### **Did Roosevelt Curb American Monopolies**

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# HUGE UPRISING SWEEPS NORTH ITALY

### More Cutbacks, Layoffs Speeded **By Government**

With the virtual end of the war in Europe, the spreading war production cutbacks and mass unemployment will take on major scope and speed.

An intimation of what the workers face in the immediate future came last week with the ominous announcement of the impending shutdown of the huge Ford Willow Run bomber plant by August. This one layoff, @

spreading through numerous feeder plants, will ultimately affect Company Retreats several hundred thousands.

man, Michigan director of the man, Michigan director of the War Manpower Commission, de-clared on April 28 that Willow Run production might end by June 1 instead of August. At the the second strike within tw same time, Brig. Gen. Frederick the second strike within two Hopkins told union officials that weeks of over 5,500 Kelseythere was only a "remote possibil- Hayes workers at three plants ity" that "something would turn here, the company agreed to up" to save scores of thousands from unemployment.

### WPB ANNOUNCEMENT

Behind a curtain of silence, big the regional WLB. An unprecedented WLB ruling layoffs are proceeding in the other large plants of the auto- directing the company to rehire motive and aircraft industries. As the six committeemen and steof the latest announcement two ward, whose discharge precipiweeks ago, there will be a general tated the original nine-day walkone-third reduction in working out, ended the first strike on forces at the large Hudson, Mur- April 18. Once the workers were ray Body and Briggs plants in back in the plants, the company Detroit. These figures will un- fired 13, provoking the second doubtedly have to be revised strike on April 24.

A meeting of the strikers sharply upward with the latest developments in the European members of Local 174, CIO United Automobile Workers, to-

Last week, officials of the War day voted to end their strike. This Production Board and War De- followed announcement of the partments gave little-publicized second WLB order for reinstateannouncements of large reduc- ment of the discharged workers tions in war contracts and exten- and the company's statement that it would accept the order "under sive cutbacks. On April 25 WPB Director J. protest" and "only in the interest

A. Krug told a House committee of war production."

Within a few days of the first announcement, Edward L. Cush-

the second strike within two reinstate 13 fired workers, including six committeemen and a chief steward, on orders of

Italian Masses Settle Accounts With Mussolini



A grim warning to all fascist murderers and enemies of the workers the bodies of Mussolini, his mistress Clara Petacci and 12 other fascists, tried and executed by Italian Partisans, lie in the dirt in the Piazza Loretto at Milan, the industrial center where the fascists committed their worst atrocities against the Italian working class.

### Conference At San Francisco Will Not Fears that the determined and militant stand of the Kelsey-Hayes workers might touch off a Ensure Future Peace For The People

By Li Fu-jen

San Francisco continues the work begun last year at the Dum-

ing in the April 28 Social-Democ, desperately want to hear that the

barton Oaks and Bretton Woods conferences.

With unbounded hypocrisy and

the reporters believe this.

At the San Francisco conference of the "United Nations"

### Partisans Drive Out Nazis, **Execute Dictator Mussolini**

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**Committees of National Liberation Hand Power to Allied Puppet Government in Rome** 

### **By Harry Martel!**

In a mighty demonstration of power the masses of northern Italy last week rose in insurrection and wiped out the remnants of the Fascist regime in its last stronghold. With Partisan fighters as the shock troops, the workers seized control of the great industrial cities in the Lombardy plain. Mussolini and his Fascist aides met the end deserved by all hated tyrants. After a summary trial they were put to death

by a firing squad.

From here on events followed a familiar pattern. The Committee of National Liberation, consisting of Stalinists, "So-

The 162 Negro flying officers cialists" and Liberals, rearrested at Freeman Field, Ind. ceived the power which early in April for protesting against Army segregation policies the insurgent masses had wrenchvere freed on April 26, according ed from the hands of the Fasto Leslie Perry, Washington cists and Nazis-and promptly representative of the National handed it over to the bankrupt Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mass arrests Bonomi government which rules of Negro officers of the 477th in Rome by the grace of Allied Bombardment Group followed bayonets. Allied troops immeupon their refusals to sign an diately rushed in to "restore orindorsement of the Jim Crow plan der" in the liberated cities. or reparate clubs for white and The new governmental power

olored officers at Freeman Fi in the north, in its first official Demands that charges be statement, pledged itself "to lropped against three Negro ofcontinue the war" at the side of ficers who were arrested at this the United Nations, thus flouting same field for "jostling" a provost the will of the people who, above marshal are also being pressed by all, want peace. This treacherous the NAACP. The charges were coalition, like their associates in made after the Negro officers the south, are already trying to attempted to enter an officers' club, which had been "reserved" for white officers. Further demands of the NAACP

disarm the insurrectionists whose struggles liberated North Italy. In Turin, a general strike was called. Immediately the insurgents are that the War Department occupied the so es and

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### Their "Post-War Plan'

Speaking on April 18 before a meeting of the Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Inc., War Surplus Property Board Chairman Guy M. Gillette stated that certain big industry groups have urged his board to take "surplus" government g o o d s "into the middle of the ocean and dump them" to maintain scarcity and high prices.

### Hurrah! - We're

### Unemployed

published United Press dispatch charged that "the company wishabout the closing of the Ford ed to eliminate effective union make the most optimistic state- AIM TO DECEIVE ged, it appears, by the Ford Co. strike, an international board tel-Press story of the interviews."

### **Too Hot to Handle**

An NLRB collective bargaining election at Famous-Barr, biggest department store in St. Louis and fourth largest in the world, was set aside because of company interference, reports Midwest Labor World, April 11. LY TOOK OVER AN NLRB ELECTION AND RAN IT, DE-SPITE PROTESTS FROM THE BOARD ITSELF." The union pagest advertiser was the culprit, ing unreeled before movie au- VICTIMS OF NAZISM and so the story was too hot to diences. handle."

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#### **Health** Note

Multi-millionaire Gerard Swope, former president of the General Electric trust, issued a statement the other day against making public the huge salaries received by the heads of the big business concerns. Publishing such information, said Swope, "only produces envy and heartburn."

walkout in the company's 12 other plants and ignite the present explosive auto labor situation here forced the WLB to move. The which opened last week with pious speeches on the need for world

WLB acted despite previous declarations that it would give no peace, the statesmen of the imperialist powers, together with the consideration to workers' de- representatives of the Kremlin, are carrying a stage further their from the San Francisco confer- series of little wars. mands while they are on strike. plans for division of the world and domination of its peoples, After an all-night session yesterday, the WLB yielded, ordering reinstatement of the 13. The order stipulates that the company may file a "bill of particulars' within five days, copies to be in the hands of all 13 discharged workers. They will then have five days to prepare replies for presentation to an 'impartial' RWLB

panel to be appointed by the regional WLB.

ratic New Leader, stated that "on San Francisco conference has suc-Addes, UAW secretary-treasurer, three occasions within the first ceeded that I cannot tell them two days after we arrived, I how badly things have begun." Commenting on a previously- who headed the union committee, heard with amazement delegates

**New Lork Daily, FM, April 20,** ever, Addes and the OAW inter-explains: "Stories of the 'happi- national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all it could to the the till with the bat the maximum accurate national board did all the till with the the bat the bat the till with the bat were the result of interviews rig- issued its order ending the first would not lay an egg." PM on Wednesday ran the United the strikers go back to work known syndicated column was ING FOR PEACE AND THAT ple who like the Greeks rise alists conquered Abyssinia. Japwithout gains. Had it arrived an more plain-spoken. He said he PEACE IS POSSIBLE UNDER against capitalist oppression and an moved into China.

hour earlier, the WLB might have had not yet seen anything to CAPITALISM. Also, that he was exploitation. refrained from issuing its direc- lighten, but a great deal to deep- writing as he did because the big- As two terrible world wars have

tive.

phoulish secrets.

Now that the Allied armies | Hitler seized power twelve years | means of loans and cartel agree-| sadistic beasts, they may ac-| own hands by destroying capitalhave occupied large parts of ago. Torture and death were the ments, helped the Nazis to con- quiesce in the robber peace, the ism and building a new Socialist case that the company ACTUAL-Germany, the full story of the lot of the Jews and of all the solidate their brutish rule super-Versailles, planned for society. known German workingclass op- against the German people. crimes and abominations of the ponents and other critics of Hit- Now - today - with final Ger- leaders. Nazi regime is coming to light. ler and his gangsters. Victims man defeat in sight, Nazi atro-They are being revealed in a who managed to escape abroad cities are being publicized with **BUAKD ITSELF.** The union pa-per adds that this "first-rate news torrent of reports and pictures spread the truth. But there were great fanfare. The Allied victors story" was not even reported in the St. Louis papers. "The big-evidence of Nazi atrocities is be-until now.

For long years, the "democra-

Nazism, which rescued German tic" imperialist leaders were incapitalism from the revolution- different to Nazi atrocities. They ary wrath of the German masses, treated them as an exclusively

now stands exposed in all its German concern - until German are exploiting the horror revelamonstrous infamy. The captured imperialism challenged THEIR tions of the concentration camps challenge its victorious rivals gang in Moscow. Nazi concentration camps at interests. Some of them, such as in a frenzied campaign to whip either in commercial competition,

Buchenwald, Dachau, Belsen and Churchill, openly proclaimed their up popular hatred, not just or in war, which is the end result ULTERIOR PURPOSES elsewhere have yielded up their admiration for Hitler's regime. against the Nazis, but against of such competition. The same Churchill just as ard- the German people as a whole. The nauseating cruelty of the ently praised Mussolini for "sav- If the people of the "democratic" crush by force of arms, any at- determination of the propagand-

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en, his pessimism as to any really business controlled press, which by now amply demonstrated,

Nazi barbarians has been a mat- ing" Europe from Bolshevism. countries can be made to believe tempt of the German working ter of public knowledge ever since The American imperialists, by that the Germans are a nation of class to take its destiny into its

deceives the people day in and peace is impossible in a world of imperialist rivalries. At best, it day out, demands it. The world security organiza- is an uneasy interlude between tion which is expected to result wars, an interlude marked by a

ence can be nothing more than LEAGUE OF NATIONS a revamped League of Nations.

The League of Nations did ev-The Dumbarton Oaks proposals which the conference is expected ing the 31 years between the close cynicism, scribblers of every poli- effective postwar peace organiza-not of an organization to pre- of World War I and the outbreak nation-wide protests against this ships intact, to Partisan leaders. tical hue are busy "selling" the tion. 'Is that the story you've serve peace, but of a political conference to the war-weary peo- written?' I asked. 'Oh no,' he re- instrument of the Big Powers. zen wars were fought. In each in- erally felt that Colonel Selway class Partisans stormed and overples as a bright hope of future plied, 'I don't dare write that Its purpose, like that of the stance the imperialist powers would be relieved entirely of com-

peace. Neither the delegates nor story.' 'Why not?' 'Because,' he League of Nations, will be to were the prime movers. The mand of the 477th." answered, 'the people don't want confirm the victorious powers in Turko-Greek war was instigated Reporter Jonathan Stout, writ- to hear that story. The people so the spoils of war and to impose by Britain after the close of World The unspoken slogan of the loving" British imperialists "Peace on Earth!" but "Woe to northwest frontier.

about the closing of the rord ed to eliminate effective union ments about the future of the Willow Run bomber plant, the leadership from its plants." How-Willow Kun bomber plant, the leadership from its plants. How-New York Daily, PM, April 20, ever, Addes and the UAW inter-conference, and then, in private, accurate had he stated that he on dismembering Germany, de-succession. Britain, France and

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purpose is two-fold:

them tell me that they were hop- THE IMPERIALIST MANAG- ing its people. They intend to declared war against the Bolshness of the bomber workers over and the company in this purpose. In additional to several thousand workers in the projected closing of the plant only one hour after the RWLB ing against hope the conference ERS OF THE CONFERENCE Balkanize Europe and fasten the evik regime in Russia. France has been one of the most criti- the past few months. Louis J. WANT TO DECEIVE THE PEO- chains of servitude on the teem- and Spain fought the Riffs in Stout then told this revealing PLE INTO BELIEVING THAT ing multitudes of Asia. They plan North Africa. Japan invaded news bureau. Not realizing this, egram arrived demanding that story: "A writer of a nationally- THEY ARE REALLY WORK- to wage bloody war on any peo- Manchuria. The Italian imperi-

This was the "peace" that ex-

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remove Major General Frank Hunter and Colonel Robert Selway from their posts and that a thorough investigation-"not a white wash" be made of the Jim Crow set-up at Freeman Field.

Wins Release of

**Negro Officers** 

According to the April 28 Pittsburgh Courier, Major General Hunter was expected this week to reveal the status of the War position, surrendered his garrison Department's investigations into erything but preserve peace. Dur- the arrests of the Negro flying In Venice, the German commanofficers. Because of the vigorous der yielded the harbor, with all of World War II, more than a do- Jim Crow outrage, "it was gen- In other cities armed working-

of the city, seized public buildings, freed political prisoners, and forced the German and Italian Fascist forces to surrender en masse. The great port of Genoa fell

when the German commander. realizing the hopelessness of his of 7,000 soldiers to the Partisans.

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tion, the larger of the two air-

plane manufacturers in this area,

### the spoils of war and to impose "peace by force" (Roosevelt's for-mula) on the rest of the world. by Britain alter the close of world War I, to further British policy in the Near East. The "peace-BIG AIRCRAFT LAYOFFS The unspoken slogan of the statesmen dominating the San rot conference is not conference is the statesmen here the statesmen statesmen between the statesmen statesmen between the statesmen statesmen statesmen between the statesmen statesmen statesmen statesmen statesmen between the statesmen sta

**By Bill Gray** 

BUFFALO, April 23.-This has had mass layoffs running up. city which for several years to several thousand workers in cal labor shortage areas in the Mayer, President of the I.A.M. country is likely to become in District 585-AFL, recently stated the very near future one of the most critical job shortage areas. is too pessimistic or just the product of a point of view that has no faith in the ability of the capitalist system to provide postwar jobs for all, let him ponder over these hard facts.

1. Buffalo employment has been declining steadily since June 1943

which marked the peak of wartime jobs in this area. Workers laid off have either left town or

For the successful execution of For the successful execution of these designs, the Allied victors Plan forced to take undesirable need at least the passive assent of their own peoples. Mass op- jobs at lower wages. 2. The aircraft industry, the

These self-styled champions of position to the enslavement of democracy have openly proclaim- Germany would upset, and pered their intention to dismember haps frustrate, their plans. The has already dismissed thousands Hawaii Workers Vote CIO.... 4 The British Government Germany, to destroy what re- campaign around the atrocity mains of its principal industries, revelations is intended to still any to place the country under public protest and provide moral lengthy military operation. Their justification for the criminal "peace" planned by Washington 1. To make it impossible for and London and endorsed by the German imperialism again to counter - revolutionary Stalinist

The systematic, streamlined 2. To head off, and if need be character of the campaign, the

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that Curtiss - Wright executives had informed him that a onethird reduction in production re-If anyone thinks this prediction sulting in discharge of many additional thousands of workers would go into effect any time now. The company has refused to reveal the extent of the contemplated reduction! Numerous smaller plants mak-

ing airplane parts, engines and other war products have already

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tion entirely when Germany falls. Pioneer Notes ...... The Curtiss-Wright Corpora- Workers Forum .......

in the summer of 1943 employed British Policy on Atrocities. 5 number on the payroll. This corporation which in 1939 employed only a couple of thousand work- Trade Union Notes ...... 2

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### THE MILITANT

### SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1945

## Result Of Elections In UAW-CIO Locals Reveal Sharp Discontent Of Auto Workers TNOTES

### By E. Kennedy

DETROIT, April 23.-The increasing discontent of the auto workers that finds expression in the continuing strike wave here has also been revealed in the results of the recent local union elections of the CIO United Automobile Workers. This year, as was the case a<sup>()</sup>

year ago, the officers of scores was backed by John McGill, a for-

of UAW locals have paid for their mer vice president of 599. Deinability to win any real gains for troit East Side Tool and Die Local the workers by being voted out 155 remains under the control of Stalinist John Anderson and his of union office. machine.

An outstanding example of the trend was the results of the primary elections at the huge Ford the UAW Rank and File Caucus Local 600. The Stalinist machine which led the fight against the which dominated the local for sev- no-strike pledge, and his entire eral years suffered an outright slate were elected at Dodge Truck defeat for the posts of recording- Local 140. Bill Jenkins, Highland secretary and secretary-treasurer. Park Amalgamated Local 490, The opposition, as reported in The was reelected president and his Militant, April 28, won pluralities entire slate was also elected. He for the other posts and is in a fa- is chairman of the Greater Devorable position to win the run- troit UAW Rank and File Cauoffs.

**ELECTION CHANGES** 

Among other leading locals which have witnessed the defeat cers reflects the frustration of of the old administrations are the following: Ford Willow Run Bom- Although the Rank and File Cauber Local 50; Briggs Aircraft 742; Chysler Tank Arsenal Local the last UAW convention to re-833: Plymouth Local 51: Ford Highland Park Local 400; Murray UAW, the program of retreat Local 2; Continental Motors Local and capitulation of the top UAW 280; Flint Chevrolet Local 659; Flint Fisher Local. 581; Flint AC Local 651. In Briggs Local 212, the old administration's slate lost out for the two top posts. This list

could be greatly extended. Naturally, all locals did not elect new leaderships, although most basic wage demands. In recent elections were very close. Chrysler Local 7 retained its incumbent president, Cunningham, a Stalinist. Frank Donley was victor local officers and militants. Now again at Motor Products Local 203. Mike Novak continues as Dodge Local 3 president by a narrow vote margin. Hammond of

Detroit West Side Tool and Die Local 157 was also reelected. A Stalinist-Reuther-Addes combination in Flint Buick Local 599 was strong enough to reelect Ben

**Auto Profiteers' Spokesman Calls Unions 'Vultures'** 

Here's a sample of the kind of Iy signed by Philip Murray and intervene actively as an indepen- out segregation. William Green.

New NAACP Pamphlet



Reproduction of the front cover of the pamphlet "Mutiny?", showing Negro navy ammunition loaders like the men who were blown to bits in the Port Chicago disaster. This pamphlet, published by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is reviewed in this issue of The Militant.

### doing a conscientious job in a union post is but a step to draft induction or discharge Also the **Negro Workers Give Evidence** more conscious militants are aware of their limited ability to gain anything for the workers On Jim Crow In Boilermakers

LOS ANGELES, April 27-Garner V. Grayson, Jr., formerly acting secretary-treasurer of the Boilermakers Local No. A-35, Negro local, was one of the key witnesses during the past week The ranks had little opportunity for the six Negro workers who are attempting, through court "peace charter" the auto barons to give positive expression to action here, to force the International Brotherhood of Boilerlook forward to imposing on la- their dissatisfaction because the makers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers, AFL, to admit Negroes that the Navy had ignored an This was done at the written bor - and it's not the one recent | Rank and File Caucus did not into the union as full members without discrimination and with-

Their testimony revealed that he called a meeting for the nom- train them in the safe handling deaths of 320 Americans must them worked before. This in it-John W. Scoville, economist for the Chrysler Corporation, spoke the Ford Local 600 Aircraft Unit initiation fees and dues into San Used 102 that there were contained a meeting tor one non-they have been compelled to pay initiation of officers, but was subse-of explosives." Hundreds of these Negro on August 1, 1944 before the De-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-al and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-al and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-al and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-al and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-al and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-al and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-al and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-al and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-al and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-al and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-al and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Boilermak-troit Kiwanis Club, on "The Mor-and Economic Evils of Collection for the Reuther caucus in Local 92 of the Re to get the Reuther caucus in Local in the shipyards, although they nominations had been made. He tive Bargaining." His remarks 600 to adopt the militant pro- have never been admitted into thereupon sent a petition to Lowere just reported in the May 1 gram of the Rank and File. When that local and instead were ev- cal 92 and the International Ofentually shunted off into a Ne- fice requesting that a new meetgro auxiliary. ing. conforming with all technic the election, and did not run for This Negro auxiliary does not alities, be held for the nominahave control over its own affairs. tion of officers to the Negro aux-It is controlled instead by Local iliary. But he was called to a government Speeds Cutbacks in 92 in which the Negro workers conference in Blackwell's office, John Zupan, secretary of the have no representation. Due to where Thomas Crow, Interna Detroit Rank and File Caucus. discrimination against them on tional Vice-President of the Boil-the part of Local 93, they have ermakers, informed him that he been barred from many of the didn't consider this the proper order to run on a Reutherite seek to pick the meat from the slate in Bomber Local 50. He was better paid jobs, and in general time for holding elections in auxrewarded for this by being the have been relegated to an inferior iliary local A-35.

### **PAMPHLET BARES NAVY** FRAME-UP OF NEGROES

In a letter to Time magazine

April 30) on airman at the

Army Air Field in Deming,

"Book-banning Boston has

nothing on this Army Air

Field. Our Commanding Offi-

cer ordered the one Post Lib-

rary copy of Black Boy by

Richard Wright destroyed.

Though we be in the Army,

what man has a right to try

and dictate what we will or

will not read? What century

Richard Wright is the well-

known Negro writer. His book

tells in unvarnished fashion

the story of his youthful life

in the South and is a terrible

indictment of the white sup-

remacy tyrants who persecute,

terrorize and lynch Negroes.

That's why the brass hat or-

In the record of the six-week-

case . . . not one hint that while

these 50 bewildered youngsters

"The pointless, meaningless

was the 'accuser'-the Navy."

is this?'

New Mexico, writes:

By Grace Carlson **Army Brass Hats** "Mutiny?", a 16-page

pamphlet just published by the **Burn Wright's Book** NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, is a powerful indictment of the Jim Crow system of the United States Navy. The cover of this pamphlet is a reproduction of an official Navy photograph, showing Negro sailors loading ammunition. Against this background, the title of the pamphlet takes on added meaning-"Mutiny?: The Real Story of How the Navy Branded 50 Fear-Shocked Sailors As Mutineers.'

"Remember Port Chicago?" the pamphlet begins, and goes on to give a dramatic recitation of the tragic events of the Port Chicago case. On July 17, 1944 in this little town on San Francisco Bay, "over 320 American sailors were blown to tiny fragments . . . in less time than it takes to say 'Jim Crow'." Every one of the 320 casualties

dered it destroyed - because as a Negro sailor, who had been it tells the truth. Who said loading ammunition. Every one that it was only the German of the commissioned officers who Nazis who burned books? had been charged with the lives spiracy to mutiny" at the largest mass trial in Naval history.

sailors survived the Port Chicago tragedy-dazed, bewildered. nervous, shocked by the sights, sounds and smells of "the worst home front disaster of the war.' When attempts were made to return them to loading amsat for six weeks in a courtroom munition, hundreds of them as the 'accused,' the real offender rebelled

**INJUSTLY PUNISHED** Bay Area had, on a number of 21 years of age. Ten of the men were loading . . . ; that the Longshoremen's union wouldn't permit a winch driver to work on ammunition unless he had had years of experience on other loads 70. ; offer by these same unions to request of the sailors themselves. only one hour of daily overtime send experienced longshoremen to



### By Joseph Keller

Phone Girls OK Contract | lows: For strike, 41,952; against, 6,697.

Meetings of New York Local When the coal miners take a 101, Federation of Long Lines strike vote, it's no mere gesture Telephone Workers, on April 24 or empty threat. That's what the ratified a wage contract, approvboss press said about the previed by the WLB, which grants ous vote of the bituminous minaverage wage increases of \$3.88 ers — until they walked out by per week, plus retroactive pay the scores of thousands even amounting to \$2,500,000. It will after the old contract was exalso give maximum pay of \$37 tended for a month. A lot of weekly after 8 years service, inminers figured an old contract is stead of the former \$34 peak ne contract - and no contract, after 12 years. no work! Then the operators The new agreement, which is

and government acted fast. also being acted upon by the local operators in the Traffic Em-\* \* \*

ployes Association, was won after Textile Local Sued both unions voted overwhelming-A suit for damages of \$259,680 ly to strike against the flat \$3 s from the United Textile Workers, veek raise originally granted by AFL, has been filed by the Amerhe WLB. The unions had deican Enka Corporation, Ashville, manded \$5: a special WLB panel North Carolina, in the Buncombe had also recommended \$5. The County N. C., Superior Court. company had finally agreed to \$4, but the national WLB pared it The company is trying to knock down this huge sum from the unto \$3.

A new schedule of wages gives ion for alleged losses it claims it beginners \$23, plus certain fringe sustained during a strike of 3,000 workers last February. The comoncessions, instead of \$20 weeky. This increase is raised to \$4 pany claims the strike, which after 15 months, \$5 after 35 ended in a government "seizure" nonths and \$6 after 48 months. on February 18, violated a no-The militancy of the telephone strike clause in the contract. The real intent of this suit is to girls, who were just about to go smash the union. Since August on strike when the final contract

18. 1944, the company has been was signed, forced the WLB to defying a regional WLB order directing it to arbitrate the union's demand for shift differentials and paid lunch periods. The

Less Take-Home Pay

accede to the higher awards.

company refused, raising the pre-Over 100,000 shipyard and ship text that by opening the contract repair workers in the New York for renegotiation of these issues area face large cuts in their if was reopening the whole conweekly take-home pay as the res- tract. A second WLB order was ult of an order by the War Ship- likewise rejected. But it wasn't ping Administration directing op- until the workers struck, months erators to reduce hours and elimlater, that the WLB "got tough" long trial, as the NAACP inate overtime and premium pay. -not against the company, but pamphlet points out very correct-The order was announced or ly, there is "not one word of the against the workers by initiat-April 24. ing a strikebreaking plant "seimost important issues of the It was also revealed that there

have been "moderate layoffs in If this suit is successful, it may recent weeks" although "no mass set loose a whole wave of atdismissals," says the April 25 tempts to bust unions by collect-N. Y. Times, "are expected being strike "damages" through the fore three or four months." That's help of pro-corporation courts.

Long prison terms was the a way of breaking the news Negro sailors were learning "justice" meted out to these Ne- "gently" that there are huge laythat civilian longshoremen in the gro sailors-half of them under offs pending during the summer. What---No Peace Pact? All Sunday work at double-time becasions refused to work on the were sentenced to 15 years in is eliminated, except by special The April 6 Toledo Union Joursame ship where Navy personnel prison; 11 to 10 years; 24 to 12 WSA order. This is a terrific nal, organ of the Northwest Ohio years; and 5 to 8 years. Through CIO says editorially: "Obvioussock at the workers' weekly in-Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel come. The shipyard workers dely if management does not have for the NAACP, a brief was filed | pend upon this overtime to carry the intelligence, the tact and willfor all 50 sailors with Judge Ad- them through because of high ingness to settle its unimportant vocate General of the U. S. Navy. prices, taxes and other war expenses. They will be permitted

Six-to-One for Strike

Like their brothers in the soft

coal mines, the anthracite work-

ers on April 27 showed they

mean business by voting six-to-

one in favor of strike action if

the operators and government

don't agree to an acceptable con-

tract. The United Mine Workers

has demanded a 25 per cent wage

the end of April.

increase.

differences with labor during these war years when the welfare of the country hinges upon unity and cooperation, how can we exinstead of two, which most of be given a point, must be given self means a loss of from \$9 to cf reason once the emergency has

This has meant the intensification of speed-up, wage cuts, and the breakdown of bargaining procedure. The WLB has rejected all months the corporations have put on a concerted union-busting drive of provocations and firing of cutbacks and layoffs are beginning on a mass scale. Being a local officer or com-

mitteeman has been no picnic under these conditions. In fact, it is important to note that many local posts were uncontested testifying to the fact that under today's conditions many feel that Woodward against Geiger, who

leaders continued to rule.

CONDITIONS IN PLANTS

induction or discharge. Also, the under the general cowardly policies of the International leadership and they wish to take no responsibility for these policies.

**RANK AND FILE CAUCUS** 

status.

were elected on a hit or miss ed by the membership.

dent factor in the local elections.

and welfare of these meh was white. Eight or nine hundred Negro

United Automobile Worker, organ of the UAW-CIO. drew from active participation in

"While I condemn collective bargaining as an assault on liberty, reelection in his own unit. as an evil thing which is against the public interest, as something that will increase poverty," said this spokesman of the auto companies, "I realize that collective sacrificed the question of opposbargaining is only one chick in ition to the no-strike pledge in the foul brood of vultures that bones of honest men." The "honest men" being the war profiteer- only unsuccessful candidate or ing auto firms. the slate.

"As industrial turmoil in-The failure of the Rank and creases," he said further, "more File Caucus to push its program been appointed acting secretaryand more people will see the in the local elections and carry treasurer of the auxiliary Local evils of collective bargaining, and its fight to the ranks is recog- A-35, at the time this segregated we should look forward to the nized by its leading supporters. local was set up in the spring PEALED." (Our emphasis).

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leadership and policies. He asserted that in April, 1944, This Coupon and 25 Cents Entitles You to a **6-Month Subscription to** THE MILITA A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER 116 UNIVERSITY PLACE, NEW YORK 3, N. Y. Published in the interests of the Working People The only newspaper in this country that tells the truth about labor's struggles for a better world You may start my subscription to THE MILITANT with your INTRODUCTORY OFFER of 26 issues for 25c. I enclose 25c (coin or stamps). Name ..... (Please Print) Street Citv State .....

basis. In the next convention elec-

tions, the caucus intends to in-

June, 1944, Grayson said he re-GRAYSON'S TESTIMONY

retarv-treasurer of A-35. Further testimony of Grayson time when ALL FEDERAL This has spurred plans of the of 1943, by E. V. Blackweil, sec- the bulletin board of Local 92 caucus to conduct a real organiz- retary-treasurer of Local 92, and listed openings in the yards for ing campaign in the period ahead, later confirmed by the interna- such jobs as ship-fitters and with the aim of electing Rank tional offices of the Boilermakers, such jobs as ship-fitters and burners, but that calls for filling three will be "a great many local and File delegates to the next Appointments of all other offi- these jobs were not transmitted cers of the auxiliary were made to the Negro auxiliary, though The Rank and File Caucus dem-by Grayson after prior consulta-instrated great power at the 1944 ton with Blackwell. None of ers available. Big Layoffs Hit onstrated great power at the 1944 tion with Blackwell. None of ers available.

convention, although its delegates these appointments were confirm-JIM-CROW AUXILIARY Although Gravson retained his In previous hearings before the position as an officer for more court, Eri Jacobs, one of the tervene actively to win a majority | than a year, no election of offiplaintiffs, stated that he had paid at the convention against the old cers was held during that time. initiation fee and dues to Local 92, and had been notified to ap- Some are laying off workers with pear for initiation. When he ap- two or more years seniority. The peared. he said, he was told that

the notification had been sent to secure additional contracts, him in error and that the sched- closed its doors and turned out uled initiation was for white over 2,000 workers some time ago. boilermakers only. He was never initiated in Local 92. Another plaintiff, A. Williams, said that when he refused to pay

dues to the Jim-Crow auxiliary he was fired from his job for failure to maintain his membership in good standing. The case now before the Super-

the case immediately.

ior Court of Los Angeles was shifts, dark and deserted. 3. While lay-offs have not as brought by six Negro boilermakers on their own behalf and on yet struck the steel industry here, behalf of other workers similarly place. Contracts for landing situated against the International barges, pontoons, etc. are running Brotherhood of Boilermakers and out, cancelled or cut-back. Workits Local 92. The six Negroes, ers on these jobs, which have been through their lawyer, have made mostly piecework, are now for it plain that they do not oppose paying hourly basis. With the the closed shop contracts held by demand for steel and steel the union. Their lawyer stated products declining steadily, it is that if they would be admitted to only a matter of time before the full membership in Local 92, he their places behind the aircraft would stipulate for a dismissal of workers in the rapidly growing

consigned only Negroes to the militant support of the campaign is planning to demand wage indangerous, dirty work of loading to free these 50 Negro sailorammunition, were shipped to the victims of Navy Jim Crow-a key contract expires. South Pacific. Two hundred and case in the fight to end discrimi-

fifty seven others were arrested. | nation and segregation in the 50 of these were tried "for con- armed forces.



dislocations, some of them of seri-(Continued from page 1) ous proportions."

as his own "speculation" that war Two days later Krug announced A short time later, early in procurement contracts will be cut partial lifting of WPB restric-

15 percent within three to four tions on civilian goods producceived a letter from Blackwell of months. Within a year to 15 tion. However, "he held out no Grayson testified that he had Local 92, arbitrarily dismissing months war production — the hope for a sudden and substantial him from his post as acting sec- backbone of present employment flow of civilian goods" and point--will decline by 40 per cent, he ed out that basic controlled ma-

terials for consumer production said. will not be available "in the im-He further admitted that cutmediate future.' backs will proceed so swiftly that

**Buffalo Workers** 

army of unemployed.

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"reconversion plans" will be un-"SUBSTANTIAL" CUTBACKS

Undersecretary of War Patterson on April 25 announced that there will be "substantial

amounts" of cutbacks in the army supply program within 30 to 60 days. These cutbacks are to affect the current production, in contrast to a previous announcement of reductions in projected future production.

Eugene Grace, head of Bethlecut down their employment rolls. hem Steel, told a meeting of the Bethlehem board on April 26 that shrinking war demand would re-Buffalo Arms Corporation, unable duce America's steel production 25 or 30 per cent. P. W. Litchfield, head of Goodyear Rubber, on April 29 expressed fear of These small plants depending overproduction" and "too much on subcontracts are doomed as rubber" with recapture of the cutbacks in prime contracts inrubber plantations from the Japcrease every day. Here in Buffalo, anese.

where only a year ago every Does the government have any available inch of space was real plans for "reconversion" and jammed full of working machijobs? A N. Y. Times editorial on nery, one already sees plants that April 30 admits "only a moderate hummed 24 hours a day on three expansion in civilian goods will take place as a result of these curtailed demands for war goods." More bluntly, the same paper comments on April 29, that 'plans of the civilian war agencies for reconversion . . . are now somewhat on the makeshift order."

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what the union leaders called them - but not the bosses, who creases in June when the present

have fought labor bitterly on every point during the war. But it's a cinch, as the Toledo union paper states, that the corporations aren't going to take it easier Now that the War Labor Board against labor with the war draw.

has been compelled to approve ing to a close. Philip Murray and William the soft coal miners' contract granting increases of around Green may sign their capital-la-\$1.25 per day, the hard coal min- bor "peace-charter" - but to the ers, centered in Pennsylvania, are bosses that's just a way to get going after substantial raises labor to lower its guard and stick when their contract expires at out its neck for a rabbit punch.

> AKRON **Bi-Weekly Militant Club Forum** Sunday, May 6, 7 p. m. "The San Francisco Conference"

The National Labor Relations 39 E. Market Street Room 406 Board reported the complete re-**Admission Free** turns of the strike poll as fol-



# A Review Of The UAW Referendum Shinowners Plan Chinowners Pla

April issue of "Hi-Flyer," official publication of UAW-CIO Local 6, Melrose Park, Ill., goes on to explain what the pledge has done to hamstring the auto workers. We reprint the editorial below. \* \* \*

#### LOOKING OVER THE REFERENDUM

The recent referendum on the no-strike pledge, conducted by the UAW-CIO, was one glorious mess. Final "official" figures were 63.4 per cent for retention, 35.3 per cent against and 1.3 per cent of the ballots were void.

How many thousands of those ballots were phoney, no one knows. The ballots were sent out to people on the subscription list of the United Automobile Worker, the International paper, rather than to the lists of the membership. As a result quite a few people got two, three and even five ballots, while many others got none. People who had left the UAW-CIO a year or two ago were still sent ballots. Many employers, who regularly get the paper, had ballots mailed to them, like the head of the Olds Company in Lansing, Mich. The no-strike pledge never was given a "for or against" wording, either at the convention last summer or on the ballot. The referendum committee was divided according to the Auto Worker, into three positions on the question. What three positions? If there were three positions, why wasn't the ballot so worded?

Less than one-sixth of the membership,-even if you concede everything was on the up-and-up, which is conceding a lot, voted to support the International policy of collective begging! Most of the other million members just showed their disgust. They're disgusted with the long run-arounds on grievances through the present government set-up; disgusted waiting for the War Labor Board to do something about raises.

Everyone knows what the attitude of the membership is on the no-strike pledge. A lot of members couldn't reconcile their feelings about the war by voting against the pledge, but at the same time they refused to vote for the no-strike pledge either. Look at the thousands of "quickie strikes" taking place throughout the country! The membership in the older locals know that you can't beg anything from General Motors, Ford or Chrysler. They've had too much experience with these babies-back in 1936, 1937 and 1939-to forget that. They knew too that the WLB is stacked 100 per cent against us. It's O.K. for instance, to bounce a guy out of a plant without asking the WLB for permission, but if a worker is fired and he wants to appeal the case he has to hold his breath for two years while the WLB or the umpire "investigates."

#### **The UAW Membership Want Action**

If Thomas and Reuther really wanted to know what the membership thinks, the referendum proved it to the hilt. The membership is sick of the WLB, sick of the lies about "equality of sacrifice." It wants action. It needs action. Thousands of people are already being laid off in the shipyards and elsewhere. Hours of the 6,000 workers on the next move-the firing of a comare being shortened and will shortened considerably when VE day day shift failed to report for mitteeman on the pretext that comes around. Take-home pay is bound to fall.

And once there are a large number of unemployed, the employers, and the WLB will just sit back and thumb their noses at us. "Quit if you want to," they will say, "there's plenty more where you came from, Buddy."

That's where the no-strike policy has led us. Even the WLB admits that we've taken a licking. They claim that there's been a rise in the cost of living of some 30 per cent, but a rise in wages of only 20 per cent. Doesn't that mean we've taken a 10 per cent of militant action against the was laid off a day, and then fired wage cut? Why should we have taken such a cut when the profits company's repeated deliberate on the third day. The whole comof the big corporations are four times as large as they were four years ago? Where's that "equality of sacrifice?" Everyone knows, of course, that the cost of living has gone up more than 30 per cent. Try to wear a pair of \$10 shoes one-half the time you used to wear one of those old Tom McAn's. Try that quality on all merchandise. COMPANY MOVES And remember the black market and much higher taxes. The cost of living has probably doubled. But wages have gone up only 20 At Buick, as throughout the hanging in through the windows withdraw its members immedi-



### **Chicago Buick Local 6 Votes For Strike Poll**

### **By Mike Bartell**

CHICAGO, April 17.-At a huge protest mass meeting at the Lion's hall here yesterday noon, 5,000 members of Buick Local 6, CIO United Automobile Workers, voted overwhelmingly by secret ballot to petition for an NLRB strike vote under the Smith-Connally Act. Over 87 per cent of the ballots favored strike action.

The plant management express- mittee by sending in only "ofed "surprise" in a press statement fice boys" without authority exabout the "unusual" amount of cept to say "no" to all the com-"absenteeism" on the day of the mittee's demands.

mass meeting — when 5,000 The company then made its work. But the workers-and the he had refused to accept an arcompany—knew why they were bitrary transfer into another "absent."

They were at the greatest la- scale for the job. He accepted bor protest demonstration in this the transfer the first day. But city since Pearl Harbor. Buick as the elected representative of workers were jammed into every the workers in his district. he square inch of space at the meet- justifiably refused on the second ing hall to prepare a program day to leave his own district. He provocations. These provocations pany action was clearly premedwere climaxed by the firing of itated.

But the workers didn't just fold a union district committeeman. This finally touched off the ex- up under this blow. At the protest meeting yesterday, the aisles plosive protest.

were jammed from the platform to the back walls. Workers were on the UAW executive board to fort to carry out their snooping

### **Post-War Military Control of Seamen**

By Art Sharon Brass hats of the United States Coast Guard are determined to extend their domination over the merchant seamen. Given jurisdiction for the duration through an executive order, they and their shipowner sponsors have now begun a campaign to maintain their military stranglehold in the

"post-war" period. Last week the Coast Guard called a public hearing on their proposal to transfer all functions of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation from the Department of Commerce to the U. S. Coast Guard. Present at this hearing were "Blackie" Meyers and Joe Stack, Stalinist spokesmen for the National Maritime Union, Winocur of the Radio Operators, John Hawk of the Seafarers International Union and several shipowners' repre-

sentatives. tures over the Coast Guard pro- a little time. posals. Only Hawk, representative of the SIU, fulfilled the elementary obligation of a union

labor movement for support in 'smashing a military plot."

### COAST GUARD "GESTAPO"

their hands against militant unionism. The Stalinist support it for essentially the same reason. Rank and file seamen of all unions have had a bellyfull of military control during the war, of "kangaroo courts," arbitrary suspension of their seamen's papers, and other "Gestapo" methods. The Coast Guard has waged a continuous campaign to break down the elementary solidarity existing between shipmates. Coming aboard ship when it docks, up all loose gossip of possible "friction" between departments or between men and their officers. They induce young and inexperienced seamen to relate all that takes place on the trip in an ef-

Needless to add they put their



Spring has come to the steel plants. It has also come to the oop, Park Ave., and Lake Placid, but that's a different story.

All winter long, we have shivered in our freezing sweat up on the furnace floors, wondering if it would ever end. We have gotten up long before dawn and trudged to work through the drifted snow. elbowed our way through the moaning, shrieking winds that lacerated our faces and numbed our hands and feet. We have sat in stuffy, dim-lighted buses that struggled and bumped over the snowy roads in the darkness of early morning. And we have worked for an hour or two at the beginning of each day shift before the cold gray morning light grew strong enough for us to see.



And all winter long, there have been new men from time to time on the furnace gangs, taking the places of workers who lay home in their beds with pneumonia. Sometimes the new men stayed on the jobs. We thought it could never end.

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Then, somehow or other, it came. The snow in the yard began to melt. The yard was no longer white with black tracks cut into it where the engines pulled the ladles in and out. The yard became reddish-brown once more, and the sun dried up the pools of dirty water and began to bake the red-brown mud into a hard crust

As expected, the Stalinist finks that scuffed up when you walked on it and powdered your shoes. and shipowners went into rap- The bitterness sifted out of the wind, and life became good for

On the first clear, warm day of this spring, you could see the shore line of the lake for miles as it curved around past the steel representative to oppose this omi- plant. I watched it out of the bus window as we sped along toward nous plan. The SIU served notice the smoky haze and spotty flares of the plant. Far, far away I saw on the Coast Guard and the ship- what looked like thick green forests covering the hills. In the owners that if they went ahead vagueness of the distance, I thought I could see cliffs that swooped with this plan and attempted to down into the breakers of the lake. And suddenly an overwhelming get Congress to make it law the discontent swept over me, and I was filled with a longing that SIU would call upon the entire said, "Don't go. Don't get off the bus at the steel mill. Go on, far away into the distance where the forest is green and the sunlight flutters down through the shifting leaves and dances on the warm earth. In the forest there is a deep, green pool where the stream The shipowners want military widens in the rocks, and the fish are biting. The sun is warm on the control as one more weapon in hill, and the breeze is soft. Don't go to work on the furnace on such a day as this.'

#### A Worker's Longing for Freedom

The bus sped down the concrete highway. Number I furnace slipped and fogged the bright air with great clouds of flue dust. Over at the coke oven the little clusters of orange-yellow fire jerked angrily. A locomotive hooted as we drew near. The men standing in the aisles lurched against each other as the bus slowed down and stopped at the gate. I got up scowling and left the bus. As I walked through the gate, the breeze fanned my face, and again I felt the longing for the hills and the trees, the longing for freedom from the everlasting grind. But I kept on going over the they pass quietly around picking tracks, up the road to the locker room and the furnace.

> I thought of the Loop and Park Ave. and Lake Placid. And I knew that there were people there who could know the springtime as I never could; because when spring's longing came upon them, they could go out into the forests . . . while I went to work on the furnace.

It Pays to Advertise General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, the Big Three of the automotive industry, have

fought against giving so much as a penny wage increase to their workers. But last year although they

had no consumer's goods to sell the combined advertising outlay of these three corporations was \$20,000,000. In 1942 it was only \$8,000,000. These advertising sums are charged off against business expenses and are deductible from federal taxes. That's like spending \$20,000,000 to propagandize monopoly "free enterprise" out of the pockets of the tax-paying consumers. Among the most recent advertising expenditures of General Motors were full page ads in all the leading newspapers

attacking the WLB decision granting collective bargaining rights to foremen.

per cent. That's where the no-strike pledge took us. We took a CUT IN PAY.

The no-strike pledge is responsible for such fascist measures as "work or jail"; it is responsible for the dictatorial freeze of jobs and all the other monkeyshines we've been given under the lying excuse of "war emergency."

We'll never get anywhere on the policy of begging-except possibly begging on the breadline or selling apples in the street. The rank and file of our local and all other locals must work together to see that we go back to some good old-fashioned union militancy and union collective BARGAINING (not begging).

No-strike means no wages and no decent conditions. Let's grading provisions have been rescind the no-strike pledge at the next convention, or better yet. voided. this coming year-that's still the best advice we workers can take. "bargained" with the shop com-

**Workers Answer Provocations** 

automotive industry, the com- and thousands listened to the pany in the past months has speeches over the sound truck off all similar boards in the fu- weight behind many a bucko mate adopted a "tough" policy design- outside. So aroused and defiant ture. It called on the union's or labor-hating skipper. The Coast ed to beat down and undermine were the rank and file, that not GM Council to petition for an Guard "Gestapo" has earned the the union. The management even the finky Stalinists dared NLRB strike poll in all GM plants hatred of union seamen everycontemptuously refused to settle voice opposition to a strike vote. to win a satisfactory contract. where. the grievances pouring into the No one mentioned the no-strike

union's shop committee at an un- pledge. No one waved the flag. precedented rate. Only two out The representatives of the Inof 100 grievances were settled ternational union were very conspicuous by their absence-this satisfactorily. To all intents, and purposes the

contractual seniority and up- to handle. The solidarity between the Negro and white workers was in-The company finally spiring. It was demonstrated when a report came in that a

unanimously.

restaurant in the building was

discriminating against the color-

ed brothers. A roar of protest

greeted this and a motion to boy-

cott the restaurant was passed

mediately

negotiated.

### **Cleveland Diesel Local 207** potato was a bit too hot for them to handle. The solidarity between the Ner Turns Down GM Contract

By B. Kingsley

CLEVELAND, April 15 -The Cleveland Diesel workers today v o t e d unanimously, as well as those of the Chicago against ratification of the new locals, indicate how little the GM General Motors contract which Walter Reuther, CIO United gains" of which Reuther boasts. Automobile Workers vice-presi- include:

Only one sour note crept into dent and director of the union's vast GM division, had termed a "substantial victory." This October 1943. This represents action was taken at a special They posted bulletins throughout membership meeting of all three which GM workers have blazed the plant at the last moment. shifts of Diesel Local 207. This contract, presented to the GM workers after two years of pay clause are still being negotiations and WLB hearings,

was opposed because it contains announced, but would dribble into no wage increases and only a few the meeting hall all afternoon picayune contractual concessions designed to help pacify the in-This caused considerable confucreasingly rebellious rank and sion, but the demonstration was file. a tremendous success in spite of

tion.

**REASONS FOR REJECTION** 

Events at Chicago Buick follow the pattern of the offensive miners do. Fight until you get against the auto locals everywhere. It is part of a conspir-

tained no basic gains.

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Speaker: KAY O'BRIEN 3513 WOODWARD AVENUE Room 21 - 8 p. m.

SPECIAL OFFER . Gth' (and) stop advocating participation on any other so-called impartial Board." The action of Local 207 here PARTY workers' rate the "substantial Those "gains" listed by Reuther A 2½ per cent increase in night shift bonuses, retroactive to "far - reaching precedents for the trail," according to Reuther, although this and the vacation MINOR CONCESSIONS



The action of the Cleveland the company started to "crack Diesel local was in line with the down" after the no-strike pledge was imposed on the workers. similar decision of Electro-Motive International union representa-Division Local 719. Chicago, Ill., ives are permitted to enter the

and to all other GM locals replants — a "precedent" UAW ported it had completely rejected workers won as far back as 1937 the contract. Reflecting the views Agreement of the company to 'arbitrate" questions of seniority of the GM workers here, the Local 719 letter declared: and transfers.

"1. A contract without a wage It can be seen that even these much vaunted concessions repreincrease in a period of inflated sent no substantial gains - only living costs is incomplete and only secondary points that the comhalf a contract; and "2. The changes in the WLB pany has agreed merely to directive order on the new con-"negotiate" or "arbitrate." So far tract still leave the document as actual economic gains are conheavily weighted in the interests cerned, the contract, in the opinion of most GM workers here, of the corporation and leaves the union in a woefully weak posirepresents zero.

Another resolution, received from Buick Local 6, Chicago, calls For a Rising Scale on the UAW international executive board for an "immediate **Of Wages to Meet** strike vote." It further demands "that the International Executive **Rising Living Costs** Board quit stalling and withdraw its members from the WLB im-

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company refused to settle a sev- called when the company refused en-week old grievance. The next to recognize the CIO Textile day some 3,000 members of Local Workers as their bargaining Office, Philadelphia, Henry Ad-and evening after their shifts. 677. CIO United Automobile agency, and continued to deal Workers, at eight Mack plants, with a company union, the Centhree warehouses and two main- tral Shipping Employes Organtenance shops were out in solid- ization. The TWU on December Sandy. When Sandy pleaded arity and in protest against the 8. 1944 won an NLRB collective WLB-company delays on classifibargaining election by a 51 to cation grievances and contracts. one majority. Members of Local 2806, CIO

strike at the J. F. Grammes & Sons plant against payment of substandard wages. Protesting a contract sent to the WLB con-



'A strike of Local 2442, CIO what you want, for no other United Steel Workers, went on Steel Workers, was precipitated method will work." by the Aldrich Pump Company over the issue of vacations for returned veterans, according to the union's president, Martin S. Fullenback. The company has ity and vacations because of the eral Motors contract which conrefused the union's demand for absentee clause in the contract. vacations to veterans who have

of the year ending June 1. The maintenance workers at he Allentown plant of Consolid- hands of the company." It was ated Vultee are also on strike. tantamount to saying that the None of the daily papers here workers had to get permission has so far printed a line about from the bosses before going on this strike. It is evident the em- strike.

ployers and their press are anxi-A motion for the union to noous to suppress all information tify the company in compliance about this strike and its issues. with the absentee clause, which This strike was precipitated the union officials had tried to when the company transferred 10 sidetrack, was carried unanimworkers seven weeks ago from ously. However, the threats and the assembly line to experimental more flag-waving pressure reswork on commercial buses in a ulted in a two-to-one vote for a different plant. Instead of put- return to work Friday.

On Tuesday, the membership gram at the union's last elections. jority the recommendation of the Local 677 executive board that

meeting, the workers bitterly body at Monday noon as already protested the pressure brought by Lieut. Curley of the Ordnance ams of the WPB, George Kampf of the UAW regional office, and the local union president Joe "what else can we do?", one worker declared: "Do what the

days they would lose their senior-

The company itself had never not worked at least 60 per cent dared to suggest this, and one worker charged that Sandy was putting "words and acts in the

acy to smash the giant UAW which in a statement sent here The next day at another meet- But Local 6 has a militant and ing, Sandy threatened that unless progressive tradition. This was they returned to work within five most recently shown when it unanimously rejected the new Gen-

It passed a resolution calling

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### THE MILITANT

### SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1945

### **Did Roosevelt Curb Monopolists?**

### By Felix Morrow

The most important single question to answer, in analyzing Roosevelt's domestic role, is: what was the end-result of his denunciations of "the malefactors of great wealth," the "gold-plated anarchists," the "economic royalists?" Did America's Sixty Families lose ground during the twelve years of Roosevelt's administration? Or did they strengthen still further their grip on the American economy?

None of the mourning eulogists have dealt with this question. Yet, whatever may be claimed for the New Deal in the way of reforms aiding the "forgotten man," if the clans of Big Business have meanwhile still further swallowed up the economy, then the net resultant is a situation in which the Sixty Families wield more economic and political power than ever.

"Equality of opportunity as we have known it no longer exists," said Roosevelt during his 1932 campaign, and promised to recreate equality of opportunity. The enemy of such opportunity was indicated by Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes, in a famous speech on December 30, 1937. America, he said, had been "controlled at least until 1933 by monopolies that in their turn are controlled by a negligible number of their stockholders."

Ferdinand Lundberg's book, "America's Sixty Families," published in 1938, showed that behind the abstraction Big Business was the very living reality of sixty families who controlled the monopolies. Ickes in his speech borrowed Lundberg's title, and declared that the fight is "between the New Deal and the Bourbons of the sixty families who have brought the rest of the businessmen in the United States under the terror of their domination."

What Ickes did not borrow from author Lundberg was the latter's conclusion: "It is safe to predict that when the New Deal is over the poor will be no richer, the rich no poorer." (p. 449)

#### The NRA Aids the Trusts

"Practically all of our greatest historical figures," said Ickes in that same speech, "are famous because of their persistent and courageous fight to prevent and control the overconcentration of wealth and power in a few hands." But since he himself admits that the Sixty Families ruled "at least until 1933" it means that Theodore

Roosevelt, Wilson and Roosevelt's other "trustbusting" predecessors had failed in their "fight." Neither Ickes nor Roosevelt ever tried to explain what new methods they were using which their predecessors did not; and indeed there were none.

The end-result of decades of "trust-busting" was shown in the study of Berle and Means: at the end of 1929. The 200 largest nonbanking corporations in the country controlled some 49 per cent of all corporate wealth. If the same relative rate of growth was maintained by the larger and smaller concerns, then the 200 largest corporations would have 70 per cent of the nation's corporate wealth by 1950.

That this rate of growth was at least continuing, if not speeding up, was shown in a study. "The Structure of American Economy." published in 1939 by the government's National Resources Committee. It showed that from 1929 to 1933, the 300 largest corporations had increased their hold of all corporate wealth from 49.4 per cent to 57 per cent! At this point the National Resources Committee study (published, note, in 1939) becomes silent, with the explanation (p. 107) that "with the small staff of technicians available" it had been unable to "carry the compilation and estimating beyond 1933."

#### How the Monopolies Thrived

But we will find convincing figures elsewhere. What was the result of "trust-busting" Roosevelt's famous NRA experiment?

After 1912 the main form of monopoly practice had become that of trade associations. Instead of bringing the main productive plant of an industry openly into a single corporate monopoly, obviously violating the anti-trust laws, Big Business got virtually the same results by banding the main plants together in a trade association.

The one weakness of the trade associations was the surreptitious means they had to employ to coerce some maverick corporation into line. Under Franklin Delano Roosevelt the NRA gave these trade associations the force of law, enabling them to use government enforcement to keep dissenters from violating the price-fixing and productionlimitations decreed by the trade associations.

The two years of NRA ended when it was declared unconstitutional in 1935. But it had done its work. Never had the big corporations held so large a section of every industry. Some graphic figures will illustrate this, The

figures are the government's own, for 1937, more in 1939 produced approximately 23 per cent (TNEC Monograph No. 27), analyzing who controlled the output of 1,807 representative products:

The four largest concerns, in the case of more than three-quarters of these products, accounted for more than 50 per cent of the total output.

The four largest concerns, in the case of nearly half these products, accounted for more than 70 per cent of the total output.

The four largest concerns, in the case of more than a quarter of these products, accounted for over 85 per cent of the total output.

In the case of 291 products, the one leading manufacturer controlled between 50 and 75 per cent of the output.

Obviously, these figures show, Roosevelt had done nothing to bring equality of opportunity back for most of the 300,000 corporations, not to speak of the unincorporated small businessman, the worker and farmer.

Of the corporations reporting to the Bureau of Internal Revenue in 1935, less than 4 per cent of them received 84 per cent of all corporate net income. One-tenth of one per cent owned 52 per cent of the assets of all those reporting, and realized 50 per cent of all the profits.

Nor did the amount of these profits suffer at the hands of the New Deal. This is indicated by the fact that dividends in the boom year 1929 were \$16 billions and in the depression year 1938 were \$15 billions. Contrast this with the fall of wages from \$63 billions in 1929 to \$54 billions in

#### **Monopolies During the War**

What happened when war production began can be told in a few concise facts.

In his report for the fiscal year 1941, Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold reported that "three-fourths of all our vast war contracts have been let to 86 concerns."

On January 20, 1942 the Vinson (House Naval Affairs) Committee reported that 15 large companies received over 60 per cent of all navy contracts. On February 5, 1942 the Small Business Committee of the Senate reported that 56 corporations now have 75 per cent of all war contracts. One indication of the effect on small business is the change in the metal-working industries, reported by C. F. Hughes in the August 6, 1944

N. Y. Times: "Plants employing 2500 workers or

of the nation's shipments; in 1943 they ran well over 55 per cent."

The general effect on small business in the postwar world was indicated by the Truman (Senate Investigating) Committee already in 1941: "It is clear that their [the big corporations] competitive position in the economy of the nation is being vastly improved by the war, and at a time, moreover, when tens of thousands of small businessmen are being forced to stop production while they watch the value of their plants destroyed and perhaps see their machinery seized and transplanted to the plants of large defense contract holders."

#### The Triumph of Monopoly

Wartime profits, after taxes, are double the 1936-39 average. But this is only part of the booty. Twenty billion dollars worth of new industrial plants have been built by government money for war production. Five billions of these is already privately-owned, by means of five-year tax - amortization certificates. For example, Bethlehem Steel ordinarily computes depreciation on a steel plant as 2.8 per cent annually: under the tax amortization certificates, however, it has been able to charge off 20 per cent annually! The other 15 billions of government financed plant, now "leased" to their operators, will be "bought" by them for a song, we can be sure, whenever it suits their purposes.

The magnitude of these figures will be realized if we recall that, the entire industrial plant of this country before the war was valued at 26 billions.

In November 1940 the Truman Committee warned: "A large number of small businesses are already closing their shops. . . Great care must be taken to assure that we do not destroy the American way of life by adopting the wrong methods of defending them. . ."

But that "American way of life," the "free enterprise" so vaunted by Roosevelt, already admittedly non-existent in 1933, could not be brought back. The record shows that Roosevelt's twelve years in office were another stage in the triumph of monopoly.

(This is the second of a series of articles on Roosevelt. The third will appear next week.)

### Win Important Victory

### **By Nadine Collins**

The most important victory ever won by the trade union novement in Hawaii is the recent favorable NLRB decision enabling most of the workers in the sugar industry to organize under the provisions of the Wagner Act. The driving force behind this tremendous movement is the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union. Over 95 percent of the Big Is-O

land sugar workers balloting in a Any Different from series of NLRB elections have cast votes for representation by Nazi Atrocities? Moreover.

war.

In a newsreel being shown

from coast to coast, Admiral

William F. Halsey boasts:



### What About the Colonial Workers?

Just as the Negro workers in America are doubly oppressed under capitalism, so also are the 750 million colored workers of the colonial countries twice damned by the scourge of imperialist exploitation. Not only is the economy of the countries bled white by these international leeches but the workers are virtually enslaved by dozens of laws restricting civil rights and, more often, by the use of outright force and violence.

It is an inspiration to the Negro

in America to see that, in spite denied by the Government. But of the repressive measures used to publish them was "sedition" against the colored colonial peoand so Johnson was put behind ple, they are giving unmistakable bars. vidence that they intend to take

their destiny in their own hands MILITANT SPIRIT

He had been sentenced to a and throw the imperialist thieves from astride their burdened backs. term of one year. But in the The West African, Nwafor colonial countries, once a man is Orizu, in his book "Without imprisoned for a political "crime," Bitterness" says: "Imperialism | whatever the term of the sencontradicts all the fundamental tence, it is a long time before he gets out. So this African fighter political principles of demofor the liberation of his people cracy . . . government by Orderremained in the prisons of the In-Council such as the British imperialist thieves from 1936 till practice . . is an unadulterated the beginning of 1945. As soon brand of dictatorship." In this connection, the sell-out as he was released, the Nigerian workers showed what they policies of the trade union bureau-

thought of the Government by crats in the "Big Three" counelecting Johnson as delegate to tries was carried over onto the international field in the World the World Trade - Union Con-Trade-Union Conference recently | ference.

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held in London. Although over It is significant here to comhalf a billion dark-skinned workpare his type of spirit which had ers of the world are harnessed not weakened in principle in nine under the yoke of colonial en- years behind prison bars with our slavement, the conference refused local weak-kneed Uncle Toms who to make any clear statement are trying to maintain their seats on the elementary democratic in the plush chairs by preaching demand of self-determination for the doctrine of "the less you demand, the more you will get."

Johnson militantly called for the immediate abolition of segregation, discrimination in employment, forced labor, Jim Crow unions, the pass laws, flogging and all types of slavery. Representing one of the two greatest iron-producing sources in the world, he said: "One of the main causes of modern war is the conflict over colonies." The solution of this, he made plain, was granting the inhabitants the right of self-determination — that same right that was so gloriously 'promised" in Article 3 of the

"I need hardly stress," said still-born Atlantic Charter. Johnson, "the oppression that is being meted out to us in the Militant mass action in the form British colonies and in West of strikes and protest demonstra-Africa in particular. If this Contions have been reported from ference is to achieve anything, it

Bombay and Johannesburgh. This must be prepared to fight against type of action is obviously the British and other Colonial imonly type that will pay off the perialism which, to us in the colonial people in freedom's coin. colonies, is even worse than The imperialist powers, in spite of their spouting of democratic slogans, are already scrambling

the zest of a pig rooting for

truffles. As Kumar Goshal shows

Pittsburgh Courier: "It is absurd

territories. In fact, they may even

### **Big Bankroll Provides Best Immunity** To The Dread Scourge Of Tuberculosis By Grace Carlson back in 1944 but there were so many poor people who didn't get enough to eat and couldn't afford

Some day in the future, I expect to have one of my grand- the right kind of medical care

children say to me, "Grandma, that nothing could be done for what is tuberculosis?" them if they got tuberculosis. Then I'll answer her, "Well, That's what 'social neglect' is-Dorothy, tuberculosis is a dis- when Society keeps from the peoease that used to kill lots of ple the things they need to make them well and happy." people in olden times, but un-"Then why didn't the well peoder Socialism we have almost ple see that the sick people got wiped it out. That's why you what they needed?" Dorothy will

haven't heard very much about demand to know. It will be very it."



**Hawaiian Trade Unions** 

But I don't suppose that Dor- der Socialism to live by the Marx othy will be put off with an easy ist principle, "From each accordanswer like that. "But Grandma, ing to his abilities, to each acit says in this old pamphiet that | cording to his needs" to under-I found in your trunk that peo- | stand the cruelty and irresponsiple who died from tuberculosis bility of the capitalist system. Even today, medical scientists were 'victims of social neglect'. What does 'social neglect' mean ?" who are active in the fight against

"That's a pamphlet the Na- tuberculosis express their disgust that a preventable disease like tional Tuberculosis Association put out way back in 1944. They tuberculosis should still exist and tried to tell the people then that kill so many thousands of young people. Considerably more than doctors knew how to cure tuberculosis, but that-" half of the 57,000 deaths from

SOCIAL NEGLECT"

1943 were of individuals in the Dorothy will interrupt me. age range of 15 to 45, that is, She'll be that kind! 'But Grand- individuals in the most producma, that's silly. It says here, 'In tive years of life. 1943, in the United States, tuber-

culosis killed 57,000 including 2,- CAN BE WIPED OUT

tuberculosis which occurred in

700 children under the age of Called by one medical writer, fifteen years.' The doctors "the ancient enemy of mankind," wouldn't have let all of those peo- tuberculosis has left its characa ple die if they knew how to cure teristic marks on the bones of persons who died before history losis." them !"

"What I was trying to tell you, was recorded. Over the centur-Dorothy," (I'll have to be firm ies tuberculosis has killed more with her) "is that the doctors people than wars have. Up to knew how to cure tuberculosis 1900, tuberculosis was the lead-

### 10 Years Ago In The Militant

### MAY 4, 1935

TOLEDO, O .- Conducting the first strike against the powerful General Motors Corporation, auto workers at the Toledo Chevrolet plant were winning support throughout the area. "Riding rough-shod over the stalling and cowardly policies of Bill Green and his official machine," The Militant reported, "the Toledo strikers have already sent strike calls to all locals of the United Automobile Workers Federal Union (AFL) in General Motors Corporations."

The strike call informed workers in other plants of the 100 per cent walkout in Toledo and urging them to take similar action. It had already forced the shutdown of Fisher Body plants in Cleveland and Norwood as well as the Chevrolet assembly plant in Norwood.

ST. LOUIS-As the strike of the St. Louis Gas House Workers continued into its second month, the St. Louis Central Labor Trades council came to the support of their brother unionists The council, after voting financial support of the strike, passed a resolution instructing every union man in the city to order the gas turned off in his home until the strike was settled.

"The union will fight on until the company is brought to its knees," said the Daily Strike Bulletin of the Gas House Workers. "We will fight until our battle is won and our demands are granted."

NEW YORK-The biggest May Day march New York had seen since the First World War was described by The Militant, Over 100,000 trade unionists and members of working class organizations paraded from 15th Street to Columbus Circle to selebrate the international working class holiday.

ing cause of death in the United | employment. By the time they States; today, it is in seventh get treatment, it is often too place. But it could be wiped out late.

completely! No one should die of Dr. H. E. Kleinschmidt, Educatuberculosis in 1945 when medical tion Director of the National Tuscience has perfected so many in- berculosis Association, said two genious techniques for treating years ago, "Tuberculosis is only tuberculosis patients.

one of the evils growing out of But thousands of people will greed and social injustice but it die from tuberculosis in the Unit- alone is enough to justify zealed States this year. The vast ous crusading for the day when majority of them will be work- every family will be assured a ers. The National Tuberculosis decent standard of living." Association has gathered some But these doctors who know interesting statistics on this so much about how to cure tuberpoint, which they present under culosis don't know how to prethe heading, "The Worker's vent it, because they don't know Chances of Dying from Tubercu- how to "assure a decent standard

**3 Anti-Fascists** 

of living" for every family. But 2 times as many farmers die of in the Socialist Workers Party, we know how that must be done. tuberculosis as do bankers times as many bakers die of And when my little grandchild says to me some day, "Grandma, tuberculosis as do bankers times as many plumbers die of what did YOU do in the war against tuberculosis?", I won't tuberculosis as do bankers 5 times as many truck drivers have to turn MY head away!

die of tuberculosis as do bankers times as many miners die of tuberculosis as do bankers 9 times as many waiters die of Railroaded to 11 times as many laborers die of tuberculosis as do bankers.

**Prison in London** If a case of tuberculosis is dis-Three of the four London ancovered in an early stage, it is archists arrested by the British not difficult to cure the patient government for their anti-war and restore him to productive life. But workers do not get the under charges of alleged "sedibenefits of early treatment. Their general bodily resistance to disease is already weakened by

their bad living conditions patch. crowded, poorly-heated homes inadequate clothing, insufficient food. So they are an easy prey for tuberculosis germs.

HOW TO PREVENT IT

The great majority of workers topher Hewtson, 32, and Philip with ensuing effective blacklistcontinue at their jobs for weeks Richard Sansom, 28. Marie ing is no light matter. and months after they show Louise Berneri, 26, wife of Versigns of illness before they seek medical advice. Even where there non Richards, was acquitted. is a union. little sick leave is The persecution, arrests and granted by the employer. Long imprisonment of periods of illness for the bread- known anti-fascist fighters folwinner of the family mean hung- lowed a series of police investiga- ent organizing campaign. Union progress. That is one of the main er, cold and worry for the tions and raids, similar to the worker's wife and children. Small political persecution and impris-

wonder, then, that workers strag- onment of the four English Trotgle along at their heavy jobs for skyist leaders last year. The Freedom Press Defense a long time with the burden of coughing, indigestion, pain in the Committee has been established class struggle is the race probchest and other symptoms of tu- in England to defend the three lem. Hawaii is a varicolored berculosis rather than risk un- anarchists

through the CIO's Political Action Committee organized labor is for the first time taking part in Hawaii's political affairs, especially in the legislature which has heretofore been dominated by the Big Five vested interests. Labor is thus beginning to

challenge the domination of the Big Five monopolists. The traditional Big Five are Castle & Cooke, C. Brewer & Co., American Factors, Alexander & Baldwin, Theo. H. Davies, all "Ltds."

"We are drowning and burning the bestial apes all over the **BIG FIVE CONTROL** The extent of the Big Five

Pacific, and it is just as much pleasure to burn as to drown domination of Hawaiian economy them." is staggering. Banking, shipping, The desperate resistance of communication, public utilities. trapped Japanese troops and transportation, amusement are their choice of suicide rather all Big Five property. 90% of than surrender may well be retail stores purchase their sup-

due to their fear of becoming plies from Big Five wholesalers. atrocity victims. If so, it is a Due to the Big Five monopoly of fear that has proved costly to land, 85% of all foodstuffs has to American lives. And in what be imported on the Big Five Line sense does Admiral Halsey's -Matson Shipping - at an in-"pleasure" at "burning" Japcrease of 25% over mainland (U. S.) prices. Hawaii is actually anese workers and peasants in uniform differ from that of an enlarged company town. the Nazi torturers?

Big Five control extends into every phase of Hawaiian life.

Pressure is exerted on schools to white cone of Haole (white) famteach a glorified version of the ilies. Four-fifths of all real and Sugar and Pineapple Barons to personal property is owned by the the end of keeping the children whites (according to prewar figon the plantations ... "the sugar ures for taxes). Consequently is against them. They are forced The auto workers who found out interests are your interests." The only one-fifth of the total prop- to lie. Second, the economic in- how to get together to buck public opinion industries --- news- erty remains to be divided among terests of the majority are General Motors, Chrysler and papers, radio stations, printing the Hawaiians, Chinese, Japan- against them. With these two Ford; the maritime workers who houses --- are all Big Five voices. ese. Portugese, Spaniards and mighty weapons, the truth, and defeated the shipping moguls; the Cheap plantation labor is the Filipinos.

other side of the Big Five pic- The basis of the race problem views and workingclass activities ture. The Organic Act of 1900 is the plantation system which is telligent trade unionists can start these will likewise find a way to freed the laborers from the penal the breeder of inequality, distion" were sentenced to nine contract system. (The first large crimination and prejudice. Resi- surely end in the organization machinery of the bosses. months imprisonment each on scale immigration was Japanese dential segregation of the differ-April 26, according to a UP dis- in 1868, at \$4 a month for a ent immigrant groups is enforced enrolling tens of millions of sup- Need a Labor Party" by Joseph three-year period under a penal on the plantations. The un- porters.

The three who have been rail- labor contract.) At 25 cents spoken system of white superiorroaded to prison in open viola- an hour freedom is but a word. ity is inextricably interwoven tion of the rights of free press But labor there has never been with the system of labor control. are: Vernon Richards, 29, pub- submissive. Strikes have develop- "The white man's floor is the

lisher of War Commentary, an- ed into bloody endurance battles. colored man's ceiling" is more archist organ, Dr. John Chris- And striking in a company town than a popular saying.

Yet among the common people there is a strong feeling of racial The war boom has accentuated equality. The high rate of interthe trend of the workers leaving marriage, inter-mingling, and for cities in the quest for higher sense of unity against the white these well- living standards. The demand for bosses is an indication that racial labor has been an aid in the pres- solidarity will be a weapon for

> organization is progressing very reasons for the growing strength rapidly at this time of writing.

THE RACE PROBLEM

THE MILITANT Closely interwoven with the may now be purchased at 242 Broadway, San Diego, Cal. pyramid of races, topped by a

Wallace Johnson is not mouth-While the American capitaling hearsay. He learned the hard over the spoils of this war with ist press brims over with way. According to M. Naidu, stories about the atrocities of writing in the Socialist Appeal, the German and Japanese im-British organ of the Fourth in his column in the April 21st perialists, an occasional item International, Johnson came to imagine that any of these imappears which shows that the straight to the Conference from American imperialists themprison. He was sentenced in 1936 perialist powers would voluntarily selves are not averse to perand remained in prison until a give up an inch of their colonial petrating atrocities in this few months ago.

the colonial people.

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JOHNSON'S VIEWS

While the Conference as a whole

played the part of labor "Uncle

Toms" to the ruling class by

sanctioning the division of spoils

as dictated by the "Big Three,"

colonial voices were heard which

reflected opposition to capitalist

imperialism, the system which is

responsible for the oppression of

over half the workers of the

world. One was the voice of

Wallace Johnson, the delegate

from West Africa and Sierra

In 1936, Johnson published the tighten their control. . ." Under story of a Negro who was tied and these conditions the exploited flogged by a British agent until colored workers will ONLY GET he died. The facts were clearly THEIR FREEDOM WHEN established and could not be THEY TAKE IT!



### THE WORKERS' NEXT JOB IS TO BUILD THE LABOR PARTY

A pessimist might feel that or- | Street opposed such unions. ganizing an independent labor Republicans and Democrats opparty is hopeless. "Look how the posed them. So did the labor cards are stacked," he might com- lieutenants like William Green. plain, "Against us is Wall Street, But the job was done despite this two political parties, powerful array of forces. Once started, labor lieutenants, and worse than | nothing could stop the organizaanything the gullibility of the tion of the basic industries into public."

industrial unions.

American labor today stands at Powerful as these forces might seem, however, Wall Street lacks the beginning of a similar the decisive weapons. First, truth | development on the political field. the interests of the majority, a steel workers who cracked the number of resolute, militant, in- Steel Trust - workers such as the process going which will close ranks against the political

(From "American Workers of an independent labor party Hansen, p. 35. Pioneer Publishers, There were pessimists who 1944; 44 pp. 15 cents. Order from

thought labor would never or- Pioneer Publisher, 116 University ganize industrial unions. Wall Place, New York 3, N. Y.)



of Hawaii's labor movement.

### SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1945

### THE MILITANT

### British Documents, Long Withheld From The Public, Show German People First Victims Of Atrocities

#### By Joseph Hansen

The propaganda campaign unleashed by the Allies over atrocities in the Nazi concentration camps is in strange contrast to their former official attitude. Although they were fully informed about these atrocities, they at first maintained a conspiracy of silence. They did not find it expedient to disclose the facts-because then the atrocities were committed almost exclusively against the German people. Later in the opening stage of the war they blamed the atrocities on the Nazi regime; not, as they do now, on the victims of that regime.

#### This is revealed by the Papers

Concerning the Treatment of Ger- any of the other camps." These man Nationals in Germany, an victims were Germans. official publication issued by the The prisoners at Buchenwald

British Government in 1939. In the introduction to these official documents, the Secretary opponents of the Nazi regime. of State for Foreign Affairs declares: "These documents were slightest prospect of reaching any person of the Fuhrer." settlement with the German Gov-

"were many poor devils at not written for publication, and, Buchenwald accused of having indeed, so long as there was the spoken abusively of the sacred In this official British governernment it would have been ment pamphlet, the blame for the wrong to do anything to embitter savagery of the Nazi regime is relations between the two coun- not at all placed with the German tries. Even after the outbreak of people.

worth transmission."

"included first of all the 'poli-

ticals' . . ." That is, the political

Another important category

Bell, Consul-General at Cologne,

anonymous letters to his superior

"The German folk have had

nothing whatever to do with these

war His Majesty's Government felt reluctant to take action which on November 14, 1938, sent two might have the effect of inspiring hatred." Here out of their in the belief that "the writers own mouths the British imperial- have so well stated the views of ists admit that they had no many Germans that I think them serious objection to the savage regime of Hitler so long as it did not intrude on British

prerogatives!

PREWAR REPORTS The capitalist press is now filled with pictures showing the bodies of victims of Buchenwald. ous arson and condemns it, as 1939, describing this camp accordare some excerpts: "He was taken to a concentration camp (Buchenwald, near Weimar) where there were about 10,000 Jews confined ... There was not even enough water te drink, and there were only

twenty lavatories for 10,000 men. . . Herr V. said that to the Frankfort-on-Main, Smallbones, people in charge of this camp reported December 14, 1938: "I there were two classes of people, am persuaded that, if the Governalive or dead, and that no con- ment of Germany depended on the sideration was paid to people who suffrage of the people, those in were old or sick." These victims power and responsible for these were Germans. outrages would be swept away

Another report filed February by a storm of indignation if not houses. Secretary of State Stet- day." 18, 1939, declares: "In present- | put up against a wall and shot." | tinius, knows that. At San Fran-Thus as long ago as 1938 the cisco, columnist Drew Pearson day Germany no word strikes greater terror in people's hearts British Government admitted that reported, Stettinius "spared no than the name of Buchenwald. . . the German people were prepared detail in looking out for personal In Buchenwald the number of to handle Hitler in the same way arrangements, asked for the pentdeaths, both of Jews and of the Italian people handled Mus-Aryans, was far greater than in solini and his gang last week. house on the Fairmount Hotel demand an "equality for all Noon and his colleagues from for his own quarters plus the 4th races" declaration in the world being seated as the "representa-

Putting On the Show

### LABOR MOLOTOY SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE

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SMALL NATIONS

### man nation had nothing to do with these crimes and dissociates itself from this action of their Covernment" **On Golden Gate Parley**

You can't organize world peace and 5th floors as offices plus a out that although they had dark force" to be directed? Germany if you have to live in a dingy yacht plus a private dining room skins they were all three of them and Japan will be unable to make rooming house and eat in hash at the Pacific Union Club every British knights. They represented war. Is it not clear that the the oppressors of India, not the Security Council will loose the teeming millions of its colonial

Representatives of the National slaves. Association for the Advancement Everyone at the San Francisco of Colored People asked the U. S. conference knows this, but that delegation at San Francisco to has not prevented Sir Firoz Khan demand an "equality for all Noon and his colleagues from

organization charter before the tives" of India. United Nations conference. They want a bill of rights for all people of the world and abolition of

**ON ITALIAN SLOGAN: "FOR THE REPUBLIC"** 

### By M. Morrison

In The Militant of March 17 there was published the program of the Workers Communist Party of Italy, the party of Italian Trotskyism. The first demand of that program was the abolition of the monarchy and institution of a democratic republic.

I am of the opinion that our chy in words but not in deeds. If Italian comrades are absolutely a serious party is against the mocorrect and have followed the narchy it refuses to enter a cabbest traditions of revolutionary inet which supports that institu-Marxism in making the demand tion. The Bonomi cabinet is that for the abolition of the monarchy kind of a cabinet. Less hypocand the institution of a demo- ritical than the Stalinists, the cratic republic, at the present Socialists have refused to enter time, one of the basic demands the present Bonomi Government. of their platform. The American In reality however they play party has taken no position on the same deceitful role as the the question and since there are Stalinists, but not so openly and differences of opinion among the brazenly. Supported by the presparty members, I wish to empha- tige of the Soviet Union the Stasize that I am speaking only for linists are bolder in their supmyself and those who agree with port of reactionary institutions. me in giving whole-hearted sup-

EXPOSE REFORMISTS port to the slogan for the aboli-

The slogan and struggle tion of the monarchy and the against the monarchy and for a institution of a democratic redemocratic republic can very well serve the purpose of exposing Accepting, as we do, the term the reformist parties for what "democratic republic" as indicating a capitalist democratic repub- they actually are-supporters of the capitalist system. If a party lic, is there not a contradiction beclaims that it is socialist how tween the fact that the Italian does it come that it tolerates a Trotskyists stand for a Soviet Francisco by the cynical imper- republic in Italy and for a Social- monarchy that once worked so

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ialists and their Moscow ally. It ist United States of Europe and will differ but slightly, and their demand for a democratic mainly in its external features, republic? Absolutely no contra-

But some may say to the Italian Trotskyists: we are with you called the "United Nations." Its no contradiction in fighting for when you are against the monexecutive body will be a "Secur- the abolition of the capitalist archy but why do you ask for a system and at the same time democratic republic? Why don't useless International Court of struggling for higher wages unyou limit yourselves to demanding a Soviet republic?

Answering such critics the

When the German army was Italian Trotskyists would undriven out of Naples in October doubtedly say: Of course we are 1943 and when Rome fell to the for a Soviet republic and for the Allies in June 1944 the Italian Socialist United States of Europe,

masses clearly showed their hos- but unfortunately we do not have tility to the monarchy. The capi- a majority of the masses behind talists, the church, the Allies ral- us. We say to the masses that lied to the support of the mo- we are for a Soviet republic but narchy, basing themselves on the we also say to them that the proposition that the monarchy majority of the workers are not with us as yet but they are for would constitute a rallying center for all the conservative and rethe abolition of the monarchy actionary layers of the popula- and for a democratic republic. We must ask them to fight with tion to struggle against any posus at least for a democratic re-

sible revolution. public. We do not create any **RELIC OF FEUDALISM** illusions that such a republic will To the masses the monarchy solve their problems but it is a was especially hateful because it step forward insofar as it mobil-

was closely tied to their hated izes the masses for struggle and enemy, fascism and Mussolini. will help them go forward to the The King had supported Musso- establishment of a workers' retions, against subjected colonial lini and only when he saw that the public. peoples who dare to challenge the oppression of the big imper-ousting of the fascist regime. These critics would place us in ousting of the fascist regime. the position of saying that we

The masses had to tolerate the are for the overthrow of the monmonarchy only because it was archy only on condition that a supported by the bayonets of the Soviet Republic replaces it im-The hollowness of the whole Allies. mediately. And since the majorarrangement as an instrument of peace can be seen in the proviso that the masses against such a re-us it would in effect mean that

The Chinese delegation, headed that the Security Council may actionary institution as the mo- we would be willing to let the

riots and incendiarism," declares the anonymous writer referring to a Nazi pogrom. "The population of Cologne had absolutely nothing to do with this murder-

The British Consulate at Dresden, does also the whole German nafiled a report dated February 2, tion. These actions were ordered by the Government in Berlin. . ing to eyewitness accounts. Here Please take information amongst the Cologne people, and you will convince yourself that the Ger-Government." The British Consul-General at

Albania

### Meanwhile the Albanians go the deep political crisis of the

hungry. Another chapter in UNRRA'S history as the counter - revolu-Japan tionary agency for distribution of

Allied relief has been written in The Japanese people are Albania. On April 14th in this "thoroughly war-weary," reports column we quoted Drew Pearson's Eric Hammarlund who just exposure of the British attempt arrived in Finland after five to intimidate Albania into allowyears in Tokyo. They are fed up ing 1200 British officers to "adwith the bloodletting and destrucminister" UNRRA relief. tion into which they have been

Now Pearson supplements his plunged by the desperate military previous reports by a description clique and the four plutocratic of the brutal, arrogant methods families who rule Japan. Ham- Soviet Union whereby British imperialism-in farlund confirms what has many collusion with American representimes been written in The Militatives - tried to impose their tant: the Japanese masses are domination on Albania. Col. kept in the war by fierce govern-Warner, the British officer in ment and extra-government charge, visited Col. Hoxha, head repression operating in part the Albanian government. through the militarist - fascist Referring constantly to Albania Black Dragon society.

President of the Ukrainian Soviet as a "British beachhead." Warner He reports that shortage of Republic. He also served the proposed his relief plan which food has reached famine pro- Soviet Union in the diplomatic carried the title: "Order of battle." When Hoxha with the portions. Not a single store or field. A member of the Trotskyist restaurant is open regularly in Opposition from its inception in example of Greece before him Tokyo. Workers feed on "micro- 1923. he capitulated to Stalin in rejected the plan, the British scopic quantities of rice eked out 1934. He was condemned to prison policy in India-ED.) A poor officer denied the legitimacy of the Albanian government and down with hot water. Green Trial held on March 2-13 1937. threatened to deal directly with tea has disappeared from the local authorities. But Hoxha was market. . ." Practically no sugar | Karl Radek, one of the most outnot cowed and the threat failed.

cargoes have reached Japan re- standing journalists of the Soviet Now we hear the sequel to the cently as a result of the American story. The Albanian commission submarine blockade. Shoes on Committee of the Russian Comof UNNR has disbanded because the black market are priced at the the plan to quarter a British equivalent of \$135, far beyond the battalion on Albanian territory reach of Japanese workers who was "unacceptable to the Partisan make 4 cents an hour. government as so constituted."

death in the Moscow Trial held The American UNNRA commis-Hammarlund states that entire sioner for Albania, Dr. Laurence city blocks were laid waste by on January 22-30 1937. H. McDaniels, packed his belong- American air-raids in Tokio last While out on a walk, Radek died ings and returned to the United February. The Japanese govern- in mysterious circumstances soon States where he has assumed the ment officially reported that there after he was sentenced. He was post of chairman of the Greater are now 3,000,000 "disaster vic- killed by a revolver shot fired at New York Victory Garden Coun- tims" of B-29 bombings. Frequent him by one of his guards, a memcil. cabinet reorganizations indicate ber of the GPU. One rumor says



the colonial system. Walter White and Dr. W. Du

Bois put forward this proposal United States delegation in all for the Negro organization. Don't matters, regardless of their na-Japanese ruling class. For an excellent study on the tion? Churchill has sworn to up- regime has "just received renewed political, social and economic hold Britain's colonial slave em- and more definite assurances of a situation in Japan, readers are pire. Eden and Halifax do his bidding. Besides the U. S. dele-China's economic troubles?" referred to Li Fu-jen's articles, 'Japan Faces the Abyss" in the February, March and April 1944 gation is kin of the southern pollissues of Fourth International. taxers who don't intend to grant Copies may be obtained by writing to the Business Manager at

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The Socialist Courier, a Russian

Emigre Menshevik paper, reports

that Christian G. Rakovsky died

Rakovsky was one of the most

prominent figures of the Russian

Revolution. He was the first

"natural death" in prison.

country—if they can help it.

Political fireworks went off in San Francisco when the "gracious and polite" to the many sister of Jawaharlal Nehru, creeds and races quartered there Indian Nationalist leader jailed and to refrain from engaging "in

attacked almost daily. They say tion's representative, or any na- in the domestic jurisdiction of that their members have been tion's policies." physically stabbed and assaulted. (Undoubtedly by revolutionary workers indignant at the Stalinist support of British imperialist the "peace-loving" statesmen?

with soya oatmeal and washed following the Moscow frameup effort to counteract such unpopularity is made by boasts about increases in party member-They also report the death of ship and sales of party newspapers. A little item appeared in the daily paper to say that a Union, ex-member of the Central peasant union had decided to change its flag from red to Conmunist Party and of the Exgress.

ecutive Committee of the Com-"The workers in this area only munist International from 1919 to earn about 30 cents a day which 1924. Radek was condemned to makes them very poor. The cost of living for eggs alone has increased 500 per cent from peace time. The rupee in all can be likened to 5 cents in 1939 values.

Everyone in the family, young and old, are forced to labor as the result. Yesterday I saw a child of three years learning to balance that the assassin was wreaking a load on her head. Women dig personal vengeance on Radek, roads alongside men, but this is not always the case. Their usual job is carrying baskets of rock about one of the relatives or to the primitive builders. friends of the guard. According "Things are so antiquated. to another version, the assassin Working hard, a motor took hours

to load with gravel, and the way they did it was to scoop gravel into the baskets and carry them to the lorry. A couple of good 'shovel men' could have done it in

an hour. The rich Indian contractors do not put much capital A British soldier stationed in into modern machinery. Massive India writes the following comundertakings are carried out with ments to the Socialist Appeal, such backward methods. The hours worked are usually near British Trotskyist paper. "The Communist Party is very the 12 mark each day of the unpopular and members are week."

"vote unanimously with the state from warlike action where

France.

S. F. Conference

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isted between the two world

wars. Political muddleheads are

fond of referring to the "failure"

of the League of Nations to prev-

ent or stop wars. They imply that

there was some flaw in the Lea-

gue organization. These muddle-

heads deceive the people. They

seek to create the impression

that the League was created to

preserve peace. In reality it was

merely an instrument of the Big

Powers, intended to serve their

these interests and was discarded

when its usefulness was outlived.

Another "Thieves' Kitchen" is

ity Council." It will revive the

cial Council will replace the im-

potent International Labor Office

The one really new feature of

this revamped edition of the Lea-

gue is the proposed Military

Staff Committee which is to be

the instrument for imposing

"peace by force." It will consist

of the Chiefs of Staff of the per-

manent dominating members of

the Security Council, namely,

U. S. A., Britain, the Soviet Un-

ion, China and ("in due course")

horrors of war against small na-

ialist powers? And who will res-

train the Big Powers if they de-

cide to make war on each other?

Lenin called the League

'Thieves' Kitchen '

of the League.

**'PEACE BY FORCE'** 

predatory interests. It served public.

the

from the League. It is to be diction whatever. Just as there is

Justice and an Economic and So- der the capitalist system.

**Will Not Ensure** 

**World Peace** 

they know that Eden and Hali- ture," a Hearst reporter wired fax, the British delegates, would from San Francisco. Is it just a be maddened by such a sugges- coincidence that the Kuomintang

\* \* \* Hush, hush! Employees of the equality to Negroes even in this Hotel Mark Hopkins in San Francisco received a circular from the management on the eve of the conference, urging them to be

the British imperial- any political discussions at all, ists, denounced the Indian delega- with guests of the hotel or with tion to the peace parley as tools fellow workers." Why? Because it of Britain who don't speak for would be "extremely ill-mannered the matter at issue is a dispute the Indian people. She pointed for any one of us to express an "arising out of matters which by tion of a democratic republic. It take power, the slogan can ac-

Are they afraid of irreverent

herd" about the shady trickery of "The typical G.I. would be a two

headed calf at a world conference for dignified study of a confusing situation," says Stars and Stripes, official magazine of the Army in response to demands

from the front for soldier representation at San Francisco. Two-headed calves, it seems, are competent only when it comes to the "undignified" study of bridge

building under fire, flying B-29s over Tokyo, driving Mark IV tanks across mined fields or establishing a beach-head on Okinawa.

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Such is the real character of this proposed "peace" organization! The most fruitful source of future great wars is the growing rivalries and antagonism of the Big Powers, obvious even now, and the united hatred of the capitalist states for the Soviet Union. No "peace" organization the imperialist statesmen and their Moscow accomplice can devise will be able to prevent the growth of these rivalries and antagonisms, and their ultimate explosion in war. Mankind can end the ever-present threat to peace only by abolishing the capitalist

narchy must be taken for grant- monarchy continue. This would ed. We are for greater and ever be far from the political tactics greater democracy for the mas- as practiced by Lenin and Trotses. The institution of an hered- sky. itary monarchy is a relic of

feudalism and contrary to all SLOGAN CORRECT principles of democracy.

and veiled supporters.

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As I write the German army If a democratic demand is imis rapidly evacuating Northern portant for us under normal cir- Italy. Millions of industrial workcumstances, how much more im- ers will enter upon the scene of portant does it become when the Italian politics. They do not want masses are aroused over it and the monarchy and they may setare willing to struggle to achieve the that question very quickly. it? That our Italian comrades They may settle it in the best gave the demand for a democratic way possible - by establishing republic first place on their plat- their own power. The situation form is an indication that the may develop to a point where our Italian masses deeply resent the comrades in Italy will no longer continued existence of the mo- give the slogan for a democratic narchy. Our comrades in Italy, republic the important place they understanding the mood of the have given it up to now. masses, had no hesitation in rais-

The slogan may be dropped aling the slogan for the abolition together, for under conditions of the monarchy and the instituwhen the masses are ready to is undoubtedly one of the most quire a reactionary content. But important slogans from the viewall that is a matter for the fupoint of setting the masses into ture-even though the immediate motion to struggle against the future.

When our comrades adopted the slogan in favor of the democratic republic they were correct The Stalinist and Socialist par- in doing so, under the conditions International "law" says so. The ties also claim that they are then prevailing. They have thus American imperialists will be against the monarchy. But ever shown the ability to judge events equally free to make war on the since the fall of Mussolini they and conditions and to adopt the



Thus the British imperialists comments from the "common will be left free to bomb and capitalist class and all its open blast the rebellious people of India, as they have done in the past.

That's Britain's domestic concern. people of Puerto Rico or the Phi- have taken an equivocal attitude, correct slogans at the proper lippines if they dare to rise up to one which is against the monar- time. gain their independence.

"FOUR FREEDOMS"

At Yalta, the Big Three agreed to amend the Dumbarton Oaks plan so as to make any effective action by the Security Council impossible without the unanimous consent of the Big Powers who are to dominate the Council. Thus any power may veto action

- even where it is the plain aggressor. The United States could make war on China, for example,

and then block by its own veto any action by the Security Coun-

s no other way.

opinion about any nation, any na- international law are solely withthe state concerned."

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### Allied Censorship Is World-Wide

By Ralph Graham

While political spokesmen for the Allied powers continue to babble about a "free press," as one of the essential guarantees of a "healthy democracy," the press of the great "democratic" nations becomes less and less free. Government censorship often suppresses news and comment outright. Press dispatches are doctored, mutilated, twisted. Newspapers and news agencies are told what they may or may not publish.

A sharp reminder that censor-

ship in America is more potent about China, your stuff had to be than ever was the action taken passed by the Chinese commiss-April 5 by Byron M. Price, direcioner thére. tor of the Office of Censorship in The systematized character of

Washington. Price was appoint- the censorship was impressed on ed by the late President Roosevelt, who made "freedom of speech" (including freedom of the press) one of the celebrated "Four Freedoms" enshrined in the Atlantic Charter.

From Price's office came a memorandum cautioning against publication or broadcast of speculation "regarding" the probable intentions of Soviet Russia toward Japan" in connection with Moscow's denunciation of the So-the solution of the solution of left-wing Greek sol-the solution of the solution of left-wing Greek solution of the solution viet-Japanese neutrality p a c t. diers in Egypt did not get out. Price's censors promptly blocked The detailed story of British transmission from this country of plans for Greece was not related, Congressional and editorial com-day by day, step by step, during ment on this new move in the that period." dark diplomatic schemings of the Kremlin oligarchy and the "democratic" imperialists.

terrorists, the Cairo censors "re-Press censorship, introduced at fused to let correspondents rethe beginning of the war "for produce the courtroom speeches reasons of military security," has of the two defendants, dismissgrown into a hardened system. ing them as 'mere political bom-Where originally it was supposed to cover only military affairs, it Thus the world was permitted to now pervades the broad spheres hear only the voice of the Britof politics and diplomacy.

#### **CENSORSHIP SYSTEM**

Eric Sevareid, a CBS war correspondent who has felt the heavy SUPRESS TRUTH Nation of April 14.

over to the British all American dealt with China."

Sevareid thought he would be can people were not permitted to truths about the imperialists and groups, faces contorted teeth pro-JUSTICE TO MUSSOLINI able to send out dispatches on his know the truth about the vile, re- their war aims. Its purpose is to truding, their glassy, sightless findings in India, but he felt the actionary regime of Chiang Kai- deceive and befuddle the people. eyes staring horrors. Many hand of the New Delhi censor even shek. Why? Because Chiang is Honest politics and honest dipin the Chinese capital: "By ar- an ally of American imperialism lomacy require no censorship. The so that pictures of the victims, rangement with the American in the great "war for democracy." imperialists and their accomplices their frames partly denuded of military in Chungking any copy Former Time correspondent employ censorship because, isr flesh by earth's corrupting agenby any American reporter which Jack Belden, in his excellent book from carrying on a war in the cies, could be taken to heighten

**Italian Partisan Action** 



Group of Partisans attacking Nazi police units in a North Italian town last year. These Partisans are the same heroic. fighters who last week seized control of the main cities in North Italy from the Nazis and Fascists.

respondent who has felt the heavy hand of the censors in various SUPRESS TRUTH Back in America, Sevareid there by the authorities: 'There' Allies' Real Aim in Algiers I saw a notice posted system of censorship as an "in-tricate, cunning mechanism," ed account of China at war, writ-write a message in any but the In Their Campaign pathy for a nation I much ad-mired. The War Department re- when tracing it down, you would Around Atrocities (Continued from page 1)

ists to compel a nauseated public to drain the cup of atrocity stories to the dregs, is testimony to the ulterior purpose of the organizers.

One turns the pages of his daily newspaper or weekly news magazine to be confronted. day Such denials speak volumes for after day, with horrendous pic-

tures. There are open graves with nameless human tell the whole truth about India." "so mutilated by the censors it not to eliminate falsehoods from quely tangled in death. Other picof the corpses were disinterred

### Huge Uprising Sweeps North Italy; Mussolini Executed (Continued from page 1) issued to stay the execution of

whelmed the German and Fascist Mussolini until a more "formal" garrisons, forcing them to sur- trial could be held. Other influen- cracks like that too. ces were brought to bear. Milan's render or flee.

Milan-"Red Milan"-center of archbishop, Cardinal Shuster, isthe great revolutionary working. sued a pastoral letter urging that class actions which preceded Mus- "no violence be used." The Britsolini's rise to power-was the ish liasion officer visited the Carwhite-hot focus of last week's dinal to thank him for his "mediastirring mass uprising. The trans- tion." But the compromisers were too port workers gave the signal by

socialist holiday of the interna- popularity of the verdict was tional working-class. But events dictated a faster ses of the Fascist chief of state

tempo of action than was con- and his henchmen were driven into templated. Observing the precari- Milan and dumped in the Piazza ous conditions of the German mili- Loretto-the spot where but retary establishment and the fear cently fifteen Partisans had been and confusion which had seized executed by the Fascists. their fascist enemies, the Milan workers advanced the date of the the last curses of the outraged

general strike to April 25. ACTIONS OF WORKERS With transportation and indus- stamped on the head of the dead

try paralyzed, the workers moved Fascist chieftain. Guards strung into action. Enemy barracks were the corpses head down from the stormed, strategic buildings and roof of a gasoline station, where public places occupied by the the crowds pressed forward to people. Everywhere the express their hatred. armed

Fascist scum were routed. Having failed to halt the exe-The Nazi command, caught in cution of the Fascist despots, the hopeless situation, surrendered leaders of the Committee of Libto the insurgents. Through Car- eration gave their sanction, after dinal Shuster, Mussolini started the act, to the stern deed of worknegotiations for surrender with ing-class justice. "It was necesthe Italian Committee of National sary as a proof of Italy's severiberation.

ance from the past," the Commit-This treacherous, class collabo- tee declared. And in Rome, the ationist leadership, dominated by retainers of the Bonomi regime, the Stalinists, instead of proceed- whose purge of Fascists in southing to arrest the Fascist dictator, ern Italy had become a joke, hasallowed him to slip through their tened to jump on the bandwagon fingers. Mussolini requested an of approval.

hour's grace to discuss the Com- Only the Vatican, aide and demittee's terms with his colleagues. fender of Mussolini's bloody reg-Then he sent word that the terms ime for 23 long years, deplored were "unacceptable" and fled to the "impetuous violence and Como where he tried to cross the macabre manifestations." frontier into Switzerland.

AIM TO HALT PURGE Rank and file Partisans quick-In giving belated assent to the ly rectified this "error." Mussolini was dragged out of his auto- executions, the Committee of Na-

mobile on the shores of Lake Como tional Liberation, the Bonomi regime-yes, and their "democratic" and taken prisoner. Word of his capture was sent to Milan and a imperialist patrons, too!-seek to Partisan detachment hastened to allay mass suspicions so that, by ruse and deception, they may be able to wrench the dispensation

of popular justice from the hands Without hesitation, a tribunal, of the working-class fighters who presided over by the Communist liberated northern Italy from Fas-Partisan leader Cino Moscatelli, cist and Nazi rule. They want to dispensed working-class justice prevent the purge from engulfing the Royal House of Savoy and the against the vicious dictator whose bankers, industrialists and landhands were stained with the blood of innumerable Italian working lords who have ruled Italy through people done to death by the in- the agency of Fascism. "The nec-

famous Fascist regime. essary purge of the remaining ascist elements.'



By V. Grey =

Sometimes you hear somebody say, "These accidents are the fellows' own fault." And it's not only Scissorbill Sam (the bosses' man) who says it, either. Shorty said it once, and Breezy makes

At the last safety meeting the foreman said, "There's no such thing as an accident." Everything is carelessness, he argued. And he mentioned how a girl and a fellow had both hurt their hands in just the same way on the same machine. They both wiped the shavings off a drill-press table with one hand while they were bringing the drill down with the other.

There's no excuse for that, the foreman said. They had a stick going on strike. A general strike late, too weak and too far from to clean off the shavings with. They didn't need to use their hands of all workers in Milan was then the scene to stay the hand of mass and get hurt. Of course the company never got around to installing set for May 1, the traditional vengeance. Any doubt as to the an air line to blow the table clean. But it's no trouble to pick up a stick, as the foreman says. You only have to do it once every three quickly dissipated when the corpand a half seconds.

Well, maybe there isn't any excuse. Maybe these people did it on purpose. Maybe they wanted to see what it felt like to tear a hole in their hand. Maybe they were so dumb they thought it would be a big enough accident so they could get compensation and retire .--- And maybe not.

A vast crowd gathered to hurl It's a funny thing. But fellows and girls have been running that drill-press ever since it was put in the shop two and a half years masses on the Fascist beasts. Men ago, and nothing happened to them. But all of a sudden there are broke through the cordon of Partwo accidents in a row. How come? tisan guards and kicked and

### **DOES THE LAW OF AVERAGES EXPLAIN IT?**

Well, maybe it was the law of averages. Mathematicians figure it out by the law of chances, or something. They figure that a drill-press has one accident a year in its system. So if two years go by without an accident, there are two accidents coming up, you

know. The same way they figure if you flip a coin a thousand times it will come down heads 500 times. But maybe not exactly 500 times n a row-as every bettor knows.

You never can tell. The law of averages might explain it all. But it's too bad the law got enforced just when they started to make money on the job.

Oh yes, I forgot to mention that angle, didn't I? The first two years and five months the drill-press was only used for shop repair

Read V. Grey's Article on

"Modern Welding and The Welder"

In the April Issue of Fourth International

work and other day-work jobs. But for the last couple of weeks the operators have been on steady PIECE-WORK on the drill.

NOW they can make nine-fifty a day! Maybe ten bucks if they get good stock and quick crane service. Of course they work four or five times FASTER than day-work to get the dough. But hell, that's piece-work, isn't it?

Take a girl who got 78 cents an hour yesterday on a clean-up. job. She may have run the drill a couple of times before for 81 cents. an hour. Now there's a piece-work job. The boss gives her a break. and puts her on the drill. She has the chance of making a dollar" and a quarter an hour. All she has to do is work four or five times harder and faster.

And maybe that's why she decided to drill a hole in her hand, and push a broom for the rest of the month.



voices of their opponents were silenced by the censors

parts of the world, describes the wrote and presented for censor- will be no more political censor world-wide in its scope. He tells ten, I thought, with full sym- official American-British version some of his experiences in The pathy for a nation I much ad- of events, more often than not,

the reporter even more forcibly in

Cairo where he "discovered the

neat little system of interlocking

agreements between governments

working without a hitch. Wheth-

er you wrote about Egypt or

Yugoslavia or Greece or Syria,

your material would be passed

around to all the interested offi-

cials for everyone to get in his

whack with the blue pencil. Nat-

When Lord Moyne was assas-

sinated by young Jewish political

In New Delhi, on his way to fused to pass it." There were find it streaked with many marks China, he found that British and lengthy negotiations which rev- of blue, and pencilled with the American military censors ealed that Cordell Hull, Secretary legend, 'as censored by Mr. "would pass no copy describing of State, who frequently protest- Murphy.' Should you question the amazing social life that went ed that his department imposed that august personage, that repon this headquarters town... Full no political censorship, had asked resentative of the mighty Amerireporting of India's political prob- the War Department "to deliver can state, he would blandly aslem was out of the question .... up to it any dispatches by return- sure you: 'There is no political American military offices turned ing war correspondents which censorship."

dispatches which dealt with Brit- Finally, after he had left the the hypocrisy of the "democratic" ish or Indian affairs in any de- country again, Sevareid's story imperialists and their censorship filled gree... nobody has been able to was passed for publication, but- servants. Censorship operates, corpses, their bony limbs grotes-

When he got to Chungking, was unfit for print." The Ameri- the news, but to hide unpalatable tures are of single victims or small

dealt with far-off India had to be Still Time to Die, told of censor- interests of the peoples, they are the public horror and revulsion. given to British officers in Chung- ship in Algiers at the time of the conspiring against the interests As if the pictures alone are king for approval. If you went North African campaign: "On of the broad masses in every land, not enough, news writers, editorwrote the correspondents' hulletin oard ncluding Ame

### bast,' of no interest to the world.' ish imperialist oppressors. The

### The Difference Between **Blue Blood And Red**

### By Bill Morgan

Red blood or blue blood? There's a difference. A big difference. You got to know your stuff on this question-especially when it comes to dealing with the Germans or the Japanese.

Take plain, ordinary red blood for instance. Working-class blood. The kind that stains the sand of South Pacific islands, the decks of destroyers and the mud of European battlefields. It's tricky stuff. Can't be trusted. It has a powerful tendency to recognize itself despite different uniforms and languages.

That's why American soldiers are fined sixty-five bucks for exchanging a word or so with Ger-Australian troops are taught that the Japanese soldiers, workers human beings but monkeys. been so attentive to me," she said. That's why German bosses and sian soldiers are butchers, that April 12 when I heard American the French workers are dogs, that convoys running past. The next the American and British troops thing was an American lieutenare stupid. That's why the Jap- ant. He walked in and said: 'We anese war-lords and industrialists must take this for a command chant songs of hate and national. post.' He was very nice. He was ism to their slaves.

THE KAISER'S WIDOW

"Kill the bastards!" yells Wall HER SAD STORY Street. "Shoot the swine!" growl ' By "us" she meant her sister. the Himmlers and Krupps. "Des- Princess Ida; the Princess Carmo troy the white dogs!" scream the Hartung, her niece; Prince Christoph-Martin; the Countess Ther-Togos and Mitsuis. But what happens when blue ese of Stolberg and the Countess' blood meets blue blood? Ah, fel- children, Prince Franz Joseph and low worker, there's a difference. Prince Rritz.

Americans."

She had been living in tran-Blue blood is exempt from all the hate, prejudice and nation- quillity at her Silesian castle . . But let her tell her own sad story: alism Take for instance Princess "I was ordered to move by the Hermine, widow of Kaiser Wil-| German Army. That was Feb. 21. helm, "the Beast of Berlin" in the I left in such a hurry that I had first World War. She is now a to leave behind many of my pre-"prisoner" of the American Army cious personal souvenirs.

along with half a dozen other Ho-"I had to leave some of my henzollerns and former royalty. jewels and some of my horses. I She is permitted to remain in her didn't want to go . .. We had eighty-four room castle. When only a few cars left .... There



man soldiers and workers. That's she asks for coffee and cigarettes were thousands of refugees on the campaigners sometimes over- propagandist effort is concenwhy American and British and no one laughs or growls at her. road. It was a terrible sight..." reach themselves and lift a corn- trated on showing what the Nazis Ah, no. She is allowed to tell American readers of the press her and peasants in uniform, are not sad story. "The Americans have tentive. Attend to her comforts. Gen. George S. Patton ordered Czechs, Russians, Frenchmen, etc. "They have not bothered us at Nazi officials how that the Rus- all. I was walking in my garden sneer when she asks for Ameri- and shown its obscenities," Time victims of Hitlerism were GERand nieces.

> Blue blood is precious stuff. Something to be conserved. Red MYTH EXPLODES blood is cheap and expendable. attentive to us, and so are all you

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ialists and columnists dilate in detail on the pictorialized horrors, with sly insinuations of GER-MAN guilt. In a single issue of the New York Post last week, no fewer than six pages contained material on Nazi atrocities. A newsreel of the horrors, taken by army photographers, is now making the rounds of the coun-

### RAMMING IT DOWN

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Compulsory viewing of atrocity films is reported from London. Said Time magazine last week: "In London, queasy moviegoers unable to stomach atrocity newsreels, started to leave the theater but were turned back by Allied soldiers in the audience." Just as the people of Britain

and America are having anti-German hate propaganda rammed Nazism, are being strong-armed

into viewing the evidence of Nazi tion camps and will return home vileness (in an effort to induce in to swell the poison current of them a psychology of guilt for hate propaganda. The hate campaign is comthe infamies of a regime which

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they loathed and resisted. pounded of half-truths. It can

Here, however, the atrocity succeed in no other way. The That's the way to treat a blue- er of the veil of falsehood from did to their FOREIGN victimsblooded prisoner. Be nice. Be at- the face of truth. At Weimar Britons, Americans, Poles, Spread her sob story all over the 1200 German men and women to Concealed by careful omission is front page. And, above all, don't be "taken through Buchenwald the fact that the most numerous can coffee. And don't forget her reported. They "walked unwill- MANS, fighters against Nazism,

poor, blue blooded grandchildren ing y through the camp and wept, critics and opponents of Hitler's retched, fainted. A young Hitler regime, who were numbered not Madchen sobbed: 'How awful'!" by thousands but by millions.

WHAT THEY CONCEAL

This single report explodes the Completely ignored, for exammyth of German guilt. If the ple, is the well-established fact quished the Fascists. There is a German people as a whole were that the Buchenwald and Dachau popular saying in Italy today: the aides and accomplices of the concentration camps, in particu-Nazis, as Allied propaganda lar, were from the beginning and farther left you go." The great would have us believe; if they throughout their notorious exist- industrial centers of Lombardy knew and approved all the revolt- ence prisons, torture chambers are the heart and core of revoluing crimes of the Nazis, thus be- and death houses - FOR GER- tionary Italy, with great and glocoming responsible for them - MANS. At least until the out- rious traditions of working-class why did the men and women of break of the war, Germans were struggle. Weimar evince feelings of hor- its only inhabitants.

The destruction of the Fascists By hiding this fact, by concen- and their Nazi backers by the ror and revulsion at what they saw, and not the brazen approval, trating on the atrocities commit- armed people has ended the artior at least the indifference, that ted against non-Germans, the im- ficial division of the country promight have been expected? Their perialists are trying to perpetrate duced by the Allied invasion and reactions were not different from a monstrous deception. Their the expulsion of the Fascist regthose of the audience in the Lon- purpose — let us repeat again — ime from southern Italy in Auis to saddle the entire German gust 1943. The proletarian north don movie theater. But the campaign of hate nation with guilt for Nazi bar- is now united with the more rural against the Germans rolls on. barism and thus facilitate their and petty-bourgeois south. This British parliamentarians and plans for dismembering Ger- is bound to impart even greater American congressmen have been many, destroying its economy, power to the revolutionary offentouring the captured concentra- and enslaving its working people. sive of the Italian masses.

pronounced by this court of jus- Committee of National Liberation tice and promptly carried out. in northern Italy, "can be carried Mussolini, together with his mis- out only at the end of the revolutress, was shot by a firing squad. tionary period and in the strictest Forty-five leading members of legality." This is the voice of the Italian Mussolini's staff of Fascist cut-

throats, butchers and hangmen counter - revolution speaking were also tried and executed. through the mouths of the uneasy, It was with good reason that vacillating, and fearful leaders of the revolutionary workers acted the Committee which is supposed with the dispatch they did. They to be leading the Italian masses

had reason to expect that their along the road of a clean break vacillating leaders in the Com- with the awful past. Like the mittee of National Liberation Committee in the south, it is enwould act like the German Social- deavoring to rob the masses of Democrats who permitted the the full fruits of their victory Kaiser to escape, or the Russian over Fascism, to head off their Mensheviks who sheltered the movement, damp it down, to pre-Czar, or the Bonomi court which vent it from surging into the allowed the Fascist gangster broad channel of socialist revolu-Roatta to escape while on trial. tion.

The Stalinist, "Socialist" and As subsequent events con-"Liberal" members of the Comfirmed, the apprehensions of the down their throats, so the people workers were entirely justified. mittees are the aides and accomof Germany, who were and have The Partisan prefect of Milan plices of the Anglo-American imremained the principal victims of revealed that an order had been perialists, whose dominating concern is to preserve capitalism in Italy and prevent the toiling people from settling scores with the native capitalist ruling class and

their regal satellites. WORKERS AND ARMS

Charles Poletti, head of the Alied Military Government, has declared that surrender of arms by the Partisans is the first thing to be accomplished in the north, just as it was previously in the south. The Stalinist mayor of Bologna has already persuaded the Partisans to surrender 3000 pieces of military equipment.

But the revolutionary workers of the north, with the example before them of what happened in the south, will not so easily be cajoled into surrendering the weapons with which they van-"The farther north you go, the

### Profits of Oil and War

Standard Oil of New Jersey, one of the Rockefeller dynasty monopolies, reports 1944 as the most profitable year in its history excepting 1920. After deducting charges, taxes, reserves for depreciation and depletion and \$12 million for "contingencies," the books still showed net profits of \$155,-396,460. In 12 months current assets jumped from \$859,800,039 to \$1,027,711,965 while current liabilities rose less than \$57. million.

These fabulous profits were made possible by the war expansion program, explained Eugene Holman, president; "One out of every five planes of the United Nations was flown on Jersey-made fuel during the year."

Despite the enormity of these profits, they represent but a small portion of the fortune reaped by the Rockefellers from the Second World War.



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THE MILITANT

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The following letter is sent to us by an auto worker reader of The Militant. He describes from his own personal experiences how the so-called "labor-management" committees function only in the interests of the company.

only a farce, as we didn't have Editor: representatives of the workers to cards stacked in their favor as do their dirty work for them. usual. They started right in by Before the war, whenever our putting in their man as Chairman to 13,497. This is 132 percent of our quota. Bargaining Committee met with and started their baloney again management, we always heard that Committeemen should see the complaint that the Commit- that everyone worked harder and teemen were not doing right by harder.

the company. The company said But nothing was said about the Committeemen were suppos- more pay. They emphasized that sending out The Militant." ed to see that the men they rep- we had to win the war and we resented put out a day's work should forget all about our difand didn't take too much time ferences and produce, produce, going to and from the rest room produce. But when some of the or going too many times to the Committeemen made remarks water fountain, to put out good such as "If we win the war will work, keep right on the job until you give us a raise?" the bosses' the quitting whistle biew, be faces got red. They didn't know disciplined comrades of whom we are all proud. there to start working when the what to say and accused the Com-

workers' rights. The manage-

ernment utilizes its labor lieu-

Well, management tried to get

the Committeemen to go for the

ter meals in the cafeteria at a

lower price, to set up a commis-

I am writing this letter in the

hopes that you will publish it be-

cause yours is a labor paper and

I hope some shop Committeemen

see it and quit doing the bosses'

speeding up the workers spying

the boss. Let them push the

they're making all the money.

An Auto Worker

Los Angeles

tenants.

starting whistle blew, not to eat mitteemen of "Trotskyism." on the job, never to rest while By using the patriotism angle, on Company time, and a mess of the company split the Committee other rules of the same nature. between the ones who wanted to

What they were doing was try- fight for the workers and the ing to get the Committeemen to ones who were less class conscido the dirty work that the fore- ous and wanted to go easy on the men were getting paid to do. I must say that they were suc- ment said we were all one now cessful in convincing some of the Committeemen to do just that. the Committee said, "In that case, I even witnessed the unbelievable if we are all one, you should alincident of a "representative" of low us to see the books," managethe workers bawling out a work- ment was horrified and said that er for being late. The foreman was socialism. Then the fight even called the Committeeman started on what this Labor Manover to do the bawling out instead agement Committee was going to of doing it himself. This Commit- do. The company's idea was to teeman thought he was a dicta- use it to do the workers' dirty tor. When other Committeemen work for them just as the govpointed out to this small-time dictator that his job was to defend

the workers and not to work against them, he said he was elected by them and he was giv- speed-up, etc. The Committeeing the orders in his district men who knew the score attemptwhile he was the committeeman. ed to use the same Committee for This fellow discredited himself so enforcing safety rules, to get betthat he was not reelected.

The thing I want to point out is that this fellow fell for man- sary to sell work clothes at cost, agement's baloney and went etc. It wasn't long until the Laabout doing the bosses' work. bor-Management Committee was What this leads up to is that defunct. the employer is still practising the same method today and a lot of boys are falling for it because they are afraid that they will be called unpatriotic, radical, red or something if they dirty work for them, such as don't.

At the start of the war when on them, etc. Let the foremen Labor - Management Committees take care of it. He and not the were first established the fellows shop Committeeman represents who understood the class struggle were opposed to them and speed-up as it is their war and called them speed-up committees. But the International leadership Just look at their profits reports compelled the Bargaining Com- and then look at who is doing the mitteemen to serve on this Labor- dying, sweating and suffering. Management Committee also. It Not the bosses by a long shot.

was not very long before it was

### LABOR-MANAGEMENT 13,497 New Subscribers To "Militant" **COMMITTEES AID BOSSES** As Campaign Reaches 132 Per Cent Mark

### By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Director

There has been no slackening whatsoever in The Militant Subscription Campaign even though the 10,000 national quota It seems to me that the bosses any way to enforce what we was passed two weeks ago. Last week the branches of the Soare more and more getting the wanted and the bosses had all the cialist Workers Party obtained 1,637 new worker-readers, the third highest weekly total to date. This raises the national total

### FROM THE BRANCHES

"We would like to express our appreciation of the magnificent job the New York Branches are doing with the tremendous task of

Doris Hilson of Akron thus expressed the gratitude we all feel to those comrades who are shouldering the huge task of getting The Militant out each week to our thousands of new readers. They are Naomi Kane, Sara Ross, Margaret Worth, Mili Adams, Connie Locke, and scores of other comrades without whose weekly assistance the regular staff would be swamped. These are hard-working

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Mike Warren, leading national Pace-Setter, has stated that he is aiming for 1,000 subs by the end of the campaign. Ruth Haddon. San Francisco: "Jim Long is our Campaign Director for this campaign and was also the director of the previous campaign. He has done a fine job of organizing the work and is also one of our fine sub-getters. The record of the national campaign is wonderful. And those Trail-Blazers truly deserve the name." Jeff Thorne, Flint: "Send another 50

cards. We sold 34 subs today and are cleaned out."

Sylvia Moran, New Haven: "Enclosed are seven more subs. Let me tell you that I didn't get those subs I sent in a couple of weeks ago by myself. Comrade Bert, who is located about ten miles away, and myself got them."

P. Davidson, Boston: "Enclosed are 17 subs. This brings us well over the 100 percent mark."

Jerry Kirk, Detroit: "Our score for the week is 203. As you can see there from door to door to sell subscriphas been no slackening of the campaign. In the past few weeks participation has preciate the following experiences. reached its highest point. We have also had more friends participate in the work since my last monthly report."

A. Alma, Rochester: "Enclosed are 21 more subs. We miss having the Trail-Blazers here very much."

Rose Stevens, Seattle: "We have been dividing our forces in order to cover workers' areas in Tacoma as well as Seattle. Our final scores will be almost half and half between the two cities." Herb Newell, Allentown: "Tell Akron we just had our seventh inning stretch. From now on in they'll catch our dust. Of course, it is just the realiza-Please send us 50 more sub cards im- tion that this aspect of the work mediately."

tion activity has already involved a wider | relish, selling anything at any base in the local than any other form of | time."

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150 Militants and sold 12 'Strug--all we had brought with us." Al Frank of Detroit: "I have

to work most of the nights and every other Sunday. I have s additional proof that our workmanaged to get to three Sunday er-readers are telling their friends mobilizations during the present about The Militant: "The purpose drive and have sold forty subs. of this letter is to request a com-As I walked along one day selling

plimentary copy of your weekly subs I thought to myself, 'Only newspaper entitled, The Militant. a couple of years ago if someone told me I'd be canvassing a neigh-'During the past two or three months I have heard much good borhood selling papers, I'd have told him he is crazy.' I dislike comment regarding your newsgoing out selling, but once I get paper. Therefore, I desire a copy started I don't mind and as a of your paper gratis and if it is matter of fact, almost enjoy it. all my friends claim for it, I will place a subscription."



### **'TRAILBLAZERS' REPORT ON VISIT TO MINE TOWN**

With a total of 683 new subscribers to The Militant obtained up to April 30, the Trail-Blazers, Eloise Black and Rudy Rhodes, are now in Pittsburgh. They write regarding their first few days' work in that area:

"Although Pittsburgh is a huge city housing tens of thousands of industrial workers, we couldn't think of beginning anywhere except among the coal miners we've been talking about for so long. So we 'moved' into one of the close-by mining towns where our local campaign got off to a flying start.

"Forty-four fighting miners are

dren.

Militant subscribers now as a re- younger miners are full of fight, sult of one day's effort. And we've indignant at the abuse that is only covered a third of the families in Coverdale. Almost every ple, and eager to prove that jusminer we met looked the paper tice is on their side. Among the over with keen interest and took younger miners the interest in an introductory subscription. Even The Militant was quickly indiamong the older folks who themcated but as we reported practicselves read only papers in their ally all of those we saw have native language, many bought subscribed. subs to The Militant for their chil-

"There is a general desire among these mine people to make the

WOMEN'S OPINIONS hazards of their work known to the rest of the labor movement. "Women whose husbands were away at the mine when we vis- Dozens of them told us that only ited their homes seemed as in- the day before one of their numterested in our program as the ber had been brought up from men we talked to. Some of them the pit with his skull crushed took the paper for their men after from a falling timber-dead, of we showed them some of the 1943 course, by the time the company

copies we carried with us. They liked the way The Militant pub-"In the last household we visshed their side of the story in ited we found the family circled the tough fight of two years back. around a young fellow in his early These women also showed keen 20's. He is a discharged veteran interest in The Militant article of World War II, who had been that exposed the profiteering and carried out an hour before with black market dealings of the big his foot smashed by a backsliding iron coal truck. neat corporations.

"Even though these people were "Limited to Coverdale's com-Every member of the Socialist | to the A. Clayton Powell meeting | pany-run store for their grocer- | wrapped up in the grief of their Workers Party who has ever gone last night. We distributed over ies, they are all hard hit by the family catastrophe, all were warm man-made meat famine. They are in their greeting, and talked tions to The Militant will ap- gle for Negro Equality' pamphlets of course aware that the meat eagerly with us about The Militheir hard-working men folks tant's program. The injured lad sorely need is being diverted into wanted the subscription as soon This letter from J. L. of Toledo additional proof that our work black market channels where higher prices prevail. But they spoke up angrily against the miswere indignant to learn from our erable campaign of the capitalists paper that the belly-robbing meat and their prostituted press to conmonopolists are skimming off ad- trast the dangers risked by the ditional millions through govern- armed forces with the supposed security of the workers. ment subsidies.

"Most of the men agree that PERILS OF MINING their recent negotiations with the "He pointed to his own crushed operators and the government foot as proof that the coal miners gained them but a slight im- face maining and death every provement in wages. They all day of the year, and he told us pointed out that no increase will that the soldiers he had fought be realizable until they start beside had learned of these things working beyond their traditional from him. We left with him a 7 hour day. And many of these copy of Joseph Hansen's pamminers, who have been hoaxed phlet on the Labor Party to read and chiseled before, implied that while he is laid up and promised they might have to strike yet to to call back for another visit insure the concessions they are soon.



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1947 Jacobs Road

cluding the election campaign. Our work during the rest of the campaign will be to widen still more the base of sub cam-

thrilled. Also the other Pace-Setters with their fantastic scores. That box was a wonderful idea. The Trail-Blazers are also inspiring

Maggie McGowan, Toledo: "The Toledo Branch is proud of the | for a higher standard of livingmagnificent job the party has done in this campaign. If you take not like the Daily Worker.' I sold Jerry Kirk's report in last week's Militant about "those Trotskyists | five subs after that." selling subs all over the city' and multiply it by all the branches, you have an accurate picture of 'those Trotskyists selling subs all over the country.' The party's record in this campaign is only further verification of the tremendous vitality of our ideas. That | easier when stories of local situaexploded thermometer is a tribute to the determination and tions appear in The Militant. "The enthusiasm of comrades who, when a task is before them, accept printing of articles on local it as a challenge and carry it through in the Trotskyist tradition."

### FROM OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Again we want to thank our new readers for the aid they are giving us in this campaign by getting their friends to subscribe to The Militant. This week the following readers sent in trial subscriptions:

C.O.W. of St. Louis, Mo.; B.D. of Pine Bluff, Ark.; W.H.H. of Chicago, Ill,; R.M.H. of Arlee, Mont.; and L.S. of Newark, N. J. Have you told your friends about The Militant and have you asked them to subscribe?

### **MILITANT PACE-SETTERS**

Here are the twenty who have sold the highest number of subscriptions in this campaign:

Mike Warren	West Side, New York	650
Jerry Kirk	Detroit	818
Paul Kujac	Chicago	221
Howard Mason	Detroit	171
Ernest Drake	Detroit	156
Doris Hilson	Akron	151
Fred Kaminsky	Buffalo	145
E. Logan	Detroit	139
Marion Winters	Brooklyn	138
Joe Simpson	Minneapolis	125
Bill Horton	Detroit	124
M. Kennedy	Detroit	110
Ruth Grayson	N. Y. Trotskyist Youth Group	103
Jack Wilson	Youngstown	100
Dorothy Lessing	Newark	100
Dotty Hill	Brooklyn	98
Kay O'Brien	Detroit	95
Justine Lang	East Side, New York	95
Robert Kendall	Toledo	92
Maggie McGorran	Toledo	90
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activity we have ever engaged in, in Louise Falk of Cleveland: "Go ing on my first sub campaign I had an interesting experience. After my stage fright was swallowed down in great big paigners. From this will flow an in- gulps, I rang my first door bell crease in subs. I don't expect any It was in a Negro neighborhood phenomenal increase in the next month, and I was just preparing my but do expect enough of an increase so speech on how The Militant that we should end up our campaign with stands for Negro equality, when about 2,300 subs. Jack Gail of Southside the door opened. I was greeted Branch is now leading the local with a friendly and was asked if this was score of 72 and Comrade Leo has 62. Mike Warren sure has us all the Daily Worker. I assured the woman that it was not. She told me that the Russians had the

right idea. She was very eager to buy the paper which really 'fights

I. Cope of Youngstown reports pamphlets. that subscription sales are made

tivity in the city. For instance, the article on the NAACP asking for the removal of the Chief of Police here. You can be sure many Negroes know of this and they were happy to see someone acting on it.

"Due to the small population here, we're having difficulty finding new neighborhoods. In fact. some homes we do approach are and there are many others who have very definitely heard about it, in which case we get a new subscriber. Our paper is certainly making the rounds. Before we

leave a house, we ask them to pass The Militant on to their blank for a six-month sub which of literature than ever before. their friends can use." \* \* \* A successful distribution is re-

ported by Doris Hilson of Akron: "Two comrades and a friend went





Notes

Our new pamphlet American Workers Need a Labor Party continues to sell widely and is getting increasingly enthusiastic response ample of how the pamphlet is being used in the trade unions.

"A Detroit UAW-CIO Comcommittee, made a report to the put out in convenient pocket-size

"In his report he used Joseph We sold countless numbers of subs was a convenient size, attractively to Pontiac, Mich. by merely pointing out our ac- printed and written to hold the worker's interest.

"He reported that workers could not find time to read thick library because they had not contained something to catch their attention they would go on readalready receiving The Militant ing the pamphlet. The size of the pamphlet, he stated, was very important as workers stuck it in their pockets to read in the plants, on the buses, streetcars, etc.

"In summary he told the com- they promised faithfully they mittee that workers are more would send for the paper. We friends and also show them the willing to buy and read this type believe that this should give our comrades in Pittsburg a good They want to know the answers start, not only in obtaining new to what's coming tomorrow with subscribers but in following them the cutbacks of thousands of up with more literature and buildworkers in their immediate ing themselves a base on which vicinity . . . meaning an army of to work in the future. unemployed, and bread-lines and "Locally, one of our comrades

hunger. sold a subscription to a reader of "He stated that the Labor Party the Daily Worker. When our compamphlet had sold like 'hot cakes' rade revisited him, the new readaround the local union and as he | er said that he was cancelling his walked through his plant he saw subscription to the Daily Worker, workers pull it out of their or at least wouldn't renew it upon pockets and read a few pages its expiration, because he found whenever they got the chance." The Militant much more inspiring and said it was a real workers'

bor Party by Joseph Hansen, 15c. Order from Pioneer Publishers, excellent results from their first the meantime The Militant will 116 University Pl., New York 3, trail-blazing expedition. They continue its job of organizing for write: "We were spurred on by us,"

supposed to have won. They all "We could repeat dozen agree that only their constant stories and comments from these vigilance backed up by the strike people-and all would be interthreat prevents the operators esting as well as enlightening. from snatching away the condi- We feel that here we have met tions and chipping down the some of the finest working people

wage-scales that have already in the whole country. They have been established. the dignity of people who have

"The older men are not in- suffered a lot but who have never clined to talk much; they seem lost courage nor the will to see from the workers. The following quietly assured that theirs is an their fight through. We will hear letter from Detroit gives an ex- entirely just struggle-and one from these miners who are now that is by no means ended. The readers of The Militant."

### mitteeman, who is also a member of his local union educational Two New Trailblazer Teams other members of the educational committee on the value of work-ers' educational material being **Report Inspiring Success**

The success of the Trailblazers, Eloise Black and Rudy Rhodes, in introducing The Militant to new localities has in-Hansen's pamphlet American spired two of the Socialist Workers Party branches to follow Workers Need a Labor Party as their example on a larger scale. Last week Youngstown sent situations is a great selling point. his example of what he thought a team of Trailblazers into Pittsburgh, and Detroit sent a crew

The report from Youngstown

subs received in two-hours.

states: "In about two hours of the results of the Trailblazers. concentrated work from door to So last week we sent a crew of door, eight of us received 80 subseven comrades and one symbooks and most often would not scriptions, which we are sending pathizer to Pontiac, Mich., an intake a book out of the union along together with 19 subscrip- dustrial General Motors town 30 tions received here locally. We miles from here. Inasmuch as we cultivated the habit of 'wading found our new subscribers so were working in this area for the through a whole book.' But if the eager to read our paper that some first time, we made it an all-day first two pages of a pamphlet of them even subscribed for expedition. The results that we friends of theirs. In fact, there obtained are excellent. Our score were four subscriptions sold in at the end of the day was 139. one house in this way. Our Negro

"We established a directing comrade was tops with seventeen center for our work in a colored restaurant, meeting there to eat

lunch and to discuss results and "There were many who had no plan further activity. It was a money at the time, but we left a great sight to see colored and subscription blank with them and white workers eating, joking and talking seriously together. We obtained a dozen subscriptions in this restaurant alone.

> "Among the white workers, when we explained to them that in a General Motors town the papers print only the news that the bosses want them to see, we would immediately evoke interest in our paper. And when we showed the workers that The Militant exposes General Motors Corporation activities, how it coins profits from its plants in Germany as well as here in the United States, the workers invariably pull out a quarter for a subscription.

"We believe that we have laid the groundwork /for further ac-The Detroit comrades report tivity and work in Pontiac. In

\* \* \* paper." American Workers Need a LaPAGE EIGHT



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Only the world revolution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy. — Leon Trotsky

### Mussolini's End

In the manifesto on "The Imperialist War and the Proletarian Revolution" written for the Fourth International in 1940 just before his assassination, Leon Trotsky predicted: "Before the judgment bar of the proletariat all the present rulers will answer" tor plunging humanity into a Second World War.

Mussolini is the first to be brought to judgment by the workers. He answered with his life.

In carrying out this stern act of justice the Italian masses demonstrated that they are the sole power capable of purging the country of the fascist vermin and meting out retribution to the criminals who inflicted such misery and tyranny upon Italy. This time they took no chances on Mussolini eluding judgment. They rightfully mistrusted the Allies and the present heads of the government for they have seen how they have treated the fascists and their accomplices.

Instead of purges and punishments, the Allies have retained many of the most prominent up-"holders of fascism in positions of power and shielded them from the wrath of the people. They strengthened the monarchy which lifted Mussolini into power and placed the dictator's right-hand general Badoglio at the head of the government. The present Premier Bonomi permitted the hated butcher Roatta to "escape" with British connivance during his trial. Above all, the workers remembered how Mussolini had once before been "rescued."

or minimized the facts of hundreds of mass layoffs throughout the country, which The Militant alone has reported from week to week. WPB Director Krug even expressed regret at his "mistake" in announcing in advance the pending shut-down of the huge Ford Willow Run plant.

This conspiracy of silence or misinformation is dictated by the fact that the capitalist government has no program to maintain employment and job security for all the workers. The only program the monopolists and their government agents are advancing is to sell the vast, modern governmentowned plants as scrap to the big corporations or shut them down. While the capitalist war profiteers are guaranteed their profits in war contracts terminations, the workers are to be dumped jobless into the streets.

So far as the big-business government is concerned, the unemployed workers can either starve or scrape along miserably on the doles of state unemployment insurance, which in some instances is as low as \$2 per week. That is the program enacted in the George Starvation Bill, signed by the late President Roosevelt.

This is the reward facing the workers who have done all the sweating and sacrificing in this war, whose labor and taxes built and paid for the huge government plants. But they cannot permit themselves and their families to be reduced to beggary. They have every right to demand, and to enforce the demand, for full employment and job security at the wages of decency, comfort and health.

There is only one program which can begin to meet this demand effectively. That is the program based on the bed-rock premise: NO IDLE FAC-TORIES AS LONG AS THERE ARE UNEM-PLOYED WORKERS!

Against the schemes of the monopolists to buy up for a song, and scrap the vast productive apparatus built at public expense during the war, the organized labor movement must counterpose the demand for the full operation of all government plants and equipment under workers' control to provide jobs for all and consumers' goods for the people.

Together with this indispensable first step, must go the demands for the sliding scale of hours with no reduction in weekly income. All the labor unions are on record for the 30-hour week. Now they must open a full-scale, determined struggle for the reduction of the work week, as against mass layoffs, with the maintenance of existing weekly wages.

Ira Mosher, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, speaking in Boston on April 23, said he was all for the labor-capital "peace charter" signed by Philip Murray, William Green and Eric Johnston, Chamber of Commerce head.

But-Mosher doesn't like it "as it now stands." The NAM opposes any "truce" which would "uphold the legislative status quo" on labor. Specifically, he thinks any agreement not to "modify" the National Labor Relations Act threatens to "accentuate, rather than eliminate" the struggle between capital and labor. And the "modifications" which the NAM seeks are its projected 5-point legislative program to outlaw strikes, protect strikebreakers and illegalize the closed shop.



"These peace reports are very upsetting."



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

books of the wealthy. The present | tion like they had in Russia in conflict over natural gas brings October, 1917. He looked at me in up this point. Natural gas, which amazement.

"I didn't think anyone in Ameris cleaner and cheaper, (i.e., less As further proof of the fact that work is needed to make it avail- ica thought that way," he said. The Militant sells itself, I am able) would mean lay-offs and So I told him about our party, the Socialist Workers Party, and its "The March 28 Journal had an program, and I told him about the

editorial opposing cash relief be- Fourth International and how it I knocked on a door in the cause of the impending postwar was started by Trotsky when the housing project. An Indian wom- depression. Where are the laid- Stalinist-degenerated Comintern

You yourself envision a 1933. And I told him about the victims." was too busy taking care of her sliding back to the prewar days Trotskyist party in Italy. And did he get excited! He turned to his "We Marxists see no way out fellow prisoners and started talkfore going I left her a copy of for the working class other than ing, rapidly and excitedly in Itathe paper and went on to the next house.

When we were finished in that for use. New inventions and nat-What a change took place in the district and were getting into the ural benefits would thus become attitude of the men! From a decar, this woman came out of her labor-saving, not labor-firing dev- jected, downcast group, they were filled with enthusiasm and hope

William C. Crane for the better day to come. The next day I saw them befor Milwaukee, Wisc. they saw me, so I started to whis-

"Bandiera Rossa." Immediately they all turned around and when they saw me, their faces broke out into broad, happy smiles, and they waved, called The other day I had the op- hello, and came over for more portunity of talking with some talk about the revolution and Italian prisoners. Since Italy has about socialism.

she said was run by civil service become a "co-belligerent" of this I think we can rest assured country, the Italian prisoners are that, even under 20 years of fascist terror, the revolutionary

**The Most Tragic Victims Of The Imperialist War** 

Europe's children are the capitalist war's "most ragic victims," writes Gene Rea in an article entitled Italy's Children" in The Nation, April 14. The fate of Allied-occupied Italy's children mirrors

the conditions of children in the rest of Europe. "In Italy," Gene Rae reports, "hundreds of thouands of children . . . (are) wandering about everywhere, on the roads and in the cities and the fields." The Italian puppet government and the Allied agencies have "tried to register them" but "not much

has been accomplished." Of some 300,000 children orphaned by the war, only about 50,000 have been placed in orphanages. These are "so short of supplies that the children

more often than not have no shoes to wear, few clothes and hardly decent sleeping quarters . . . beds made of burlap bags stuffed with straw." "Malaria, tuberculosis and typhus are spreading

havoc in their weakened bodies." Official health measures of the Allies, Vatican and Italian government "are unfortunately entirely inadequate." Of 2000 children tested in the Liri Valley, 99 per cent had malaria.

"The highest death rate for children under one ear of age throughout Italy was recorded in Naples (first big city sized by the Allies). Allied official figures differ from those of the Italians. The Allies give the rate as 45 per cent; the Italians as 65 per cent. The main causes of death were malnutrition, uberculosis and pneumonia."

The school system has not been functioning for ver four years. Children under ten "become beggars, thieves, shoe-shine boys 'or procurers . . . start smoking when seven or eight years old."

In the Liri Valley and northward, "human beings live like animals." Children dig for roots in the fall, work from "dawn to sundown" in the fields in spring and summer. Many are "blown to bits by unexploded mines."

No food and no transport to distribute it. No medical supplies. Those not orphaned are little better off than the orphans because their parents have no work. The few schools that are opened are without heat, books, equipment. Teachers and pupils are "dull and listless" from hunger and disease.

Billions spent for destruction have done this. But the imperialists intend to spend not even a fraction an answered. After I had tried off Gas Company and coalmen to had capitulated before Hitler in of such billions to save this war's "most tragic



Over 53,500 American workers have been killed on the job since Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Nearly 300,000 have been permanently disabled due to industrial accidents. Over 6,500,000 have suffered injuries.

These figures recently released by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Senate Subcommittee on 🐇 Wartime Health and Education reveal the toll of speedup, bad safety conditions and hazardous methods caused by the employers' insatiable drive for war profits.

The kept press didn't headline these figures-these casualties of the workingclass in the factories, mines, railroads, WHICH WERE SEVEN TIMES These fellows are mostly pretty ideas and traditions of Marx and GREATER THAN THE AMERICAN MILITARY CASUALTIES.

THE MILITANT

Having seen how the Allies and their quislings handled the fascists, the workers of Milan drew the proper conclusion and took care of Mussolini themselves.

How justified they were in their suspicions! For, according to the Partisan Prefect of Milan, an order had been issued by the authorities holding up the execution of Mussolini.

The actions of the workers in the past week give the most dramatic proof of the real attitude of the Italian people toward fascism. Since the war Allied propagandists have propagated the lie that the Italian and German masses supported fascism and should be held responsible for its crimes. But when it comes to the critical test, it is the Italian workers themselves who do away with the fascistswhile the Allied leaders try to protect them!

The deeds of the Milanese workers are in the best traditions of the Italian and German proletariat. In both these countries the workers did all they could to prevent fascism from coming to power. When they were defeated and crushed because of treacherous leadership and the international combination of the capitalists, they continued to struggle from the underground. They suffered privation, misery, imprisonment, torture, death, but they never accepted fascism.

Now the workers of North Italy have given incontrovertible evidence that it is only necessary to free their hands to bring fascism to a swift end. Given the right leadership and socialist program, they can march forward on the revolutionary road and uproot the capitalist system which imposed the savage fascist regime upon them.

### **Program For Jobs**

Production cutbacks, and their accompanying mass unemployment, are coming at a faster and faster pace. Hundreds of thousands of war workers are already laid off. Millions more face the same grim prospects. This process of "demobilization" and "disemployment" will now be immediately accelerated by the end of the war in Europe.

The capitalist press and government have met this critical development with a conspiracy of silence or deceptive assurances about "reconversion to civilian production." They have suppressed

In short-when the bosses shout "peace, peace!" with labor, they mean nothing less than unconditional surrender by labor.

### Miners Show Way

It is generally acknowledged that the soft coal miners have won important wage gains by contrast with the War Labor Board's miserable awards to the steel, auto, packinghouse and other organized workers.

Naturally, the War Labor Board and the government have attempted to minimize these real gains by stressing the claim that miners' awards remain within the formal limits of the wage-freezing Little Steel Formula.

But as the New York Sun, rock-ribbed Republican paper of the Morgan interests, pointed out editorially on April 27: "Lewis executed a neat pincers movement on the 'little steel' formula. He obtained for his miners more money in the pay envelope. They are not likely to guarrel over the name that economists give to that extra money. It will buy meat, shoes and eggs just as surely as if it were 'little steel' money. Not even the most intricate language of the economists serves to disguise the extent of the Lewis victory."

Moreover, that victory did not come after a protracted runaround by the WLB and other government agencies, such as the steel, auto and other unions experienced. With the approval of William Davis, Economic Stabilization Director, on April 30, "this procedure rounded out the Government's processing of the United Mine Workers' contract in record time." (New York Times, May 1)

Why have the miners been able to win more than the other unions? Why have they been able to get such prompt action from the employer-dominated WLB and the other wage-freezing agencies? The answer is indisputable. The miners didn't go into negotiations meekly explaining they didn't under any circumstances intend to strike. On the contrary, they showed by their overwhelming strike vote, and even more by their widespread walkouts, that they were determined to put up a fight for their demands against the mine operators and the government wage-freezing agencies.

In this fashion, the miners have given another convincing demonstration to American labor that the only way union workers can defend their interests and win even a part of their demands is through organized militant struggle conducted with the most effective methods, especially the strike weapon.

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Indian Woman

Likes 'Militant'

sending the following incident firings.

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Masters -- Or Slaves

I have observed that some people, new to going house to house today. I told him what the conselling Militant subscriptions, feel that it is an undesirable, difficult task. This reaction is caused by we had talked awhile I said that Hill, Negro representative of the the fact that they are not always it looks like the only solution for favorably received by the person the workers of Italy was a revolu-

who comes to the door. Actually, we have no reason to feel depressed if we are not received with open arms at every door. We give the person visited an opportunity to learn the way out of his present and future difficulties. From that point of view, we are really doing him a

service. The workers are the victims of monopoly capitalism and all of its repressions. We are attempting The highest rate, 9.6 per cent or to show them how they can be the masters of their own life rather than slaves of the boss. J. L.

San Francisco

### **New Inventions Under Capitalism** Editor:

In Milwaukee the Gas Comheld in slavery in America? pany and the Solid Fuel Institute are fighting over the question of introducing natural gas. The White workers were sentenced to to apologize for the wrongs of Milwaukee Journal has opened slavery for a specified number of this system and constantly fightits columns to the conflict and years to pay off debts; orphans ing attempts on the part of the est. Various letters written in sentenced to slavery up to the country to advance themselves the interest of one or the other age of 30 years. All could be economically through the unions sections of big business were sold on the market by their own- and politically through a labor printed but typical of the capi- ers. Terms of slavery were often party. talist press they did not print the extended indefinitely by the following letter I sent.

terprise' system, contrary to its apologists and spokesmen, cannot even furnish jobs for 40 million ish Empire? workers, not to speak of the votecatching cry of 60 million.

"Every new invention, every surface and rules one-fourth of national working class must rid mprovement means not less toil, the people of the world. Of the itself of the system that brings more leisure, and an improve- 557,631,812 people of the British it nothing but wars and oppres ment of the standard of living but | Empire, only 47,888,958 live in | sion. increasing unemployment and the United Kingdom - that is, fattening of the bulging bank- the British Isles proper.

oung, 21 to 24 years old. So Engels, Lenin and Trotsky have of them haven't been home in 4 penetrated into the hearts and as though they were incapable of to 6 years, and the one most obvi- minds of the Italian youth, and ous thing about them is their that from this youth is coming wound up by taking a subscrip- dejected, dependent manner. They the most loyal, the most courajust didn't seem to care about

geous, the smost determined people of the Italian Trotskyist As they came up to us, there Party, 'Militant' Reader Baltimore, Md.

English engaged in conversations. I got to talking to one who had London Conference been a student before he was Editor:

drafted into the Italian army. We were discussing Italy and World Trade Union Conference,

the situation that country is in recently held in England, which ditions were there from reports the capitalist press, was the I had read in The Militant. After speech delivered there by Ken

**OUESTION BOX** 

Q: What is the rate of illiteracy in the United States?

people can neither read nor write. rare at such gatherings.' Mr. Hill stated clearly and un-

rate, about two per cent, was in use the influence of the internaeastern Minnesota. The 1940 cen- ialism and capitalist domination, sus did not include figures on il- whatever shape or form they take.'

We can just imagine the re-Q: Were white workers ever ception to this speech on the part of a group like Hillman and Mur-A: Yes, in the colonial period. ray who are breaking their necks

An oustanding aspect of the was not generally publicized in Jamaica Trade Union Council, the most progressive section of the

organized workers' movement of that Caribbean colony. George Padmore, in the April issue of Crisis, magazine of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, says, "There is no doubt that he

(Ken Hill) brought to the deliberations of the Conference a com-A: The 1930 census showed prehensive vision and internationthat 4.3 per cent of the American al outlook as refreshing as it is

almost one in ten, was in the equivocally to this conference of region including Georgia, Missis- swivel-chair bureaucrats and capsippi and Louisiana. The lowest italist apologists that "We must

A. Williams



47 times more lost time than strikes. Industrial accidents are part of the toll of the class war of the employers against the workers, This savage war goes on at all times. It has merely been intensified because of the profit opportunities that the imperialist war has provided.



From kindergarten on we have it pounded into our heads that this country has a "representative" government. But who does Congress really representthe ninety per cent of the population who are wageearners and working farmers or the ten per cent

who live handsomely off the working population? A recent occupational survey of the present U.S. Senate and House of Representatives discloses that there is not one-not one!-who is a real wageearner or working farmer.

Of 96 Senators, 70 are lawyers-73 per cent. These lawyers are in the main corporation lawyers-selected to represent various big business interests in the legislature. In December 1941, there were 60 lawyers; today there are 10 more. Many of them also list

banking and "farming" as side-lines. Of the 26 non-lawyers in the Senate, 10 are newspaper editors and publishers, who rose to their pre-

sent positions by knowing how to respect the wishes the industrial area of Michigan, tional working class movement to of big advertisers. There are seven businessmen, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and discontinue the system of imper- three farmers (gentlemen variety) and stockmen, four professional politicians, one educator (that's all he'll admit) and a radio crooner.

The House of Representatives, which is supposed to be the "really democratic" body, has 239 lawyers-53 per cent-among its 435 members. That's an increase from the 230 lawyer-members three years ago. Of the remaining minority of Congressmen, 78 are businessmen, 27 list themselves as "educators," 26 are editors and publishers. 25 call themselves "dirt thus created some public inter- and illegitimate children were Negro and white workers of this farmers" (it's good for votes in the rural areas, even if the farm is a 5,000 acre side-line run like a factory). 15 are professional office-holders or seekers, six doctors, three engineers, two dentists, twoactresses, two pharmacists, and a veterinarian. More power to you, Mr. Ken

The Senators or Congressmen who started in a og cabin, or claim as much, are virtually extinct. Your speech fell on deaf ears at the Conference in London but the Only one Representative, from Louisiana, boasts birth in a log cabin. Almost all of them started rather high States and the rest of the world up on the ladder, with parents well-to-do enough to send them through school and college.

Real representative government-representing the interests of the vast majority, the workers and working farmers-can come in this country only through a Workers and Farmers Government. The first step in that direction will be the organization of an independent<sup>®</sup>labor party. Bayonne. N. J.

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