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Out in the Cold

AVALUM NEW TRAILE

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The capitalist editors would have acted much sharper and

more in tune with the times had

they utilized Roosevelt's confes-

sion about the Atlantic Charter

to show how propaganda methods

have progressed since antiquity.

Nowadays it isn't necessary for

a prophet to spend weary days

fasting, praying and climbing

mountains in search of God before

he dares issue his proclamations.

The capitalist politician simply

settles himself comfortably in the

lounge of a battleship with a

bottle of champagne, lights his

cigarette or cigar, outlines the

main idea he wants put over on

the public, has the palace poets

go over it to inject a Biblical

flayor and file off the rough

corners that don't sound holy

enough and then has the radio

operator broadcast it to the entire

world. Under such circumstances

is a signature really necessary?

Did any of the ancient Israelites

demand Moses produce the signa-

ture of the author of the Ten

For our part we are not un-

CIO Unionists Aid Strike Roosevelt Tosses Atlantic Against Open-Shop Avery **Charter Into Waste Basket** As Ward Walkout Spreads

Stalinist Finks Condemn Ward Strikers; Government Spokesmen Hem and Haw As Sewell Avery Defies War Labor Board 'Deadline'

By Art Preis

DECEMBER 26.-As the Roosevelt administration continued to stall more than a full week past its "deadline" fixed for Sewell L. Avery to comply with the latest WLB directives against his Montgomery Ward mail-order empire, nation-wide labor support steadily mounted behind the over 2,000 members of the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes striking at Ward's four Detroit stores.

The Detroit Ward workers, continuing their solid picket lines into the third week despite snow and bitter cold, have been joined daily by hundreds of militant auto workers and other CIO members. Last week in Detroit, displaying a spirit reminiscent of the great fighting days of '36 and '37, a mass meeting

of over 2,500 local CIO officers | ful lest Roosevelt's further of over 2,500 local CIO officers ful lest Roosevelt's further Strike Vote Taken call to rally behind the Ward should irretrievably discredit his dent's committee of 15" was es- WEAK-KNEED POLICY tablished to mobilize "full moral, financial and physical" support for the Ward strikers. | kneed policy toward Avery that

In Kansas City, 2,500 URWDSE they have manifested ever since CIO members in all Ward's local the latter in 1941 defied the communications hub, voted on retail and mail-order houses are NLRB and federal court orders to December 20 to strike unless the scheduled to go on strike tomor- reinstate illegally fired workers. American Telephone and Telerow with the full support of all Since November 1942, when on graph trust complies with a CIO unions in the area. Their na- direct appeal from Roosevelt WLB panel recommendation tional leaders are threatening to Ward's signed a contract with the for a \$5 weekly wage increase. extend the strike to still other Chicago local of the URWDSE, cities if Roosevelt does not im- Avery has brazenly ignored a 101, Federation of Long Lines mediately discontinue his kid- veritable flood of WLB orders. Telephone Workers Independent more than four years.

FIRST TIME

FIRST TIME For the first time since Pearl Harbor, a number of state and national CIO unions have formally endorsed a strike by nedging all assistance to the pledging all assistance to the lowing which Avery had his Ward workers. Top officials of the CIO Textile Workers, CIO his disregard of government American Newspaper Guild, CIO United Automobile Workers, CIO

The latest Ward strike, precipi-Transport Service Employes, tated by Avery's flouting a long-Connecticut C I O Council and standing WLB order to raise the other leading CIO bodies have wages of his Detroit workers and publicly offered aid to the Ward pay them over \$500,000 due in strikers. Sympathetic picketing retroactive pay to December of Ward stores in Lansing, Ann 1942, brought forth the usual Arbor, Saginaw and Jackson, Mich., is reported by URWDSE officials.

ficials. The WLB's "public" mem-In fact, outside of the Stalin-bers, Chairman Davis and Vice-

strikers and sounded threats of a "general holiday." Previously, a CIO and UAW "local presi-

Phone Operators Roosevelt and his agents have Over 3,000 women long-disso far continued the same weaktance telephone operators in

> New York City, the nation's Of the 3,172 members of Local

> > workers in New York was greatly inspired by the magnificent Thanksgiving-week strike of over 10,000 Ohio, Michigan and Washington, D. C., operators. This strike first focused a national spotlight on the miserable wages and conditions of the women tele-

The New York operators have

to accept a WLB panel recom- fense Committee sent individu- Local 318, Detroit; ILGWU-AFL, Mich.; Church Emergency Relief mendation to grant the raise and al checks "for our fellow work- Cotton Garment & Miscel., Local Committee, New York. it was referred to the WLB ers who are languishing behind

Goes Beyond Half - Way Mark Over \$2,500 has already been | Retail Shoe Employes, Local 1268, | 313, Boston; ILGWU-AFL, Joint collected in the Christmas Fund New York; CIO Retail Shoe Em- Board Dress & Waistmakers, New for the Minneapolis labor pris- ployes, Local 287, Brooklyn; Fire- York; United Transport Service palace favorites, it seems, scrib- declarations about imperialist oners with contributions com- men & Oilers, AFL, Local 2, To- Empl. No. 706, Boston; Textile been waiting for WLB action on their \$5 wage demand since last January. The company refused Canada. The IWW General De-individual inter \$6 wage demand since last January. The company refused Canada. The IWW General De-individual inter \$6 wage demand since last January. The company refused Canada. The IWW General De-individual inter \$6 wage demand since last January. The company refused Canada. The IWW General De-individual inter \$6 wage demand since last January. The company refused Canada. The IWW General De-individual inter \$6 wage demand since last January. The company refused Canada. The IWW General De-individual inter \$6 wage demand since last January. The company refused Canada. The IWW General De-individual inter \$6 wage demand since last January. The company refused Canada. The IWW General De-individual inter \$6 wage demand since last Company refused Company refused Canada. The IWW General De-individual inter \$6 wage demand since last Company refused Company

CRDC Christmas Fund Drive

"Like Ten Commandments, It May Never Be Achieved"

By Joseph Hansen

When President Roosevelt cynically remarked at his December 19 press interview that no such thing as a "formal Atlantic, Charter" exists, editors of the capitalist press registered "shock." Since 1941 they have pictured the "Atlantic Charter" to the pubtic as a modern addition to sacred scripture. Roosevelt himself -and what higher authority exists down here below?-compared it favorably to the Magna Charta and the Ten Commandments. Naturally the capitalist press

assumed the Atlantic Charter | tablets of stone and then signed must be a real document with it with a hammer and chisel? genuine signatures. Wasn't the Magna Charta an actual document with King John's signature at the bottom? Weren't the Ten Commandments considered so important that. Moses personally carved them on tablets of stone? The White House, moreover, issued the original Atlantic Charter over the signatures of both Churchill and Roosevelt.

Now, at this late date, Roosevelt confesses the two prophets didn't even make up a formal document, still less sign it! It's enough to make a pious-minded person wish Moses of old would rise from his grave and judge this pair of capitalist politicians who claim his mantle. No doubt the stern and wrathful leader who led the Israelites out of bondage would break the original Ten Commandments over their heads as depraved and cynical worshippers of the Golden Calf.

HUE AND CRY

Mar HART

Commandments before accepting The McCormick-Patterson press, which backed Dewey in the last them as genuine utterances? election, is raising a hue and cry over the scandalous origin of the grateful to Roosevelt for his Atlantic Charter. Some of the timely revelation. It comes right White House and Downing Street on top of Churchill's brazen bled the charter on scraps of Britain requiring Greece, Italy,

paper, then polished each other's Belgium and all else that can be cracy" and "freedoms." The final firms Churchill's clarification batch of phrases was radioed from about the real character of the

glove policy toward Avery, who These orders, many of them going Union, who voted in an NLRBhas successfully defied scores of back more than two years, affect supervised election under the government orders going back scores of his stores and mail-order Smith-Connally Act, 98.3 per cent plants and factories from coast favored strike action. They will to coast. The last dramatic in- wait the 30-days "cooling off" pe-

phone employes.

ists, who are playing the role of Chairman Graham, issued reopen strikebreakers, not a single CIO or other trade union leader has thus for dared to condemn six months the company has not the strike, although they are all nominal support to the Ward that "Mr. Avery's underpaid strikers because Avery's flagrant workers are still waiting for WLB orders has aroused such a justice."

storm in labor ranks. Actually, COVER-UP

the top CIO officials are frantic These "deploring" statements to put an end to the strike, particularly because of its possible failure of the Roosevelt ad- granted no wage increases dureffect on the voting in the forth- ministration to enforce govern- ing the war. At the same time, on the no-strike pledge. The CIO several years. Even the pretense out and stop-watch "snoopervidesperately to Roosevelt to when the workers force the issue worse due to the wartime volume "seize" the strike-bound Ward by strike action. Thus, after the of telephone calls and labor short-Stores, as he did last May in Detroit strike had been in pro- ages. AT & T has consistently breaking the Chicago Ward strike gress almost a week, the WLB refused to pay sufficient wages on the pretext of "enforcing" a on December 14 issued an to attract new workers in order previous WLB order against "ultimatum" that Ward comply to relieve the pressure on its Avery. They are especially fear-(Continued on page 4)

"Graveyard of Grievances" in prison walls at this Christmas sounding verbal attacks against Washington. Union operators in because they have done their Avery. Admitting that "for over Philadelphia. Baltimore and other major cities have also voted to put into effect wage adjustrabid defenders of the no-strike policy. They are forced to give the Detroit workers, Davis wailed how the WLB for the Detroit workers, Davis wailed how the back of the back boosted.

(See letter on page 4.) Another contributor, R. M. of The New York operators receive a starting salary of \$20 a Woodlyn, Penn., declares: "This week, a maximum of \$34 after is the first I have heard of this

12 years. Despite the tremendous case and I hope when the men increase in the cost of living, are released they will never forget the injustice that has been were an obvious cover-up for the these women workers have been done to them.'

B. P. J. of Milnes Landing, Cancoming UAW-CIO referendum ment orders against Ward's over conditions of speedup, stretch- ada, writes: "Enclosed please find donation . . . I can think of and UAW officials have appealed of such enforcement occurs only sion" have become immeasurably no worthier case. With cordial good wishes to those behind the bars, their families and your committee."

Six of the labor prisoners have terminated their sentences; 12 of the original 18 are still behind over-burdened regular workers. bars. They were railroaded to prison by the Roosevelt regime for their opposition to imperialist war. The Smith "Gag" Act under which they were convicted has since been utilized to persecute other trade unionists.

best to help make this old world

a better and happier place for

mankind to live and work in.'

FUND DRIVE

Agreement At Caserta By Wells Thurber

Front) to Allied Commander

Scobie was the proviso that British troops in Greece "be em-

ployed exclusively in the execu-

der the Caserta agreement." If

proviso, asserted these leaders,

the civil war now raging in Greece

could satisfactorily be terminated.

The Stalinists did not disclose

the terms of the "Caserta agree-

ment." However, the other provi-

sions of the "peace" offer were

so clearly intended to sell out the

heroic Greek masses that the

Militant last week was able to

assert flatly: "These 'peace'

| Secretary Anthony Eden, spokes-| 25 agreement already signed by man of counter-revolutionary Saraphis in secret at Caserta, Among the "peace" terms | British imperialism which is seek- Italy.

submitted by the Stalinist-dom- ing to foist the puppet Glucksburg Eden is specific on this point: inated leadership of the ELAS | dynasty upon the Greek people. "It was agreed to by Mr. Papan-(armed contingents of the In the House of Commons, De-E A M, National Liberation cember 20, Eden declared: "Two Government of all parties, in the leaders, General Saraphis of the presence of EAM leaders and ELAS and General Zervas of the signed by General Saraphis. .." EDES, were invited to come to Eden reveals the terms of the Caserta and meet the Supreme Caserta agreement were as Commander and there was drawn follows: "1. All guerrilla forces tion of the missions defined un- up an agreed formula between operating in Greece place themthem, known as the Caserta selves under orders of the Greek

the British would agree to this | Agreement." ABJECT LACKEY

Eden Reveals Stalinist

Zervas is a royalist general, an General Scobie, who has been abject lackey of the British. The Supreme Commander," of course, is the military representative of counter - revolutionary Allied imperialism.

Saraphis is the general who Greek partisans under the comlater demurred at signing an mand of their deadliest enemy, agreement with Commander Scobutchering them.

terms are the terms of betrayal." bie to give up the arms of the Now the provisions of the ELAS. He wanted more time, he over made it possible for Scobie mysterious Caserta agreement explained. But this new agreehave been made public. Not by ment was only a formal paper, to label the partisans as "mutithe Stalinists, but by Foreign repeating in public the September (Continued on page 4)

to continue the fight for a full which they were convicted. .Contributions should be sent to the Civil Rights Defense Committee, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York 10.

N. Y. Government of National Unity. Besides individual contribu-The Greek Government places these forces under the orders of IWW General Defense Committee. the following labor organizations nominated by the Supreme Allied

contributed during the past week: Command as the general officer commanding in Greece." By signing this clause, the Stalinist Saraphis placed the

Monroe, Mich.; UAW-CIO Local the Allied general who is now 238, Hamtramck, Mich.; UAW-CIO Local 600, Aircraft Unit, De-The Caserta agreement moretroit; UAW-CIO Local 157, De-

troit; UAW-CIO Local 154, Detroit; NY Joint Board, Shirtmak. DeSoto local, and others.

OUT OF THEIR OWN MOUTHS

Churchill, December 8, on the agreement of the Allies to carve up Europe and use force and violence to put down the rising socialist revolution: "I have no hesitation in saying" not only did we obey General Eisenhower's orders, but we thought those orders were wise and sensible. . . At the Quebec conference it was proposed by the combined chiefs of staff that the British should prepare the forces to occupy the Athens area and pave the way. . . for the instalment of the Greek Government which we and the great bulk of the United Nations had formally recognized. . . We have a joint arrangement with America about Italy."

Churchill, December 12, emphasizes Allied agreement on this imperialist program: "These matters were first discussed at Teheran." President Roosevelt has been "aware of everything that has passed and of what is in the minds of the Russians and British."

Minister of Labor Ernest Bevin, December 13, confirms Churchill's declarations: "Proposals regarding Greece were submitted to President Roosevelt at Quebec and were initialed by him."

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, December 21, reiterates Allied agreement to hand Greece to British imperialism: "Before we took that decision we did consult our United States allies. We did go there with their agreement. We did tell our decision also to our Soviet ally and they also approved. that decision. There was no question of our having done this without having consulted our allies or by a movement of our own."

the middle of the Atlantic by an If we do protest, it is over the unknown operator.

persecution Roosevelt and Chur-The Mc Cormick - Patterson chill have visited on the Trotskypress is indignant. They seem to ists in America, England and demand the same efficiency from India for long ago opposing the Roosevelt in these matters one Second World War as imperialist would expect from the Japanese in character and denouncing the Mikado. Japanese capitalists in Atlantic Charter as a fraud and a issuing propaganda designed to lie designed to cover up the impress the workers and peasants. Allies' sordid aims. with the holy character of their crusade for loot, plunder, colonies and markets would certainly never overlook the angle of

However, we also understand why Roosevelt couldn't admit the fraud of the Atlantic Charter until now. He wanted four terms genuine hand-tooled scriptures in the White House. If he had with a genuine signature of the Divine Mikado. But neither admitted an iota of the truth Roosevelt nor Churchill-nor for about the real nature of the Atlantic Charter, wouldn't Hillthat matter Colonel McCormick's man. Murray and the rest of his candidate Dewey - have ever servile boot-lickers have had claimed, at least publicly, to be greater difficulty convincing the direct descendants of God as the workers he is a friend of labor Japanese Divine Mikado claims. and the champion of democracy? The McCormick-Patterson press Now the election is over. In addishould understand that a slip-up tion, the orders of Eisenhower and in ritual is one of the overhead Churchill to shoot down Greek and Belgian workers have pretty

ROOSEVELT'S CONFESSION

costs of "democracy."

well exposed the Atlantic Charter At any rate, why cavil over as not at all divine but just run such a minor item as putting the of the mill Wall Street propafreshly composed scripture down ganda. So Roosevelt doesn't mind neatly in black and white on a passing the time of day with his whole sheet of paper and signing press agents, wise-cracking and it with a fountain pen? Would it laughing about the sly dodges a really have made any difference false prophet must utilize to if Churchill and Roosevelt had make his fake promises sound carved the Atlantic Charter on genuine to the people.

from jail, to pay the costs of transportation to their homes and UAW Rank And File Caucus Organizes pardon for the 18 and the repeal Campaign Against No-Strike Pledge

By Jerry Kirk

mitted by Bill Jenkins, president | ings to publicize the campaign." | made at membership meetings to 4.-Full-time people. "The have your local union make an of Local 490 and chairman of DETROIT, Mich. - The Rank- Wayne County Rank - and - File financially able locals can use appropriation to help finance the and-File Caucus of Wayne County Caucus, was adopted unanimously. full-time people to organize, educational campaign against the

adopted a hard-hitting program It consisted of the following six direct and coordinate the activity pledge." of action at its meeting on points and several others pro- in their shops and those nearby The caucus meeting was adtions and the checks sent by the Thursday, December 21. The posed at the meeting. if necessary." journed early so that all the Caucus includes groups in 18 5.-Radio time. "The larger members could go down in a 1.-The organization of local UAW locals. Briggs 212, Ford groups. "We believe that the locals can make effective use of group to the UAW meeting held Bomber 50, Ford Highland Park fight to rescind the no-strike radio time by sponsoring their that night to support the Ward United Rubber Workers, CIO, Lo- 400, Motor Products 203, Chrysler pledge can only be waged properly president or some other officer in strike. This meeting of 1,000 cal 213, Yardville, N. J.; St. Louis 490. Fleetwood 15, Dodge 140 a speech against the no-strike stewards and officers of 240 UAW Joint Council, URW and DSEA, have already gone on record to at the shop level." 2.-Distribution of literature. pledge. The smaller locals could locals was well covered with the CIO, St. Louis; Paper Workers rescind the no-strike pledge. 2.—Distribution of literature. pledge. The Smaller local son of Action of the Rank-Origonizing Committee Local 999 Other locals that have not gone and most effective technique that joint radio program." and-File Caucus.

on record officially but had rep- can be used in educating the mem- 6.-Funds. "To raise funds The prestige of the caucus is resentatives in the meetings were bership to vote against the many of our caucus members bound to mount and gain in in-Continental Motors 280, Hudson pledge." have solicited the rank-and-file in fluence as the UAW workers seek 154, Ford 600, West Side 174, the 3.-Sound trucks. "Sound trucks the shops for donations and the ways and means of combatting can be used effectively near the response has been very good. In the Sewell Averys in the auto iners, ACW-CIO, New York; CIO The "Program for Action" sub- shop at shift changes or at meet- some locals an appeal can be dustry.

The Committee is continuing its fund drive to raise the remaining

\$2500 by January 23. The Committee needs the full sum of \$5,000 in order to give the prisoners a purse upon their release

PRADE UNION SWP Members And Friends Back NOTES S18,000 Party Expansion Fund

\$18,000

\$18,000 Party Expansion Fund

A Fitting Welcome to Our 18 Class-War Prisoners By Rose Karsner, Campaign Director

Many years ago, we conducted an Expansion Fund Campaign for \$3,000. It seemed like a large sum then and when we completed paign to win a majority vote in some of the leaflets put out by it we felt we had accomplished a herculean task.

To-day, we undertake the raising of \$18,000 with full confidence. We know that the branch quotas will be fulfilled and that many of them will be oversubscribed.

The transition from a small group that raised \$3,000 with difficulty, to a party that undertakes to collect \$18,000 without hesitation, was achieved over a long period by hard spade work, conscious education and natural selection of cadres.

We are no longer an isolated group. We are a party, on its way posed of one representative of employers and the government.' to become a mass revolutionary party. The Militant reaches thoueach UAW local in the caucus, Exposure of the fact that the will direct and coordinate the Stalinists are in the camp of the sands of workers. Our members are integrated in the unions. They propagate the Trotskyist ideas and bring new members into the reactionary capitalists and their labor lieutenants is falsely label | party from the shop, the factory, the ship. dio broadcasts, sound trucks, lo- ed by Ganley as "red-baiting."

Objective conditions, national and international, are favorable to a readier receptivity of our program by ever broader circles of "overwhelming majority of work the working class. The Party Expansion Program of Action was framed from this viewpoint. Its aim is to lay the basis for a big leap forward in our mass activity.

The successful completion of the \$18,000 Fund is the first prerequisite for carrying out the Expansion Program. Every member understands this and is making special efforts to fulfill his and her individual pledge in the shortest possible time, so as to clear the decks for the next action.

212, Ford 600, Ford 400, Fleet of government threats and repri FROM THE BRANCHES

New York: "The members of our maritime club are an outstanding example of how 'Trotskyists do what is necessary, not what is possible.' Although, on the average, these comrades do not earn more, or, in many cases, as much as those in war industry, each one of them has pledged a minimum of \$100."

San Francisco: from Anne-"The scoreboard on the campaign carried in The Militant is a beautiful job. I am sure everyone will watch that pointer with great interest. We can be very proud of our party for the efficient manner with which every task is handled."

Los Angeles, Dan Roberts: "We had a wonderful experience with one of our recent worker recruits, a comrade who came in two in issuing their own papers, leaf- ance that "the chances for post- months ago. In spite of the fact that very recently he incurred an injury to his hand and had to have his fingers amputated, he and his wife pledged \$100."

Members-at-large have not been assigned any definite quotas by the national office because we had no way of judging what they could

In fact, according to the Stal carry. Last week, one of these members from Dayton wrote in sayinists, "Teheran" has guaranteed ing that in the absence of a definite quota he was assessing himself cal 238, Detroit, has issued an such a golden future under \$25. We expect that other members-at-large will follow suit. Thus "free enterprise" monopoly capi- far, the quotas undertaken by members-at-large, groups and friends

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Branch

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Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
Youngstown	\$300	\$316	106%
Newark	450	230	51
Akron	300	145	48
Reading	75	35	47
N.Y. Maritime Clu	b 3000	1385	46
Toledo	300	118	39
Buffalo	400	133	33
Detroit	1250	404	32
Boston .	400	119	30
New York Local	3000	783	26
Cleveland	250	45	18
Bayonne	400	0	0
Chicago	2500	0	0
Los Angeles	2500	0	0
Milwaukee	100	0	0
Philadelphia	200	0	Ó
Rochester	50	0	0
San Diego	150	0	0
San Francisco	1000	0	0
Seattle	1000	0 *	0
Twin Cities	1000	0	0
Members-at-large,	·		
groups and friend	s: 300	115	38
~			

TOTAL \$3,829 21%

BETTER LOOK INTO THIS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1944

- "-What did you tell that man just now?"
- "-I told him to hurry."
- "-What right have you to tell him to hurry?" "-I pay him to hurry."
- "-How much do you pay him?"
- "-Eight dollars a day."
- "-Where do you get the money to pay him?"
- "-I sell products."
- "---Who makes the products?"
- "-He does."
- "-How many products does he make in a day?" "-Twenty dollars worth."
- "-Then instead of you paying him, he pays you twelve dollars a day to stand around telling him to hurry."
- "-Well. but I own the machines." "-How did you get the machines?" "-Sold products and bought them."
- "-Who made the products?"
- "-Shut up! He might hear you!"

(Reprinted from Voice of 212, organ of Briggs Local 212, UAW-CIO)

leave it and organize into new,

independent unions." says Lucha

Obrera, "The CTM has deter-

mined to oppose such moves by

all possible methods, and has its

own Gestapo, including hordes of

willing gunmen, for that purpose.

will of the working class by ter-

Where terror fails, Lucha Ob-

rera points out, the unscrupulous

Stalinist bureaucrats of the CTM

utilize "a less bloody, slightly

"Armed representatives of the

Incite Terror In Mexico City

MEXICO CITY - Five workers were wounded, one of them The CTM intends to destroy the fatally, when a gang of Stalinist gunmen from the Confederacion ror." Trabajadores Mexicanos (Stalinist-dominated Mexican Federation

of Workers), on October 6 attacked unarmed members of the Federacion Libertaria (Indepenmore pacifistic and democratic dent Union), at a Mexico City weapon - money" - backed up shoe factory, reports the midby the threat of its goon-squads. November issue of Lucha Obrera, organ of the Mexican section of the Fourth International.

CTM offered 200 pesos to any worker who would agree to leave The attack climaxed a series the Federacion Libertaria and afof attempts by the Stalinist-confiliate with the CTM." These tao trolled CTM to halt by intimidatics can only increase the detertion and bribery, the growth of mination of the advanced workindependent, anti-Stalinist unions ers to wipe out the influence of through the Federacion Liberta-

ria. "The CTM cannot and does Stalinism in the union movement not intend to permit workers to of Mexico. WHERE YOU CAN BUY THE 'FOURTH INTERNATIONAL' Freedeed PHILADELPHIA AKRON New Exchange, 51 S. Main. 13th and Market Streets. CHICAGO SAN FRANCISCO 51st St. L Station; Duncan's Newsstand, 1986 Ceshinsky's Bookstore, 2750 Sutter St.; Rays Smoke W. Division St.; University Shop, 1174 Sutter St.; Macof Chicago Bookstore, 5802 S. Donald's Book Store, 867 Ellis Ave.; Randolph News Mission St.; Golden Gate Shop; 63 W. Randolph. News Agency, 81-3rd St.; Fitizgerald News Agency, DETROIT -21-4th St. Family Theater Newsstand,

paign since the convention. Loattractive red and white sticker which is appearing in many of talism that the workers won't are: the plants. Fleetwood and Ford need to strike ever again. So the Aircraft Units have distributed Stalinists are taking the lead in thousands of leaflets. Similar trying to fasten the no-strike polactivities are being initiated by icy noose around the necks of the workers for the "duration"the duration of capitalist rule by

The CIO auto workers' Rank vite them to step on his face. and File Caucus, which organized "The no-strike pledge," says Ganthe magnificent battle against the ley, is no less than "labor's of-

no-strike pledge at the union's fensive weapon" against fascism

convention last September and Wouldn't the fascist-minded open

secured a national membership shoppers like the workers to be-

launching an aggressive cam- Ganley undertakes to "answer"

the referendum to rescind the various UAW locals against the

The Wayne County Rank and notes indignantly that a Local

File caucus recently held its most 659 leaflet reminds the workers

representative meeting, where that "the only people who have

plans for a bold campaign were been for the no-strike pledge are

mapped and a steering commit | the top leaders of the labor move-

tee elected. This committee, com- ment, the Communist Party, the

cal union papers, mass distribu- Moreover, claims Ganley, the

means of publicity and education ing people" are "for the pledge."

to get out the largest possible He fails to point out that the

vote against the no-strike sur- workers were never given a

Among the participants in the agencies of capitalist propaganda,

Rank and File meeting were government coercion and union

stewards, committeemen and of- bureaucratic intimidation have

ficers from such leading locals as had to be employed to enforce

wood 15, Hudson 154, Continental sals, as well as victimization by

Motors 280. Ford Bomber 50, West the union bureaucrats, over 2,000

Side 174, Chrysler 490, Michigan 000 American workers have en-

Steel Tube 238, Motor Products gaged in wartime strikes since

an organized campaign to bring bor "must prepare today to meet

out a resounding vote to defeat the postwar crisis which is abso-

have already taken the initiative blandly offers the fantastic assur-

lets and stickers calling on the war prosperity are greater than

auto unionists to throw out the the chances for postwar crisis."

no-strike policy. In Flint, Buick Didn't Roosevelt himself promise

Local 599 and Chevrolet Local "60 million postwar jobs" - be-

659 have been conducting a con- fore elections?

Pearl Harbor.

DeSoto 227, Dodge 140, Briggs the no-strike policy. And in spite

no-strike policy. For instance, he

choice in the matter, that all the

Against the inescapable truth

of the Local 659 leaflet that la-

lutely certain" by defending its

While the Stalinists try to dope

Business Week further warns

the bosses: " . . . The expected

strike wave can be predicated on

the fact that the war largely end-

ed a normal pattern of bargain-

ing. Minor and major disputes

alike since 1941 were not settled

but sidetracked . . . (by) the Lit-

trol, the existence of labor's no-

confident enough to risk an all however.

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objectives of organized labor will a special sub but one to continue

during the war and which is self- working class neighborhoods.

the workers with opiates about

gains and rights now, Ganley

referendum on the issue, is lieve that!

The caucus proposes to use ra-

tion of leaflets, stickers and other

203, and Budd 306. After a

thoroughgoing discussion, com-

plete unanimity was reached on

Many Michigan auto locals

sistent press and educational cam-

the no-strike pledge.

other locals.

Nat" "Quack-Quack" Ganley, America's Sixty Millionaire Famleading Stalinist whip at UAWn Hies. " Distance CIO conventions and business agent of the Stalinist-dominated Local 155. Detroit, broke out in nearly a page of print in the the "greater chances for postwar Stalinist Worker, December 17, to prosperity," the organs of Big proclaim "Vote 'Yes' in UAW No-Business prefer to give their

Strike Referendum!" hard-boiled corporation clients Ganley's article reveals Stalin- the straight facts. Thus, Busiism's anti-labor policy in its full ness Week of December 16, headflower - skunk cabbage and lines: "Trouble Ahead - Poststink weed. With Roosevelt's war labor disorders on major promises of "equality of sacrifice" scale seen for Detroit when war-



pledge.

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THE MILITAND

still ringing in our ears, Ganley stilled grievances are revived at tells the workers to support the bargaining table."

no-strike pledge "regardless of Business Week observes: "Welwhat the provocation may be." come as the war's end will be because "thinking, militant labor Detroit automotive managers are has no illusions that there will fearful that it will be accompabe equality of sacrifice between nied by an outbreak of labor reactionary employers and worktroubles as severe as those which ing people in the present war." paralyzed the auto industry in Ganley advises the worker that 1937... There is no dispute with when the bosses knock him down this thesis in most labor quarhe should just turn over and inters.'

Twin Gities Forum EVERY SUNDAY. 3:30 P. M. Minneapolis Headquarters **Socialist Workers Party** 10 South 4th Street Come and Hear "The News Behind the

Headlines'



Two of the branches have in- the following stand: S.E. corne creased their bundle orders. Mil- Wabash and Evergreen, Boyle waukee ordered 25 more copies a Heights If the paper sells well week and San Diego asked for enough, we will try to place the an increase of 85 copies a week. F. I.

We quote from our San Diego agent's letter: "This is to inform Our Detroit agent is already you that the San Diego Branch beginning preparations for the decided to increase its weekly subscription campaign scheduled bundle order of The Militant by to begin March 1: "Enclosed are 85 copies . . . Hope this finds all eight introductory subs and one the comrades in the same optim-| six-month continuation of an in-

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"Please include in the ad of

istic spirit as the last time I saw troductory sub. You will notice them at the Convention. San that the purchaser of the renewal Diego has caught the same fire bought his first sub just last of enthusiasm." month.

him when he decided to renew before his original sub had ex-The following methods are bepired. ing tried in Los Angeles as an "We're starting to prepare for

additional way of introducing the next sub campaign — we're tle Steel Formula of wage con- The Militant to the workers: anxious for it to begin." "Please send a complimentary strike pledge. . . In a parallel subscription to San Pedro Econ-* * *

Notes Samples of our attractive new pamphlet, American Workers Need a Labor Party by Joseph

We didn't argue with Hansen, have reached the midwest and orders are coming in from the branches:

> Chicago: "Please send us 250 copies of the Labor Party pamphlet. Everybody here feels that this is the best popular pamphlet

we have yet published. This is A report from our Youngstown just in the way of a preliminary agent outlines the successful be revived when the war ends... indefinitely. I hope to be able method being used there in sellorder so that we can get started."

Labor also points to evidence of to get a list of barber shops and ing 3-month introductory sub-Milwaukee: "The Labor Party a recent hardening of company such places for complimentary scriptions: "Immediately after pamphlet is very excellent, it is attitudes . . . an aggressive anti. subs as I think it may give us the Convention we once again well printed on good paper and union attitude which has grown new contacts. This is just for concentrated on obtaining sub has very excellent cartoons and scriptions and selling pamphlers illustrations. However, it seems along wich our other work. This a tiny bit too long. (I may be

work is so organ zed that it will mistaken - the proof will be in in no way conflict with the func- the selling)." tioning of the other committees.

The New York comrades have "We have set up two groups of four, with one group going out begun the sale of the pamphlet once a week and the other four going out the latter part of the their admiration of the latest Pioneer publication. week. In this way we bring the "It is a hell of a good pamphlet. work down to a minimum as far as hours are concerned and still We are proud to show it to peowe are able to dispose of our ple." "Swell pamphlet! When you extra Militants by passing them take it out it really looks good." out to individuals as we ask for "It not only looks good, but a sub. We did this last week and makes interesting reading. It is in approximately 21/2 hours we chuck full of well presented

obtained 23 subs, which is a darn facts." "The cover cartoon tells good average considering we didn't cover more than 45 the story so clearly that it hardly

needs the printed title."

Boston CRDC Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 - 8 P. M. Speakers: Oscar Shoenfeld, Minneapolis Case Defendant Prof. F. O. Mattiesen, Harvard University Jacob Blum, Mass. Joint Board, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO Alfred A. Albert, Massachusetts ACLU Michael Flaherty, United Shoe Workers, CIO WORKMEN'S CIRCLE CENTER 612 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester

Trotskyism Pioneer Lives The Socialist Appeal, organ

of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Great Britain, (Trotskyist) carries the following letter in its December 1944 issue:

"Comrades.

"I have been fortunate these days. First of all I worked with Italian prisoners and later with Russians. The Italians were very interested in the American Militant showing the mass demonstrations in Naples. I managed in a pidgeon way, to explain what was going on there under the 'liberators.'

"The Russians were different. Most of them were educated and could speak German. I had a look at some Pravdas they had and J. Stalin's name was most prominent. They hated Stalin. Trotsky was a man for the people, they said. When I showed them the picture of the Bolshevik Old Guard and explained that Stalin was the survivor, they understood. I also explained to them about the CP of America and the cancerous growth that the Third International had become before its collapse. They were interested in the Fourth International and seemed surprised to learn of Trotskyist groups in other countries, especially America."

Following the letter is a second report. "From a Polish comrade who spent two years in Stalin's jails after the occupation of Poland in 1939, comes news that while in Stalin's jails he met many members of the Trotskyist Opposition who, despite years of imprisonment, are still imbued with the Trotskyist ideas of world revolution. Further, they are optimistic that the bureaucracy will be destroyed and the ideas of Lenin and Trotsky will triumph again in Russia."

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British Markets Now Exploited By Wall Street

American Colossus Replaces Great Britain; **Becomes Leading Power in Course of War**

By Joseph Hansen

Since the British began their attempt to re-establish domination over Greece, even at the cost of a bloody war, the liberals have stepped up their propaganda to whitewash the role of American imperialism. The liberals have seized on recent demagogic declarations of the U.S. State Department, as proof for their contention that Churchill may be continuing imperialist "power politics" but Roosevelt is "coming clean for democracy." There is good reason why

occasion, afford to pay lip ser- her satellites had a capacityvice to democracy. With the and 50 million tons. The entire war, the United States has British Empire in 1939 produced emerged as the most powerful only 17 million tons. U. S. capitalist power on the globe. Britain on the other hand has Britain, on the other hand, has tons by 1942. been immeasurably impoverished and weakened.

Super-wealthy U. S. imperial- the decline of British shipping

insist on its "right" to hand-pick those precise puppets who are totally dependent and will remain completely subservient to British imperialism. American imperial-British imperialism only in the same sense that British imperialism was able to be more "liberal" than German imperialism before the last war.

BRITAIN'S DECLINE

Barrons, economic journal of Wall Street, outlines the com- trade as compared to America's mercial decline of Britain in its 5 percent. Conservative estimates December 4th issue: "According envisage that the end of the war to detailed statistics of Britain's will see Britain, because of sinkexport trade for the past five ings, with a fleet of only 10 milyears, recently made available by lion tons despite her receiving 15 the Board of Trade, the value of to 20 Liberty ships a month as a Britain's exports in 1943 was 51 "loan."

percent lower than 1938. In, the Meanwhile the United States same year, the value of American has invested more money in shipexports through private com- ping since the beginning of the mercial channels exceeded that of war "than it has put into govern-

any year between 1929 and 1940. In reality the comparison is even more favorable for the United States, because British figures, include war materials shipped to Allies and friendly neutrals, whereas on the American side of the ledger such shipments are

American imperialism can, on capacity. In 1939, Germany and

The most graphic indication of the shift in power, however, is

ism, whose program to subjugate and the rise of American. In fact Europe is only part of its pro- one of the most significant gram to establish its imperial changes in the whole war is the hegemony throughout the world, emergence of the United States as can afford a certain amount of the leading maritime power of flexibility in imposing its brutal the world. Between 70 and 80 rule over the peoples. Brit- percent of the goods of internaish imperialism, going through tional trade is transported by sea. desperate paroxysms to hold onto Whatever power controls the sea its fast disintegrating empire, lanes can thus dominate the world must insist that its satellite na- market, particularly if its intions not only set up reactionary dustrial plant is also the greatest. puppet regimes as does American England enjoyed this position for imperialism, but must further 100 years.

STARTLING CHANGE A few facts will indicate the startling change that has taken place in the last four years. In 1929, year of greatest world trade, ism can be more "liberal" than total world tonnage shipped was 297 million tons. A world fleet of some 50 million tons carried this trade, working at about two thirds capacity. Great Britain



Churchill's New Front





British troops in streets of Athens attack Greek partisans with guns and tanks as British imperialism seeks to entrench the hated puppet Papandreou Government. These scenes of street fighting disclose the real war aims of Allied imperialism. At Teheran Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill carved up Europe and agreed to put down the European revolution. The British got economic and military bases in Greece as part of the deal.

with a fleet of 15 million tons was the greatest maritime power, carrying 40 percent of world trade or compared to the function of the functio **Wall Street Nominees**

By William F. Warde

The sham battle against Roosevelt's nominees to the State themselves with making their Department fizzled out on December 20 when the entire slate positions clear on the record." was approved by the Senate and sworn into office by Secretary Stettinius.

After making a grandstand play of opposition and even hreatening a last-ditch filibuster to prevent the appointments of these Big Business representatives, the liberals led by Senator Pepper of Florida folded up 👁 like an accordion, when the materials. Grew continues to sup-White House cracked the whip port the Mikado as a prop of Japanese capitalism against imover their heads. Roosevelt personally requested pending social revolution.

drop their fight against the

nominees, his chosen State De-

his supporters in the Senate to PRO-FRANCO POLICIES

FASCISM-WHAT IT IS, HOW TO FIGHT IT: a compilation of writings by Leon Trotsky; introduction by E. R. Frank Pioneer Publishers, 1944; 48

Vorkers'

pp., 15 cents. Reporting the blow-up of the farcical Washington trial of American Fascists, the N. Y. Times, organ of the Wall Street money-bags, said in relief, "With practically no lamentations from any source, the mass sedition trial came to an end." Thus, like the military "war against Fascism" which has brought the reappointment of Fascist officials a hoax.

How can Fascism be fought, since the capitalist government cannot and will not fight it? A new pamphlet, recently issued by Pioneer Publishers, "Fascism

What It Is, How To Fight It," explains the nature of Fascism proves the hypocrisy of capitalist "measures" against it, and points to the only way Fascism can be fought and destroyed.

E. R. Frank in an introduction to this pamphlet first written on May 17 states that Trotsky's writings "prove that the present show trial of the Roosevelt administration, far from constituting a fight against Fascism, is merely empty, theatrical bomb-The blowup of the Washast." ington Trial of the Fascists on Dec. 7 is proof of the effectiveness of Marxist analysis and prediction

Fascism, Leon Trotsky explains, grows out of the insoluble contradictions of decaying capitalism. "The historic function of Fascism is to smash the working class, destroy its organizations and stifle political liberties when the capitalists find themselves unable to govern and dominate with the help of democratic machinery." The capitalists turn to Fas cist brutality not out of choice, but of necessity to preserve their "The sober bourgeoisie." rule. says Trotsky, "does not look very favorably even upon the Fascist mode of resolving its tasks, for the concussions, although they

are brought forth in the interests of bourgeois society, are linked up with dangers to it. There-So ended the inglorious camfore the opposition between Fas-

paign of the liberals. cism and the bourgeois parties. Thus the "liberal" senators revealed once again that they are The big bourgeoisie likes Fascism simply decoys for American Big as little as a man with aching molars to have his teeth pulled. Business. The "liberal" campaign But like the man with a toothagainst Roosevelt's appointees ache, Big Business inevitably was a sham battle from beginning goes to the Mussolinis, Hitlers to end. (See editorial, page 6). and Francos for "relief" from the threat of the proletarian revolution.

FASCIST DEMAGOGUES



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DICHIARAZIONE DEL COMITATO CENTRALE

Lavoratori,

La crisi del ministero Bonomi, anche dopo le sue dimissioni, continua nell'andamento lin orisi del paese che caratterizza tutta la situazione non solo dell'Italia ma dell'Europa

t guerra. Qualunque siano gli accordi per la formazione di un nuovo governo, la crisi resterà nza soluzioni, perchè queste combinazioni di governi ibridi, a base di blocco nazionale-orghese, con la partecipazione dei partiti pocialista e comunista, dimostrano mancanza di borghese, con la programma e di principi e nel quadro dell'attuale atato monarchico sono destinati al fal-

appointment or reaserst ornerals in Africa, Italy, and even in Ger-many itself, the "juridical fight" against Fascism by the Roosevelt government has been exposed as a horse

tergiversazioni. L lavoratori, non devono permettere la formazione di governi dei quali non si possono individuare le responsabilità.

Non deve essere permesso ai partiti borghesi di armare la reazione, attraverso i mini-Non deve essere permesso ai paruit porgaesi di armare la reazione, attravorso i mili-steri e vigetare la responsabilità sui partiti socialista e comunista in questo periodo di aggravamento della cuesi, di misovia e di farre; nè d'altra parte, ai partiti socialista e co-munista deve essere oltre consentito di continuare sulla via di inganni, false promesse ri-versando sui partiti borghesi ogni responsabilità della comune politica fallimentare collaorazionista.

Occorrono precisazioni.

Ocorrono precisazioni. Ocorrono precisazioni. Bisogna finirla col doppio giuoco della collaborazione di classe nel ministeri dove si organizza la reazione e la fame dei lavoratori e con polemiche ed accuse, fuori, sulle di-verse stampe, nelle sezioni, nei comizi, contro la reazione « inafferrabile ». I partiti di massa, incamminati sulla falsa via collaborazionista, con una politica che pon risponde ai più elementari interessi dei lavoratori vorrebbero salvarsi ora, dalle gravi responsabilità con l'opporre alle soluzioni della crisi del governo Bonomi, il potere dei comitati di liberazione nazionale, i quali, a loro volta, sono formati dagli stessi sei partiti che corrono al potere s che costituiscono il tessuto di tutta la politica fallimentare dai 25 luglio 1943 ad oggi a fianco della monarchia fascista. Questa politica ha fatto completamente bancarotta. I comitati di liberazione, solo me divanteranno, organi di massa e non fusione dei delegati dei sei partiti, quattro borghesi-monarchioi, e due socialista e comunista, potranno, costruire gli organi del potere delle

nasse lavoratrici. Un governo dei partiti socialista e comunista si impone perchè rappresenta una nessaria, chiarificazione politica in questo momento per la massa che ha fiducia ancora

in quesți partiti. Se questo esperimento fallirà, se dară gli stessi risultati di un qualunque governo bor-ghese – cosa di cui noi siamo sicuri – le classe operaia avrà fatto un passo in avanti per portarsi su di un piano rivoluzionario di classe contro ogni collaborazione. in questi partiti. ghese .

Viva la IV Internazionale - Direzione rivoluzionaria mondiale del proletariato.

IL COMITATO CENTRALE 703 - TPEU

A facsimile of the Manifesto issued by the Workers Communist Party of Italy, section of the 4th International. The Manifesto exposes the treacherous course of the Stalinist and Social-Democratic parties, and calls for the formation of a Socialist-Communist government as a transitional step in the revolutionary education of the masses.

"The crisis of the Bonomi cabinet," the Manifesto states, "continues in the present political situation, despite two resignations: this situation is characteristic of the whole picture not only in Italy, but in all of Europe at war.

"Whatever may be the agreements for the formation of a new government, the crisis remains unsolved, because these combinations of hybrid governments-basically bourgeois national blocs with the participation of the Socialist and Communist Parties-demonstrate a lack of program and principles, and are destined to fall with the monarchical state itself. . .

"A government of the Socialist and Communist Parties is necessary because it represents an essential political clarification at the present time, for the masses who still have faith in these parties.

"If this experiment fails, if it produces the same results as the bourgeois government-and we know it will-the working class will have made a step forward in raising itself to a revolutionary class position against collaboration.

on Februrary 20, 1939 at Madi- rade, from "What Next?," "The

"Long live the 4th International, the revolutionary leadership of the world proletariat.

covered by lend-lease. In South America where British figures are clear of ammunitions, etc. the value of Britain's exports declined to about three-fifths of the prewar value while our commercial exports to our southern neighbors in 1943 were 69 percent above the pre-war average. In Argentina, before the war Britain's most important customer in the southern hemisphere, British exports in 1943 fell to less than half the 1938 figure.

"It will not be long, however, before Britain and the industrial nations of Western Europe will be making a desperate bid to recover their former markets. Then, instead of further expansion, the problem of American exporters may well be to hold on to what has been gained during the war." The London Economist, economic journal of the British capitalists, in its November 18 issue complains that U.S. lendlease restrictions against British Economist threatens darkly that restrictions have been lifted.

RAW MATERIALS

Besides commercial markets, of raw materials. U. S. imperialmonopoly of the British in the a satellite to the new mistress of Middle East and proposes to set the seas." up the oil agreement as a model for a series of new agreements in other fields.

In the struggle for air power, the American imperialists are tremendous preponderance in air to commence "tramp shipping" in cago, the British, holding a world- ments to new markets wrested of its allies. encircling belt of bases, fought for from the British. Britain there-American vulture.

Empire is graphically disclosed Denmark, Greece. again in relative steel producing



Scobie, British Blood-and-Guts General sent in by Churchill to direct the shooting down of Greek Partisan fighters.

duct of Roosevelt's nominees. ment-owned war plants, ma-They pointed out that as amchinery, and equipment, and bassador to Tokyo, Grew had hobnearly three-fourths as much as nobbed with the Japanese milthe railroad investment before the itarists and helped the American war," according to November oil and scrap iron companies Fortune magazine. American im- enrich themselves by opposing perialism by the end of 1945 will embargoes on these essential war have a fleet of 57 million tons,

"more shipping than the five leading maritime nations possessed gram was outlined by Admiral before the war." The U.S. will be Land in his Maritime Day Adable to lay up a reserve fleet for dress of May 22, 1943. It has since "emergency use" almost as large been repeated by various orexports during the war have as the British fleet, and still ganizations of the shipowners. seriously injured the British posi- have more than enough to carry Whether it will actually be carried tion in the world market. The the entire world's trade at the out probably depends on British 1929 level. The U. S. is now in willingness and British ability to Britain might not be able to make position to pick up all the "life- guarantee efficient cheap freight "arrangements" regarding the war against Japan until these lines" of the British Empire and tie them over night in New York Wall Street. As the June 1944 Political Science Quarterly puts and San Francisco harbors.

This is the new colossal fact in it, if the policy of ruthless comthe inter-imperialist struggles. petition is carried out it "would Wall Street can sit back calmly of necessity lead to political the two imperialist powers are and say to the British: "You have discord among the present allies." likewise struggling over sources the choice of going to war with The alternative to such "discord" America—a war in which you will points out the Quarterly, is a theory that the President was not ism has broken the former oil surely be crushed-or of becoming "rigid" alliance between Great Britain and the United States. Such an alliance, however, would

One wing of the American im- simply indicate that the former liberal lie that Roosevelt does not perialists envisages the American British empire now has a new set merchant marine sweeping the of masters. It would mean that seas clean of other flags. If vic- the British capitalists had suctorious over Germany and Japan, ceeded in establishing themselves likewise battering at the British they plan to strip the former Axis as the overseers for Wall Street Department. In a speech delivered empire. With Wall Street's powers of their fleets. They plan over their former vast domains. The stiff-necked Wall Street power and its capacity to produce competition with the British. plutocracy, gorged with wealth I do not believe that the Presiplanes, the American imperialists, Where formerly U. S. ships and power-drunk, is now out to dent initiated these nominations? knowing no other power can stand carried only a small portion of conquer the whole world. It is still

up against them in "free" com- U. S. goods (25 percent in 1943) engaged in destroying its for- BRUTAL DEMAND petition, advance the slogan of these imperialists envisage an im- midable rival-German imperialfreedom of the skies. At the mediate increase to 70 percent, ism. But already it is beginning ploded this myth designed to recent air conference held at Chi- this percentage to include ship- to hack away at the possessions cover up his personal respon-

This ruthless imperialist pro- ists of Wall Street imperialism. posed the nominations contented

Zionism Topic James Dunn has been a leading figure connected with Roosevelt's

partment "team." He sent Senator Barkley, just out of the hosof the Spanish Civil War. Julius. pital, back to the Senate floor to Holmes, who will choose the staff lead the fight together with of the State Department and Senator Connally of T e x a s. foreign service, belongs to that Thanks to this pressure, the enclique of snobs, plutocrats and

tire slate was confirmed. Social Registerites in which Before collapsing like balloons Roosevelt himself feels most at filled with hot air, the oppositionhome.

ists had condemned the utterly William L. Clayton, world's reactionary character and conbiggest cotton broker and former

member of the Liberty League, whose companies did business with the Nazi and fascist cartels even after the entry of the U.S. into the war, is Assistant Secretary in Charge of Foreign Economic Affairs.

The liberals brought out all these damning facts in the debates-and then at the climax

of the struggle, the day before the vote, they heard their master's voice calling them to order. Senators Guffey, Pepper and Chandler, the most outspoken leaders of the opposition, then went to the White House and discussed the matter with Roosevelt. The President, Pepper said. insisted that the nominations be approved at this closing session and stated that, if they were not, he would send the same group

back to the new Congress in January.

Pepper and his associates had at first concocted the spurious responsible for the selection of this Big Business team. This is simply the latest variation of the University Place. dictate the lines of foreign policy but that all the reactionary actions are put over behind his back by underlings in the State just before his visit to the White House Pepper declared:"I repeat

Roosevelt's brutal demand exsibility for the appointments. In the light of this analysis, Thereupon the opposition, like protective regulations that would fore would be forced into murder- the liberals who try to paint whipped curs, placed their tails limit the free swoop of the ous competition with her own American imperialism as "coming between their legs and came to former satellite maritime nations clean for democracy" in the heel. "Hopeless in the face of The decline of the British such as Norway, the Netherlands, Second World War, are clearly such a request," in the words of nothing but servile propagand- PM, "the group which had op-

The Fascist demagogues, finpro-Franco policies since the days At N. Y. Forum anced and controlled by Big Bus iness, utilize Socialist slogans to

win over large masses and build NEW YORK - An eager and a popular mass movement. Their attentive audience of forty young shock troops were made up primpeople, many of whom were leftarily in both Italy and Germany wing Zionists, heard Noah Spira of middle class elements: unem speak on "Left-Wing Zionism or ployed youth, sons of shopkeepers Revolutionary Socialism" Friday and professionals, returning vet December 22 at a regular meeterans, etc. ing of the Socialist Youth Forum

Once in power, Fascism rules at the New York School of Soas the brutal agency of monopoly cial Science.

capitalism. The duped middle In action, the Trotskyists thus Comrade Spira analyzed the Zionist movement placing parti- classes clamor for the "reforms" cular emphasis on its left-wing promised to them; Fascism thereand must be fought. and pointing out that the lines upon purges its ranks (Hitler' **A COMPILATION**

"blood purge" of 1934). Fascism, of a Marxist must be class lines, which came to power as a mass

the division of exploited and exwritings in this compilation, are It should be read by every thinkmovement, thus gradually loses ploiter, not of assimilationist and all popular support as it disillutaken from articles, letters and ing worker.

nationalist. The speaker, charbooks written over a period of sions one section of the populaacterizing Zionism as a policy of escape and abstention from the tion after another. In its later nine years. Included are extracts from a letter to an English com-

that it is only through unity military-police dictatorship.

Trotsky demonstrates, from the experiences of Italy and Ger-

tries that the Jews can emanci- many, that Fascism can become a pate themselves. A fruitful dis- sweeping mass movement only cussion followed, after which lit- after the revolutionary party has erature was sold and refresh- had its chance to mobilize the masses for the socialist revolution ments served. On December 29 a forum will and failed to do so. Only then e held on "Wall Street's Plan of does the disillusioned middle

January 5 the topic will be "Is ing class movement and place its This a War Against Fascism?" | hope for salvation in Fascism. All young people interested in the ideas of revolutionary social-did to combat the Fascist menace ism are invited to attend the in New York City is shown in

Socialist Youth Forum held every a number of illustrations. A pic-Friday at 8 P.M. at the New York ture of the demonstration sum School of Social Science, 116 moned by the Socialist Workers Party against the Fascist rally

Socialist Youth Forum FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 - 8 P. M. Is This a War Against Fascism? Hear a Trotskyist analysis of the War **Speaker: Jack Maxwell** DISCUSSION QUESTIONS 116 UNIVERSITY PLACE (corner 13th St., between Broadway and Fifth Avenue near Union Square) Free Admission Refreshments son Square Garden, shows a sec- Only Road," "Whither France," tion of the 50,000 workers protest- and from articles published in ing Fascist provocation. The The Militant, Fourth Internationleaflet issued by the SWP in Aug at and American Mercury. The ust 1939, is reproduced, which introduction by E. R. Frank discalls on the workers to protest a cusses the problem of Fascism in cheduled march of the Coughlin- the United States and the signi-

ites and other Fascists on Union ficance of the so-called trial of Square. (The Fascists were forc- the Fascists in Washington. ed to call off the march).

The American working class which alone can fight and deslemonstrated how Fascism can troy Fascism in this country, must begin by learning the na-

ture of its enemy. This lucid The excerpts from Trotsky's pamphlet provides this analysis.

> Reviewed by **Ruth Johnson**

NEW YORK FORUM

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class struggle, stressed the fact stage, Fascism rules as a naked with the proletariat of all races, colors and creeds and of all coun-

Military Conscription," and on class turn its back on the work-

FOUR-

UAW Officials Conspire To Hide WLB Rejection In Chrysler Wage Case

By C. Thomas

Every time the labor bureaucrats lead the unions into a trap they yell "victory." Such "victories" have cost the labor movement dearly. Another costly "victory" is now being hailed by ment dearly. Another costly "victory" is now being hailed by the top leadership of the United Automobile Workers Union-CIO. The December issue of the United Automobile Worker boasts that the Chrysler unit, representing 120,000 workers in 19 plants, arrived at an agreement "after one of the speediest contract negotiations in the history of the UAW-CIO bargaining with the corporation." Behind this boast there lies a tale of

nothing."

treachery and betrayal. The Oauto workers have been sold militancy" of the Chrysler workout! What a "victory"! ers, the "plant committeeman"

The December 9 Militant carried the news that top UAW officials, the Chrysler corporation | ture in the light of recent experiand Roosevelt's henchmen on the ence. By limiting the "new de-War Labor Board had conspired mands" within the confines of to conceal a WLB decision flatly rejecting the demands of the Chrysler workers. The Militant vance of getting "practically was the only labor paper in the country to carry the news of this

decision. Subsequent inquiries confirmed the charge of a conspiracy to conceal this information from the rank and file auto workers.

The United Automobile Worker, official organ of the Auto International, deliberately refrained stifled by a false policy and from mentioning the Chrysler treacherous leadership.

bearing on the industry-wide auto workers were served on the big demands now pending before the three - General Motors, Ford WLB. A preliminary check at and Chrysler - over a year ago. several Chrysler locals disclosed The N. Y. Herald-Tribune, Dethat local officials and members cember 26, 1943, reported that: were kept in ignorance of the WLB action.

11/2 YEARS

On October 20, after a run- with wage policies of the federal CONDITIONS WORSEN around that lasted 11/2 years, the government. The company took WLB handed down the following the position that it was fundadecision in the Chrysler wage | mentally a government problem." case: (1) Demand for pay raises Ford posed the problem squarely day; sugar, meat and butter are and reclassifying of rates on certain jobs — denied. (2) Demand the wage freeze was enforced by The black market, however, conthat Chrysler set up a "post-war" stabilization fund to provide for an increase beyond the Little reconversion unemployment denied. (3) Demand for a guar- | rected at the Roosevelt administraanteed 40-hour week - denied. | tion which was "holding-the-line" (4) Demand that the corporation against wage increases. In efpay insurance premiums of workers on seniority list - denied. (5) Demand for prior mutual agreement on pay rates for new work — denied. (6) Demand for the elimination of geographical pay differentials - denied. And

so on down the line. The board stalled the demands until a few weeks before the November 29 expiration date of the Chrysler contract. Deliberately withholding this information from the ranks, the UAW officials rushed into negotiations for a "new" contract. In an article entitled "Mourns Lost Militancy," a Dodge Local 3 plant committee- called a "strategy meeting" in place since September. At Char-

Belgian Workers To Run Factories Girand, Trotskyist writer recently in Belgium, reports in the

December Socialist Appeal, organ of the British section of the Fourth International, that "The Belgian Trotskyists-the Revolutionary Communist Party of Belgium-have put forward the slogan of 'Workers Militias' based

on the factories, with elected officers and under the control of the Workers' or Factory Committees." This slogan, the Trot

skyist answer to the attempt of the Pierlot puppet government t To hold the rank and file responsible for the leadership's meeting with a favorable re unconditional surrender policy is nothing but a shallow pretext for realize the necessity of preparing "mourning" instead of organizing for future struggles. . . Thousand fighting. The militancy of the ands are hiding their arms rather than give them up."

and execution squads to protect

them from their own workers. .

The 'liberation' has changed

nothing . . . not a single big in-

dustrialist or banker who made

millions out of the blood, sweat

and toil of the workers and

collaboration with Nazis has been

Conditions are rapidly worsen-

ing, says Girand. "The bread

eat their fill, the ordinary worker

"Since the 'liberation'," con-

tinues Girand, "complete chaos

materials. Belgium was a coal-

arrested."

auto workers hasn't been "lost" -not by a long shot-it has been "Under the German occupation . . . the Belgian capitalists relied mainly on German bayonets

wage decision which has a direct The wage demands of the auto "Both Ford and Chrysler, however, told the UAW-CIO they would not consider the demands. Ford said the demands conflict

would do well to analyze the sig-

nificance of his own gloomy pic-

"past War Labor Board rulings."

the workers were assured in ad-

ration is 300 grams (11 ozs.) per before the top UAW leadership: unobtainable at official prices. the government; any demand for tinues, and while the rich can still Steel formula would have to be di- who relies on his official ration must see his children go short." fect the "big three" informed the has existed in industry. Many UAW officials that they were factories are shut down, or work knocking at the wrong door and only one or two days a week, referred them to the correct ad- through lack of coal and other dress.

exporting country, yet there was POLITICAL STRUGGLE no coal distribution for industry But a serious struggle against Roosevelt's wage-freezing decree in October, and at the time of promulgated, administered and writing, none for November. Thousands of homes will be coalenforced by the government, must of necessity be a political less this winter." struggle. The gutless labor Girand reports the workers skates have no stomach for lead- have begun organizing to put an ing such a struggle. The same end to this chaotic situation. "All issue of the Herald-Tribune re- over the country strikes and ports that the UAW leadership demonstrations have been taking THE MILITANT

Picket Line at Ward's in Detroit



Striking workers at the Detroit Montgomery Ward stores kept their picket lines intact in spite of bitter weather. Members of many UAW locals in Detroit, joined the picket lines

CIOUnionists Support Strike meeting with a favorable re-sponse, for "The workers well Of Montgomery Ward Workers

IWW General Defense Committee Aids Minneapolis Labor Prisoners

Chicago, Dec. 22, 1944

Civil Rights Defense Committee Evelyn Anderson, Acting Secretary 160 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. 10, N. Y.

Fellow Workers:

Enclosed herewith please find thirteen General Defense Committee Christmas gift checks for the amount of \$100 each. Twelve of them are for our fellow workers who are languishing behind prison walls at this Christmas because they have done their best to help make this old world a better and happier place for mankind to live and work in.

The check made payable to your committee is an added gift to help you in the splendid work to gain the freedom of these 12 members of our class.

The reason we are sending the checks to you instead of to the prisoners direct is because we have no contact with them and prison rules may delay the delivery of them. We hope that you can forward them right away so that the fellow workers will receive the checks on Christmas morning.

If possible, we would like to have the attached receipts signed personally by each one of the fellow workers. Such receipts are requested by our auditors.

Please convey our season's best wishes to each one of the fellow workers and your Committee.

Yours for a workers democracy, W. H. WESTMAN, Secretary-Treasurer

GENERAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE, IWW



ing" through a personal appeal to Avery's "patriotism." All this Cuban Union

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1944



By V. Grey =

All the big shots aren't entirely phony. Here and there you find an executive who actually walked through the plant once and learned about steel making. Eugene Grace may get five hundred and twenty three thousand a year without being able to tell cast iron from steel. But you can't steal some inventions, bury others, fake your tests, and sell at 100 percent profit if you don't know anything at all. After all, somebody in that front office has got to know something about the business. And here's how they train this rare genius of the industry.

The plant manager's son-in-law is twenty-five. Just out of college and all set to learn the business from the ground up. He'll spend a couple years working in "ordinary" jobs like foreman's assistant or foreman in different departments before he gets a tapestried seat in the office.

Billy Jones is 66. He's worked in the plant 51 years. He was here before this company took over-when the whole plant was an iron works with one old time blast furnace and a foundry. He saw them put in the first Bessemer converter around here-saw them cook iron soup with a blast of cold air—saw his cronies master the process, and saw some of them burned to death by it, too.

He saw the Bessemer grow old and the new open hearths take their place. He saw the unbelievable production of the first world war. He saw them build one blast furnace after another until finally in the second world war they had eight of them breaking record after record.

In 1908, after fifteen years knocking around the blast furnaces as general repair man and millwright, he was made a foreman of the repair gang. There were only about a dozen in the gang then. He was really just a pusher with a title. But he was a pretty good guy. All he did was assign the repair work in the morning-and visit your job once during the day to see if you weren't asleep-and maybé help you out if you needed help.

In those days you cut an iron bar on a repair job with a sledge hammer and a cold chisel. A fellow will go off to get a burning outfit and come back to find Billy swinging a sledge with all his wizened hundred and twenty pounds.

Jamaica, N. Y., Chicago, and NEVER MISSED A DAY

Billy knows more about the department than any one else alive. He can tell you from memory where every pipe, bolt and nut is on any one of the blast furnaces. If something goes wrong with a skip car, a coke belt or any one of a thousand and one big or little things around the furnaces, all you have to do is mention it vaguely and Billy knows the exact place, the part that needs repairing, and just what equipment to bring up to the spot.

Billy Jones never missed a day of work in his life that anybody knows about-though none of us are old enough to check. "Gosh, when Billy dies," the repair men often say, "what do you suppose will happen to this steel plant?"

"Tell you one thing. They'll never in the world get anybody like him. They don't come that way anymore."

"Well, there's Joe Peters and Mike Pisecki. They know their onions."

"Aw get out," the other one would say, half kidding. "They've only been here about 18 years. Give them time to get some experience.'

"That's right, though," the first would say after he snickered, You've really got to have the stuff for a job like Billy's."

Maybe so. But yesterday a couple of us had to walk by the blast furnaces, and we saw poor old Billy Jones looking sick as hell. He was breaking in the superintendent's young son-in-law to take his place on the job Billy always said he had never really learned

or trial.

ing evidence of 100 union members attending the court session, prevented this crude attempt at a frame-up. Castillo is being held

forces, who helped them to occupy Stalinist Betrayal The widespread character of this tendency on the part of the **Revealed by Eden**

workers is indicated by the national conference of Miners' (Continued from page 1) Trade Union Struggle Commit- neers": "2. In accordance with a tees. This conference called upon proclamation issued by the Greek

or the government would take 'appropriate action." On December 15, the WLB issued a further 'last warning" that other defied orders, going back years in certain instances, be complied with. These involved Ward stores organized by the URWDSE in Denver, by AFL Teamsters in Portland, Oregon, AFL Retail

(Continued from page 1)

with the Detroit directives by the

following Monday, December 18

Clerks in San Rafael, Calif., and Stalinist Harry Bridge's CIO Warehousemen in St. Paul, Minn. Avery did not bother even to

attend the WLB "show cause" hearings, nor send one of his scores of legal mouthpieces. He contemptuously wired the WLB that there was "no necessity for

the WLB "patiently and reluctantly" waited for the "deadline,' and then finally "referred" the case to Director of Economic

may issue one more "last warn-

any further hearings." Despite Avery's flat and open challenge,

Stabilization Vinson and the

White House. For days after the "deadline," there have been all sorts of secret and "mysterious" conferences going on in the White House. From 'sources close to the President" then that the government is considering "applying economic

come alternating reports first that Roosevelt is going to take "drastic action within 48 hours," in fifty one years. sanctions," then that Roosevelt Stalinists Attack

man pictures how the contract demands were drawn up in the November 25 issue of Dodge Main News. "Our recent Chrysler conference to draw up proposals for negotiating a new contract," he says, "was not the bang-up conference of other years. The demands which are to be presented are too conservative in my estimation. "We were continually reminded

of War Labor Board past rulings Liberal and progressive demands were thrown out in every instance when the delegates were reminded of possible War Labor Board the contract expired. rejection.

"Somewhere along the way we have lost our militant spirit. A few years back a threat of censure by any individual or group would have made us fight harder We hope our negotiators do a good job. Any compromise of our conservative demands would leave practically nothing. We want everything the delegates are asking for, and even a ten per cent compromise would be a defeat.

"A poor response from the rank-and-file members on proposed changes was a disappointment. Bulletins were posted in the plant, asking for ideas or improvements of our present contract. Very few members showed any interest, but as usual after the contract is signed, we will receive lots of advice and criticism on what should have been done, or how lousy the contract is." Instead of mourning the "lost

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roi and in the mining region, le face mated negotia tions. R. J. Thomas, president there was a one-day general announced that the union's twen- strike for better rations. In demands: ty-two-man international execu- Brussels in October, 10,000 women tive board would meet in special demonstrated with posters in session in Chicago January 7 to French, Flemish and English: duction. find means for "speeding action 'We want butter and coal,' on wage increase demands." The decision of this "strategy" the black market'."

meeting was to bury the auto workers, wage demands in Roose- have elected 'purge committees' velt's "graveyard of grievances." which 'accuse and try' the direc- trol. There they remained until the tors and managing personnel.

WLB zombies held funeral serv- For example, in the big engineerices over the mummified Chrysler ing works of the ACEC trust at wage demands one month before Charleroi, the workers, tired of waiting for the authorities to

arrest a certain managing direc-The labor "statesmen" have tor, demonstrated with the help now evolved a new "strategy" for "speeding action on wage increase went to arrest him themselves. demands." Submit only those He was not at home. He was later "demands" that conform to "past rulings" of the War Labor Board. arrested in Brussels and then released by the Government!" This will assure two things: (1) "At the SAFEA chemical fer-That the labor fakers will get "speedy negotiations" and (2) the tiliser works . . . the manager workers will get nothing. In com- having been arrested, the workmenting on the new Chrysler con. ers elected a workers' committee tract the United Automobile to organize production. When the Worker says: "The changes in bosses told them to shut down the contract involve technical the factory on the pretext that

questions of lay-off, hiring and they could not draw money to pay transfer, status of probationary wages, the workers answered by employes and appeals of grievcalling on the local Resistance ances." Several disputed issues including "a company proposal

that the union pay committeemen problems, responsible for the failfor union activity during work. ure to settle grievances, etc. But to settle grievances at a settle grievances at a settle grievance ing hours" were submitted to _ these problems cannot be solved the War Labor Board. Not only on a local scale. The advanced are the corporations refusing to auto workers are coming more consider serious union demands and more to realize that these but they are demanding that the problems are national in scope

union surrender gains previously and political in character. This was evident at the last made. This is the net result of the "strategy" of unconditional auto convention where the nucleus surrender to the corporations and of a new national leadership their political agents in govern emerged based on a program which was pointed in the right

direction-toward breaking with MARKED APATHY the policy of depending on the The marked apathy of the auto spurious "friends of labor" and workers toward the Chrysler "nerestoring the independence of gotiations" exists because they reathe union. lize the futility of supporting the The Chrysler wage case teaches farcical "strategy" of the top lead-

that dependence on Roosevelt and ersh'p. 'They have lost all confidence in the ability of this lead- his agents to safeguard the workership to conduct a fight for their ers' standard of living leads to treachery and betraval. demands.

The lesson to be learned is ob-The discontent of the workers often expresses itself in venting vious: The independence of the their spleen against the leader. unions must be restored by yankship of the locals; by often sub. ing the labor skates off the stituting ind scriminately, one set wage-freezing War Labor Board, of local officials for another; by rescinding the no-strike pledge holding those leaders more direct. and building labor's own Inly concerned in their everyday dependent Labor Party.

the workers to demonstrate on

'Milk for our babies,' 'Down with pits and industries and those whose owners have collaborated captured partisans will not be

"In most factories the workers with the Germans, and their treated as prisoners of war, but

"3. Rational organization of food supplies with the cooperation of the Resistance movement. "4. Legal recognition of the and practically the entire Greek

"The resolution ends: 'Failing sburgs. the immediate implementation of local Resistance forces, and of these measures, the workers CASERTA AGREEMENT should occupy the idle pits with the help of the Resistance forces in order to re-start production. "A National Conference of taken except under orders of Gen-Unified Unions and Trade Union eral Scobie. Security battalions Struggle Committees of the En-1 are considered instruments of the

> tion.' Against, this background, the reasons become clear for the alarmed insistence of the Allies and their puppet government upon the disarmament of the

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Government, the guerrilla leaders the 30th with the following declare they will forbid any attempt by any units under their

"1.-Immediate start of pro- command to take the law into

management under workers' con- only as common criminals subject STRIKE BREAKING to the death penalty. The British and King George II of Greece applied this rule to the Greek

armed forces in Egypt last spring when sixty percent of the army Workers' Purging Committees. | navy rebelled against the Gluck-

The Caserta agreement, according to Eden, further specifies: "3. In Athens no action is to be gineering industry associated enemy unless they surrender." itself with the miners' resolu- Saraph's, it must be emphasized agreed to these terms before the British invaded Greece. The Stalinists in welcoming British

signed in secret an agreement to betray the partisan forces, thus consciously played the role of

Judas Iscariot. The last clause made public by

Eden was designed to forestall the independent political role of for "peace" in Greece. It is cl the workers in Greece, delivering that the Stalinists are do them bound hand and foot to the their utmost to lead the Gro Glucksburg dynasty. "4. All masses to the "peace" of a graduate Greek guerrilla forces, in order to dug by Allied imperialism. put an end to past rivalries, declare they will form a national union to coordinate their activities in the best interests of the common struggle." In Greece today "national union" means col- revolutionary program of T laboration between classes when they are torn by such sharply the foundation for a success conflicting economic and political interests that the small capitalist minority backed by the British have deliberately provoked civil war in order to suppress the vast majority of the people by force and violence. Under such circumstances a call for "national union" rather than militant struggle is nothing but criminal betrayal. 'PEACE" TERMS These are the terms of the **Pioneer Publishers Works** Caserta agreement so far made All Marxist Classics public by Anthony Eden. These

are the terms the Stalinists now

confusion and delay obviously HAVANA - Armed with reflects Roosevelt's reluctance to clubs and revolvers, Stalinist act against Avery, who is backed hoodlums launched a vicious by powerful open-shop interests. their own hands. Such action will This reluctance is in striking attack upon union militants on "2. Requisitioning of all idle be treated as a crime and punished contrast with the ruthless and October 2 in an attempt to preaccordingly." This means that speedy manner in which Roose- vent the holding of a membervelt proceeds against striking ship meeting of the General workers.

Another "plant seizure" by charges against and expel the Roosevelt will be another strike- Stalinist leadership for corrupt breaking move. Even Vice Presi- use of union funds, reports the dent Reuther of the UAW, who Oct. 31 issue of Revolucion Prosupports the no-strike policy and letaria, official organ of the ment runs the stores at a profit,

why should Montgomery Ward jured in the course of the attack worry? Sewell L. Avery can go were Pablo Diaz Gonzalez, editor to Florida and take it easy. . ." Whatever Roosevelt does, it aquin Abascal, a union member, has already been made abundantly both of whom were brutally beatclear that his whole labor policy en. Stalinist leaders of the union, aids and protects union - busting including Executive Board mememployers like Avery. The Detroit bers Pinillos, Boullon and Ores-Ward strike, as the previous Chicago walkout, has further proved tillo, who fired a shot at Com- against the lying, slanderous prothat the workers can place not an rade Gonzalez in an attempt to paganda directed by the Stalinist iota of dependence on the "friend murder him, later declared in gangsters against the honest troops as "liberators" after having of labor" in the White House to court that it was Gonzalez who leaders of the working class of protect their interests. Only mili- fired the shot! The overwhelm- the nation." tant independent union action can

win the workers' demands a force concessions.



meeting was called to press

International

Gonzalez and Joaquin Abascal were defended in the court hearings by attorney Ruben Acosta, who will appear as legal representative for all the workers injured in the attack.

The October 2 assault climaxes a number of previous attacks Laundry Workers Union. This upon this militant union group on the part of the Stalinists. Energetic protests against these hoodlum tactics have been raised by the Opposition Front of the Laundry and Cleaning Workers Union, and by the Autentico called for government "seizure," Cuban section of the Fourth workers who support the party workers (Progressive groups of of Grau San Martin).

Revolucion Proletaria calls upon the Cuban workers to protest the Stalinist attacks: "We of Revolucion Proletaria, and Jo- invite and urge all anti-Stalinist workers to call for a censure of the Gestapo methods employed by members of the Partido Socialista Popular (Stalinist), by sending to newspapers and radio tes Castillo, led the attack. Cas- stations, letters of protest

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Free the Fifty

By Charles Jackson_

The legal department of the by writing letters of protest? NAACP is urging that we em- Certainly we know that gigantic bark on a widespread letter-letter-writing campaigns carried writing campaign to protest the out on similar issues such as the severe sentences imposed on the anti-poll tax bill and the anti-50 Negro sailors who were recent- lynch bill (obviously of broader ly convicted of "mutiny" at a democratic interest) have failed Naval court-martial. These let- to attain their end. Certainly we ters of protest are to be directed know that an organization of to President Roosevelt and Secre- half a million members is capatary of Navy Forrestal. It is ble of carrying out many more hoped that these gentlemen, after active and effective methods in receiving thousands of such let- addition to writing letters of proters, will reopen for investiga- test.

tion the shady proceedings of This is a case where the issue this court-martial, and subse- is clear. All those who know of quently, reduce the severe sen- the facts will agree that these tences or free the "guilty" sail- | boys have committed no crime. It is more than a question of one ors completely.

The case goes back to the Port Negro getting brutalized or Chicago disaster, where a ship lynched; it is more than a quesbeing loaded with ammuniton by tion of Negroes denied the right a Jim-Crow "seamen's" labor out- to vote in the Texas Democratic fit exploded with a loss of life primaries; it is a matter of 50 of 327 men. The victims were boys with their lives before them blown to bits in one of the most being branded as criminals for gruesome spectacles in the Na- speaking and acting the truth; vy's history. 400 survivors of branded solely because their skin this all-Negro labor battalion is black; branded by the military were ordered back to duty, with- arm of a government they have out survivors' leave, to load more been taught to believe was foundammunition and clean up the ed on the premise that all men bloody remains of what were once are free and equal. This case is the living bodies of their buddies. tremendous in scope. If the Ne-Torn from within by this heart- gro people sit idly by and sancrending experience and resent- tion this persecution by lack of ful of the rotten treatment meted mass protest then the blows out through the Jim-Crow Naval which they will receive in the name of "labor." policy, they began circulating pe- near future will fall with all the titions requesting transfer from more crushing intensity.

this longshore duty. The Navy The NAACP should form now brass hats, deciding to give the a nation-wide defense committee Negroes an "object lesson," to Free the Fifty, to remove the thereupon court martialed an false stigma by a pardon and to even 50 men and, after 45 minutes assist the families of these boys of deliberation, found them guilty of "mutiny." They were subsequently sentenced to from 8 to 15 years. t would accomplish its end: mass

Special Counsel Thurgood Marshall as the official spokesman for the NAACP has stated that powerful progressive labor unions after spending more than a week would give full support to this making personal investigations case if they knew about it. The and attending the trial, he is concommittee could carry the word vinced of the innocence of these to them. Look at the Trotskyist move-

men. The case is thereby directly labeled by the largest and most influential Negro organization as one of discrimination by the Naval arm of the Federal Government. Moreover, it is recognized by the Negro masses throughout the country as symbolic of the reactionary Jim-Crow policy that has resulted in Negroes being relegated not only to the dirtiest and most dangerous jobs in the armed forces, but also branded as inferior, with the silent consent of Roosevelt and his War and Navy Departments.

protest to President Roosevelt:

Action Committee, has been sent to London as Roosevelt's errand boy to preach the virtues of working class subservience to the imperialist aims of 'Dollar Democracy." Together with hand-picked British and Stalinist bureaucrats, Hillman and R. J. Thomas are to "draft

stamp of approval on the counter-revolutionary plans of the "big three"-Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin.

his arrival in London, that it was the aim of the PAC to "get in the world at large the kind of Good Neighbor policy we have in the Americas." Roosevelt's errand boy hails the contemptible "Good Neighbor" travesty under which Yankee Imperialism exploits and oppresses the peoples of Central and South America, as a model for "the world at large." In line with the plans of the 'big three" to crush the coming working class revolution in Europe, the "labor lieutenants" in the international scene what it had done recently in the national scene in the United States. . have already gone on record, "to It was the PAC's aim, he said, to 'get in the world at large the kind of Good Neighbor Policy we have hold the entire German people in the Americas.'' responsible for the war and its

flunkies deign to speak in the in line." The AFL representative

LABOR LIEUTENANTS

As the insurgent masses of Eurtheir age-hold exploiters and oppressors, the "democratic" imperialists push their labor lieuten. ences."

These "missionaries" are as- hall of the Duma; conferred with the King." fense Committee, with only a masses seeking a radical solufraction of the forces that the tion to their problems.

In despatching "labor missions" been able to obtain the necessary to Europe, Roosevelt is aping the backing to carry the case to the technique employed by Wilson in highest court, provide relief for World War I. In his history of

ment, 18 of whose members and

because of their progressive ac-

NAACP has at its disposal has

supporters were jailed under the

Hillman Peddles PAC In London

By.R. Bell

Fresh from his election "victory" at home. Sidney Hillman. chairman of the CIO Political

the agenda for the World Trades Union Conference scheduled for London next Feb. 6." The "conference" is being assembled to place "labor's'

Thus Hillman announced on Action Committee, declared at a press conference here today that labor should be organized to do

horrors." And these snivelling

ope move to settle accounts with portant issues." SHRIVELLED SOUL cornerstone of this committee if capitalist front. The vaporings of pressed by the fact that he, a

signed the chore of covering the the Russian Cabinet and with counter - revolutionary aims of delegates of the Moscow Workvicious Smith "Gag" Act simply their own imperialist ruling class men's and Soldier's Council. Dunwith a democratic veneer. Such can made naive speeches in Rustivity in the Minneapolis labor missions have already been rush- sia on the methods and achieve- used Gompers in the last war. movement and their outspoken ed to Italy, France, Belgium, etc., ments of the AFL, unaware of The wretched labor skates are advocacy of Socialism instead of to preach the blessings of capital- the effects of these speeches wined and dined and "showered capitalism. The Civil Rights De- ist "democracy" to the agonized upon the revolutionary minds of with attentions, tributes, and his audiences."

ments" of the PAC mirrors Duncan's "naive speeches" to the HILLMAN MISSION

The frightened agents of capion the Root mission was James talism hailed Gompers as a po-Duncan, first vice-president of tential saviour. Lorwin pictures the AFL, "a man who saw eye the reception given the Gompers to eye with Gompers on all im- mission: "The British government, the American Embassy, and British labor groups joined

Wireless to the N. Y. Times from London: "Sidney Hillman, Chairman of the CIO Political

in welcoming the mission on its Lorwin bares the shrivelled arrival in London. An official who are now suffering unjustly. ants to the fore in an attempt to soul of this typical labor lackey: luncheon was tendered to the Militant mass action must be the plug the breach in the landlord. "Duncan was tremendously im- party by the government at the Carleton Hotel, at which Gommealy-mouthed humbugs, speak- worker and trade union official, pers sat next to Lloyd George. meetings and mass demonstra- ing in the name of "Labor," sup was travelling such vast distan- In France much the same round tions throughout the country. The plement allied bayonets in prop- ces in company with distinguish- continued... Gompers and his colping up the crumbling capitalist ed public personages on a mis- leagues were received by the order. The facilities of govern- sion for the United States gov- King of Belgium... In Italy a rement are placed at the disposal of ernment. He travelled upon what ception was held for them in the "labor missions" and "confer- had been the personal train of Capitol by the government and the Czar; made a speech in the they were invited to dine with

THE SAVIOUR

Roosevelt is using Hillman and Company today just as Wilson honors," by the capitalist ex-

Hillman's boasting in London ploiters seeking a cover for their of the "methods and achieve- nefarious schemes.

oslavia — who are being kept on Russian workers and peasants. As a footnote to the Hillman ice by Churchill until the allies History records that the Root mission, Time reports that "Sid- disarm the people so that it will" Now as to writing letters of children, and has mobilized the ates that: "Spokesmen of the mission failed. The workers and ney Hillman... bunked in at swank to president Roosevalt: support of over 350 labor and AFL were sent, at government peasants of Russia surged for- Claridge's Hotel in London, their thrones. ward under the leadership of the where he found that two of his Hillman may even Two questions arise, however, however, senting more than 3,500,000 mem- win the trade union and socialist Bolshevik party to the establish- fellow guests were King George in the King's private chariot—and quiet snow rests over their heads. Their pains, their weariness are that we can scarcely ignore: Will bers in a nation-wide demand for such as tactic alone accomplish is to free the interval an unconditional presidential par-our sim which is to free the interval and the interv our aim which is to free the don for the 18. The NAACP has first mission in which the labor capitalist Europe to its founda- wonderful! Just think of it... an PAC to tell his grandchildren

Diary Of A Steel Worker

By Theodore Kovalesky

Dear Joev:

I got your letter, son, and I know how you feel. It's pretty tough to be away from friends and loved ones for any reason; and when you feel that you are being kept away against your will, it's bound to be that much harder.

But, Joey, there's an old saying about "not being able to see the forest for the trees." You wrote about some of the trees. I'm going to answer by reminding you about the forest.

This earth is covered with graves. Rotting into the ground are the bones of countless millions who have given their lives for bad causes, and with them rot the bones of some who have died for great causes. All of them are dead, but yet the world keeps turning and grinding out history.

The story of human kind is illuminated with the funeral pyres of martyrs. The lives of Sacco and Vanzetti flared and went out. The lives of the Haymarket martyrs flared and went out. The life of the Old Man (Trotsky) flared with a great light, and then it went out.

But when a sound ceases, and everything grows quiet again, there is no dead silence: there is still an echo that lives. And when the bright light of a labor martyr's life is snuffed out, the darkness is not completely black and dead: there is still light, the afterglow of lives that can not be killed.

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Chase National Bank anxious

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likewise to be assumed by

tenant only \$160,000. Re-

cial living in the same hotel with

the ex-Kings of Greece and Yug-

accomodates six chefs.

war, but well kept up.

ferences required.

steel magnate.

LOOK THIS OVER-

A man may die. He may die bravely or he may not. Our people. have died bravely. They have died and are dead, and no one can bring them back. But their ideas are not dead, nor will they ever die, for there is no force in the world that can kill them.

In Russia the labor movement was ground under the spurred boots of the Czars and cossacks and secret police, forced underground by illegality. But it tore through the shell that covered it, burst into. light and life.

In Italy the workers lay prostrate under the weight of twenty Fascist years. But they gathered their strength. They flexed their arms and heaved their shoulders, and the Fascist tyrants were flung aside. The Italian workers are not yet finished. The fight goes on, but theirs will be the final victory.

We here in this country will yet feel great repressions. They may come, and we will bear the pain. But this agony will be no more than the birth pangs of a new society of freedom and happiness for all peoples. These things shall be!

I am not so young, Joey, and each new year brings with it a few more gray hairs. Perhaps my strength will fail before the battle is finished. Perhaps my eyes will never see the light of the new dawn. Although I myself may not share in the joy of victory, nevertheless my optimism is complete, and so long as I am able . to fight I will share in the joy of the battle.

On this New Year, son, we feel much the same as we have felt on the others. The past is dead. We remember it only to learn from it. Our eyes are dry. The graves of our martyrs are green because 🖉 they represent not the past but the future. We shed no tears for . them, and that is as it should be. That is as they would want it.

Yes, this New Year's Day is much like the others, but there is a difference. Look about you, son. Look far across the oceans and into the other lands. Look into the whole world, and see if you do not see the first glimmerings of our triumph. The movements of the workers, the first raw, clumsy, untrained strivings, the wounds and setbacks, the pauses for breath, the gathering of new strength. All these are wonderful to see. From such sights as these we draw

Our martyrs lie still in their graves, and the quiet grass or the







The Medicine Man

there can be no objection to that. progressive organizations, reprefifty? And are we utilizing the the duty to act now. We must skates participated was the Root tions. Another mission, this one ex-worker and trade union offi- about! entire potential strength of this Fight to Free the Fifty or toand other organizations simply morrow there will be more.

Pioneer Paragraphs LENIN: "THE MOST HATED AND **MOST LOVED MAN ON EARTH'**

Suddenly, in that black year | olutionist. His party of intransi-(1917), the crash of an empire gents - whom the Socialist Indrowns out the sound of cannon. ternational pleased to call "fan-The Russian people demand peace atics" - had directed this party for all the peoples, land to the wisely during one revolution peasants, the factories to the (1905). He was much talked of workers. The Russian people is in political circles, as were his in arms, for the war has given writings on materialist philosthem guns. This people has more ophy and political economy; he deaths behind it than any other. | was a scholar. The minutes of More oppression, more misery. the International Socialist Con-This people is capable of any gresses mention his activity; thing. Will it have the necessary journalists, on the lookout for audacity of will? Will it achieve celebrities, never even noticed consciousness of its strength? his presence. At Stuttgart, in On April 3, 1917, Lenin arrived 1907, where Lenin supported Rosa at the Finland Station in Petro- Luxemburg, Herve was very grad. With him came Gregory much in the limelight; Lenin Zinoviev and others. He was al- passed unnoticed. But at the most an unknown - N. Lenin, time of the greatest betrayals, in V. I. Ulianov. The man was forty- August, 1914, when the majorseven years old, and already had ity of the celebrities of sociala revolutionary past of thirty ism, syndicalism, anarchism, sudyears duration. In his youth, the denly became converted to supshadow of the gallows had cross port of the war, Lenin-sure of ed his life; the executioner of the future when everything seem-Tsar Alexander III had hanged ed lost for the labor movehis elder brother. At twenty- ment, e n s l a v e d to delirious three, he founded in St. Peters- | patriotism - L e n i n began, burg one of the first Russian stone by stone, to lay the founda-Marxist groups. He spent sev- tions of the Third International. eral years in exile in Siberia. By At Zimmerwald, in 1915, inter-1913 he had become known to the nationalists were terrified to hear leaders of the Russian labor move- him talk calmly of revolution. ment as an uncompromising doc- In the fourth year of the war. trinaire (through the formation this man left his Zurich home of the Iskra - Spark - and the with calm determination. Months split of the Social-Democratic La- later he was "the most hated bor Party of Russia into the in- and most loved man on earth.' transigeant Bolsheviks, or the rev- With unflagging intelligence and olutionary majority, and the Men- firmness, he directed the first sosheviks, the opportunist minor cial revolution of modern times. ity). As an emigre in London, In that dusk of civilization, he Paris, Switzerland, Finland and brought the proletariat a new Crackow, scarcely known outside | reason for living. of his party, he had worked un (From "From Lenin to Stalin," tiringly at his proudly proclaimed by Victor Serge, pp. 13-15. Pion-"trade" - of theoretician, pro- eer Publishers, 1937; 112 pp.; 50 pagandist, and organizer of the cents. Order from Pioneer Pubproletariat — in a word, of rev. lishers, 116 University Pl., N.Y.)

mission which was sent to Russia headed by Samuel Gompers him-

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And with each New Year, we go forward. Let the past gather dust and mold. The future is ahead, and we reach out to grasp it, for it belongs to us. It belongs to the workers, to the oppressed of all the world.

No matter what happens, remember these things. We as individuals may perhaps fall, but all that we stand for will go on and on. Sometimes it will be tough, almost too tough to bear. But we'll bear it like those who came before us, for we know we're right. We know we'll win.

Good luck, son, and Happy New Year.



NEW YORK-In a New Year's Manifesto, the Workers Party of

America described the decline of American capitalism and the tasks facing the working class. Said the Manifesto, in part:

"The New Deal is the same old Raw Deal for the workers." The unemployed have not been put back to work. . . 'Liberal' members of the Roosevelt administration helped to whip up the 'red scare' against the striking marine workers of the Pacific, coast. The same administration acts openly in Cuba and elsewhere as the direct agent of American imperialism and is carrying out the greatest naval building program in all thepeace-time history of this nation. The warning is clear . . . the attempt to 'save capitalism' can only end in the horrors of Fascism and war. . .

"Reforms and half-measures offer no way out. . . In order that the daily struggle against the lowering of the standard of living may be carried on effectively and in order that as speedily as possible the workers may take power. . . It is necessary that the advanced workers be organized in a revolutionary political party."

CRAMENTO-Facing possible sentences of 84 years each, 18 militant workers saw the selection of their jury begin on a frame-up pattern. Accepted as a juror was a woman friend of the prosecuting attorney. The wife of a second juror was put on the stand to testify that she had been "threatened by reds!" The capitalist press, in the meantime, kept up a steady drumfire of red-baiting, Arrested for "vagrancy" in July, to remove them from the ranks of the Agricultural and Cannery Workers Union during the height of the season, these 18 workers were additionally charged with "Criminal Syndicalism" and "organizing armed groups" to "overthrow the government."

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world proletariat, against all assaults of world imperialism and of internal counter-revolution, is the most important duty of very class-conscious

- LEON TROTSKY

JOIN US IN FIGHTING FOR:

- 1. Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions. Special officers' training camps, financed by the government but controlled by the trade unions, to train workers to become officers.
- 2. Trade union wages for all workers drafted into the army.
- 3. Full equality for Negroes in the armed forces and the war industries-Down with Jim Crowism everywhere.
- 4. Confiscation of all war profits. Expropriation of all war industries and their operation under workers' control.
- 5. 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.

again. A few examples will suffice to illustrate this lesson.

In the 1937 Little Steel strike the steel barons used thugs and gunmen to terrorize the strikers. Using the corporation violence as a pretext, Governor Davey of Ohio sent the militia in to "restore order." The union officials and many workers hailed this action under the mistaken impression that Davey intended to disarm the special deputies and thugs employed by the companies and help the strikers. This illusion was soon dispelled. Davey's militia was sent to defend the "rights of private property owners", i.e. to break the strike. When Roosevelt ordered the "seizure" of Mont-

gomery Ward's Chicago plant last May, union officials and workers hailed the action as an aid to the union. They soon learned the contrary. After the strike was broken, the plant was turned back to Avery with none of the issues settled. Such examples could be multiplied a hundred-fold.

The lesson is clear: the workers can defend their interests only through their own class organizations, both economic and political. On the economic field-by the independent action of the unions through the utilization of the strike weapon. On the political field-by the organization of an Independent Labor Party.

State Department

The American workers can learn some instructive lessons from Roosevelt's recent reorganization of the State Department and the liberals' campaign against it:

1. One of the first fruits of the CIO-PAC "vic-'tory" in the November election is Roosevelt's turning over the keys of the State Department to the "Big Boys" themselves-the Wall Street gang of Robber Barons. Morgan and Rockefeller now have "direct" representation.

2. When issues of vital importance to labor and to the Negro, such as the anti-poll-tax and antilynching, the wage-freeze or the Smith-Connally anti-strike bills are before Congress, Roosevelt looks the other way and does nothing. In order to deceive the masses, Roosevelt lets his henchmen do the dirty work of killing the progressive measures or ramming through the reactionary ones. But when Roosevelt really wants something put through in Congress, as in this case, he really "goes to town" and exerts every bit of pressure at his command.

3. The "fight" put up by Pepper and his friends against the Roosevelt appointments was obviously a farce. It was simply a grand-stand play. At the crucial moment when a little heat was put on them, the "liberal" senators collapsed like a house of cards. These so-called "friends of labor" are utterly incapable of fighting against Big Business or for the interests of the working masses.

To conduct a real struggle against the reactionary conspiracies and schemes of Big Business, organized labor needs its own independent political organization and its own representatives in Congress.

Full Employment

The War Contracts Subcommittee (Murray Committee) of the Senate Military Affairs Committee has drawn up a plan for "full employment" in the "post-war" period. Under the title: "The Full Employment Act of 1945," the measure is to be submitted to the next session of Congress. The plan is based on Roosevelt's campaign promise of 60-million jobs "after the war." It is intended to give the appearance of substance to Roosevelt's hollow promise of full employment under the "free enterprise" system. The gist of the Murray plan lies in its provision for Federal "pump-priming" in the event "private enterprise" fails to provide full employment to all persons, "able to work, lacking work, and seeking work." Beneath its high sounding title and glittering phrases the Murray plan is nothing but a stale rehash of the "New Deal." Nevertheless something "new" has been added. The annual budget is to include a report on whether private enterprise will be able to provide full employment for the ensuing year. If not, the government is supposed to take up the slack with a program of public works, slum clearance, and so forth. An allowance of course, is to be made for "normal" unemployment. "Normal" unemployment was estimated at 2,000,000 during 1929, the peak of peace-time prosperity. After the crash, "normal" unemployment varied between 10 and 20 million. Business men estimate conservatively that "normal" unemployment will be 10 million "after the war." The Murray plan is an open admission that "private enterprise" can only bring mass unemployment to millions of American workers. It is considered a "bold" attempt to introduce the principle of "economic planning" at least so far as "jobs" are concerned. But like all such plans based on the preservation of the "free enterprise" system, the Murray plan is primarily concerned with safeguarding the interests and prerogatives of the capitalist class. Section 9 of the plan provides that: "Nothing contained therein shall be construed as calling for or authorizing-(a) The operation of plants, factories, or other productive facilities by the Federal government." The monopolists are to be left in complete control of the productive facilities of the nation. "The operation of plants, factories, or other productive facilities," is to be subject to the sole criterion of the capitalists-profits. Production is to be curtailed, plants shut down, workers thrown out of jobs, to maintain monopoly profits. When this happens, the Murray plan promises to start a new set of WPA projects to provide "full employment." This is the essence of capitalist "planning" under the "free enterprise" system.



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.

the post-war period for the vic-

Official Jim Crow Editor:

Last week, on December 7, after tims of World War II. 90 minute hearing on the discrimination practised against Negro firemen in New York City

the Fire Department rules.

Jobs for Veterans

A Fireman

New York City

Walsh.

Editor

pital."

Germany

firehouses, the City Affairs Com- The 100 Neediest mittee of the City Council post-poned investigation until after a lepartmental inquiry takes place.

often seven men experienced in R. W. Detroit

this work. (2.) Longshoremen "take it easy" when handling explosives. (3.) The newcomer who isn't careful is quickly called to

returning veterans and that there enced sailor handling explosives.

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vestigation into the use of Jim for 100 down and outers gives me high production. (5.) Good winch Crow sleeping arrangements will a pain in the neck. What do they drivers. result in a whitewash of the city take us for? Here eight million To my knowledge, thus far officials including LaGuardia and of us in New York are up against there have been no serious accihis stooge Fire Commissioner, the gun every day in the year. If dents when longshoremen have the landlord puts the screws on been doing the explosive handlyou to paint your own apartment, ing. Correct me if I'm wrong. V. Kane, President of the Firetry and find another one. If your Concerning the case of the men's Association has already wife or kids get sick you're fifty Negro sailors, I haven't announced: "The men have a saddled for months with doctor found one longshoreman yet right to say what beds they want bills. When you get too old to white or black, who is not in to use; the beds belong to them." work, it's panhandling and a sympathy with them. "The usual In this way they will weasel out Bowery flop while you negotiate dirty deal you get from the brass of the responsibility of enforcing for a little relief. When there's hats," they say. the anti-discrimination section of

a war you work like a dog and Another point. The thing that in between wars you're kicked the servicemen doing this work resent most is the inequality of

Why does the Times suddenly pay between them and the long get so generous around Christ- shoremen. Fifty dollars a month mas time? I figure in the first they get. Longshoremen: \$1.65 place it's good advertising. It per hour, West Coast; \$2.25 per makes the Times look like it's all hour, East Coast. But they don't for the poor people. It's cheap ad- blame the union workers, they vertising too because the dough blame their superiors.

for the "hundred neediest" doesn't This same point is a longshore come out of their own pockets at men's beef, too. "Equal pay for all but is collected from a few equal work," is labor's slogan. well-to-do who've got something Your error was really not your on their conscience that needs but that of the Legal Counsel of the NAACP, who made the state

E. S.

San Francisco

Editor: I noticed in the N. Y. Times of Christmas Day, that the Pope has given another pat on the head to Franco. The Times report says, "Although the Pope New York (in his Christmas message) listed the nations alphabetically today when praising them for their charity at the close of his mes

In The Militant editorial of Dewith Spain and Ireland and in cember 2 entitled "Jim Crow the former case specified 'the Verdict" you made an error. head of the state' as well as the Ergo: - "the longshoremen's un- government and the people. Thus

places official approval on Jesuits

and other members of Catholic

orders teaching in public schools.

A f t e r centuries of struggle

against the privileged position of

the Catholic church in France, a

struggle that won its first great

success in the French Revolution.

the counter - revolutionary De

Gaulle is now attempting to turn

back the film of history.

Reno claimed he had been refused welfare aid because he res- ion does not permit men to load the cordial relations between Gen. ided at his wife's home in Kank- ammunition unless they have had eral Franco and the Vatican are akee, Ill., for a few months after at least five years' experience." | sharply re-emphasized." his discharge, losing Michigan This is not true — at least on The Pope has always spoken residency, and veterans' agencies the West Coast. Here a long-fondly of the butcher Franco, will not assist because he receiv- shoreman may load ammunition whose brutal fascist regime he

R. J.

his very first day on the water- has time and again pointed to ed aid from the Red Cross. The run-around received by front. But, there are vital dif- as the "model Christian state." A. B.

Merchants of Death Face Trial 'Next Year'

Federal anti-trust suits against the notorious Merchants of Death," the du Pont chemical and munitions trust, the Bendix Aviation Corporation and Rhom and Haas Company, will be tried early next year, according to the latest Department of Justice announcement.

These three corporations were originally indicted on August 10, 1942 by a federal grand jury for conspiracy in conjunction with Axis corporations to restrict the manufacture and sale of vital materials for aircraft construction in this country. The trial was then postponed, according to government officials, because 'it would not be in the public interest to move the cases for trial during the existence of the present state of the war."

The du Pont and Rhom and Haas trusts are charged with conspiring with the Nazi I. G. Farbenindustrie and Rhom and Haas, of Darmstadt, Germany, and the British Imperial Chemical Industries, to eliminate competition, extort monopoly prices and limit production of plastic materials, vital to plane production, in this country. Bendix is charged with seven world-wide conspiracies with English, German, Italian, Japanese and French cartels, through illegal international agreements, to restrict trade and production, and fix high prices, on aviation instruments and accessories. All three firms are among the leading American war contracts beneficiaries.

A Department of Justice official declared that he was "not in a position to state" why the Roosevelt administration has reopened the cases when two years ago it was considered against "public interest" to prosecute these profiteering monopolies impeding war production in agreement with German, Japanese and Italian interests. The original suits were brought, however, to put pressure on these companies to release patents jointly controlled with foreign companies. Evidently, new pressure is being brought for the same end. But there is no question of these big business moguls being jailed or shot as traitors.

Meanwhile, a Rohm and Haas official brazenly proclaims—using the government's own argument for previously halting the trials-"Would the government prefer that executives doing work vital to victory spend their time in court or in making what is essential?" As if these parasites who impede production and whose sole function is to exact profits, are 'essential" to any useful purpose!

Retail Butchers Describe Gouging in Black Market

Representatives of 10,000 New York City retail butchers, who have threatened to go on a "holiday" after Christmas unless relieved of a price "squeeze," charged last week that the meat and poultry industry is "a 100 percent black market."

Wholesalers and packers are attempting to force sage, he preceded the general list price rises through the retail butchers, who are limited to OPA price levels on sales to the consumers, but must pay sky's-the-limit prices to wholesalers, who distribute restricted supplies according to black market methods.

The head of the New York Retail Butchers Association described the system of "tie-in" sales, buying unsalable items to secure salable ones, bribes to meat packing representatives, "direct side payments" to wholesalers, etc.

Retail butchers, in turn, use similar methods to pass black market prices onto the consumers. Gov-

around.

The solicitous care allegedly being extended to injured veterans of the present imperialist war by governmental and veterans agencies was exposed as a myth in a statement recently issued to Hearst's Detroit Times by Donald squaring. R. Reno, 26, a medically dis-

On top of that it's pretty ment at a meeting in San Francharged serviceman and father of clever. When you start reading cisco. five children, who has been unabout some of these pitiful cases able to find work since his army as they're written up by the discharge due to a leg injury. reporters you start to forget how

Broke and hungry, Reno stated: tough things are for yourself and the rest of the eight million. And Pope's Message 'I have applied for jobs, but have been refused because I can't pass that stops us from organizing.

the physical examinations. I say what needs to be done is "I can't do much leg work, but overthrow the whole system. Then somewhere in Detroit there must we won't need any charity be a job for me. Yours for socialism,

"Several years ago I broke my kneecap and while I was in the service it became worse, so I was discharged.

when my wife was in the hos-

"I must find a job. The chil-Navy Court-Martial dren need food and clothing, I Editor owe house rent and the Red Cross for money loaned me last month

- 8. A Workers' and Farmers' Government.
- 9. The defense of the Soviet Union against imperialist attack.

Ward Strike

The long record of Sewell L. Avery's (Montgomery Ward) defiance of War Labor Board directives sheds a revealing light on the class character of government. When workers dare to defy the decisions, directives and orders of the WLB, Roosevelt and his henchmen move with express train speed to crush such opposition. On the other hand, Avery has been thumbing his nose for years at the "authority" of the War Labor Board. But the challenge of this Wall Street Nabob has stricken the government with palsy.

The Montgomery Ward case is the most flagrant example of powerful industrialists defying with impunity government decisions. It is by no means, however, the sole instance. And even when the government finally has felt compelled to act in such cases and "seize" the property of the employer, the result invariably rebounds to the employers' benefit: The strike is broken, the profits continue to pour in under essentially the same management, "normal" relations are restored, the plant is handed back to the employer and then the weary round begins all over again.

A government which defends the sacred rights of private property cannot act otherwise. Such a government, based on the private ownership of the means of production and distribution, functions as the executive arm of the employing class as a whole. Far from being independent of the class which it serves, it expresses, and must express, the interests of the capitalist owners of industry. It is the political instrument for defending and perpetuating the power and privileges of the ruling class -that small clique of financiers and industrialists who have established a stranglehold on the economic life of the country. Sewell Avery, agent of J. P. Morgan, is part of this clique.

The interests of the working class are diametrically opposed to those of the employing class. The workers cannot depend on a capitalist government to defend their interests. When they are led to do so the inevitable result is frustration and defeat. This lesson has been hammered home time and Reno belies the oft-repeated claim ferences between his case and that nothing is too good for our that of the completely inexperi-



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The lie that youth in Germany ment in Belgium, Pierlot and his ing workers in Greece. Citrine are fanatic supporters of Hitler's cohorts followed as part of the went to Belgium apparently as regime has been refuted by the military baggage. a walking delegate to further La Dernier Heure now reveals Churchill's counter-revolutionary American Broadcasting Station in Europe. According to ABSIE | that the Pierlot Government be- | aims in Europe Spaak and Citrine thus illusan anti-Nazi youth movement has | fore' leaving Belgium set up a |

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Maedel. They had formed militant groups which at night way- discredited, so obviously a pup- rialism drags them out by the tail." laid young Nazis and Hitler pet of the British, that it could

Youth leaders and beat them up." not last a single day if Allied ABSIE reports that German bayonets were withdrawn. One France prisoners have revealed "the of the first actions of this gov One of the reactionary acts of

young people in the Rhineland ernment consequently was the the Vichy regime was the instihave been particularly affected attempt to disarm the workers tution of direct subsidies for by the Edelweiss movement. In who fought in the underground Krefeld, at least 30 percent of the | against the German armies of oc-Hitler Youth were secret Edel- | cupation. At the same time the Government with the approval of royalist General vanOverstraeten weiss members. In Cologne, a few Hitler turned over 500 million months ago, Edelweiss members has been recruiting bands and francs a year to Catholic schools. attempted a raid on a military arming them in order to establish The puppet de Gaulle Govern depot to obtain weapons. . . In a more solid authoritarian govment has now decided to continue Eschweiler, Edelweiss youths salernment. these subsidies. De Gaulle thus

The Stalinist and other resistvaged a machine gun from a ance members of Pierlot's Govcrashed American bomber." Hitler is aware of the unrest | ernment resigned from the cabiamong the youth. ABSIE de- net in order to preserve their clares: "The Gestapo and the SS | following among the masses. The gave special attention to these Socialist Ministers, however, rerebellious groups and a number mained. Their leader, Spaak, is of them have been executed and an old rascal with a notorious record of working class betrayal beaten up." going back to the First World

War.

Belgium

When German troops invaded

While three million Frenchmen The London Tribune believes are still captive in Germany De Belgium in 1940, the Pierlot government publicly announced that that Spaak continues to stay in Gaulle is now preparing a hurried it had finished its work and that the detested Pierlot Government plebiscite to bolster his shaky its members would retire to pri- principally because of the influregime. He has introduced sufvate life. Shortly thereafter they ence of Sir Walter Citrine, head frage for women, hoping that the arrived in London with huge of the British Trades Union Con- influence of the Catholic priests sums of gold from the National gress. Citrine is part of the Bevin will sway them in a reactionary Bank. They were promptly rec- gang who supports Churchill one direction. Even the cloistered ognized by Churchill as the Gov- hundred percent in the prosecu- nuns are scheduled to go to the ernment of the Belgian resist- tion of imperialist war. Bevin polls.

ernment cost-of-living statistics, employed in justify-New York ing the wage-freeze, simply ignore the existence of the black market.

Congress Protects Juicy Racket in War Contracts

This war, like the last, nurtures numerous rackets incidental to the general imperialist banditry. One of the juiciest is that of the war agencies' employes who use their inside information and influential connections as the basis for profitable private careers acting as agents for contract claimants against the government.

Congress itself, through certain "jokers" adopted in the past two years, has greased the way for an even smoother pursuit of this racket today than in the last war, when it created quite a public stench. This was accomplished by the quiet inclusion of provisions in the 1943 Revenue Act and 1944 Contract Settlement Act which virtually repealed the Act of 1872. This latter measure prohibited any government officer or employe from acting as counsel, attorney or agent in prosecuting any claim against the government until two years after he had left government service.

The 1943 Revenue Act lifted this two-year restriction for all the key war contract agencies except in cases "involving any subject matter directly connected Catholic education. . While the with which such person was employed or performed Nazis occupied France, the Vichy duty." This, of course permitted government employes and officials to quit their posts and immediately use their connections inside the government to facilitate favorable settlement of private claims. Collusion and exchange of information between agents from various departments sufficed to overcome the single restriction about "subject matter directly connected" with the former government employes' duties.

This "joker" was brought to the attention of Congress by Comptroller General Lindsay Warren, who is responsible for checking government expenditures. He pointed out that billions of dollars are involved. compared to which the expenditures of World War I were rather insignificant," and "that great abuses can result by permitting former officers and employes of the government-fortified with information and knowledge gained as a result of their service with the government-to become the agents and attorneys for

those who may have claims against it." A bill was introduced to restore the provisions of the Act of 1872. This was accepted in the House as an Amendment to the 1944 War Contracts Settlement Act and then passed by the Senate. But at a subsequent House-Senate conference, the "joker" clause was restored. In this form, the final Act was "innocently" slicked through.