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Mine Operators Government Censorship Conceals Forced To Yield Wage Increases

The militant soft coal miners have forced the reluctant mine owners to sign a new union contract granting wage in-**Reported Released** creases estimated to average \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day for a six-day week

This victory was won on April 11, eleven days after the lapse 'Big Wages' a Myth, of the old contract. The operators Veterans Discover hastened to sign after government threats, culminating in a government mine "seizure," failstrikes which at their peak involved over 300 mines in eight viewer Christmas P. Winkler, exstates employing some 100,000 workers.

These spontaneous walkouts occurred despite a 30-day extension returning war veterans. of the old contract. The miners were determined to show they meant business by their eight-to- office for jobs last month, only one strike vote in an NLRB poll about 200 were placed. The solfurther stalling from the mine "read in the newspapers, magabosses who have rolled up the zines and radio about the enormbiggest profits in their history.

was signed, the late President Roosevelt, in one of his last official acts, ordered the "seizure' of 235 struck mines. This action was taken at the request of the from the old \$50 limit. Premium War Labor Board, which had in- increases of 4 cents and 6 cents tervened unsuccessfully to order an hour were granted to second the miners back to work.

Like the mine "seizure" orders panies also agreed to pay part of two years ago, when the min- of the costs for various miners ers went out on four general equipment. strikes, the latest order provided There is still one serious hurdle strikes, the latest order provided that the mine operators them- before the contract can go into

"continue with effect. That is the government selves were to their managerial functions to the agencies - principally the War Labor Board. The contract must maximum degree possible." The principal wage concession secure WLB approval. Although

was the granting of two hours it is generally conceded that the daily overtime at time and a half contract provides no increases in pay. The basic work week will be formal violation of the wagerestored to the original 35 hours, freezing Little Steel Formula, the instead of the 40 hours under the WLB — as it did two years ago last contract, thus providing in blocking a mine contract and a resurgence of the Indian greater overtime benefits.

stead of the present two-thirds. the WLB denied the miners' right Vacation pay was raised to \$75 to portal-to-portal pay.

Goodyear Workers Strike

From Ceylon Jail

All of the 14 political prison-"It's not that the boys don't want to work, but the salaries are ers in Ceylon, India, are to be ed to halt widespread mine too small," declared United released by the authorities on States Employment Service intercondition that they sign bonds plaining on April 7 why the agreeing to certain restrictions, USES in Memphis is having such according to the Mid-March

a tough time securing jobs for English Socialist Appeal. He revealed that out of 1,045 Among the 14 prisoners is Philex-servicemen who applied at his ip Gunawardene, Ceylonese Trotskyist leader, who will be and that they would tolerate no diers, complained Winkler, have released immediately as a result of his critical illness ous wages war plant workers are On the same day the agreement pulling down. They're disgruntled

when they come back and find they don't get big salaries."

tant of April 17. and third shift workers. The com-

JAILED WITHOUT TRIAL

Trotskyist Leader

Comrade Gunawardene is one of the courageous leaders of the Trotskyist Lanka Sama Samaja Party who was elected to the centration camp, without trial, at the beginning of the war for his opposition to the war and his revolutionary political convictions.

Escaping from the concentraion camp in April 1942 during precipitating a strike - might masses, Comrade Gunawardene the unified Bolshevik - Leninist Party of India. Ceylon and Burma.

Betrayed to the police by a

in the coming years."

Camouflaging the Big Gun

Widespread Production Cutbacks

NEWS BLACKOUT HIDES RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

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Industrial 'Demobilization' Plans Ignore Thousands of Discharged War Workers

By C. Thomas

Cutbacks in war production are mounting behind a veil of military censorship intended to conceal the full extent of layoffs due to war contract cancellations and plant shutdowns. The boss press, which a few weeks ago was screeching for a labor draft to meet an alleged manpower shortage, has fallen in with the hush-hush policy of the administration and its brass hats. "No news stories, no headlines," observes one labor commentator. "But every day hundreds more are told 'No more work after Monday, all men with less than two years seniority are per-

^cmanently laid off'." Production of aircraft, ships, tanks, munitions,

Propose Higher Prices to 'Fight' Black Market

of Buffalo, New York, Congressmen at various hearings on the meat shortage have "the Bell Aircraft Corp. is clospern loudly blaming the exten- ing its two fighter plane plants sive black market - estimated now employing 15,000. The Curat about 90 per cent in large tiss-Wright company there will

includes the "legitimate" meat

The same Congressmen and

act which virtually destroyed the

OPA's limited price enforcement

- on OPA price ceilings. | lay off 900 men by next Sunday. A parade of meat packers, and And its executives predict & last year boosted profits seven steady cut in jobs until 1946." times over pre-war levels and in the past 18 months pocketed over "it has decided not to complete \$600,000,000 of government sub- twelve new tank plants," which sidies, are demanding the lifting of price ceilings as the "solution"

The Army has announced that were scheduled to reach the peak of operation in the latter part of the year. In addition, the Army

etc., is being sharply cur-

tailed. It is reported that

in the one aircraft center

Senator Elmer Thomas, chair- Ordnance division has ordered a man of the Senate Agriculture cutback in munitions affecting Committee, last week chimed in production schedules and facilities with this theory that if prices in sixty plants. The munitions

brought on by harsh prison conditions and starvation. The imprisonment and mistreatment which brought Comrade Gunawardene close to death were vigorously protested by The Mili-

Ceylon State Council in 1938. He was thrown into a British con-Despite CIO-AFL' Peace Pact'

By Art Preis

"It's Industrial Peace for the Postwar Period!" shrieked the ront-page headline of the April 2 CIO News to the startled ranks In addition, the contract calls claim the contract represents went to India where he resumed of the CIO. Thus did Philip Marray jubilantly proclaim the-for full pay for travel time in "hidden increases." That was the his place in their struggle for fact that he and AFL head William Green had signed a "peace the mines (portal to portal) in- pretext used two years ago when freedom. There he helped organize charter" with Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber For Honest Black Market of Commerce.

The surprised membership of the bosses into apostles of "good the CIO and AFL learned that will" toward labor. In auto, market meat operators were their top leaders, after months of steel, rubber and every other ma- beginning to complain about the Stalinist stool-pigeon who had secret meetings with Johnston jor industry, all they can see are "illegitimate" black market. He wormed his way into the party, and without any prior consulta- the blows of the corporations fall-said that Florida black marketeers

IN THE NEWS

A meat packer told a Senate committee last week that black marketeering.

to meat shortages and black

Against Speed-Up Program

By Joseph Andrews

AKRON, April 10.-Corporation attempts to smash union standards this week provoked a strike of several hundred Banbury mill operators at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company which practically crippled tire production. The strike, still in ef- starvation in prison, our English fect after 7 days, graphically illustrates the increasingly vicious | comrades asked that resolutions anti-labor drive of the rubber barons and the angry mood of of protest be sent to the British the rank and file workers.

The strike occurred last Tues- piece of clothing or a gloved hand release. day when the Goodyear bosses was pulled into the revolving GUNAWARDENE'S SPEECH arbitrarily slashed the piece work mills which grind whatever goes standard on remilling tube stock. into them down to hundreths of When the Banbury mill union an inch.

But to the rubber corporations committeeman (URWA-CIO) reneither the lives of the workers, fused to run the batch at the nor signed agreements take reduced standard he was immediately fired. The department priority over their greed for profit. walked out. The attempt of the rubber

For seven days since then the men have steadfastly refused to barons to cut wages during the return to work until the com- period of the 120 day program mitteeman is reinstated and the proves their absolutely insatiable old standard put back into effect. appetite for profits. In a column The combined pressure of the published several weeks ago Drew Pearson revealed that the big company, the press, the radio and the top officials of the URWA rubber companies refused to sign the 120 day "Peace" program have been stubbornly resisted by until they were first guaranteed the men.

huge additional super-profits by 'MILITANT' EXPANDS TO 8 PAGES The mill operators are especially the OPA. bitter since they have been the

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It was estimated that this lift main targets together with tire ing of the price ceiling would net builders of the joint governmentcorporation campaign to speed-up the corporations almost \$40,000,tire production. They know that 000 in additional profits.

The rubber corporations, which the union, the government and the corporations signed an agree- averaged an annual profit of \$43,-279,000 from 1936 through 1939, ment to maintain a 120-day continuous production schedule, with salted away \$307,368,000 in 1943. the proviso that the corporations This was an increase of 612.4%. seven weeks alone, makes it This was an increase of 012.476, seven weeks alone, marked and in the amoltious undertaking - acks, mass unemployment, price April 11, reports. The trade game They are not satisfied with this possible to announce that start- unprecedented in the 16-year his- nflation, wage-slashing and un- and currency hoard captured at would maintain the status quo on all wages and standards. The fat wartime swag. They are not ing with the May Day issue, tory of the American Trotskyist estrained assaults on the labor Merkers, Germany, over the weekunion leaders promised there satisfied that while they have April 28, The Militant will be movement — is designed to provreaped the harvest the wages of expanded from six to eight ide the workers with the finest ant will be a better instrument would be no strikes.

workers are frozen. They have panies have moved in behind the noved into one department after pages. But time after time the comanother cutting standards, slashtant took the big step forward of only paper that tells the truth or battles ahead. smokescreen of the 120 day proing wages, and trying to destroy increasing from four to six pages. about the struggle of the workers Last spring, in one previous gram to speed-up the standards the unions. This enlarged format, acclaimed everywhere for a better world, ubscription campaign, the Socialand cut wages.

Sherman Dalrymple, URWA by our readers, enabled us to give the expansion of The Militant is st Workers Party members and This time the workers refused International President, did not a much wider national and inter- intended to make it into a still ympathizers secured over 7,600 Rules Too Strict to take it. When the company have a word to say about this reduced the time allotted for the production of the batch the work- anti-labor campaign by the Good- analysis of political events, more pon in that struggle. year company. On the contrary, educational articles and introduce ers knew this was a bald-faced he only made veiled threats a number of new popular fea- tional conditions of this struggle honths, the quota has already gium, all the workers parties and wage cut. to discipline the "irresponsible tures, including regular column- today make this expansion imper- een surpassed in seven weeks. organizations are permitted to Moreover, the speed-up is doubly vicious in any milling de- elements"

ists. cartoons, etc. While the corporations are The addition of a third more response to The Militant and its hat the new eight-page Militant sole condition: that the meetings questions as a guiding line for partment in a rubber plant. The revolving calendars which mill out stepping up this union-busting space will mean another tremend- Marxist program of revolutionary's being launched on May Day - permit public questions and the rubber are veritable death drive, the Sherman Dalrymples ous all-round improvement in the socialism has demonstrated that h e traditional international discussions. Only the Communist vulsions and world-wide social eralism, on April 17 indicated traps. More than one rubber are busy speaking at Rotary paper. It will be possible to pres- the workers are seeking a basic orkingclass day dedicated to (Stalinist) Party has refused to crisis. worker has been ground to pulp clubs about the virtues of the ent even more extensive news cov- answer to the catastrophic crisis hobilizing the ranks of the work- meet there, reports Lenin's Road, in these mills. Hundreds have "Peace Pact" between labor and erage of important political ev- that engulfs mankind. lost a hand or an arm when a industry for the post-war period. ents, publish more new features Above all, the American work- truggles for socialism.

was again arrested on July tion of the union rank and file, ing on their heads faster than 15, 1943 and transported back to had agreed to call off all struggle ever in a rampaging offensive of are beefing that some "illegiti-Ceylon for trial and imprison- against the profiteering, labor- aggression and provocation mate" dealers in New York were ment. His uncompromising de- hating bosses. fense of his revolutionary ideas

and defiant challenge to British ranks were the conditions of this National Association of Manufactimperialism during his trial was "truce." Labor is pledged to re- irers, representing the most published in The Militant of Oct. cognize the "sacred right" of the lowerful corporations in the Incentive Pay? 14. When news was received that handful of ruling capitalists to ountry, has bluntly announced he was dying of illness and control American economy and that as far as it is concerned it Four of the War Labor Board's firms. "Who is not in the black Colonial Office, demanding his

the right of collective bargain- "truce" they want is one based on \$10,000. ing - a right they are already the open shop and the abolition Comrade Gunawardene is once more free to fight for the views supposed to respect by law. he so ably defended before the magistrate's court of Kandy, Cey- THE REAL SITUATION lon, in 1944. He said: "Revolutions are on the order ment, and in their official press, president and a director of the

of the day . . . In the wake of the Murray, Green and their lieuten- IAM, the NAM is working tofall of Fascism working class rev- ants have announced that labor gether with the C. of C. in pusholutions will break out in Europe. must surrender permanently its ig a 5-point legislative program The fall of Japanese imperialism traditional methods of militant which would outlaw strikes, guarwill give rise to colonial revolu- struggle. It must clasp the hand atee government protection to

tion . . . of fellowship now supposedly sabs and strikebreakers and il-"The working class of Ceylon thrust forth by the corporations. Igalize the closed shop. And, he under the leadership of the Sama The workers have looked around sked, what was Eric Johnston

Samaja Party will play its part to see some practical evidences of this miraculous transformation of

BEGINNING WITH MAY DAY ISSUE

kept press conceals.

by an increase of over 10,000 acies of Big Business and the ire a program of struggle

Less than a year ago, The Mili- lished in this country. As the reparing the workers for the la-

national news coverage, better more powerful and effective wea- ew Militant subscribers in three

The enthusiastic reception ac- of popular interest to the work- rs are seeking a way out of the corded The Militant, climaxed ers, expose in detail the conspir- wamp of capitalist lies and de-

new subscribers within the past capitalist corruption which the gainst the impending economic Captured Gold Starts Allies

against the unions. ating bosses. Even more startling to the A "peace pact" with labor? The charging 10 cents above the black market scale.

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control American economy and that as far as it is concerned it public members, who have helped market?" declared one packer be-resources forever and to exploit doesn't know anything about a public members, who have helped market?" declared one packer be-combat vessels. The Maritime combat vessels combat vessels is cancelling orders resources forever and to exploit tween the more anything about a enforce the wage-freeze, on fore the House Food Investigat-the workers for profit under the truce" with labor. The leaders enforce the wage-freeze, on fore the House Food Investigat-for tankers and cargo ships. The system of monopoly capitalist of the Automotive Council for April 6 were granted an 11 per ing Committee. "free enterprise." The council for the House the H The employers generously he largest industry in the coun- order. Their annual salaries were Senators who blame the black gram will be virtually completed agree — in words — to recognize **ty** — flatly state that the only increased \$1,000—from \$9,000 to market on the OPA are those who

> of the National Labor Relations Better Hurry, Fellows! ict.

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This ambitious undertaking — acks, mass unemployment, price April 11, reports: "The Nazi gold

nonths. In the latest campaign

Advertisement in the March 31 In fact, announced B. E. Hutch-Up and down the labor move- ion, Chrysler corporation vice- New York Times:

nd social chaos, with its cut- Souabbling," the New York Post,

The Ultimate in Men's Topcoatings Vicuna A Masterpiece by De Pinna \$425

A princely garment designed expressly for the special delecta-

tion and usage of those favored folk who may indulge their every wish. Rich, soft beyond belief. aristocratic - these Vicuna tor coats are decidedly rare. In fact, candor dictates the admission that eight is all we can secure of these Vicunas this season.

Under the headline, "Glitter Of

in Washington and among the

post-war Germany."

munist Party (Trotskyist).

who get meat from New York, were only high enough there black market."

powers.

cutback, estimated at nearly would be no black market. "OPA \$200,000,000 represents "a reducpolicies," he stated, "are restrict- tion of about 10 percent in the ing meat and building up the entire artillery ammunitions program.'

The black market, by admission SHIPYARD WORKERS' JOBS of the meat packers themselves,

Meanwhile, the Navy has cancelled contracts for 72 out of 84 combat vessels. The Maritime Commission's shipbuilding pro-750,000 shipbuilding workers will voted last year for a price control lose their jobs by New Year's,"

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By Joseph Keller

The death of Franklin D. Roosevelt has suddenly lifted into the office of the presidency of the United States a man who is little known to the majority of the American people. This comparatively obscure figure, Harry S. Truman, now stands at the head of the greatest military, industrial and financial power in the world. As the chief executive officer of the ruling capitalist class in the United States, his words and deeds will directly affect the lives of all American workers and the future welfare of the hungry, tortured, war-weary masses throughout the world.

Universal interest is now fo- capitalist class today. The entire cused upon this political person- capitalist press - from the exage. Every thinking worker treme right wing to the so-called wants to know who Truman really is. What are his connections President. Their expressions of and background? Who are his confidence and pledges of support advisers? What interests will he are no mere products of sentiserve? What policies will he pur- ment and good-will. They are sue? American labor needs a based upon a precise and well-

"liberal" - have hailed the new founded appraisal of the policies

they expect him to follow. In subsequent issues WALL STREET'S VERDICT The Militant plans to pub-The New York Times, mouthpiece of the Morgan financial inlish a series of articles on terests, on April 14 frankly headthe political role and rec- lined, "Turn To Right Seen." It ord of the late President characterizes Truman as "imbued with basic conservatism," "one whose philosophy is far more 'a little right of center' than the

On this same theme, the New the period ahead of economic con- York Post, which professes libthat the character of Truman's

rs for renewed and greater organ of the Revolutionary Com- glance. Truman commands the confidence of every sector of the

'little left of center' of recent ative. The steadily increasing It is particularly appropriate hold meetings free of charge. The clear and truthful answer to these days.

One thing is certain at first advisers, who are expected to

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workingclass weekly ever pub- or educating, organizing and Allies. Dividing up the booty raises the whole problem of reparations and treatment of



THE MILITANT

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TRADE UNION 10,000 Quota Exceeded In Seventh Week Of Campaign For New 'Militant' Readers By Joseph Keller

UE Militants Expelled

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For allegedly conducting a "slowdown" when the Matam from Stalinist-dominated Local 1227, CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers. Eight others, including three women workers, were suspended and fined sums ranging from \$25 to which workers can file claims for \$100 each. This suited the company fine. It promptly fired all

The Stalinists are very ferocious when it comes to fighting several years. The amount of against union militants. But they | wage chiseling that goes on can have only the most cringing attitude toward the employers and Wages and Hours Administration their government agencies, like in 1944 alone collected \$18,000,the War Labor Board. Thus, for 000 in back wages and overtime over a year, the UERMW leaders pay for workers. Since 1939, have been trying to get wage in- there have been over 250,000 creases for 200,000 General Elec- such claims filed. tric and Westinghouse Electric workers by begging before the WLB. Last Thursday, the WLB contemptuously rejected all their major wage demands. It can be Militant, this column described expected that the Stalinists will how for nine years - since 1936 now put up a more stubborn fight -against the union ranks!

* * * White Collar Workers

The CIO Economic Outlook, March, 1945, gives a vivid description of the plight of the white collar workers.

mated 7.000.000 white collar workers in private industries are employed under union agree-

ments, as against 60 per cent of the manufacturing wage earners. Only 5 per cent of clerical and contracts.

By the end of 1943, according a company town, run by comincome of 41/2 million white collar workers was only \$29 in 1943. The average real annual income of all public education employes declined from \$1,461 in 1939 to \$1,-156 in 1943.

The women telephone operators, who have organized and put up a militant fight for better conditions, recently winning wage thrown into jail. increases, have shown the way. Militant union organization-that is the only answer for the white Double-Talk on WLB collar workers.

State Anti-Labor Laws

By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Director

for overtime work and permit In a magnificent demonstration, members and supporters of employers to "chisel" on wages the Socialist Workers Party have fulfilled the total national quota weekly. If passed in every state, of 10,000 set in the Militant Subscription Campaign at the half-way Corporation, Long Island City, stalled contract negotiations, six workers were expelled last week Oregon it would affect some 21 Oregon, it would affect some 21,- are setting themselves, they will probably come close to doubling 000,000 workers under the Fed- the original quota.

FROM THE BRANCHES

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Doris Hilson, Akron: "The Akron Branch challenges all other branches to a 500 percent of quota score. Are there any takers?'

H. Newell, Allentown: "20 steel workers and one auto worker bought subscriptions the past week."

Kay Martin, Flint: "Here are 16 more subs. Our supply of sub cards is very low so please send 50 more as soon as possible."

Bob Kingsley, Cleveland: "We were quite optimistic at our chances to exceed the quota of 200 at the beginning of the campaign but no one of us would have dared to predict a total of 500 by the campaign deadline! We have reached the half-way mark in the campaign with 300 subs."

Elmer Oakie, Reading: "Please add three subs enclosed to my list of Militant readers. This makes my total subs 58."

Inez Cope, Youngstown: "Our comrades are really in there pitching and though we have only one organized mobilization a week, we find ourselves going out two and three times weekly. This is such an opportune time to get our paper into workers' homes. Doubts are beginning to arise in their minds and our paper will certainly clear them up in no time. It is our duty to get our paper into as many homes as possible because we are the only ones who can give them honest explanations and an answer to their problems."

Jerry Kirk, Detroit: "This week our comrades covered the Browder meeting in Detroit. One of our comrades overheard two Greek Stalinists talking about the Militant Sub Campaign. One said to the other with a note of respect in his voice, "Those" Trotskyists are selling subscription all over the city."

the 19 subs enclosed were obtained by house-to-house for about an hour before the meeting Thursday." Sylvia Moran, New Haven: "The enclosed 11 subs were obtained by Bert and me. We'll send in more in a week or two.

used to work and got eight subs. When up themselves. 'There's a lot of our subscription campaign. he came over with them and found out talk about these things in the "With the four subscription campaign." I'll subscription campaign. I'll subscription campaign. I'll subscription campaign. I'll subscription campaign. we only needed four to have 100 shop,' he said. 'There are a lot of sometime ago, this makes 15 sold largest industry here, but through take two subscriptions; my

IACE-SETTERS

Here are the twenty whi have sold the highest number of

West Sde, New York

Brookln, New York

N. Y. rotskyist Youth Group

East Sde, New York

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SCOREBOARD

Branches of the			
Socialist Workers Party	Quotas	Subs	Percent
Akron	85	268	315
Allentown	50	154	308
Flint	50	109	218
San Diego	50	91	182
Cleveland	200	300	150
Milwaukee	100	136	136
Reading	75	101	135
Toledo	250	334	134 ′
Youngstown	300	382	127
Detroit	1000	1235	123
Buffalo	350	418	119
Minneapolis	300	301	101
St. Paul	100	100	100
New York	2500	2503	100
Boston	200	188 '	94
Chicago	1000	930	93
Newark	350	256	73
Philadelphia	150	107	71
San Francisco	350	241	. 69
Los Angeles	2000	1266	63
Seattle	400	238	60
Rochester	50	25	50
Bayonne	150	70	46
Groups, Members-at-		an a	
Large and Friends	140	187	133
Eloise Black and Rudy			
Rhodes (Trail-Blazers	5)	495	
TOTAL	10,200	10435	104



Numerous incidents reported to | sold 15 copies of Fourth Internaus show that more and more tional, 20 copies of James P. workers understand clearly the Cannon's two speeches on the need for an independent Labor Russian Revolution and 10 of The Party. We quote several such in- End of the Comintern. A large percentage of these people passed cidents. M. Baker of Cleveland: "On by the Stalinist agent who intoday's house-to-house canvass, I cidentally, was selling the Trotmet a brewery worker who asked skyist Fifth Column pamphlet, right off the bat what program and purchased our literature The Militant represented. When I only.' A. Field, Minneapolis: "Twelve of told him the paper publishes the

Jeff Thorne of Flint writes that workers. These men were bitterly program of the Socialist Workers three comrades who went out from Party and fights for an inde- "one of our subscriber-friends aware of the campaign the Daily loud approval and are likewise pendent Labor Party, he said, clipped the 'Shop Talks on Social-Then I'm interested in it.' ism' column from The Militant of ago for incentive pay. They "He told me he used to always March 24 and passed it around described to us how incentive pay, vote the Democratic ticket, but, the shop the other day. Before it the bonus system and terror are he knows now there's no dif- was worn out and lost in the used by Kodak to forestall union us talking to some people. She ference between them and the shuffle, she had sold 11 subs. organization among the tens of sconning The Militart and after Republicans, and what the work- That's the way 'one tells another' thousands of workers. P. Mertens, St. Paul: "Comrade ers need is to clean out the about our paper. The mood of the

Pearson had been to a place where he capitalists and straighten things workers today assures success to since Kodak establishes conditions works in a steel plant, read the

the fellows that I cons

'TRAILBLAZERS' RECORD HIGHEST WEEKLY TOTA

Last week Eloise Black and Rudy Rhodes, the Militant Trail-Blazers, secured 176 subscriptions from workers in Rochester, N. Y. This is the highest number yet secured in one week's work. Their subscriptions now total 532.

Here are a few excerpts from 9 their enthusiastic reports. "We day that a deep layer of the workhave met a pretty fair cross- ers in Rochester is prepared to section of the Rochester workingembrace our program and strugclass. Among the new Militant gle for it. The Militant will play readers are workers from all the local industries (garment, Kodak, advancing the political thinking optical, instruments, etc.) including a dozen different nationalities. We continue to be impressed by the almost uniform

CONDITIONS AT KODAK

encounter.

"Most of the workers are in the lower wage brackets. Eastman Kodak, a large plant employing thousands, is unorganized. Rumor has it that the company spent 15 millions to fight the union. It's a powerful outfit linked up with the duPont gang. Working conditions are lousy - they have a halfdisguised incentive pay plan in operation, and a killing 10 hour day. Workers tell us about Kodak's international monopoly. which provides an opening to talk to them about the need for inernationalism in the workers' truggle. One indignant woman, who subscribed to The Militant, told us that after sweating 10 hours a night for Kodak, her husband falls asleep and is too tired to come downstairs to dinner. She, as others we met, jeered at the the war.

"Two Kodak workers, former

talking with them for half an

Worker carried on a year or so

watched events unfold in Italy are

obviously undergoing a great

political education. Many of their

old illusions have been shattered.

Both the old workers and the

younger ones are receptive to the

program of socialist struggle. Our

internationalist program has a

powerful appeal to these people.

But when other workers, for other

reasons, are equally aroused and

enthused by our ideas, we get the

impression more strongly each

a tremendously important role in of these workers. "The highlight of the week occurred when we had the pleasure of introducing the concept of class degree of class-consciousness we struggle to a young teamster for the first time in his life. It was

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worth a week's work to see dawning in his consciousness the fact that behind the politicians, the daily press, the high-priced labor skates and all the mumbo-jumbo about sacrifice for the war stood the bosses, engaged in unceasing struggle against the workingman.

"We first won his ear when we demonstrated through the example of the miners that behind the strike to which workers resort in self-defense lies a mountain of provocation by the capitalists who have sacrificed nothing in the war. When we started to talk with him, he was inclined to scoff. He defended the no-strike pledge on the ground that strikes harm the welfare of the soldiers. We pointed out that by defending their living standards and working conditions against the profiteering employers' attacks, workers promise of 60 million jobs after forced out on strike were also defending the welfare of the men in the armed forces, most of whom are workers or sons of followers of Stalinism, kept us working people.

hour after they subscribed. We TAKES TWO SUBS

discussed the treacherous line of "By the time we left, he bought the Stalinists, the set-up at the a sub to The Militant. Joseph local Kodak plant and the con- Hansen's pamphlet on the labor spiracy of the bosses and their party, and was serious and quietly politicians to use the war as a thoughtful. Two other teamsters means of further enslaving the yesterday greeted our program of fighting the bosses politically with now Militant readers.

"Last night a girl passing by on the street, stopped to listen to scanning The Militant a moment asked for her subscription. An-"This is particularly interesting other woman, whose husband for the entire working population 'Diary of A Steel Worker' and

talist courts and slick legal man-

Harold Brennan at Weirton, W Va., sentenced 15 CIO United professional workers in manu- Steel Workers members to fines facturing and financial establish- up to \$100 and jail sentences of ments, wholesale and retail trade from 30 to 60 days on charges of combined are protected by union "unlawful assembly" at the Weirton plant gates. Weirton is

to the OPA estimate, "real" pany officials and police, enforcweekly earnings of finance, ser- ing company laws. The CIO memvice, government and trades em- bers were arrested for attempting ployes declined up to 5 per cent | to pass out union leaflets to the over the already low levels of workers. Several of the CIO or-1939. The Social Security Board ganizers were severely beaten by reports that the average weekly organized company thugs, armed with special clubs made in a special department of the plant. Here is a typical example of class justice. A powerful corporation can violate federal laws-it can commit murder — with im-

punity. But its workers who seek to exercise rights recognized by federal law - are beaten and

Complaining against the CIO

United Automobile Workers Executive Board's resolution calling for the withdrawal of CIO mem-

- the Weirton Steel Company has successfully fought CIO unionism through murderous terrorism also how throughout all these years it has defied numerous federal court orders and NLRB rulings to grant collective bargaining rights to its employes. The company plans to defy these through the aid of friendly capi-

In the March 31 issue of The

eral Fair Labor Standards Act.

in effect reduces the time in

unpaid wages from six years to

six months. Employers would be

liable for only six months back

pay instead of sums owed for

be seen from the fact that the

This extremely complicated law

Only 13 per cent of the esti- rulings for another seven years euvering. Last week, Circuit Judge J.

Philip Murray and William Green may have signed their Addes, UAW secretary-treasurer, "peace charter" with Eric Johnston of the Chamber of .Jommerce, but the employers are continuing to press for union-crip- joined hands with Sewell Avery pling legislation through the and his like in demanding that state governments.

the WLB be scrapped or its power For instance, the Texas House further weakened. If there must of Representatives on April 10 be resignations-and we believe passed the notorious anti-closed there should be-let them comeshop bill. It is one of those "right not from labor but from public to work" bills whose purpose is members of the Board. . ."

to prevent the enforcement of Linking the UAW opponents of closed shop contracts. However, the anti-labor WLB to Avery, only half the campaign is over, so we can't tell as yet which tean the "right to work" principle who has his own special reasons does not operate when employers for opposing the WLB, may be want to fire workers. effective slander-but it isn't an

Six state governments have alargument. Let Addes show where ready quietly passed, and 12 the auto bosses want to scrap the others are now considering, a bill WLB. He can't-because the vast which would defraud hundreds of majority of big corporations thousands of time-and-a-half pay understand that the WLB is their

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agency which they have used effectively in enforcing the wagefreeze and curbing the workers. What good would getting new "impartial" public members on Militant." the WLB do for the workers? All the old ones were also supposed to be "impartial." Addes begs the real question. The WLB was designed to aid the bosses. It merely enforces official capital-

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get at least 500 by the end of the campaign. Our high scorers are Joan Wakefield and R. Haddon witl have encountered only negligible defense of Roosevelt when his role 32 each, Tori with 25, A. Alexander with 22 and Jim with 20. Our is explained in discussing our teams are running neck and neck and it is still anybody's chance

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to win. East Bay has 66; Jim's team has 76 and Haddon's 83. But, much more prepared by the past will be honored with the dinner at the close of the campaign." election and subsequent events for

FROM OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Many of our recent subscribers are helping us in this campaign by introducing The Militant to their friends. We invite all of you obscuring the class issues. to join our "Militant Army."

C. E. D. of Evansville, Indiana sent in subscriptions for seven his friends.

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L. H. Y. of Ft. Wayne asked us to send subs to six of hs fellow-workers, and subscriptions were received from L. B. C. of Hamilton, Ohio and J. F. M. of St. Louis for their friends.

A. N. W. of Outlook, Montana writes: "Enclosed find a chek for \$28. Three dollars of this is a combination sub for a friend if ist government policy. A change mine in Plentywood and the balance of \$25 is a belated contribution of public members would not to The Militant fund. The paper is great and getting greater. An change its anti-labor function. glad to see this sub drive with such a punch to it."

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ists. Its the only way out for us.'	how many of the 15 new readers	indirect
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group here in Cleveland and if	friends."	carried

we have public meetings. I explained we send notices of such meetings to The Militant sub-

> A worker in Boston who bought James P. Cannon's History of American Trotskyism gave his

our paper and its program than reactions after reading it. "As a they were just previous to the member of the American Workelection with all the PAC ballyhoo ers Party (Muste group) some years ago I never understood the "We really have to sell the meaning of Trotskyism. Reading paper for what it is-a working Cannon's book has made every-

class paper with a class line." thing become simple and clear as to what this political working

class movement is and its pro-Howard Mason of Detroit reports good literature coverage of gram."

From Cincinnati a former mema Stalinist meeting: "We covered ber of the Socialist Party writes: a meeting where Browder spoke this week with The Militant and |"I received the book History of other literature. All of us noticed American Trotskyism-I certainly enjoyed reading same." He goes a definite improved reaction from on to discuss in detail his reacthose attending, which is borne out by literature sales. Although tions to the book, indicating how closely and seriously he had read we had to leave before the crowd it. "Cannon certainly pulls no really began coming because of a meeting of our own, our agents | punches. . . What I can give him credit for is his frankness and

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strong efforts. I hope his policies succeed in the future. . . I will pass this copy of the book on." These tributes are an indication of the increasing response of workers to James P. Cannon's book. New subscribers to The Militant who are reading about Trotskyist ideas for the first time will want to know more about the history of the movement-where it came from, its early struggles and its development and growth its role in the great Minneapolis strikes of 1934, and a picture of the great pioneers of the Trotskyist movement in this country They will find the full story, in simplest language, in The History of American Trotskyism by James P. Cannon, national secretary of the Socialist Workers Party.

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cally all of the production carried on here. ITALIAN WORKERS "Italian workers who have

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H. Newell of Allentown: "I Labor Party slogan. There is no doubt but that the workers are

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Chicago Forced Labor Plan Used To Lower Wages

By L, Ray

CHICAGO, April 12 — The government's forced labor ferral" plan is being pushed in this area at a time when duction cutbacks are beginning to cause widespread layoffs. What Can American Labor Expect "referral" plan is being pushed in this area at a time when production cutbacks are beginning to cause widespread layoffs. Although this has been declar-

ed a "critical labor shortage area" with a minimum 48-hour week, layoffs are occurring, especially in the higher pay, better organized plants. The only labor shortage is in plants paying from 50 cents to 80 cents an hour. The "referral" plan is being used to force the higher paid workers into lower paid jobs.

At one large plant manufacturing airplane motor parts, there was a recent lay-off of 20 per cent of the workers. Another 10 per cent of the remaining force suffered "relocation" to other jobs of lower skills and pay. Grinders, polishers and inspectors, formerly receiving \$1.20 to \$1.30 an hour, have been transferred to chip pullers, oilers and "broom pushers" at 95 cents per hour. Those who left the plant seeking jobs at their own skills particularly the men, were not given releases but were forced to take referral cards.

REFERRAL CARDS

Under a release, the workers per hour, was offered a 95-cent have a choice of places to work, job. She quit and her unemployand a chance at jobs paying their ment compensation was delayed customary wages. With a refer- three weeks because she refused ral card, there is no choice. The another grinding job at \$1 an workers are permitted to seek hour. employment only with the one or A machine repairman who had

two employers named on their received \$1.65 an hour was re- ticians. The latter affiliations cards. And they are really taking ferred to a job paying \$1.17 and provide the real clue to his politia beating!

For instance, one worker, form- dead and he could find no one to erly a chief steward and member take care of his children except of the bargaining committee, de- during the day. This meant that sired to quit the aircraft plant he could keep his home together rather than take a drastic reduc- only by working days. He found self, were sent to prison in 1937 tion from his former job paying a day job at his original rate of \$1.25 an hour. He was given a pay and at his trade. The WMC referral card specifying two em- insisted he continue at the nightployers, one paying 70 cents an shift job to which they had sent hour, the other 75 cents.

TYPICAL CASES

He refused both and went to hysterics. He may already be in a PENDERGAST PROTEGE work in a job-shop making \$2 Labor Battalion somewhere and per hour. He was immediately his children in an orphanage. classified in 1-A, given his physical and, although he is 43 years place at this same aircraft parts faithful henchman of Pendergast presidency after he got the back-Camp Ellis, Illinois, to serve in to those previously laid off have hand-picked by boss Pendergast a Labor Battalion at \$50 per circulated and the workers are for election to the U.S. Senate sevelt, the big city bosses and the sevelt is a coming in the sevent is a complex of the s month. Reports are coming in really beefing. Those who accept-that there are so many men now ed lower skilled jobs in the pre- To this day, in these Labor Battalions that vious layoff are now the first to Times points out: "Trained in CONGRESSIONAL RECORD they are becoming a problem to go. The company is classifying the Tom Pendergast school of

the army. A woman grinder at this same the lower skill and not at their party man, with small regard for weigh in the scale with his vote plant, who had been making \$1.20 original classifications.

N. Y. Phone Strike Voted 25 to 1

NEW YORK, April 17 -18,000 local and long distance telephone operators here today voted overwhelmingly for strike after a WLB decision reduced to \$3 a \$5 per week wage raise recommended by the board's own panel.

The Traffic Employes Association, the local operators, voted 9,999 in favor of strike, with 540 against. The Long Lines Telephone Workers voted 3,814 to 18 in favor of strike action.

Both unions had demanded \$5 a week increases. The case was stalled for two years by the WLB. After a strike threat three months ago, the company offered \$4. The WLB. rejecting a panel recommend-ation, slashed it to \$3.

From President Harry S. Truman? (Continued from page 1) have no definite political affiliations."

play a decisive role in shaping his sional liberal daily, PM, while policies, "might be accurately trying to squeeze Truman into a "liberal" mold, confesses with described as 'a little right of center'." In more concrete terms, misgiving that he is "fiercely Ralph Hendershot, financial ediloyal to old political associates... tor of the reactionary Republican does not break old political school New York World - Telegram, ties easily." This was written wrote on April 14: "The stock apropos of his present connecmarket yesterday gave President tions with James Pendergast and Truman a splendid vote of confi- reports of his intention to draw into influential posts a number of dence... businessmen have confithose machine politicians who dence in him."

This confidence of Big Business helped boost Truman to the top. In short, as one commentator s based on its conviction that Truman will effectively advance expressed it with evident satisits program and protect its interests. This is amply demonstrated

by a review of his background and political record. More will be written about Truman's boyhood on his father's 600-acre Missouri farm and his activities as an artillery officer in the last war than about his political rise through the notorious Pendergast machine in Kansas City and his record as a loyal machine man in the Democratic Party councils of the big city bosses and Southern poll-tax poli-

on a night shift. His wife was cal role. After the last war, Truman got

his political start with the Pendergast gang — a number of whom, including the big boss him-

for vote-fraud, graft and corrup- faction, Truman will bring to his tion. He was introduced to Tom appointments the traits of a Pendergast, the big boss of Kan-"good, sas City politics, by Pendergast's that is, of a practitioner of the

him. At last reports, he had quit nephew who had served under political spoils system. this job after he returned home Truman in the army. The liberal press and the union leaders are trying hard to repres-

ent Truman as a "practical lib Through Pendergast's support eral" on the scant record of his Truman was elected as county activities in the Senate from 1934 Another layoff is now taking judge, a post he occupied as a until his elevation to the vice-

the 1944 Democratic convention. To this day, as the New York His record of routine suppor

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them on their referral cards at politics, President Truman is a for "New Deal" measures does not dreamers in government who on two decisive measures. He vot-



ed originally for the Smith-Connally anti-strike law. He supported the last tax bill which Roosevelt himself was compelled to characterize as "relief for the greedy." He headed the Senate tary of State. war investigation commisee dals, but did little to halt the members include John Snyder, more than fifty-billions in graft Hugh Fulton, Robert Hannegan that Comptroller General Lindsay Snyder is a St. Louis banker, de-Warren admitted has been made scribed by one of his friends as

in this war beyond "reasonable profits." The real tip-off on Truman's New York Stock Exchange. Fulfuture policies lies in his asso- ton was formerly associated with

ciates and advisers and in his re- Cravath, de Gersdorff, Swaine and lations with Congress. The pres- Wood, a wealthy New York corent Congress, in the opinion of poration law firm associated with almost every liberal and labor some of America's most powerful commentator, rates as one of the corporations and cartel interests most reactionary in American including U.S. Steel and the history. Truman's accession to House of Morgan. Hannegan is the presidency, according to con-servative commentator Arthur Party National Committee, Krock, means "that Congressional spokesman for the big city bosses

influence will once again loom These few facts cited here give large in the American govern- a warning to labor of what it can ment, and the voice of the Sen- expect of Truman.



LOS ANGELES, April 8.-The following statement was issued by Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers Party candidate for mayor of Los Angeles, after the primary elections held on April 3. partisan the candidate was not

The mayoralty campaign in Los dentified on the ballot as socialducted by the Socialist Workers been reached by our campaign Party in Los Angeles. As our literature. This also meant that first intervention into the local many others who would vote so-political struggles, the vote of 581 cialist against the capitalist polivas quite significant. This vote ticians could not know there was presents purely a vote for Trot-



By V. Grey =

"You're never gonna get people to stick together enough to fight for Socialism-much less to keep it after you get it," Scissorbill Sam (the bosses' man) opened up. ate will sway Executive deci-

At first nobody disagreed. Because nobody knew exactly how sions." That is to say, Truman to prove he was wrong.

Slim opened up his sandwiches to see if it was baloney again, This is more than borne out by and he said, "I don't know about that. Any of you fellows remember when Republic came around town in the thirties looking for men to run a new plant they said they were puttin' up?"

"Gee, I remember that," laughed Tony. "They offered a free bus trip to their new plant in Ohio. Everybody in town was out of work. So what did we have to lose!"

"Were you in that gang too?" Breezy hooted. "What a beautiful job that was."

James F. Byrnes, former War "Yes, it was a beautiful job, all right," Slim continued. "They Mobilization Director. He was the took about seven bus loads out of this town. None of us had a cent first man called back to Washingin our pockets. The company supplied the meals. We had all been ton to advise Truman. A harddesperate for a job. And we had just packed into those buses. But ened Southern "white supremacy" after we'd been riding most of the day we had been talking and reactionary, a target before his talking-wondering how come they went so far from this Ohio resignation of the most bitter attown to get workers. tacks from all sections of the la-

"Then we all started saying it was damn funny that they didn't bor movement, Byrnes looms as Truman's closest and most influhave any people out of work in this town we were going to. And an ential adviser, who is said to be idea started to trouble us. But no one dared to speak it out loud." slated for the key post of Secre-"I was in the first bus that stopped by the gas station," Breezy

put in. "I remember exactly the way that guy came out from behind which skimmed the surface of Others in the retinue of Truman's the building. 'Where do you fellows think you're going?' he says. some of the more glaring scan- advisers and possible new cabinet 'Why, over to work at the Republic plant', we tell him. 'Like hell you are' he says. And he was up against the whole bus load."

WE HAD SENSE ENOUGH TO STAY UNITED

"Well, he could easily see we weren't a bunch of scabs," argued "holding about the same views as Tony. "Besides, don't you remember that other gang of strikers Emil Schram," president of the nearby in the woods?"

"Not when I was there," Breezy insisted.

"Anyhow," Slim went on, "I remember all the fellows in the first bus load got out on the road and stopped all the rest of the buses themselves. First we were going to drive the buses right back home ourselves. Then some faint-hearted guys let the drivers call up the company agent, and he hot-footed it over with a couple of lawyers. They argued for an hour about the contracts we signed. But it didn't do 'em any good.

"Finally they persuaded us to stay overnight in a hotel at their expense. We knew damn well they wanted to work on us again the next day. But we were all tired. The only thing I was afraid of was that we'd all have to hitch-hike back. But we took care of that by making the bus drivers bunk in with us. And every last man of us went back in the morning."

"Remember how we made the drivers pick up all the hitchhikers on the road back?" gloated Breezy.

"The point is. . ." Slim closed up his lunch basket, "that hardly any of that gang had even been in a union at that time. They hadn't even started to organize Bethlehem into the CIO then. But we had sense enough to stick together with those guys we never even saw, no matter how green or hard up we might have been."

Steel Corporation Fosters Angeles is now concluded. It was ist which meant that all votes were cast by workers who had Race Hate To Weaken Union

By Mary Steele

YOUNGSTOWN, April 14- | brought to the plant on a special The Republic Steel Corporation by its policy of racial discriminian believes, an exceedingly hard and by its policy of racial discrimi-



one night to find his children in

The Trotskyists In Your City

THE MILITANT invites all its old friends and thousands of new readers to observe May Day, the international holiday of the workers, by attending the meetings of the Socialist Workers Party branches listed below. The Trotskyists are the only group in America who are celebrating May Day this year in its true spirit of workers' solidarity and struggle.

New York

Tuesday, May 1, 8 p. m. Speakers: JAMES P. CANNON ALBERT GOLDMAN WEBSTER HALL 11 St. Between B'way and 3rd Avenue

Toledo

Sunday, April 29, 8 p. m. Speaker: **Joseph Andrews**

Organizer, Akron Branch SWP **Roi Davis Building** 905 JEFFERSON AVENUE Rooms 228-230 Admission Free

Boston

Sunday, May 6, 8 p. m. Speaker: **Grace Carlson**

Workers Educational Center **30 STUART STREET**

Newark

Sat., April 28, 7:30 p. m. "Czar to Lenin" Historical Film of the October Revolution Speaker: Sylvia Stein 423 Springfield Avenue Admission 75c **Buffet** Supper

Twin Cities Tuesday, May 1, 8 p. m.

Speaker: **Max Geldman 10 SOUTH 4th STREET** MINNEAPOLIS

Cleveland

Tuesday, May 1, 8 p. m. Speakers: David Lands T. Black Auspices: Cleveland Branch, SWP **Carnegie Hall** 1220 HURON ROAD

Chicago

Thursday, May 3, 8 p. m. Speaker: **Vincent Dunne**

Buckingham Hall 59 EAST VAN BUREN ST. Admission 25 cents

Buffalo

Sunday, April 29, 8:30 p. m. Speakers: **Bill Gray R.** Riley 950 MAIN STREET Room 5 Admission free

Philadelphia

Sunday, May 6, 8 p. m. Speaker: **George Grant** Labor Forum 405 W. Gerard

Los Angeles

Sunday, April 29, 3 p. m. **Elks Lodge Hall** 4016 SOUTH CENTRAL AVE. Auspices: Los Angeles Branch, SWP ******

Milwaukee

Sunday, April 29, 8 p. m. Speaker: **Mike Bartell** 926 N. Plankington Avenue Room 21 Admission 25c

Allentown

Tuesday, May 1, 8 p. m. Speaker: **Grace** Carlson Hotel Allen

ALLENTOWN, PA.

San Francisco

Meeting and Social Sunday, May 6 8 p. m.

305 Grant Avenue, 4th floor

Detroit

Sunday, April 29, 8 p. m. Speaker: Jeanette Lane Auspices: Detroit Branch, SWP 3513 WOODWARD AVENUE

Room 21

skyism. As this election was non-**Government Hides Growing Cutbacks By News Blackout** (Continued from page 1)

oncludes the labor reporter for

tie New York Post. These are but a few of the iems that have crept into the ness despite the hush-hush impsed by the government. This plicy is designed to lull the workers into a false sense of for The Militant are laying the scurity. By making it appear though cutbacks and shut- ity in the future, not only in Los wns are merely local or isolated Angeles, but throughout the iridents, the employers and their | country.

agents in Washington hope to We want to thank everyone who ward off a national movement voted for us in this election camo labor to defend its living paign. Your vote was a principled sandards. one. At a time when the bosses The administration is repeating have their way without serious te tactics employed last year. challenge from the labor move-Their "conspiracy of silence" was ment, your Trotskyist vote was a basted then by the dramatic sitdemonstration of working class itof the Brewster Aircraft work- | militancy.

es, who converted an "isolated" In the course of this campaign, ctback into a militant demonthe program of the Socialist station that attracted national Workers Party, has become wideatention. The Brewster sit-in ly known and you who voted for cused a flurry of Congressional that program lead the working ativity whose sole result was class in political consciousness. adoption of "demobilization" We have just begun. Our vote eislation protecting the inwill be multiplied many times as, teests of the employers. more experienced, we fight again, Here is how one reporter and as the workers awaken to smmed up the net outcome of their historical tasks.

gvernment action at that time. With the primaries over, we he only demobilization legislanow concentrate our energies tin so far approved by Congress upon the task of electing on May pivides for the termination of 1st Charlotta Bass to the City wr contracts, but does nothing Council from District No. 7 and abut taking up the slack in to elect Fay Allen to the Board p)duction and providing full em- of Education. Both these candiplyment after the war. It does dates represent the struggle of nching either about providing the Negroes for representation in dent unemployment benefits for the municipal government. The th workers necessarily made election of candidates Bass and idess." Allen will be a blow against those This was written on June 3, in the city who would keep the 14, almost a year ago. In the Negroes in segregation and racial enuing year the government has oppression. The entire labor dee nothing, literally NOTHING, movement must be rallied to the tocushion the shock of "demosupport of the opening struggle bization" to the workers. The of the Negroes against Jimcrow wole record proves that the and every manifestation of dispitical agents of Big Business crimination. Though we disagree he no intention of doing anywith the programs of these canthg-unless they are jolted out didates, we shall make every efoftheir callous indifference by fort to elect them and win this th independent action of the first victory in the struggle for racial equality. layr movement.

The vote in actuality represents nation precipitated a walkout ployees of the company for some ocialist choice on the ballot. a rock-bottom support of the Trotskyist program in Los An-Bassemen plant on April 2nd Bessemer plant on April 2nd. plant. geles. The total vote can easily

The women, most of them crane be multiplied many times for a operators, left their jobs in more accurate estimation of the support won in the course of our protest against sharing the same dressing room with Negro campaign. For example, in one neighborhood where 26 workers women, who were employed in the plant for the first time since subscribe to The Militant, only 6 were registered. These six were women have worked in the steel

visited the day of the voting. industry. Three had voted Trotskyist, the Prior to the walkout, known during the walkout to any woman other three were going to do so

that afternoon. Among other lessons, this election campaign has taught us the necessity of a special drive to register all our sympathizers. Further it has shown that the subscription campaigns basis for effective electoral activ-

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ompany stooges were stirring up who desired to work. In many inthe racial prejudices of the white stances they telephoned the femwomen. At the same time they inine employes telling them not were playing on the backward to come to work until notified.

sentiments of the men in regard The agreement finally arrived to the "special" category in which at with the aid of a government they place the women as separate mediator was: Negro women will and apart from them as workers. use the same dressing room un-The Negro women were til their job in the plant is done;

investor scooped out of the auto

industry. Mrs. Rosetta V. Hauss,

sister of the late Michigan sen-

ator James Couzens, "got in on

the ground floor" in 1903 with

an investment of \$1000 in Ford

In 1908 she bought 20 more

shares out of her five-year pro-

000, on an initial outlay of

Motor Company stock.

investment!

of UAW-CIO).

then they will return to the other plant. In the future, if Negro women are hired, a separate dressing room with equal facilities is to be built.

time at its other Youngstown

The local union of the Bessemer

plant is known for its militancy.

With this bit of Jim Crow prov-

ocation, the company hopes to

The company showed its dupli-

city in that, while they played the

role of the party that insisted on

equality, they refused admittance

weaken the union.

The mediator assured the local grievance committee that this was not discrimination. Naturally, from the fact that the government itself practices Jim Crow in the armed forces, flows the concept that segregation is not discrimination.

The local leadership took the nediator's word at its face value and thus the walkout ended after sixteen hours, with the women returning to work.

This agreement mistakenly supported by the local union is exactly what the company wanted. They have weakened the faith of the Negro worker in his union and, at the same time, taken the workers' minds off the problem of unsettled grievances.

The Republic Steel Corporation knows full well and plays upon the prejudices of the workers. On the one hand stirring up racial trouble, and on the other setting the women - themselves a minority — in a separate category This must be recognized and fought against by the union members. The task now is for the Negro women together with the

fits. When she sold her stock ocal, to fight discrimination. back to Ford in 1919, she re-With the CIO in the district ceived \$260,000, plus \$90,000 in backing up the fight for equality, cash dividends—a total of \$350,this attempt on the part of management to weaken the local un-\$1000. This was 3,500 times her ion can be repulsed. Then once more. strengthened by this solid-(From April 15 "United Autoarity, the union can gird itself in mobile Worker," official organ unity for the coming struggles

with the steel corporations.

The Gravy Train Here's the gravy just one



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Egyptian Socialist Front Enters Election

For the first time in the history of Egyptian elections, socialist candidates this year were able to secure a place on the ballot and conduct a widespread campaign to popularize the principles of socialism. The Mid-March issue of Socialist Appeal, organ of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Great Britain (Trotskyist), tells of this unprecedented campaign culminating with the January 8 elections, and of government attempts to intimidate and suppress the socialists.

In Cairo, Dr. Fathy el Ramly ran for the constituency of Mah-ran for the constituency of Mahsein, a leader of the "Green Shirts" who advocate a military dictatorship.

A "Socialist Front" formed in support of Dr. Ramly at first included two Stalinist organizations in addition to the Trotskyist movement in Cairo. But as the electoral campaign took on the predominantly internationalist and socialist character advocated by the Trotskyists, the Stalinists withdrew. Unaffiliated university youth and advanced workers out of the mines a month before rapidly filled the gaps caused by and after the birth of the child the Stalinist betrayal. The entire and received maternity pay dur-Trotskyist movement has gained in membership and influence as a result of its election activities...

SOCIALIST PROGRAM

The Socialist Front presented a program of transitional demands including the establishment of wage-minimums; a sliding scale of bonuses to meet rising costs of living; workers' control through trade-union delegates over the execution of all social legislation. It also advocated social insurance and old-age pensions; a nationwide housing program; equality for women; abolition of martial law and of all semi-fascist police regulations. The Socialist Front | "In reality," reports the Socialist proclaimed complete solidarity Appeal, Dr. Ramly had secured right side of their mouths about with all working class movements against imperialist rule and 1,000 ballotted in the consticapitalist domination.

International solidarity of the Fascism and Imperialism!" "Long other parts of Egypt. Fadaly Live the Workers of Germany!" "Full Support for the People of Greece!

So popular was the campaign Alexandria. Thus the working impair the usefulness of organganda. Meetings were disrupted repressions and persecutions. and many supporters of the by the government was cancelled. tration camps since 1941.

a fascist candidate, Ahmed Hus- For Indian Women

Questions in the House of Comnons addressed to Secretary of State for India, Amery, revealed that women are working in Indian mines for a penny an hour and

> Peace For the **Postwar Period!**

ing the period. "Is there any intention," an Independent Laborite queried, "of

from going underground Amery

"understood" that they were kept

abolishing this abominable form of slavery in India?" Amery replied: "I demur to the word 'slavery' because work in the mines is entirely voluntary." Voluntary, indeed! Work in the mines or starve to death!

On the day of the election representatives of Dr. Ramly were expelled from the voting doing signing a "peace pact" sections. In subsequent manipula- with Murray and Green? tions of the count Dr. Ramly was "given" a token count of 23 votes.

"at least 200 votes out of the the new era of "industrial hartuency," or one-fifth of the vote. are forced to wail about the em-Conducting independent cam- barrassing lack of "good will" beworking class was the central paigns on less radical programs, ing displayed by the employers. slogan on many campaign ban- two other working class candi- Thus, Richard Frankensteen, vice. ners, which read: "Down with dates secured significant votes in president of the CIO United Auto-Abdel received 800 votes at 11 that "certain" employers Shubra el Kheima and Mohamed "have started an all-out drive to Mustafa received 230 votes in attempt to destroy or greatly

that the government, ten days be- class opposition to the reactionary ized labor." fore the election, issued orders government of Egypt is beginning to halt the Socialist Front propa- to express itself clearly despite Socialist Front arrested; posters 60 militants have been jailed. One every single corporation in the The open proclamation of the



Bosses Push Open-Shop

(Continued from page 1)

Says: "WALL STREET'S These facts cannot be ignored WORRIED. PEACE

officials. As they spout from the MAY BREAK OUT" even by some of the blind union mony," out of the left side they mobile Workers, charged on April

It seems that so far all the 'good will" is inside the heads of Murray and Green and any de-

"INDUSTRIAL HARMONY"

headed enough to lower their The "certain" employers to dukes while the bosses are swing-In the past few years more than whom he referred happen to be ing hay-makers at their chins. were destroyed, demonstrators of the most popular socialists in automotive, aircraft and farm leading corporations that they are



WASHINGTON BULLETIN

 somersult decision giving unions of supervisors full bargaining protection under the Wagner act (BW-Mar, 51/45,15). Industry spoksmen de-o compensate for decreasing o attempt by hobor to assume manages o attempt by hobor to assume manages of its reponsibility. C. E. Wilson. Portice of compensate for decreasing o inter, or efforts to maintain ur security, probably will. The autombile industry won't the only one that faces labor troy in the face reponduction will i the dustry conduction will REPARING FOR A FIGHT abor trouble may upset the ca ied out fight it to the last gasp (page 17). with outcosion is. crs, laying off s. oment lies time. These are much of every line. to carry BUSING and labor arc looks like a Why Situation Is Explosive fight Behind the issue of the mom his time is the the whole question of how m ions Board's its wartime gains labor is going

BUSINESS WEEK . Apr. 14. 1945

Despite "Peace Pact" ray on the back with a hail-fel-

J. PIERPONT MONEYBAGS later in the afternoon they are NAM leaders campaigning for

ceived workers who may be soft-

closed shops." Who are these C. of C. leaders who are supposed to be so chummy with labor? "Some of the C. of C. key committees are headed by labor's most bitter enemies-

low-labor's-swell benevolence. And

the outlawing of strikes and what

sounds mightily like a ban on

men who are working closely with the NAM to which they also beong.'

One of these is James Rand, of Remington-Rand, author of the notorious strikebreaking "Mohawk Valley Formula." "Another is the head of a huge publishing

firm which has not knowingly hired Jews or union people; or one who has fought big AFL unions for years; another whose firm was cited for its employment

discrimination policies and antilabor attitudes . . . and one has defied a federal collective bargaining ruling since 1943."

In short — the real leaders of against labor is not helping the the C. of C. are also among the Murray-Green sales campaign. It's pretty tough trying to sell leaders of the NAM who are a-vowed open shoppers and openly the workers a bill of goods about intent on smashing the unions. "peace pact" when the workers "Who's being kidded here?" are so busy trying to dodge the asks the Post commentator. blows of the open shoppers. Not Murray and Green, as he

So the labor leaders are shift. would have us believe. They know report that the Duke had been been case after case among secreport that the Duke had been been case after case among sec-sentenced to six months in a fortress by Prince Humbert was ment where the 'howling down' are two kinds of employers to them, there are two kinds of employers to the provention of the

The Allied Conterence **At San Francisco**

By M. Morrison

Representatives from more than forty nations will begin the staging of a show on April 25 at San Francisco. Its purpose is to convince the masses throughout the world that an organization will be created for the purpose of settling future disputes between countries and thus avoiding armed conflicts. The "United Nations Security Conference" will commence its sessions nunist" (Stalinist) Party to the and the game of assuring the gullible that peace on earth will be workers and partisans of that our lot forever after will begin.

In reality only three big pow-"

country has been made public by the Revolutionary Communist ers will run the show and every- conflicts which made the old Party (Trotskyist), Belgian sec- thing they agree upon will be ac- League impotent will disappear. tion of the Fourth International, cepted with a barely audible in the Dec. 2 issue of their weekly grumble here and there from some OLD LEAGUE-AND NEW

organ, La Voie de Lenine (Lenin's small nation. The most powerful Road).

Stalinist Betrayal

Of Belgian Masses

Shown By Record

A sensational exposure of the

reachery of the Belgian "Com-

Last November the Belgian of fact everything important has and that the avoidance of such Stalinists summoned the masses to protest against the order by already been decided. No small mistakes will insure the success Pierlot (then Premier) that the nation was in attendance at Dum- of the new League. The old barton Oaks where the proposals League, we are told, was too in-Resistance fighters be disarmed. Four workers were killed and 38 for the coming conference were timately connected with the Verfirst formulated. At Teheran and sailles Peace Conference. The vounded by police who fired on street demonstrations. British at Yalta the nations that have new League will have nothing to the most powerful armies and do with the problems of arrangtanks were held in readiness to come to the assistance of the navies parcelled out the world. At ing the terms of peace after the San Francisco the organization war is ended. If that is so (and police if necessary. The Stalinist will be created to place the stamp it is nothing but idiocy) then the minister resigned from the of approval upon the decisions of conflicts which tortured the old cabinet. But-

Four days before Pierlot's police shot down the workers in cold blood, the Stalinist Minister Dr. is being organized the great powers are taking care to guard their Marteaux drew up and signed his own interests. They have no faith name to a decree which gave in peace machinery. They contin-Pierlot dictatorial powers under ue making separate agreements. which he proceeded against the Britain and France have each armed workers! The following is made their own alliances with the text of the decree as it ap-Stalin; the United States has peared in Le Moniteur (the Belgathered around her the nations gian Congressional Record) on of the Western Hemisphere. New November 15, 1944, page 915: and more powerful armies and November 14, 1944.

Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Crown. To all present and to come, military training is seriously

Greetings! In view of the decree-law dated

May 9, 1944. In view of the Royal decree of

May 10, 1940 declaring a state of siege, etc. On the proposal of the Min-

isters of Justice, National De-(Dr. Marteaux). We have decreed and decree: Art. 2. The Minister of Na-

ional Defense (the reactionary

NOTICE

The National Educational Department of the Socialist Workers Party is anxious to secure the following literature in English, German, French or Russian:

Theses of the first 3 congresses of the Communist International.

All copies of the magazine "The Communist International" of 1922 in which articles by

nations call the tune and all the mistakes were made in organizdelegates fall in line. As a matter ing the first League of Nations Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin. | League will simply be transferred At the very time that "peace" to a different place. * * *

We are assured that serious

Even before the League is organized conflicts have arisen which indicate the strains to which it will be subjected. The small and middle nations are dissatisfied. A grandiloquent statement about their sovereign rights may be adopted but they know that they are helpless. It is signinavies are contemplated. For the first time in the history of this to the conference, advises the ficant that Paul-Boncour, former country compulsory peacetime small nations to be patient and

hopeful. planned by all of the ruling Already the big powers have begun to jockey for position. groups. What is all this if not the recognition that the machin-Great Britain has six votes in the ery which is supposed to keep Assembly plus those of its satelpeace is nothing but a sham? lites. The United States has the votes of all the American coun-

AIM TO DUPE MASSES It is mainly for the masses that tries. The Soviet Union wants the show is being staged. They three votes instead of one and fense, Interior and Public Health have lost millions of dead; more it, of course, will have the votes millions remain to go through of its satellites. Each major powlife, crippled, blind, disfigured. er wants the greatest number of

Victims of World War I are still votes to support its side. alive to behold their ranks in- Not that these votes will settle creased by the victims of World anything. Everyone recognizes War II. The cynical rulers are that, in case of any serious conholding out a hope that World flict between the big powers, the War III will be prevented. For organization for peace would be they fear that if the masses lose completely helpless. The new faith in the ability of the rulers League of Nations could no more to avoid another slaughter, they prevent war than the old League will not be able to keep the peo-ple in subjection. To fool, the Assembly is simply a strugmasses, to give them hope where gle for support of other powers there is no hope—that is the in case of a serious controversy. primary purpose of the grand

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The failure of the first League apportioned the new League can Nations must be explained inder no circumstan

Intellectual servants of the ruling behalf of peace. Here and there

perialism saw the necessity of the status quo arrived at after

playing a leading role in the old World War I, so the new League

League of Nations. But no one is an organization to maintain

can show that had the United the conquests of the victorious

States been a member of the powers of World War II. As the

League, affairs would have taken old League did not prevent World



Italy The story of what happened to fortross h



the Duke of Aosta, cousin of King | "mostly wishful thinking." Victor Emmanuel and ranking to the mysterious "escape" during but he was crowned as Tomislav solini's chief of staff. It is another state of Croatia in 1941. indication of how the Bonomi regime (in which Togliatti, the Stalinist leader, sits as Deputy England

Premier) coddles and protects the rat-nests of fascism beginning with the Royal family itself.

At a dinner party of gold-braids rank and file revolt against at the Taranto Naval base the vicious practises and intolerable Duke declared that if he had his working conditions imposed by way he would have shot the the government and enforced by judges at the trial of Roatta the trade union bureaucrats in and Suvich, former Fascist Amcollaboration with the Stalinists, bassador to the United States. according to reports just received The information leaked out acfrom the British labor press. cidentally through a chance One of the grievances that remark of a British correspondent provoked the strike was the present at the dinner and was suspension without pay of men published in the Socialist paper, who refused to go at a moment's Avanti. notice to jobs they were assigned

As a result of the furore in ports scattered all over Engcreated, the cabinet met-with land. Another was the suspension the exception of Togliatti who of longshoremen-up to 24 days was supposed to be at the Comwithout pay-for leaving a job munist Party convention - and they had been working on under voted to remove the Duke from his naval post. And that was from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., with no all! The N. Y. Times corresponmeals provided. dent ironically stated that a



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business has been reported. Does The Duke was not only one of this signify that the Trade Union naval admiral, is a fitting sequel the chief lieutenants of Mussolini leadership has lost control of the membership whilst controlling the his trial of General Roatta, Mus- II over the German-Italian puppet | machinery of the unions more effectively than ever? Or does it

negotiations.

n England.

The strike of 10,000 London dock workers, reported in the Militant, March 17, was a major duty?"

Greece

organ of the Revolutionary Communist Party (Trotskyist) of Great Britain, from a British soldier stationed in Italy.

"About a week ago I met a closely to the NAM. paratrooper who had just returned from Greece. The subsequent chat I had with him brought some interesting facts to light. It seemed that there were quite a number of lads who refused point-

blank to take up arms against ELAS and no amount of threats and persuasion could make them compulsion for 16 days in a row | change their minds. "Of the majority who did fight.

well, it seems that they were absolutely confused as to what it The press reports that when the was all about. I think that the inion officials attempted to speak at a mass meeting to get the men majority must have realised in a hazy way the class nature of the o return to work they were howled down by the longshoremen struggle, because the officers who gave the pep talks constantly who refused to allow them to referred to the role of Russia. continue speaking The vigorous "Their main arguments were action of the rank and file brought the strike to a partial victory, these people couldn't possibly be despite the sabotage and opposicommunists but only brigands from the hills' for surely if they tion of the union leadership. were real communists 'how could A union committee was set up it be that Russia-Communist to investigate the practises of the Russia-should stand aside and government dock corporation. If he report is not satisfactory the not assist them?'

dockers decided to strike again. "Of course it is easy to see In the meantime suspended workhow most of the British soldiers ers are to return to work pending had the illusion that the Soviet Union is still communist in the In discussing this dock workers revolutionary sense, not having strike the London Tribune makes any indication of the changes the following significant comin Russia. I can quite imagine nents on recent strike movements how they were confused by the Greek flare-up. Nevertheless the

"What is most amazing in these disputes is the almost universal fighting, bloody as it was, reports that the 'men's leaders certainly set many minds working were howled down.' This is the on the 'whys' and 'wherefores' most dangerous factor that has as the above facts prove."

emerged in the Trade Union world We have reported in a previous for a decade, and it requires more issue of The Militant a mutiny than bad temper to explain it of Indian Gurkhas who, when away. It is true, naturally, that they are tired and irritable beordered to fight against the Greek cause of bombs, loss of homes, rest and sleep. But that does not people, deserted to the side of explain it all away. There has ELAS.

"progressive and die-hards." The part of the mechanism of this workers must line up with the capitalist "squeeze play." "progressive" bosses, represented It's the old game of disarming by Eric Johnston of the C. of C, abor to make it easier for the against the "diehards" like the posses to slug the workers. "You NAM, the auto, steel, rubber bahold him — while I sock him!" ons. etc. Certain spokesmen for the em-

show that the rank and file are And that's really something plovers, with the connivance of in revolt against the method of appointing the officials who are fishy! As a labor commentate the labor leaders, aim to tie lasent to tame them to return to for the New York Post - which bor's hands with a phony "peace hailed the "peace charter" - o charter," while the employing served: "Somebody is pulling a class as a whole winds up for a squeeze play on the nation's us-

knockout against organized labor. ally shrewd leaders. . . Ever-And just as Murray and Green The following letter was re-body believes that at least one have put over such treacherous ceived by the Socialist Appeal, section of American industry has policies as the no-strike pledge d'etat against the Resistance that led to World War II could reformed and created itself in the behind the backs of the union movement) may:

image of the pleasant and proj- members and without their voice ressive Johnston. Hardly. Fr or consent, so now they are hast-Mr. Johnston's C. of C. is tid ening to shove the "peace chart- and especially those relating to

men are pounding Green and Mu- of the unwilling workers.



Zinoviev appear. Zinoviev's writings on the

uary-July Inprecorr. If you can give, loan or sell these to the National Office, please write to:

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different turn. No one can show War II, so the new League will that the fundamental conflicts not prevent World War III.

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district commissioners within the

iurisdiction of their districts, and

the administration of State

Security may, under the direction

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ister of Justice, order officers and

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possibly have been solved with actors have changed. Now the 1. Exercise all police powers, any kind of a League of Nations. United States assumes the first Far more active participation role. Now there is no Lenin and er" - the charter of uncondition- the maintenance of order and in world affairs has now been Trotsky at the head of the Soviet "One part of the day Johnstons al surrender — down the throats for the use of the communications decided upon by the decisive sec- Union to warn the masses against tions of American capitalism. the wars that the League is powsystem:

2. Order the surrender of The stake which American capi-erless to prevent. There is instead arms and munitions; deliver tem- talists have in the world of to- a Stalin dominating the Soviet porary authorizations for their day is far greater than they had Union who helps the imperialists retention and to order officers in 1919. They see more clearly fool the masses and keep them under subjection in order to guarthat their interference everyand judicial police to proceed in where and at all times is essenantee the power of the Stalinist tial in order to prevent their own bureaucracy. 3. proscribe public meetings;

power from crumbling. It is sym-The revolutionary section of 4. supervise, withhold or seize bolic that the conference for the the workers of the world will

correspondence; organization of the new League is struggle against the aims of the 6. take the necessary measures taking place in the United States. new League just as they strugto prevent the circulation, sale But this only means that instead gled against the aims of the old. and distribution of periodicals, of acting behind the scenes, the They are in a better position than pamphlets, writings, drawings or United States will act openly. It they were before to prove that photographs calculated to favor only means that the United States not a League of imperialist states the enemy or to shake the morale will take the place of France and and their accomplices but only of the army or the population. Great Britain in the leadership a World Union of Socialist Re-Art. 6. The Head of the of the League of Nations. It does publics will guarantee the exist-

not mean that the fundamental ence of peace. Mission of Civil Administration, the provincial governors in the

Belgian Miners Blast Imperialists

At a delegated conference of miners from the coal mines of the Charleroi basin in February, the following dramatic exchange took place between the mine workers and Allied officers who were attempting to prevent an extension of the strike to the Charleroi area.

"What a difference," the officers said, "with September 1944! Then your women gave us drink and presented us with flowers. Now you are sabotaging the war by striking."

One of the delegates replied: "Gentlemen: it is true that we joyfully acclaimed your arrival because we saw in you our liberators. Alas! we see now that like the Germans you are supporting the exploiters."

Another delegate continued: "When Hitler's armies came to Belgium the workers were not inclined to look on that too badly, believing that they were going to put the bosses in their place. But when they saw that the German authorities, on the contrary, supported the bosses against the workers in order to obtain the most possible coal, then we began to sabotage. Today, like Hitler, you are also supporting the bosses. And you are surprised because we are thinking of going out on strike?'

classes are trotted out to con- a conflict between minor powers Italian Socialist Party, Janvince the masses that its failure may be averted but only under was due to the refusal of the circumstances where the major U. S. to participate and assume powers are not yet ready to go some of its burdens. It is true to war. Just as the old League that only the most far-sighted was an organization of the vicrepresentatives of American im- torious imperialist powers to keep

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Answering A Powell Supporter

In a recent column we exposed the fact that Adam Clayton Poweli, Jr., Congressman from New York, is "no longer interested in liberating the Negro masses but only in advancing his own prestige among the ruling class." We reminded the readers that he spoke and voted (with Rankin) AGAINST a non-discrimination amendment to the reactionary slave-labor hope to identify the German bill, thus clearing the tracks for the ruling class just as any masses with Hitler and the crimes opportunistic flunky would do. We quoted his own column from his own paper showing how he "excused" his actions with the flimsy claim that the FEPC ?-

OUR POSITION ON POWELL

Our paper, different from all

We say to Mr. Banks:

additional protection against paper if you like or answer me for the partition and plundering discrimination was necessary. through a letter. His Detroit speech, where he

advocated changing the word 235 W. 110 St., New York City." 'colored" in NAACP to the word common," was quoted to prove that he wants us to forget about the Negro struggle as such. This would mean accepting that part others, has neither love nor hatrof the kicking around which is ed for any INDIVIDUAL. We mand hopes to hide from the rank due only to color discrimination. Our charges that Powell is "giv-ing full suppose to the population and when Parell by the population and When Parell by the population and the popula ing full support to the very sys-tem of capitalism which makes during the depression that was suppress any revolutionary move-Negro oppression profitable" and beneficial to the working class ments of the workers. "whitewashing the role (in and the Negro minority we abhonest observer.

tion. The main part of this let- bill, he is acting AGAINST the civil administration and to help ter follows: Dear Sir:

"... I will frankly tell you I expose and condemn such ACfoolish and lack understanding of fighting in part or in whole for Powell is doing in Washington for GRAM such as you will find listed class white people as well. To be- per, then he would regain our gin with, Adam Clayton Powell support. started out some years ago dur-Lewis. When on the economic et line and led it in person demanding food and relief for needy gain for the mine workers a betpeople in Harlem. . . from that ter share of the pie which they time he has been a courageos produce, we support his action. fighter for civil rights, better and more jobs and against race discrimination.

POWELL IN CONGRESS

"In Congress what short time condemn such action. he has been there he has intro-In the case of Negro representduced two new bills against Jim atives we even go a step farther. Crow . . . one concerning colored This minority is so obviously the WAVES and the other against victim of special political inequal-

to have the proper support from ANY Negro candidate who has the people he represents. Here is a man who challenges South-regardless of that candidate's Right To Health And Beauty ern Democrats and reactionary stated program. For example, in Republicans . . . although not a the recent councilmanic race in member of the Socialist Workers Los Angeles, the Negro people Party he fights against the peo- sponsored and had confidence in

Why Fraternization Is Prohibited

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Anarchist Leaders

violation of the rights of free

By Harry Martell "You are entering Germany.

Fraternization is an offense. so read the signs posted on the frontier by the Allied High Command. The penalty for Allied soldiers caught associating with any German is a fine of up to \$65. **REASONS FOR POLICY**

The motives behind this official proscription of fraternization are unmistakable.

First: the Allied imperialists of the Nazi regime. Second: by thus persuading the

Allied soldiers of the "war guilt" of the entire German population, covered the field and that no You may put my letter in your they aim to justify their plans of Germany and to use the

Edgar Banks, occupying forces as a willing instrument for the decapitation and subjugation of the country.

Third: by erecting a wall between the Allied soldiers and the German masses the High Com-When Powell led a picket line thereby facilitate their plans to an old woman push a handcart through this war remain intact,

And finally, with the pretex the correspondent, he apologizes: In Saarbruecken the owner of this war) of American imperial- solutely supported that ACTION. that all Germans are tainted with this war) of American imperial-ism" cannot be questioned by an hear be accessed the the nazi brush anyhow, the Allied Military Authorities are the the nazi brush anyhow, the Allied Military Authorities are the the nazi brush anyhow, the her the nazi brush anyhow, the the nazi brush anyhow, the her the nazi brush anyhow, the the nazi brush anyhow, the her the nazi brush any her the nazi brush anyhow, the her the nazi brush any her the nazi brush any her the nazi brush anyhow, the her the nazi brush any her the may be personally, when he fights Allied Military Authorities are an equality amendment and sup- already using former Nazi party smiles and says: "Well, what the took heated objection to our posi- ports a fascist-type slave labor members and police for posts of

interests of those for whom we in "keeping order" in capitalist are dedicated to fight and we must Germany. BAN WON'T WORK

think you are completely wrong, TIONS. If, overnight, he starts BAN WON'T WORK but the ban on fraternization with great clarity: "We're supisn't working. Hanson Baldwin, posed to hate people, to be very diers see miserable, poorly fed press, the British government what his Honor Congressman an effective transitional PRO- N. Y. Times military authority, says it is "unenforceable." Amerthe colored people and working on the editorial page of this pa- ican and British soldiers conscripted into the war without to feel sorry for them. Non-fra- walk in the streets. The Allied- ulations Law. This case follows

their consent cannot help but feel deep sympathy and understanding for a people who are no less field he leads a militant strike to the victim of the greed and ambitions of an imperialist ruling | a \$65 fine." When on the political field he tries to sell the votes of these

through the Republican or the Democratic party, we expose and a bar of candy.

By Grace Carlson

"The way to a man's heart

hell?



across the road. When he spies untouched by Allied airmen.

down the street he drops the ruse, ploited German miners to produce

These incidents are repeated a he arranged with American army

thousand times over. An Ameri- officers to continue the same ex-

can sergeant summarized the at- ploitation - but now for the Al-

titude of the men in the ranks lied war machine.



The floor shuddered. There was a sort of muffled WHOOOOM that was indistinct and yet all around us, filling the air, tearing our attention away from the things we had been talking about as we sat waiting for the iron ladles to come in.

The stove man leaped to his feet and raced to the wheel. With a rush and a roar we heard the blast as he pulled it down, sending the pressure howling out into the atmosphere. The engine house signal rang out. Intently the stove man watched the pressure gauge before him. Then, satisfied that the furnace had finished "slipping," he swung his weight around the wheel once more. The roar died down and squeaked off.

"Damn furnace been slipping all day long," he grunted, coming back and sitting down on the bench. "Rolling and heaving to beat hell." "Bad furnace." Jimmy said. "Never know what'll happen when

she gets like this." The Old Man put down his coffee bottle and reached for his pipe. It was a terrible pipe, black, half burned away, half chewed up, and strong as a team of mules. It was said that the Old Man locked his pipe up when he wasn't using it so it wouldn't get up and walk away.

FIVE

In Great Britain The Old Man packed some Continuing its persecution of

Five Brothers into the poisonous bowl of his pipe and said reflecworking-class opponents of its tively, "I seen one of them blow up once." imperialist war, and in flagrant We looked at him. "Where, Old Man?"

"Down Alabama. They had a pig-bed there; didn't cast into ladles like up here. Fifty, sixty men working on the pig-bed. Killed

tough customers, but as soon as German workers in labor gangs has arrested four London anarem all." the fighting is over it begins to while well-dressed Germans do chists, charging them with "se-Young Lonnie's eyes were wide. "How'd it happen, Old Man?"

he asked.

The Old Man was filling the room with pungent smoke. Jimmy de a face of disgust, held his nose, and moved away from him. The Old Man looked coldly and levelly at Jimmy for a moment and then turned back to us.

"Don't know, son," he said to Lonnie. "Can't say what goes on inside of one of them big furnaces. All I know, she was bad. Sloppy. Rolling and heaving all day. Trying to come back in the tuyeres. Bad furnace, BAD!

What I Thought About the Old Man's Story

He paused, but nobody interrupted the Old Man. We waited for him to speak again. He had the floor.

"I was going home that night. I didn't work on THAT furnace," he added modestly to show that he was not the hero of a hair-breadth escape, "but I worked a little down the line. And all of a sudden I heard a big rumbling and roaring, and I looked around, and it looked like the whole world was lighted up! I started running, and I guess everybody else did. But then I come back."

A pause. More bitter smoke from that terrible pipe. "Killed every single one of em," the Old Man murmured. 'Looked like some of em ran HALF a MILE and fell over dead! aided Spanish refugees and or-I swore I'd never go up on another furnace as long as I lived."

phans and engaged in the Spanish Civil War struggle on the side of the working class.

ansom both gave up remunerawar movement and struggle for the working class.

There was another silence. "Never know what's going to happen when a furnace's running Dr. John Hewetson and Philip bad," the Old Man said, and he added, ". . . like this."

I looked at the Old Man. I saw him, a worker, poor, and a



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"There wouldn't be any food shortage if people didn't overeat!"

coal for the Nazi war machine,

still wore his Nazi button when

In villages and towns the sol-

work the other way - we begin nothing but sit at windows and dition" under the Defense Reg-

ternization works if somebody is appointed burgomaster exercises the pattern of the political per-

there with a club, but right at the "discrimination" to exempt "res- secution of four English Trot-

front, where a soldier is risking pectable" Germans from this skyist leaders, who were rail-

death, you can't scare him with drudgery. One of the soldiers roaded to prison last July for

ple who are against Socialism and Mrs. Charlotta Bass. While stat-all it stands for. He fights for ing clearly the fundamental difcook book publishers, hoping to the working class and tells the ferences between our program worker what to do to better him- and her present position, the increase their sales to girls and self. What more could you want Trotskyists nevertheless, through women, who are trying to atin three months at the White thousands of leaflets, speeches tract a husband or perhaps, hold

House? "As for yourself, stop con-demning and look around and mayor, Myra Tanner Weiss, to House? and radio broadcasts urged the supporters of their candidate for mayor, Myra Tanner Weiss, to house a functional of permaps, house on to one. But sooner of later, most women discover that there are other ways "to a may's study conditions . . . Line your- vote also for Charlotta Bass for are other ways "to a man's heart." Even women who are self up with the people who are councilwoman.

doing things, who are fighting and Following our policy of always good cooks will agree that no demanding things . . . Maybe you telling the workers the truth, we one is ever handicapped by havwill get more members in the support Powell's progressive ac- ing a pretty face, smooth, lustions and condemn his reaction- trous hair, a slim figure and at-SWP. "I buy The Militant every week. ary actions.

tractive clothes.

Pioneer Paragraphs **A CAPITALIST MANIPULATIONS CAUSE RISE IN FOOD PRICES**

Besides the open price in- ones. The consumer is left no creases, there are numerous ways alternative but to buy higher in which the capitalists increase priced items. And if the higher their prices and evade the ceilings priced items have only a fake improvement in quality, this in an underhanded fashion. shutting off of the supplies of

The main form of hidden price rises is quality deterioration. While there is no increase in the

There are numerous other price, the article is of a poorer quality than before. We have already mentioned the case of price increases are extorted. Disbread. There are many other such guised price rises are as real and examples. You buy meat now and as harmful to the workers' have to pay for those bones and standard of living as the more fat which were previously trimopen and frank increases.

med away. A variation on quality deterioration is "upgrading": the selling of an article of a certain quality at the price of a better quality product, and thereby evading the price law. The working class N. Y.). housewife has to pay Grade A

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prices for a Grade B meat. Recently a prominent canning company placed a new "improved" soup on the market. The improved variety cost three cents a can more than the unimproved type. However, the only change in the can of soup was the label on it. It had the word "improved" in big letters printed across it. And that was the only place any im-

provement could be noted. A third way by which the manufacturers raise prices is by dropping cheaper lines of products and selling only more costly

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And so the struggle to be beautiful has absorbed the attention of women throughout the ages. The cosmetics industry was an old and flourishing business at the time of Cleopatra. Its chief customers have always been women, because the business of being beautiful has been one of

woman's main occupations. This is due to the fact that for cen- to men. turies women have been barred from so many fields of competition-Music, Science, Literature, Politics and even today do not have full and equal rights with "lower quality" goods will result men in these fields, although they in substantial additional profits. have made some important gains.

methods by which hidden food DEEP-SEATED DESIRE Although "vanity," as it is called, is supposed to be an exclusively feminine trait, the facts do not bear this out. Who buys the hair oils and tonics which are "absolutely guaranteed to cure

(From "Your Standard of Livbaldness in 30 days or your money ing-What's Happening to It," by will be cheerfully refunded?" The C. Charles, pp. 11-12. Pioneer manufacturers of various scented Publisher's, 1943; 32 pp., 5 cents. shaving soaps and cream and ex-Order from Pioneer Publishers, pensive after-shaving lotions cer-116 University Place, N. Y. 3, tainly find plenty of male buyers, and these are only a few of the



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the ritz beauty salon

The truth is that the desire to dentist for temporary porcelain look well-"to put one's best foot caps to fetch front teeth into forward"—is possessed by all alignment; to an instructor for members of the human race, lowering the voice a good three whether male or female. It is part tones; to the dress designer for of the individual's feeling of self- the appearance of curves we respect and of his, or her, sense hadn't the time to cultivate of personal dignity.

naturally: to Saks-Fifth-Avenue Recognizing this deep-seated for a new outfit of clothes." human need, a popular woman's Well, since she is lacking the magazine published an article in necessary cash to go through this a recent issue, called, "The Right | transformation process, perhaps To Be Beautiful." "Whether you she can try some of the "home live on a wind-swept farm in remedies" advised in the article. Nebraska, in a crowded flat in And so, she reads, "For a clear Chicago, or in a penthouse apart- skin, for good teeth, for lustrous ment in New York, you have hair, for a shine in your eye, eat the right of every American wo-man—the right to be beautiful," | fresh fruits and vegetables." This the article begins. In fact, the isn't going to be so easy either, article goes on to say, "there's she thinks. With prices of these

for the girl, who facing her enough of them for the children, mirror, mutters, 'I'm not pretty What's next in the line of and there's nothing I can do beauty advice? "Hands to have

Suppose the working-class girl and white. Rub some rich hand or housewife, facing the mirror cream on at night and wear white and seeing a too-thin face, with lisle mits to bed." At this point, dark circles of weariness under the working-class mother is likely the eyes, hair and skin that need to throw the magazine down in attention, and teeth that require disgust, knowing that no one dental care decides to do some- could change the baby's diapers thing about it. If she had a few several times during the night or thousand dollars left over after bring innumerable drinks of water paying the rent and buying to the older children, while weargroceries, she could have herself | ing "white lisle mits."

completely made over. "Before and After" pictures are much - talked - about American Pl., New York 3, giving your full shown in the magazine of so- rights to "life, liberty and the called "ugly ducklings," who were pursuit of happiness," to say check the records in our office. transformed in a week's time into nothing of the "right to be glamour girls. All it took to do beautiful." Only women of wealth that you get your copy of The the job was a series of trips—"to can feel secure in this right. Militant regularly every week.

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police investigations and raids. The files of the British anarchist

paper, War Commentary, were seized by the police last December and have never been released. The prosecution based its "sedition" charges' upon quotations from War Commentary and a circular letter issued by Freedom Press last fall. The letter had been found in the kits of three privates n the English forces who were brought in as witnesses. Three Captains stated that they had 'conducted searches upon the instructions of a 'higher authority'." The Prosecutor himself main tained that "Anybody is entitled to hold such opinions if they wish to hold them." He rested his case upon the fact that three men in the armed forces had come into possession of the leaflet, which could lead to "disaffection." None of the four arrested were called to give evidence, although both the prosecution and defense declared the case involved freedom of the press. A defense committee to protest

the violation of freedom of the press and to defend the 4 arrested anarchists was set up on March 3 to include all individuals and organizations concerned with civil liberties and labor's rights. Officers of the Committee are Herbert Read, Chairman, Ethel Mannin, Secretary, Fenner Brockway and Patrick Figgis, Vice-Chairmen, and S. Watson Taylor, Treasurer.

Notice to

agent or if you miss an issue, Poor women do not have the send a postcard to 116 University

> name and address so that we can We will do our utmost to see

tive careers to engage in the anti- Negro as well, denied opportunities, driven by the whip of economic needs, hounded and driven back to that very place of terror that he had fled from. And I thought of the rest of us, chained to our jobs by the decrees of the government as well as the needs of our The arrests followed a series of families and ourselves, and, worst of all, earning on these jobs a dollar an hour or less in the world of 1945. And I thought of the profits of the steel companies.

> I started to speak, but then once again the floor shuddered. There was a muffled WHOOOOM, and the stove man leaped to his feet and raced to the wheel.



APRIL 20, 1935

SACRAMENTO-Eight militant workers, found guilty of "criminal syndicalism" by the California courts on April 1, were sentenced to indeterminate terms of one to 14 years, as anti-labor Judge Lemmon denied motion for a new trial.

Two of the convicted leaders of the Agricultural and Cannery Workers Union, recommended for probation, scorned the clemency of the capitalist court. Said the Trotskyist Norman Mini: "Our conviction is the logic of the class struggle. But the same class struggle that results in our conviction will some day sweep everything this court and this state represent away forever. . . We know that the future belongs to us."

EW YORK-The United States and Japan are openly girding for their coming conflict, The Militant reported. "In June 150 American battleships and 500 planes will maneuver over 500,000 square miles of Pacific Ocean in the most extensive naval 'games' in peacetime history. The government estimates the cost at \$1,250,000. In July the Japanese navy will play 'games' over the same area."

HIO-The National Unemployed League continued its task of organizing hundreds of thousands of workers to fight for union recognition and better conditions. In Alliance, Ohio, relief workers struck for grants of coal; in Waynesburg, for the right to organize; in New Lexington, mass picketing closed down all work projects in protest against a proposed wage-cut of 5 cents an hour.

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- 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.

jails. Independent trade unions are outlawed. But all that counts for nothing in Washington's eyes. There is an equally conspicuous absence of democracy and freedom for labor in Argentina's neighbor, Brazil, not to speak of other members of the United Nations.

These examples show how easy it is, by the standards of the imperialist hypocrites and liars, to become transformed from a "fascist" into a "democratic" state. A simple and subservient declaration of war turns the trick.

Two Methods

The methods employed by the coal miners in conducting their negotiations with the operators stand in glaring contrast to the feeble, chickenhearted, defeatist routine which has become the standard practice of the leadership of the CIO and AFL. Compare, for example, the negotiations of the United Mine Workers with those of the United Automobile Workers-two of the most powerful unions in the country. Both unions have militant traditions. Both were built in the course of bitter struggle with the employers and their agents in the government. Tested in numerous battles, the membership of both organizations have demonstrated beyond question their fighting capacity and willingness to struggle.

It is an enormous advantage for union officials to enter negotiations knowing they can count on the support of a militant membership. The method of the miners is to use this advantage to wrest concessions from the bosses. Their representatives entered negotiations fully armed with a mandate to strike if the bosses rejected their demands. Negotiations were carried on in the open in full view of the public. There was no crawling or cringing before the profit-bloated coal operators or their political agents in Washington. And just to convince the skeptics that they aren't fooling, the miners began walking out of the pits when their contract expired in accord with their famous fight-

ing slogan: "No contract, no work!" Contrast this method with that of Thomas, Reuther and the entire top leadership of the UAW. In preparation for negotiations with the most arrogant, ruthless, union-hating gang of corporation pirates in the country, they iterate and reiterate their total, irrevocable and slavish adherence to the no-strike pledge. The auto barons are thereby handed a declaration of unconditional surrender at the outset. Thus disarmed in advance, the auto workers' demands are buried in the government's graveyard of grievances, the War Labor Board. After a year or more of stalling, the WLB hands down a decision-binding on the unions-rejecting the demands of the auto workers. By that time the contract has expired and the whole farce is begun all over again.

The final test of a method of dealing with the bosses is the results obtained. The method, of the miners gets results because everyone knows they mean business. The method of Thomas-Reuther-Addes-Frankensteen leads to frustration and impotence. That is why the auto militants in the Rank-and-File Caucus are striving to rearm their union with those methods of militant struggle

Growth of the Labor Movement 264,825 548,321 1,562,112 4,078,740 2,941,096 14,000,000 8,057,761 From a pamphlet issued by the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. ×-----WORKERS' FORUM 2 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

Growth of Unionism in the U.S.

1897 1900 1910 1920 1930 1940

I have been reading your paper istic to men who have managed now for about six months, and I was greatly impressed by all the articles which were very well put. I would like to know more about the fight that labor is putting up in America against ditions. A "man on horseback" the capitalist society.

studying the class war since I a real danger. was 15, so I think I must hold a bit of a record so far as ages go. real understanding of the causes have also taken part in two and nature of the present war strikes.

McLean, the Socialist leader in vague sort, yes. But any under-Glasgow during the last war, and | standing that this is an imperialhope to live up to him in this ist war-no. Thus, the discontent one. Well, Comrade, I must say can easily be channelized into an goodbye now. Yours for the fascist movement.

Profiteers Scuttle OPA Plan

Early last February the WPB and OPA simultaneously announced they were putting into effect orders which would grant priority to low-cost clothing production and reduce price ceilings for clothing the average wage-earner buys.

But don't look for any lower-priced clothing. The textile and clothing manufacturers have already blasted this program full of holes. Through the revision of a clause here and the trimming of a phrase there, the WPB and OPA orders now look like a program of price-raising.

For one thing, the WPB's priority order applies to the clothing and not the textile industry. The clothing manufacturers can produce lower-cost clothingif the textile manufacturers give them lower-cost materials. But the textile manufacturers are saying -nothing doing.

The original OPA price-ceiling order fixed as the base period for determining prices the last six months of 1942 and the first six months of 1943. Now it is based on the period of 1943, when profits and prices were much higher. In fact, from April 1943 through December 1944, clothing prices, according to the extremely conservative government figures, rose 16 per cent.

The OPA price order, however, which was supposed to bring cheaper clothing by this fall, hasn't yet gone into effect. It is still being "formulated"-that is. revised continually under the pressure of the textile and clothing manufacturers, aided by their Congressional hirelings.

A "hearing" on the low-cost clothing program was scheduled for next Monday before a subcommittee of the Smith House Select Committee, which is supposed to investigate the acts of government agencies which "exceed their authority."

Representative Howard W. Smith, of Virginia, eads the committee. He is the author of such antilabor legislation as the Smith-Connally Anti-Strike Law and Smith "Gag" Act. He is also a notorious friend of the textile manufacturers. His committee is going to "investigate" in particular a charge made by the head of the American Wool Council that the low-cost clothing program is aimed at "regimenting the textile and clothing industries." What do you think Smith's committee will "find?"

Westinghouse Electric Linked to Nazi Cartels

On April 12, the War Labor Board rejected the vage-increase demands of 200,000 members of the CIO Electrical and Radio Workers, including Westinghouse Electric's employes. This decision conformed to the demands of Westinghouse Electric, which has been making phenomenal profits during the war.

On the same day that the WLB did this chore for Westinghouse, the Department of Justice filed a civil suit against the company in Federal District Court, Newark, N. Y. The charge: maintaining a restrictive international cartel agreement with two German corporations which blocked the expansion of the electrical industry in this country during wartime. The Department of Justice doesn't want the West-

inghouse officials shot for treason or even sent to jail. All it wants is that the court declare illegal Westinghouse's contracts with the two Nazi firms, Siemens-Schuckterwerke and Siemens-Halske. This contract



Scottish Socialist Editor:

THE MILITANT

I am 18 years old but have been

I am a follower of the late John the veteran. Discontent of a revolution.

S. J.

Greetings from Young earn in a week what they couldn't Stalinists Sanction service. They would just as soon Capital-Labor Pact put all women back into the Editor: kitchen. They are quite antagon-If anyone at the Earl Browder meeting held here in Cleveland to stay out of service. A clever April 6 had maintained with Marx political opportunist could easily

and Lenin that "The history of all channelize such feelings to his hitherto existing society is a hisown advantage in a post-war tory of class struggles," the period of uncertain economic conpresident of the Communist Political Association would no doubt promising exclusive jobs on govhave refuted it in the same listless ernment projects to veterans is tone in which he refuted the present class struggle.

1943

I cannot say that there is any For an hour Browder tore into Senators Taft and Vandenberg (straw dummies to the 2,000 party either among the service men or people and sympathizers who gathered in the Masonic Auditorium). It seems that these two arch-reactionaries had the temerity to skeptically question the motives of the recent Japan-American anti-labor and incipient ese-Soviet breach. This disbelief was, to the CPA, tantamount to

"Labor must seek more col-

Of course no meeting of the

Communist Political Association

sts have done in the past, but be-

cause of their "mental back-

If the miners are MORONS for

wardness!"

called a "collaborator."

I should very much like to see a betraval of the Allied cause

For Cheaper Clothing

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1945

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

Argentina

No recent action has more clearly exposed the hypocrisy of the Allies' claim that they are waging a "war for democracy" than the circumstances. surrounding the abrupt shift in Argentina's diplomatic relations. The moment Argentina declared war upon the Axis, this so-called "fascist state" and "Nazy satellite" was welcomed into the company of the United Nations. Through Secretary Stettinius the State Department promptly announced that "normal diplomatic relations" would be resumed with the reactionary Farrell-Peron government. Argentina is expected to apply for admission to the San Francisco conference and it is reported that its request for a place among the United Nations will be backed by Washington.

Argentina's ruling class preferred to stay out of active participation in the war for the same general reasons of material interest which now make it expedient for them to enter the conflict. Until now the big capitalists, the ranchers and their government and military agents felt that they had much more to gain for themselves by remaining neutral.

This demonstration of independence on the part of a South American country was taken as an intolerable offense by the Yankee imperialists. Imitating the methods used by Hitler to whip the smaller European nations into line with Nazi foreign policy, the Allied powers set about to break down Argentina's neutrality. They exerted economic pressure; uttered threats of military intervention; ruptured diplomatic relations. These moves were accompanied by a torrent of inspired propaganda in the press, the movies and over the radio, whipping up popular sentiment against this holdout by depicting Argentina as the chief base of operations for the Nazi "fifth column" in the Western hemisphere.

Now this is in the process of being forgotten and forgiven, although nothing has been changed save the shift in the foreign affairs of Argentina's rulers. The iron fist of the Farrell-Peron military dictatorship still grips the throat of the Argentine people. The Argentine Socialist paper "Vanguardia" recently reported that there are "hundreds if not thousands" of political prisoners in Argentina's which built the UAW-CIO and made it the most progressive union in the country.

CIO And 'Peace Pact'

The CIO Executive Board meeting in Washington on April 12 has ratified the industry-labor "Peace Charter" which aims to extend the wartime no-strike, compulsory arbitration policy into the "post-war" period. This "charter" supports the "principle" of the profit system and endorses the "right" of capital to exploit labor. As usual, the labor "democrats" denied their memberships their "right" to express any opinion.

In exchange for surrendering labor's birthright, the pact expresses the pious hope that "the fundamental rights of labor to organize and to engage in collective bargaining with management shall be recognized and preserved, free from legislative enactments which would interfere with or discourage these objectives.'

Only a few days before the CIO heads put their seal of approval on the "Peace Charter," a director of the National Association of Manufacturers disclosed that the employers were already advancing a "five-point" program of "legislative enactments," aimed at outlawing strikes and instituting a nation-wide open shop.

Despite the announced intentions of the employers to initiate an open-shop, strikebreaking campaign, the CIO labor "statesmen" rushed ahead with their "peace" plan which serves to disarm the unions in the face of the impending unionsmashing drive. The total bankruptcy of the top union officialdom has never been more glaringly revealed.

This policy of unconditional surrender in advance never won anything for the workers and never will. It is up to the union militants to organize around a program of struggle to defend the unions against employer-government attack. It is impossible to defend the gains of the unions or preserve their existence without first regaining independence of action. Rescind the no-strike pledge! Withdraw the union representatives from the employer-dominated War Labor Board! Build the Independent Labor Party!

These are the key points in a program that will rearm organized labor for the period ahead; reinspire the disillusioned ranks; and guide them in the inevitable battles with the bosses. Along this road the labor movement will not only be able to protect itself from the assaults of the employers and their agents but it can lead the masses forward to a progressive solution of their problems.

Glasgow, Scotland

Socialist willing to write me, I will gladly correspond.

Wants Program **For Veterans**

Editor: As a discharged veteran of the present war I have for some time been carefully watching The Militant for a statement of the Socialist Workers Party's attitude towards the veteran problem. Outside of some general statements and remarks I have not found any clearly formulated and definitive program.

I feel that the veteran problem is one of the major problems of post-war America. The labor movement has completely neglect ed the returning veteran. This is both an indictment and a warning for the AFL and CIO. Their neglect has been criminal. The dissatisfied and psychologically unstable veteran is. unfortunately ripe material for the numerous proto-fascist and panacea movements which are bound to arise after the war. If the unions had not neglected the veteran, they would be in a position to channelize this discontent and frustration into constructive militant unionism. As it now stands, the veterans are entering the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars in droves. There is no other organization they can turn

There is also the American Veterans Committee sponsored by tional amendment which, under the "Daily Worker," stating that the Nation-New Republic group. To my knowledge it has a small handful of followers and is of old reactionary organizations are swallowing up the veterans. The veteran problem is definitely sponsors come from big industry not a post-war problem. There and it is backed by clubs of are already over a million vetwealthy women. erans. We cannot wait till demobilization day to formulate Q: When was the IWW ora program for the veteran. It ganized? must be done well in advance of

A: The Industrial Workers of country. that day, not only to be prepared for demobilization day, but also the World were organized in 1905 as a program for veterans already discharged. The veterans of my acquaintance are restless and discontented. Metal Workers, and a few local nations. They are antagonistic to women labor organizations at a conwho have entered the factory and ference held in Chicago.

the Militant publish a program for the veteran. It will soon be P.S. If you have any young the number one problem for the labor and political movements. and AFL peace treaty which Should the veteran join the existing veteran organizations? What should his attitude be towards women workers, towards non-veterans? Who can he aflaborators of this kind," Browder filiate himself with? Should he counseled, doing Eric Johnston favor wholesale handouts for the distinct disservice of being veterans exclusively from the

> government? Several of my friends, as well as myself, would like to see the Militant publish a veterans' program, and are waiting to see this letter printed.



fighting their exploiters, so were Q: What evidence is there that the Russian masses in October, small businesses have been 1917, the French proletariat in squeezed out during the war? 1789 and 1848, and the entire A: The rate of industrial and world working class who will commercial failures for the war inevitably overthrow their oppresyears (1939 to 1943; figures for sors. 1944 not yet prepared) show an The Communist Political Assoaverage of 10,531 failures per ciation has now openly declared war on the U.S. working class.

year. In the two preceding years failures were at the rate of 9,500 per year, or a thousand less. The first two years of the war alone resulted in over 25,000 business **Revolutionary Heroes** failures in America.

* * * Q: What is the "Equal Rights"		Editor: One of the subs I sold to a young steel worker who was
bill?		formerly a mine worker. He
A:		asked our comrade if he had read

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the guise of legally declaring he had read it himself for a while women to have "equal rights" and in his opinion, "it stinks." with men. would really deprive He was very interested and negligible importance. Thus the them of the protection of all discussed many of the problems special legislation in regard to facing the workers today and in hours and working conditions. Its the immediate future.

> Mexican working in steel. In the course of our discussion I mentioned reading a book about pride and obvious admiration for

This affirms the correctness of by representatives of the Western the suggestion that The Militant ederation of Miners, the Amer- carry articles on the revolutionary ican Labor Union, the United heroes of the U.S.A. and other

H. Newell

But the finale to this speech divided up the world market between the American was the CPA's sanction to the and German corporations. CIO. U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Particularly, the government is begging the court to compel Westinghouse to release vital patents and gives capital the right to exploit, nformation which the company has been withholding and labor the right to be exin order not to "violate" its cartel agreements. ploited—peacefully.

How Government Aids The Aluminum Monopoly

would be complete without slan-When workers, driven by intolerable conditions, go dering the miners. Elizabeth on strike, all the forces of capitalist government are Gurley Flynn, one-time an honestly devoted leader of labor, had used to crush them and whip them back to work. But the gall to oppose the miners' when a powerful corporation deliberately blocks war struggles for higher wages and production to maintain its monopoly and superbetter working conditions not on profits, what happens? Well-look at the Aluminum the basis of their economic or Corporation of America! political maturity, as the Stalin-

Testifying on April 11 before the Senate Small Business Committee, Will Clayton, Assistant Secretary of State and former high official of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, admitted that when an aluminum shortage for planes existed last year, ALCOA was an "unwilling seller" to the government. It opposed the utilization of existing idle plant facilities in this country because "it would have no post-war interest in a greater capacity than 5,000,-000,000 pounds."

"Therefore," Clayton stated, "ALCOA felt that 🔌 facilities which might be added for the war demands should be paid out of the proceeds of the aluminum sold (to the government) and that it was not in a position to finance more facilities."

Instead, Federal Loan Administrator Vinson, acting on the instructions of the War Production Board, last month signed an agreement to purchase 250,000,000 pounds of aluminum from ALCOA's Canadian subsidiary. This was an extremely profitable deal for ALCOA, because of its cheaper labor and taxes in Canada. A large part of these Canadian facilities were financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The government contract with ALCOA guaranteed o buy a minimum of 100,000,000 pounds of aluminum even if the need should be only 1,000,000 pounds. The contract further agreed to pay a 3-cent-a-pound premium over the base price because "if production costs went down the aluminum would cost us less." This never happened.

ALCOA was permitted to use its own auditor, as Clayton admitted, and the government never found Zapata. He brightened up with out what the production cost of the aluminum was. "We wanted an independent auditing firm, but they this revolutionary fighter of his didn't, so we gave in," said Clayton.

Vinson signed the contract, he said, because "a manpower and fuel shortage exists in the U.S." But Representative Walt Horan, of Washington, frankly told the Senate Committee that ALCOA had a big labor turnover because of its vicious "labor policies." "It's high time they raised their standards so the Allentown, Pa. men will work in their plants."

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