious Call Boston Conference **To Aid Defense Of 18**

Moving to rally the widest possible labor support behind universal 30-hour week in industry in order to the campaign to free the 18 Socialist Workers Party and Truck- their reactions to its conduct drivers' Local 544 (CIO) leaders railroaded to prison under the of the war, etc., etc.--all these tion of war contracts. The 30-hour week must be Smith "Gag" Act, the Boston Branch of the Civil Rights Defense | remain among the most jeal-Committee has convened a conference for Sunday, September | ously guarded secrets of Stalin's 17, at 2 p.m. and has invited all labor organizations throughout regime. the New England states to send representatives.

The conference will be held in Othe Workmen's Circle Center, 612 ] zini Society which issued a statereceiving trade union wages with total earnings Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, and ment through its secretary, Hugo delays in this country - began to will work out plans to aid the Vanelli, declaring: "The impriscampaign for the liberation of the onment of the 18 and the uphold-18. George Novack, national sec- ing of the Smith 'Gag' Act sets time among the Soviet masses. On

Against the plan to turn over to private retary of the CRDC, will travel a dangerous precedent which can the basis of this information we capitalist ownership the billions of dollars worth from New York to address the be used against the democratic can say with certainty that the rights of other trade unionists The Workmen's Circle in Boston and working class political parhas given its endorsement to the ties." conference and is urging all trade

Unions which have during the

A friend in Chesterfield, Mo. workers.

sent in the following letter to Specifically this is reflected in James T. Farrell, chairman of the the growing alarm of the bureau-

past week added their names to CRDC: "Here is a double con- cratic summits over the increastribution of \$15 from me and my ing restiveness among the demothe constantly swelling list of organizations pressing for the free- mother . . . for the cause of the bilized Red Army veterans, those Minneapolis Prisoners Pardon & wounded soldiers who on returnfight in which the entire working-class must be include: United Automobile Relief Fund project for which you ing to civilian life must be ab-Workers of America, Local 337. and your committee are waging sorbed and reintegrated in indussuch a splendid and valuable try, where they run up against Union Local 58, Rockville, Conn.; fight. Your brochure on the sub- the monstrous oureaucratic maject is one of the finest anti- chine and its practices which have Lockport Industrial Union Council, Lockport, N. Y.; ILGWU Lc. fascist documents of warning been preserved intact and even rebased on incontrovertible facts inforced in the course of the war. cal 160, Bayonne, N. J., Additional support came from that I have ever read. More and

the Buffalo Chapter of the Maz- more power to you!"

ginal measure. Representative (Continued on page 5)

# **Purge By Stalinists**

CHICAGO, Aug. 14—An angry rank and file revolt has met the attempt of the International Executive Board of the CIO United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers to railroad ix members of an anti-Stalinist caucus out of Local 101. Last February the accused were charged with red-baiting and holding secret meetings.

A trial committee elected by the membership declared the accused members not guilty, and the decision was upheld by the membership. Members of the Stalinist-dominated Executive Board of Local 101 appealed the ?

far successfully concealed from decision to the International. the outside world the war-time Two months before the convenprocesses that have been taking tion, the International Executive the best interests of Local 101." place inside the Soviet Union. Board, over the heads of the The Report of the International The actual impact of the war local membership, handed down states that "the above mentioned upon the Soviet masses, the changes in their moods, the shift | a decision expelling the six. in the relation of class forces, EVENTS AT MEETING

were called "secret meetings" which had as their purpose "entering into a conspiracy against persons agreed on a plan of action at one or all meetings with a view of usurping ... the

Over five hundred members of legitimate functions or rights of the Local turned out on August the local union and its officers." 6 to hear the report of the In-|By refusing elementary demoternational Executive Committee cratic rights to the rank and file, on the expulsions. A member, on the Stalinists believe they can a point of procedure, asked that maintain their control of the local the expelled members be allowed and international union.

to sit in on the meeting with full

**REQUEST FIRING** But at the beginning of this voice and vote. The chairman

declared him out of order, and The whole frameup trial was year the Moscow press - which general disorder was aroused. carried out under the cover of arrives irregularly and after long The Stalinists called the police; driving out enemies of the war but the police sergeant spoiled effort. "Any act or deed on the reflect certain aspects of the moltheir game by stating that the part of any individual or group ecular process occurring in warsensible thing to do was to take of individuals which would create a vote. One of the long-time mem- or tend to create disunity in the bers of the union, Arch Hummel, union is to be decried as aid to the took the initiative, and the enemies of democracy . . . and bureaucracy remains in mortal majority voted that the six should thus interferes with the war fear of the mass of the Soviet attend the meeting. At this point effort." Under the cover of the population, and in particular the

the president of the Local ad- war, the Stalinists are attempting journed the meeting, and the to rid themselves of all opposi-Stalinists and their following tion.

left. On August 10 the Local Ex-Almost three hundred members | ecutive Board wrote a letter to refused to leave the hall, declared the management of Tractor the meeting still in session, voted Works asking that the six be fired the members back into the union, from the plant. The same afterand sent a letter to the Interna- noon, in their confusion over the tional Executive Board rejecting rank and file protest, they withthe expulsions. The charges of drew their request. The following the International Executive Board day the Chicago Sun reported reflect the fear of the Stalinists that the Executive Board of Local that their control of the Interna- 101 had renewed its request that tional is coming to an end. Caucus the six anti-Stalinist leaders be meetings of the anti-Stalinists fired.

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oosed by the Kremlin has thus

the attitude of the mass of the

workers, peasants and soldiers to

the rule of the bureaucracy,

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The orders issued were, briefly,

(they had previously been held in

a comfortable service club). Sec-

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A storm of protest over this

no mood to trifle with the "high

and letters addressed to Members

of Parliament in England. It

banned all news of the treatment

accorded the troops' parliament.

has shown its determination to

throttle every progressive voice

of the working class whether in

Once more British officialdom



Moving in prompt response to | are set free with the apologies a WLB appeal, Roosevelt has or- of the judge.

dered the seizure of 104 San Fran-One of the most important colcisco machine shops to force AFL machinists to work overtime. The | lective bargaining elections of reworkers have insisted on working | cent years will be held on August under the terms of the old con- 30, when the 16,000 workers in tract fixing a 40-hour week and the Cleveland plants of Thomp-8-hour day, which the bosses have son Products, Inc., are to vote refused to renew. Roosevelt's ac- under NLRB auspices whether tion is therefore a direct blow at they want to be represented by established union standards. His the CIO United Automobile order is being backed up with a Workers. The company, which is headed

threat of triple penalties, including black-listing, a sentence of by Frederick C. Crawford, former starvation for the workers and president of the National Associatheir families. That's how, Roos- tion of Manufacturers, has fought evelt acts toward workers defend- genuine unionism viciously for ing their rights.

But Sewell L. Avery, the na- terrorism, intimidation and labor tion's No. 1 Open Shopper, is still spies on a grand scale to deny sitting back and complacently its workers collective bargaining spitting in the eye of the WLB rights. and Administration, although Two years ago, the company four months have gone by since succeeded in defeating the UAW-Roosevelt smashed the Mont- CIO in an election, by means of gomery Ward strike under the an all-out anti-labor propaganda pretext of forcing Avery to comply campaign. The NLRB conducted with a WLB directive of 18 a two-months hearing, concluded months' standing. Roosevelt is in May 1943, in which the UAW very passive toward labor-hating offered thousands of pages of tesemployers who flout WLB orders. timony proving the election was

A lot of other employers have been following Avery's practices the company must disband its two and getting away with them. company unions and that another There is the case of the Hughes Tool Company, Houston, Tex., two conventions, the UAW voted owned by the millionaire playboy and one-time movie producer, Thompson Products, because this Howard Hughes.

regional WLB 15 months ago. A in the automobile and aircraft indecision of the regional Board dustries. was appealed by the union and company to the national WLB, sion-in favor of the company. denouncing the George reconver-The company refused to accept sion bill, recently passed by an the modified order, while the union | overwhelming vote of the Senate, acquiesced.

pliance order pending a decision George Bill in the House and pasgring a charge of unfair labor the time the NLRB decided the ate. company was guilty, the union contract had expired. The WLB

ordered renewal of the old contract pending negotiation of a Again the company new one. balked.

Another WLB hearing was held in June. But the company refused to budge from its position. Democratic majority floor leader, Several weeks ago the case was turned over not to Roosevelt but | bill. "Assistant President" Byrnes to Economic Stabilization Direcdid a behind-the-scenes job of tor Vinson. This was obviously lining up the Senators for it. The a move to relieve Roosevelt of CIO resolution is silent on these any "embarrassment." Vinson, facts. who has the power to impose economic sanctions on recalcitrant

employers, has already spent sev- portant victory against the open

workers all over the country to the recent subscription campaign conducted by The Mili*tant* has inspired a new method to increase the number of our

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The NLRB finally ruled that vites them to send in their sug-stands.

election must be held. In its last special campaigns to organize company is one of the few remain-

The CIO Executive Board on which modified the original deci- August 16 adopted a resolution as an "unprincipled fake." The First the WLB withheld its com- resolution called for defeat of the suddenly scrapping union condi-

influenced,

of the NLRB, which was consid- sage of the Celler Bill, House plan of the most reactionary emcounterpart of the Kilgore-Murpractices against the company. By ray measure defeated in the Sen- Board decisions for membership Every word the resolution says against the George Bill is true. it appear that the open-shoppers

But the resolution constitutes a complete cover-up for the Democratic Party and Roosevelt. A majority of Senate Democrats voted for the George Bill. Roosevelts "Dear Alben" Barkley, rammed through the vote on the

Organized labor scored an im-

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# **Stalinist Slander Campaign** This case was certified to the egional WLB 15 months ago. A egision of the regional Board Board

movement and to deceive and port: (Continued from page 1) disorient the advanced workers by Morris concedes reluctantly that

some companies are giving them and frameups. (the Trotskyists) all the encouragement they need by procrastinating negotiations, or by tions. The apparently agreed-upon ployers to defy the War Labor maintenance is a god-send to the Trotskyites." Morris would have



of Trotskyism.

Morris betrays one motive be-

brought one of his friends with "Enclosed you will find 5 new" him. Both of them bought Socialfriend (if this isn't too complicated!) bought two copies of The

betrayal contrasted with the at renewals and it was very gratirreconcilable fight of the Trotsky- ifying.

recognize the Trotskyists as the percent are fishermen and have authentic Marxists, the real com- language difficulty. Those who munists of our time. They regard asked us to return are fishermen the Moscow Trials and all the who are leaving on a fishing trip, other Stalinist attempts to link but wish to renew subs when they the Trotskyists with the fascist return. On the whole we were

The most infuriating goad to Utilizing every opportunity to the Stalinists is the fact that get subscriptions to The Militant, over 2,000,000 organized workers one of our Los Angeles agents ave recorded their protest against has been sending a copy of the the Roosevelt government's paper, together with a letter and frameup of the 18 imprisoned subscription blank, to authors of Trotskyists in the Minneapolis selected letters printed in The Labor Case. Morris rants against Progressive, La Follette's liberal the AFL Intern'l Ladies Garment | paper. This method has proved Workers Union, the CIO Textile successful with the number of Workers, the CIO United Retail, subs received to date. Our agent Wholesale and Department Store writes concerning the latest of

eral weeks speculating on the ad-visability of taking action because it might "intersent with more with more model." In the intersection of the subs: "The enclosed check for \$1 is ing an anti-labor offensive just organizations which "are defend- for a six-month sub to The Milworld, finally yielded in its bitter to provide ammunition for the ing the imprisoned Trotskyites.' itant. I feel very happy about fight conducted for more than two Trotskyists! In reality, he is con- He protests because a powerful receiving an order for a regular Last week The Militant report-decades against unionism. On fessing that the American ruling section of the American labor sub in answer to a letter in which ed on the anti-trust criminal pro- August 21, the company signed its class is deliberately aiming to movement correctly treats the I had called attention to the speed on the anti-trust criminal pro-secution of 28 Pennsylvania anth-racit coal companies. The federal tract, with the CIO Textile to rally the working class to blow at workers' rights. four-page letter explaining the The contract was negotiated resist the union-busting drive. Morris quotes none other than new subscriber's views. I am reagainst the guilty coal barons and imposed only the minimum chick-en-feed fines on the companies. whelming victory several months tion" behind most of the recent whelming victory several months to a fine companies of the recent to a fine company of the recent to He ended up with a sob-story ago in an NLRB election. Al-whitewashing the companies be-though the company tried every though the company tried every though the company tried every though the prime trike Roosevelt launched the frameup person who finds that 'The Milineapolis Truck-drivers Local 544in many respects.' I feel that it void the election, it was on losing etc. That is, wherever the work-CIO and whose paid agents were would be worthwhile to follow up In Lexington, Ky., however, ground. A recent sit-down strike ers are beginning to show greater the chief perjurers for the prose- the sub with a visit, or at least with announcements, etc." cution, as "proof" that the



The "Troops Parliament" set up by British soldiers in Cairo, which we wrote about in the July 29 issue of *The Militant*, has been persecuted into silence by Churchill's brass hats, according to the June 30 issue of the London Tribune.

The mock parliament had grown out of an informal discussion group. It received widespread attention when it elected to

'power'' a Labor Government, 👁 with a legislative program con- document was devised which escerning India, Housing, Land tablished so many crippling resand Agriculture, Nationalization | to disband. of Power, Fuel and Transport, and other extremely important as follows: First, all meetings must be held in army barracks social problems.

OFFICERS INTERVENE

Shortly before the April meet- ond, all sessions must be under ing of the Parliament, instruc- the supervision of an officer. tions were issued from the British | Third, speeches must be prepared War Office that "no further mention of the parliament was to be ted in writing. Every condition made" in the Cairo press. Never- devised by the brass hats was heless, a capacity crowd of be- intended as intimidation of the ween 400 and 500 servicemen men by subjecting their discussattended, many of them making ions to military censorship and ong trips in from the desert to reprisal. participate. Before the Speaker of | SUPPRESS NEWS

the Parliament was able to take the chair, an army officer strode arbitrary infringement of the to the platform, and read a notice rights of the troops caused a from the military authorities momentary flurry among Labor In preparation for the call-back | that I wanted a sub and not just demanding that the group drop Members of Parliament in Loncampaign scheduled for Septem- a quarter, and asked him to give the name of parliament, and bar don. But the General Headber 1, some of the branches are me the name of some friend since all civilians from the audience. quarters of the British Army, in

doing the spade work that will he did not want the paper himself By unanimous vote, the parlia-"He did, and that friend, whom ment vigorously rejected the in- treason" of a labor-minded army, sary to efficiently launch the cam- we had never before contacted, terference of the army officer, and ordered interception of all cables paign locally. The branches that came to the public meeting we proceeded with its business of the are doing this experimental work | held on the Southside on the subday, nationalization of the banks. ject of The Coming Elections and the Workers - and what is more Such an affront to the reactionary army chiefs and the Tory-Labor Coalition Parliament at home means of the most monstrous lies 25c. subs and 3 renewals of 25c. ism on Trial, asked to be notified could not long be endured by the of all meetings and the friend's officials, who were already smarting under the blow of the existence of a "Labor Government" in Militant, one for himself and the the army. According to the recent Tribune article, "behind the scenes much hemming and hawing was going on. The War Of-

subscriber will not miss getting is copies of The Militant.

Our agent writes the following: "Thanks for the kind words about our efficiency in getting changes of address, etc. You know how it is — it looks like some of us are just meant for this kind of work. Remember the old lines about each according to his ability?" We'll try to keep up the good work on this line. I must say that very few people appreciate the tremendous amount of work this

Again we would like to com-

ncorrect addresses or those who have moved and have overlooked informing us. Promptness is im-

job of literature calls for."

fice in London was asking ques-

in which our San Francisco agent ed memos and minutes on the follows up those subscribers with subject... Who was running this parliament, anyway? One lady were all Trotskyists!" Before another meeting of the parliament could be convened, a

the army or in industry. This is no sign of strength, but of weakness and abject fear. Churchill and his officers know that when the leftward-moving workers of England find their ally in the ment about the efficient manner tions. Departments in Cairo pass- British troops, the rule of British capitalism will be close to destruction. was heard to remark that they | For a Rising Scale of

Wages to Meet **Rising Living Costs** 



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Morris concludes with the warning: "As we near the election and post-war period, the Trotskyites could be particularly dangerous." Dangerous to whom? Dangerous to Big Business which plans to impose mass unemployment and starvation "relief" and to press a gigantic union - busting, wageslashing offensive in the coming period. Dangerous to the Republican and Democratic political agents of Wall Street. Dangerous to the union bureaucrats who support the capitalist parties and fear to fight the attacks of the employers. Dangerous to the Stalinists who are the very spearhead of reaction within the labor movement today. These are the "dangers" that

the Stalinists foresee and cry out against. They fear most of all, as Morris' hysterical charges disclose, that the Trotskyists will become the rallying force for the inevitable struggle of the American workers against capitalist unemployment, union-wrecking and repression, and will thereby constitute the chief obstacle to the Kremlin's schemes to sell American labor down the river to Wall Street.

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# The Crisis In The CIO Rubber Workers Union

### **By Joseph Andrews**

AKRON, Aug. 9 .- A rebeliion of significant proportions is gathering force in the United Rubber Workers of America-CIO. Its aim is the overthrow of the leadership and the strikebreaking policies of Sherman H. Dalrymple, International President, and his International Board supporters, at the forthcoming annual convention to meet in New York City on September 18.

The issues are sharp and clear cut. The major point of controversy will undoubtedly be the question of union democracy. This issue has penetrated into every local. As at the first convention of the rubber union in 1935, the 9th annual convention will be dominated by a fight against dictatorship in the union. Since this question has aroused great rank and file revolts also in the Automobile Workers and other unions, it is obvicusly one of the crucial issues of the labor movement.

#### **Fight for Democracy**

The "Firestone Flash" published by Firestone Local 7, URWA, states in its August 3 issue: "This is the most important and outstanding convention in the history of the URWA. We are fighting for our rights as a labor organization. Do you believe that eleven men (General Executive Board) should be the judge, prosecuting attorney, the witnesses and the jury in a matter vital to your existence?"

Local after local has taken its stand against the encroachments upon inner union democracy by Dalrymple and his followers on the International Board, But militant unionists realize that there are other interconnected issues There will be a revolt against the no-strike pledge, against labor participation in the strikebreaking War Labor Board, and against the "Little Steel" wage-freezing formula.

But the spark for this revolt has been provided by Dalrymple's attempts to assume dictatorial rights in enforcing the nostrike pledge. This action has aroused great opposition to the leadership now in the URWA saddle. The fight to retain the inner democracy of the union will rock the convention hall.

Like the United Automobile Workers CIO, the rubber union from its birth as an industrial union in 1935 has striven to defend the inner democracy which charges it with dynamic power. The struggle against the old AFL craft union system was essentially an attempt to substitute for the undemocratic and atomized craft unionism of the past, the more democratic and representative industrial form of organization. The historic first convention of the United Rub-<sup>•</sup>ber Workers not only amalgamated the AFL federal locals into an international union which cut across craft lines, but the militant delegates battled successfully against attempts by William Green to appoint Coleman Claherty as dictator-president.

### Dalrymple—Then and Now

Ironically, Sherman Dalrymple, now the target of rank and file charges of dictatorship, was among the foremost fighters for union democracy at the URW founding convention 9 years ago. Opposing Green's attempt to force the union to accept Coleman Claherty as its International President, Dalrymple stated. "The real issue of this convention is democracy," and he warned the delegates against accepting Green's appointed president. Dalrymple then said, "Do not vote the democratic principles of your organization away."

Today Dalrymple himself is trying to usurp the democratic rights of the rubber workers, to subvert the union's democratic traditions, and to entrench himself as a dictator of the Coleman Claherty stripe.

Dalrymple correctly understood in 1935 that if the new union in rubber was to destroy the vicious open shop prevalent in the industry and organize the unorganized, the straitjacket of union bureaucracy had to be thrown off.

The 1935 rubber convention, and its battle against William Green and Coleman C'aherty, was a part of the great upsurge of the American mass production workers. In the course of that upsurge the rubber workers toppled the rubber barons, but not before they had tossed aside the old-line AFL czars.

### The Present Struggle

The new struggle of the rubber union which has already divided the union along factional lines is of course based on different circumstances and has different causes at its roots. In 1935 the rubber workers were girding themselves for an offensive against the corporation. Internal democracy was necessary to allow the tremendous force of the American industrial proletariat to express itself and establish mass organizations for the first time. William Green and his gang could not stifle this growing movement.

Today the rubber workers, as well as their union brothers throughout the labor movement, are on the defensive. They have already built giant unions in the major industries. But these entrenched unions are fighting under wartime conditions to retain their gains and prevent the destruction of their shop conditions and their organizations. The combined forces of the big corporations and government are laying down an anti-union barrage. The conquering industrial army of 1935, 1936, 1937 is now besieged. In the face of this attack, the major

weapon of labor, the strike, has been surrendered to the enemy by the top union officials. Without their heavy artillery, the unions are disarmed in the battle against the well-planned campaign by the employers to undermine, wear out and destroy the unions,

Thus the problems of the 1944 convention differ from the URWA's first constitutional convention. But whether they are fighting to conquer new fields or to retain and defend their gains, the key to success for the rubber workers lies in democratic control of the union by the rank and file. With this control challenged and threatened by Dalrymple, the convention can very well determine whether or not the rubber workers can successfully defend their union against the corporations' union-busting campaign.

### Dalrymple's Campaign

### **Against Ranks**

Much of the convention debate will center around Dalrymple's arbitrary expulsion of 72 bandbuilders at the General Tire and Rubber Company in Akron last January. Without a trial, and without even ascertaining the facts of the case, Dalrymple expelled these workers from the union because they replied to continued company provocation with a walkout. The "Air Bag," published by Goodrich Local 5, stated on August 6:

"As everyone knows, this convention. . . will decide the appeals of 72 General Tire Local 9 members who in January were expelled and fired by Dalrymple unconstitutionally. The international Executive Board upheld Dalrymple in his illegal action.

"Our local has gone all-out in defense of the General Tire workers and at the convention will push its appeal to uphold our action in having put Sherman Dalrymple on trial and expelling him from local 5 as a traitor to labor.

"Since the membership of our local has spoken most unmistakably on this whole question in the past, and since not a single voice has once been raised on the local's floor in defense of Dalrymple and the International Board, there can be no question that our fight for democracy against dictatorship must be waged to the fullest extent."

### **Opposition to Dalrymple**

Both the Firestone and Goodrich Locals have passed resolutions supporting General Local 9.

The opposition to Dalrymple's expulsions, led by Goodrich local, was quick to spread and so powerful that all but 7 of the bandbuilders at General were reinstated into their local. But this retreat was temporary. Soon afterward two members of General

Leon And Natalia Trotsky

Local 9 were expelled for "disruptive activities" because they led the opposition to Dalrymple's action in setting up an administrator over the local. Several smaller locals have since been disciplined for violation of the no-strike pledge. Dalrymple has obviously determined to hew to the line in his attempt to stifle the militancy of the rubber workers and to enforce the no-strike pledge.

Why has Dalrymple taken such flagrantly dictatorial steps in a union where traditions are exceptionally democratic? The fluent cuss words which many rubber workers use to describe Dalrymple's character fall short of the mark. Dalrymple does not differ very much from any other top CIO official. Because of the democratic traditions and the peculiar make-up of the rubber union, Dalrymple is under heavier pressure from the rank and file than many other union functionaries. For years the relationship between the International Office of the URWA and the local unions has been very close since its headquarters is situated in Akron, where 50,000 rubber workers are concentrated.

### **Dalrymple Fears Militants**

It is precisely because he has his ear to the ground, and knows what the average militant union member is thinking, that Dalrymple was driven to commit his crimes against union democracy. He fears the rising tide! In rubber as in auto and steel, the CIO workers are getting fed up with the stalling of the War Labor Board, are more and more indignant against company provocations, and are threatening to take matters into their own hands. This rising militancy of the workers threatens to rescind the no-strike pledge in action unless the Murrays. the Thomases, and the Dalrymples can hold back the flood by means of ruthless bureaucratic repressions.

Having entered the camp of the capitalist war-mongers as bond-sellers, professional patriots, and above all, as trouble-shooters for the strike-breaking governmental apparatus, the top union officials cannot reply to the dissatisfaction of the ranks except by use of the hatchet.

In April, 1943 Dalrymple got his first real scare since the no-strike pledge was inaugurated. He has never forgotten that on April 1, after the War Labor Board had flatly rejected the wage demands of the rubber workers, the workers replied with the mightiest strike in rubber since the IWW strike of 1913. The solid walkout of the Firestone, Goodrich and Goodyear workers in Akron lasted five days. During that time Dalrymple could not say much about the nostrike pledge. He was forced by the power of the strike to give lip-service to the strikers' demands. No one was expelled afterwards. No local was disciplined.

that, should the workers be allowed to reply to the insults of the WLB and the antiunion barrage of the corporations with strikes, their whole policy of surrender to the war machine would be meaningless. and their leadership would stand revealed as impotent. So they waited until a small local, General Local 9, had engaged in a walkout, and began their campaign to demoralize the rubber workers by means of expulsions. Instead of demoralizing the workers, however, they reaped a whirlwind.

### **CIO** Policy at Stake

The International officers are determined to smash the opposition in order to enforce the no strike pledge, to adhere to the WLB and to wage no serious fight against the wage freeze. Not only their own leadership, but the whole policy of surrender of the CIO officialdom is at stake.

Never before has the leadership of Sherman Dalrymple and his top clique been as seriously threatened as it is today. Never in the history of the URWA since 1935 has there appeared such a well organized opposition from below. Factional struggles have been a rarity in the rubber union where the political level has been far below that of the auto union. But in this current fight the rubber workers are skipping many stages in the usual union jockeying for posts and clique fights. They are cutting through to clear issues in a hurry.

### The Opposition Group

This does not mean that the opposition group is a politically conscious and directed force organized around a privileged and consistent program. On the contrary, the opposition is torn by internal contradictions. The basic political program of Dalrymple and of his opponents is essentially the same. Both groups support the war; both groups campaign for Roosevelt. But, while Dalrymple and his supporters have completely divorced themselves from the ranks and have flagrantly and openly performed the dirty strikebreaking tasks demanded by Wall Street's war machine, the leaders of the present opposition have been propelled in the opposite direction by the constant pressure of the ranks.

Large sections of militant rubber unionists through a city-wide caucus in Akron, and through connections with outlying locals, have declared war on the no-strike pledge. They are sworn to demand the resignation of all labor members of the War Labor Board. They are angry at company provocations and are eager to retaliate. This group is fearful of fascist developments at home and do not see how the so-called war for "democracy" can be won with a labor movement deprived of democratic life and striking power.

But this group is attempting to reconcile its support of Roosevelt's war program with the needs and interests of the workers. This they can never do. The capitalist war by its very essence demands increased exploitation and the undermining of the standards and rights of labor. Thus the further development of their fight will inevitably confront Dalrymple's opponents with the necessity of making a definitive choice between the two irreconcilable courses before American labor — either submit to Wall Street's war for profits or else go all-out in labor's struggle for independence and security.

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At the last convention of the URWA many delegates also went instructed and determined to fight against the no-strike pledge. But they were met by a great patriotic barrage. The opposition delegates allowed their fight to degenerate into corridor politics, horse trades and deals. They were the victims of their own political inconsistency. Unless the delegates at this convention are conscious of the basic meaning of their struggle, it is possible for a similar debacle to occur again.

### Meaning of Coming Struggle

To throw off the no-strike pledge means to cast aside the shackles of the whole government war apparatus which now imprisons labor. It means to break the coalition with Roosevelt and to launch a serious offensive against his whole fraudulent "Equality of Sacrifice" program which has enriched the monopolists and undermined the . living standards of the masses. It means above all to reply to the anti-labor phalanx ... of the Democratic and Republican parties with the creation of labor's own party.

The rubber union is awakening. Clarity will come in and through battle. This convention will pose the most profound working class problems, and no matter what the immediate result, the debate can only lift the consciousness of the workers to a higher stage. Even if the rubber workers should fail to unseat Dalrymple or to revoke the no-strike pledge, the fight itself will crystallize a new left wing and prepare the union for the new courageous leadership which it must find to meet its problems.

Should the opposition emerge victorious. the militants still cannot rest on their laurels. It will signify a great resurgence of militancy and the repudiation of the dictatorial regime of Dalrymple and his policy of surrender. But the need for a clear, classconscious program and a leadership which has severed all political ties with the capitalist war machine will still be there.

The coming convention can be the stepping stone toward new goals through great new class battles on both the economic and political fields for the rubber workers.





# SWP LOCALS HOLD MEMORIAL MEETINGS FOR LEON TROTSKY

(Continued from page 1) Mexico.

the revolutionary movement of

|Comrade Natalia Trotsky in subordinate role of the individual in history; how by submerging his own life in the main stream of

World public opinion has in- anxious to get rid of Trotsky. We stinctively accepted the proposi- contend that an objective extion that Stalin is responsible for amination of every available bit the murder of Trotsky. With the of evidence can lead to no other exception of the servants, friends conclusion on the part of inand defenders of the GPU, every dividuals capable of thinking ininformed person has already dependently. The verdict of guilty found Stalin guilty of that murd- is supported by evidence which is er. This is quite natural, for the irrefutable and by argument world has for a long time been which is unanswerable.

acquainted with the implacable hostility which Stalin, the deshad against Trotsky who, with man whom he feared most was put out of the way.

It is true that in this case we are confronted by a situation troyer of the Russian Revolution, where we have in our possession only circumstantial evidence: we Lenin, organized and led that rev- do not have at our disposal the olution. Intelligent people, ac- archives of Stalin and the GPU. quainted with the unbelievable In all probability, before he dies calumnies hurled against Trotsky during the Moscow Trials, and and peasants of the Soviet Union, knowing that Stalin had gotten Stalin will destroy these archives. rid of every individual who took But circumstantial evidence is a leading part in the Russian no weaker than other evidence. A Revolution, understood that this criminal need not be caught in the monster behind the walls of the act of committing a crime before Kremlin would not rest until the he is convicted. If he denies his guilt or succeeds in escaping, the evidence that he leaves behind

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Leon and Natalia Trotsky photographed at a picnic near Coyoacan, Mexico. This is one of the last photographs taken of Comrade Trotsky.

# **F.I.** Features Trotsky Memoria

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Education, treats this subject editors appraise Trotsky's role in can be only Stalin, who directed from the high plane of historical history as seen four years after the GPU to murder Trotsky; that perspective, but with that con- death. His great contributions Jaeson was an agent of the GPU creteness and precision which to the emancipation of mankind and through the GPU of Stalin was uniquely his. The other is are summarized and emphasis is himself; that Jacson's falsifica-Trotsky's introduction to his col- laid particularly on his crowning tions can be explained only on lection of writings and speeches the basis that Stalin is guilty of as a leader of the Communist In- | tional, "Trotsky's legacy to the the murder of Trotsky.

Fourth Congresses.

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The August issue of Fourth | imperialism. William Simmons | Reviewing the redoubled efforts International, now on sale, is writes about Trotsky's conception with which the forces of Trotskyof America's hegemony in world ism have met every challenge economy and the role of U. S. and persecution, the editors con- ing class of war-torn Europe. He imperialism in Europe, which is clude: "In the knowledge that the pointed out the central importance being verified today by the events persecutions of the imperialists

are in reality futile attempts to unfolding on that continent. An article by Karl Radek, written in 1923, presents a picture of Trotsky, the organizer and greatest confidence from the pamphlets, was bought by the leader of the Red Army, as viewed fears they express about Trot- audience at the close of the skyism. We can share the firm meeting. by the generation which he led in

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Czarist Russia. The titanic wave MILWAUKEE, Aug. 20 - Jack O'Connel, Milwaukee Organizer bring his great talents into far of social convulsions and conflicts which undermined and finally of the Socialist Workers Party, swept away Czarist absolutism, speaking at the Trotsky Memorraised upon its crest a whole ial meeting here, told the audi-

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"This new type of man was the on the fight for international soprofessional revolutionist. As cialism as he expected us to do. other men devoted themselves to The audience responded generthe arts, physical sciences and ously to a collection appeal by trades, these men and women the chairman of the meeting, Wildevoted themselves to the scienliam C. Crane. Records of Trottific examination of the sources sky's speech on the Tenth Anof human progress, to the causes niversary of the American Trotof oppression and social evils,\* skyist movement and the Found-

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was shown, and a recording of Trotsky's speech made on the occasion of the Founding Congress of Trotsky's slogan: The Socialist United States of Europe.

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January. TOLEDO, Aug. 21 - An im Fourth International in 1938: pressive meeting was held here "During the next ten years the tonight in memory of Leon Trot-DETROIT, Aug. 20—On the program of the Fourth Interna- sky, founder of the Fourth In-4th anniversary of the assassitional will become the guide of ternational, who was murdered nation of Leon Trotsky, Detroit millions and these revolutionary four years ago on Stalin's orders. auto workers, their friends and Comrade Mark Braden of Newark delivered the main address meeting held here tonight by the The Month in Review by the of the evening. He stressed the Detroit Branch of the Socialist

Workers Party to pay tribute to once more be proven correct by tionist. the coming revolutions in Europe.

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historic events, he was able to more effective and lasting use than would otherwise have been possible.

"Armed with the great weapon of Trotskyism," said Comrade Burch in closing, "we shall vindicate the faith and confidence that our martyred leader placed in us. The world revolution will

by our monument to Trotsky." After the speaker finished, a collection was taken and the meeting closed with the audience singing the Internationale.

YOUNGSTOWN - A well-attended meeting was held here last Sunday night under the auspices of the Socialist Workers Party to mark the fourth anniversary of

the death of Leon Trotsky. George Andrews outlined the

teachings of the great revolutionattended meeting was held here ary Marxist in connection with Europe and concluded that the anbe found in realization of the sloprogram of the Fourth Interna- of Europe in a Socialist World. tional, which Trotsky helped to The meeting voted unanimously

to send the following telegram to Comrade Natalia Trotsky:

"We, the members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party of Youngstown, Ohio, are gatherof the Fourth International was ed tonight to honor the memory of Leon Trotsky and to further

Telegrams of solidarity were and continue his work in the great sent to Trotsky's widow, Natalia future which will be ours. We Trotsky, and to the 18 members are with you in spirit, wife and of the Socialist Workers Party co-worker of our Old Man, Leon who were railroaded to prison last Trotsky.'

LOS ANGELES - About 125workers attended the Trotsky. Memorial Meeting held in the Embassy Auditorium Aug. 20, the most impressive meeting held here by the Trotskyists in several families came together at the years. The audience subscribed more than \$75 to help the party continue its work.

Murry Weiss, the principal speaker, described Trotsky's role on his work as founder of the Fourth International. He contrasting, Arthur Burch, reviewed ed the growing strength of the revolutionary Marxist movement with the decay and corruption of

### FOUR-

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# Sacco-Vanzetti: Working Class Martyrs Murdered By Capitalist Class Justice

### By Ruth Johnson

Fourteen years have passed since the State of Massachusetts murdered Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, on August 22, 1927, after seven long years of imprisonment. All the world knew, long before the electric chair claimed its victims. that Sacco and Vanzetti were innocent of the crime for which they were executed. The world knew, too, why no proof of innocence could change the verdict of the courts, for the presiding judge had stated the case of capitalism in his summation to the jury in Vanzetti's first trial:

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not have actually committed the ed, made a statement charging the crime attributed to him, is never- police with "third-degree" torture. theless morally culpable, because Italian workers everywhere were he is the enemy of our existing aroused. In the neighborhood of institutions.' Boston, two friends of Salsedo, Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Van-

FEARED BOLSHEVISM

Sacco and Vanzetti died because American capitalism still trembled in fear of the victorious Bolshevik revolution, which was winning its battle against invading capitalist armies on all fronts and pointing a way to security for the workers of the world. There was no security for workers in America; the nation's economy was torn asunder by the dislocations of peace, the demobilization of the army, and the shattering of world trade as a result of the | involve their comrades by making First World War. American capitalism, in 1920, saw the "menace tion. of Bolshevism" everywhere and where it was not visible, it was conjured up on manufactured

"evidence" by which working class leaders could be imprisoned. The Palmer Raids, named after Wilson's Attorney-General, were spreading across the nation. Union

April 14, 1920, a successful payroll headquarters were raided; radical robbery resulted in the shooting parties were under constant of Paymaster Frederick A. Parthreat, meetings broken up, homes menter and guard Alexander Berinvaded and searched without ardelli of the Slater and Morrill workers mercilessly shoe plant; the gang used a car warrant. beaten.

for its getaway. Sacco and Van Among the victims of the Palmzetti had a friend who happened er raids was an Italian immito own a car similar in appeargrant, Andrea Salsedo, whose ance!

In 1916 Vanzetti had led a body hurtled fourteen stories to a New York Street on May 3, 1920 strike of 4,000 rope and twine workers in Plymouth; the strike after "questioning" by the police. A fellow prisoner, hastily deport- | was won, but Vanzetti was black-



zetti, prepared to conduct an investigation into his death, and to urge their comrades to protect themselves against similar out-Two days later, Sacco and Vanzetti were arrested on their way to organize a protest meeting. Each of them carried a gun, a practice which their work had made necessary for years. Assuming that they were being arrested on charges of "radicalism," as Salsedo had been, they refused to statements about their destina-The detectives, however, were planning a crasser frame-up. On December 24, 1919 at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, a payroll holdup was attempted by a gang of bandits driving a Buick car. On

> The above photograph of a huge demonstration held in New York in 1927 to demand the freedom of Sacco and Vanzetti is typical of the tremendous crowds of workers who assembled in almost every major city of the globe to protest the frame-up murders.

isted. Unable to find employment, ian workers and the hatred of the The trial was conducted as an he became a fish-peddler, con- bosses by his participation in a open red-hunt. Visitors to court to the nature of their wounds tinuing to work as a leader and victorious shoe-workers' strike in were searched for bombs. teacher of the Italian workers in 1918. He was a close friend of Witnesses for the defense were previous trades; it is necessary to think much of a plant where they drillen holes in one shop and the Boston area. He was a student | Vanzetti, and had taken part in | terrorized and fired from their revolutionary philosophy, an defense campaigns for victimized jobs. The jury took only five hours them, step by step, to more highly tion as a whole, that's the way it works. Henry Kaiser, for instance, able agitator, deeply loved by the radical workers. to consider the mountainous record of testimony presented

Italian workers. TRIAL TESTIMONY

He was tried first, for the at-The notorious trial in the verdict: guilty. The sentence: tempted robbery in Bridgewater. He was bewildered at the conduct Braintree case lasted for seven death in the electric chair. of the trial and prevented by his | weeks, from May 21, to July 14, attorney from testifying on his 1921. Again witnesses for the own behalf. Witnesses for the prosecution gave testimony so prosecution offered perjured tes- contradictory that no one could imony; testimony of nine defense doubt its perjury. For the delt witnesses, who said they had fense, nine witnesses, including bought eels from Vanzetti miles the clerk of the Italian Consulate from Bridgewater on the day of in Boston, testified that they had the crime, was disregarded Judge spoken to Sacco during the after-Thayer, who presided over this noon of the crime. Six witnesses trial as well as over the second swore to having seen Vanzetti in was viciously anti-alien, openly Plymouth, 35 miles from Brainanti-radical. Vanzetti was con- tree, on the same afternoon. As victed and sentenced to fifteen in the first trial, the evidence for Shanghai, Rio de Janeiro, Sydney. the defense was disregarded. But all appeals for a new trial years imprisonment.

With this conviction established Judge Thayer, who in the first were denied. set a "criminal record" for Van trial told the jury that Vanzetti

Pravda Discloses **Discontent Among RedArmyVeterans** (Continued from page 1)

Although full details are lacking. it is clear that a serious conflict

s developing So important is this development that the Moscow Pravda be gan publicly to discuss it early in

April of this year, in the midst of the great victories of the Red Army's spring offensive. On April , Pravda devoted its leading editorial to this subject in order to state that the reintegration of the Red veterans and invalids in industry was proceeding very "unsatisfactorily." Here is a characteristic passage:

"We must and we are dutybound to achieve this, that all (Red Army) invalids, physically able to work, are given employ ment in productive occupations. But a mechanical disposition of people, utilizing them without taking into account each individual and what he can do, is absolutely intolerable. Yet this. after all, is the practice in many facto ries and plants. Our enterprises feel the need of skilled labor power, but at the same time the invalids, arriving at the factories, are at every step utilized as storekeepers, or watchmen, or auxiwho have been certified as fit for physical labor. It is necessary to train and retrain more energetically than has hitherto been the case those invalids who owing

must be shifted from their skilled work." (Pravda, April 8.)

Pravda goes on to warn:

The conviction of Sacco and the local party and trade union Vanzetti was a deliberate act of organizations — this is what is terrorization against the working now required in order further to class. All over the world workers improve the placing of invalids in ra'sed their voices in mass proindustry. At the same time it is The International Labor necessary to remember that tak-Defense of which James P. Caning care of a man is not at all non was National Secretary, orexhausted by assigning him to a ganized street demonstrations and mass meetings in every industrial city, not only in the United States, but in Moscow, London, is given an opportunity to dev-Berlin, Par's, Vienna, Canton, elop at his job, is able to perfect



By V. Grey =

Last week we were talking about just how smart these capitalists really are. Especially how they're not smart enough to stop depressions and wars, even though their whole system is damaged by them. But Jim says, "What about guys like Henry Kaiser or Ford? Kaiser is a crackerjack executive. Made all-time production records in "his" shipyards, etc. And Ford, even if he is the dirtiest enemy of unionism, had a big hand in streamlining automobile production. It's true, he introduced sweatshop conditions in auto, but he introduced mass production, too." And Jim adds "Now I don't believe all I read in the papers. But it does seem as though guys like Ford and Kaiser are smart enough to figure out some production system for the post-war times."

Although the great majority of the capitalist class are idlers and usually don't have enough gumption to clip their own coupons, you do occasionally run across one or two of the breed who are their own executives and more or less manage the business themselves. Kaiser may or may not be the genius he's cracked up to be. But the Kaiser shipyards are more productive than others. Ford, though a little on the doddering side, undoubtedly could tell you a great deal about mass production. There are probably several others, too, who really earn a small portion of their tremendous income. And several who are really interested in cars or ships or whatever their business is, as well as profits.

### THE OUTWORN PROFIT SYSTEM

But the point is that the whole system is a profit system, and whatever brainstorms these guys may have can only work in that system, or else be junked. It's not that Kaiser, as a manager, is so useless to us, but the whole system of production and distribution. the system that he rises or falls by, that system is useless and out-of-date Sure, the yards are efficient. For that matter every large shop is efficient, too. But the whole trouble is that the minute you get outside the shop, everything is all mixed up. And nobody, from "brain-trusters" to "rugged individualists," seems able to unmix it.

Take a look at the shop. It has the latest machinery, conveyor belts, overhead cranes, manual and electric hoists. Always something new, to increase production. You stare at a new-fangled liary workers, although many of machine about ten minutes and then forget about it. And it's old them are skilled men, lathemen, before you know it. In order to make profits, they have to pare turners, electricians, chauffeurs down the smallest inefficiency in the shop. They have to eliminate every kind of waste, find uses for every by-product. Look at the way they even save the shavings from the drill presses, and the millings of dural, steel, magnesium, etc. On the production line every operation is next to the following one. You even drill, ream and countersink on the same drill press nowadays.

But what happens when you get outside the plant? You wouldn't be much bolder in promoting countersunk them in another. And yet if you take capitalist producmay have plenty of efficiency within the West Coast shipyards. But he sends way out to Buffalo, New York for welded ship ladders. "Day-to-day attention, effective If the nation was one whole production system, would the plant assistance to the organs of social manager last two minutes who made ladders on one side of the security by the Soviet organs, by | country and installed them on the other?

An engine lathe operator who took a two-inch bar to make 3/8 bolts would be considered slightly crazy and sent to the dispensary for observation before he was fired. But on a nation-wide scale, especially in distribution, this happens all the time. One example is the immense number of automobiles that are produced-slapped together so they won't last too long, and the buyer will have to get another in three or four years. Look at the auto "graveyards" place of employment. It is no of the country. What a disgrace that is—in the foremost mechanical less important that every one who nation of the world. If we were producing autos for ourselves and s placed is correctly utilized, and we were at all concerned with economy, would we stand for such an awful waste of steel?

Look at the milk companies! They pasteurize and bottle the his skill in order that he thus be milk in a slick modern way. But you see six different milk wagons made to feel that there is concern going around the same block. They're from different companies, of course. But the milk all came from the same cows and has the same amount of water in it (as much as the law allows). What kind of sense is it to use six trucks in such a wasteful way? What kind zetti and the police that he had battle, men who have gained self- of a shop would it be where five or six trucks came around with the same kind of stock and left some at every fifth or sixth machine? tree murders. He swore that customed to show resourcefulness Why can't we have the same efficiency in distribution that there is Why last summer, in our town, the milk dealers decided to a new trial was refused, pardon human flotsam and jetsam by the deliver every other day, to save gas and tires. But they were all so worried about one stealing a march on the other, that some mornings you'd see two or three trucks at the same minute and the next morning none of them would run at all. The boys who were working on outdoor construction would have chocolate milk, "orange" drink, homogenized milk, and every kind of dairy product on Monday. On Tuesday, they'd have cold coffee and water. Suppose the dispatchers in the shop all ran around like mad on Monday and then do not remain indifferent to this all stayed at home on Tuesday? The shop runs methodically. Why doesn't the system as a whole?

Sacco and Vanzetti, manacled and watched by an armed guard,

zetti, both men were put on trial was "morally culpable," now refor the Braintree case. Sacco, ferred to both men as "conscious less prominent than Vanzetti, had of guilt as murderers or as slack-

photographed after sentence of death was passed in April, 1927. | likewise won the love of the Ital- | ers and radicals.'

# **Native And Foreign Capitalists** Jointly Exploit Mexican Masses

### By A. Roland

The Mexican rulers act like a class half-frightened at their own success. They hardly expected so great a victory over world imperialism in regaining their natural resources for themselves. fired into the "mob," killing about owning class, a catastrophe for switch was pulled to end the lives The very fact that they must turn to the self-same imperialists for the finances to fully exploit their victory, serves now to cause cluding women and children. The come into the market for relathem to frame all their policies with a view to placating the workers of Mexico answered this tively enormous quantities of foreign bankers. Cardenas was forced to turn to the Axis when

the United States and England <sup>•</sup> put on the economic screws by | mon victory will go to the small, boycotting Mexican oil. But the privileged ruling class, and not closed. to all. The gains made by the exigencies of the war changed workers were meant to be only all this, and President Camacho temporary. Already the capitalcan turn freely for aid to the ists are wiping out these gains United States.

But the financiers have never manent social betterment. acted the part of philanthropists. The more the workers were enas the Mexican bourgeoisie has every reason to know. Whatever continued, substantial improveultimately be paid for in hard the greater now becomes their cash. Mexican capitalism in car- disillusionment. The social and porying on its own exploitation of litical temperature has taken a

workers and peasants will at the sharp drop; the class struggle same time be executing the pro- has been sharply intensified. The gram of exploitation of the for-serious inflation that creates eign imperialists. Only now a Mexican millionaires and mass out the sign of the cross behind somewhat larger share of the impoverishment lends profound profits will go to the home capi- depth to the struggle. talists. Open clashes have not been

**DUAL EXPLOITATION** 

The apparent change in policies elements in his Cabinet. The Presunder Camacho with respect to ident's brother, Maximo Camacho, mands to participate in manage time: "In effect the declaration the Mexican working class is more has been for years the local dicthan a matter of placating the tator in the state of Puebla. Avila was British-Canadian owned. True foreign holders of the money Camacho appointed his brother to bags. It is a necessity for effect- a cabinet post as minister of com- ed, the workers being given oneing the dual exploitation of the munications and public works. half million dollars for wage in-Mexican masses on the new When Governor of Puebla, Max- creases and back pay. But the foundations. The masses rallied imo was quoted as saying: "I enterprise was also allowed to enthusiastically to the support of never have labor troubles; I and raise the price of weekly comthe regime when the struggle was swer workers with machine mutation tickets in order to meet of the CTM (at that time), the commenced to expropriate the guns." the wage increase. resources held under the claws of In September 1941, only a short

the imperialists. This was a com- time after the appointment of arisen in connection with the mon cause. But now-overnight Maximo, the Munition Workers steeply mounting cost of living. -the masses are beginning to Union sent a delegation to the There have been numerous protest him have stood the Cardenistaslearn that the fruits of the com- home of the President to present meetings and demonstrations - the followers of Cardenas."

a petition of grievances. The Fed- even riots-in Mexico City and eral troops under Col. Ochoa, elsewhere on this score. The war Chief of the Presidential Staff, has proved a bonanza for the 20 workers and wounding 42, in- the poor. The United States has of Sacco and Vanzetti. outrage by appearing 100,000 materials, and the natural consestrong at the funeral. Every gov- quence has been inflation.

ernment office was forced to be The tightening of class lines to left and to right proved alarming to the Camacho regime. Its at-

CAMACHO'S POLICIES tempts at placating both sides, The Cardenas regime permitted with far greater emphasis in maka strong sprinkling of Stalinists ing concessions to the right, failthat had seemed destined for per- and their stooges to hold office ed to achieve the goal of pacifying in the ministry of education. Cam- the situation. It was owing more acho "corrected" this by replacing to this internal situation than te couraged previously to expect a the so-called "leftists," Octavio outside urge that Camacho de-Vejar Ponton, by the army officer cided to enter the war. He felt assistance is given to Mexico will ment in their standards of living, Vejar Vazquez as minister of edu- that this would permit him to cation. Vazquez promptly purged carry out dictatorial policies in Their murder remains today in his bureau of all Stalinists and line with bourgeois aims, without the hearts of the workers a "leftists." He reassured the further opposition from the working class whose leaders, under Church concerning secular education by his dictum: "There can Stalinist influence, were probe no education in Mexico with- war.

### ENTRY INTO WAR

it." Coeducation was abolished. Camacho served notice too in The correspondent, Martha Lane, interpreted the situation fish peddler — all! That last the strike of the Mexican Tramwanting. Camacho has included way Company workers in Janu- ouite accurately in an article enthe must reactionary anti-labor ary 1941 that the workers were titled "Behind Mexico's War no longer to think of making de- Declaration." She wrote at the agony is our triumph."

ment of industry. The Company of war does two things. It makes President Camacho virtual dicenough, a compromise was effecttator; and by binding pro-war organized labor to co-operation with the administration, it eases the internal tension for the time being. Vicente L. Toledano, leader organized labor movement-has The greatest tension of all has been one of the warmest supporters of a war declaration. With

Almost two years before the ex-Cautious as Pravda's wording ecution, a fellow prisoner, Celestis, the picture is clear enough. ino M. Madeiro confessed to Van- Red Army soldiers, wounded in been involved in the South Brainconfidence, who have become acneither Sacco nor Vanzetti was and initiative in battle, are being in shop production? implicated. Despite this evidence, shunted aside, treated as so much was denied, and mass protest | bureaucrats behind the lines.

meetings were broken up by tear-It is not difficult to imagine gas, night-sticks and blackjacks. the reaction and resentment that The capitalist courts were un- such treatment inescapably enmoved by the evidence, because genders among the Red Army inthe innocence of the men had valids.

The rank and file workers in never been the issue. It was "Bolshevism" they hoped to burn Soviet factories, we may be sure. in the electric chair, when the brutal treatment of the men who are universally respected in the

DAY OF EXECUTION

during the seven week trial. The

tests.

When news of the execution course the repercussion of such reached the tense crowds of treatment of the Red Army vetworkers, on midnight of August erans among their comrades-in-22, 1927, there were agonized out- arms still at the front. Hence cries. In Union Square, the N. Y. | the attempt to rectify the situaponded with a giant sob. Women od of cracking the whip from the dropped to the curbs and buried in Pravda will not appreciably their heads in their hands. Men remedy a situation the roots of which lie in the usurping and in-

tolerable position which the bur-The workers of the world have eaucracy occupies in Soviet so-

"The taking of our lives-lives its victorious conclusion, as more and more millions of Red soldiers of a good-shoemaker and a poor return to civilian life, the conflict between the rank and file and the

moment belongs to us — that bureaucratic usurpers is bound to lintensify.

### "THAT AGONY IS OUR TRIUMPH"

"If it had not been for these things, I might have live out my life talking at street corners to scorning men. I might have die, unhonored, unknown, a failure. Now we are not a failure. This is our career and our triumph. Never in our full life could we hope to do such work for tolerance, for justice. for man's understanding of man as we do now by accident.

"Our words-our lives-our pains-nothing! The taking of our lives-lives of a good shoe-maker and a poor fish peddler-all! That last moment belongs to us-that agony is our triumph!"

(From Vanzetti's statement after sentence of death was pronounced on April 9, 1927.)

#### USSR - the front-line fighters. TAKE THE CASE OF MILK What the Kremlin fears is of

Speaking of milk, do you remember how the milk bill used to hurt so much in the 30's that you cut down your order? Five to ten dollars and more a month was too big a piece of your income. But farmers were getting a cent a quart for it at that time (and with no water added at that). They butchered their cows. They went World, reported, "The crowd res- tion by the long-established meth- broke. And your kids didn't have enough milk.

In the meantime, some milk companies were forced out of fainted . . Others, too, overcome, top. Needless to say, editorials business by others. So pasteurizing equipment was wasted, cows were wasted, farming ability was wasted, and all the time your family did without a much-needed quart of milk.

> There's no teamwork here. It's just as though the huge conveyor system at the River Rouge Plant was only working in patches. The main assembly line going right along with half of the feedlines coming in empty. At the end of the line the car would limp off the viet veterans together with their ramp with three wheels and half a motor.

Yes, shop production technique, the assembly line, conveyor amelioration in the position of the belt, and all that have come a long ways. But it's come up slambang brutality of "democratic" capital- Red Army invalids and the mass against the very system that started it. The Fords and the Kaisers ist justice. Vanzetti's words burn of workers. As the struggle can't do anything about that either. If the system as a whole happens to be working, their plants are more efficient than those of other capitalists. If the system is broken down, their plants are just as idle as the rest.

> When it comes to organizing the nation's production as a whole, neither Ford, Kaiser nor any of the rest of them can give one single helpful suggestion, because it simply cannot be done under capitalism. They may know something about running their "own" plants, and it's possible we'll allow some of them to work for us in that capacity, when we workers take over all the plants. But it's only by turning the whole system of production and distribution into one vast unit-like a shop on a big scale-that we can do any planning at all.

### SOCIALISM WILL END CHAOS

We working people will manage the new system well, too. It vill be like trying out a newly-invented machine. There may be a little awkwardness about it at first, but a growing sureness and confidence when we see the amazing results of our work. With this machine, this socialist system in hand, we can put Ford's and Kaiser's achievements in the shade. They'll have to go way back and take a seat.

leaned on one another's shoulders and wept." not forgotten Sacco and Vanzetti. ciety.

still. . .

against German imperialism nears

class brothers can bring any real damning exposure of the cynical

Only the self-action of the So-

The "LABOR WITH A WHITE SKIN CAN-NOT EMANCIPATE ITSELF WHERE LABOR WITH A BLACK SKIN IS BRANDED" - KARL MARX. Negro Struggle

\_By Charles Jackson\_\_

### **An Editor Objects**

point of view, let's tear a sheet from the pages of American his-

In fact, the editorial as a whole

makes much more clear than did

the Militant column the degree of

militancy we may expect from

these highly educated civic lead-

ers. Every sentence reveals the

contradictory position of this

member of an oppressed minority

who is attempting to create a

niche where he can ignore the

militant struggle for racial

equality as well as its counterpart,

the struggle against economic

The editor even goes so far as

to inferentially question the ex-

istence of groups described as

"workers" and "Negro masses."

This attempt to throw dust at

the class struggle is intended to

weaken working class solidarity

and serves as an aid to the efforts

of the ruling class which is the

basic enemy of the brown people

in their quest for equal recogni-

Although it is true that doc-

tors and teachers are actually

fact that when the workers were

asked to stand by one of the

"EXPLOSIVE" EPOCHS

slavery.

tory in slavery days. Those slaves Our July 17th report of the Chiwho led or took part in a justified cago NAACP Conference found a tender spot on the anatomy of the revolt were described by the editor of the Los Angeles Tribune. Southern Bourbons as (with Not the kind of tenderness acknowledgement to the Tribune) demonstrated by a cat with her "Negroes who shame and disgrace kittens but the kind one would themselves and their r a c e," unavoidably display if he sat on whereas one who, "out of selfrespect and racial pride" went in a tack.

the masters opinion, "beyond the The column in question brought limit of gentility" would have out the fact that, although there been an Uncle Tom of the first is an increasingly strong and militant membership in the water. **OPPOSES MILITANCY** 

NAACP, the delegates to the conference came away without proposing any program of organized mass action of the type which would advance our aims for equality. It also exposed the fact that several delegates took the floor and insulted the brown masses by referring to the militants as "socially undesirable." We observed that, since the group is predominantly working class and predominantly of insecure income, we should send more representatives to our conferences who have a workers' outlook and fewer preachers, doctors, lawyers,

### EXCERPTS FROM TRIBUNE

etc.

The Tribune published the column in full and then laced into our analysis with flowery fury. Several excerpts follow:

"The class revolutionists have us Negroes trying to see yawning chasms on our racial terrain between the professionals and the | tion. 'workers' that last in itself an obscure term which seeks to convey the impression that skilled workers, yet it remains a teachers, doctors, lawyers do not work because they can do so in white collars . . . in summary he speakers only 14 stood. The says that the Negro's leadership professional and civic leaders is insincere because it is educated; evidently had their own ideas passive because it is unexplosive; about in which classification they and unrepresentative of the Negro did not belong. protest because in the majority of instances it comes from among the professional and skilled rather than the unskilled 'workers,' using the term here to denote was intended. We figuratively anyone who performs a given task referred to the relative economic for his livelihood.

security of the family of a "Of course, it is obvious that professional in comparison with Jackson wrote, not for Negro that of a worker who is fired durconsumption, but for the mem- ing a layoff. bers of his political faith, who are That the editor symbolizes the a bit difficult for the layman to servile and passive policies of the classify, but we believe we are people he defends is shown by his correct in assuming are a branch final statement: "Explosions only of the Communist Internationale destroy; they have never been which broke with the Stalinists known to build up anything." when Communism appeared to | Would he call the Revolutionary retrogress into Capitalism and War, the American Civil War or tempered somewhat its ideas on the Russian Revolution explo-

world revolution." (Note: here the sions? If so, does he deny the adeditor assumed correctly). "No doubt the Trotskyists sin- vances that sourcey many these "explosive" epochs? vances that society made during

cerely see great divisions of in- If a lawyer, doctor or ported by E. C. Davison, International Secretary of the terest along economic class lines teacher is steadfastly militant in tional Association of Machinists, action as well as words and has a who stated: "We have examined working class outlook by which the record of the case and deplore our problems will approach solu- what appears to be collusion be. production. It demanded that the tion he will get our support. Until tween the Tenth Regional W.L.B. then we will continue to admonish and the California Metal Trades the brown masses to seek new Association, Inc." In a previous interview, (The leaders. "It is pure cant for Mr. Jack-**Off the press!** 



### Roosevelt Seizes Plants As A, As to the "well-fed wives," no Blow To San Francisco Union personal reference to size or shape

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the association here, these plants ality of negotiation and concilia- governmental support." The quesstated "that when the larger threw the case into the War La- WLB order." In apparent answer machine shop owners realized that bor Board. The Regional Board, to that, the government took over the smaller shops would sign a unable to find any adequate the five major shops on August new agreement they rushed to the grounds for forcing the men to 14th. WLB and precipitated the concapitulate to the demands of the

troversy." The union leaders charged that the WLB was "employer control- | WLB THREATS led." This contention was sup-

employers, referred the case to

Militant, June 10th), Dillon stated | are fearful the report will cause that the bosses had a long term | the union to think it has licked whose San Francisco plants are plan to try to break Lodge 68. the agency and will discourage merely branches. With the help of | They just went through the form- | employers in their effort to retain

Real Admiral Bowen "seized" the threats against the union were sent to each employee of workers."

## **Unemployed** Face **Starvation Under Wall Street Plans**

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\$2 a wk., provide average benefits of about \$14 a wk., and cover workers for an average of 16 weeks unemployment. Over 30,-000,000 of the present 64,000,000 wage earners are totally excluded from state benefits. The Byrnes proposal and the present George his arm. Bill are in sharp contrast to the

original Murray-Kilgore Bill, en- | The Pitiless Profit System dorsed by the entire labor move ment, which provided federal pay-

long as two years. Even the pro-Roosevelt New York daily, PM, could not refrain

Demobilization," complains its headline of August 17. The story states: "President Roosevelt's spokesmen had placed him today in the strange position of undercutting his own liberal forces in Congress in their battle for demobilization legislation that point toward full postwar employ ment and protect workers during the transition period."

This is no "strange position" at all, but a calculated maneuver. It is the traditional method of Roosevelt to avoid direct political ressponsibility for reactionary measures he supports in order to maintain his "liberal" reputation in the eyes of the workers. In this

instance, however, the "liberal cover" is so thin that the "progressives" are scared stiff the workers will see through it. Roosevelt himself has maintained a demonstrative silence, despite repeated frantic pleas of the Congressional "liberals," first to come to the defense of the Kilgore-Murray Bill in the Senate and now, the mutilated Celler Bill, which provides minimum benefits of \$12 a week and a maximum, covering

only a tiny minority of workers, of \$25. In reality, even the original Kilgore-Murray Bill was a deception. It did not touch the real problem of fighting unemploy-

ment but merely provided for alleviation of its worst miseries. The emphasis placed upon its \$35 maximum unemployment compensation provision - quickly reduced to a \$25 maximum - con-

cealed the fact that for most unhave been a stumbling block in tion required by law and, at the tion for them now was "how to employed it would provide the contract negotiations." He also earliest possible opportunity, preserve the strength of the coolie subsistence income of \$12- finds that there is none of it for him. \$14 a week.

KILGORE BILL

Senator Kilgore himself, during

the Senate debate, admitted that the plants and took possession his bill was so full of "qualificathe National Board early in July. by setting up a "one man Navy tions" that "the effect of these office" in downtown San Fran- qualifications would therefore cisco and posted notices in the restrict the maximum benefits to The National Board continued five plants. Individual letters about one out of every eight In addition, l

# **Diary Of A Steel Worker**

### By Theodore Kovalesky

"The wearing out of the body is not compensable." I remember reading these words a few years ago in one of the magazines that factory management subscribes to. The article in which they appeared told about an old shoemaker employed in one of the big New England shoe factories, an old worker who "wore out his body."

One day as he was hammering at a last, a violent pain shot through his arm, causing him to cry out and drop his hammer. He never picked up that hammer-or anything else-again, because years of constant toil had broken down and finally wrecked

It must have been a shock for the old fellow to learn at first ments up to \$35 a week for as that his right hand was gone, that from that time on he would carry only a withered, useless claw protruding stiffly from his sleeve,

that he would have to learn all over again how to tie his shoes, how to eat, to light his pipe. Still, he must have reasoned, he'd from a piteous cry of anguish get compensation. He'd be able to live with the old lady in a clean about the b u t c h e r 's job | little place and never again have to worry about getting up in the Roosevelt's henchmen have been dark of winter mornings when his rheumatism urged him to stay doing on behalf of Big Business. in bed instead of plodding through the snow to the factory.

And then, the hearing: a pontifical voice informing him in precise legal terms that, "the wearing out of the body is not compensable!" I can imagine the sudden horrible black emptiness. the fear and incredulity: "But what will become of us? How can we live? We are old and poor. All my life I've worked long and faithfully. How can you do this to us?"

And I can imagine the unctuous sympathy: "We're very sorry, but that is the law. If we made an exception in your case, we'd have to do the same in all cases. . ." And then, with hypocritical incomprehension. "But. you've been working

all your life, except for some layoffs now and then . . . how is it that you haven't saved up money for a rainy day? Didn't you ever expect to retire?" Workers are so improvident!

"The wearing out of the body," disease, even occupational diseases . . . how long did the miners fight to have silicosis recognized as an occupational disease? How many workers died in the long struggle to get workmen's compensation laws passed? How many strikes were there in which safety devices, guards for moving machinery, stood high on the list of demands?

### Thrown On The Scrap Heap

Not very long ago the boys took up a collection for Jimmy when he was off with pneumonia, which he had contracted on the

job. Each day he had been sweating in the terrible heat of the job and shivering in the slashing winter wind, until finally his body rebelled, and he tossed in his bed in fever and delirium. I don't suppose Jimmy has made up for that yet, physically or economically, because the little that we were able to give couldn't have been enough for more than a few days' meat and groceries for the family and a pitifully small amount of medicine for him. Of course, he never received a penny of compensation. After all, he was just sick, and that surely was of no concern to the company.

What injustice and ingratitude faces the worker under capitalism in his daily contact with the boss! All the wealth in the world has been produced by the worker, but in his hour of direst need he



in America and in the world at large; we don't question their sincerity, but we certainly submit that Jackson is spilling a lot of hogwash in dreaming up any such division of aim among Negroes...

### THE ERUDITE EDITOR

son to attempt to disparage the respected leaders of the NAACP by holding up for ridicale their 'well-fed wives.' Let Mr. Jackson, in the America of this war day, find an ill-fed wife, particularly among what he describes as the 'Negro masses'. . ."

Farther along the editorial quotes with alarm our factual statement that . . . "After members of an equally intelligent race are kept in fear and subjugation and meet the insults and kicking around of second-class citizenship each and every day, it is psychologically natural for them, on occasion, to be rude and discourteous and to wear a chip on their shoulder." The truth, however, frightens our erudite editor who, in almost Bilbo fashion, shouts back: "That is the kind of talk that makes for riots. . . We must continue to war on antisocial behaviour within the group. . ."

According to the Tribune, the only division which exists between Negroes is "strictly one of conduct and the popular term for the dividing line is 'race pride' . . There are Negroes who shame and disgrace themselves and their race . . . and those who, out of self-respect and racial pride go beyond the limit of gentility." Such moralist criteria, however, depend entirely upon one's point of view. To expose the editor's

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using as its argument the statements of Army and Navy officials return and to work overtime that the union was impeding war hours as requested. would undertake to negotiate the following counts: 1) cancellation differences. In effect, the WLB of Selective Service deferment tried to keep the men working and immediate induction into the without the benefit of a contract. Army; 2) blacklisting from em-

week after week.

The employers fearing the union's prestige was on the increase and that some of the small shops were on the point of breaking, brought the case to a head at Fedplant ordered its machinists to order.

The union immediately demanded that the company fire those men who were disobeying the decision of the union membership and called the rest of the men off the job. The company refused the request and declared a strike to be in progress. The next day the case was referred to the President by the WLB.

The machinery of intimidation was once again brought into full play. Announcement was made of a letter denouncing the union signed by Undersecretary of War. Robert E. Patterson; Assistant. Secretary of the Navy, Ralph A. Bard; Chairman Emery S. Land of U. S. Maritime Commission; Chairman Donald Nelson of the War Production Board and high officials of the War and Navy Departments. Their charge was "wanton and callous contempt toward the national interests." Federal Mogul immediately requested the authority of the WLB to recruit non-union workers to replace those who walked out.

On August 6th, the whole structure of repression was shaken at its base when Navy men conceded that they may have "overstated the case." They suddenly "discovered" that the machine shops concerned were producing adequately, thus exposing the whole sham upon which action against the Union was built. The WLB was left holding the bag. "WLB officials

Failure to do so would make low the income necessary for "miable to prove their contention, the duration; 3) cancellation of action on enforcement was delayed any special gas rations. Admiral triple penalty at his discretion. "I will determine the proper time by feel," he said.

The union was forced to retreat a step. At its regular meeting eral Mogul bearing plant. The August 16th, the members voted to permit overtime in the seized work overtime. Only a few who, plants but to continue as before, Dillon claims, were "in collusion in the rest of the uptown shops. with the company" obeyed the The employers, with the aid of the government agencies, have won their first point.

STRIKE-BREAKING FORCE

The sequence of events brings government agencies as a strikebreaking apparatus. The employers, refusing to maintain their. contract with the union, threw the burden of the conflict onto the WLB. Then WLB, supported

by Army and Navy officials, insisted upon the workers continuing to work without a contract. promising to take up their grievances sometime in the future and using a pretext for their intervention "the national interests and the war effort is being impeded." When the fallacy of this statement was exposed, their problem was not only to maintain the hand of the employers but also the tarnished prestige of the WLB. This was done by Presidential order.

Workers are learning important lessons by such bitter experiences as these. The WLB is being exposed as a body whose main purpose is to tie the hands of the workers while granting greater liberties to the union-wrecking war contract terminations, but acactions of the bosses.

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Federal Mogul ordering him to out, that even if the maximum were extended to every head of a family it would still be far be-

men continue working before it him liable to penalties on the nimum subsistence" as figured by government agencies themselves. For the average family, \$35 a week would provide only 16 cents meal per person for food; one However, finding themselves un- ployment on any similar job for suit every three years, one overcoat every three years for the wife. This was the highest stand-Bowen was instructed to use the ard proposed by the Kilgore-Mur ray Bill in a country which could spend over \$300,000,000,000 for war and triple production almost

overnight for war purposes. While the Roosevelt administra tion and Congress are ramming through their starvation program for the unemployed, the same political agents of Wall Street are simultaneously pushing through measures ensuring 'postwar' profits of tens of billions for the financial and industrial monopolists. Debate on unemployment "relief" has been held up in the House into sharp focus the role of the during the past week to give right of way to the Administrationsponsored Colmer Surplus Property Bill, which provides the machinery for "disposing" of \$75 billions to \$100 billions worth of goverment-owned plants, land and

> goods to the private monopolies for a song. This bill would turn over the entire "disposal" to a single administrator, already appointed by Roosevelt in the person of Surplus Property Administrator Will Clayton, world's richest cotton merchant. Clayton himself spoke for the measure before the House committee last week, while "New | into law. Dealers" like Secretary Ickes defended a similar measure before Senate body.

#### HUGE STEAL

Congress has already passed a bill providing war contractors complete guarantees not only against any loss of profits from

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MINNEAPOLIS-General Drivers' Local 574 announced on August 22 its victory over the trucking bosses and the Citizens' Alliance of Minneapolis. "The paramount demand of the strike." The Militant reported, "the recognition of the inside men in the market firms (as members of the drivers' union) has been granted. . . All the strikers are to be restored to their jobs without discrimination and on the basis of seniority."

The union statement concluded, "We are calling a mass meeting of Minneapolis workers. . . There we will celebrate the victory of unionism in this fight and call on all the workers to redouble their efforts to make Minneapolis a union town."

Drawing the lessons of the long, well-organized struggle of the Minneapolis teamsters, The Militant summarized, "For the first time in years, militants . . . have entered an AFL craft union; converted it from a craft to an industrial union; combined organization with militancy and political wisdom, and emerged from a five weeks' strike against insuperable odds with victory in their laps. . . Not only is the union intact, but the leadership is still in the hands of the genuine militants."

NEW YORK-The general strike call issued by the Textile Workers Convention struck terror in the bureaucratic top leadership. Attempting to stifle the militant expression of the rank and file textile workers, Francis J. Gorman, first vice-president of the Textile Workers Union, publicly stated his hope that "Roosevelt or someone else" would be able to forestall the coming strike. AFL President William Green laid plans by which he hoped to dissipate the energies of the workers. He set up a hand-picked "committee to cooperate with the general strike committee," to stall by prolonged discussions any action directed by the strike committee itself. Sidney Hillman, head of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, added his pleas for compromise, hailing Roosevelt's promises of a 30-hour week under provisions of the National Recovery Act (NRA).

to \$40 billions has been enacted earned in wartime (three times average peacetime profits), even

No wonder Labor, weekly of the | if they do nothing to earn them." railway workers, termed the Con-The fight against the George gressional "reconversion" scheme: | Bill and the corporation measures "Everything the wealthy demand; to appropriate public property nothing for the American work- and rob the treasury is a struggle for the very existence of the ers!" No wonder Kilgore bitterly complained when the Senate tore trade unions and against the imhis measure to pieces! position of intolerable conditions

of mass misery and hunger. That When the gigantic corporations fight must be waged without comof the country looked for a way tually enabling the war profiteers in which to safeguard their swol- promise and by the most militant to make an additional huge steal. len war profits it did not take the means on the part of the entire The National Association of Ma- leaders of the opposition to the labor movement. It can be won Kilgore Bill long to find out how only by independent action, econufacturers itself has commended this as an "exceptionally good to do it. They did not then say nomic and political, against Big law." In addition, "Rich Men's that \$28,000,000 was too much Business and its Democratic and Relief" in the form of a tax re- to pay out of the Treasury!...For bate reserve now amounting to the corporations we have guar- Republican plunderbund control-\$28 billions and expected to reach anteed profits as large as they ling the government.

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- LEON TROTSKY

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- 4. Confiscation of all war profits. Expropriation of all war industries and their operation under workers' control.
- 5. A rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.
- 6. Workers Defense Guards against vigilante and fascist attacks.
- 7. An Independent Labor Party based on the Trade Unions.
- 8. A Workers' and Farmers' Government.
- 9. The defense of the Soviet Union against imperialist attack.

kept fighting and dying only so long as they believe that they are fighting and dying for a better world. They will not knowingly fight for dirty imperialist aims and reactionary deals. The American workers have a vital interest in

the fate and future of their class brothers in Europe. If the Anglo-American imperialists and their accomplice in Moscow are allowed to perfect their plans and should succeed in strangling the coming socialist revolution in Europe, the workers in this country will lose a powerful ally. American capitalism, arrogant in its counter-revolutionary triumph, will be emboldened to attack still more vigorously the labor movement here. From every working-class organization the cry should go up: Down with secret diplomacy!

Hands off the European revolution!

### Labor Vote

AFL President William Green has announced a national campaign to get the approximately 7,000,-000 AFL members to register and vote in the coming presidential election. Green stated in his circular letter of instructions to all AFL bodies that "if labor participates fully in the election, labor and the friends of labor can win."

But 7,000,000 or 70,000,000 labor votes will not "win for labor," if these votes are cast for the parties and candidates of Wall Street. All the workers will get by voting for either Roosevelt or Dewey is a continuation of Big Business domination, unemployment, wage-slashing and union-busting. That is the "post-war" program of both the Democrats and Republicans.

The workers will win a program really in their interests only by their own independent labor action through a fighting labor party free from any control by the owning-class. When the workers have such a party there will be no need for big ballyhoo campaigns to get out labor's vote. The reason why so many workers are "disgusted with politics" is because they correctly consider it a waste of time and effort to mark a ballot for the Tweedledum-Tweedledee political agents of Wall Street.

### **Pacific Policy**

Roosevelt's recent trip to Hawaii and the Aleutians should serve to focus attention on the pre-eminent purpose of American imperialism in the present war-domination and exploitation of the vast regions of eastern Asia. In order to achieve this purpose, the American imperialists must first defeat their German rivals, weaken their British competitors to the point of subservience, reduce the smaller European imperialist states - France and Holland --- to a state of impotent vassalage, and vanquish Japan.

In this sense the bloody military struggle in Europe is in the nature of a preparatory operation, the real goal of which lies on the opposite side of the world. The true orientation of American imperialist policy was disclosed by Leon Trotsky in 1938, before the war clouds burst over Europe, when he wrote:

"The world war which is approaching with irresistible force will review the Chinese problem together with all other problems of colonial domination. For it is in this that the real task of the second world war will consist: to divide the planet anew



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.

ssue of the Congressional Record

Company Convicted!

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For months there had been hun

Then, by some means or other

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tural tendency to cause injury,

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ber of persons in South Buffalo."

The company never had a chance,

and must have known it. In a

tense and dramatic moment, the

voice of Judge Michael E. Zim-

mer broke through the hush of

the courtroom as he pronounced

the sentence... a fine of ten dol-

It was an open and shut case.

On August 7, a long awaited

Editor:

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For, I notice in the August 15 ber of persons in South Buffalo.

that Representative Lewis of dreds of complaints from South

heroism of the miners and offers walks over a large area were cov

### Jackson Column

Editor

Editor: A Negro friend of ours who I am indebted to you for the reads George Schuyler's column information contained in The Mil- day in Buffalo, the scales of justin the Pittsburgh Courier regular- | itant of July 29 in regard to the | ice ceased their wobbling and ly and has admired him in the Powhattan mine disaster, name- squeaked to a rusty stop, when ly that the mine company re- City Judge Michael E. Zimmer past, confided that he thinks

V. K.

Buffalo

Charles Jackson's column is much better. I'd like once again to add my own praise of the Jackson column. I especially enjoyed his letter to a liberal.

### Negro Lay-Offs Editor

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slaves.

GREECE

seat in Cairo.

over.

A safety measure, obviously, of ions in the press informed the The beginning of mass lay-offs which he is not slow to avail public that any kind of dust was in the war industries is finding himself to save his means of injurious to human health, alits expression in this -area livelihood and his right to life, though some kinds were naturalthrough the cutting out of graveliberty and the pursuit of haply worse than others. yard shifts at shipyards and airpiness! craft plants. Douglas Aircraft has Paradoxically, however, he of- | (perhaps a pack of coughing and

fers through an editorial of Mr. McWilliam of St. Clairsville, Ohio, S. P. C. A. didn't know about) the The first real reflection of these an attitude towards death which dust was tracked to its source, lay-offs that I have seen has been he says "we might all adopt" - the Lehigh Portland Cement Comin the increased number of work-"And the sur- | pany. Thus the city authorities the following: ers standing in lines at employvivors of those 66 can be thankment offices. The length of these ful that their loved ones have ges against the transgressing lines will increase in direct pro only moved on a piece, leaving portion with further lay-offs. them the satisfaction of a job that the erring company "caused

rather than length which parti- their parts in life's struggle in open air, lime dust in such quancularly impresses me now. The this particular sphere with worth- tities as to cause or have a naproportion of Negroes to white iness, that they left in valor; that workers seeking industrial em- they are now in repose from the detriment, or annoyance, and that ployment is far greater than among those workers employed in which is life itself." factories. Negroes were the last to leave the employment offices,

if they left at all, and now with the beginning of lay-offs they are the first to reappear. This is exactly as The Militant predicted: Negroes are the last to be hired and first to be fired. Before war production began,

the vast majority of Negro women workers were employed as a move on their part would prove domestic servants, the lowest paid their sincerity and might do more and most undesirable type of jobs to prevent future disasters than open to women. The war gave the hopes and prayers of polimany of them a chance to go into | ticians, preachers and newspaper better jobs in industry, but again, men. the first to be fired has been the Negro women. As mass lay-offs but admire the uniqueness of Mr.

continue and more war plants McWilliams' words of comfort: A shut down the Negro woman will degree more reassuring than be forced back into being domestic that there is a heaven where and terrible retribution may be-F. R. Los Angeles



In any case, one cannot help within the specified time. If they don't, heaven knows what swift

fall them! there will be no coal to shovel. Mrs. E. A. Ryckman



ONALINOLES



As a result of their protest against continued racial discrimination and segregation, 19 Negro recruits in the Seabees were given dishonorable discharges in October 1943. The incident was revealed last week when the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People reported that twelve of the discharged men are continuing their fight against the Navy's action. Navy officials have refused to discuss the case or reveal the precise charges against the

Discrimination and segregation began first in boot camp, Camp Allen, Va., where the Negro recruits were segregated in living quarters and mess hall and were compelled to buy at a special "colored" section of the post exchange. At advanced training camp, Camp Bradford, whites were incorporated in the Negro unit, "but as soon as the whites with second and third class ratings came into the unit they were rerated and given first class ratings, placing them over us," a discharged Negro states.

When the unit was shipped, an attempt was made Ohio in his Speech and Extension Buffalo residents, who protested to segregate the Negro Seabees to the after part of. of Remarks, wherein he lauds the that the houses, streets and sidethe ship's decks, the pretext being the desirability of separating men on the basis of their ratings. This was protested and halted.

When discrimination and segregation continued at their over-seas base, the Negroes once more protested. This led to an "off-the-record" conference called by their commanding officer, at which the Negroes aired their many grievances. At this meeting, it was proposed to set up an inter-racial committee to better the relations between whites and Negroes.

The very next day the participants in the meeting, sneezing bloodhounds that the called by their commanding officer, were summoned before the regimental commander, who told them they were charged with the formation of a "secret" organization in violation of Navy regulations. Two days later they were all given dishonorable discharge. This is just another sample of the "Four Freecompany; grim, solemn charges doms" as applied to Negroes in Roosevelt's military forces fighting a "war for democracy."

### **Anglo-American Oil Pact Protects Big Monopolies**

The recently-signed Anglo-American international petroleum accord has been loudly hailed in the capitalist press as offering "equality of opportunity" to all nations to secure oil supplies through "free trade." There is one clause in the agreement which reveals, however, that the pact is not intended to interfere in any way with the present "rights" and interests of the American and British world petroleum monopolies. This clause states:

". . .The Governments of each country and the nationals thereof shall respect all valid concession contracts and lawfully acquired rights and shall make pany manages to scrape together no effort unilaterally to interfere directly or indirectenough money to pay the fine | ly with such contracts or rights."

This means that the American and British firms. which control 80 percent of world oil production and resources and 100 percent of the world export trade, will have their present monopoly positions protected.

The agreement also declares that "all peaceable countries" shall have access "in international trade" to "adequate supplies" of petroleum at "fair prices." These "adequate supplies" and "fair prices" will, of course, be determined by the big oil monopolies whose policy is to restrict production, fix prices by agreement, prevent competition, and grab the biggest profits possible.

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government inspectors.

dismissed thousands due to "en-

well done; that they performed and permitted to escape into the

However, it is their composition most uncertain thing in life,

In view of this philosophy, I cannot see why either Mr. Mc-Williams or the Hon. Lewis should hesitate to take the place of the miners, along with the owners of the corporations, in order that they may acquire the

same satisfactions and attain the same means of gaining repose from the uncertainty of life. Such

### Washington Parley

Behind closed and heavily-guarded doors at the Dumbarton Oaks estate in Washington, D. C., representatives of the imperialist governments of Britain and the United States were meeting in secret conclave this week with representatives of Stalin's government, and the Chinese government of Chiang Kai-shek, to advance their nefarious plans for dismembering Germany, Balkanizing Europe and strangling the coming European revolution.

These reactionary plans are not, of course, stated openly. Ostensibly, the conference is being held to draft plans for a "post-war world security organization.

But if the purposes are so innocent, why the close secrecy? Since the meaningless first-day show on Monday, when all the pretty speeches were made, the press has been barred from the sessions and newspapermen have been forbidden even to talk with the delegates.

This conspiratorial secrecy follows the pattern already set at Cairo and Teheran. At Cairo, American newspaper correspondents were forced away from the scene of the Roosevelt-Churchill conference by soldiers armed with bayonets. No correspondent was even permitted to visit Teheran when Roosevelt and Churchill met with Stalin. None of the agreements reached has ever been published.

There have already been sufficient indications of the nature of the discussion at Dumbarton Oaks. It has nothing to do with world peace or postwar security. What is actually afoot is a conspiracy against the European working-class-a plot to carve up Germany and all Europe, to establish the rule of monarchical military-police dictatorships of the Badoglio type all over the continent, to suppress and hold down the rebellious workers and subject them anew to the rotted system of capitalism.

That is why the parleys at Dumbarton Oaks are being conducted in such secrecy. The American working-class must not be permitted to know the dirty schemings that are going on behind those closed doors. "Honest diplomacy," wailed the liberal N. Y. World-Telegram, "needs no secrecy."

But imperialism by its very nature is predatory and crooked. Its diplomacy must, of necessity, be conducted in the dark. Millions of workers, can be

in accord with the new relationship of forces. The principal arena of struggle will, of course, not be that Lilliputian bath-tub, the Mediterranean, nor even the Atlantic Ocean, but the basin of the Pacific. The most important object of struggle will be China, embracing about one-fourth of the human race. The fate of the Soviet Union-the other big stake in the coming war-will also to a certain degree be decided in the Far East."

The productive forces of America have developed to a point at which an enormous volume of goods must find trade outlets abroad if the capitalist economy is not to fall victim to a ravishing crisis of such dimensions as to threaten its very existence.

With the continuance of the capitalist system of production for profit, the internal market can absorb but a fraction of the potential output of industry. Europe, having a modern industrial economy of its own, especially in Germany, can absorb, at best, only another fraction.

For trade and investment in great volume the barons of American finance-capital and industry look to the backward, undeveloped lands of Latin America, Asia and Africa. Latin America is already substantially under the heel of Wall Street. Yankee salesmen have penetrated Africa and the Middle East. The big stake, the lands of Asia with their teeming millions, has yet to be fought for and won.

The mammoth size of this stake can be appreciated when it is remembered that China has a population of 450 millions, India and Burma 400 millions, the Netherlands East Indies 67 millions, French Indo-China 25 millions. In these five Asiatic countries alone is concentrated almost half of the world's population. None of them possesses a modern industrial economy. The British, French and Dutch imperialists saw to that. They were interested in these lands solely as markets for their own exports and as suppliers of raw material and cheap coolie labor. The American imperialists, not one whit less rapacious, plan to continue this system of colonial robbery under the Stars and Stripes.

It is not at all certain that they are going to succeed. Just as the first imperialist war led to uprisings against imperialism in the subjugated lands of Asia, this war will give a fresh impetus to national liberation movements. In unison with the working-class of the West, the colonial peoples will rise to put an end to the cruel, piratical reign of capitalist imperialism with its wars and its neverending hunger. The masses of India and China are already stirring. They will draw yet more millions into this great struggle.

recent munities against the monarchist government. Many of the The Stalinists in Greece, emulatvictims are members or adherents ing the treachery of their Italian of the Stalinist EAM. Thus the confreres, have decided to par-Stalinist traitors are joining hands ticipate in a "national unity" govwith the executioners of their own ernment to be headed by the militant followers.

social-democrat George Papanlreou, present premier in the GERMANY capitalist-monarchist Greek gov-

ERNAT

According to a Canadian Army ernment-in-exile which has its spokesman, the chief role of Hitler's Elite Guard (the SS troops) Many weeks ago the Stalinists in France has been to "keep the participated in a conference in regular infantry from running Lebanon of the various Greek away." This, he said, had caused a political parties. Out of that con-breach between the Wehrmacht erence came announcement of a

Stalinist decision to join in a 'coalition" government with the capitalist-monarchist scum which fled Greece when the Nazis took held open the "jaws" of the Allied

But when the Stalinist delegates units of the Wehrmacht to make returned to their homeland they their escape, but were ordered to evidently encountered vigorous op- retreat eastward as soon as they position among the guerrillas of themselves stood a chance of bethe ELAS, a fighting organization | ing trapped by the Allied armies. of Greeks which is controlled by As a result thousands of regular the Stalinist - dominated EAM German troops were hopelessly (National Liberation Front). The caught and are now being steadily Greek guerrillas made it abun- decimated.

dantly clear that they are not Hitler's decision to sacrifice a fighting against the Nazi en- large number of regular troops slavers just in order to permit rather than risk the loss of his SS the reactionary exiled monarchy formation is further evidence of to return to Greece and rule once the shakiness of his regime. The more in the interests of the SS troops are the only really more, "under the public facade capitalists and landlords. Now, evidently, the Stalinists Hitler cannot afford to have them have hit on some slick formula seriously weakened. But in sacriwhich will permit them to carry ficing the Wehrmacht to save the out their original intention of SS he has weakened the cohesion joining hands with the Cairo gov- of the army as a whole and tang needs more than ever the ernment in a phony "coalition" of thereby weakened Nazi rule still support of all the elements in the Badoglio - Bonomi type in further. Every such move the Italy. Their purpose is plain: to

prevent the utter collapse of the nail driven into their own coffin. hadow Cairo government which CHINA is hated by the Greek masses, to

President Roosevelt has disdress it up in "democratic" colors, to invest it with at least a sempatched Donald M. Nelson, chairblance of popular support, and man of the War Production thus erect a barrier against the Board, and Major G e n e r a 1 He intends to prop up Chiang's forces of the Greek revolution. Patrick J. Hurley to Chungking The Stalinist decision to enter to investigate China's economic the projected "coalition" was an- situation with special reference nounced over the Cairo radio last to the country's urgent need for week. It is in Cairo that a Greek war materials.

It is no secret that Kuomintang court-martial, established by the very government which the Stalin-China is on the verge of military ists intend to join, is busy hand- and economic collapse and that ing down death and long imprison- Chiang Kai-shek's bloody regime ment sentences to Greek sailors is shakier than it has ever been. and soldiers who took part in the The Chungking correspondent of

### **German Soldiers Shooting Officers**

The growing rebellion in the German army is indicated by the frequency of reports of German soldiers shooting their own officers so that they may surrender and get out of the war.

One such incident is reported by a United Press correspondent with the American forces near Argentan, France. Three American soldiers in a jeep turned down a road in the course of mopping - up operations and encountered a company of German troops.

The German officer, related one of the American soldiers, ordered his men to open fire. "They opened fire, all righton him but not on us. Then they surrendered-67 in one batch."

the N. Y. Times reported the symptoms in a dispatch on Aug. 15. He wrote that "the armies of ing output. China in the eighth year of war are weaker and more tired than most people supposed." Further criticism of the government and the leadership of the armies is blunter than it used to be. As the political situation deteriorates it becomes obvious that the Kuomin-China that are willing to fight the Nazis make represents another Japanese."

> But the whole point is that Chiang Kai-shek is losing whatever support he ever had in China and must depend more and more on American imperialism. Roosevelt wants no revolution in China. vile regime so that China may be saved for future exploitation by Wall Street.



# **False Production Report Used As Anti-Labor Smear**

A new phase of the Big Business anti-labor offensive was opened up when Lieut. Gen. Brehon Somervell, head of the Army Service Forces and former industrial engineer allied with Wall Street war contractors spread a scare-head report of dire shortages in 320 categories of military supplies-due, he indicated, either to labor scarcity or a slow-down on the part of the workers.

This was the signal for a new forced labor directive by Director of War Mobilization Byrnes, Roosevelt's "Assistant President," which would enable the government to limit employment in so-called non-essential, or consumers goods, industries, force workers to take insecure or lower paid jobs in war plants or prevent workers from leaving jobs in war plants for more secure positions.

At the same time, a smear campaign has been launched through the corporation press, notably the N. Y. Times and the United Press against the rubber, automobile and aircraft workers, charging them with "slow-down" practices. This was the basis for government "investigations" aimed at driving the workers to speed-up further their already record-break-

Somervell's report was subsequently revealed to be "doctored". Two officials of the War Production Board, who had prepared the original report on the current level of production and supplies, resigned in protest because the real facts had been deleted and suppressed in order to make the report "more pessimistic." Production, the full report disclosed, is ahead of schedule in most categories.

The object of the Somervell statement and the subsequent government moves is to create a "surplus army" of unemployed workers to drive down wage levels and to provide a basis for wage slashes by

raising piece work quotas. Big Business also wants to prevent smaller firms from entering upon civilian production while the giant monopolies are still engaged in war production. Hence, the phony clamor about serious production shortages of military supplies.

Now, a War Manpower Commission report on Army tire shortages, allegedly due to a "slow-down" of Akron rubber workers admits the "smear" nature of the press fanfare. The WMC states that: "Publicity to date has over-emphasized one or two factors, such as workers' limits on productivity, as the reason for failure to meet production schedules, and has not presented the true picture." The true picture, it now appears, is that there has been bad planning on the part of responsible Army agencies.

and the SS. Front dispatches from France indicated very clearly that the six SS divisions in action there Falaise-Argentan trap to enable

reliable military prop of Nazism.