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Miners Display Fighting Spirit In Strike Vote

Demonstrating their traditional fighting spirit and determination to win their just demands, the nation's soft coal miners on March 29 cast a thunderous eight-to-one majority vote empowering the United Mine Workers leaders to call a strike if the mine operators fail to sign a contract acceptable to the union.

The miners who went on strike four times in 1943 once more ig- ated at from \$1.60 to over \$2 per nored the howls of the big busi- day.

As' the contract termination ness press, government agents deadline approached, Secretary of and mine owners. They marched calmly to the NLRB voting in 90 mining areas booths throughout the country and rolled up 208,718 "yes" votes against 25,156 "noes" to put into effect their "no contract, no work" slogan if necessary.

This decisive expression of the militant will of the miners, as the boss press has mournfully conceded, has tremendously strengthened the hand of the UMW bargaining committee which had

previously received a flat rejection of the union's 18 demands from the operators. The mine owners are gorged with the juic- posal after the union committee iest profits they have ever squeez- had indicated its readiness to aced from the sweat and blood of cept it in order to avoid a strike. the men who face death daily in It became crystal clear, even to the dark, wet, gas-filled coal pits. the most biased observers, that

In the face of the overwhelm- the greedy operators are intent ing strike vote, the Roosevelt on preventing the miners from administration hastily intervened getting even a tiny portion of in the dispute to forestall a strike their demands. Secretary Perkat the termination of the soft- ins then certified the dispute to coal contract on March 31. Roos- the WLB, which was compelled to evelt's War Labor Board ordered agree to consider it promptly the extension of the old contract without the usual preliminary for another 30 days retroactive special panel hearings. An extension of the negotia-

pay for any wage increases subsequently granted.

DPERATORS STALL The operators, who had previously balked at the retroactive contract expires April 30, have pay provision, were compelled to also filed for an NLRB strike tinue long enough and be hard yield. The mine union officials at vote. The results of this vote unfirst demanded that the owners doubtedly will parallel that of the be required to post a \$15,000,000 soft-coal miners, as the operators bond to cover retroactive pay, behave already conceded. cause the coal barons had cheated Major William W. Inglis, chairthe miners out of some of the reman of the anthracite operators committee, even called the vote troactive pay the union had won in the 1943-45 contract. This de-"foolish" because he admitted mand was finally withdrawn.

such a vote "would show that an From the start the operators overwhelming majority of the have deliberately tried to stall hard coal miners are willing to theater wrote their Congressman and delay. Their first counter- call a strike."



IN THE NEWS

Can It Be War Profits? On January 5 the New York tions for another 30 days will strengthen the bargaining posi-| Sun said in its stock market tion of the miners, because the column: "Strength in rails and

60,000 hard coal miners, whose airplanes reflected the current optimism that the war will conenough to maintain existing revenues." On March 27, speaking before the House, Rep. Marcantonio expressed puzzlement over the stock market decline with "victory over Germany in sight."

No Aid to Their Morale! Nine soldiers in the European a letter, read in the House on promptly brushed aside But the miners don't think it March 24. "Honorable Congressit will mean another link forged in the chain of regimentation that

Big Business Hails 'Peace Charter' Signed By CIO And AFL Leaders

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Changing the Leopard's Spots



- An Editorial -

A scheduled radio address by Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialst Workers Party candidate for mayor of Los Angeles, was subjected to vicious censorship by Station KHJ. Only in mutilated form was the speech finally delivered on March 26 over another station, KNX.

As we go to press, a telegram from Los Angeles informs us that another radio address by the Trotskyist mayoralty candidate-on behalf of Charlotta Bass independent Negro candidate for city council-was censored by Station KFAC. The American Civil Liberties Union has responded by initiating a protest against these blows at freedom of speech.

'MILITANT' PUBLISHED TEXT

The full, uncensored text of Comrade Weiss' first censored speech was published in last week's Militant so that our readers' might note the portions of the address which the radio censors did not permit the workers to hear.

Wall Street Plans Union-Busting Drive Under Cover Of Its 'Truce' With Labor

By C. Thomas

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The signing of a "Peace Charter" by representatives of organized labor and industry is being widely acclaimed by the kept press, Wall Street bankers and industrialists, administration wage - freezers and forced labor advocates. For this "charter" contains a "code of principles" lifted out of the bible of Big Business. It affirms the "right" of capital to exploit labor and renounces labor's resistance to such exploitation.

Specifically, it proposes to extend into the "post-war" period the wartime policy of unconditional surrender to the employing class. Small wonder

LOS ANGELES SWP LOCAL **BACKS NEGRO CANDIDATE**

LOS ANGELES, March 29.-In the final, crucial week of the local municipal election campaign, the Los Angeles section of the U.S. Chamber of of the Socialist Workers Party and its candidate for Mayor, Commerce, Eric John-Myra Tanner Weiss, have announced their endorsement of the candidacy of Charlotta A. Bass, independent Negro candidate for councilwoman from the 7th District.

The following statement of D critical support was today issued Political Association (Stalinists) from Trotskyist Campaign Head- which is one of craven submission to the Big Business capitalists quarters:

and their political representatives, "The Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist), which is running who are the real authors of all the injustices which Negroes Myra Tanner Weiss as its candisuffer. date for Mayor, has endorsed the candidacy of Charlotta A. Bass.

The Trotskyists are backing her because

"1. She is the candidate of ocal Negro organizations and has

Bulletin

LOS ANGELES, April 2 -A free speech fight is being launched here in protest against continuing censorship of radio campaign speeches by

dians of the vile system of jimcrow. Myra Weiss, Trotskyist candidate for mayor. The American Civil Liberties Union is protesting censorship of her speech last night over Station KFAC on behalf of Charlotta Bass, independent Negro candidate for city council. An enthusiastic rally of workers who contributed \$150 concluded the Trotskyist campaign here last night.

that the dollar patriots and their political agents hail the "statesmanship" of labor leaders William Green and Philip Murray, who joined with the head ston, in formulating the peace pact for post-war prosperity."

The pact proclaims that: "The ights of private property and free choice of action, under a system of private competitive capitalism, must continue to be the foundation of our nation's peace-"2. Charlotta Bass supports ful and prosperous expanding

To this basic capitalist principle the "charter" adds: "The nherent right and responsibility of management to direct the oprecognized and preserved. So that enterprise may develop and expand and earn a reasonable cratic South,' are the main guarprofit, management must be free as well from unnecessary governmental interference or bur-

"The Trotskyists agree with the densome restrictions." many Negroes who condemn the AID WALL STREET false politics of Charlotta Bass, This sweeping declaration of but who intend to vote for her election to the City Council be- the "rights of private property" cause this will be a progressive constitutes a blanket endorsestep toward independent Negro ment of Wall Street's "postwar" plans to plunder the wealth of political action. the country. "Vote for Charlotta Bass! These plans have already been "Vote for Myra Tanner Weiss!" embodied in legislative form. The Trotskyists are implement-They provide for the "free entering their endorsement in the following ways. prise" disposal to the monopolists of billions-worth of government-1. A news release has been owned plants, equipment, land issued to the local press announc-

the capitalist government in conomy Washington and holds up Loosevelt as a 'friend' of the Negro people. She tells the Negro people to place reliance upon Roosevelt n their struggle for equality, erations of an enterprise shall be despite the fact that Roosevelt and his henchmen, above all his supporters in the 'solid Demo-

by the UMW committee — was "foolish." They are eager to man: Just read a short item on a brazen insult to the miners. It demonstrate the militant and your stand against the so-called was for a 28 cents a day increase united support they are giving work-or-jail bill in Stars and after the union had asked for their negotiations committee and Stripes. . . If this bill passes, various "fringe" demands estim- their readiness for battle.

Indian Trotskyist Leader **Dying In Colonial Prison**

Philip Gunawardene, one of the most courageous Trotskyist leaders in India, is critically ill and dying of starvation in a Ceylonese prison, according to a report in the March 1945 Eng- now." lish Socialist Appeal. Many a revolutionary has been physically broken in the torture-houses called "prisons" in India and Ceylon.

Gunawardene has been lan- the Lanka Sama Samaja, they guishing in prison since Feb. 8, were herded into a concentration 1944, after he and N. M. Perera, camp without trial or hearing of two outstanding Trotskyist fight- any kind. The party's printing ers in the struggle for freedom of plants were confiscated. At the the Indian masses, were betrayed same time the big plantation to the British police in India by owners began an "unofficial" tera Stalinist agent. They were ar- | ror campaign against all the lorested and brought to trial on cal party members and leaders. charges arising from their escape from a British concentration mighty upsurge of struggle becamp, in which they had been in- gan, the British governor of Ceyterned for almost two years. The lon officially proclaimed the uncompromising defense of their Trotskyist movement illegal. revolutionary ideas and defiant

challenge to British imperialism they uttered in the magistrate's court at Kandy, Ceylon on Feb. 8, 1944 was published in The Militant, Oct. 14.

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leaders of the Lanka Sama Sam- camp. One of their jailors in the aja Party, formed in 1935 on the Ceylon camp, who was converted island of Ceylon. The party en- to the Trotskyist program, as-It made rapid headway among lon. the six million Ceylonese slaves of British imperialism and became recognized as the only true fighter for their interests. In 1938 the masses expressed their conand its program by electing himself into the party and direct-Gunawardene and Perera to the

Ceylon State Council. BRITISH TERROR

The British overlords, increasingly alarmed by the growth and Ceylon for trial. popularity of the Trotskyist Together with other members of release.

ican people." Nazis' 1000-Year Rule The March 28 Volkischer Beobachter, Goebbels' newspaper,

be an openly declared courageous Nazi today and express one's faith freely. We have no illusions

> **Bad News for Bilbo** Negro-baiter Senator Bilbo of

the Mississippi legislature asked Lieut. Van T. Barfoot, Medal Of Honor winner from Carthage Miss., "Did vou have much trouble with the Negroes?

Lieut. Barfoot drawled: "I found the colored boys fight as good as the white boys. I changed my ideas a lot about them and so have other Southerners. Coming up on the train, I found the diner full. I was told to wait, but I could see behind a little curtain, a colored captain at a table by

himself. I said, 'What's wrong with that table?' The steward said In April 1942, Gunawardene he didn't think I'd want to sit and his colleagues, inspired by there. I said: 'Why not? I've the resurgence of the Indian fought with colored men-why

masses and eager to resume their shouldn't I eat with them.' I sat places in the struggle, managed there and we had a fine chat." Gunawardene is one of the to escape from the concentration

Mercy—for Big Thieves Eighteen leading steel concerns gaged in the struggles of the sisted them in their escape. They and six of their top officers were railway workers, plantation lab- went to India where they helped recently tried in federal court orers and peasants and published to organize the unified Bolshevik- for a 10-year monopoly priceits literature in three languages. Leninist Party of India and Cey- fixing conspiracy in stainless steel netting them tens of millions of

dollars profits. Their attorney . On July 15, 1943, Gunawarpleaded no defense for all of dene together with other comthem "in order to avoid a long rades was rearrested in Bombay trial." Trial Judge Foreman at in a series of police raids. They the suggestion of Attorney Genwere betrayed by a Stalinist fidence in the Trotskyist Party stool-pigeon who had wormed eral Biddle's representative fined the defendants each \$10,000, imed the police to their homes and posed no jail sentences.

hiding places. After five months in the prisons of India, Guna- This Easter in Rome wardene was transported back to

"Another change brought about by the war was the absence of pi-Our English comrades are ask- geons from St. Peter's piazza.... movement. utilized the outbreak ing that resolutions of protest be They disappeared, so the story

an Easter Sunday dispatch.

One sentence the reactionary censors didn't consider "fit" for the public's ears expressed opposition to "the Roosevelt-sponsored National Service Act and all other freedom-destroying legislation." Another arbitrary excision was a reference to the system is wringing the neck of the Amerof capitalist exploitation and wars as a "cancerous growth on human society."

Particularly vicious was the deletion of a statement correctly linking the terrorist racial attacks on Japanese-Americans complains: "It is very difficult to in California with the campaign of the open-shoppers to mobilize assaults on the labor movement.

This case is a significant example of the constant censorship and suppression of facts favoring the workers exercised by the corporation-owned radio stations. As the March 17 Militant reported, a CIO survey has shown that five out of every six references to labor on the radio are hostile and lying. The controlled radio, like the daily press, is used almost exclusively in the interests of the rich and privileged.

A THREAT TO DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

Such cases as the one cited are a threat to the democratic rights of all labor and make a mockery of free speech. The labor movement is duty-bound to protest vigorously against Bass. every instance of such censorship and to support the Socialist Workers Party and the American Civil Liberties Union in the fight against these violations of free speech.

At the same time, such cases underline the vital function of The Militant in printing the truths and facts which the capitalist press and radio seek to conceal. Our columns are open to the workers to present the true picture of conditions under capitalism which the owning class tries to falsify and bury.

Struggles Of Belgian Miners Supported By Trotskyist Party

vigorous support to the strug-Centre and Charleroi have gone gles of the coal miners against on strike. They are demanding the bosses in their countries, so an increase in wages, clothing our comrades, the Belgian priority, an increase in pension, Trotskyists, have been actively the reemployment of union delegates who have been arbitrarily aiding the recent miners' strikes sacked.

in Belgium. The March Socialist These demands are completely Appeal, organ of the English justified, except in the eyes of Trotskyists, reports that the leaflets being distributed by the the lack of coal. Yet the Belgian

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skyist) of Brussels. It reads:- | comrades by 50 percent.

been endorsed by the Los Angeles CIO Council.

"2. She is the candidate of a movement for independent Negro political action, which seeks rep-

as a means for combatting the discrimination and persecution to which they are now subjected. "The Trotskyists are oppose to all forms of racial oppression and fight for full social and economic equality for all racial and national minorities. including

the Negroes. That is why we support the candidacy of Charlotta

"But, while supporting her candidacy, we reject outright her program, which is false and treacherous. Far from advancing the just cause of the Negroes, it is diametrically opposed to their interests.

"1. Her program is the pro gram of the corrupt Communist

The miners of Limbourg, the production.

> The miners want to know what scandalous profits the coal barons are accumulating in the midst of the general poverty!

Workers in industry, in the yards and offices! Transport the conservative and reformist workers! Housewives! Small shopkeepers! The miners' struggle is Belgian capitalist press is de-nouncing as "subversive" the leaders as being responsible for that of the whole population than in other Flint plants. They bosses.

Trotskyists in the mining areas. miners have worked hard since If the miners call on you for downs. "liberation." In spite of the abaid, be ready to support them by Reprinted here is one of the sence of several thousands of all the appropriate means! To- cal's membership reached almost subservience to the war profitof war as a pretext to arrest the sent to the British Colonial Of- goes, into the stew pots of starv- leaflets published by the Revolu- their comrades, their production gether with them you will estab- as high a percentage as in the eers, the recently elected local Trotskyist leaders in Sept. 1939. fice, demanding his immediate ing Romans months ago," states tionary Communist Party (Trot- has exceeded that of their French lish a serious control over produc- other Flint GM locals. At the very tion and the distribution of coal. time that other locals were be-

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political action, which seeks representation for the Negro people Flint AC Plant Auto Workers Strike Against Provocations

By Jeff Thorne

FLINT, Mich., March 30.-The 13,000 members of AC Local 651, United Automobile Workers, CIO, are holding their heads higher as the result of a two-day demonstration strike last Tuesday and Wednesday at the AC Spark Plug Division of General Motors. It was the first strike in the history of AC and first tie-up of a whole war plant in this General Motors

citadel. Management fired 10 unionists, coming more conservative under suspended five and threatened the corporation's war-time reign more victimizations, but the of terror, AC militancy rose. As strikers felt they were victors. departmental stoppages were let-They had gained inspiration, ex- ing up in other plants they were

perience and self-confidence. At just beginning in AC. least they proved "it could be In the UAW elections only six They are willing to try weeks ago, AC Local was the done." only one in Flint to have a it again if necessary. The rest of Flint's 50,000 UAW- slate of candidates campaigning CIO members mainly in Buick, against the no-strike pledge. That Chevrolet and Fisher Body, were slate was red-baited by Stalinjust as pleased. AC had always ists and others, but made a clean Just as the American and |THE MINERS WANT TO KNOW | In reality, it is not the lack of seemed to lag behind the other sweep. It inherited a mountain British Trotskyists are giving WHERE THE COAL IS GOING coal which is disturbing the reac- locals. Then suddenly the first of unsettled grievances.

tionaries and reformists, but the demonstration walkout, originally Immediately the speedup infact that the miners are thinking intended for only one day, met creased and bargaining broke of intervening in the control of such overwhelming response it down worse than ever. A hunwas continued a second day in an- dred unsettled grievances quickly swer to the firings. Only a small piled up. A committeeman was percentage, mostly those who had fired last week and 40 girls were never been union members, went reprimanded for demonstrating in through picket lines. support of him. That provoked

AC produces 450 small war the strike. The frantic UAW rematerials, including machine gional office could not head it off guns, but mainly motor and airas long as management refused craft parts. The workers, mostly to bargain.

women, are paid 20 per cent less New, temporary local leadership came to the fore in the were the slowest to organize and strike, inexperienced but willing. worked all through the 1937 sit- Under the no-strike pledge and the UAW International Execu-Only since the war has AC Lo- tive Board's policy of complete

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supervisors.

Addes and Thomas

In a personal interview in the Stalinist Daily Worker, March 28, George Addes, secretary-

More Stalinist Finkery treasurer of the CIO United Automobile Workers, indicates the The Stalinists, operating through UAW leaders intend to use the majority vote for the no-strike they control, are continuing their pledge in the recent referendum vicious campaign against the coal as a further pretext for bureauminers now negotiating for a new cratic reprisals against the auto contract. militants.

The fact that an unholy alliance of UAW and CIO leaders, the government and the corporations succeeded in pressuring a similar finky resolutions were majority vote for the pledge passed by the Greater New York "strengthens the hands of those City CIO and the Detroit CIO. union officers who believe in the in which they called on Roosevelt CIO no-strike policy," Addes is to "seize the mines" to forestall quoted. "This outcome," he adds an alleged "strike plot."

ominously, "ought to serve as a The Daily Worker, March 30, warning to all disruptive forces" runs a big scarehead editorial, -including, presumably, the 36 "Not an Hour's Stoppage! The percent of the UAW voters who | Mines Must Be Seized," advising opposed the pledge and the 60, the capitalist government and 000 who have gone on strike in mine owners that "no matter the past six weeks in Detroit.

what Lewis thinks or would like However, states the Daily the miners to do, he knows and Worker, Addes "spoke bitterly of the country knows that the coal 'demagogues' who will continue to miners will not strike against the stir up trouble . . . and let it be government." known that he has no illusions

The miners, who have voted that the fight is over." eight to one in favor of strike in UAW President R. J. Thomas an NLRB poll, showed two years also tries to make the most of the ago in their four strikes that they referendum results, which he were unaffected by similar antiterms a "mandate to me, as labor bleats from the Stalinists. president." After trying to * * *

squeeze some personal satisfaction out of this "victory" in his Telephone Strike Poll column in the United Automobile Worker, April 1, Thomas concludes:

"There are definite signs that the period ahead is to be marked by a vicious public onslaught against our union and against labor. The Automobile Manufacturers' Association and its stooge, the 'Automotive Council for War Production' are filling the columns of the press with malicious falsehoods aimed at undermining labor. . .'

The way to "silence these dishonest attacks," Thomas opines, is to enforce the no-strike pledge. This is just what the auto barons want since they can continue their \$3 raise, \$1 less than the multiunionbusting drive by firing local union leaders wholesale without fear of strikes. Tens of thousands of Detroit auto workers have demonstrated since the referendum that they have an opposite and more effective method than Thomas for "silencing these dishonest attacks."

Recognize Foremen

Under pressure of the labor movement and recurrent foremen's strikes, the NLRB last

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1800 New 'Militant' Readers In One Week Sets Record For Subscription Campaign

By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Director

During the fifth week of the Militant Subscription Campaign we reached the peak in weekly sales. This week the branches of the Socialist Workers Party sold 1,800 new subscriptions, which raises our total to 7,437. This is 74 percent of our goal to obtain 10,000 new readers before the end of May. With eight weeks remaining, we feel assured not only of reaching but of far various local CIO Councils which surpassing our goal.

FROM THE BRANCHES

K. Karl, Philadelphia: "Philadelphia Branch wishes to challenge Last week, the Cleveland CIO, Bayonne in the campaign. The few we are ahead at present is not long under Stalinist domination, a big factor. The two branches are similar in size, in obstacles and passed an "appeal" to the miners in quota. Comrade Alma is Philadelphia's Pace-Setter with 17 "not to strike." Previously, subs up to last Sunday night."

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Phil Burns, Bayonne: "The Bayonne Branch needs very little provocation to prove its ability to be amongst the outstanding branches in the party. We, naturally, accept the challenge of the Philadelphia comrades. The Philadelphia Branch will find that their slight margin ahead of ours is merely a reflection of the fact that we are still in second gear. Our Pace-Setters are Phil Burns with 26 subs and Arlene Williams with 15 subs."

Frieda Kalb, Brooklyn Branch, New York Local: "Marion Winters, top scorer of the Brooklyn Branch, rolled up 43 subs in five hours of sub-getting. This is the highest one-day total secured by any single New York comrade. Marion is fourth among the national Pace-Setters and has been boosting her sub sales by going to a college campus on her lunch hour. She" usually obtains eight to ten subs each time."

K. Zellon, Milwaukee: "This Sunday we were out in the Italian neighborhood. We received an excellent response. In one instance we sold seven subs in a half block. A brewery worker, who has given up the Socialist Call in favor of The Militant, says The Militant is a worker's paper and that the Call 'goes too easy on the capitalists.' He has already sold four trial subs to fellowworkers and three copies of the pamphlet, 'American Workers Need a Labor Party.' "

Bill Plain, San Diego: "We are sending airmail 24 trial subs. Our Pace-Setter is Walter Cowan with 30 subs. We're rushing 182 percent and we just started. We intend to top the list."

Jerry Kirk, Detroit: "In thirty days of the campaign we hit our quota of 1,000 and are still in full swing to obtain 1,000 more. Of these 465 came directly from our trade union fractions, she explained it was a fighting We are proud of the job they have done. worker's paper, he immediately Our efforts to involve friends in the purchased a trial sub." campaign have been more than successful. Over 200 cards have been sold by friends and we expect many more from them.

cafeteria, where we compared D. Hilson, Akron: "Please! Hurry with results and experiences. I noticed the sub cards. There are none at all in that four or five young workers the office. Comrade O'Kenney feels disat a nearby table were looking at criminated against. He has put in his us with curiosity. Spurred on by the fact that another team had bid for 100 of the cards when they arobtained three more subs than my

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streetcar."

SCOREBOARD

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Socialist Workers Party	Quotas	Subs	Percent
Allentown	50	126	252
Akron	85	164	193
San Diego	50	91	182
Toledo	250	316	126
Flint	50	60	120
Milwaukee	100	113	113
Detroit.	1000	1020	102
Youngstown	300	270	90
Reading	75	64	85
Buffalo	350	296	85
Chicago	1000	832	83
Boston	200	151	76
Philadelphia	150	107	71
Minneapolis	300	210	70
New York	2500	1637	65
Cleveland	200	118	59
San Francisco	350	188	54
Newark	350	183	52
St. Paul	100	51	51
Bayonne	150	62	41
Los Angeles	2000	827	41
Seattle	400	158	40
Rochester	50	0	0
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· Large and Friends	140	92	66
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Rhodes (Trail-Blazers)		301	
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Incidents like the following | by Al Lynn, Los Angeles, conshow how many opportunities cerning a recruit to the ideas of there are for alert agents to sell socialism.

subscriptions to The Militant. Working at a job which allowed him free intervals throughout A. Field, Minneapolis: "One of our comrades got three of the the day he began to pick up anclosed subs this evening on her The Militant and other radical way to the meeting. She sold papers on the newsstands. After them in between transfers on the a short while he saw the difference and came up to our office K. Zellon, Milwaukee: "During to speak to us. At this time he the week one of our comrades also wanted to know something was waiting for the bus. Glancing about a sectarian organization through The Militant she was apcalled the Socialist Labor Party. proached by a worker evidently After a few weeks of discussion impressed by the headline who he became fully convinced of the enquired about the paper. When being very active, an intensive student of revolutionary litera-Fred Nomen, East Side Branch. ture, and has great possibilities New York Local: "When we had for development." finished our door-to-door work, a

group of us demobilized in a R. S. H., a subscriber in Fort Wayne, Indiana, tells us what he thinks of The Militant: "Do no

'TRAILBLAZERS' OBTAIN SUBSCRIPTIONS NEW

With 301 subscriptions already sent in, The Militant Trail-Blazers, Eloise Black and Rudy Rhodes, continue to meet with eager responses from the workers and their wives in the eastern Pennsylvania area. They report: "We called on 18 steel workers' households-and of these 15 are now Militant subscribers! Our new friends were so absorbed and interested in our ideas and program that in one home after another both they and we were reluctant to terminate the discussion.

party for workers that will be plant had an experience the other "The conception of a labor" led by workers and can express day that is most heartening. A fellow worker approached him their needs politically catches on with the question: 'Do you know like wild-fire. We gave away sevhow much profit those lousy eral household copies of our Labor Party pamphlets. We continue to capitalists in the Chrysler Corp. earned last year?' and quoted encounter the same powerful senfrom a Militant article. He said timent that we have noted before the garage man where he parked here — the conviction that the SWOC leaders are beating a rehis car had shown him the paper. This garage man had bought a treat before the onslaught of the sub from us a couple of weeks Bethlehem Corp., and a feeling of ago. Goes to show how fast our disgust and disillusionment with the do-nothing policy of the un- paper spreads!"

ion officials. WANT TO FIGHT "Articles in The Militant that

Jackson Speaks at bring these workers the informa-tion that other sections of the **Toledo Meeting** labor movement are reassembling their forces and preparing for a fight serve to revive their confidence and arouse fresh hopes. TOLEDO, March 25th - An 10

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Often they subscribe to The Milienthusiastic audience assembltant only after we have proved ed in the Frederick Douglas hat the rank and file of the un-Community Center to hear ons, armed with a correct pro-Charles Jackson, Militant Colgram of struggle against the umnist, speak on "The Struggle bosses and led by men from the for Negro Equality." Seventy ranks, can turn the anti-labor Negro and white workers were campaign of the corporations present at the meeting held uninto a rout. By and large these der the auspices of the Toledo men want to fight. You should School of Social Science.

have seen the eyes of one man Comrade Jackson pointed out sparkle as we described how a the connection between the Negro abor Party could counteract the struggle and the struggle of all campaigning of the bosses workers for emancipation from particularly when we pointed out wage slavery. He summoned all that what we need is not a slick Negro workers to join the comlawyer or university man to mon struggle against the common speak for us, but a tough, uncomenemy, capitalism. He showed promising working stiff who that since capitalism is the root could stand up in the sacred halls and cause of race prejudice and of Congress and really blast the discrimination, the fight against phony politicians and their masracial injustice is a part of the ters! fight against this profit system.

"There is a lot of talk among After the speech there was a the men in the mills regarding lively question and discussion pecorrectness of our program and the double-cross Roosevelt has riod in which many of the audijoined our Party. He is, besides dealt the working class. One ence participated. worker's wife told us she'd been

a Roosevelt fan until the actual operation of his hold-the-line pol-icy opened her eyes. Another Hold Militant worker said: 'The New Deal is

a dirty deal for labor!' Many of the women carry the fighting Sub Drive Party spirit in the family and berate SAN FRANCISCO, March 26 their men for giving up too easi-- San Francisco's drive to make

demand for contract coverage of

most of the mine foremen and

Some 18,000 local and long distance telephone operators in New York City will take an NLRB strike vote on April 16, after filing notice on March 17

They are continuing to demand a \$5 raise over their present \$20 weekly minimum. The WLB rejected the recommendation of its own special panel endorsing the \$5 increase sought by the 12,000 members of the New York Telephone Co. Workers' Union

and the 6,000 members of the Federation of Long Lines Operators, New York local. The national WLB instead awarded a billion dollar telephone trust itself finally agreed to pay. The WLB has been giving the

exploited women telephone operators a runaround for over two years. These women workers are now in a thoroughly fighting mood. And they are strategically situated in the very hub of the country's communications system.

Prisoner-of-War Labor

Aiding the campaign to underthe government is extending the ers of war by private employers John Russo, Reading: "Elmer Oakie is Reading's Pace-Setter with 46 subs. All subs were obtained in the shop he works in." Both AFL and CIO unions, according to a report buried in a B. Kingsley, Cleveland: "Enclosed are 25 introductory subs. fear the organized collaboration leading government war agency, P. S. Flash! Twelve new subs just came in. No sooner do I write of supervisory workers with the have been objecting bitterly to a letter on the campaign than it's obsolete!"

sel, states that "the Int'l. Wood-

workers (CIO), the chiefs of the

Standard Railroad Labor Organ-

izations, the Southern Tenant

Farmers Union are among the

unions which have passed resolu-

tions opposing the use of prison-

ers of war under private em

ployers."

of intention to strike.

week ruled that supervisory em- | tions of the American workers, ployes are entitled to belong to independent unions of their own use of German and Italian prisonchoosing and to engage in collective bargaining under the in both industry and agriculture. Wagner Act.

The corporation owners, who rest of labor, have tried to con- "the use of war prisoners in tend that foremen are "part foundries, canneries and for of management." However, the maintenance work on railroads." NLRB majority was forced to There are now some 400,000 admit that the foreman "now is POWs in the United States. Anan executor carrying out orders, other 100,000 are being transplans, and policies determined ferred here by the War Departabove; he is more managed than ment. The unions charge that emmanaging. . ployers in low-wage industries-

This NLRB ruling, reversing its logging and lumbering, farming decision of two years ago, grew and canneries-are refusing to out of the Packard Motor case raise wages "in the hope the where the foremen, organized in prisoners may be brought in to the Foremen's Assn. of America, replace civilian labor at the exwent on strike in Detroit last isting wage scale." May. The decision will have con-The report, whose existence was siderable bearing, it is believed. disclosed by the New York Post on the United Mine Workers' labor correspondent, Victor Rie-

For a Rising Scale **Of Wages to Meet Rising Living Costs**

M. McGowan, Toledo: "Now that we have finished our quota nce. we are setting out to do it again. We have a scoreboard with numbers up to 500 and we feel that we will be able to make it." Libby Jones. Buffalo: "Our total this week is 104, making the

rive."

complete total 359, nine over our quota. They will follow tonight. Will you send us 150 more sub cards. Our branch slogan is 'On to 200 nercent!"

B. Radlow, Chicago: "Of the 70 subs enclosed, 51 were obtained in two days by Paul Kujac. . . One of our plant fractions was given a quota of 100. They raised it to 200 at the beginning of the campaign. They have obtained 242 already and now they are going to make it 400."

FROM OUR SUBSCRIBERS

J. L. V. of Los Angeles sent us 21 trial subs with the following letter: "I've been a reader of The Militant for over three months. The subs that are listed here are fellow-workers who have taken a real interest in the socialist movement. I have been a reader of the Weekly People. Socialist Labor Party paper, for a number of years. Socialism therefore is not new to me, but The Militant certainly is different from anything I have ever read. My interest has been aroused to a new high in socialism. I am a brewery worker." Do YOU give The Militant to your fellow-workers and ask them

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to subscribe?

team. I approached the table and showed them The Militant. After a brief talk, three of them bought

Howard Mason reports a method the Detroit Branch has found successful in selling subscriptions to The Militant.

"We hit on what we consider a fine idea. We found that almost every other house has a service flag in the window, so we pointed out the second point in our

transitional demands listed on the back page of The Militant-Trade union wages for all workers drafted into the army. The reception to this was very good." Another method the Detroit Branch has found successful in getting subscriptions is reported The editorial stated: "As Leon

by Jerry Kirk. Trotsky explained time and time "The auto workers before enagain, the preservation of the tering the plant line up to buy conquests made by the world obacco, candy, etc. Two comrades working class in the Soviet Undistributed The Militant to these ion depend upon the extension of workers and then proceeded to sign up seven new subscribers. We intend to repeat this weekly.

The following report was sent

Subs Sold

200

192

134

121

100

99

85

79

73

70

65

61

58

56

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your position, but I surely appreciate having your paper, as it gives a view we miss in the bought press, and especially in that part of the bought press which we can label Stalinist, which has about as much prin-

ciple as a jelly-fish!" oneer

every reader in the area a Milito talk about a fighting working tant sub-getter was high-lighted class movement. by a social on Sunday, March Grace Carlson's articles on 25th. Fourteen trial subscrip-"hobbys" for workers' wives and on the special care given Fala

They are enthused and eage

tion cards were sold to Militant subscribers present which they in contrasted with the neglect of turn will sell or give to their working class mothers under friends and shopmates. One capitalism got warm receptions friend has already sold several among the wives of these steel subs and is well on his way to workers. In one house where winning the local contest for sellwe'd already talked for an hour ing the most subscriptions durand a half, the woman abandoned ing the present national drive, her ironing, and invited us to stay The winner will receive a copy of longer for more talk. James P. Cannon "History of

American Trotskyism."

OUR IDEAS SPREAD

The hall was decorated with Well over 100 Bethlehem Corp. streamers and posters stressing workers now read The Militant, the goal of building The Militant and this is just a drop in the into America's leading socialist bucket compared to the thousands weekly. Robert Chester demonwho will read it in the months to come. Already copies are finding strated with crayon and drawing their way into the plant. One paper in ten easy steps just Stalinism," accompanying the worker who subscribed told us what and for whom The Militant change of the citation from Leon he'd seen it in the shop only the is published. The entertainment Trotsky on the editorial page day before. A steel worker's was climaxed with a skit showing day before. A steel worker's was climaxed with a skit showing wife told us her husband had a typical example of house-totaken his copy to work in his house work in selling trial subs. lunch bucket.

We utilized the rainy days to N. Y. Forum Hears establish a newsstand for The the anti-capitalist revolution be- Militant on one of the busiest yond the boundaries of the pres- corners in Allentown, corner of **Speech On Marx** ent Soviet Union. Penned up Hamilton and South Eighth St. within the USSR under the dom- Also we put out sample copies of NEW YORK, April 1 - "The

the paper in a housing project Heritage of Karl Marx" was disracy these conquests are directly preparatory to covering it for threatened with decay and des- subscriptions. T h i s project truction. The continued rule of houses all Bethlehem steel workthe Kremlin eligarchy entails di- ers and among the 28 subs we rect encroachments upon the na- got from the first day's work are tionalized property and thus fa- some exceptionally, fine workmen. We were told that the majority of them come from the coal fields, and this was indicated also by the fact that the men's faces all bore the blue scars that mark coal miners wherever you

and them. "One of our friends in a local workers against capitalist op-

and the Socialist Workers Party tions of the position which the towards Stalinism and the Soviet Union. To these new worker- militant worker and the revolu- Sunday April 8. All friends and tionary party takes towards the readers Pioneer Publishers suggests four of its short pamphlets Soviet Union and the Stalinist to watch for future announcebureaucracy. which sell for only 10c. apiece.

Three of these are by Leon Trotsky, War and the Fourth In-War and the Fourth Internaternational, Stalinism and Bolshtional by Leon Trotsky 10c. evism and In Defense of the So-Stalinism and Bolshevism by viet Union. The other by James Leon Trotsky 10c. P. Cannon, national secretary of In Defense of the Soviet Union the Socialist Workers Party, on by Leon Trotsky 10c. The End of the Comintern. The The End of the Comintern by reader will find in these pamph- James P. Cannon. 10c. Order from Pioneer Publishers. lets clear analyses of the nature of Stalinism and its course of 116 University Place, New York development, as well as explana-'3, N. Y.

cussed tonight at the Sunday Night Forum, held at the New York School of Social Science. 116 University Place. Comrade Art Sharon was the speaker of the evening. He traced the struggles of Marx against the various schools of utopian socialism, Marx's analysis of the great events of the nineteenth century, and his great theoretical and organizational contributions to the independent struggles of the

pression No forum is scheduled for next readers of The Militant are asked ments, and attend the forums with their friends and shopmates.

New York SOCIALIST YOUTH FORUM Friday, April 13, 8 p. m. "The Ferment in the Lbor Movement" **Speaker: STEVE JOSEPHS** 116 University Place Free Admission

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Notes Many new readers of The Militant will no doubt have read with great interest the editorial in last week's issue on the "Role of

ination of the Stalinist bureauc-

cilitates the restoration of capi-

Workers who are acquainted

with The Militant for the first

time will want to know where

they can find material on the

background and theoretical basis

on the position of The Militant

talist property forms.

Spanish Trotskyist Group Issues Ringing Call To Action Social-Democrats Back

Spain is once more becoming a focal point in European politics. In order to head off the grow ing revolt against Franco, the royalists are maneuvering to restore the monarchy while the Republicans. Stalinists and Socialists are aiming to revive the pro-capitalist Popular Front which paved the way for fascism in Spain.

The Spanish Trotskyists alone call upon the workers and peasants to organize their forces for the revolutionary overthrow of Franco as a step towards the conquest of power and the establishment of socialism. Herewith is a translation of the "Manifesto to the Spanish Proletariat" issued in September 1944 by the Internationalist Communist Group (Spanish Section of the 4th International) and published in the Jan. 15th, 1945 issue of its paper "Lucha de Clases" (The Class Struggle).

Under the weight of the contradictions inherent in the bourgeois regime; under the growing pressure of the revolutionary upsurge of the proletariat and under military defeats, the Hitler apparatus-which through terror managed to maintain the capitalist system in Europe - is inexorably going down!

Germany's imperialist rivals are multiplying their efforts to eliminate this competitor in annexations and robberies against the peoples, while at the same time they are getting ready to take decisive positions with an eye to their coming attack on the Soviet Union. But the fall of Hitler on the other hand inspires the world bourgeoisie with terror and constitutes the main preoccupation of Anglo-Saxon imperialism.

The governments of Washington and London and, along with them, the industrial and banking magnates, know that the collapse of Hitler will give impetus to the revolution in Germany and through all Europe.

Imbued with this preoccupation, the so-called democracies are today at the Quebec conferences drawing up the most detailed plans to stem the offensive of the working class and to replace, without grave consequences to themselves, the man whom in 1933 these same "democracies" aided in taking power with the mission to crush the revolution in Germany and abroad.

Counter-revolutionary Aims of Allies

To divert everywhere the action of the workers through "democratic," patriotic or "anti-fascist" channels-according to the situation in each country-so that the violent convulsions of the present revolutionary cycle should not attack the foundations of the capitalist regime, such is the obsession of the bourgeoisie. This is the topic of discussion in chancellories, at the Quebec conferences and in the cabinets, already the sources of fulminations against soldiers and workers who try to fraternize with the revolutionary workers and the working masses of Germany.

The "Allied" bourgeoisie and its lackeys in the working class are straining with redoubled force to prevent the international proletariat from undertaking an independent struggle for its class aims, for its emancipation as a class; for the conquest of power with the aim of establishing socialism: the only way out for humanity is not to fall into barbarism.

Which way this historical dilemma-barbarism or socialism-will be decided; whether the crisis will be resolved within the framework of putrefying capitalism, or will end with the destruction of this system and the founding of the Workers State, this will depend solely on the struggle of the international proletariat, and, in the last analysis, on its most conscious wing: its vanguard.

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owners, finance capital, the economic power of the church, the armed forces which were overnight converted to republicanism, continued untouched while unemployment grew and wages dropped. Complete master of the economic levers, the bourgeoisie found in 1936 the opportunity and the strength to launch the military-fascist uprising, to resolve the crisis in its favor, and to retrieve the crumbs it had been forced to hand out under the pressure of the masses during the republican-socialist coalition.

Why Franco Won in the Spanish Civil War

The republic of Azana-Prieto-Zamora breathed new life into bourgeois reaction by permitting the sacred rights of private property to continue and even defending them. And Franco, paralyzed during the first months by the revolutionary offensive of July 19 [1936], later became the victor thanks to the German-Italian fascist coalition; thanks to the "democratic" coalition of the Non-Intervention Committee and thanks to the 13 Point Republic [of Negrin] which, all in the name of the fight against Franco, dissolved the Committees of July 19, destroyed or corrupted the workers' and peasants' Collectives; jailed and persecuted the militants of the vanguard and the revolutionary "bands" while offering the hand of friendship to the clergy.

Franco did not win through the mere fact of receiving direct or indirect aid from the world bourgeoisie. This aid came as no surprise. The

bourgeoisie will always and at any moment be united in its counter-revolutionary tasks. Thus it was in 1918-19 (and again now) in Germany. Thus it was in Russia in 1917 and thus it is getting ready again now against the Soviet Union.

Franco won out, above all, because the Spanish working class, in the absence of a revolutionary party, was sacrificed on the altar of bourgeois democracy. That is to say on the altar of the same cause and the same principles for which it is now summoned to fight. This is the most important lesson the Spanish proletariat must keep in mind from the experience of its past struggle if it wishes to escape another defeat.

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Before the immediate perspective of the fall of Hitler, which is the perspective of the international revolution for a Soviet-Socialist Europe, the Spanish proletariat must prepare itself for the task begun and cut short in 1936. The struggle against the Franco regime is the struggle for the revolution. Franco, like Hitler, must in his fall drag down with him the edifice of the bourgeois regime.

Program of Revolutionary Action To the dirty maneuvers and the open treache

First Issue of Spanish Trotskyist Paper



Reproduced above is the first issue of "Lucha de Clases" (The Class Struggle), organ of the Internationalist Communist Group, Spanish section of the 4th International. This paper, dated Jan. 15, 1945, is published in Lyons, France, where many thousands of Spanish working class refugees are located. Its headline reads "Neither the Liberation Front (Social - Democratic) nor the Spanish National Union (Stalinist): For a Workers' Alliance!" We salute our Spanish comrades British imperialism. who under great difficulties are pointing out to their fellow-workers the road to the overthrow of Franco and the capitalist system which produced and sustains the bloody Fascist dictator.

Flint AC Plant Strike **Answers Provocations** Act, which has bound the hands | reign of terror, victimizations,

of the auto workers.

The union ranks were rankled

hausted" by the corporation's

taking strike action — a fact the

The AC rank and file, with in-

experienced local leadership, and

opposed by top leadership, con-

ducted their demonstration with-

out any help from other local un-

sion for gaining support or city-

reign of terror to the point of anyway.

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officers dared not openly assume leadership of the strike. They did issue a press statement blaming the company, but they were high-pressured by the International and Regional office into giving lip-service to the back-towork chorus of the bosses. the press, the government, the Regional Office and the Stalinists. The stalinists dared not violate picket lines, but they tried to lead the back-to-work movement. A few of the local officers

flatly refused to make back-towork speeches. Even for this hey ran the risk not only of victimization by the corporation but removal by the International. The ions. It was over before many company quickly fired all the other workers knew about it. pickets they could identify in pic- There had been little preparatory tures.

BOO[°]OFFICIALS

At mass meetings the ranks wide sympathy; no campaign to roundly booed UAW Internation- inform even the AC Local memal and Regional spokesmen, and bership of the real issues. The any local officers who did their only handbill was issued the last rection in electing officers op- tional liberation. Undoubtedly a any local officers who did their only handom was issued the last posed to the no-strike pledge. large section of the working class tactics by virtue of hatred of ranks understood the extreme action was all over. pressure on their recently-elected officers. Stalinist "patriots" re-ly the only information about the Flint Locals to form a site site

leaders ignored.

sive elements of the local should regime in case of victory. strike issues: "Management Is

Imperialists In Greece

By M. Morrison

In the "New Leader" of March 10, 1945, Liston M. Oak who left the Stalinist party after his experience in the Spanish civil war and is now a staunch Social-Democrat (a right-wing one, if such a thing is possible) attempts to show that the Trotskyists talk "gibberish" when they explain and justify their sup-port of the EAM-ELAS in the recent civil war in Greece. My explanation for our material support of the EAM-ELAS, which appeared in my article in The Militant of February 24, is to him utter nonsense.

There is no doubt whatever ship consisted of Stalinists, that he is unable to understand Social-Democrats (of the Greek it. That simply means that he and not of the New Leader loes not understand the language variety) and liberals.

It is probably true that the of revolutionary Marxism. The fact that he left the Stalinist Stalinists played the most immovement some time after it had portant role in the leadership but ceased to be a revolutionary force that does not mean that they and then joined the decayed completely controlled the masses. social-democratic movement is All the information we have indicates that the Stalinist leaderconclusive evidence that he never understood the language of Marxship did its utmost to avoid the struggle and to compromise it

after the conflict began. Mainly Oak characterizes the struggle responsible for the compromise between EAM and the Papanwhich left the Greek masses withdreou Government backed by British imperialism as a war beout arms and therefore helpless against the tyranny of the reactween "Russian and British imtionaries are the Stalinists. perialism." The victory of the

What would have been the former means totalitarianism; the result of a victory for the EAM? victory of the latter means demo-In all probability the establishcracy. Hence we must support ment of nothing more than a

bourgeois republic. But it would For Marxists the term imperialhave meant also an advance in ism has a definite connotation. In the power of the masses who general it means to us a stage of would have gained greater classcapitalist society where monopoly consciousness and self-confidence has displaced free competition, by virtue of the victory. It would bringing with it the reactionary have meant a big stride forward policies of finance capitalism. in the establishment of a workers' There is no law preventing one republic. from using the term in any way

It is perfectly true that an he pleases; one can use it to EAM victory would have meant designate the drive on the part an increase in the power of the of the Stalinist bureaucracy for Stalinists and therefore an inprestige, power and wealth. But crease in the danger of totaliwe insist on defining it in the tarianism. But the masses, with Leninist manner. There is, howing the strike as illegal and in and around the strike. The local ever, no need to enter into a arms in their hands, with the confidence that victory would demanded to know "What about actually lead the strike, satisfied perialism with Oak. It is really have given them, would not have easily succumbed to any dictatorship by the Stalinists. The

probability is that the masses would have fought the Stalinists It is necessary in the first intaken the legal steps for a the picket lines with them. And stance to examine what forces to the bitter end. There can be strike," But the ranks were "ex- the corporation accused them of fought on each side of the Greek no guarantee of victory in any "responsibility" for the strike civil war, what were their aims struggle. We are sure that had and the probable consequences of the EAM been victorious the This AC strike was the first their victory. On the side of the masses would have had a greater

real union action for most of the EAM was the overwhelming opportunity to go forward. The reactionary forces did not membership. The strike meet- majority of the workers and peasants. Were it otherwise the win a complete victory. Because Greek Government would not of the resistance of the Greek ever attended. The largest of have had to depend upon the masses and the British workers, these rallied an attendance of British armed forces. What were Churchill had to retreat. The 4,500. Regular local meetings the workers and peasants fighting wonderful struggle put up by the used to have as few as 15 in at- for? They had no written pro- masses gives them an opportunity gram but it can be taken for to struggle in the future. Had no granted that the masses fought resistance been offered the workranks must attend their meetings for the right to determine their ers would have been crushed comown fate, for the right to live pletely.

Oak calls the Trotskyists the without being exploited, for freedom, democracy and for their namost deadly enemies of Stalinism. Correct. But we do not adopt These officers and the progres- hoped to establish a socialist Stalinists. Our support of a movement depends upon the direction

in which a movement is travelling. Under Stalinist leadership a movement may be caught in In addition to analyzing what the dreadful coils of Stalinist totalitarianism. But the workers, selves loose from these coils. A victory of British imperialism against masses of workers and peasants can never help the masses.

As an integral part of the revolutionary vanguard we now call upon all other elements who pronounce themselves to be of the vanguard and we urge them wherever they are to enlist actively in the INDEPENDENT class struggle. We urge them to shake off that kind of skepticism which is the product of a failure to understand the attitude of so-called labor-leaders who beat the drums for National Unity and thus tie the class interests and class aims of the workers to the cart of the bourgeoisie.

This Time the Workers Must Win

The struggle is not lost by the mere fact that the lackeys of the "democratic" or patriotic bourgeoisie persistently continue on the road of class collaboration and are making an effort to castrate the revolutionary will of the workers. The struggle, already begun, must be pursued and this time we must win it. This skepticism-which is also due to the fact that certain illusions have recently been shattered-this skepticism which undermines the revolutionary energies of a large section of the Spanish vanguard, must therefore be replaced by fighting energy and the determination to destroy the bridges-be they "democratic," "national" or any other kind, which the bourgeoisie and its servants are building.

The rich experiences of the workers' struggles in Spain cannot be forgotten by anyone. Everyone knows the white terror that reigned during the dictatorship of Primo de Rivera: the starvation wages, the shootings by the Civil Guard, the immense power of the Church, the unemployment, the misery, the jails.

If during the republic reforms were made (in any case achieved by the struggle of the proletariat) the economic basis of the State, of the bourgeois system, remained intact. The big land-

of those who wish to return to a 14th of April [1931] or something similar, the workers and peasants will counterpose the spirit and attitude that inspired the struggles of July 19, 1936. To the intrigues and evasions of "National Fronts" or "Anti-Fascist Fronts" which band together to seek a means of removing only Franco and his Falange, as in Central Europe they are looking for a way to replace Hitler and his S.S., we counterpose the UNITY OF REVO-

LUTIONARY ACTION OF THE SPANISH PROLETARIAT the only force capable of crushing the Caudillo (Franco) and the bourgeois state that holds him up.

To class collaboration we counterpose the class struggle.

For the dissolution of the Army, the Civil and Assault Guards and the establishing of Worker Militias. For the arming of the proletariat.

For the expropriation of the landowners and the distribution of the land to the peasants.

For the socialization of the heavy industries and of transportation, and the nationalization of the banks.

For the destruction of the economic and political power of the church and the dissolution of religious orders. Religion is the opium of the

Down with "National Government" and "National Unity." For the resurgence of the Com-RANKS ARE MILITANT mittees of July 19th.

LONG LIVE THE COMMITTEES OF JULY 19! DOWN WITH THE IMPERIALIST WAR! LONG LIVE THE PROLETARIAN REVO-LUTION!

'The Story's True'

Confirming the story car-

ried in last week's Militant in

his March 30 column, Drew

Pearson states that Reuters,

British news service, phoned

the UNRRA for comment on

the revelation that a British

colonel, posing as a UNRRA

worker in Greece, was found

with receipts showing secret

ceived the loudest booing and his-Trying to Smash Our Union:" sing.

sified 1-A and expecting to be THE REAL ISSUES reference to "our boys in the fox- sue: substandard pay, speedup, this program. holes" they thundered back, "We

all have them!" UAW Regional Director Carl A. Swanson tried a tear-jerker. telling of seeing two girls "crying out there (near the picket lines) because of their men overseas." A couple of thousand girls in the audience burst into a roar Austria of laughter and hooting at this cheap demagogy.

A few wanted to prolong the strike indefinitely, but the majorty understood all day Wednesday that because of the tremendous forces against them they were not tactically situated to continue the strike any longer. UAW International Vice President Walter

Reuther talked very "radical"

International Executive Board is

"giving" the members aroused

tion. One girl shouted, "All we

Even as they voted to end the

get is the damn receipt!"

tors!

promised 'independence' f r o m Reuther, whose assistant had Germany. This in itself is a crime

been roundly booed the night against the German-speaking previously, addressed the final Austrian workers and peasants. neeting of 4,500 workers Wed- In 1918 they wanted to become a Rico's sugar producing industry. nesday night. Although Reuther part of a democratized Germany The strike was called in the himself received some boos, the but were prevented from doing middle of the season and crippled meeting voted almost unanimoussailles and St. Germain. The arguly to return to work Thursday.

ment of Stalinists, Monarchists, etc., that the Austrian people have a different cultural and hiswith between 125,000 and 150,000 - for the distant future. "After torical past to justify a separaparticipating.

"really" deal with General Mo- criminal as a proposed division vorkers in the field and 24 cents of Italy. The only possible solufor those in the mills were won, Reference to what the UAW

and \$1.83 respectively. autonomous Soviet Republic within a Federation of Soviet mingled amusement and indigna- Germany. "2. The proposed partition of

> Austria, and even of Vienna, is one of the most vicious potential minimum wages for mill workers

demonstration, the ranks and attacks on the socialist revolution to 37 cents an hour. The attempt at the 1944 congress of the some of the local officers indicat- of Central Europe. It is well failed. ed they are ready for another known that the Viennese workers strike. if necessary. However, are among the most advanced and no intention, however, to make the country and the nationalizathey were not allowed to vote on class conscious of the world. The the planters pay for the increased a, motion to resume the strike in proposed division of Vienna would wages out of their profits is 30 days if negotiations are not prevent the inhabitants of the satisfactory. The motion was various proletarian and residenruled out of order.

tial districts from communicating Some local officers declared with one another. By introducing that if the corporation continues passports in the city allied world its arrogant provocations they reaction hopes to prevent the will initiate "legal" strike proce- Viennese workers from organizing

dure after 15 days, under the to take over the city and with Smith-Connally Act. However, it it the whole country. is the UAW's no-strike pledge, rather than the Smith-Connally the more significant if one con- the British Crown colonies in waymen's union.

STALINISTS AND THE Flint locals to form MASSES section of the UAW Rank and

File Caucus. This progressive most of the pickets were wives, mothers, daughters or sweet-hearts of overseas service men, along with some young men clasto wipe out the no-strike pledge, cumbent upon us to state what while in motion, can wrench them-

ism.

ent labor party. It aims to se- program did the leadership of the cannon-fodder soon. Flag-waving Nevertheless, practically all Flint cure a new, fighting international EAM have? It is clear that the only infuriated them. To every workers understood the real is- leadership that will battle for EAM was not fighting for a socialist government. The leader-

bargaining breakdown. These are

every-day experiences. But the

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tendance: lately up to 200. This

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only answer was, "We haven't ex- the corporation officials. The

hausted the regular procedure or workers wanted their leaders on

planning. There was no provi- improvement must continue. The



siders the highly important Africa. A Trade Union congress strategic position of this country. was held in August 1944 attended We have received the following | If the Austrian social-democratic | by representatives of 64 organizaletter from John Roberts, a leadership had helped to fill tions with a combined memberthe missing link between the ship of over 400,000.

Militant reader. "Referring to the International Bavarian and Hungarian Soviet Notes item on Austria in the republics in 1919 by taking the March 17th issue of The Militant, I should like to add a few things. might have been a reality today." "1. The Moscow conference

Puerto Rico

A partial victory was won by field and mill workers in Puerto conditions.

so by the peace treaties of Ver- the industry for almost six weeks. The strike took place under the direction of the General Confederation of Workers (CGT)

the war" — then they would tion from the Reich, is just as Wage increases of 23 cents for

bringing daily wages up to \$1.73 tion would be the creation of an

> In an attempt to break the strike the Department of Labor

midst of the strike, raising work.

unions. Resolutions were adopted That the U.S. government has calling for the industrialization of tion of important industries. In addition after discussions over working and living conditions, clearly seen by an agreement of the Commodity Credit Corp. to proposals were accepted calling for the introduction of unem-

ing conditions and educational Oak. facilities. Trade union organization has A resolution was adopted taken a huge spurt forward in demanding the liberation of the "This attack on Austria is all Nigeria, largest and wealthiest of imprisoned President of the Rail-

WHAT OAK FEARS

In reality what Oak is afraid of is not only Stalinist totalitarianism but the Bolshevik revolution. For he expressly states that we would be better off now had the British, French and American imperialists helped

Kerensky and the Mensheviks defeat the Bolsheviks. Now we know exactly where we stand. Oak prefers British imperialism

This growth occurred in a brief to a workers' revolution. That is why he would have been shooting six-year period. Up to 1938 correct steps, a Soviet Eurasia unions were under an official ban on the side of British imperialism, against the Greek masses had he by the British colonial office. After finally winning legal rehad the chance, and we would cognition after a protracted have been in the forefront of the struggle urging the masses to struggle, the unions were faced defeat the British imperialists with wartime decrees of the government outlawing strikes and and then to settle scores with the "regulating" wages and working Stalinists.

Oak blames the Bolshevik revolution for the existence of Stalin-Trade union organization is a response to the inhuman condiism. One might as well blame the mother who gave birth to the tions of exploitation to which child for the disease that strikes British imperialism subjects the Nigerian workers. Child labor is the child. Stalinism came after the Bolshevik revolution but the basic prevalent even in tin and coal mines. Children between nine and cause of Stalinism lies in the betwelve are made to work up to trayal of the German Social-12 hours a day and to carry heavy Democrats. Had they not subloads weighing up to 65 lbs. Their mitted to German and British pay is two shillings a day, ap- capitalism the German workers proximately 50 cents. Colored bus | would have taken power in 1918 drivers and conductors receive and Stalinism would have never less than one-third the wages paid come into existence. The union of handed down a directive in the to European workers for similar industrialized Germany with agricultural Russia would have as-

sured the complete success of the A militant note was sounded Russian and German revolutions. Living in a backward country and unaided by the workers of Western Europe, the Russian workers permitted Stalinism to gain control of their destinies. The main responsibility for the victory of the Stalinist bureau. cracy lies upon the leadership of the German Social-Democrats, the ployment and health insurance spiritual predecessors of Liston and for the improvement of hous-

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SWP Candidate Exposes American Fascists SHOP TALKS ON SOCIALISM

cast of the Trotskyist candidate, Myra Tanner Weiss, in her campaign for mayor of Los Angeles. This speech was delivered Sunday, March 25 over Station KFAC.

Last week I discussed with you the problem of the rising cost of living. We saw how the government froze wages while prices have continued to rise. I contrasted this with the profits of the cost-plus patriots. While labor's hands have been tied by the nostrike pledge, vast fortunes have been amassed by the bosses. The vast majority of the American people have only heavily-taxed paychecks, which they vainly try to stretch to meet increased prices. In the post-war period millions face the prospect of no paychecks at all.

The bosses know it will not be easy to reduce us to the status of starving paupers. As long as the workers are organized and free to fight for their rights, the capitalists cannot carry their program into action. That is why, in the middle of the second world war, we see developing a vicious anti-labor drive. They want to crush the labor movement so that there can be no organized threat to their ruinous rule of society.

"Divide and Rule" has been the method of reactionary ruling classes since the ancient days of Roman slavery. Here in America the government itself fosters race prejudice against the Negroes in the South by poll-tax laws which disfranchise millions. They have refused to pass a Federal anti-lynch law. They condone racial discrimination by Jim Crow practises in the army and navy, assigning Negro soldiers to the most menial tasks and services. For a country which is supposed to be fighting the race supremacy theories of the Nazis, these practises are a scandal and an outrage.

The capitalists do not begin their campaign against labor with frontal attacks against the trade-unions. They begin by diverting social unrest into channels of prejudice and hate directed against those sections of society which at the moment are weak and defenseless. In California it is the Japanese-Americans who are being terrorized by secret bands. These bands somehow always escape the police. The homes of Japanese-Americans are burned, shots are fired, the sheriff's office reports none were apprehended.

Suppose This Proposal Were Made in Japan

There seems to be no limit to the barbarity of, this campaign of race hatred. I want to quote to you a statement made by a United States Congressman, a Democrat, Representative Johnson of Oklahoma. Now, mind you, I am not quoting Hitler, Goering, or even an ignorant, unknown American, but one who sits in the highest body of the nation. His statement was released by the House Appropriations Committee. Referring to the Japanese aliens held in United States segregation camps, he said "I will say for the record that we should make an appropriation to sterilize the whole outfit."

One would think this vile proposal, taken from the Nazi book, would provoke a cry of indignant protest throughout the nation. Were this proposal made in Japan as treatment for Americans held there, it would have become the atrocity story of the war.

I have written to both the CIO and the AFL, calling upon them to protest the vicious lynch attacks against the Japanese-Americans. Labor Alone Can Stop the March of Reaction If these attacks are not met by the united opposition of all labor, these secret gangs, successful in their first attempts, encouraged by their first victories, will tomorrow strike against other minorities and finally against the labor movement itself.

lated. They are not important." How familiar are these words! Was that not said of the Nazis before 1933, before they took power and crushed a labor movement proportionately far stronger than ours? These gangs are the first recruits of the American fascist party of that same period, again it was the Trotskyists who led an antitomorrow.

Here in Los Angeles we can observe all the symptoms of an incipient fascism. Race discrimination is one of those symptoms. More than a year ago there were riots in Los Angeles against the didate for mayor of Los Angeles, according to a report published in so-called Zoot-suiters. In actuality this was mob terrorization of the Municipal League Bulletin predicted "increased need for firethe Mexican and Negro youth. It was prepared long in advance by arms in the post-war period, which might result from economic discity conditions and laws which drive Mexicans and Negroes into turbances." This pointed prediction of repressions from a capitalist poorest districts, into over-crowded slums, by discriminatory politician should serve to warn and alert all workers. practices which sentence them to the most menial jobs. To prevent race riots we must fight against every law and usage which makes second-class citizens of any section of the American people. Germany. I have been shocked to witness in the last year at least | plan economy for use instead of profit. In this municipal election three instances of attack against the Jews, despite the fact that officially we're supposed to be fighting against such prejudice in or shall we be free men and equal? WE MUST make this choice. Europe. One frequently hears that the Jews control everything. Begin now by voting socialist on April 3rd. Join with the Trotsky-Therefore we should kick out the Jews. When I have proved to such | ists in the fight against race discrimination! Join with us in the people that the overwhelming majority of the big capitalists, the | task of creating a new and better world-a socialist world-in which real controlling powers in this country, are Christians, somehow, all men and women will truly be free and equal!



held a fascist demonstration in Madison Square Garden, it was the Trotskyists who called the workers to picket and protest. More than 50,000 people answered the Trotskyist call. In Los Angeles, in fascist campaign when a similar meeting was held here. My opponents in this election have had little to say on the many manifestations of fascist reaction. Supervisor Roger Jessup, a can-

Hoodlums Assault Jewish Children In Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, March 28 -An increasing number of at-

tacks on Jewish boys and girls in the vicinity of Minneapolis' North Side was climaxed by a large mass meeting Monday night. Two thousand harassed and near hysterical parents overflowed the Lincoln Junior High School auditorium and in

the presence of the Mayor, the acting chief of police, and several high ranking police officials, denounced the indifference and negligence of the police department.

Police officials who had come to "explain" the technical difficulties of making arrests were met with unmistakable scorn by the audience who were well aware of the fact that police refusal to

act immediately on complaints had contributed materially to the audacity of the attackers. Several

The Final Spurt

times Captain Helin of the North Side station was interrupted by shouts and denunciations from people in the audience until there was so much confusion that he was unable to go on speaking.

Rabbi David Aaronson, one of the committee that had organized the nass meeting, was able to obtain order only after he promised that all written questions directed at the police would be answered by them

Rabbi Aaronson set the tone for the whole meeting by his declaration: "I want to make it clear that these incidents are neither the product of the imagination, nor of nervous children, nor of nervous parents. If the city of Minneapolis does not do its duty by providing adequate police protection, North side citizens are prepared to offer their assistance to the police department."

It is well-known that these anti-Semitic attacks have been inspired by native fascist "shirt' groups which have started to lift their heads once more and are spreading anti-Semitism along with their anti-labor propaganda. The attitude of the audience was intensely militant. The police ocation or excuse. Thomas orshouted questions from individered the four colored men duals in the audience, challenging heir statements and denying J. PIERPONT MONEYBAGS their allegations. A mother whose Tays WAGE RAISES MEAN

boy had been brutally beaten rose from her seat and accused the police captain and the North Side station of negligence. Striving to prevent herself from breaking

to testify were unable to do so,

but a few put before the micro-

phone gave details of the beatings

they had received. It was a

common practice of their at-

tackers to search for identification

cards in their wallets if they re-

fused information or denied that

they were Jews. These practices

had been going on for a long

who organized the mass meeting

were members of the Jewish

Council whose traditional method

of fighting anti-Semitism is a

studied public silence involving

the suppression of news direct-

ly relating to anti-Semitic acts.

protest meeting of a mass

character has never before been

sanctioned by them. Pulling

strings and seeing someone in-

fluential plus education against

intolerance is their solution. How-

Toledo

Mankind'

April 15

Speaker:

into tears, she said: "I'm not speaking as a Jew. I am an Amer-



"Pop, you goose-greased son of a sea serpent," said Breezy, who had come in a little high. "Don't you recognize your old friends any more?'

"The last time I recognized you on a Saturday afternoon I had to buy you two drinks," Pop growled.

"So you admit it! What do you fellows think about that? Here's a man I thought was a friend of mine. That's life for you," he said tragically, slapping his side like Schnozzle Durante. "But I'm big-hearted. When I see you in this condition, Pop, I'll come right over to your side of the road and buy you three more drinks. How do you like that?"

"You don't have to buy me no drinks, Breezy. You save your noney for you old age. You can't work when you're old," Pop said.

"Play young and work old. That's the only way," Breezy in-Anyway I'm gonna live on the interest when I'm sixty-five."

"What interest?" asked one of the first-shift boys who was vashing up.

"Why my old-age benefit fund. What do you think? I been paying in on it for nine years now. Look at Pop there. He's a two income man. Forty bucks a week from the company, and a pension from the government to boot."

"I got eight years to go, sweeping and hooking for guys like you before I get that royal pension, Mister Breezy." Pop was sort of huffy.

"Eight years! Don't you try to tell this gang you're only fiftyseven years old, Pop! You're seventy-seven if you're a day." Breezy reconsidered-"I bet you're eighty-seven. Say, fellows, Pop's the guy to see if you want to borrow money. Pop's got all that pension dough salted away somewhere."

For a minute some of the fellows looked at Pop as if they almost believed it. Then Breezy asked everybody in general, "Say, how much is that pension anyhow-anybody know?

Nobody knew. But we were all thinking-just like Breezy would have been thinking if he hadn't been under the weather, "Gee, is Pop only fifty-seven? With all his wrinkles and rheumatism he really could pass for seventy-seven." And each one of us thought, "Will I be as old as that when I'm fifty-seven? Why hell-I might never live to be old enough to collect that pension."

THE KIND OF "SECURITY" CAPITALISM GIVES

"I guess most of you guys are too young to be interested," Pop aid, pretending he wasn't very much interested himself, "But the highest amount anybody can possibly get is eighty-five dollars a month. The average is about thirty-six dollars. I'll beat the present average, though, on account of the eight more years I'll be paying in-if I live to be sixty-five."

Boy, isn't that beautiful? Pop will get about ten bucks a week in his old age. A hell of a lot of "playing" he's going to do.

"Yes sir, you fellows will be sweating your heads off eight years from now," Pop went on, as he opened his laundry and tied up his dirty overalls into a small bundle. "And I'll be sitting back' drawing down that 10 smackers a week." And being a thoughtful sort of cuss, he couldn't help but add after a second or so-"mebbe."

"Play young and work old" Breezy said. But how can you work when you're old. The plant doesn't want you. They'll throw Pop on who spoke were interrupted by | the scrap heap one of these days. And you don't have the money to play when you're young, unless you neglect those you really want to take care of.

That's the capitalist system for you. That's capitalism and the kind of security it gives you-with money you yourself fork over. So what's Breezy going to do? Or anybody else for that

matter? Butt his head up against the wall and wind up on the skids before his time?

There's only one thing we can do. Organize our forces to overthrow the whole rotten system. We don't want their starvation bread when we're old. We want a decent workingman's society, where a man fifty to sixty years old can make his own choice to

There are two roads ahead, for America as for Europe: The

fascist road or the socialist road. There will be no other choices. Either the capitalists will finally crush the labor movement, or the Anti-semitism, persecution of the Jews, is not limited to Nazi workers must take power, nationalize the means of production and you have the opportunity to indicate your choice. Shall we be slaves



hauled out of a quiet beer tavern and had them frisked and beaten by two police officers.

time, but apparently were now The NAACP was brought into getting more frequent. the case immediately and after Here was the upshot of the two weeks arranged an appointmeeting. The Mayor promised ment between its grievance commore adequate police protection: mittee and Mayor Ralph O'Neill, the policeman formerly on Plywho was elected with CIO sup-

INFLATION. WHAT WE NEED

IS HIGHER PRICES"

mouth Avenue (Jewish shopping district) was to be replaced; a squad car is to periodically cruise the neighborhood; and educators will get together to see what they can do to correct this tendency of anti-Semitism through education in the schools. Among those on the committee

take showed that her daily diet been suspended from the police consisted of several large serv- force several years ago for beatings of spaghetti with oil, home- ing up white prisoners). The made white bread, usually eaten NAACP strenuously attacked the dry but occasionally with oleo, mayor's position, but without imone serving of either cabbage or mediate results beyond the prodried beans, a potato, and coffee mise of an answer in ten days.

ated milk. Thus the diet consisted largely of refined carbohydrates and was low in proteins, minerals and vitamins."

What good does it do these police chief. But a majority of the overty-stricken children that delegates gave little support to earnest scientists on the National this suggestion, realizing by long Research Council have arranged experience how slim would be to place in schoolrooms huge chances of succeeding in such a posters, saying: "Eat the Right

Food to Help You Keep Fit?" contest against the power and What use can their discouraged prejudice of the capitalist police and courts. However the commitmothers make of the health leaftee responded immediately and lets, which the children bring with enthusiasm to the idea of home to them — leaflets warn-ing of the dangers of "hidden" enlisting the support of the labor movement, knowing well that only hunger" and urging them to give

their children more milk, fresh help the minorities win this fight. the organized working class can The NAACP expects to take the

case to the CIO Council request-Working-class mothers, like all ing assistance in this fight which others, want and try to give their is so vital to the colored workers children the right kind of food- and to all of labor. The thuggery food that will build strong, active, of Chief Thomas can be the forehealthy young bodies. But this runner of other vigilante attacks is a period of food shortages, ris- on minorities in Youngstown. ing prices and "frozen wages." With the weight of organized butter and a brownie for supper." What prevents women of the labor behind the NAACP, notice "Case 2 - From Chicago Ital- working class from taking proper will be served on anyone who ian-American — poverty's child. | care of their children is lack of attempts to assault minorities "A ten-year-old girl of Italian money - time - energy - and that he will have to fight a united labor movement.

citizen and a taxpayer that my keep on working, or take it easy, AT THE SAME GOOD PAY children have the right to walk EITHER WAY. That's the way we'll fix things under socialism. the streets in safety." Many young boys who had come



Wartime Graft

"Lindsay Warren, Comptrol-

ler General of the United

States, has the job of trying to

protect the people of the

United States from thieves

who take public money. But

he has no power to stop them

"He estimates that the graft

in the war to date is in excess

of \$50,000,000,000. Fifty bil-

lions is twice the cost of the

under this administration.

last war, graft and all."

Los Angeles SWP **For Independent Negro Candidate** (Continued from page 1)

ing our support of Charlotta

2. Myra Tanner Weiss will discuss Trotskyist support of Charlotta Bass in her final broadcast over station KFAC Sunday night, April 1.

3. The Trotskyist candidate will also discuss our support of the independent Negro candidate at our final election rally.

4. Five thousand copies of a eaflet calling for a vote for Myra Tanner Weiss and Charlotta A. Bass, and advertising the radio proadcast, have been printed and are being mailed and distributed. 5. Advertisements are being

placed in the local Negro press and in the major daily announcing the endorsement and the broadcast in which it will be discussed. 6. Myra Tanner Weiss will also discuss our critical support Sunday afternoon, April 1, at a Negro election rally to which all

(From United Mine Workers Journal, March 18). candidates are invited.



Children Suffer From "Hidden Hunger" **Because Workers Can't Buy Decent Food**

By Grace Carlson

It's a very odd thing-As odd as can be-That whatever Miss T eats Turns into Miss T.

In his "Advancing Front of Medicine," George Gray uses this nursery jingle by Walter De La Mare very cleverly to introduce the subject of vitamins and their importance to health. What Gray does not emphasize sufficiently, however, is the fact that whatever Miss T does not eat also "turns into Miss T." This is true of Mr. and Mrs. T, as well, and of all the little T's, too. What people do not eat is a very important subject!

What working-class children de NOT eat - what they are deprived of eating because of the poverty in their homes is the most important subject of all and the most tragic.

Ill-fed children by the thousands have weak bodies, stunted growth and twisted limbs as a result of dietary deficiency diseases like rickets, scurvy and pellagra. These severe cases of malnutrition occur chiefly in the two examples. South. But East, West, North lions of children who have milder wich and pickle type. . . forms of nutritional deficiency. What these children do NOT get years old, referred to the Nutriof the rich, nourishing foods they tion Department because of a raneed may make them dull, list- pid and widespread disintegraless, cross and irritable. What the tion of the teeth... A series of children of the poor DO NOT conferences first with Mildred EAT can twist their minds and alone and later with Mrs. D., disspirits as well as their bodies! | closed the following symptoms Illustrations of the devastat- which are frequently associated



the mental and physical health of chronic fatigue (especially no young children are given in "Case ticeable when climbing stairs); Studies of Nutrition" compiled inability to concentrate in school; from the records of Child Health restless sleep; lack of appetite; Clinics and published in a 1943 persistent worry; irritability; issue of "The Annals of the Am- gradual loss of weight over a peerican Academy of Political and riod of six months.

Social Science." Here are one or "Analysis of a week's record of her intake indicated an ex- fruits and vegetables, meat and treme deficiency of milk, eggs, eggs? "Case 1. One of Boston's Proband South, there are today mil- lem Children-Teen-aged, sand- fruits, vegetables and whole grain or enriched cereals. A day's "An American girl, fourteen eating consisted of bacon, toast and coffee for breakfast; a crabmeat salad sandwich, potato chips and a dill pickle for lunch; a small salad, bread and

ing effect of malnutrition upon with early nutritive failure; parentage, suffering f r o m ration points.

rheumatic heart disease and dental caries (decay). Conversation port.

with the mother disclosed the At this hearing the mayor was fact that the family was having forced to admit the truth of the serious financial difficulties due charges made against Thomas by to the father's illness and conse- witnesses. But he refused to fire quent unemployment for the pre-Thomas with the excuse that it ceding five months. was the police chief's first offense

"A record of the patient's in- against Negroes. (Thomas had with a small amount of evapor- SEEK LABOR'S AID

Extensive discussions took place among the delegates to the mayor's office, with the attorneys weighing legal action against the

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"Black Boy" Packs a Wallop

If you don't want to be jolted out of the self-satisfied enjoyment of a quiet evening at home, if you have abundant confidence in American "democracy" and the brave, new world that is gradually a-comin' under capitalism, if you think that the people ations have the "right" to operof "good-will" are going to be able to effect economic security and racial equality in the South through a "bloodless revolution,"-then don't sit down and read Richard Wright's latest book, "Black Boy."

"Black Boy" is an unusual book, written in an unusual style nonsense," says Wright. "But I

but dealing with a far too usual said nothing." Later the boldest labor endorse in their "charter." subject. It paints a picture. That of them confessed that the entire Such endorsement of the "prinis all it does but it does that well. thing was a fraud and they play- ciple" -that property rights take This picture is not a pretty one ed hookey from church. but it is a true one.

It is true because it is the picture of the author's own life. And not only his but in general that how, when he was chosen as valeof millions of other dark-skinned dietorian of his class, the princi-Americans who have been born pal prepared a conciliatory and raised in the South.

It is not pretty because the suitable to deliver before the mixreal-life picture of America's ed white and colored audience "peace charter" contains no men-South, indoctrinated with the which was scheduled to listen that tion of 60,000,000 jobs or "full myth of white supremacy and night. pumped full of the poison of racial prejudice, is not a pretty one. VINDICATION TO COME

The author, banging away in a style of point-blank range, re- cause he tried to learn trades which, incidentally, now is prolates incident after incident of that only whites were "supposed | tected by a federal law." his place." He expresses in this story of his own life the bitter they knew unerringly what to as- THE RIGHT TO STRIKE resentment of the Negro people against racial subjection and to." their instinctive determination to

forces of Jim Crowism at the first promising opportunity.

INSTINCTIVE REVOLT

Hearing of lynch violence

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boyhood. He instinctively rebel- inferior being."

led against the panacea of reli- Richard Wright fails to include way by which they can be forced gion which was relentlessly an economic analysis of the to recognize unions and bargain hoisted onto him by his fanatical forces which perpetuate and pro- with them in good faith."

Wall Street Hails "Peace Charter"

(Continued from page 1) and surplus commodities at a fraction of their value. They provide generous cash payments for war contractors upon the termination (cutback) of their war contracts. They protect the "property rights" of the corporations during the "reconversion" period by guaranteeing a "reasonable profit" while the plants are shut down.

Under the "peace pact" signed by Murray and Green, the corporate the plants - constructed and paid for out of the public treasury - at a "reasonable profit," or shut them down. This is the "free choice of action" which the capitalist claims as his sacred

right and which the misleaders of precedence over human rights is The Uncle Tom role of the a gross betrayal of everything segregated school system is the labor movement stands for. What did the "labor statesbrought dut as the author tells men" get in exhange for putting their seal of approval on the holy "rights" of private property? speech for him that would be The labor commentator for the N. Y. Post observes that the

employment." "Nor," he , adds, "does it give labor any conces-

sions, beyond recognizing the Driven from job after job be- right to collective bargaining -

frustration which he experienced to know" or because he could not In short, the labor leaders got as a result of the South's firm reconcile himself to the kow- exactly nothing! As far as lapolicy of dividing the races and towing attitude expected of a Ne- bor is concerned it was all give pitting them against each other. He gives matter-of-fact, detailed descriptions of the intimidation, implacable, elemental design to-ize and to engage in collective pitting them against each other. gro, Wright sensed that his dil- and no take. Moreover, the rethe brutalizing and the terroristic ward which hate was futile." Al- bargaining," granted under the violence which is visited on the though the Negroes "lived in an National Labor Relations Act, is Negro in order to keep him "in America where in theory there meaningless without the right to existed equality of opportunity, strike.

to eliminate strikes by the The revolutionary vindication "peaceful" disposal of "differfight to the death to eradicate the for 11 million oppressed South- ences between management and ern Negroes which is sure to labor." How is this to be done? come is indicated by Wright's The CIO had a very decided opinperfectly normal inability to ion on this question which it expredecessor as AFL president, Samuel Gompers, make "subservience an automa- pressed in no uncertain terms. In

against Negroes on every side, tic part" of his behavior. He puts a pamphlet published by the na-Wright says: "I resolved that if it this way: "The white South tional office of the CIO in 1940, I were ever faced with a white said it knew 'niggers,' and I was the answer to this question was mob, I would conceal a weapon what the white South called a given in the following clear and and just when they thought I had 'nigger.' Well, the white South unambiguous terms:

accepted their cruelty as the law had never known me - never "The right to organize and of my life, I would let go with known what I thought, what I bargain collectively implies the my gun and kill as many of them 'felt. The white South said that right to strike, since strike action as possible before they killed I had a 'place' in life. Well, I had is frequently the only way organnever felt my 'place' or, rather, ized workers have of enforcing

Not only racially but also econ- my deepest instincts had always collective bargaining. Though omically oppressed, Wright can made me reject the 'place' to collective bargaining is guarantremember the actual pangs of which the white South had as- eed by the National Labor Relahunger which stayed with him the signed me. It had never occurred tions Act, employers often refuse greatest part of his underfed to me that I was in any way an to obey the laws of the U.S. Strike action is then the only

family and their preacher. He fit by this prejudice. He also fails told a boy from across the street to make clear the fact that the the make clear the fact that the firmed the correctness of this was sent to talk him into poor, prejudiced whites are also position. The alternative is to joining church: "If laying down held down by this artificial hat- pursue the course followed by the union heads since Pearl Harbor my life could stop the suffering red with which they are indoctrinin the world, I'd gladly do it. But ated. Therefore his book can of compulsory arbitration of un-I don't believe anything can stop map no path for the correction ion demands and grievances by an "impartial" employer-dominof this intolerable condition. He tells how he and some other He paints a horrible and true, but ated Board. It is this latter boys were finally pressured into static and sterile picture. Be that course which Green and Murray joining the church. "The preacher, as it may, anyone who can read have written into their "peace draped in white robes, dipped a this forceful account and yet rest pact" with the bosses. The union officials' endorse small branch of a tree in a huge in a dream-world of racial smugment of the "rights of private bowl of water" and shook the wet ness, not trying to determine the branch over the head of each can- cause and then act to the great- property" and compulsory arbi tration elicited warm statements didate for baptism. "I wanted to est of his capacity to correct this of approval from the camp of Big yell for him to stop; I wanted to injustice, is not fit to claim mem-Business. Winthrop W. Aldrich, tell him that this was so much bership in the human family. chairman of the board of the Chase National Bank, declared: Pioneer Paragraphs "I heartly approve of what has been done." It is "a great step forward." Chase National, a Rockefeller financial institution, is one of the two largest private banks in the world.

Gompers' "Peace Pact" -The furnace is shut down, so the blast is being shot out into the

William Green, Philip Murray and R. J. Thomas burned, scores of union members were arrested claim that they made history when they signed a "peace pact" with Eric Johnston, representing the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Far from making history, these union officials are repeating it. Over forty years ago the leaders of the AFL signed a similar agreement with the foremost capitalists which resulted in the organization in 1901 of the National Civic Federation. Green's

"Roosevelt's right—we need a labor draft to put those loafers to work!"



and jailed on trumped-up charges. The miners were forced back to work.

These are only a few examples of the vicious anti-labor activities carried on under cover of the National Civic Federation, which made that organization hateful to every progressive worker. As early as 1911, the United Mine Workers presented a resolution to the Atlantic City convention of the AFL denouncing the National Civic Federation and demanding that the AFL sever all connections with it. Gompers was able to muster enough conservative votes to defeat the resolution.

Fight Against Nat'l Civic Federation

Twen'ty-four years later, however, when the revolt in the AFL against the traditional Gompers' policies was at its peak and the industrial union movement was gaining great power, the United Mine Workers' spokesman John L. Lewis offered the same resolution to another Atlantic City Convention of the AFLthe same convention which set up the Committee for Industrial Organization. This time the resolution passed. AFL vice-president Matthew Woll, who had taken Gompers' place and was one of the chief opponents of industrial unionism, was forced to resign from the National Civic Federation.

The resignation of Woll, the resurgence of the



The foreman says, "O.K., there's a mess up on Number Two, if you want to work labor."

One or two of the fellows walk out, because they don't want to put in sixteen hours at labor pay. The rest of us, who have already worked eight hours on our own jobs and have gone down to try and get another eight hours, say, "O. K., we'll take it. Sure, we'll work," and we get shovels and picks and start down the line to Number Two blast furnace.

The night is very black outside, and edged with a rusty glow here and there where some furnace is flushing cinder. Back down the line, Number Seven is casting and the light flares spasmodically, one moment throwing our long shadows clearly on the ground before us, and the next, letting them fade back into the half darkness again.

Tom says, "Damn, I didn't want to work tonight. We had a tough shift. Coke mess."

Pete Rossi from the disintegrator looks at him. "You didn't want to work?" he says with mocking incredulity. "Why, I wanted to. I hate to go home."

Tom says, "I believe you do." Tom turned to the rest of us. "Last time Pete went home, his dog chased him around the block. He didn't know him any more, because Pete's always out here." As we approach Number Two, we hear the roar of the "wind."



atmosphere with the steady, ear-crashing racket of a great tornado, the sound of a greatly amplified Niagara Falls.

We climb the stairs and see the mess. There is slag all over the floor where a cooler has burned, tuyere, blowpipe, and all. Part of the gang is at work doing their regular cleanup, but the blower, keeper, and stove man are trying to clear the cinder away from the cooler. We dig in with shovels and bars.

Jimmy says, "I knew I should have gone home at quitting time." I pick up a hammer and hit a bar the blower is holding. I hit it perhaps a dozen times, and he moves it to another spot. I hit it some more. We work quickly. It is said that the company loses a great deal of money for every minute a furnace is shut down, so the foremen are running around yelling and pitching in to keep this terrible cost down as far as possible.

We bang and dig for perhaps three quarters of an hour before we're ready to put in the new cooler. The whole furnace gang is working with us now, all of us sweating and grunting, but in spite of it all, laughing and joking. The night is young.

We get the cooler, tuyere, and blowpipe in. The stove tender cuns down the stairs to "start up." When the blower gets his signal, he runs to the wheel and puts the blast back on. The great roar of the wind changes in key, slackens, and with one final squeak, dies out entirely, and all is quiet but for the hissing of the blowpipes and the muffled pounding of the blow-engines in the engine house" across the way.

We'll Shovel For the Rest of the Night

Lunch time. We walk slowly over to the restaurant, shivering as the sweat begins to cool in the night breeze.

Somebody says, "That was a hell of a way to start a double!" In the restaurant it is bright and we relax a bit over our meal. Bad as the food is, and dirty though the restaurant may be, we are grateful for it. It is good to sit there with our coffee.

pire to and what not to aspire And the "peace pact" proposes



There are two ways in which | "squeeze" on. In this way, he price rises take place: legally and protects his profits.

illegally (the "black market"). The wholesaler, too, claims We will first take up the legal right to a full measure of profits. stabilizer" Davis and WLB chairincrease in the prices of necessi- If he sold goods to the retailer man Taylor added their praise. ties, primarily food, which is the at the same price as before Thomas E. Dewey, Republican main item in the workers' cost of while paying the manufacturer candidate in the last presidential living.

The government, through the Office of Price Administration saler asks authorization from the achievement. Roosevelt, who is (OPA) has followed the general OPA, and gets sanction to charge using every means at his disposal policy of surrendering to the capitalists, whenever the latter tailer. demand increased prices.

This is how it works. The price of raw material rises. The food manufacturer has to pay article is fixed by law. If he sold the article at the legal price and paid more for the farm products, his profits would suffer.

But the capitalist considers his profit a holy of holies. And this point of view is completely shared by the government. The manufacturer, claiming his profits are being 'squeezed,' demands and receives from the government permission to charge higher prices to the wholesaler. He passes the

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N. Y.).

Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric Company, said: "The important thing is that

these fine words be translated into action." The new "economic higher prices, the wholesaler's election, "hailed the labor-em profit would diminish. The whole- ployer charter" as a "notable"

higher prices to the retailer. The to jam a forced labor law through Congress, expressed himself as "squeeze" is passed on to the rebeing "very pleased."

But the workers, who were But the retailer claims that his profits would decrease if he neither advised nor consulted in charged the same prices for the its adoption, will have their product while paying higher word to say about this "charter" His selling price for the finished prices for it to the wholesaler. of docile surrender to the em-Therefore he is granted the right | ployers. As the militant ranks to pass the "squeeze" on to the are beginning to demonstrate in consumer, in the form of higher ever greater numbers - the continuing strike wave in Detroit

prices. and the strike vote of the miners The overwhelming majority of the consumers are workers. The are tokens - they are not going to submit willingly to any worker-consumer cannot pass the "squeeze" on. He cannot secure "charter" which binds them to exploitation without resistance higher wages because the law and keeps them from effective acfixes his wages as in a vise. Protion in defense of their welfare. fits are holy, but wages are not.

They remain on the same level. while profits skyrocket. Thus, the workers are maintaining the profits of the capitalist class at their present peaks by the lowered standards of living

of themselves and their families (From "Your Standard of Living - What's Happening to It?" by C. Charles, pp. 7-8. Pioneet Publishers, 1943; 32 pp., 5 cents. Order from Pioneer Publishers, 703-5 IPEU 116 University Place, N. Y. 3,



How a contemporary cartoonist viewed the capitalist-labor "peace pact" of 1901.

was one of the founders of the National Civic Federation and served as its vice-president until his death in 1924.

Together with such big business men as John D. Rockefeller Jr., Charles Schwab of Bethlehem Steel, Mark Hanna, boss of the Republican party, and such "impartial" representatives as expresident Grover Cleveland and Archbishop Ireland, Gompers signed the following statement of the aims of the National Civic Federation. "To do what may seem the best to promote industrial peace and prosperity; to be helpful in establishing right relations between employers and workers . . . to obviate and prevent strikes and lockouts." Similar phrases now stud the "new charter for labor and management."

Wage War Against the Workers

Collaboration with the capitalists became the cornerstone of AFL policy. The National Civic Federation preached war on industrial unionism, labor participation in politics, and social insurance. Its main aim was to prevent the organization of the low-paid workers in the massproduction industries. It was really an open conspiracy against the industrial workers between the employers and the craft-union AFL officials. Big Business was willing and well able to throw a few crumbs to the craft-unions in payment for such services.

But while AFL "labor statesmen" were going up and down the land, spreading the doctrine of "peace" between Capital and Labor, the employer representatives in the National Civic Federation were waging a savage war against the workers. In this period Charles Schwab, the open-shop head of Bethlehem Steel, fought off all attempts to organize his steelworkers, using every device known to labor-hating employers-the blacklist, lockout, union spies and stoolpigeons, armed guards, imported strikebreakers.

Another "union-busting" employer on the National Civic Federation's Board at this time, was John D. Rockefeller Jr. On Rockefeller's record of anti-union terror the blackest spot is the "Ludlow Massacre." In 1914 several thousand members of the United Mine Workers went on strike against the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, a Rockefeller corporation. They wanted an eight-hour day, recognition of the union, the right to trade in any store they pleased, and a ten percent wage increase. Other strikebreaking methods having failed, Rockefeller's agents unleashed a reign of terror in Ludlow. Women and children were shot down by machine guns, miners' homes were

labor movement, and the rise of the CIO dealt a virtual death-blow to the National Civic Federation. Now Murray and Green propose to refasten this discredited policy upon the workers just when the bosses are speeding up their union busting campaign.



Report of a love feast which preceded the employer drive against labor under cover of the National Civic Federation.



When we get back, the foreman is waiting for us. There is a coke mess at Number Four stockhouse. We'll shovel there for the rest of the night.

At intervals we look up at the sky. But the dawn is a long time coming. The sky remains black, edged here and there with a rusty glow. The shovels become heavy. Our hands begin to burn. The usual indigestion, caused by the restaurant's inferior food and by our bodies' revolt at sixteen hours of work, rises up in our throats.

There is less and less joking. Pete scrapes his hand on a steel upright, scratching the flesh slightly. He swears, not with slight irritation, but with deep fury. The night wears on.

By morning we are all silent. Silently we trudge back with the shovels. Silently we start back to the locker room. But then, knowing we're finished, conversation starts up again.

Tom says, "Well, I've got to be back here in eight hours."

I'm glad I don't have to be. I'm changing shifts, so I get time for a little rest, but I'll be tired too.

Jimmy says, "What's the matter, Pete? Still sore about hitting your hand?"

Pete says, "I was thinking. After they take out the tax, all we get for working a double, including time-and-a-half, is about seven and a half bucks!"

We're still swearing about that as we walk into the locker room. We think about it under the showers, and we're still thinking about it as we walk out the gate. But we know we'll do it again.



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SACRAMENTO-Eight leaders of the Agricultural and Cannery Workers Union were found guilty in the frame-up "Criminal Syndicalism" trial instigated by the California bosses. Sentences of from one to fourteen years were imposed by presiding Judge Lemmon, whose anti-labor prejudice has been evident throughout the trial.

Under the conviction, six other defendants were released and probation recommended for two of the prisoners.

KRON—The stormy resistance of American workers to miserable wages, unemployment, and rising prices under Roosevelt's NRA (National Recovery Act) broke out in full fury in Akron, where workers of the three major tire companies simultaneously prepared to strike. Despite their lack of experienced leadership, the workers at Goodyear, Goodrich and Firestone voted walkouts in defiance of the "compromise" tactics of the national leadership of the AFL.

ST. LOUIS-The strike wave swept westward as St. Louis Gas House Workers of Federal Union No. 18799 (AFL) walked out in protest against company provocations. Taking a lesson from the great Minneapolis strikes of 1934, the Gas House Workers immediately issued their own strike bulletin to win the support of other working class organizations. The Automobile Workers and the Filling Station Operators unions as well as two unemployed organizations responded with immediate aid on the picket line.

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Only the world revolution can s a v e the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy. - Leon Trotsky

JOIN US IN FIGHTING FOR:

- 1. Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions. Special officers' training camps, financed by the government but controlled by the trade unions, to train workers to become officers.
- 2. Trade union wages for all workers drafted into the army.
- 3. Full equality for Negroes in the armed forces and the war industries-Down with Jim Crowism everywhere.
- 4. Confiscation of all war profits. Expropriation of all war industries and their operation under workers' control.
- 5. A rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.
- 6. Workers Defense Guards against vigilante and fascist attacks.
- 7. An Independent Labor Party based on the Trade Unions.
- 8. A Workers' and Farmers' Govern-

plan to make the American masses pay for the costs and consequences of this trillion-dollar war through unemployment, wage-slashes, greater price-inflation and profiteering. Instead of bringing "freedom from want," this war is spreading and intensifying want not only in Europe and Asia but in this, the wealthiest of all capitalist countries.

There is but one solution for this greatest crisis in world history. Freedom from want can be achieved. But it can be secured only through the struggle for the abolition of the profit system and the creation of the planned economy of international socialism.

Exposing A Fraud

From the beginning The Militant has opposed and exposed the campaign to enact a forced labor law as a strikebreaking, union-busting conspiracy engineered by Big Business and its military and political agents in Washington. Every other pretext advanced by the slave labor advocates has been shot to pieces. In recent weeks their sole remaining argument has been that a slave labor law is needed to "boost the morale" of the men in the armed forces.

But Roosevelt's Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion, James F. Byrnes, gave the game away completely, when he reported to Congress that "manpower legislation" was required not only after the military collapse of Germany, but AFTER the end of the war in the Pacific. The sharp reaction in the Senate to this statement has led observers to conclude that the pending "compromise" manpower bill is doomed to defeat.

Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon last week disclosed that he had received "pressure" telephone calls from Administration officials expressing "fear" that unless they got a forced labor law for use "after hostilities cease they cannot meet the . unemployment problem in this country."

This provides added confirmation to our editorial analysis in the March 31 issue of The Militant in which we stated:

"The drive for additional measures of labor repression to be applied AFTER Germany is defeated completely exposes the fraud of 'peace, security and jobs-for-all' in the 'post-war' period. If capitalism could guarantee a decent standard of living for the masses on the basis of 'peacetime' production, it would have no need of strengthening its machinery of repression. On the contrary, it cannot maintain even the present low standard of living but must drive it still lower. This end cannot be accomplished by 'peaceful' or 'voluntary' methods.'

Food Profiteers

The food shortages, the devastation and wastage of the necessities of life which are the inescapable consequences of the imperialist war inflict ever greater suffering upon the masses. But these worsening conditions come as a heaven-sent opportunity to the food trusts, speculators, black marketeers and all the other parasites who thrive at the expense of the people.

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Laying It On the Table!







The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of The Militant. Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

Cost-Plus Contract

Steel Workers Send Congressman Wire Editor:

Here is a copy of a telegram that 121 Bethlehem Steel workers sent to Democratic Congressman Chet Hollifield, each contributing 10 cents to share the expense of sending it. The originator of this telegram had an idea that only a few workers would be

interested in any action of this sort, but after he started passing it around it seemed like everyone wanted to sign.

by it."

Editor:

A Real "Mac"

particular opportunist rose

through various offices in the un-

ion during the war period; how

before the war he had not taken

part in the struggles of build-

ing the union; how he was a big

talker, a bit patriotic, a windy

politician; how he skirted around

important grievances of the ranks

This immediately called to my

with vague, patriotic talk.

"We, Bethlehem steel employ-Editor ees, know that the cost of living I would like to relate an inhas gone up to the extent that cident that happened in my place warrants Congress voting itself of work last week. The company its own wage raises. Your de- works on a cost-plus contract, mands are no more just than the turning out war equipment. One workers of the districts which part of the shop had been workyou represent. Therefore we be- ing for the last five months on lieve that you should be restrict- an order for split rings for ed to 15 percent above the motors. A report came through amount earned on January 1, that this order, which was then 1941, which is the Little Steel half filled, had been cancelled. Formula which you claim is head-But the company didn't want to ing off inflation. Employees of stop just because the rings Uncle Sam and industry should weren't needed! On the very same keep in step with one another day of the cancellation a night either by breaking the Little shift was put on for production Steel Formula or by both abiding of these split rings, and the day

omic system works. Because needed. But the bosses, knowing they see many stores run by Jews they would get paid for them for and the movie producers and the a long time ahead, didn't care clothing industry, without both- about speed any more. No more ering to investigate further, they night shift!

conclude that the entire Jewish We all asked each other what people are Shylocks and money- the tangle was all about, and it makers. Thus much of the hatred wasn't hard to figure out. This is directed against the capitalists is just one example on a small scale turned toward the Jewish people. of what is happening on a large scale in other plants. The bosses Jean Martin would continue production not be-Los Angeles cause it is needed-but because the profit motive is their main interest. The bosses are not interested in production or in the welfare of the workers who are hired and fired for three days' work. The workers here and elsewhere are learning this lesson of

the class struggle from their own ives. A. Davis

Why Allied Bombs 'Miss' **Some Plants in Germany**

Amid the slaughter and devastation in the Rhine and Ruhr areas after three years' of merciless combing, American troops were startled to discover nuge war plants virtually unscathed. They are plants in which American and British capital is invested.

Writing from Krefeld-Uerdingen, Germany, Chicago Sun correspondent John M. Mechlin reported last week in a delayed dispatch that American soldiers are asking "with ill-concealed sarcasm" how it happens that they found "several giant factories running full blast," including those of the Krupp steel, I. G. Farbenindustrie chemical and Wagonfabrik automobile trusts. All these companies have been associated in cartel deals with American and British monopolies.

"There is a rumor circulating that the reason the Allies did not bomb the Wagonfabrik plant is because six members of the company's board of directors are Englishmen . . . the rumor is important because the Yanks believe it," says Mechlin.

In the New York daily PM, March 27, Max Lerner reporting on his tour in the Rhineland, stated that "it gave me a jolt to see American industrial plants in Neuss. It also gave me a jolt to find out that the Ford motor plant in the suburbs of Cologne was relatively unharmed." He added that there is "bitter suspicion" among the American troops. "They think hat British and American air bombardment deliberately spared factories in which Anglo-American money had been invested."

. When asked at a press conference why these paricular vital war factories were skipped in bombings for over three years, Gen. Arnold, chief of the U.S. Army Air Forces, first asked, "What reason could there be for missing them?" Informed of the Anglo-American financial connections, he passed off the whole matter laughingly, saying "I could say somehing about that, but I won't.'

One of the greatest scandals after the first imperialist World War was the revelation of the "gentlemen's agreement" between the contending powers not to shell or bomb plants from which capitalists on both sides of the lines were making blood profits. The second imperialist World War-in which the suffering of the masses has been incalculably worse than in 1914-18-also finds the capitalist rulers safeguarding their mutually profitable interests.

War Boosts Profiteering **To New Record Heights**

Despite all the flag-waving propaganda about the easons for high prices and wage-freezing, the real explanation can be found in the latest figures on wartime profits.

"Last year (1944) was the most profitable of the war period for industry," reported Bernard T. Frevert, editor of Standard & Poor's Trade Service, last week. Each year of the war has seen corporate profits reach new ell-time record heights. But in 1944, "net income, after taxes, of the 625 companies that have reported to date, aggregated \$1,574 million. or 2.9 per cent over the \$1,529 million of the previous year (1943)," Frevert reports.

An example of the monumental war profiteering is General Motors, the multi-billion dollar trust whose Brooklyn workers were recently denied a general wage raise ov the WLB. On March 29, GM's head, Alfred P.

ment.

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

Freedom From Want

Whether Italy or France-conquered or "liberated"-victor or vanquished-the promise of the Allied leaders that this war would bring "freedom from want" has become a grim mockery. As the result of the war, the people in every country of the world face ever-growing scarcity of food. Whole continents are gripped by hunger and mass starvation.

Even the closest friends and most favored allies among the "United Nations"-Belgium, France, Holland, etc.-beg in vain for food supplies merely to keep their people from dying outright or to prevent them from revolting against the capitalist system which condemns them to destitution and despair.

The utter economic chaos which prevails in all the war-torn countries is rapidly spreading into territories as yet untouched by military warfare. In Europe, for instance, the bulk of the food-producing areas are devastated or lie fallow. Much of the meager existing supplies cannot be distributed because of the breakdown and military diversion of transport.

Insofar as any food gets to the major population centers, it is beyond the reach of hundreds of millions of jobless, homeless and destitute. Currency inflation and the all-pervasive black markets restrict the greater part of available commodities to the rich.

Despite the glowing promises made to the "liberated" peoples, American capitalism cannot and will not save them from continued starvation. It is sheer hypocrisy when Byrnes says "as a Christian, humane people, we gladly do our part to relieve suffering and distress in a war-torn world." In reality the Anglo-American imperialists intend to use food solely as a supplementary weapon in furthering their schemes of world conquest and domination. As events in Greece conclusively demonstrated, the Allied rulers send or withhold food shipments, not in accordance with the needs of humanity, but in order to prop up the most reactionary regimes or to starve into submission the masses rebelling against capitalist rule.

Intolerable misery and want are not to be restricted to Europe and Asia. The capitalist rulers

Food, like every other commodity under capitalism, is produced not to satisfy the needs of the people, but solely for profit. The production and distribution of food in this country is controlled by giant monopolies like the meat packers, milling interests, dairy trusts, packaged food corporations as well as by huge retail grocery monopolychains like the A & P.

The mad chaos of these monopolists after profits prevents any rational organization of the warlimited food supply and any approach to an equitable distribution of the scarce commodities.

On the contrary, they seek to exploit shortages by charging exorbitant prices, by black market operations, by withholding supplies to force up prices. In addition, through their governmental agents they extract huge subsidies from the public treasury and when they cannot secure all their voracious demands, they deliberately create further scarcities as a means of blackmail.

Thus P. O. Wilson, executive secretary of the Livestock Producers Association, brazenly declared: "When this nation makes up its mind that it wants meat it can rewrite the rules and regulations so that it will again be possible to produce the amount of meat we need." This is an admission that the people will be permitted to have meat only if the government surrenders unconditionally to the demands of the profiteers.

And this capitalist government, which is so adamant against the wage demands of the workers, hastens to comply with the price-gouging demands of the food profiteers. Just last week, after it had been revealed that the meat packers are making seven times their peace-time profits, an emergency court of appeals in Washington invalidated certain OPA meat price ceilings to permit sharp rises.

Capitalist war merely continues and aggravates the economy of scarcity and hunger for the masses that prevails at all times under the capitalist profit system. Roosevelt himself, who today calls on the American people to "tighten their belts," enforced the planned destruction of commodities such as cotton, corn and hogs during the period of the New Deal depression to bolster prices and profits while millions went ragged and hungry.

In wartime or in peace, the masses are compelled to go without adequate food and clothing to enrich a small gang of capitalist exploiters.

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shift continued to work on them, Steel Worker piling up a big supply that the Los Angeles, Calif. government would have to pay

for on cost-plus... Bill. Then three days later came a eport that the cancellation was rescinded, and the rings would be



Q: What is "Criminal Syndicalism?"

A: In the language of capitaloverthrow the existing governa frameup charge commonly used by the ruling class to victimize members of trade unions and

mind the portrait of Kovalesky's cuting them for "radicalism." new character "Mac," introduced in The Militant of March 3. Since

my shopmate had not yet receivratified the child labor amend- pointed by the governor. This ed his first copy of The Militant in the mails, I brought him mine ment? and showed him Kovalesky's col-A. Twenty states: Alabama, umn. He was so delighted with Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, the description of Mac that he Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, passed the paper around to the Massachusetts, Mississippi, Misother unionists in our department, souri, Nebraska, New York, explaining the analogy with our North Carolina, South Carolina, local "Mac." The Diary of a Rhode Island, South Dakota, Ten-Steel Worker now has several nessee, Texas, Vermont, and Virnew enthusiastic followers. ginia.

Q: What was Debs' vote as the

Editor:

something to counteract all this

Q: Has there ever been a napropaganda identifying the Jews tional Labor Party in the United with the capitalists? States? A: No, although one was rec-This in my opinion is a more

dangerous poison than even the ommended as early as 1866 by anti-Negro feeling. the National Labor Union. One I continually point out to my sentence of its proposed platform It is from here that we must confriends and fellow-workers that was "The tools to those that tinue to climb until we have com-60 families own this country and have the ability and skill to use pletely overwhelmed capitalism. only 3 percent of them are Jews. them, and the lands to those that But these people have no real un- have the will and heart to cultivderstanding of the way the econ- ate them."

IVES-Quinn Bill A Small Concession Editor.

Under the pressure of organized labor and minority groups, and especially in an effort to corral

he Negro vote in the state of New York, a small concession has been won in the form of the Ives - Quinn Anti - Discrimination

Here we see the great unrest ithin the troubled waters of the legro community being gently

oiled. One need not be too brilliant to conclude that this bone falls rom a table of conflict.

What does the Ives-Quinn bill ropose? And how do they propose to enforce it?

The terms of the bill cover discrimination in jobs, labor

unions, employment agencies, and ist law "Criminal Syndicalism" the printing of advertisements is the organization of forces to for jobs or the use of applications which imply discrimination based ment by violence. Actually, it is on color, creed or nationality Employers of fewer than six persons are exempted from com pliance, as well as social clubs. working-class parties by prose- fraternal, charitable, educational

and religious institutions organized on a mon-profit basis. A state commission is to be set

Q: What states have not yet up consisting of five members apcommission will receive complaints of discrimination in em-

ployment, investigate and pass upon them. The orders of the commission in such cases are enforceable through court order and if defied are punishable by the maximum fine of \$500, a year in prison or both.

> A close examination of the bill discloses that only the industrial

field which offers employment to Negroes is covered by the law. The other percentage who constitute the medical, educational and domestics are still left wide open to discrimination because of

the wording of the Bill. It is therefore necessary for us to tell the workers to accept this

slight concession. But accept it only as a foothold in the wall which protects the ruling class.

Sloan, Jr., reported 1944 net profits of \$170,995,865 as compared with \$149,780,088 in 1943. Frevert states that despite these profits gains "big business cannot be accused of profiteering." Sure, sure, the capitalists haven't taken the worker's pants

yet. Not that they aren't trying!

War Food Administration Blamed For Shortages

Charges that War Mobilization Director Byrnes, Roosevelt's "Assistant President," recently established a food export control committee "inspired by the War Food Administration to cover up its responsibility for the drastic food scarcities which the nation now faces," were made in the April 1 issue of the United Automobile Worker, CIO.

The UAW's Consumer Bureau contends that the War Food Administration, "frankly acting to protect the profit interest of U.S. food trades," has been talking about the "danger of a food surplus for a long" time." Only last December Food Administrator Marvin Jones "told high officials at the White House that there was no need for rationing."

Jones promoted a policy of "getting rid of food as fast as it was available" without rationing. "Not only have plans not been made to conserve American food supplies against the present shortage, but actually much of the present shortage was planned by the War Food's production plans of two years ago, and the rest of it has resulted from its program, announced last May, to keep commercial and government food shelves down to minimum stocks," states the auto workers' paper.

"It was a deliberate wartime application of the scarcity technique which any good food monopoly uses whenever it can," the statement further charges. The new food export control committee was set up to "shift attention away from Jones' lack of foresight" by blaming the shortage on the export of food to starving Europe.

"Tip-off is in the praise voiced by Paul Willis, head a fair percentage of New York of the big food manufacturers' combine, when the export limitation committee was announced," says the United Automobile Worker. "This step meant to him more profits from selling scarce food supplies to American consumers."

Reactionary Congressmen seized on the issue to divert blame from the administration and food profiteers on to "Europeans who want food from us when we can't have all we want."

The paper concludes: "There will be no congressional investigation by either political party (Democrats and Republicans). Both parties are in on the deal, and the scheme is to keep it hidden by persuading American plain people that they are at war with European plain people for a share of a R. Murdoch New York | limited supply of food."

presidential candidate of the Socialist Party in 1920? A: 919,799. Why doesn't The Militant do

B. L. Burbank, Calif. **Anti-Semitic Poison**