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mobile Workers Local 212, De-

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627, New York City; AFL Inter-

national Machinists Lodge 682,

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oners, a number of outsta. . g labor, and civil liberties leacers tions are letters of sympathy and will speak, including Osmund K. Fraenkel, noted counsel for the support for the labor prisoners American Civil Liberties Union, and their families Chicago Loca Henry Fruchter, National Edu- 329, United Grocery and Produce cational Director of the CIO Uni- Employes Union, writes: "Ented Retail, Wholesale and De- closed is a check for the 12 vicpartment Store Employes, and tims of injustice. Our Union will George Novack, National Secre- be happy to cooperate with your tary of the CRDC. committee in Chicago toward Albert Goldman will be the smashing this vicious frame-up.' hain speaker at the Chicago The URWEA Joint Council of mass meeting, to be held on Jan- Kansas City writes: "Enclosed wary 24. The Minneapolis mass find check from the Greater Kanmeeting, scheduled for January sas City Joint Council. We are 27, will greet Grace Carlson, Vin- glad to be able to do our bit." A cent Dunne, Max Geldman, Car-Seneca, Ill., contributor says: 1cs Hudson, Emil Hansen, Carl "Here is my donation to help in any way for the gallant labor Skoglund, Oscar Coover and Jake leaders who are persecuted and Cooper.

s the N. Y. C.; Retail, Wholesale and to be Chain Store Food Employes Lo-au cal 338, CIO, N. Y. C.; Work-men's Benefit Fund Lodges 305,

Racine, Wis., and 198, Jamaica, N. Y. Accompanying these contribu-

Workers Welfare Association.

Workers reported to have joined

ployes into joining the "independ-

Roosevelt's "Seizure" Order Halts Spreading Ward Strikes

Tresca Meeting More than 100 prominent individuals are sponsoring a Carlo Tresca memorial meeting at Webster Hall, 119 East

11th Street, New York City,

Thursday January 11. A strik-

ing bronze head of Tresca,

murdered anti-fascist fighter,

will be offered as a gift to the

town of Sulmona, Tresca's

birthplace in Italy, by his

widow, Mrs. Margaret De

Silver Tresca. The same day

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We plan shortly to increase the size of The Militant from the to the forefront, sometimes with present six page format to eight the formality of a rigged plebisages. This larger size will make cite.

King George knows the pattern possible to include many new well. He had to flee for his life features requested by our readers. as well as to give more thorough in 1923, yet managed to return coverage of the important devel in 1935 to set up the military dictatorship of Metaxas a year opments in the world labor movelater. The British put forward

ment. One of the central points of a regency in Greece in 1832 when the SWP Program of Expansion they crushed the first Greek reis to build up The Militant as a public that was born in the demgreat national weekly, carrying ocratic revolution against the the message of Trotskyism to Turkish overlord. That regency ever-wider circles of workers. We was followed by a monarchy have the perspective of securing whose brutality was not less than 50,000 regular readers through that of Metaxas. a series of subscription cam-CHURCHILL'S TRIP paigns during 1945. Churchill flew to Greece, not to The first of these campaigns, set up a regency - that was alto secure 10,000 new readers, will be launched on March 1, with the ready decided upon - but to atparticipation of every branch tempt to ease the pressure from Sulmona will hold a civic from coast to coast. The remark- | British workers angered over ceremony to rename one of the able results achieved in our 1944 the slaughter of their Greek subscription campaign, when a brothers. Churchill's critics in total of 7,614 new readers was the House of Commons demanded secured, has given the comrades a high-ranking minister be sent to invaluable experience for the new Greece. The airplane trip was task ahead. Now, with a lower calculated to demonstrate that subscription price to facilitate the Prime Minister was leaving the campaign, we are setting a no stone unturned in his effort higher goal, confident that we to end the embarrassing Greek

Fuller details on these meet- being held in prison.'

UNMON-BUSTING CHARGED AGA NST NAVY OFFICERS

The ant i-labor attitude of the brass hats is exemplified in a recently is sued NLRB report which details the union-busting activities of U.S. Navy officers at the naval ordnance plant in Milledgeville, Ga. The plant is Navy-owned, but operated under lease by the Reynolds aluminum company.

According to an NLRB exam. iner's investigation and findings company was working "shoulder Capt. Russell G. Sturges, Naval commander at the plant, and his stated he could "see no reason for assistant, Lt. Comdr. Banks, cola union in the plant." laborated with the company in attempting to prevent the CIO aid of a business associate whose United Steel Workers from unionizing the plant and tried to force sister is assistant personnel director at the plant. Smith organthe workers into a company ized a company union called the mion.

The USV-CIO sent two organ. 1. 79"S into Milledgeville last May the CIO were summoned for quesat the requiret of the workers. Immediately, he business men and who sought to intimidate the ems opened an anti-union ity officia A licensing ordinance kampaign. passed which requirwas hasti

ganizers to pay a \$5,. FORM COMPANY UNION d union dee and establish a 12 At the suggestion of Capt 600 yearly ionths residence before securing Sturges, the management initiated about munitions "shortages," license. Then one of the CIO its own plan for "electing" a the daily press has been virtualerganizers was promptly arrested. grievance committee. "Ballots" The next day the plant's work- were distributed by supervisors. ets were alled together and ad- and the workers were required Mcad Committee report exposdressed by Lt. Comdr. Banks and to designate grievance represent ing gigantic war profiteering the gener I manager Harry G. atives. The ballots, though cast and waste due to "spendthrift Snith. Binks, stating that he secretly, had to be signed.

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By Art Preis President Roosevelt last Thursday intervened to halt the Montgomery Ward strikes by ordering W a r Department

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WLB directives against Open Shopper No. 1, Sewell L. Avery. The administration's action, imilar to the one which broke Backs Strike similar to the one which broke the Chicago Ward strike eight

By John Saunders months ago, was taken after nearly three weeks of the bitter DETROIT, Dec. 24-The mag-Detroit walkout, which spread to nificent Montgomery Ward strike, Chicago and Kansas City and in- fought here on the picket lines the Ward workers only the barest spired the threat of a CIO "labor in snow and bitter cold for over minimum of the WLB concessions holiday" in the Detroit citadel of two weeks, has inspired the great the mighty auto workers union. est resurgence of labor militancy

Roosevelt's statement made it and solidarity in the CIO ranks, clear that his "seizure" was particularly the powerful auto dictated by his desire to prevent workers, since the no-strike pay as a result of the strike. But the spread of such strikes to the shackles were first placed on la-

war industries and by the need bor after Pearl Harbor. to bolster up his wage-freezing Climaxing a mounting movement War Labor Board's authority, for support of the Ward strikers, seriously undermined by Avery's over 2,000 CIO local union officers long and contemptuous defiance and stewards last Thursday night of WLB directives. jammed the UAW-CIO Local 157

While admitting that Mont- Hall to cheer a call to back the to shoulder" with the Navy, gomery Ward "has waged a bitter Ward strike to the limit. They breaking the Chicago Ward fight against the bona fide unions clamored thunderously for a "la strike, will not restore control of

of its employes throughout the bor holiday" against the Roos A short time later, with the war," and "for more than a year" evelt government's kid-glove pol. without the signing of a union has successfully defied WLB icy toward Open Shopper No. 1 directives affecting the "seized" | Sewell L. Avery.

> motivate his-"seizure" order on (Continued on page 5)

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ers in support of the Ward cause Avery's anti-labor recalci- strikers. Roosevelt released a trance has "threatened" the "conletter from WLB Chairman Davis, ties in seven cities where the fidence" of the workers in the who gave as his first and main reason for advising government seizure the fact that Avery's

> 'nersistent non-compliance' **CIO Mass Meeting** threatens the maintenance of the 'no-strike pledge in Detroit" in the forthcoming UAW-CIO referendum.

Mexico City, Havana and EASY ON AVERY American cities from Boston It is already apparent that the latest Ward "seizure" will yield originally granted. They will receive a raise from 39 cents an hour to 46 cents-which Avery himself had already agreed to rights. since Roosevelt's order permits

wage payments only out of current revenue there is admittedly little likelihood that the Detroit Ward workers will receive some \$500,000 due them in retroactive wages. Nor is there any assurance ing plutocrat Avery.

There has been no spectacular removal of Avery from his Chi- and Briggs Mack Ave. plants cago offices, such as occurred were closed by walkouts which (Continued on page 5)

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Cut-Back Lay-Offs **Provoke Walkouts**

By Roy Weston DETROIT, Dec. 28-In the past three weeks, four major strikes have hit Detroit, the issue in each case being seniority, policy which is increasing in importance as cut-backs mount. In the last few days of Novem-

ber, the Graham Paige, Dodge the Briggs plant the demotion of foremen-the seniority question was at the bottom of each big business lobbyists and their

grievance. congressional agents to further The most recent and perhaps

emasculate the renegotiations law, the one that illustrates the attiwhereby the government has tried tude of the bosses most clearly, is the strike of the inspection mental super-profits made on war workers at the Briggs Outer the need of rescinding the no-Drive plant on Tuesday, Dec. 12. strike pledge. As layoffs hit the UAW-CIO has a contract with the ment to come, labor finds it incompany, which states that work creasingly necessary to be able to ers on one code (classification) back up its demands upon the can "bump" workers on lower Big Business fears that the codes, providing they have 30 and tested weapon. With the house space has gone to the pile findings of the Mead Committee days more seniority and are qual coming referendum of the UAW ified to do the particular job. The on the no-strike pledge, the auto up surpluses for which there has on the profiteering and waste enworker in question had 10 years workers have their chance to seniority while the one he wished restore to their union the one

al with one year seniority, for reasons of their own, agreed to give the older worker a 'fair' trial period. He was given one day in which to learn 5 different operations, a physical impossibility. After this the job was given back to the newer worker.

NO-STRIKE PLEDGE

The inspectors walked out Tuesday morning, and the plant held a meeting that evening. The Comlasted for a period of 2 to 5 pany phoned and agreed to negodays. Although it took different | tiate the case the next morning forms in each case — in the providing the workers were back Dodge plant the case involved | on the job. The local union offithe transfer of workers and in cers talked with the Briggs officials Wednesday morning, explained their grievance, and received the usual "no." Some of the inspectors remained out the rest of the week and on Friday voted to return to work.

This incident is helping to drive home to the Briggs workers The Briggs Union, Local 212, workers, with greater unemploybosses with its most effective to bump had only one year. The weapon the bosses respect, be-Behind the attempt to sub- arouse public demand for a Company, although they made it cause it hits them in the pocket plain they preferred the individu- I -- where it hurts most.

War Surpluses' Racket Exposed tioning before the Naval officers,

> istration accelerates its anti-labor drive with a fake clamor

ly silent about the Senate's

This report, deliberately buried and "ignoring expenses."

rkers' minds off Naval officers, "and particularly from public view, discloses that loing was "as in the appeals to patriotism and many war procurement agencies by prime contractors through big

While the Roosevelt admin- | from products which have never | tions rather than the government. | Committee is the scheme of the been used. These have been dec- The Sperry Corporation, the re-

a fraction of their worth.

policy of "procuring for military ment agencies have been order-

ing unnecessarily large quantities

Huge profits have been realized been no anticipated need, but couraged by the methods of the which provided handsome profits. war procurement agencies may "mark-ups" on items secured from secondary companies, which con-

lared "surplus," to be resold at port revealed, charged the government \$14 to \$18 for rectifier The Committee's report finds tubes bought for approximately to recapture some of the monu-'the military very loathe to \$8. Automobile corporations man-

declare surpluses" and assails the ufacturing mobile equipment add contracts. The present law exuse and then selling as surplus ed up to 32 percent on the price pires June 30. It is already riddled with jokers. But Wall Street solely for the purpose of main- of replacement parts from which plans to kill it completely or taining the level of capacity of they merely removed a sub-conproduction facilities." Procure- tractor's label and then repackmake it altogether ineffective. aged. Labor, materials and ware-

that Roosevelt, as he did after the seized properties to Avery contract.

The administration is carrying establishments, Roosevelt did not Not since American entry into out the "seizure" order very gingerly, observing all legal precau-

to San Francisco where Tresca is remembered for his revolutionary activities and leadership in great strikes of past decades. All Militant readers are urged to attend the meetings to pay homage to this lion-hearted fighter for labor's

> tions and making no move which might infringe on Avery's "property rights" or further antagonize the big business openshoppers. The boldness and ruthlessness which has characterized Roosevelt's assaults on striking workers is completely lacking in his treatment of the union-bust-



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James P. Cannon, National Secetary of the Socialist Workers Party, Albert Goldman, who conducted the brilliant legal defense ers Local 326, Millville, N. J. in the Minneapolis trial, Farrell Dobbs, Labor Secretary of the ment Worker's Locals 212, Chi-Socialist Workers Party, and Fe- cago, and 90, Elgin, Ill.; Matzo lix Morrow, Editor of the Fourth Bakers Union Local 168, AFL

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TRADE UNIONYoungstown Branch Leads SWP CampNOTESNOTESNOTESTo Raise \$18,000 Party Expansion Full

Stalinist Finks in the Ward Strikes

During the past three weeks, into issuing another WLB "last through their press and union warning" compliance order to stooges, the Stalinists have been Avery. This order also included conducting their most virulent Ward's St. Paul establishment strikebreaking campaign to date. along with those in several other These rats have been busily cities.

trailing their slime across the Thereupon the Daily Worker magnificent strike struggle of the had the gall to bray in a head-Montgomery Ward workers line on Dec. 16: "Bridges wins double-quick time. which has won staunch support Order on Ward Without Strike." in the ranks of the labor move- To be sure, Bridges didn't call ment.

any strike; he did his damndest One of the most shameful acts to break the strike that was goof treachery perpetrated by the ing on in Detroit. But that didn't Stalinists was the stab in the prevent him and his pack of back dealt the Detroit Ward Stalinized scabs from trying to Workers by the Stalinist officials steal a little credit for themselves of Local 65, CIO United Retail, by cashing in on the very Detroit

Wholesale and Department Store strike he assailed. Employes in New York. They belong to the very same interna-The officers of Local 327,

tional union which has been di- URWDSE, have filed formal recting the strikes in Detroit, charges against Harry Bridges' Kansas City and Chicago. ILWU lieutenants accusing them

The Stalinist stooges in this lo- of direct collusion with the Ward cal, headed by Local 65 President management in an attempt to Arthur Osman, issued a public sabotage an impending strike at denunciation of the Ward strikes. the Baltimore Ward plant. These rate, we plan to have more than our quota in by January 22d." That's In their statement opposing the charges were filed with the nastruggle of the Ward workers for tional CIO last week. In a letter a union contract and increases to Secretary-Treasurer James B. beyond their 39 cents an hour Carey, Maurice J. Niestadt, as- returns have been made from Seattle, you may rest assured we will wages, these finks slanderously sistant business manager of Lolinked the Ward workers with cal 327, urged the CIO to take the "treasonous activities" of action against the strikebreaking Sewell L. Avery, the open-shop Stalinist union officials. plutocrat who for four years has Niestadt declared that on Debeen successfully defying scores cember 20 a committee of workof WLB and other government ers from Ward's retail store in agencies' orders. Baltimore solicited the aid of Lo-

These deliberate strikebreak- cal 327 in a strike planned for We will surely complete our quota before March 1st with as high a ing moves of the Stalinist stooges December 22. This committee percentage as possible before January 22d." have of course been applauded by also asked assistance in securing the Daily Worker. But these the backing of other CIO unions all say they hope to fulfill their quotas by January 22d. finks have become so brazen that in the area.

they even boast of the praise of The strike had to be postponed the bosses for their activities. In a day because of bad weather. On the December 24 issue of the Lo- the originally scheduled day, an cal 65 paper, New Voices, right ILWU international representnext to a double-banner, double- ative, Jas. More, "with manage-

strikers, was "proudly" displayed survey throughout the entire a letter declaring "we are in plant questioning the workers on Militant entitled 'Live Factories-Dead Men: Dead Factories-Live complete accord with the views their attitude toward a strike." set forth by Mr. Osman" against Also, that same day, the company the Ward workers. This statesent an individual letter to each ment was signed by Sidney B. employe with intimidating propa-Felsenfeld, Executive Secretary ganda against the projected of the Shoe Wholesalers Employ- strike. ers' Association!

"This act of collusion on the part of the ILWU and manage-

While the Stalinists have joinment completely destroyed the ed with the open-shoppers against the Ward workers, almost every in the retail store where our peoother section of the labor move- ple had been working," Niestadt ment, including the bulk of the stated. He also declared that the URWDSE-CIO members through- action of the ILWU officials who out the country, are giving tacit were carrying out Bridges' or open support to the strike. strikebreaking policy, constituted The infamous conduct of the Stal- interference with the internal afinists has aroused so much fairs of another CIO union. indignation that over 30 leading

locals of the URWDSE-CIO A final note. Last week Was

\$18,000 Party Expansion Fund

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

On New Year's Eve 1943, the prison gates closed on 18 of our comrades. That was a sad day for all of us. We answered this attempt of the government to behead our party by a concrete action -the fulfillment of the \$15,000 Fifteenth Anniversary Fund in

New Year's Eve 1944 was an occasion for jubilation in our ranks. It ushered in a new year of activity and reminded us that the remaining 12 of our imprisoned comrades would soon be with us again. The best welcome for them would be another concrete action-the fulfillment of our quotas in the \$18,000 Party Expansion Fund in doublequick time.

Sixteen days to go, and all our imprisoned comrades will be back with us. The Militant of January 18th will carry the last Scoreboard before they return. Let us show a high score in that issue. Let us express in this way our solidarity with them.

Rush in the funds! Wipe out all the zeros!

FROM THE BRANCHES

Milwaukee, N. Burns: "I believe that most of our comrades had Xmas expenses, but they are planning to contribute their share toward the Expansion Fund from the pay following Xmas. At any good news!

Seattle, Kelly: "Our branch voted at its last meeting to raise its quota in the Fund campaign from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Although no see to it that we go over the top before March 1st." And when Seattle talks, it means business.

New York: "You will be interested to know how our party inspires the new workers who join us. We took in a member two weeks ago. A week later he pledged \$100 to the Expansion Fund."

Chicago: "We are planning a showing of 'Thunder Over Mexico' and some films of Trotsky to supplement our collections on the Fund.

Buffalo, Boston and Detroit send in their collections weekly and

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE AND FRIENDS

Rockville, member-at-large sends in \$10 and says "I will send some more.'

Dayton, member-at-large encloses a check to complete his quota cross headline attacking the Ward ment assistance made a personal and says "I expect to contribute further later. If none is ahead of me, I should like to have the Gray cartoon which appeared in the Men'." Comrade Brown will get that drawing.

Friend, down South, in a letter dated December 22d says "One nonth from tonight will be a very happy time for all of us. Please give my greetings to all of those I know. The enclosed \$10 is for the \$18,000 Party Expansion Fund."

A check from San Diego arrived just as we were going to press and was therefore not recorded in this week's Scoreboard. That morale and terrorized the people wipes out one more zero. We hope the other three will disappear in next week's scoring.





SCOREBOARD

	Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent	
	Youngstown	300.00	316.50	106%	
	Maritime Club	3,000.00	1,785.00	60	
	Boston	400.00	226.00	57	
-	Newark	450.00	249.00	55	
	Akron	300.00	145.00	48	
	Reading	75.00	35.00	47	
	Toledo	300.00	118.00	39	
	New York Local	3,000.00	1,012.00	34	100
	Buffalo	400.00	133.00	33	
¢	Detroit	1,250.00	404.50	32	
	Milwaukee	100.00	25.00	25	
	Cleveland	250.00	45.00	18	
	Chicago	2,000.00	300.00	15	
	Bayonne	300.00	42.80	14	
	Los Angeles	2,500.00	350.00	14	
bir i h hinar	San Francisco	1,000.00	125.00	13	
1.4.49	Philadelphia	200.00	11.00	6	ł
	Rochester	50.00	0	0.	
	San Diego	150.00	. 0	0	
	Seattle	1,500.00	0	0	
	Twin Cities	1,000.00	0	0	
	Members-at-large,				
	groups and friend	s: 300.00	165.00	55	

COMRADE HARRY KAN

LOS ANGELES. Dec. 29-The Los Angeles Branch of the Socialist Workers Party today held a memorial meeting in honor of Comrade Harry Kanter, who died of a heart attack on December 23.

Comrade Kanter had been a revolutionary fighter in the Trotskyist movement since 1936. He was born in England in 1895 of a working class family, and was apprenticed to the millinery trade. At the age of seventeen he went to Australia, where while working at his trade he played a leading role in organizing the milliners' union.

In 1921 Comrade Kanter came to the United States. Here he worked to organize his shopmates in the Los Angeles area, serving as picket captain, a member of the steering committee, and later on the executive board of his union. During the milliners' strike of 1936, Comrade Kanter, who had long considered himself a socialist, met members of the Trotskyist movement and quickly took his place in the organized ranks of fighters for world socialism.

For three years he served on the Los Angeles Section Committee of the party and worked in the new San Pedro Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. In all of his party activities, he displayed enthusiasm and devction. His place in our ranks will be hard to fill.

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the Ward strike, interviewed a Anger against the Stalinists committee of Stalinists and their has been simmering ever since front men from the Stalinistthe Chicago Ward strike last dominated Wayne County (De-May when Harry Bridges, head troit) CIO Council. This commitof the CIO Longshoremens and Warehousemens Union, ordered to beg the government to halt the the members of his organization strike. in the company's St. Paul branch

The committee boasted to handle "hot goods" from the 'emphasizing" unyielding devostruck Chicago mail-order head- tion to the no-strike pledge. "Do quarters. At the start of the you regard the Ward strike as Ward strike in Detroit Bridges' breach of that pledge?" a reattorney, Douglas Hall, appeared porter asked. W. G. Grant, Ford before WLB hearings in Wash-UAW Local 600 president, repington to boast that "there is no lied, "Yes." strike at St. Paul" despite Avery's "Did you notice," a reporter ers are selling subscriptions to "non-compliance with every di-

directives affecting the St. Paul der the Ward strikers back to to obtain subscribers to The Milimembers of the ILWU. While Bridges and his hench-

men were pursuing their servile ers, who had covered the WLB many subscriptions as possible in policies of surrender to the open- hearings, replied, "Absolutely." my spare time." shoppers, the Roosevelt adminis- Grant could only answer feebly, tration was prodded by the mili-"I think I'd check to make doubly sent this note with a trial sub tancy of the Detroit Ward strike sure."

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report is as follows: "Until the work?" Grant was taken aback. tant ... Please send me subscripcampaign starts officially on "Are you sure?" Several report- tion blanks. I intend to get as March 1, Youngstown is having at least one mobilization a week because events are so timely that A reader in Alhambra, Calif., we get a good reception. As a result of our last mobilization for his friend: "Here is a two-bit (1½ hours) I am sending 27 new

As the reporters were clearly subscription for The Militant 25c. subs. Please send us 100 more sub cards."

San Francisco plans to concentrate on the sale of trial subscriptions for the time being. Our agents writes: "San Francisco is going to do some concentrated received poor food and inadequate sub-getting both in Oakland and

this city. I believe the new rates ing "treated like coolies." Their will be of great value in helping request to be returned to their and sailors. There have been us get subs. Also, the six-month homes has been brushed aside by heavy prison sentences for t trial period will give the new an executive of the Baltimore & major crimes committed by U. reader ample opportunity to Ohio road, who said that the dereally get acquainted with our ductions "were in accordance with ideas. In some cases, persons the contract," but made no comvisited after three months were ment about working conditions. still hesitant, but when kept on

the list for a longer period, renewed promptly. In any case, I am sure that we shall go forward Twin Cities Hold tremendously in securing new. readers for the paper and we will Sunday Forums be all ready to go on to the new campaign March 1." The Twin City Sunday Forum

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A federal indictment was reison to the miserable wages paid cently handed down against of- could offer no solution to the friend in Chicago expresses the friend of ours. He sold them to by American exploiters in Puerto ficials of Carl L. Norden, Inc., Rico), are being fleeced of their manufacturers of the Norden wages and forced to live under bombsight, charging them with intolerable conditions, according withholding information t h a t to their complaint lodged with would have enabled a subcontracthe Puerto Rico Commerce and tor, Remington Rand, to manu-Industry Association in New facture the essential bombsight.

York. These monopolists were out to At least 3,000 workers are involved, according to the N.Y. costs, yet the men who flew the Times report of December 28. They have been receiving only sight were sworn to give up their \$1.38 a day, the balance of the lives rather than permit it to fall revulsion against the war and the will participate in the struggle into the hands of the enemy. promised \$5.04 being deducted for food and clothing, medical

This is only one recent examcare, transportation, withholding ple of big business offenses. imperialist conflict, brought more tax, and a 25 percent allotment "Wartime Crimes of Big Busi- youth to the ranks of the discusfor their dependents at home. The workers testified that they ness" by George Breitman (5c) sion group. A few months ago were compelled to live in box cars, gives the facts and figures on many other important cases that care, and that they resented behave cost the lives of soldiers

Steel, Anaconda Wire, Curtis Wright Corporation and mai others that are recorded in th informative pamphlet.

* * * Praise for the latest Pione pamphlet continues pouring in Our St. Paul agent write "Please enter our order for copies of the pamphlet, 'Ame ican Workers Need a Labor Pa will be resumed Sunday, January ty.' It's really a swell pamphl 7, at 10 South Fourth Street in Minneapolis when Chester John-soft will speak on "Labor Looks" by far the liveliest pamphi son will speak on "Labor Looks we've put out. I know we'll ject of the January 14 forum at which Warren Creel will be the speaker. With the "news behind at 1945." China will be the sub-

the headlines" as its slogan, the San Diego is equally please forum will continue to interpret "Needless to say, we were a national and international events very enthusiastic over t h i from a Marxist point of view pamphlet. As a matter of fac each Sunday during the winter it very nearly broke up the mee and spring months. ing.

sify their efforts to acquaint The Trotskyist Youth Group other youth with the ideas of egan one year ago as a small discussion group meeting in the homes of its first participant and Marxism by forming a memberhomes of its first participants. ship organization. After thorough These early meetings were attended for the most part by discussion, the founding of an oryoung people who were just turn- ganized Trotskyist Youth Group ing to socialism as the solution Future plans of the organize. of their problems. Disillusioned

tion are being mapped out. Reg. with the war, whose imperialist ular Socialist You'h Forums will nature was becoming apparent be maintained, further classes to them with every day's events, established, and work in the and convinced that capitalism schools will be expanded and intensified. Its members are conproblems of war, fascism and unvinced that the group will grow employment, they began to study and train leadership for the youth the principles of revolutionary who will turn more and more to socialism and to examine events Trotskyism for the solution from the Marxist point of view. their problems. The believe that Isolated for many months by is only the first of a number of the reaction sweeping the schools, similar organizations which will which reduced the political activ-

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at the newsstand on the northwest corner of Wisconsin Ave. the group became too large for home discussions and meetings on Third St.

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Youngstown Branch Leads SWP Campaign UNIO ES To Raise \$18,000 Party Expansion Fund

By Joseph Keller Stalinist Finks in the Ward Strikes

through their press and union warning" compliance order to stooges, the Stalinists have been Avery. This order also included conducting their most virulent Ward's St. Paul establishment strikebreaking campaign to date. along with those in several other These rats have been busily cities. trailing their slime across the magnificent strike struggle of the had the gall to bray in a head-Montgomery Ward workers line on Dec. 16: "Bridges wins which has won staunch support Order on Ward Without Strike." in the ranks of the labor move- To be sure, Bridges didn't call ment.

of treachery perpetrated by the ing on in Detroit. But that didn't Stalinists was the stab in the prevent him and his pack of back dealt the Detroit. Ward Stalinized scabs from trying to Workers by the Stalinist officials steal a little credit for themselves of Local 65, CIO United Retail, by cashing in on the very Detroit Wholesale and Department Store strike he assailed. Employes in New York. They belong to the very same international union which has been di- URWDSE, have filed formal recting the strikes in Detroit, Kansas City_and Chicago.

cal, heaved by Local 65 President management in an attempt to Arthur Osman, issued a public sabotage an impending strike at denunciation of the Ward strikes. the Baltimore Ward plant. These In their statement opposing the charges were filed with the nastruggle of the Ward workers for tional CIO last week. In a letter a union contract and increases to Secretary-Treasurer James B. beyond their 39 cents an hour Carey, Maurice J. Niestadt, aswages, these finks slanderously sistant business manager of Lolinked the Ward workers with cal 327, urged the CIO to take the "treasonous activities" of action against the strikebreaking Sewell L. Avery, the open-shop Stalinist/ union officials. plutocrat who for four years has Niestadt declared that on Debeen successfully defying scores cember 20 a committee of workof WLB and other government ers from Ward's retail store in agencies' orders.

have of course been applauded by also asked assistance in securing finks have become so brazen that in the area. they even boast of the praise of The strike had to be postponed the bosses for their activities. In a day because of bad weather. On the December 24 issue of the Lo- the originally scheduled day, an of the Shoe Wholesalers Employ-| strike. ers' Association!

While the Stalinists have join- men ed with the open-shoppers against mor the Ward workers, almost every ther section of the labor movein th ient, including the bulk of the state RWDSE-CIO members throughactio 14 the country at a tacit were stri

During the past three weeks, into issuing another WLB "last

Thereupon the Daily Worker any strike; he did his damndest One of the most shameful acts to break the strike that was go-

> The officers of Local 327, charges against Harry Bridges ILWU lieutenants accusing them

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cal 65 paper, New Voices, right ILWU international representnext to a double-banner, double- ati , Jas. More, "with managecross headline attacking the Ward me t assistance made a personal strikers, was "proudly" displayed survey throughout the entire a letter declaring "we are in plant questioning the workers on complete accord with the views their attitude toward a strike." set forth by Mr. Osman" against Also, that same day, the company the Ward workers. This state- sent an individual letter to each ment was signed by Sidney B. employe with intimidating propa-Felsenfeld, Executive Secretary ganda against the projected

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\$18,000 Party Expansion Fund

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

On New Year's Eve 1943, the prison gates closed on 18 of our comrades. That was a sad day for all of us. We answered this attempt of the government to behead our party by a concrete action -the fulfillment of the \$15,000 Fifteenth Anniversary Fund in double-quick time.

New Year's Eve 1944 was an occasion for jubilation in our ranks. It ushered in a new year of activity and reminded us that the remaining 12 of our imprisoned comrades would soon be with us again. The best welcome for them would be another concrete action-the fulfillment of our quotas in the \$18,000 Party Expansion Fund in doublequick time.

Sixteen days to go, and all our imprisoned comrades will be back with us. The Militant of January 18th will carry the last Scoreboard before they return. Let us show a high score in that issue. Let us express in this way our solidarity with them.

Rush in the funds! Wipe out all the zeros!

FROM THE BRANCHES

Milwaukee, N. Burns: "I believe that most of our comrades had Xmas expenses, but they are planning to contribute their share toward the Expansion Fund from the pay following Xmas. At any rate, we plan to have more than our quota in by January 22d." That's good news!

Seattle, Kelly: "Our branch voted at its last meeting to raise its quota in the Fund campaign from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Although no returns have been made from Seattle, you may rest assured we will see to it that we go over the top before March 1st." And when Seattle talks, it means business.

New York: "You will be interested to know how our party inpires the new workers who join us. We took in a member two weeks ago. A week later he pledged \$100 to the Expansion Fund."

Chicago: "We are planning a snowing of 'Thunder Over Mexico' and some films of Trotsky to supplement our collections on the Fund. These deliberate strikebreak- cal 327 in a strike planned for We will surely complete our quota before March 1st with as high a percentage as possible before January 22d."

Buffalo, Boston and Detroit send in their collections weekly and the Daily Worker. But these the backing of other CIO unions all say they hope to fulfill their quotas by January 22d.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE AND FRIENDS

Rockville, member-at-large sends in \$10 and says "I will send ome more.'

Dayton, member-at-large encloses a check to complete his quota and says "I expect to contribute further later. If none is ahead if me, I should like to have the Gray cartoon which appeared in the Militant entitled 'Live Factories-Dead Men: Dead Factories-Live Men'." Comrade Brown will get that drawing.

Friend, down South, in a letter dated December 22d says "One month from tonight will be a very happy time for all of us. Please give my greetings to all of those I know. The enclosed \$10 is for the 18,000 Party Expansion Fund."

A check from San Diego arrived just as we were going to press and was therefore not recorded in this week's Scoreboard. That wines out one more zero. We hope the other three will disappear in week's scoring



SCOREBOARD

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
Youngstown	300.00	316.50	106%
Maritime Club	3,000.00	1,785.00	60
Boston	400.00	226.00	57
Newark	450.00	249.00	55
Akron	300.00	145.00	48
Reading	75.00	35.00	47
Toledo	300.00	118.00	39
New York Local	3,000.00	1,012.00	34
Buffalo	400.00	133.00	33
Detroit	1,250.00	404,50	32
Milwaukee	100.00	25.00	25
Cleveland	250.00	45.00	18
Chicago	2,000.00	300.00	15
Bayonne	300.00	42.80	14
Los Angeles	2,500.00	350.00	14
San Francisco	1,000.00	125.00	13
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1945

COMRADE HARRY KANTER LOS ANGELES. Dec. 29-The Los Angeles Branch

of the Socialist Workers Party today held a memorial meeting in honor of Comrade Harry Kanter, who died of a heart attack on December 23.

Comrade Kanter had been a revolutionary fighter in the Trotskyist movement since 1936. He was born in England in 1895 of a working class family, and was apprenticed to the millinery trade. At the age of seventeen he went to Australia, where while working at his trade he played a leading role in organizing the milliners' union.

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Trotskyist Youth Group Formed In New York City

In its founding meeting, held December 17. 1944 at 116 University Place, New York City, the Trotskyist Youth Group officially adopted a statement of purpose declaring the group to be "an organization of young workers and students convinced that the solution of their problems lies in the establishment of a socialist society." Their aim was stated as "the study of principles of revolutionary socialism as expounded by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky, and embodied in the program of the Socialist Workers Party, and the preparation of youth for the workSATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1945

ELAS Defeats British-Backed EDES Forces

By Wells Thurber

One of the unlamented casualties of the Greek civil war is the EDES (Greek National Democratic Army) which up to the outbreak of hostilities still represented itself as a major faction of the resistance movement, contending for leadership of the Greek masses. The EDES constituted the armed body of the Greek royalists. It was opposed by the armed workers and peasants grouped around the ELAS (Greek Liberation Army) which is a military extension of the Stalinist-dominated EAM (Greek Liberation Front).

A week after the British provoked the armed conflict, General Napoleon Zervas, leader of the EDES, reported that from with arms and putting them into power." The events in Greece 15,000 to 20,000 ELAS troops have confirmed the accuracy of were invading his stronghold in Salvemini's observations.

Epirus. By December 22, ELAS SULZBERGER REPORTS had taken eight villages. A De-

cember 25 United Press dispatch. The comments of Cyrus Sulzreported EDES forces had been berger, passed by the Allied cenreduced from "12,000 to 4,000 or sorship in Rome December 16. 6,000 men." The UP added, are particularly interesting. Sulz-"Many EDES soldiers have des. berger, nephew of the publisher erted to the ELAS . . . and not of the N. Y. Times, holds the all General Zervas' losses have post of "chief foreign corresponbeen casualties." dent" of that mouthpiece of the Direct evidence that Churchill House of Morgan.

At first, declares Sulzberger, deliberately fostered and armed the EDES from the beginning is British generals backed the ELAS difficult to obtain since such operin order to create military diffiations are carried out secretly culties for the German armies ocand the British military rigidly cupying Greece. But the "Forcensors reports of observers. The eign Office, worried about Britfull story of the British role in ain's favored position in Greece the conflict between EDES and consistently backed the EDES ... other factions in Greece will prob. Open civil war flared out between

ably not come to light until after them in September, 1943. "After a series of conferences the war. If the opinion of informed political writers, however, can between various officials and Mr. be taken as an indication of the Eden and Mr. Churchill, British truth, only one conclusion is pospolicy began to veer increasingly sible: - EDES was deliberately towards the EDES inside Greece created by the British as an arm- and continued to work with the Government outside. Efforts to ed instrument designed to uphold achieve internal harmony in the counter-revolutionary Glucksburg dynasty. Greece crystallized at a conference in Lebanon last spring

CHURCHILL ARMED EDES

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when, officially speaking, all Newsweek, conservative capi-Greek groups agreed to function talist weekly, reported January together under Premier George 31, 1944, from Cairo: "The United Papandreou, who had just arrived Nations missions are trying to

from Greece. reconcile the two Greek factions "It was already evident, howwith some hope of success. Meanever, that, should this accord while, Zervas's forces are favored break up, Britain would wholein the matters of supply." Church. heartedly support Mr. Papanill now implies the arms of ELAS dreou, the regular Greek Army were provided by the British. By and the EDES and would equally remaining silent about British strongly oppose what it felt were support of EDES, he thus gives the EAM's attempts to seize powa totally false impression. er in a dictatorial manner.'

The Nation, commenting in its The paternal interest of Brit-May 13 issue on the revolt of the ish imperialism in the EDES Greek armed forces in Egypt, was indirectly confirmed by declared: "Instead of supplying Churchill himself in his speech the EAM with arms to the same before the House of Commons Deextent as before, the British gov- cember 8. Churchill naturally ernment began to favor the much did not report how he armed and weaker National Democratic fostered the EDES, but he did go Army (EDES), thus laying the so far in his speech as to make basis for real civil war in Greece. clear in characteristic style where The EDES would never have British imperialist interests lie:



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HANDS OFF GREECE **Down with Churchill !**

BRITISH TROOPS ARE IN ACT. ION AGAINST THE GREEK WORK-ERS AND PEASANTS!

The Greek reactionaries aided by The Greek reactionaries aided by General Scobie have fired on unarmed men, women and children. Spitfires are mowing down the Greek people! War is being waged against the Greek people by Churchill. Churchill and the ruling class revile and slaughter those who only yesterday bore the brunt of the struggle against the Nazi occupa-tion of Greece. class. tion of Greec

British workers conscripted to "fight Fascism" are being used to replace the S.S. in murdering revolutionary work-ers. They hate the job. Every British worker hates it.

The Labour movement alone can stop it. BUT WHEN THE ISSUE CAME UP IN THE HOUSE OF COM-MONS. WHAT A BETRAYAL OF MONS. WHAT A BETRAYAL OF THE WORKERS BY THE LABOUR LEADERS! On a motion against the Government:

80 LABOUR M.P.'S WERE ABSENT. 23 LABOUR M.P.'S VOTED FOR THE MASK IS OFF Churchilli 9 Imperialis

. IMPERIALIST WAR 33 LABOUR M.P.'S ABSTAINED!

ONLY 24 LABOUR M.P.'S VOTED Against Churchill! Workers! Force your leaders out of

counter-revolutionary Government. Having used the Partisans for its own ends, the British ruling class are demanding the disarmament of these forces. At the same time they have reinforced and lavished arms upon the Greek "Regular Army" composed of Greek "Regular Army" composed of Fascist thugs and murderers. Under the Papandreou clique 85 per cent of becoming clear to every worker that the Greek army and navy were im- this is a reactionary war. The Labour the Greek army and navy were im-prisoned in Cairo. The "Security Batthe Greek army and navy were im-prisoned in Cairo. The "Security Bat. Ileaders told us that they entered the Government in order to "destroy fas-cism. and dictatorship", in order to workers and peasants. are being re-trined by the reactionaries as a police force. CHURCHILL'S POLICY IS: DIS-

CHURCHILL'S POLICY IS: DIS-ARM THE WORKERS AND PEAS-

ANTS: ARM THE FASCISTS AND REACTIONARIES.

the good old Churchill and the bad new Churchill! THERE IS BUT ONE CHURCHILL — THE CHURCHILL OF FINANCE CAPITAL — ARCH-ENEMY OF THE WORKING CLASS. The anglo-American imperialists are preparing a cunning and ruthless pol-icy for Europe. Already all food ship-ments to Greece have been cancelled! Thus they hope to starve the Greek people into surrender. That is the people into surrender. That is the purpose of U.N.N.R.A., to blackmail and starve the European peoples into submission to capitalist_governments. Those who accept, will receive meagre The peoples of Europe want a Soc-ialist Revolution. Churchill prepares rations; those who resist will receive not bread but bullets! We must den advance to drown the revolutions in

feat the fiendish plans of the British blood. First Italy, then Belgium, now Greece. As a man who tried to drown bankers and capitalists. The Trade Union and Labour movethe Russian Revolution in blood, who used the Black and Tans in Ireland, who mowed down unarmed, hungry, other European country threatened by Indians, who played a leading role in breaking the General Strike-Churchill British imperialist blackmail with famine and starvation.

And what of the so-called "Com-munist" Party now? What of their rosy pictures of a "liberated" Europe?

Churchill was fighting a "just war for democracy." And even today, in face of these bloody events, the (ommunist

Party tries to find "two Churchills"-

have deceived the workers that

is an apt choice for the British ruling The British Labour movement must lass. The Commnist and Socialist leaders force U.N.N.R.A., but under the conn E.A.M. have the undoubted support trol of the Trade Unions without con-of the mass of the Greek people. These ditions.

leaders agreed to capitulate to the British military authorities and accept disarmament. But so great was the Social Social Strain Stra resentment of the masses that they are compelled to demand at least, the dis-armament of the Fascists as well. Without the backing of British bay-onets, there would have been little bloodshed and the Papandreou dicta-tarship would have been little bloodshed and the Papandreou dicta-tarship would have been little bloodshed and the Papandreou dicta-tarship would have been little bloodshed and the Papandreou dicta-tarship would have been little bloodshed and the Papandreou dicta-tarship would have been little bloodshed and the Papandreou dicta-tarship would have been little bloodshed and the Papandreou dicta-tarship would have been little bloodshed and the Papandreou dicta-tarship would have been little machine guns, and planes against the popular democratic will of the people. The British

their organisations into action. They must force their leaders to break with Ine war is revealed blatantly as a gangster struggle for domination of Europe and the world by British and American imperialism against German imperialism. Not democracy and freedom, but economic, political and mili-tary domination of subject peoples in the reactionary capitalist class. In all this cowardly position! Labour must mobilise the working class against the tary domination of subject peoples in 1920 in the "Hands off Russia" campaign. ONLY THE DIRECT INTER-VENTION OF THE BRITISH WORK-ING CLASS CAN PREVENT CHUR-CHILL AND THE CAPITALISTS FROM DESTROYING THE WORK-ERS' MOVEMENT IN GRÉECE.

The Trotskyists have consistently END THE COALITION! WITH-DRAW- THE BRITISH TROOPS exposed this war for what it is. It is FROM GREECE!

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Reproduction of a leaflet issued by the Revolutionary Communist Party, British section of the Fourth International, calling upon the workers to oppose British intervention in Greece, to force the Labor Party to break its treacherous coalition with the Tory government of Churchill, and to show their solidarity with the insurgent Greek masses. "Only the direct intervention of the British working class can prevent Churchill and the capitalists from destroying the workers' movement in Greece," the Trotskyist leaflet concludes. "End the coalition! Withdraw the British troops from Greece!" For the immediate despatch of arms and food to the Greek workers under the control of the trade unions!"



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(Reprinted from Dec. 7 issue of "Voice of Local 212," organ of Briggs Local 212, UAW-CIO, Detroit).

Dear Brother Thomas:

On November 28, the Detroit Times quotes you as follows: "Anyone who strikes today while our sons and brothers are shedding their blood on the battle fronts is a 100 percent scab. He is scabbing on his union because any strike today hurts the union; and he is also scabbing on his country because any interruption to production, no matter how slight, causes delay to our ultimate victory in the war."

Coming close on the heels of your recent speech before a Kiwanis club, where you glorified free enterprise in a manner worthy of an official of the National Manufacturers Association, your unqualified condemnation of war workers as "scabs" makes many of us in the UAW wonder whose side you are on.

You say that "any interruption of production, no matter how slight, causes delay to our ultimate victory in the war." This means that if ten workers engage in a three-hour stoppage, (no matter how instigated by management), they would be guilty of the most vicious kind of scabbing, according to you. Are you aware that in the past two months the Briggs Manufacturing Company laid off no less than 5000 workers? Among those laid off, especially among the women, there are hundreds who are still out of work because they can't find jobs in industry. And if you think such sweeping layoffs have taken place only at Briggs, you should inquire at Packard, Fords, General Motors and other plants in this area. How about the tens of thousands of man-hours lost to war production because of these layoffs, Brother Thomas?

Why is it that you are so silent about this? Why is it that you go out of your way to lash at strikers, but make no demonstrative protest whatever over these mass layoffs? Why is it that you do not take management and government to task for the complete lack of any plans which would preclude wholesale layoffs?

Grievances of the Auto Workers

Do you know what these layoffs entail, Brother Thomas? They hurt not only those directly affected, but also scores of others who are transferred, shifted to inferior jobs, demoted to lower-paying codes. Are you aware that in the hectic confusion attending these layoffs, supervision has not been above trying to discriminate against women and Negroes? Moreover, Brother Thomas, stewards with enough guts and militancy to protest against such discriminatory practices are at times picked off and fired. Such goadings on the part of supervision have been at the bottom of most wartime walkouts. If by any chance you think this has been true only in Briggs, ask the workers in other auto plants, ranging in size all the way from Bower Roller Bearing Company to Ford and GM.

Maybe you don't know about these things, Brother Thomas. Maybe you are too busy hobnobbing with government brass hats. and members of business men's clubs to keep in touch with what's taking place in the shops. It is only natural that when one spends most of his time in the company of government bureaucrats and industrial executives, one sooner or later begins to see things from their point of view.

Certainly industrial executives must have read your blast against trikers with great satisfaction and encouragement. If they were in the habit of putting the heat on workers, before, they will have. every inducement to do so to an even greater extent now, especially since your statement clearly implies that workers who strike, **REGARDLESS OF THE PROVOCATION ON THE PART OF THE** COMPANY, will be regarded as scabs by their ranking International officials.

Workers don't relish being classed as scabs, Brother Thomas. In their language a scab is the most despicable specimen of humanity -a traitor to the working class. Workers do not violate union policy by walking off the job for the fun of it. They do so because the company takes advantage of our no-strike pledge to thumb its collective nose at our bargaining proceedure, to speed-up production, discriminate against certain workers, stall endlessly on honest grievances, and fire our most militant stewards on the slightest pretext. As long as the no-strike pledge lasts the companies will continue to do those things, because labor will be deprived of its only effective weapon. Your uncompromising support of the no-strike held before the appointment of this fact again on December 26 people's feelings on behalf of the pledge can mean only one thing: You desire that labor shall con-Damaskinos. On December 31 he during his Athens visit: "We EAM for the efforts of Mr. tinue to be deprived of its most potent weapon. Presumably your ELAS must withdraw from At- proval of President Roosevelt and our great ally, England, in of the forthcoming referendum on the no-strike pledge. If the auto workers are to continue being denied the right to strike, and if the highest officer of our nation continues to castigate workers for stoppages, while glossing over the company provocations which inspire the stoppages, then, Brother Thomas, we will actually be bound over to the tender mercies of our employers.

to attack the EAM had it "During the years of Greek capnot been encouraged by un- tivity ELAS devoted more attenmistakable signs of the royalist tion to beating up and destroying shall see, Churchill accused the manded by Colonel Zervas, a man

Gaetano Salvemini, noted Ital. As to ELAS they did not hesitate ian anti-fascist and professor of on occasions to help the Germans history at Harvard, wrote in the catch and kill supporters of September 1 British Tribune: "If EDES."

situation and to calm down the the British Tories have to go on The fact that thousands of mounting domestic political crisis. reiterated his ultimatum that British ... came here with applaying in Europe their game of former members of EDES have Churchill continues to pursue the balance of power, the 'natives' gone over to the ELAS indicates the same principled line of avow- tica, hand in its arms, and dis- Marshal Stalin. ..." in Europe must have no peace. A that for a time some Greek work- ed reaction as before his flight to band. second India has become neces. ers and peasants did not realize Greece. On December 27 during sary in Europe. Puppet kings the counter-revolutionary role the negotiations for a regency surrounded by gangsters in the played by Zervas. When the civil with leaders of the ELAS (Greek Papandreou cabinet, is likewise uniforms of army chiefs have to war broke out, however, and Liberation Army) Churchill Zervas lined up on the side of brazenly declared that British do the job . . .

"The pattern is everywhere the British troops who are shooting armed intervention would not same: helping discredited and down the Greeks, his role became stop until the differences besame: helping discredited and down die drocks, als for each of the "liberat-groups to come to the fore, and the ELAS had been settled and the ELAS had been settled and the ELAS had been settled of Greece that your bloody con-shooting began. took posts in Faganureou's cash-groups to come to the fore, and the Zervas forces with sufficient Stalinist agents forcing republi- proves that far from being a increasing the use of military cans to come to terms with 'royal. | leader with a real popular follow- | force."

ist legitimists' and at the right ing, in actuality Zervas is nothing Scobie, military representative moment disarming guerrillas, but a military bandit on the pay- of the Allies, is continuing leaving only 'royalist legitimists' roll of British imperialism. Churchill's line without deviating



Young ELAS fighters in Piraeus, seaport of Athens, during the first weeks of the British attacks upon their forces, display the arms—small rifles and machine-guns—with which they heroically fought off British tanks, heavy artillery, and bombers,

and British policy." Later, as we representatives of EDES, com-shall see. Churchill accused the mended by Colonel Zerves a mende EAM and ELAS of being the of the left by our standards but less extreme than the EAM. ... Order Continued Warfare On Workers

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hands too.

Inside Greece, the Stalinists The new puppet, Damaskinos have consistently blocked the that the Stalinists functioning who previously supported the movement of the masses toward in the EAM and ELAS consider socialism and supported the pup- it hopeless to put over the continuing Churchill's counter | pet governments set up by Chur- | Glucksburgs at the present time. revolutionary policy. On Christ- chill. Before the outbreak of the They want to try a regency. The mas he issued a manifesto calling civil war-and even after-they regency changes nothing essenon the Greek workers and peas- welcomed British troops. They tial while it gives the Stalinists

to call for the regency. On the time, the Stalinists expect the cial declaration as regent Janudown at once." *Rizipastis* published an article by

General Plastiras, appointed the Stalinist leader, Jean Zevgos, Premier January 2, has denounc- demanding the establishment of a of Greece is now under the conto lay down their arms.

is the continued use of Allied to persuade all parties to accept selves of the reactionary predaand peasants. For four weeks by Damaskinos." The Associated Press reported Scobie has been "methodically

clearing" the Athens area, killing the same day that the leaders of and wounding thousands, taking EAM (Stalinist-dominated Na an unbearable political regime. thousand prisoner. Tanks, ar- tional Liberation Front) in a protillery, bombs speak the language posed truce sent to Scobie called for creation of a regency. The of British imperialism more imoffer was withdrawn "temporariperiously than any of the proclait be signed by heads of the

ELAS."

STALINIST ROLE

At the conference called in The Stalinist role in this reg- Athens December 28 by Churchill, ency maneuver is as treacherous the three delegates appearing in as it has been from the beginning the name of ELAS were George of the conflict. Stalin aims to Siantos, acting secretary of the gain control over the elemental Communist Party, Emmanuel upsurge of the masses to prevent Mandakis, reported to be a memthe further development of their ber of the Communist Party, and revolution and to utilize this con- Dimitri Partsalides, a Commun-

trol as a card in his secret deals ist Party member and secretary with the imperialist bandits. Since the civil war broke out, in the proposal these delegates

the Kremlin has not said a word placed before the British as the against Churchill's use of force basis for laying down the arms and violence. Moscow did not even of the Greek workers and peaswithdraw recognition of the ants was establishment of a reg-Glucksburg dynasty as the of- ency. All present at the conferficial government of Greece, ence agreed unanimously on this Churchill, Eden and Bevin have point.

all declared that British troops On December 31 the Stalinist entered Greece with the approval Partsalides declared that he

the slightest from the position he of Moscow. Churchill emphasized "wished to express the Greek coming to Athens."

These facts prove irrefutably The Stalinists were the first more troops. With sufficient

With the exception of the areas in Athens held by the British, all

Most decisive of all, of course, the ELAS were said to be trying clear. They want to rid them its leaders one year ago.

arms against the Greek workers an interim government headed tory Greek capitalists and land Fourth International declares, tion adopted by the 1943 National lords as well as the foreign imperialism that has inflicted upon the party has undergone: the ist Workers Party. This criticism them hunger, torture, misery and testing of the party's temper un- was written by Felix Morrow The government sought by the secution; the testing of the party Its viewpoint was rejected by the masses can only be a socialist cadres, their ability to carry for- convention. government based on the ex- ward the work of the party in propriation of the capitalists and the absence of the imprisoned mations of the royal and religious ly to meet British insistence that the introduction of a planned leadership and to supply the nececonomy. The alternative is a essary ideological and organizapuppet regime of counter-revolu- tional guidance to the vanguard tion resting on the bones of the movement for the Socialist liber-Greek masses. ation of mankind."

der conditions of capitalist per- shortly before his imprisonment.

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PERLEY P. McMANUS

ary 1 was to "call upon those day the British provoked civil armed people to dissipate their forces in the military struggle. Featured in December F.I.

The December issue of Fourth International, now on sale, features the Eleventh Convention of the American Trotskyists, ed the ELAS since his arrival regency. On December 15 PM trol of armed detachments of held in New York November 16-20. An appraisal of this con-December 12 and called on them published a dispatch from Greece workers and peasants. The aims vention by the editors of the magazine surveys the progress declaring that "Some members of of these classes are absolutely | made by the Socialist Workers Party since the imprisonment of

> "The convention was," the One is a criticism of the resolu-"... expressive of a double test | Committee Plenum of the Social-

The second article is a reply to Comrade Morrow's criticism by Comrade E. R. Frank in a speech delivered for the National Committee of the Party to the New York membership during the reconvention discussion.

In the "Review of the Month" The resolution adopted by the convention by a vote of 51 to 5 on the editors discuss the results of "The European Revolution and the 1944 Presidential elections. Tasks of the Revolutionary Par- They point out that, contrary to a superficial impression, Roosety," is printed in full in this issue. With Marxist clarity and velt's reelection for a fourth precision the resolution analyzes term really marks a further stage the counter-revolutionary roles in the breakdown of the capitalist of Anglo-American imperialism two-party system in America. They analyze the many factors and of the Stalinist bureaucracy in the events now unfolding on which indicate the growing desire the European continent, where of the advanced workers for an the revolutionary aspirations of | independent labor party.

Single copies of Fourth Interthe masses are surging up in one war-torn nation after another. national may be obtained for 20 Two important discussion arti- cents, yearly subscription \$2, by cles on the political problems writing to the Business Manager, dealt with in the resolution are 116 University Place, N. Y. 3,

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1945

One Year After The 18 Entered Prison SHOP TALKS

One year ago on December 31, 1943, 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and officers of the Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544-CIO, defendants in the famous Minneapolis Labor Trial, were put behind prison bars. Roosevelt imprisoned these labor leaders as part of his preparations for imperialist war.

The Administration's main ob-D-

jective in this prosecution was to liberties struggle since Wilson's eliminate the only serious political administration sent the Socialist opposition to Wall Street's war leader Eugene V. Debs to Atlanta by removing the leaders of the prison during the First World Socialist Workers Party from War.

public activity. The agent of Union after union passed replutocracy in the White House solutions protesting the imsought to prevent the American prisonment of the 18 and demandpeople from hearing the Trotsky- ing their release. Labor journals ist program of socialism as the gave the case wide publicity. alternative to capitalist depres- 12,000 people signed a petition to sions and wars. the President, demanding the un-

"The new situation is very conditional pardon of the prisonclear to us," declared James P. ers. To date the Minneapolis Cannon, National Secretary of Labor Case has received the supthe SWP and one of the prisoners, port of more than 400 trade in his farewell address on De- union, Negro and fraternal orcember 26, "and I think our ganizations representing more understanding is accurate. As the than four million workers.

United States began to gear all The magnificent solidarity of its machinery for entry into the labor in defense of the Minnew imperialist war, it became neapolis prisoners is one of the necessary again to fool the peo- brightest spots in a year otherple. Here, as throughout the wise marked by retreat before world, a tremendous, world-wide the onslaught of the bosses and mechanism of deception, falsifica- the government. This solidarity tion and misrepresentation was demonstrates that the ranks of turned loose on the people. . . Our labor recognize the threat to civil party alone did not betray, did liberties in the infamous Smith not sell out. We Trotskyists told "Gag" Act, applied for the first the truth. That is the reason, and time in the Minneapolis case. the only reason, we are on our DENIED PARDON

great genius-leader dead, the too. We go to prison confident courts of Hartzel and Baumqualified to take our places in the leadership of the party."

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Trotskyist Leaders Just Before Imprisonment



15 of the 18 Minneapolis Labor Case prisoners, photographed last Dec. 31 at the entrance of Hennepin County Jail, where they spent 3 days before final imprisonment in federal penitentiaries. The 14 men were incarcerated in Sandstone; Grace Carlson was sent to the federal prison for women at Alderson, W. Va.

Like Tobin and the Stalinists, the Roosevelt administration venom over Roosevelt Uses Executive Power To Regiment The Labor Movement

By C. Thomas

From its very inception, the scheme to draft labor for work in private industry was designed to prevent the workers from shows how the government has defending their standard of living. The outbreak of war, the been using its powers of compuldrafting of millions of young workers into the armed forces; sion on an ever-extended scale to he boom in war production created a "tight" labor market. The chain workers to their jobs by natural drift of labor is to industries paying higher wages and providing better working conditions. Competition between employers in a tight labor market would inevitably mean higher wages and a more equitable distribution of the national income.

large reservoir of unemployed workers to keep wages down. grow. That will be the case now reversed the conviction by lower During periods of war, the army of unemployed is absorbed in ing those who left their jobs the military forces and expanded war production. The employing class then utilizes political **P**

establish a monopoly over hours, etc., the government issues dec- came national in scope.

lopment of the job-freeze under the Roosevelt administration executive decree.

Workers were first frozen to their jobs only in certain industries. In September 1942, a decree was issued freezing workers in the lumber and non-ferrous industries under penalty of draftwithout permission. The decree was then extended to cover cer-

means — its control over gov- evelt's wage-freeze and the no- tain geographical areas. The inernment - to prevent competi- strike policy of their own leader- dustrial city of Detroit was the Attorney General Biddle hustled tion between individual em- ship, the workers try to solve first area in which 700,000 workthe Minneapolis labor prisoners ployers which would increase their problem by shifting to in- ers were frozen to their jobs. La-The year's events have borne through the courts in five weeks. wages and thus reduce the rate dustries working longer hours, ter St. Paul and Minneapolis out Cannon's predictions. The He dragged out the Washington and mass of profit appropriated Socialist Workers Party has trial of the native fascists for by the owners of industry grown stronger. It gained valu- eight months, and now they are The capitalist government, advantage of "compatitive" was applied to 27,000,000 indusable recruits. Its press has leaped free following declaration of a functioning as the executive arm rates in different industries, dif- ment workers, considered "essenof the employing class, seeks to ferent geographical localities, tial" to the "war effort," it be-

the American Trotskyist move-ment held last November cul-Six of the 18 Minneapolis labor ment. The government aims to

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All sorts of schemes were aded to fix nenalties on 4F



Some Bethlehem steelworkers, not well versed in political economy, have wondered from time to time, "How come Eugene Grace is entitled to a take of \$523,000 per annum?" The answer is just simple arithmetic.

Say you get 2500 dollars a year for working-when you work. Then if you worked twice as hard, or twice as long-16 hours a dayyou'd get twice the money, or 5000 dollars. A little more, counting the time-and-a-half. If you are twice as skilled, on the other hand, after spending five or six years in an Engineering college, you might make the \$5000 a year on the basis of just an eight hour day, like the engineers do. That's fair enough.

But Eugene Grace gets a salary of 523,000 dollars a year. It could be that he works 209 times as hard as you, because that's how many times \$2500 goes into \$523,000.

Of course, you might object that you eat Wheaties in the morning, too, and you can't understand how anyone could have 209 times the energy you do.

Well it's possible, then, that he works 209 times as long. That's 1672 hours a day. And you can make the same amount of money yourself if you're not too lazy to put in the time.

But that doesn't quite make sense. So if he doesn't work 209 times as hard, and he doesn't work 209 times as long, maybe he works 209 times as skilled. He must be 209 times as educated. Where an engineer went to school twice as long as you, Grace must have gone 209 times as long, or about 1672 years.

However, he couldn't have started attending college in the third century A.D. because they didn't have any colleges then.

EUGENE GRACE MUST BE A GENIUS

How is it then, that he knows 209 times as much? Is his brain 209 times as big? No. There's really only one answer. It's genius. He must have been born with it. He must be inspired with some knowledge far beyond our power to understand. He never learned it the ordinary way.

But that's the way genius works, you see. A poet, for instance, whiskey-and before you can stand a quarter up on its edge, he dashes off a whole poem, beautiful as anything.

Eugene Grace is like that poet. You can't compare a man like Mr. Grace with ordinary men. (You can't compare \$523,000 with an ordinary income either).

Of course some ordinary people can't understand what it is that genius like Mr. Grace actually does-what his work really is. But that doesn't mean anything. People never do understand genius nyway

I bet you thought this shop ran pretty much by itself what with couple of hundred of us working men and women, a couple of maintenance men, machinists and a foreman we see as little as possible. But if you'd read the company bulletin board as carefully as you should, you'd see a letter from Mr. Grace himself every year or so telling you how hard we all worked (including him).

You might have thought that what with us people to make the coke, make the iron, make the steel and steel products, what with salesmen to sell it, what with the government to buy it and whole armies begging for it so they could blow it to pieces right away, you might have thought Mr. Grace wouldn't have much to do. That's where you'd be wrong.

No, he doesn't fool around with the production end of steelmakng. He doesn't waste his valuable time with the business end of it either. But every month, rain or shine, come hell or high water, he has to preside over a board of director's meeting, where he tells them how to divide up the thirty-eight million dollars in profits that they skim off every year.

attacks to attain their objective. do if you were in his place, then you must be a Trotskyist or And if you don't think THAT'S 209 times as much as you could something.

that is built upon ideas is a power neapolis prisoners. In August that is built upon ideas is a power that is built upon ideas is a power that is hard to destroy," declared Cannon. "Indeed, it cannot be destroyed. You remember the when the petition for pardon of the 18, backed by labor organiza-tions throughout the country, was tragic time three years ago last presented to Roosevelt, his August, when Trotsky fell victim agents in the Department of to the assassin. Many people Justice turned it down flatly. speculated, that now with the oreat genius-leader dead the its weight into the struggle. movement he had created would Packed with Roosevelt appoinbe scattered to the four winds tees, it refused three times last and soon disappear. We knew it was not so, because the ideas Trotsky left behind were a mighty cement to have the source the source to be a s mighty cement to keep the ranks of the Bill of Rights has been together. The party didn't fall widely recognized. Then to demoninto disintegration. Far from it, the party continued to live and to ward reaction, the Supreme Court

that we are leaving behind us gartner, avowed Hitlerite propacapable men and women who are gandists.



ful convention in the history of LABOR'S FIGHT

The Department of Justice

likewise showed where it stood.

trial of the native fascists for by the owners of industry.

During "normal" periods, the employers depend upon a

minated the year's activity of the prisoners were released last eliminate "competition" between for other employment without mission and the Selective Service and men over draft age who "left party and set new ambitious October. The remaining 12 will individual employers in the in- "permission." goals for 1945. be out this month. But the fight

These gains were made against must continue for their pardon to their jobs at frozen wages. Thus the job-freezing schemes strument of compulsion. For to accomplish his plan by legisthe most bitter efforts of the Roosevelt administration and its and the restoration of their civil while the cost of living rises and of the Roosevelt administration women, men beyond the draft lation, Roosevelt used his trelabor lieutenants to whip up rights. The Minneapolis case is a profits soar. The employers' share aim to establish government con- age, 4F's, etc., the compulsion mendous war p o w e r s to hatred for the Trotskyists in the dangerous precedent that can be the expense of labor. The result over wages, hours and working sential" industries were given the les by executive decree and put labor movement. The Stalinists used against other militant trade is a gradual lowering of labor's conditions. These schemes are right to penalize quitting work- over his program piece-meal. also combined with Daniel J. unionists or working class leaders standard of living.

International, in an unprecedented in the future. The fight to wipe But the workers do not "vol- workers for violating Roosevelt's certificates of availability without slander campaign against these the Smith "Gag" Act from the untarily" submit to the imposi- job-freezing executive orders. which they were debarred from working class leaders, railroaded statute books, initiated and or- tion of a lower standard of liv- These penalties fall into several taking other employment for sixto prison. Their attempt to smear ganized by the Civil Rights ing. As prices and profits contin- categories. Workers are punished ty days. the 18 as "fascist agents" re- Defense Committee, is labor's ue to rise, real wages fall. De- by being deprived of employflected their alarm over the fact fight. For its own safety, labor mands for wage increases be- ment, by imprisonment, or by bethat the Minneapolis case had be- is duty bound to carry this fight come more persistent. Finding ing drafted into the armed come the most celebrated civil through to the end. themselves stymied by Roos- forces. An analysis of the deve-

terests of the employing class as a whole. Thus workers are frozen JOB-FREEZE PENALTIES

enforced by compulsion upon ers by refusing to grant them ROOSEVELT'S DECREES

LABOR CONSCRIPTION

Finding these penalties "in-

bor advocates began whooping it first National Service Act was itical agents of Big Business. to get a job without a certificate Clark's labor draft plan was embodied in legislation submitted by lowing a frenzied campaign ed for conscripting all adult males around fake "ammunition" and between the ages of 18-65 and "manpower shortage," Roosevelt women between 18-50 for work issued another decree instructing in private industry. The penalty Selective Service to induct all for violators was imprisonment. those within draft age who left In this way those workers who their jobs without permission of could not be coerced by the threat their draft boards. Spokesmen of being drafted would be sub- for the administration have anject to the threat of imprison- nounced they are now planning to ment. The bill died in the 1943 bring the 4F's and older men Congress and was not revived un- within Roosevelt's recent "work til Roosevelt came out for labor or fight" decree. conscription legislation in his As the resistance of the work-

message to Congress in January ers to the wage and job-freeze 1944. the Austin-Wadsworth National sion to hold the wage-freezing Service Act, reintroduced his line. Rule by executive decree forced labor bill immediately fol- is substituted for legislative ac-Spokesmen for the Roosevelt ad- labor movement. The wage ministration spearheaded by the freeze was imposed by executive brass-hats began a nation-wide decree. The job-freeze likewise. agitation for labor conscription. Roosevelt is consistently moving

raw that the labor bureaucrats and enslaving the working people were compelled to speak out through the use of his executive against it. The only section of powers. And this conscious agent the labor movement that endorsed of capitalist reaction is touted as it were the Stalinists. . Despite the foremost "friend of labor" by powerful support from the capi- the treacherous labor lackeys who talist press, radio, manufacturers' boast they reelected him to of associations, etc., the pressure of fice!

the people was strong enough to stem the reactionary drive for forced labor legislation. Blocked in their legislative drive the forced labor advocates have since executed a series of flank

system. For those falling within their jobs without permission." the draft age the penalty of being | These schemes found a sympa-

Thus Roosevelt issued a decree

which went into effect July 1, 1944 placing all male workers over the age of 17 under the control of the Government's United States Employment Service. Unadequate" to regiment the entire working population the forced labe compelled to take jobs in inup for labor conscription. The dustries and areas designated by the USES. Those who refused, drawn up by Grenville Clark, Wall Street lawyer and behind-the active of unemployment compensation the-scenes manipulator of the pol- benefits," and wouldn't be able from the USES.

mounts, Roosevelt resorts more Senator Austin, co-author of and more to methods of compulo w i n g Roosevelt's message. tion in dealing blows against the But the slave labor bill was so in the direction of regimenting

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10 Years Ago In The Militant

JANUARY 5, 1935

SACRAMENTO-At the start of the infamous Criminal Syndicalism trial of 18 militant leaders of the Agricultural and Cannery Workers Association came new evidence of the frame-up nature of the case. The California Growers' Association initiated proposals that District Attorney McAlister be hired as special prosecutor. McAlister, defeated in the November elections in which he campaigned on a red-baiting platform, was to leave office Jan. 5.

"The truth is," said The Militant, "that the Sacramento cases are being pushed not so much by local conservative politicians as by the growers of the Sacramento, San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys, and the banks of Frisco, who are against unions everywhere and always." Describing the selection of the jury, The Militant continued, "Workers have been disgualified and most of the jurors selected so far live in the fashionable part of town."

EW YORK-In the first of a series of articles on incipient fascist movements in the United States, The Militant discussed the demagogic "Share the Wealth" formula of Senator Huey (Kingfish) Long of Louisiana, who on September 1, 1934 had been able to claim a following of nearly a million and a half. Under the banner of a "reformist" program to curb monopolies, Long tightened his grip on the apparatus of the Louisiana government and spread out feelers in other states. Political maneuverings and Tammany-style corruption helped swell his ranks.

ASHINGTON-Rejecting the 5-5-3 ratio of ships (5 for the U.S., 5 for Britain, 3 for Japan) by which the United States maintained supremacy in the Pacific, Japan demanded "disarmament" -the scrapping of "offensive" ships, and the establishment of equal tonnage for all three nations. In reply, Washington announced a Pacific "maneuver" of the Navy. "A new armament, race has begun," warned The Militant. "Another step toward war has been taken. Let the workers of the world be on guard for their own interests."

AR BASIN—The Saar Basin, with a predominantly working-class population of 900,000, prepared to cast its vote in the coming plebiscite, to determine whether it would remain under French control or return to Germany. In Germany, a defeated working class lay prostrate under Hitler's iron heel; in France, the working class was following the same false policies and leadership of the Stalinists and Social-Democrats, which had led the German labor movement to disaster.

COME—"The Pope announced," said an editorial in The Militant, "that the Roman Catholic Church would observe 'strict neutrality' in the Saar. . . The other day, however, all the leading bishops in the Saar read statements from their pulpits . . . urging their congregations to vote for returning to Germany."

Scene at Christmas party given in Minneapolis on December 22 for the children of the Minneapol's Labor Case Prisoners. 23 youngsters enjoyed an afternoon of games, entertainment, and refreshments-with gifts presented by Santa Clarence Hamel, one of the Minneapolis prisoners released in October. The party was sponsored by the Twin Cities branch of the Workers Defense League.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1945



Athens and Georgia

The Greek masses have been be forewarned of the methods engaged in a bloody war against that will be adopted by the ruling UAW Local 400, aroused the as to the Montgomery Ward strik-British imperialism. The Negro class in dealing with all those who

In view of these recent events,

Let us not fail to learn from

people in America are engaged in oppose its vile interests. a social struggle for full citizen-| Even a "leftist" Greek governship and complete equality. Far ment-let alone a real revoluremoved tactically and geogra- tionary workers state-threatens phically as are these two strug- the interests of British imperialgles from each other, yet they ism and is consequently attacked. have a political interconnection In the same way, complete racial equality which would lead to that deserves close scrutiny. closer working-class solidarity is

We have all seen how the brave Greeks under the ELAS have contrary to the interests of carried on their civil war in such American Big Business. The a resolute fashion. Invaded by forces which strive for such equality, mainly the Negro the Italian Fascists and then by masses, will also if it becomes enslaved and diseased, still they necessary, be ruthlessly attacked. a vote, the assembly repeatedly are struggling courageously against the attempts of Churchill on what sort of reasoning do under the guise of "liberation" to some of the Negro leaders base enforce upon them a government their contention that this war will composed of the same exploiting advance the Negro's cause? Isn't traitors who helped oppress their it obvious to them that the miliown countrymen at the time when tary might of Britain is directed by white men? Don't they realize the Nazis were overruning the that these valiant Greek forces country. of liberation were composed of

In this most recent war be- white workers? If the reactween the British military arm tionary stench given off by decayand the Greek people it is well ing capitalism will include white tion with the steadily-paling Gus for us to remember that the men giving orders to shoot down British and their Greek puppets white women and children, then have mercilessly fired on and what can we expect to be the fate murdered men, women and chilof the blacks and browns? dren. They have used machine guns, tanks, planes and heavy these tragic events. The Greek artillery against the "liberated" Greeks—the same instruments of Fascists, the Nazis, and now the death that are ostensibly so British imperialists will soon badly needed on the German realize that their only hope lies MILITANT SPIRIT front.

in the overthrow of the capitalist The American government has system itself. tried to give the impression that In America we have seen impelled to voice the militant policy in Greece. Like Pontius oppressed and lynched. We have hands of the whole affair. Each ers condemned to lives of poverty, and every gangster, however, in prejudice and ignorance. Let the defiance, he said, was the chalof the crimes committed by his or in strife-torn Europe, get cohorts. Let us not forget that together as the working class and trade unions or not. Are we go- ists succeeded in passing the nomany of the weapons that were remove the system of exploita- ing to face the issue and fight strike motion by the relatively used against the Greek workers tion and inequality which is the back or are we going to have the narrow margin of 102 to 64. This had been manufactured here for cause of all this domestic and same thing happen as in 1919?" the profit of American capitalists. foreign oppression. Only with

What bearing do these facts socialism will either of these West Side Tool and Die Local voice has been raised to challenge have on the Negro struggle? struggles for liberation be 157, UAW-CIO, recalled how the Stalinist policies. Simply this. We should thereby brought to a victorious end.



When an idea is in the air of an lar gift or concern for form, epoch, that is to say, when the what he had to say and nothing the ward strikers and had used such as the separately.

THE MILITANT

CIO Meeting Backs Ward Strikes

(Continued from page 1)

ery's open shop offensive.

cowardly CIO leaders.

they so heatedly demanded.

Every speaker, caught up on

the tide of fighting spirit, was

"as to whether we shall have

the war has this key industrial sored the mass meeting, "be concenter, scene of some of labor's tinually enlarged" and "assume greatest struggles, witnessed such | leadership" as the "CIO Coordinan enthusiastic and fighting un ating Committee of Wayne Counion gathering. It recalled nothing ty." Tremendous applause also so much as the pre-war spirit of greeted the proposal of another the great auto strikes. speaker to withhold per capita The high-point of the meeting taxes from the Council and "inwas reached when Ben Garrison, stead pay this money directly

sembled unionists with an appeal ers." "to call a labor holiday" and

NO-STRIKE POLICY OPPOSED "meet on the picket line" in a This meeting reflected not only solid fighting front against Avangry resentment against Roosevelt's pussyfoot policy toward The entire meeting rose up and Avery and the openshoppers, but cheered themselves hoarse in resthe rising opposition to the whole ponse to Garrison's appeal. For no-strike policy. With the UAW a time, it appeared they would referendum on this key question over-ride the chairman, who ruled impending, the no-strike policy the proposal out of order on the has become the most momentous grounds that this meeting did not issue in this area. Even though constitute a formal body empowfeverish efforts were made to bar ered to take a strike vote. Indiscussion of this dominating issisting that the motion be put to sue at the mass meeting, every speaker was forced to touch upon it. Thus, the workers expressed their

Thus, a member of Lincoln pent-up resentment at the intol-Local 900 voiced the keenest senerable restraints of the no-strike timents of the ranks when he pledge foisted on them by the declared: "We are asked to give moral support to the strike. But Only with the greatest difficulty the best moral aid we can give did the top leadership at the is to make our position on the meeting finally quell the insistno-strike pledge clear. We can ent demand for immediate action. contribute a whole lot to help the And this was accomplished only Montgomery Ward workers get after hurried platform consultabetter economic conditions if we abandon the position that under Scholle, CIO Regional Director no circumstances are we for who early in the strike had given strike action." it his formal endorsement. There



"This Is Where We Came In!"

was an implied assurance among the ranks that unless Avery were Stalinist Machine Blocks CIO days, nothing would hold them **Council Aid To Ward Strikers** back from the "labor holiday"

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 24-Opposition to the treacherous @policies of the Stalinists who dominate the Wayne County ClO I did the right thing when I voted Council rose to its bitterest pitch at the Council meeting last for Roosevelt." Then pointing it is blameless for this British Negroes denied full citizenship, sentiments of the audience. "This Tuesday night, when the Stalinists exercised their mechanical his finger at the misguided workis the fight of the entire labor majority to ram through a reaffirmation of the no-strike pledge Pilate, it has tried to wash its also seen white workers and farm- movement," declared Paul Sil- and to block a motion of support for the Montgomery Ward Hargraves asserted: "If you ver of UAW Local 351. Avery's strikers.

Despite the paralyzing strangle the Stalinist stooges, one speaker a murder mob, is equally guilty people themselves, be they here lenge of all the open shop forces hold on the Council they have after another lashed out at Roosmaintained up to now, the Stalinevelt.

was the strongest opposition vote Matt Hammond, President of in years. Heretofore, scarcely a

supporting the Ward strikers, bas-

against the pledge, but many who

meeting in disgust. They left

the notorious Stalinist wheel-

horse, Nat Ganley, talking only

Significantly, militant speakers

to his small circle of followers.

CONDEMN ROOSEVELT

police were prevented from The opposition to the no-strike smashing a small tool and die pledge motion was voiced despite strike in 1937 when the Cadillac the lying assurance of the chairport on the picket line. He urged to express the attitude of the the CIO ranks to join the Ward Council toward the forthcoming picket lines in the same spirit. The most bitter indignation of policy. This motion, the chairthe workers was reserved for the man claimed, was divorced from traitors in their own ranks, the the Montgomery Ward strike is-Stalinists. These finks attempted sue, which was to be discussed

the Ward strikers and had used The Stalinists' real strikebreal

their machine-control of the ing intent was subsequently rev-

of the Ward walkout. At this ing their arguments on the mo-

Wayne County CIO Council to ealed when they spoke against

Repeat Performance



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ers among the Stalinist hecklers search your own minds, you will find there the same feeling that hardly close the doors. I have."

When Hodges Mason, a Stalin-

ist tool and vice-president of the The typical sentiments of many of Roosevelt's recent supporters Council, made a vicious attack was voiced by Hargraves, a lead- on the Ward strikers and sought ing member of the State, County to whitewash the anti-labor role and Municipal Employes. "I work- of Rocsevelt, a rank and file deleed like hell for Roosevelt. But gate answered him: "I too voted many people are wondering who for Roosevelt. But I know if won the election - we, or those these people did not go out on on the other side. First of all strike, the President would conwe saw the appointment of three tinue to pigeon-hole this matter workers marched to their sup man that it was intended merely millionaires to the State Depart- as he did for the past two years ment. We see how Churchill is Why hasn't the president acted acting in Greece. And now Roos- before a strike was necessary? If evelt is silent while Sewell Avery we don't support the Ward strikis trying to crush the labor move- ers, the matter will be pigeon ment. I am wondering whether holed for another two years."



Diary Of A Steel Worker

- FIVB

By Theodore Kovalesky

Every now and then you pick up the paper, and somebody who'd like to be a poet has a verse there telling how pretty the snowflakes are, and how pretty winter is, and how much he likes it. Most likely you don't read it, but if you do, you know whoever wrote it isn't a steelworker, because winter isn't so good when you're a steelworker.

If you live fairly near the mill, you get up cold and sleepy and trudge to work through ruts and snowdrifts. The wind and snow sting as they hit your face. The street lights are cold and pale, for it's entirely dark outside, and it won't be light until you've been working quite a while.

If you live farther away (and many do, because steel plants are located usually outside the cities, on the rivers and lakes) you have to get up even earlier to make the trip. The snow drifts over the roads, and you can't get your car out, or else the old jaloppy won't start. Winter brings out all the bugs in an old car. Then you take your chances with the bus lines.

In the cold and darkness, you're always twice as sleepy. You stand there, trying to stamp the numbness out of your feet, trying to squeeze it out of your fingers by opening and shutting your hands. You wish to hell[®]the bus

would come. The man next to you is also trying to keep his blood circulating by stamping his feet and rubbing his hands. He wishes to hell the bus would come. The others are all standing there feeling

miserable and wishing it too. Most of them are entirely silent, but every now and then one will mutter a few curses about how the bus line doesn't give a damn about the workingmen. You agree with him but you don't bother to answer. He's not talking to anyone in particular anyhow.

Then somebody says, "Here it comes," and the whole crowd of you begin to mill and push toward the curb. There aren't very many seats, and if you can get one, you may be able to get a little nap on the way out. Luck's with you this morning. The bus stops almost in front of you, and you don't have to worry about getting in to get a seat. You just let the crowd behind you push you into the bus. You get your seat, all right, and you watch the rest of them shoving in, until the bus is packed so tightly that the driver can

The bus struggles with the snow for a moment and starts groaning and bumping along in low gear. You sit back, glad you're not jammed into the front of the bus, and scrape some of the frost from the window so you can look out. You're going through the red light district, but at this hour, almost everything is quiet. Here and there through an uncurtained window you glimpse the bare walls of a furnished room, pallid under the light of an unshaded electric bulb. Sometimes a person moves past the window. Everything looks very sordid.

At this hour, much of the city is sleeping. Only the prostitutes, going to bed, and a portion of the workers, going to work, are stirring. It is very cold and lonely.

On the Way to the Mill

You go on. The bus creeps and lurches past the railroad yards and warehouses. The window steams up again, and you wipe it with your glove. On the walls of the bus are signs forbidding smoking, but many of the workers have lighted cigarettes and pipes. The bus driver doesn't say anything. He has a cigaret himself. The air is thick with smoke. and you hear some non-smoker in the back cor plaining about it, but nobody pays any attention to him, and he sulks quietly. Across from you a kid (how young some of the workers are nowadays!) leans his head against the window and sleeps with his mouth open.

general conditions for its birth more. Never in his life did he and growth are present, men be- make the slightest concession to gin to have a presentiment of it, the demon of literature. and it is frequently conceived by Trotsky, on the other hand, several men at the same time ... would nowhere have passed unno-Marx and Engels arrived at the ticed, with his shock of hair, the same conclusion as to the founda- erect carriage of his head, the tions of modern society, and, in intensity of his blue-gray eyes. twenty-five years of admirable He had about him something intellectual collaboration, founded authoritative and compelling. On scientific socialism. The Russian the platform, his voice had a met-Revolution was to realize in ac- allic ring, and each sentence was tion - but action nourished by like a sharp thrust. He was to solid thought - a collaboration become the orator par excellence just as remarkable: that of Lenin of the revolution. His written style is consummately skillful. and Trotsky.

Expelled from France in 1916 But the main thing was that the by an order signed by Malvy hour which had struck was the (Jules Guesde was in the cab- hour he had awaited, foreseen, inet), as a result of a provoca- and desired all his life. In the Sotion; then deported from Spain cial Democratic party he was the as an undesirable element, Trot- theoretician of the permanent sky went to New York where he revolution, which means a revostayed for a short time, engaged | lution which cannot, and will not, in revolutionary activity; and be extinguished before it has comthen to Canada whence he plan- pleted its work, and which conned to set sail for Russia. In- sequently can be conceived only terned in a concentration camp on an international plan.

with his wife and children, he fin- By his knowledge of languages ally was set free, thanks to the and peoples, he was the most Euintervention of the Petrograd So- ropean of the Russian revolutionviet. He arrived in the capital ists. Lenin had, however, one in on May 5, 1917, and his first contestable superiority over him; his party, formed through fourgot off the boat, demanded the teen years of struggles and laseizure of power. bors, from 1903 to 1917.... The

His personality, as an orator, documents of the period were for journalist, and organizer, some- years not to separate the names | it. times seemed to overshadow that of these two men who, by and of Lenin, which at first glance large, thought and acted as one, tant in the past year has demappeared less striking. Lenin translating the thought and ac- onstrated that thousands and was also established to make it was good-natured, unassuming, tion of millions. These were the tens of thousands of workers are easier for the tens of thousands ordinary in appearance; an out- two heads of the revolution. sider would scarcely have noticed (From "From Lenin to Stalin," him; he spoke with extreme sim- by Victor Serge, pp. 14-15. Pion- in the American and world labor plicity, and it was not so much eer Publishers, 1937; 112 pp.; 50 movements which The Militant his language as the force of his cents. Order from Pioneer Pub- alone presents and explains in a reasoning which moved his audi- lishers, 116 University Pl., N. Y. ence. He wrote, without particu- 3, N. Y.)

mass meeting expressing the real tion previously passed to reafsentiments of the workers, where firm the no-strike pledge. So enthe Stalinists did not dare to raged were the militants by the open their mouths, Scholle public- fink speeches of the Stalinists ly characterized the Stalinists as that not only those who voted "those malicious people whose labor.'

first loyalty is to something else voted for it, walked out of the (Kremlin bureaucracy) besides Roy Scoggins, Regional Director of the CIO United Retail,

Wholesale and Department Store Employes, the union conducting the Ward strike, denounced the

block a motion for endorsement

which was organized to aid the the White House. Amidst the pass off the government's ob- employers 99 times out of a hun-Ward strike, and which had spon- disruptive booing and catcalls of viously pussyfooting "caution" dred, the WLB has penalized

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(Continued from page 1) | December to head off a threateneight months ago. Avery has not ed strike. In his attempts to budged an inch, issuing the break last year's mine strikes, he defiant statement that "I'm still repeatedly took over the coal one or two others and go on through the darkness. in charge." Avery's underlings mines with no apparent reluchave refused to cooperate with tance.

gomery Ward's profits are fully directives are only "recommendasafeguarded by the government tions," defending the "seizures' and Avery is assured ultimate solely as a strikebreaking rerestoration intact of his property. quisite. But the administration

Meanwhile, he is still free to has never treated WLB directives Stalinist-dominated Wayne Coun. at the Council meeting trained operate his other 800-odd open- to workers as mere "recommenty CIO Council as following "a their guns not only against shop establishments and to con- dations." Such directives have policy not conducive to the wel. Avery and the Stalinists, but also tinue his fight against the unions. been enforced promptly and by facetiously claiming that strikers by delaying concessions,

Avery is "perfectly harmless."

grants, etc. But the administration has The workers can be certain ever exercised similar "caution" that, whatever the "immediate in its attacks on labor. Roosevelt consequences of the latest Ward had no hesitancy or legal scruples "seizures," they will operate in when, six months before Pearl the long run only to reinforce and the provide state of the stateo (Continued from page 1) | great army of Militant boosters Harbor, he ordered Army occupa- Roosevelt's fundamentally antiwill not only reach but surpass broadcasting its message of tion of the North American Avia- labor policy, his kid-glove treattion plant and drove strikers back | ment of the labor-hating opento work at the bayonet point. He shoppers, and his club-wielding observed no legal fine points when against workers defending their he "seized" the railroads last elementary rights.



The bus strains up the ramp of a canal bridge, and as the window begins to cloud over again, you make out the vague outlines of a freighter laid up for the winter. You cross that bridge and

The old bus groans up a hill, and from the top, you see at last your destination several miles down the road. There is a rusty glow Army officials in the operation of Attorney General Biddle has in the sky. It's not very beautiful. The sky is too black, and the glow the business. Moreover, Mont- conceded to Avery that the WLB is too brown to call it beautiful. Besides you're too sleepy in the stuffy bus to appreciate it.

As you approach the giant mill, you see the flickering, angry yellow flames of the coke oven and a dusty golden shaft of light projected from one of the open hearths. Between the open hearth, and coke oven the sky lights up as No. 4 furnace begins to cast and run cinder

The bus lurches a last time and pulls to a stop. The men standfare of our people." He further against the man whom they had So patently timid have been the firmly, and the WLB itself has ing up fall against each other and swear as they crush the paper advocated that the Wayne County helped less than two months ago government's moves, that At- been armed with punitive pow- bags carrying their lunches. You make your way out of the bus Local Presidents Committee, to be reelected to a 4th term in torney General Biddle tried to ers. In addition to siding with the and into the cold, surprised to find how had the air inside had become. Again the snow stings your face. Your eyes begin to run, and you sniffle a bit as you show your badge to the cop at the gate and begin to plod through the snow, up the road, and over countless withholding union security railroad tracks on the way to your department. The warmth of the clauses, reducing retroactive pay

bus seat has left you. The sky is very dark. Once again you feel cold all over and terribly tired.

But the work day is just beginning.



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about lifelines, we may even remind ourselves that we sometimes take an interest in the kind of government possessed by countries no nearer to the Panama Canal than Argentina."

However, the Times doesn't go quite far enough. Wall Street has predatory interests in other areas besides the two American continents. Big Business has been assiduously penetrating British markets since the beginning of the Second World War. The oil trust has broken the monopoly of the British oil barons in the Middle East and is utilizing this deal as a model for similar deals in other raw materials now held by the British.

Even in Europe, long considered native territory by the British, the Wall Street colossus is raising its own voice. Belgian workers have been shot down by troops under the command of General Eisenhower. American representatives exercise joint control with the British in Italy. And even in Greece the American vulture casts its shadow. Thus at the conference with ELAS delegates called by Churchill to set up the regency of Damaskinos, the American Ambassador, Lincoln MacVeagh, sat as a more than interested observer.

When the Times voices sympathy with Churchill's "good try at solving this problem" in Greece, one can easily see that such sympathy arises out of direct experience in handling similar problems of empire.

Profits Of War

The dollar patriots are doing all right under the "equality of sacrifice" program. A few reports culled at random from the financial section of the capitalist press provide an eloquent commentary on Roosevelt's promise "to take undue profits out of war."

A few weeks ago, the Securities and Exchange Commission disclosed that, "1,271 registered American corporations added \$803,000,000 to their aggregate net working capital during the first six months of this year (1944)."

The statement of a leading tire manufacturer, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, disclosed that: "After providing for all charges including \$58,727,714 taxes and adding \$2,500,000 to the reserve for contingencies, the net profit was \$16,-310,845, the largest in the company's history.' Eight manufacturing companies engaged in war production "had total earnings of \$154,284,969 or 12 percent above the \$137,332,893 reported for the nine months ended with September, 1943." Profits in 1944 showed a substantial increase over 1943

In addition to these lush war profits, the corporations are laying away nest-eggs for the "postwar" period. In its quarterly analysis, the Security and Exchange Commission reports that: "Corporations also continued to accumulate post-war credits in refundable taxes, raising the total of such refunds to \$1,800,000,000, as of June 30, an increase of \$200,000,000 in the quarter." On top of that, the corporations have "a vast reserve of possible excess-profits tax refunds, over \$30 billion, to protect them if their incomes drop below the 1936-39 level." Who says that "war don't pay!"

But the profit-hogs who have their snouts buried deepest in the bloody trough keep clamoring for



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

ternational leaders are not lend-

into action is the reason the In- 30 years.

might awaken the auto workers life. I have been a socialist for

A man said to me that there

Another man said to me today

are the class that robbed the In-

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ratic voter wakes up and finds

out what is the matter, he learns

they have put a halter on him

P. B. C.

I. W.

Cleveland, O.

Hamilton, O.

while he was asleep.

Editor

the gun.

Praises Morale of Ward Pickets

having to bow to the directives

of the CIO International in ob-

serving the no-strike pledge.

There was a thrill in being able

locals.

Editor: nor the auto workers will be to have any trouble except with Recently I helped picket the Montgomery Ward stores here fooled. They know what the score the English Scobie army. in Detroit. Inwardly I felt good is and they do not intend to give n being able to walk again on up in the face of vague promises. that there never will be a third 1932. Next year, after Hitler came to power. Pratt party. I said: the people before the picket line after months of



to express the sentiments that Reader Finds Our arose in me against the capitalists. Much to my delight I saw Paper Enlightening men and women join our line from Editor: several different locals, mostly

UAW members with here and Please renew my subscription there a sprinkling of other CIO to The Militant for one year. I find your paper constructive as well as instructive. Of the UAW locals giving ac-

tive support were Briggs Local Your articles and news items are ticket — he is not feathered out 212, Ford Local 400, Local 351, well written, and should be read yet. by those who wish to be enlight-Local 490, Packard Local 190,

Dodge Local 3. Local 174 lent ened in these hectic times. be electrocuted, and they were The free press, so-called, fails fed everything they asked for the training planes were sold to Germany by DeHaviland its sound car. Even one member from Local 155. a Stalinist-dom- to bring to us the political intri- day before they were killed. One inated local, came on the picket gue prevalent in the world of to- of the men understood what the ine. The militant Briggs 212 Loday — for a good reason, of racket was but the other didn't. cal is giving most active support. course The one who didn't understand I realize you people are very said to his partner: "This pen is Holding a Local 212 day, this

busy and have much to contend not as bad as they say it is: I've worth of cartridges, machine guns and other equip-Local sent out members on Wednesday, Dec. 20, directly after with, publishing your paper. If heard a lot of bull about it." The ment to Japan. work to a Ward Store. Saturday you can find time in the near fu- wise one answered, "Well, they Dec. 23 again brought out the ture, would you please send me feed you pretty well the day bemembers of 212 at all four Ward information concerning the life fore they kill you." The first one stores in Detroit. This local, the and activities of Eugene Debs, answered, "Oh, I thought there eader of the revolt against the and where I can purchase same. was something phony about this." When a Republican or Democ-

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no-strike pledge at the UAW Convention in Grand Rapids, is educating its membership in real trade union solidarity.

(Ed. Note: Most of the books The Ward strikers in their and pamphlets written on the life welth day of picketing were still very high in morale. Not only did they come out in force, but they libraries. Pioneer Publishers has kept their spirits high. In spite for sale a copy of "Debs — Authof bitter zero weather, with orized Life and Letters," by Davsnowstorms and strong winds, id Karsner). the pickets kept a solid line.

scabs, they marched every day from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. The UAW leaders, though

ism is attempting to reconstitute

the rotten capitalist order in the

Bulgaria

peasants.



have no steady job. I do a little The fear that the Ward strike carpenter work to keep up with



How American and British Corporations Armed Nazis

Most of the American and British monopolies now oining blood-billions from this "war against fascism" helped to build up the war-machines of German and Japanese imperialism. A sensational expose of the aid given by Anglo-American big business to Hitler and Hirohito is contained in a book recently publish-

ed in England, Death Pays a Dividend. Considerable information has already been made public about the international dealings of Standard Oil, General Electric, du Pont, Aluminum Corporation, ing more active support to the are two or three factions in and other giant trusts. This book reveals other little strike. But neither the strikers Greece but I say they don't seem known facts about the collaboration between the "democratic" and fascist business men.

For instance, Pratt and Whitney Aircraft sold plane parts and materials' valued at \$6,000 to Germany in and Whitney upped its sales to \$272,000. By 1934, as Hitler's rearmament program got under way, the sales amounted to \$1,445,000. In addition, for a pay-I am wise to the old parties. ment of \$50,000 annually, the American concern They are Siamese twins. They licensed the Bavarian Motor Works to produce "Hornet" engines for the Luftwaffe. The Sperry Gyroscope Company exported enough automatic pilots, Philippines and Spain, all with compasses and other instruments to equip fifty German war-planes a month. And the Japanese Navy is When a man ties himself to a

stump if someone offers him probably still operating some of the submarines built for it by the Electric Boat Company. something for doing it, and he can't get loose-or if he votes for The British corporations got along just as profitably a Republican or a Democratic

with the fascists. Armstrong-Siddeley Company sold large numbers of airplane engines to the Nazis. With the aid of British loans, Nazi industrialists bought There were two men about to 1,500,000 tons of machinery from the National Shipbuilders' Securities combine. Naval and military Aircraft. Vickers advertised in German military journals the efficiency of its field-guns and tanks. After the seizure of Manchuria, in 1932 the British Board of Trade licensed the export of over \$1,000,000

> In 1941, the British-owned Broken Hill Proprietary Company of Australia faced a dockers strike in New South Wales when workers refused to load iron and steel for Japan. The strike was broken with government aid, and the goods shipped.

Huge Death Toll in Mines Due to Lust for Profits

Death takes no holiday in the war of the bosses against the workers. Speed-up, lack of safety devices, inadequate inspection, dangerous methods-the drive for profits at all costs-in the first 10 months of 1944 May I suggest the inclusion took the lives of 1037 miners, according to the latest in The Militant of chronological Bureau of Mines figures.

The death-rate for American coal mines, according tables: A Chronology of Deceit, FDR's record, and a Chronology to the figures made available by the Bureau of Mines. runs three times as high as in the British, German, French and Belgium mines. This terrible toll of the American mines exists in spite of the superiority of American equipment and machinery.

That a war almost as bloody as the one going on at the battle-fronts is being waged by the profiteering operators against the coal miners is further evidenced by the rate of mine accident casualties. 90 per cent

of them are attributable to the operators' evasion of

of Eugene Debs are now out of print, but can be found in public Wants Records

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

Voice Of Imperialism

The leading mouthpiece of American imperialism, the New York Times, in a December 29 editorial lauds Churchill's plan to set up a regency in Greece. The Times takes to task those who believe "Britain seeks to dominate Greece politically and commercially, close Greece off from other markets, exploit Greek resources for Britain's benefit."

A mistaken view, claims the Times. "The lifeline of the British Empire runs through the Mediterranean." What Churchill really evinces is a "natural interest in wishing a country so close to that lifeline as Greece to be orderly and prosperous and democratic."

Under this democratic wool, however, the teeth of American imperialism are clearly visible. To make understandable to its readers the "gesture of British good-will" toward Greece, the Times observes that "we have a similar interest in small countries bordering on the Panama Canal."

The shooting of Greek workers and peasants is indeed remindful of the way American troops were sent to Nicaragua during the twenties to hunt down the followers of Sandino who struggled for democracy in that unhappy country.

Britain's policy of setting up puppet regimes in Greece is likewise remindful of the scandalous origin of the Republic of Panama. This tiny country, straddling the Isthmus of Panama, was set up through a revolution against Colombia in 1903 financed by American dollars and backed by the Theodore Roosevelt administration.

A similar revolution had previously ended the kingdom of Hawaii and brought these islands directly under the spreading wings of the rapacious Wall Street vulture. Puerto Rico and the Philippines were seized following the Spanish-American war. Cuba also fell into the orbit of American imperialism. Wall Street today has its own puppet regimes like that of bloody Vargas in Brazil.

The Times, trying to justify Churchill's actions, admits that Washington is pursuing a similar policy to this day. "If we think realistically enough more. Speaking at a dinner of the Economic Club in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor, Irving S. Olds, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, said that "this hope of profit must not be curbed, regulated or opposed unreasonably or unwisely."

Roosevelt and his henchmen boast that the "line is being held." Against whom?

Third World War

The outlines of the secret "peace" plans now going into effect in Greece, Italy, Belgium, etc. are the economic and political outlines of an imperialist truce that will inevitably explode into a Third World War far more violent and destructive than the war we are now experiencing.

Paralleling these "peace" plans, new developments in military weapons outline something of the nightmarish type of conflict to be expected in a Third World War.

The V-type weapons in particular show that man's inventive genius, unless turned into constructive channels, can lead to the suicide of humanity. Already the Germans are utilizing, as part of their routine battle equipment, rocket explosives that rise 60 miles above the earth's surface, cross nations in their flight toward populous cities, and explode with terrible violence. These rockets travel at speeds so high that if sustained they could span the Atlantic in one hour.

American military engineers, the press informs us, are now strenuously attempting to reproduce and even surpass the new German weapons.

The rocket-propelled bombs have thus outmoded the old type projectiles just as rocket-type planes have outmoded airplanes powered by gasoline engines and air-flogging propellors. A qualitative change has occurred. The old weapons are being superseded in the way firearms superseded the sword and cross-bow. We can expect developments in the new weapons that will make these first specimens look like a clumsy flint-lock alongside a quadruple Bofors gun that automatically wheels, lowers, raises and fires in accordance with calculations provided through radar.

Man's inventions which, under a rationally organized social system could be the source of boundless benefits, now threaten to destroy him. If a Third World War is not to become the grave of civilization, the workers of the world have no time to lose in organizing their forces to tear the power out of the hands of the rapacious warring capitalist cliques and establish socialism.

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Allied authorities are fearful lest

Anti-Fascist Hero the masses should come to regard Counter - revolutionary Stalin them as even more brutal con-Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, was invited to querors than the Nazis. speak at an anti-Franco rally Matthews reports: "Italian in-

Balkan countries under regimes dustry is close to complete "friendly" to the Kremlin. These paralysis. . . The food situation. regimes consist of coalitions be Italians feel, will become despetween Stalin's political agents rate by March unless help is and elements of the pre-war dicforthcoming. . . Financially, the tatorial governments which brutsituation is nearly disastrous. . ally oppressed the workers and While the fixed Allied currency rate of 100 lire for \$1 and 400 Reporting on the Christmas Day for one pound sterling holds good announcement of the establishfor the occupying forces, it does ment of a provisional Hungarian not mean anything on the government at Decebren in eastfleurishing black bourses or on ern Hungary, N. Y. Times foreign prices.' correspondent Raymond Daniell

The Allies claim to be making observes: "It seemed to be mod-"supreme effort" to prevent a eled after the others that were "serious collapse" by a new "plan established in Balkan countries for Italian reconstruction." But now under Soviet control, conwrites Matthews, "the plan is sisting as it did of an amalgam based on the limiting factor that of 'rightist' figure heads and nothing ordered now can reach leftist' (Stálinist) hatchet men." Italy before June, and the chief An example of the governments Stalin is imposing on the Balkan question mark is whether Italy can be kept going until then." peoples is the regime in Bulg Matthews reports that "one of aria. Here, after discarding the the most dangerous aspects" from government established by the resistance movement which overthe standpoint of the Allies and threw the pro-Nazi Bagrianoff their Italian puppets is that "the ruling group, Stalin's agents have whole economic situation is closely linked with the political." In set up a regime incorporating noshort, the disastrous consequences of the Allied occupation are Two such well-known fascists placed over the Bulgarian people intensifying the revolutionary fer

Col. Veltcheff, as Premier and throw capitalism in Italy.

istries of the Interior, Justice and France Labor. Gheorgieff and Veltcheff

were leaders of the junta which assassinated the peasant leader Stambulisky in 1923 and attempted a fascist coup d'etat in 1939.

Minister of War respectively

while Stalinists occupy the Min

Italy

terious fascists.

Reports from Italy reveal that conomic conditions in the Allied occupied territories are steadily worsening. In fact, according to Herbert L. Matthews' dispatch from Rome to the N. Y. Times. December 22, "prices in German occupied Italy are about one-half contrast of conditions under the Nazis and under the "democratic" imperialists is "providing great worry not only for the Governat Madison Square Garden in New York on Jan. 2. But . . . explained the N. Y. paper PM: "If he had agreed to deliver the address, Ickes would have had to submit an advance

copy to the Office of War Information. . . In turn, the OWI would have passed the document along to the State Department. That Department would have said Ickes was being indiscreet. . . Close associates of Ickes contend that he

knew FDR would have turned thumbs down on the proposal. Rather than let someone else tell him what to do, Ickes made his own decision." Ickes refused to speak. conceptions of serving one's coun trv.

by Stalin are Col. Gheorgieff and ment which threatens to over-

general amnesty to those accused of collaboration, but not guilty of any definite crime." De Gaulle's solicitude for the

The most reactionary elements collaborationists is not shared by in France are turning to de Gaulle the French masses. They are as their "savior" from retribu- continuing the purge of collabortion at the hands of the people. ationists in spite of and against

De Gaulle last week attacked the de Gaulle's opposition. Thus, at workers who are demanding Alet, members of the resistance purge and punishment of the promovement, aroused by de Gaulle's Nazi collaborationists as "extrereprieve of the town's former mamists" during a session of his yor who had been sentenced to Consultative Assembly. He rose death, on December 29 stormed to the defense of a member of the jail and shot four other col- industry from the northeastern USA to company his cabinet accused of supporting laborationists who had also re-Vichy. "As for the drama of 1940," de mayor himself was saved when through the postwar period."

Gaulle asserted, "there were many he was secretly transferred to those in the Allied zone." This differences then between men Montpellier under armed escort. and groups. I did not go to Vichy On the same day, at Bourges, resthen, but many who were there believed that they were serving their country in their own way. other collaborationists whom power and aluminum plant on the Saguenay River in ment but for the Allies also." The It was possible to have different de Gaulle had also reprieved.

roper safety measures. During the war years, non fatal casualties have averaged 75,000 annually, or 16 per cent of the average total of 500,000 miners employed.

Mine casualties are only a portion of America's industrial accident toll, which runs into the millions every year. It is no mere figure of speech to say that capitalism derives its profits and privileges from the very flesh and blood of the working class.

Aluminum Corporation Blocks Power Project

The Senate recently dumped overboard the proposed St. Lawrence Seaway project, advocated as a source of cheap government-produced power, which Hoover and Coolidge used as a campaign slogan even before Roosevelt.

The St. Lawrence project was defeated by a Senate vote of 56 to 25. Roosevelt, who demonstrated in the instance of his Wall Street appointees to the State Department that he can whip the Senate into line when he wants to, could not even get the support of his Democratic majority. In fact more Democrats than Republicans voted against the project.

The debate for the bill revealed the real reasons for the Senate opposition. For the past twenty years,

the Aluminum Corporation of America and Canada, and other powerful private utilities, have blocked the development of the St. Lawrence project. ALCOA, which controls some of the best power sites, desires a monopoly of water-power, vital to aluminum production.

Senator Aiken of Vermont, citing reports of the Power Authority of New York and testimony of government anti-trust suits against ALCOA, charged purgers or even as indicating a that the "international aluminum monopoly has consistently fought the St. Lawrence project while developing its private power sites in Quebec to engage in a worldwide cartel which supplied Japan with

aluminum prior to Pearl Harbor and gave Germany the lead over the USA in aluminum capacity and production. . . ."

Part of the ALCOA scheme is to escape the American anti-trust regulations and to develop its aluminum production facilities where labor costs are as much as 50 per cent below the wages paid in American aluminum producing centers. "If the St. Lawrence development can be blocked," said Aiken, "then the drift of towns owned by the aluminum monopoly and other ceived the death penalty. The industries in the Province of Quebec will be continued

Aiken further pointed out that the private interests blocking the St. Lawrence project are the very ones which have received \$100,000,000 of government funds istance members executed two for the construction of the privately-owned gigantic Canada.

This "different conceptions of serving one's country" is de Gaulle's formula for protecting the capitalist pro-Nazi collaborators, the bulk of the French ruling class. According to the N.Y Times, December 28, de Gaulle's statement is interpreted as "dep loring the attitude of the extreme