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Stalinists Make Official Change In Their Policy

By Felix Morrow

The "new" Stalinist line has now been handed down, a little more than a week after the May 24 publication of the article of Jacques Duclos, French Communist Party leader, which foreshadowed the latest switch.

The new line has been announced in the form of a resolution of the National Board of the Communist Political Association, published in the June 4 Daily Worker.

The signal from abroad given by Duclos in his article, Imperialist Shysters but in essence coming from the Kremlin-also gave the general outlines for the change. The CPA resolution closely follows the position of the Duclos article.

This article, signed by a leader of a party which has cabinet posts in the capitalist government of France, provided for continuation of the Stalinist support of "democracies" in the war.

SUPPORTS CAPITALISM

Likewise, the U.S. section of the Stalinist organization continues in its resolution its support of the American capitalist government and opposition to the attempt of the militant workers to regain the use of the strike weapon.

The crucial political sections of the resolution read as follows:

"It is imperative that the American people resolutely support every effort of the Truman administration to carry forward Kremlin." This is the bargain Roosevelt's program for victory, peace, democracy and 60 million offering the capitalist ruling jobs.

"Continue uninterrupted war of the working class is of little production and uphold labor's no-concern to the Stalinist leaders strike pledge for the duration." who callously use the working In actual practice, therefore, class as a mere pawn in the

the present resolution continues Kremlin's game of power politics. the previous line of class peace But in order to mislead the with the capitalist government working class, it is necessary to and the bosses.

The resolution, however, has which the Duclos article outlined for it leaders find it advisable to yield

THREAT OF OPPOSITION

1. It threatens the capitalist somewhat to the pressure from class that the CPA will go into below in order, the more effectopposition if the Anglo-Ameri-

The Netherlands East Indies are no longer regarded constitutionally as a "colony," but as an "integral part of the Netherlands Commonwealth," Dr. F. H. Visman, Dutch colonial official, said in an interview on April 30 with Aneta, the Netherlands news agency.

This is the slick formula under which the Dutch colonial slavedrivers hope to reestablish their domination over the 67 million inhabitants of the islands. How can one raise a demand for the independence of a col-

ony that isn't a colony? bottomless cynicism, the Stalinist parties are saying to the capitalist rulers: "We shall serve you loyally so long as you get

along with our master in the which the Stalinist leaders are class. That this is a betrayal

Grim Future For Unemployed **Revealed In Truman Program** President Truman's May 28 message to Congress requesting keep a grip on the militant work- increases in the "states' rights" unemployment insurance pro- ests of the war-enriched corpora-

two other outstanding features cyplanation for much of the date the government has no program providing adequately for pseudo-radical language in the the millions of unemployed who will be walking the streets of CPA resolution. The Stalinist America within the next six months.

Today, official government? figures show, there are already

ers. This aim is undoubtedly the visions was significant chiefly as a confession that at this late tions. They are provided by slways a man to put up a good "specific law...... for contract termination, plant clearance, financial aid to business, and the disposition of surplus property.

Congress has permitted business His precise disclosures were: to carry back post-war losses below in order, the more effect-ively, to pursue a policy which of day after memployed. "Only about 30,000,000 of our against profits tax payments dur-

WILLIAM PATTERSON IS THE FIRST MILITANT **UNIONIST VICTIMIZED BY ANTI-LABOR ACT** (Special to THE MILITANT) **By Art Preis**

Imprisoned Miner Has Long Record

By Art Preis

RICHEYVILLE, Pa., June 3 -What sort of man is William the Smith-Connally anti-strike law? Why did the capitalist victim?

This afternoon, in this small mining town where UMW Local from his wife and two 2399 meets, I learned about Bill Patterson from the men who know him best, his union broth- demned to six months beers, some of whom have worked in the mines with him since 1927. hind bars.

Steve Panak, Local 2399 president, stated as a score of others rowded around the meeting platform and expressed their confirmation, that "ever since 've known Bill, he's been a good union man, one hundred per cent. MINER 17 YEARS

"He's worked in this mine here (Vesta No. 4), why, I should say, for about 17 years." Someone supplied the date. "Yes, that's right, since 1927." To show the regard his fellow workers have for Patterson, American labor. Panak explained, "he's served as mine committeeman off and on for four or five terms. He was fight for the rest of the men." As a committeeman, what kind

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 4 — William Patterson, 40-year old union coal digger from tiny com-**Of Union Struggle** pany-owned Daisytown, 50 miles south of here, is the first American worker to be imprisoned under

the infamous Smith-Connally anti-strike law.

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Last Saturday this loyal union man, who has Patterson, the first American spent the past 17 years toiling down in the dark and worker to be imprisoned under deadly dangers of Vesta No. 4, world's largest soft coal mine owned by Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp., government pick him as its first was thrust into the county prison at Uniontown, Pa.

> Snatched without warning[®] children, he has been con-

> > Thus Bill Patterson, a mine committeeman whom his fellow workers yesterday at Richeyville described as a "fighting fool for the men," has become the first victim of the most vicious federal anti-labor law of modern times.

> > Today, he is an outstanding symbol of American capitalist class "justice." The American ruling class and its government have selected him to serve as an "example" and "warning" to all

THE TRUTH REVEALED The truth about William Pat-

and members of his union, who

are behind him to a man, I have

secured the first authentic account

president, John Peters, secretary- law.

officers and members indignantly

case.

frame-up.

erson's case has been buried in slanderous misrepresentations. Yesterday I visited Richeyville, near Patterson's home, where



PRICE: FIVE CENTS

WILLIAM PATTERSON

Over and over again, they em-

phasized: "He took the rap for

us." They made it clear that Bill

one of a half million miners who

The fact that Pattenson was

sentenced to six months, instead

of five years as the law permits,

is due solely to the "cautious"

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controlled by the billion-dollar steel trust and the powerful mine Vesta No. 4 is located. I had the operators, deliberately set out to privilege of attending a meeting 'get" Patterson and make an of his local union, Local 2399, "example" of him. United Mine Workers of America. From the lips of the officers TOOK THE RAP



is utterly alien to the militant can-Soviet coalition breaks up. 2. It promises the militant desires of the Communist work-

workers that the CPA will go ers in their ranks. The threat to Washington and over to a class-struggle line after the war and pretends that London that they must come to even now the resolution provides | terms with the Kremlin is made for more militant activity than in language designed to make it appear that Stalin's gains will heretofore.

The threat to Stalin's allies is also be gains for the world workundoubtedly the principal purpose (Continued on page 4) of the new CPA resolution. With

ARAB MASSES REPULSE DE GAULLIST ENSLAVERS

By Alfredo Martinez

DeGaulle's latest attempt to re-establish the weakened grip of French imperialism on Syria and Lebanon has proved a fiasco, thanks to the resistance of the Arab masses.

In mid-May DeGaulle began quietly to land French troops in Syria to enforce the existing garrisons there. Strikes immediately broke out in protest in all the large towns, leading to clashes between French troops and the people. In a desperate attempt to crush

seen in the western desert or

on the Anzio beachhead." Syrian

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Trotskyists in France Jailed; La Verite Banned **BULLETIN**

authorities said dead and wound-Numerous members of the Ined numbered from three to four ternationalist Communist Party thousand. (PCI), French Trotskyist organ-But the French imperialists ization, have been arrested in failed to stem the resistance Paris, according to a brief report Meanwhile the masses of the appearing in the June 2 issue of world could see in this spectacle Pour la Victoire, French paper not only the true character of published in New York. The news the "new" France of DeGaulle Displaying an appreciation of government. pression.

These repressions have follow-It was an international scaned a vicious slander campaign dal of major proportions, and which the French Stalinists, who had to be stopped for the sake ernment, have been conducting the imperialists. against the Trotskyists.

La Verite, which was the first U. S. INTERVENES under the Nazi occupation, has maintained a policy of uncompro-U. S. sent a message to DeGaulle mising opposition to the de Gaulle urging him to cease using force. installed in France with the sup- U. S., Churchill sent an ultimaport of Anglo-American bay-

sage, War Production Board ers are protected by unemploy-Chairman' Krug made public his ment insurance." Millions of

he admitted, "the number will have increased to 4,800,000." STARVATION PLAN

The government all along has fully understood that this would for but a few weeks' duration, be the fate of the workers with only two to 16 weeks "in nearly the curtailment of war produc- one-third of the States."

tion. A year and half ago the Administration paid lip-service TRUMAN'S PROPOSAL to the need for planning against

Truman therefore proposed the mass unemployment through minimum he could expediently the highly publicized Baruch- suggest for an "adequate" pro-Hancock report on reconversion. gram. His proposal was for a

A year ago, the late Presifederal grant to the states so that the state governments, un- them" and recalled how Condent Roosevelt signed the :nfamous George "states' der their own regulations and rights" starvation bill providing supervision, might raise their ununemployment insurance as low employment benefits to a MAXas \$2 a week.

IMUM of \$25 a week for a MAXIMUM of 26 weeks "in any Now with a wave of mass un-

employment already sweeping one year, if his unemployment over the land, President Truman continues that long." That is, is compelled to admit, in part, Truman proposed an average of the resistance, the French com- the true state of affairs. Con- \$12.50 weekly maximum during mander on May 29 resorted to fronted on all sides by the ris- an entire year's unemployment. shelling and aerial bombardment ing ciamor from the ranks of To lend support to his proof Damascus. Eyewitnesses, relabor, Truman. has been com- losal, Truman pointed out what ported a June 1 UP dispatch from pelled to acknowledge "a major every Congressman knows, that gap" in the "reconversion" pro- the the government has more Damascus, "said that the French bombardment of the city was gram which provides so hand- than adequately guaranteed worse than anything they had somely for the corporations.

the profits and monopoly inter-

One day after Truman's mes- 43,000,000 non-agricultural work- ing the reconversion period But the Congressional agents

ominous admission that in the agricultural workers also have of Wall Street, who had just next three months 2,900,000 war no protection. And the "maxim- voted themselves a \$2,500 taxworkers will "no longer be re- um rate of \$15 to \$18 a week" exempt pay increase, received quired." "Six months from now," fixed by most states "is clearly Truman's modest proposals inadequate to protect unemployed with extreme coldness and pamphlet entitled, "United We workers against ruthless cuts in hostility. The corporation-conliving standards." Even these trolled press opened up an

Daily Mirror, June 2)

year.

leadenship," the N. Y. Times both - Government and busi-

May 29, observed that it was "unenthusiastic." Senior Con- there were some essential conflict gressional spokemen complained between the two... It is not Govthat Truman "had sent up his ernment versus business but Gov-

gress had overwhelmingly defeated similar proposals last Interim Balance Sheet

On May 31 the Government in

Chairman Doughton of the Washington announced that powerful House Ways and Means American combat casualties in Committee, which would first the Second World War passed have to approve Truman's pro- the million mark. The total, as posal, declared the committee of that date, was 1,002,887 made was in "no hurry" to consider the up as follows: dead, 227,097; As for the Senate, the Wash- World War was 259,735.

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Los Angeles U.A.W. Council **Hits Jim Crow Job Policies**

(Special to The Militant) was passed unanimously. LOS ANGELES, June 2. -

organ of the PCI, has been sup-promises of the "democracies" and a heartening understanding about freedom from fear and op-of how to meet those tasks, the of how to meet those tasks, the employers have used discrimina-

Los Angeles District Auto tion "to divide the working class Council (UAW-CIO) last week and weaken it in its struggles passed a strong resolution call- for shorter hours, higher wages participate in the de Gaulle gov-of the tarnished prestige of all ing for an end to discrimina- and better working conditions." Auto manufacturers in the Los

tion in the hiring of workers. The council placed itself on Angeles area in the past have record as demanding that "in all never hired Negroes for producpaper to be published illegally On May 28, the day before the of the plants reconverting to auto tion work, and have hired very UAW contracts, new hiring shall break of the war, auto plants include Negroes, Mexicans and were converted to war production regime of hunger and repression Three days later, backed by the members of other racial minori- and the employers were forced ties without discrimination." temporarily to abandon their tra-

The resolution, which was in- ditional policy.

from the General Motors local, war orders, the auto plants are already making preparations for

It points out that "Negro work- | reconversion. In this connection, item also states that La Verite, but the falsity of all the wartime the tasks that face labor today lost to be been and the bar and the ba last to be hired and the first to ready started hiring maintenance men. So far as could be learned, none of those hired to date have been Negroes.

The resolution of the Auto Council, therefore, shows a de- the sides of empty trucks for a

troduced by Ed Gersky, delegate | With the present cut-backs in all workers.

Siamese Twins

The Standard Oil Company of of this unprecedented and historic Patterson could have been any New Jersey is distributing a Stand," by R. T. Haslam, a company director. One passage pittances, equivalent to \$8-\$10 editorial barrage about en- states: "In fact it is difficult to in pre-war purchasing power, are couraging "dole- bums" seeking define to what degree Govern-"a 'hand-out' for life." (N. Y. ment is in business and business is in Government... Inevitably treasurer, and a score of other

Government and business func-Reporting on the "immediate tions will overlap. Therefore, it related the facts behind this response in the Congressional will be realistic for people in

> ness not to act as though how the government, aided by the courts, which in this area are

message without consulting ernment and business." 'Women In Prison' Subject

Of Carlson National Tour Grace Carlson, member of the editorial staff of The Militant. organizer and educator for the Socialist Workers Party, on June 19 will begin a coast-to-coast tour starting in Allentown, Pa., covering 22 SWP branches. She will speak on the topic "Women matter. "I don't know when we wounded, 607,468; missing, 63,- in Prison." This national tour, under the auspices of the So-

Seated around a table on the today might be standing in his

platform of the Richeyville re- shoes-or will be tomorrow, if

creation hall where the local the employing class and govern-

meets, Steve Panak, Local 2399 ment get away with this first im-

president, John G. Harris, vice- prisonment under the anti-strike

They described step by step approach of the government in

tunity since her release from prison to appear before working-

revolutionary socialist ideas. She

was released from the Federal

ing almost 13 months of a 16-

month prison term, and was

freed on May 1 from more than

three months of parole restric-

tions. More than 600 labor, Ne-

gro and progressive organiza-

class audiences. Grace Carlson is one of the is an Irish-American railroad 18 Trotskyists and CIO trade un- worker and her great-great ionists who were sent to jail un- grandfather was Samuel Holmes der the vicious Smith "Gag" Act who came from Ireland and from Moscow, May 29, reports: der the vicious Sinth Gag in- fought in the American revoluperialist war and for advancing

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Reformatory for Women, Alder-ON THE INSIDE son, West Viriginia, after serv-

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council should be supported by other clothing." (British List-Paul, Minn. in 1906. Her father

tions, representing almost 6,000 .-COO workers, supported the Minneapolis Labor Case. termination to break the preju- little coal dust to take home in a WOMEN IN PRISON diced policies of the auto manu- twist of paper. Greek children Distinguished as the

facturers, thereby fighting for and their parents, shoeless and woman among the 18 who were the rights not only of members in rags, are being kept alive on sent to prison, Comrade Carlson of persecuted minorities, but of a diet of bread, beans and boiled will discuss at public gatherings production which are covered by few Mexicans. Following the out- the entire working class. The grasses. Italians are begging in each city the plight of the council has thus taken a vitally for bread in the streets. Norwe- thousands of women who are toimportant step. The fight to force gian children are living in turf day languishing in jails, victims the employers to comply still hovels wrapped in fresh-slaught- of capitalist exploitation, pov-

lies ahead. In this fight the ered animal skins for want of crty and wars. Grace Carlson was born in St.

ener).

"Dutch children are scraping

sections of the capital." * * * **Freedom From Want**

story apartment houses in Moscow will be located on Leningrad Boulevard and on the Gorky and Smolensk embankments, choice

"The Soviet Union is rewarding its generals with construction of spacious new apartments in

various cities across the country

for their use ... The generals' 11-

An Associated Press dispatch

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FRADE UNIO

tion, ignoring of grievances, and

line paid good dividends."

NOTES

Grim Future For The Unemployed **Revealed In Program Of Truman**

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adequate unemployment benefits ington Bureau of the New York program. His proposal, to bedaily PM reported on May 31 gin with, would provide millions that "the Finance Committee is of workers with far less than tied up for the present with the the MAXIMUM of \$25 weekly. Reciprocal Trade Agreements bill Even that \$25 would be a pauand has also made no plans for per's sum for most families with complying with Truman's re- the present and future price in quest. flation. And this program would

BIG BUSINESS VIEW

ments which, place all kinds of Typical of the capitalist press long-term residence requirements response were the editorials in the N. Y. Times, organ of the Mor- of getting benefits. and other restrictions in the way gan interests, which on May 29

warned against "paying so ANOTHER 'COMPROMISE' much" unemployment insurance Moreover, Truman and the "as to breed a serious vo untary other few Congressional supunemployment" and on May 30 porters of his proposal will fold complained of the "government up like a wet dish-rag under debt" and the need for "reduc- attack, or they will offer some ing government spending after rotten "compromise," as they did the war." "We cannot do this last year when Congress trampif we pay to individuals benefits | led over similar proposals.

so large as not only to be ex-Only a powerful mass campensive in themselves but as to paign by organized labor, conencourage mass unemployment." ducted independently and with

The idea of providing governall the traditional means of mass ment aid for the unemployed labor struggie, can compel the seems outrageous to well-fed cagovernment to provide adequatepitalist parasites. For they want a ly for the unemployed. And starved and docile army of un- nothing less than federal unememployed so desperate that ployment insurance equivalent to they will be willing to take any the average trade union wages kind of job, under any condi- in the period of employment and tions at any wages. That's the for the entire duration of un-But it would be a fatal error employment, can begin to be for the workers to place any re- adequate.

WillowRunWorkers Picket WMC Office

By Roy Weston

DETROIT, June 2 — Contending that jobs at suitable pay rates are unavailable for production workers laid off at the Ford Willow Run bomber plant, Brendan Sexton, president of Bomber Plant Local 50, ClO United Automobile Workers, argued the union's case before the State War Manpower Commission today to the accompaniment of union picketing.

While Sexton presented the union's case to Edward L. Cush-| Sexton to the USES office in

man, state WMC director, 200 Ypsilanti and there conduct a pickets from the local marched personal investigation of the job cutside the Penobscot Building, offers. where the WMC offices are situ-During the prosecution of the

ated, carrying signs reading: "I Need A Job." "Where are Those European war \$100,000,000 was spent by the government to con-Jobs, Cushman?" "Our Payoff

Sexton informed Cushman that

Employment Service offices are 40 The community of Willow Run attempts to increase work loads, capitalist class. ment's work without even men- press the facts about conditions more demonstrated the kind of and had been answered by strike cents an hour below averages is now practically a ghost city. tioning the Tresca case. Hogan's in veterans' hospitals was too "justice" the capitalist courts action. Replying to Lt. Col. Perpaid for similar work as publish- The gigantic plant which once recent summary of 1944 work, much for the majority of Veteley's assertion that veterans reserve for the workers. ed by the State Department of employed 30,000 workers has rans Committee members like his report of Repre That august body would turn against a striking upneld Labor and Industry, Sexton cited been reduced to a skeleton crew 701 sentative James Domengeaux. You can get gives a detailed analysis of inprevious U. S. Circuit Court rulunion. Walsh pointed out that en instance in which a Willow of 2,000 maintenance workers. vestigation in other crimes. who made the motion that the ing which denied that the NLRB veterans would hardly be pleased Committee reverse its stand in patients return. Maisel quotes THE MILITANT Run worker who had been mak- Both the government and Henry Carlo Tresca, well known could rectify a "mistake" in comanti-fascist editor of II Martello the Deutsch case, pointed out Colonel H. Foster, clinical di- to find their own jobs wiped out ing \$1.50 an hour was offered Ford II regard the Willow Run puting an award of back pay to (The Hammer) was shot to death that it was necessary "to re- rector of the Northport, Long by the company. He said that at the a job in Adrian, Mich. at 70 plant as "expendable as a battle-209 lead and zinc miners of the Island Hospital as saying that the maintenance men would fight ship." Their attitude toward the cents an hour. in New York City on January 11, establish the confidence of the Eagle-Picher Mining & Smeiting there is "no harm" in releasing to hold their jobs, and he scored Sexton asserted that less than workers is similar. public in the Committee's ac-1943. Last January, on the second Co. and the Eagle-Picher Lead these patients if they are "not District Director Quinn who had NEWSSTAND R. J. Thomas, president of the three per cent of the women laid anniversary of his death, 1,200 tion." Co. violent." Several instances are cone nothing to help them for off at the plant are being refer- CIO United Automobile Workers, men and women meeting at Web-The NLRB, by using a wrong OFFICIAL WHITEWASH cited by Maisel to show how such over a week. red to new jobs by the USES who constantly harps upon the ster Hall in New York demand-Begun in March, the House "We want to work," said one while only 40 per cent of the theme of a post-war period en- ed action by the police departsupposedly "harmless" patients Veterans Committee's "investmale production workers are ob- riched by 60,000,000 jobs, amply have done violence to themselves local member, "but only under ment. In mid-January, Assistant igation" of veterans' hospitals taining new employment. He de- demonstrated his current program District Attorney Lipsky finally cr others shortly after their re- the old contract. The conditions clared that many workers were for the workers by flying across has so far been little more than lease from a veterans' hospital. they're trying to impose on us are began to call witnesses, reopenbeing disqualified for unemploy- the continent last week to grab a whitewash of Veterans Adworse than we had under a coming the investigation. WARNING EMPHASIZED ment compensation after refus- shipbuilder Henry Kaiser's coat-New emphasis is given to Mai- pany union!" ministration officials. Brigadier Since then, says Norman Thoing jobs in which the pay is tails and beg him to buy Willow General Frank Hines, Veterans The United Steel Workers of mas, chairman of the Tresca lower. Unemployed workers are Run. Thomas' solution to unsel's warning by some recent Administrator, has been publicly Mahoning Valley (CIO) have Memorial Committee, a new headlines dealing with violent required to accept jobs, when of- employment for the auto workers commended by Rankin several called a mass meeting for Sun-'veil of silence" has fallen over acts of discharged servicemen times since the "investigation" fered, before they may be paid is to urge a war profiteer to inday, June 3 to hear the issues the case. The Federal Bureau who were mental cases: "Vetewas begun for the manner in vest his blood-money in the autoin the Brier Hill stoppage, uncompensation. of Investigation has ruled that which veterans' hospitals are ian Held Insane After Slaying mobile industry in the hope that it has "no jurisdiction." The derstanding that the fight of one Fred Masters, chairman of the Wife" (N. Y. Times, June 2); operated. On May 25, Rankin plant committee of Local 50, de- jobs for the auto workers will be murder of an anti-fascist leader local is the fight of all steel "Flier's Fatal Leap Laid to War introduced a bill drawn up created thereby. workers. Only their united clared that USES interviewers for his political activities is Shock" (N. Y. World-Telegram, in cooperation with Veterans The total bankruptcy of the being virtually ignored by state strength will enable them to had told some Willow Run work-May 31.) Administrator Hines proposing leadership of the auto workers combat the steel barons. ers to return to their home comand federal authorities. Such reports of problems of some mild reforms in the vetmunities. union has been evident to the veteran patients arouse little in-********************** erans' hospital system. Cushman agreed to accompany advanced members of the union terest in Rankin. According to **Black Market Prices** But "mild reforms" of the for some time. This hysterical **IN MINNEAPOLIS** PM reporter Elizabeth Donahue, eterans' hospital set-up are not toadying on the part of Thomas "Hold Very Firm" who covered the May 29 hearing of is merely additional proof that BUY "THE MILITANT" enough, according to investiga-Ask Your Shopmate the House Veterans Committee A report on the meat and tors like Deutsch, Albert Maisel the leadership of the UAW-CIO at the "only once did Rankin show conpoultry situation in the New not only is devoid of any proof Cosmopolitan, Leo Egan of the LABOR BOOK STORE to Subscribe to cern for the conditions in the York City area by the Federal-N. Y. Times and others who have gram of action for the auto worhospitals. 10 S. 4th Street State Market News Service. kers, but is absolutely incapable exposed the terrible conditions The Militant "'Are the Negroes separated of creating one. issued jointly by the War in these institutions. In the from the whites at the Hunting-***************************** foreword to his article, Third-Rate Food Administration, the New ton, West Va. hospital?' Rankin Medicine for First-Rate Men in York State Department of inquired. Markets and the New York the April issue of Cosmopolitan, "Rep. Cunningham replied in City Department of Markets, This Coupon and 50 Cents Entitles You to a 6-Month Subscription to Maisel writes: the affirmative, "'In my opinion,' Rankin ob on May 19 declared: "Read the evidence in the ac-"No freight receipts availcompanying article-the shock-THE MILITANT able and the market held nomserved, 'that's much more imporing, shameful evidence of brutalant than separating World War inally VERY FIRM AT PRIity, beatings, overcrowding, and I veterans from World War II the mountain lions. CES FAR IN EXCESS OF third-rate treatment which are veterans in these hospitals'." **RETAIL CEILINGS."** A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER the lot of our most defenseless 116 UNIVERSITY PLACE, NEW YORK 3, N. Y. disabled veterans... The Veteran's government." Hospitals must be purged from Published in the interests of the Working People top to bottom." The only newspaper in this country that tells the truth and honest government." DISCHARGED UNCURED **Fascism and Big Business** about labor's struggles for a better world In the same article, Maisel presents evidence to show that You may start my subscription to The Militant for 6 months. By DANIEL GUERIN less than eight per cent of the death. I enclose 50 cents (coin or stamps). 23,147 veterans discharged dur-An analysis of Fascism — its strategy and development ing a year from the 30 mental Send me The Militant at your regular rate of \$1 for 12 months. hospitals are rated as cured or essential to an understanding of Italy today. many of them were killed. I enclose \$1 (coin, stamps or Money Order). even as "apparently recovered." Maisel has considerable proof 336 Pages Name List price \$1.00 that veteran mental patients do Special sale price .75 (Please Print) not have the benefits of modern psychiatric and medical techni-StreetApt. sents us? ques in veterans' hospitals. That Order from so many thousands of them are PIONEER PUBLISHERS CityZone released without achieving a "cure" represents not only per-**116** University Place New York 3, N.Y. land, and there was peace and plenty for all. sonal tragedy for the individuals State involved but potential tragedy FOR ITS NEEDS. in the communities to which the



Revoke the No-Strike

Detroit Auto Men Back Housing Plan

Connally Act.

Pledge

DETROIT, May 31-By unanimous vote, the Press Steel Unit of Ford Local 600, United Auto Workers (CIO) has supported the erection of a housing project in Ecorse, Detroit. The breaking the CIO w a r t i m e project is desperately needed by over-crowded war workers and ther appealed to union members especially by the Negro workers

of the auto area. Even temporery housing proposals have long been opposed by local real estate and business forces. The Federal Public Housing Authority has finally announced at its last membership meeting, May 19, adopted a resolution 600, UAW-CIO express our

whole-hearted approval." To marshal further support for the project, the union directed that copies of its resolution be sent to all units of the Ford

Rouge Plant, the UAW international, local and national FPHA agencies, and the Negro and labor press in the Detroit area.



AKRON RUBBER WORKERS EDGE VOTE STRIKE

> AKRON, May 30 - Despite | 'At this meeting the Stalinists were given a thorough and severe $|\epsilon rs, CIO.$ a Stalinist campaign to sow confusion and disruption in the drubbing. Only 15 members out workers' ranks, an NLRB of about 700 present voted to call off the vote. The next morning a designed to cut the force of strike vote May 28 at Goodmajority of 8,561 to 3,000 was | maintenance men on the bloomyear Tire and Rubber company piled up to authorize the Good- ing mill from 40 to 33, without brought a decisive three to one year local No. 2 executive board reducing the work load. majority in favor of a strike to call a strike if the company company, if successful, would of A Stalinist clique in the Good did not settle accumulated griev- course use this as a precedent to year local, headed by George B, ances dealing with wage stand- lay off workers in all depart- the Stalinists in the unions, says Boyer, published a newspaper ards. ments.

advertisement and bought radio time to broadcast an appeal to up in spite of the last minute the Goodyear workers not to vote Stalinist campaign, and in spite a strike. This campaign, sprung of the fact that the ballot read, at the last moment on the eve "Do you wish to permit an inof the strike ballot, appealed to terruption of war production in workers not to support their lowartime as a result of this dis-

cal union executive board alpute?" though a huge rank and file meet-The failure of the Stalinist ing had previously given support campaign is of great importance or a strike vote under the Smithin the rubber union. The Stalinists have fully exposed them-

This last minute attempt was selves on this issue. Every honest launched on Saturday, May 26. unionist in Akron is aroused The newspaper ad stated, "If you against them. vote to strike you are letting the Meanwhile, Firestone Local CIO and your union down and No. 7 is also preparing to take

a strike vote next week under pledge." The advertisement fur- | the Smith-Connally Act. Goodrich Local No. 5 has voted to appear at the Goodyear local to call a special meeting to dismembership meeting the next cuss a strike vote, should the day, Sunday, May 27, and to vote WLB hand down an unfavorable to call off the strike ballot scheddecision on several points now uled for the following morning. | before it.

stating: "We, the members of Press Steel Unit of Ford Local In Veteran Care Inquiry

Veterans Committee to break the stranglehold which its reactionary chairman, Representative John Rankin, has maintained over the investigation of veterans' hospitals. By a vote of 13-2, the Veterans Committee voted on May 29 to lift the contempt citation against PM reporter Albert Deutsch and to call him back before the committee as a witness.

Led by the Mississippi poll-Oection in posting the job-cutting cracy. Any "militancy" they struct the Willow Run Bomber taxer Rankin, the same Comschedule without notice was only may assume will be for the puris the Layoff." **Veil of Silence** Plant and an additional \$27,000.,the last blow that brought to a pose of snatching the leadership mittee had cited Deutsch for 000 was spent for the construc-"contempt of Congress" on May head the workers' long-pent-up of the workers' struggles precijob offers to Willow Run workers tion of permanent underpasses In Tresca Case \$10,000 a year. resentment, Evans declared. sely in order to frustrate and 18 when he refused to give the range as low as 51 cents an hour and highways leading to the plant. names of doctors in the Veteranbehead them. for women and average 89.3 This does not include the vast STRIKERS AND VETERANS Administration who had supplied NEW YORK, May 31-For the sums of money spent on housing cents an hour for men. William Walsh, shop steward second time since the murder of him with information on the projects for the Willow Run wor-LOWER PAID JOBS for the 40 maintenance men, told Just A "Mistake"! mistreatment of sick and wound Carlo Tresca, New York District kers. \sim Stating that jobs offered Wilthe workers that Bethlehem ed veterans. The outcry raised By a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Attorney Hogan has issued an ed veterans. The outcry raised "annual report" of his depart- by this obvious attempt to suplow Run workers at United States A GHOST CITY steel had already made similar Supreme Court on May 29 once



At a stormy meeting following yesterday's work stoppage, over 400 steel workers at the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company's Brier Hill plant defied all efforts to send them back to their jobs. The workers are members of

Local 1462, United Steel Workof the Stalinists and their union Their stoppage was provoked by the company's arbitrary change in work schedules the real score to the employers. A Stalinist change of line from open support of American capitalism to more "militant" phrase-The mongering "won't come any too soon to protect the position" of

This huge majority was piled MEN STAND FIRM

At the meeting on Thursday the workers were given a bar rage of "back to work" demands from the War Labor Board, In ternational President Philip Murray, some of the local union of ficials, and an army officer. Not

one rank and file member spoke in favor of returning to work When the meeting opened, Murray's telegram was read to a silent, angry audience. District Director James

echoing Murray's demand, was booed by several of the workers. Lt. Col. James Perley, representing the army, was politely received but his advice was ignored. When he stated that the army was not interested in the merits of the case but only in

production, there was a murmur of protest. Workers rightly asked why he did not get rough with influence is threatened. the company whose arbitrary change of schedule had caused

the stoppage, instead of haranguof Russia's changing relations ng the union. with the U.S." and not any new Sam Evans, chairman of the General Grievance Committee, But the Stalinists in the unions pay of classified government emexplained the background of the are becoming so despised and ployes, felt that Congressmen walkout. He told of the com- discredited that they would "pro- also deserve relief from increas-

pany's refusal to arbitrate the fit by being bidden to give lead- ed living costs," says the Weekly ew schedule before posting it; ership to, instead of frustrating, News Service. ie described the way grievances the new militance of American have piled up in the past year; workers.'

Quinn.

he compared the slave-driving company bosses to Hitler's Gestapo, adding that they, too, would they will function not as genuine anyway. But it must have made like to put the workers into conrevolutionists, but as foreign centration camps. The company's agents of the Kremlin bureau-

By Joseph Keller Real Score On Stalinists | formula, chiseled these miners out of over three-quarters of a Appraising the significance of million dollars in back pay to the 'left' shift in policy which the which they were entitled. A dis-Stalinists appear to be preparsenting minority of the Supreme ing, the June 2 issue of Business Court admitted that these work-Week, a leading big business ers should not be made to suffer weekly, admits the anti-labor role because of a "mistake" of a government agency. "Approximately stooges during the war. Business \$800,000 is due these 209 em-Week has the function of telling ployes instead of \$5,400," admit-

ed dissenting Justice Murphy. But the court majority used expert legal hair-splitting to rule that an NLRB decision is "final." Of course, this court of corporation lawyers wasn't thinking of saving the dough of the com-Business Week. The Stalinists panies involved .- Oh no, they have outdone all other factions were just doing their duty in upin American labor in making paholding the law — capitalist law! triotic appeals for more production. labor-management coopera-

Muzzle Not the Ox. . .'

observation of the no-strike "Muzzle not the ox that treadpledge." As long as the workers eth out the corn" is a Biblical inwere passive, or greatly influjunction close to the hearts of enced by war propaganda, "this he well-heeled craft union mog-Now, however, "the temper of uls dominating the AFL Executive Council. It's a rare top organized labor is changing." For example, Business Week AFL official whose salary and points out, "local elections held expense accounts don't run into in C.I.O.'s United Auto Workers five figures annually.

So it's understandable how have shown Communist (Stalinthey would react to the piteous ist)-backed slates losing heavily. These losses are ascribed to the plea of the Congressmen to get Communist-sponsored candidates' their annual \$10,000 salaries continued adherence to their raised by a tax-exempt "expense platform of employer cooperation account" of \$2500. Just before and retention of the no-strike adjourning their recent Spring pledge. " Throughout the labor session, reports the AFL Weekly movement the same thing is oc- News Service, May 15, the AFL curring widely, and Communist council "went on record unanimously in favor of increased compensation for members of Con-A "left" shift, says Business Week, "would be a direct result gress."

"The council, which previously had urged Congress to approve concern for the working class. legislation increasing the basic

The Congressmen, of course, didn't need this support. They Whatever shift the Stalinists would have voted themselves a make, however, we can be sure 25% increase in "take home" pay them feel good to know that the "labor statesmen" who find it. such tough going even though they are in the upper brackets, those forced to exist on "only"

This just goes to show how far the AFL bureaucrats are removed from the conditions of life of the workers, and how close they are in sympathies and outlook to the agents and beneficiaries of the

and the second second

In Detroit, Mich. FAMILY THEATRE opposite the theatre FABLES FOR OUR TIME SEN. STYLES GRIZZLEY LUDGE KENNESAW MOUNTAIN LION HOW THE SMALL ANIMALS WON Although the smaller animals were the great majority of the population, they were led alternately by two political parties: one, the party of the bears; the other, the party of The slogan advanced by the party of the bears was: "High tariff to assure prosperity, full employment, and honest The mountain lions, on the other hand, advanced the slogan of "Low tariff to assure prosperity, full employment, But when the smaller animals voted the bears into power there was a great depression, and many of them starved to And when they grew disgusted with the bears and voted the mountain lions into power, there was a great war, and So finally the fox said to the rest of the smaller animals: "This is silly. Both bears and mountain lions are large, greedy, predatory beasts, and neither of them mean us any good. Why should we support either of them, when neither repre-Then all the smaller animals united under their own program and drove the bears and mountain lions out of the Moral: LABOR NEEDS ITS OWN PARTY TO FIGHT



that it will build the project de-spite opposition. The Ford Unit tits hat membrashin matting Rankin Whitewash Blocked

By Grace Carlson

Public pressure has finally forced members of the House

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Militant Union Man Jailed Under Anti-Labor Law

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this first test case. A "light" sentence-throwing a worker into jail unjustly for six months and depriving his family of his support-they figured would not be apt to arouse "too much" protest. Patterson was quickly railroaded to prison last week on the technical charge of violating his probation, after the original conviction and suspended sentence imposed on him and 26 other union miners of this area in the August 1943 trial for alleged violation of the Smith-Connally Act. They had participated in the general mine strike of that summer which was used as the pretext for pushing through the anti-strike law. On the advice of their legal counsel, they had been persuaded not to contest the charge. The government secured a conviction and, above all, a precedent.

Then the government and steel and mine bosses lay in wait for their first victim. They found him in William Patterson, who had continued to act as an elected mine committeeman and to defend the interests of his brother unionists despite the suspended sentence hanging over his head.

MINE WALKOUT

Last February 12 and 13 there was a walkout at Vesta No. 4. I have the direct testimony of scores of union men that Patterson had no direct or personal responsibility for the strike. I was informed that on last Saturday over 600 of Patterson's fellow workers had signed a petition stating they were prepared to swear and testify that Patterson could in no way have been responsible for the February walkout.

Subsequently, however, the District 5 UMW officials, for reasons of their own about which the local rank and file are very angry, informed Patterson that he had been suspended from his mine committee post. Loal 2399 refused to accept Patterson's resignation under pressure and the subsequent suspension. They felt so keenly about the injustice of this act against Patterson that on May 14 they went on strike for seven days in protest.

But this was the pretext the government had been seeking. The workers yesterday informed me that FBI agents had been in the area since the walkout in April in the fight for the new soft coal contract. Members of Local 2399 were questioned and asked to give "evidence" against Patterson. His probation officer, George O'Brien, had even approached some of the other work-

tion was "evidence" that he had union brothers are doing all in 'violated" his probation. Whe- their power to aid him and his ther or not Patterson had any family, his wife Ruby, a 15-year direct responsibility for the old son and a 20-year old daughstrikes, the judge ruled, had "no ter. Yesterday the local meetbearing" on the case. The fact ing decided unanimously to conthat he had not scabbed, that he tinue the fight for Bill Patterson's had stayed away from work, release and voted a special asmeant he was "guilty." Of sessment to provide his family course, the judge stuck to the with the full amount each month technicality that this was a case he would have earned on the job, of probation "violation," in or- so his dependents will not want. der to avoid a hearing on the real issue-the original frame- Bill Patterson and to see to it up under the unconstitutional that there are no more victims Smith-Connally anti-labor law. When Premo Columbus, a for- bill must not rest alone on the mer assistant U.S. attorney shoulders of the fine, loyal memand Patterson's defense counsel, bers of Local 2399. Patterson pleaded with the judge to permit is "taking the rap" for every the testimony of the 24 witnesses militant union man in this counon Patterson's behalf, the judge try.

just brushed the plea aside. Patterson sought to defend no brakemen, no shot-fer, no cutter.

"But the way they put it in

court, even if the men went on LABOR MUST PROTEST to, so they knew they had him." DENIED CIGARETTES

As one final dirty piece of resentence. The union local and Patterson's won't be next?

But the obligation to defend of the Smith-Connally slave-labor

From all the facts I have gathered on the scene here, I nimself and showed that it was do not hesitate to state that this mpossible, even if he had been case stinks to high heaven from willing to do so, to go to work start to finish. Far more than during a mine shutdown. One local forces have conspired in Patlocal union officer explained that, terson's persecution and impri-'he told how he couldn't go to sonment. It represents a conwork, even if he wanted to. There spiracy on the part of the most was no coal-loader, no motorman, powerful federal agencies backed by the greatest anti-labor corporations in the land.

a spot. They had him coming the prison doors for Bill Patterwould be sent to the jug. But he tions of protest to the federal couldn't work even if he wanted government and send their immediate expressions of support to Local 2399, United Mine Work-

ers, at Richeyville, Pa. Elementary labor solidarity for risal, the men told me, they a victimized union man demands rouldn't even let his fellow such action. But even more, the that his union wasn't in back of him. vorkers slip him some cigarettes elementary defense of the entire refore they rushed him off to labor movement requires it. For ail after the judge finally end- if one militant miner can be pered the farce and ordered his pro-secuted and imprisoned under bation revoked. He was shipped the vile anti-strike law without almost immediately to the Union- thunderous protest from all town prison, some 65 miles south labor—what worker, what loval of here, where he will serve his union man fighting for labor's rights, can say today that he MEMBERS OUTRAGED

Coal Miners Blaze Trail For Entire Labor Movement

The coal miners blazed the trail for the entire labor movenent when, in defiance of the no-strike pledge, they launched their militant struggle for higher wages to meet the rising cost of living. In the spring of 1943 the mine owners refused to grant the slightest concession to their employes. John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, answered them as follows:

"Mine workers are hungry. They are asking for food, and up with an assault that has few ers who had been convicted in if they don't get it, and if their parallels in viciousness. Roosevelt August 1943 and tried to pressure contract runs out, it is a safe then ordered Ickes to operate the them into "talking" against assumption that the mine work- mines under government control. July, 1943 strike and whose ac- before. Patterson. All the evidence points ers, in the absence of a contract, The mine workers turned the

Miners Casting Strike Vote



Scene at the Pittsburgh Coal Co. Mine at Library, Pa., as the soft coal miners voted 8 to 1 for strike action, on March 28, 1945.

to jail. They said he had to be a scab. He was in a hell of this rotten conspiracy and open UNION BROTHERS SOLIDLY and going. He couldn't stay out when there was a strike or he the country should adopt resolu-would be country to the the country should adopt resolu-

By Art Preis

RICHEYVILLE, Pa., June 3 — Part of the frame-up against William Patterson, union miner from Daisytown and first imprisoned victim of the Smith-Connally anti-strike bill, was the story spread by the corporation-dominated daily press

This afternoon I attended the meeting of United Mine Workers I took my seat on a bench along Local 2399 here in Richeyville's the wall, I noticed a red and gold recreation hall. That's the local service flag hung behind the to which Bill Patterson belongs chairman. It recorded 469 memand which he has served loyally bers of Local 2399 in the armed

for many years.

er next to me said: "That's out No one was more indignant of date. We now have 550 men and outraged by the press re-ports than Bill's fellow union members. The 1400 union men one of the locals that the yellow one of the locals that the yellow to numerous to mention. who worked along with him in press has been howling is the Vesta No. 4 mine are back against the interests of the solof him solid-to a man. Their diers.'

actions on his behalf at the union The main business of the meetmeeting were a conclusive and inspiring demonstration of union brotherhood and labor solidarity. ary business, John Harris took terson is sitting in prison in Un-When I arrived at the hall, the meeting was already in ses- the floor and gave a full report iontown today. sion. I inquired for one of the on the persecution of their union officers from the sergeant at brother and the action so far family, because I was unable to arms. To my great pleasure, sev- taken by the union. This was the get over to Daisytown to visit eral of the workers who came first chance the local had to meet his home in time to get a report out to examine my credentials since Patterson's hurried trial in to The Militant. were men I had met during the and imprisonment just two days tivities I had then reported in

The Militant. Among those who MINERS TESTIFIED Every man sat still and tense the union could do for her. remembered me and the support The Militant gave them two years in his seat as Harris told in simago were Steve Panak, president; ple words the background of the with the union. She's a real come!" John Harris, vice-president; Emil case and all the moves that were miner's wife. Brought up in a Maslow and a number of others. made to hound Bill Patterson to miner's family. She knows what They welcomed me warmly and prison. The silence was so great the miners have to put up with. were particularly glad I had you could almost reach out and Why I bet you she's been put come to them to get the truth about the frame-up against Bill Bettyou could read on the faces of every one present the bettyou she's been put out on the road three or four times with her family back in BALSE IN MINE DEATHS Patterson. They were so eager to deep feeling of anger and out- some of the strikes in the tell the facts and so indignant rage they felt. Harris told with special indigthat they all seemed to talk at nation how he and 23 others went once. I caught one sentence that told what they all felt. "Bill to Pittsburgh to testify in the Patterson? Why that's the dir- trial. He told how the judge refused to let them speak and how Congress frothed at the mouth tiest, rawest deal ever pulled-Patterson was "railroaded right through to prison." He concluded him an example.'

Imprisoned Miner Has Long Record Of Union Struggle (Continued from page 1)

of conditions was it his duty to fight against, I asked.

'Well, just to give you an idea of the kind of chiseling the company tries to put over all the time." Panak explained. "we had to have the scales at the tipple checked six times in the past they quit the union, in spite of the three months. And we found way they felt about Murray, they them off balance five out of six would be playing into the comtimes. They're always trying to pany's hands. short-weigh us."

Another worker interjected, 'And how about the hard slate?" What was that, I asked. "The company won't pay us for when we have to work on hard slate where you can't get the coal out. We have to pay where we can't get any coal out."

chiseling, like Bill always had to head on his shoulders do a fool thing like that, it sort of gets you fight against," another stated,

supervisory monthly salary men, who're non-union, to doing the hungry-looking man with a cynical twist to his mouth. During the jobs that're under union contract - taking the work from the un- organizing drive, he was one of the strong union men after we finally convinced him that the union was worthwhile. His main on men.'

Then they told me about the terrible accidents that are always happening in the mine. They told me case after case of men killed, maimed, seriously injured, in the past few months because the company alone doesn't maintain proper equip

One worker was killed last Good Friday. Another was killed by a fall of rock on April 23. His brother had been badly hurt at the very same spot only the week before. Another man was struck by a trip of coal forces. Noticing that I was observing the service flag, a workon the haulage road. Another

recently had his arm "cut clean Those are the conditions that

Bill Patterson has fought against for 17 years. "He was a good No One Can Be Neutral fighter for the men - that's ing was devoted to the William Patterson case. As soon as the That's how one worker summed understand. meeting concluded its prelimin- it up, explaining why Bill Pathas "gone company." He has taken his place with the thugs and scabs, with the labor-hater. I guess he doesn't see that he can't be

I asked about Bill's wife and

going over to the giant corporation that makes its profits out of the straining backs and bitter sweat of its workers and out of the "Naturally, she's very shocked and upset by what they put onto poverty and insecurity of the workers' families. Ralph certainly Bill," said one of the men who'd



When we got the contract, there was an escape clause in it that said any member was entitled to leave the union within a specified time. There had been a lot of grumbling, a good measure of anger against the way Murray was handling the negotiations for the seventeen cents and all the other demands. So some of us wouldn't have been too surprised if a number of the fellows had

Time after time I used to go after Ralph about using the

Ralph would look disgusted and mutter. "Aww," and do the

"What's the use," he'd say concerning the union. "You can't

I think he'll see now whether the union helped him or not.

But there's another point, and it's one that I know Ralph doesn't

Ralph, the man who wasn't afraid of the boss or anyone else,

neutral, that there's an organized struggle going on between the

workers and the bosses, and that any action such as his aids the

I guess he never figured that when he left the union, he was

Next time he starts threatening a foreman during an argument he

So Ralph decided to quit the union.

enemies of the workers.

quit the union. We went around trying to sniff out news, telling everybody that there was one main enemy, and that was the company; and that if

Well, I don't know if we convinced them. Perhaps they had never intended to quit in the first place. Anyway, in the entire local, only two men dropped out. One of them was Ralph Perkins. I hated to see Ralph quit the

for the powder to blast the slate union. You hate to see anyone quit, but when you see somebody "If you want to know about like Ralph, somebody with all kinds of courage and a fairly good

it's like the company putting Good Union Man Goes Wrong Ralph is a pipefitter in our department. He's a long, lean,

trouble was too much individualism. grievance procedure. "Hell, man," I used to say, "We've got a set-up for handling these cases. Why do you want to be running around trying to take a sock at the boss?" same thing all over again the next day. Once he had a scrap with old Nick up on Number Three and just walked off the job by

ment and safety conditions. himself and went home. Naturally that didn't do him any good They got another pipefitter to finish the job, and Ralph lost a half day's pay. Besides that, the argument (I forget what it was now) was never settled, and it may come up again any time Ralph ard Nick come together in the department. recently had his leg cut off. He get these guys to stick together. What's the union got for us in the last four or five years? Nothing!" he had no man-way to go into

won't be wearing a union button. Next time he walks off by himself there won't be anyone to back him up. He's going to understand what it means to be the lone wolf he says he is.

to a deliberate plot to "get" will not trespass upon your Patterson. April this year."

PATTERSON ARRESTED

Without any prior warning, on were a \$2 per day increase and May 21, a federal marshal walk- a minimum daily wage of \$8. ed into Bill Patterson's home in These demands were modest Daisytown, a few miles from enough. Living costs in the mine Richevville, and arrested him on districts. according to a UMW the charge of Probation Officer survey, had gone up as much as O'Brien that he had "violated" 124.6 percent since 1939. The his probation because of the owners, raking in lush war profits February and May strikes. The under cost-plus government guaronly "crime" he committed was antees, were speeding up producsimply not to be a rat and a scab tion in utter disregard of the when the rest of the men walked safety of the miners. Lewis out. He was whisked away to the declared that 64,000 men had been Alleghany County Jail here in killed and injured in the mines Pittsburgh and held under a in 1941, 75,000 in 1942, and he placed estimates for 1943 at \$2,000 bond.

For three days, his union 100,000. brothers worked desperately to raise bond to release him. Those who owned little homes were their government representatives ready and willing to put them up to crack down on the miners. as bond. But the court refused to | Roosevelt launched the attack. He accept property mortgaged or ordered the miners to observe the owned jointly in the name of husno-strike pledge and refer their band and wife. Every bonding wage demands to the War Labor company they approached turned Board. He followed this up with them down. Finally, from one an order to the operators to source and another they scraped extend the union contracts for together the-for them-enorm- 30 days. ous sum of \$1,000 cash, which the judge accepted as temporary SUPPORT FOR MINERS

The overwhelming majority of bond. the ranks of labor supported the On Friday, June 1, Patterson was brought for hearing before miners in their struggle. But a Federal Judge F. P. Schoon- few fakers and Roosevelt-supmaker here. From all first-hand porters joined the government accounts of the proceedings that and operators in attacking the I gathered from the workers who miners. Among them, the Stalinhad gone to the hearing as wit- ists were the most vociferous. nesses on Patterson's behalf- The Daily Worker declared: "The although they were never per- Lewis line is disruption of the mitted to testify-it was a ju- war effort and provocation that dicial farce. As one worker put could only result in irreparable "That judge had his mind harm to labor. . . He wants to all made up in advance. Bill throw the country into a homefront war against the President, never had a chance." rot against Hitler."

"NO BEARING"

There were 24 union men who the miners was to turn the case gave up a day's pay and travell- over to the War Labor Board, ed at their own expenses to Pitts- which announced it would apply burgh in an effort to bring the the Little Steel wage-freeze legislation, tens of thousands contruth into the federal court. They formula to the miners' wage tinued militant action. Attorney The miners had breached the were forced to sit in angry silen- demands.

ce while the judge, prosecuting The miners answered by strike velt, put the courts into action, attorney and probation officer action. They had already with- indicting 30 strikers as an openwent through the legal hair- drawn their representative on the ing gun in his campaign to splitting necessary to rush Patemployer-dominated War Labor | terrorize the miners. terson off to jail "strictly ac- Board. cording to the law."

The probation officer claimed broadcast, attacking the miners, miners some lessons; they devised crease in wages to meet the rising that the mere fact that Patter- trying to whip up patriotic ingenious tactics to avoid violat- cost of living is by revoking the son had acted as mine commit- hysteria against them. Congress ing its vicious provisions. teeman while he was on proba- and the capitalist press followed In October Ickes began return- militant struggle.

edge of this blast by calling a two-week "truce." At the end of property the first or second of it they again found themselves unable to produce coal Principal demands of the miners without a contract.

As Roosevelt turned the screws tighter, the miners met the attack flexibly by calling a second 'truce." Finally when the operators, emboldened by the support of the War Labor Board, rejected a compromise proposed by Ickes, the miners walked out of the mines.

SMITH-CONNALLY ACT

over the boldness of the miners a goddam frame-up just to make and opened debate on the reactionary Smith - Connally slavelabor bill. William Green, despite his boot-licking of Washington The strategy of the mine own- officials, was forced to label this ers was to sit tight and wait for | bill as "fascist in character." Philip Murray complained to Roosevelt that it "set aside the Bill of Rights of the United

States Constitution." The War Labor Board followed up by ruthlessly rejecting the miners' wage demands and called on Roosevelt to use "all the powers of the government necessary" to put into effect its every week. decision.

In the face of this tremendous pressure, the miners were forced to call another truce. On June 25 Congress passed the slave-labor Smith-Connally Act, making it a crime to "coerce, instigate, induce, conspire with or encourage any person to interfere by lockout, strike, slow down or other interruption with the operations of plants in possession of the government." Roosevelt threatened to draft all striking miners and force them to work under military regulations.

INGENIOUS TACTICS Roosevelt's next move against

throughout the fields. On November 3, 1943, Secretary Ickes capitulated, signing an The strike movement had completely paralyzed coal production. agreement to increase wages So aroused were the miners, that \$1.50 a day, with a daily basic wage of \$8.50. The long struggle even after the passage of the new against so many odds was over.

General Biddle, on order of Roose-Little Steel formula. Against the besses and all their agents from the highest government officials down to the lowliest Stalinist slanderer, the miners had shown

Hard experience with the Smith- the American labor movement Roosevelt made a nation-wide Connally Act soon taught the that the only way to win an inno-strike pledge and engaging in

ceased. The fourth war-time

general strike of the miners was

on! Their ranks were solid

MILITANT WELCOMED

As they invited me in to attend day before. their meeting, a privilege not accorded to reporters of the cap-"The way things are going on italist press, they let me know around here," he warned, "we that The Militant is its own best don't know who's going to be credential. One of the leading next!" The silence was suddenly

members stated with genuine enbroken by an explosive shout thusiasm as he greeted me, "Your from a score of throats: "That's paper's all right. I read it right | right!" along. At first I thought you

One after another the workwere just coming out strong for ers took the floor and told their labor before the election. But now feelings about the case and what I see your paper comes out strong they knew of the deliberate efforts to frame Bill Patterson.

There were a couple of hun-CAUGHT EITHER WAY dred workers at the meeting. As

"We've got to do everything ing the mines to the coal operators. At the same time the -and I've been at many a trial War Labor Board rejected the -but I never saw anybody rushcontract reached with the Illinois ed through like they did to Bill. Coal Operators Association. They never even showed that he The reaction of the miners was had violated his parole. If ever explosive; 530,000 defied the WLB a man got a hooking, it was Bill." order to stay on the job. Coal Another declared: "He was mining throughout the east

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been to see her to find out what "Bill's wife, Ruby, is right

'twenties."

to let Bill Patterson and his "real miner's wife" down. And it's up to the rest of labor not to let them down either.

caught either way, if he went with an appeal for every member to sign the petition on which over to work or if he didn't go to work 600 names had been secured the during the strikes. He was framed in advance no matter what he did. They just wanted one man to be the goat. Then if the go after them."

But the Local 2399 members even excepting China," as Thom- ed by haulage. cidn't express their sentiments as A. Kennedy, secretary-treas- Chief underlying factor is the in mere words. Every man felt urer of the United Mine Work- speed-up which reaps profits for his responsibility to Bill Patterson's family to continue the legal fight on his behalf. One worker declared: "He's taken the rap for you and me. He was on the and neglected even the former the hazards, and no time is availmine committee and he put up a

fight for us. We got to raise one we can to get Bill out," stated the local for a fund to take care Every year hundreds are killed is burned up, nervous reactions figures for 1943 and 1944 incom- abreast of operations.

plete, the terrible toll mounts:

Dead

1,308

1.266

1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 send his wife." *

As the maker of the motion ex-LAWS DISREGARDED plained: "He's big enough to take Unsafe working conditions, the rap for us, and we have to be sub-standard equipment, perfuncbig enough to visit him persontory inspection or none at all, ally every two weeks, and give and the terrific speed-up - all him the money personally, and let him know that we're behind due to the greedy drive for more profits by the mine owners - are him and going to do everything responsible for the deaths and inwe can for him and his family.' juries. Federal and state safety That's the kind of union men laws are cynically disregarded Bill Patterson represents. That's by the mine owners.

the kind of solid, loyal union he Some of the mines are inadefought to build. It is for their sake, as well as his, that Amer- quately ventilated and men are ican labor must fight against the suffocated by the poisonous frame-up of Bill Patterson and fumes which arise after an exthe vicious law that threatens to plosion. Rock-dusting to preput other good union men behind vent and control explosions is inadequate and hit-or-miss, and prison bars.

never considered the fact that by leaving us he was walking into the other camp, going over to the thugs, the scabs, and the club swinging, tear gas-throwing cops and saying. "Brothers, here I

Hell, no! Ralph never looked at that angle. When he does, he'll join up again, if he's the man I think he is.

The miners here aren't going DUE TO OWNERS' GREED

Last year American coal min-| miners are blown to bits. Faulty ers produced a total of 684,500,- electrical equipment, substand 600 tons of anthracite and bitum- | ard and non-permissible, is used inous coal. This was an increase with fatal consequences. Men cf 31,000,000 tons over 1943 and are overcome by gas fumes bemore than the combined produc- cause of the lack of a gas detection of the rest of the world. tor. Inexcusable negligence But safety measures to protect | caused deaths through the falls the lives of these great produc- of roof and coal, breakdown of rest don't keep in line, they can crs of wealth still remain "the shafts and machinery. High on most backward in the world, not the list of deaths are those caus-

> ers of America stated last year. the mine owners but dea's death Since 1940, the mine owners in and disaster to the miners. Three their mad scramble for war pro- shift operations, lengthened work fits, have speeded up operations day and work week, multiply all inadequate safety precautions, able for proper inspection, reresulting in the sharpest rise of pairing and installation of safety mine casualties in two decades. equipment. The miners' energy and tens of thousands injured, become less keen, they cannot some of them permanently. With keep their safety measures

> > One prominent operator boast-Injured ed that the third shift and speed-up was "where we'll get 59.781 the last squeal out of our invest-63.465 72.000 ment." For hundreds of miners 1,470(incomplete)every year this means the last 1,306(incomplete)squeal, too.

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"each and every pay day the officers of the local shall go up to the Uniontown jail and personally give Bill Patterson the money to

dollar apiece from every man in one member. "I was at that trial of Bill's family and to see that they get the same money coming in as if he were on the job." That motion was passed with a resounding, unanimous "Aye!" Another motion that was also enthusiastically endorsed was that

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THE MILITANT

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hatreds is a political means of

self-protection for the capitalist

class, not only here but in Eur-

ope. Hitler did the same thing.

Antagonisms are fostered as a

means of diverting the public

These are indirect capitalist de-

Here again Einstein shows un-

(Many profes-

usual understanding of the basic

mind and are therefore oblivious

which actually determine the

kind of world in which we are

As one would expect from a

It is also significant that Ein-

He said: "The fall of Berlin

does not mean the end of fas-

Although mistakenly counting

fense devices."

to live).

FOR LABOR UNITY

Stalinists Officially Adopt New Policy

(Continued from page 1)

graph of the resolution complains Administration's actions to which correctly that "the economic and the various sections of the rehave not vet been destroyed."

destroy the roots of fascism. The cialist revolution just as the capropped up throughout Europe course, is not an error in logic by Stalin and his allies.

alities about destroying the roots ment while deceiving the workers The resolution's empty generof fascism are really designed to provide radical window-dressin Germany, which the resolution formulates as follows: "Make Germany pay full reparations in labor and in kind for the reconstruction of Europe."

ANTI-LABOR POLICY

Whatever happens meanwhile vile obedience to the Kremlin, MADE HER BOIL over the German question, the is being made the scapegoat for resolution makes clear that the a past policy which essentially CPA will continue class peace still continues.

with American capitalism for For example the resolution the duration of the war against (without naming him) accuses Japan. It supports this war and Browder of "tendencies to obwill continue its anti-strike poli- scure the class nature of bourcy while avoiding its previous geois democracy." What, howcrass formula of "national unity" ever, can more serve to obscure of capital and labor. The CPA the class nature of bourgeois deresolution affirms exactly the mocracy than the resolution's same policy by calling for support of Truman? And its "the democratic unity of the failure to state that his bournation" and cooperation "with geois-democratic government is, the patriotic and demo- as Marx put it, nothing but the cratic forces from all walks executive committee of the caof life." What these "forces" are pitalist class?

der.

the resolution does not say, ex- ON THE COLONIES cept that it condemns the "du Similarly the resolution chides

the National Association of Man-sibility of achieving the national ufacturers." That leaves quite liberation of the colonial and dea lot of Big Business to continue pendent countries through arran-

gements between the great powreal continuing line of class col- calls for independence for Puerlaboration with a series of pro- to Rico and Asia as part of a mises and half-promises of a program for the Truman adminchange to militancy, not only stration of which the Stalinists after the war but also immediare going to remain loyal supately. porters. In short, the resolu-

STILL AGAINST STRIKES

In the trade unions, for example, the resolution no longer urges support of the labormanagement committees of which the Stalinists hitherto have been of an actual change in line: a the warmest supporters. The purge of the leadership. "We Daily Worker a few days ago must refresh and strengthen the carried the news that two Stalin- personnel of all responsible leadist-controlled locals had withdrawn from a labor-management tion. committee. Without directly condemning the Little Steel formula, as voting against the resolution, never used cosmetics. In fact,

forces from all walks of life." ing class. Thus the second para- But one has only to list the

social roots of fascism in Europe solution object-the government's ing what steps must be taken to Germany, the "many recent actions of the State Department;' roots of fascism are in capital- the government's failure to curb ism itself, so that to destroy monopolies and cartels, etc.-to fascism one must destroy capital- see that the alleged "mistakes" ism. But Stalin and his hench- add up to the basic policy of the men abroad want to preserve Truman administration. The recapitalism. Stalin fears the so- solution's pretense that these "mistakes" can be corrected by pitalists do. That is why the supporting Truman is hopelessly

with radical talk.

In addition to radical-sounding slogans, the resolution creaing for Stalin's oppressive policy tes the impression of an actual immediate change of line by re- ticle. peating the Duclos article's criticism of Browder's policies. Browder, who never initiated

in his past two decades of ser-

week... Since I am a woman, your articles about housewives. etc. especially appeal to me. How right you are! I came across the picture magazine Life this week and want to send you a piece out of it-something that makes one boil up in reading it.

about it. You just look at it and

what I am now; I used to be a winter whirl of endless nights of tinctive feature of the "Ameri Pont clique in the leadership of Browder's support of "the pos- in the subways before or after lunches and their whole life of all of this is supposedly the heri rush and worry. working hours?"

By an interesting coincidence, another letter that also came in metics, not only for her own satlast week had some good answers isfaction - to have a nice ap-The resolution interlards this ers." But the same resolution to this woman reader's angry pearance or to attract possible questions. This letter was from romance - but she has to look Doctor Antoinette Konikow, well and attractive to keep her why millions of American whose intimate knowledge of job. I think that if women women's health problems and would lead a healthy and normal ing-class housewives do not have her equally extensive informa- life, their faces would look diftion about the heavy burdens of ferent. They would acquire the Look is that they cannot afford ducing prospects of improvewomen factory workers give her rosy cheeks that we had in our

subject. Here is Comrade Kon- the red lips. ikow's letter:

criticism of past policy is a third BEAUTY AND COSMETICS "Your article on 'The Right to important issue but it is just as Be Beautiful,' in which you discuss the use of cosmetics and beauty aids, awoke a few thoughts that I should like to This doesn't mean that I conshare with your readers. I have

lived for almost three-quarters shall have to use them for quite Browder himself—who is listed of a century and in my youth we a while yet!"

Why Millions of Women Workers ocial roots of fascism in Europe lave not yet been destroyed." But the resolution avoids say-ing what steps must be taken to the Chrite Department ac-tions of the Chrite Department ac-

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TLING SHO

AMERICAN LOOK!

ROOMING

By Grace Carlson

"What Is The American Look?" In a recent issue of *Life* magazine, this question appears as the title of an article in which Dorothy Shaver, first decayed capitalist system is being illogical. What is involved, of vice-president of the exclusive New York department store, but a coldly calculated program of | Lord & Taylor, tries to analyze continuing support of the govern- the basic characteristics of American women. Illustrations of well-groomed, expensivelydressed girls are spread lavishly through the pages of the ar-

> The whole thing was very irritating to a New York reader of The Militant who sent the clipanything in his life, much less ping to me last week. Here is the letter which accompanied it

> > "I read The Militant every "I don't have to say much

you will see why a hard-working housewife and mother (that's faces acquired during Society's the points out, is the most dis-

waitress) gets mad at reading drinking and dancing, women can Look." Besides this basic thing like that. I don't look who work in factories and shops factor, she feels that another like those girls and the waitress- have pale and tired faces because important element of the Ameri cs I worked with didn't either, of physical exhaustion due to can Look is "an unaffected eleg-Do you? Or the girls you see overwork, bad air, hurried ance in make-up and dress." And

"The working woman uses cos-

vp and dress." the main reason working women and workthis so-called typical American good health.

a double right to speak on this youth and the bright eyes and HEALTH ESSENTIALS "To me cosmetics are an ex-

pression of our unhealthy life under capitalism. It is not an well to understand that changes in women's work affect even the most minute forms of their life. demn cosmetics. I think that we



Einstein Confounds Race-Haters

It has recently been revealed that Albert Einstein, one of the world's foremost scientific geniuses, also holds very progressive views as far as the race question is concerned. This fact was made clear in an interview with Earl Conrad which was eported in the Chicago Defender of May 19, 1945.

Taking an unequivocal posi-2 ion on full Negro equality, Ein- nected. This is the question of stein stated: "I do not believe the prejudice of man against in any kind of superiority of the man. They are all very interwhite people." Any "white sup- related questions. The whole remacy" which exists he ascribes thing is of course intimately to "technical superiority" due to connected with the capitalist environment and opportunity question. which are denied the vast major-"Producing different kinds of

ity of Negroes. This would negate the false idea that a man must of necessity be inferior simply because his skin is dark. Speaking from the scientist's viewpoint, he believes that "ani-(including the human from the fundamental issues. mals species) who can have children together (which is true of the members of all races) are not very profoundly different from

each other." Replying to Conrad's query as to his opinion of the Negro's de- facts involved. mand for "full integration into sional scientists have a one-track the life of America" this noted scientist replied without reserv- to basic class-struggle politics ation that such was " a desirable

EINSTEIN'S COURAGE

objective."

Those who are still tainted man with such progressive ideas, with the racial prejudices which Einstein agreed that white and have been pumped into them Negro labor, that is, the workers since childhood, should mark well as a class and regardless of colthe words of Prof. Einstein. Here or, should unite for the purpose is one of the greatest thinkers, of advancing the interests of a recognized authority in the both. This, of course, is a truth complex field of astrophysics and first arrived at, explained and proponent of the Theory of Relpropounded by Karl Marx. His ativity, so profound in its scope words of a hundred years ago that it has revolutionized the apare quoted by The Militant at proach to the entire field of the top of this column each week. physics. Here is this same mind expressing the view that there stein was not so naive as to is no such thing as inherent rathink that so-called "V-E Day" cial inferiority. His courage in would bring the millenium. He putting forth his views should realizes that the very same forces also be marked well by some of capitalist exploitation which of our fence-straddling leaders caused the rise of Hitler are still who claim that they can't say all that they think "because of alive and kicking today. From his statements one can easily see their position." Their positions, that he expects war and suffercompared to that of Einstein, ing until the capitalist system

dwarf into nothingness. Furthermore, this eminent research scientist has found the time and mental energy to investigate and arrive at some par-cism. . . . there are fascists in tial conclusions concerning the

colitical and economic forces which spawn the false notions upon which anti-Negro and anti-Jewish prejudice are built.

on the "moral" forces (which, in reality, can only reflect the present economic corruption) Ein-When questioned concerning stein does admit that in bringing any possible connection between progressive changes (such as the the Negro and other "minority" French and Russian Revolu-

itself is replaced.

America. too.'



Leaving aside the fact that pied Greece continue steadily to even fairly well-paid women worsen. In the Dodecanese isworkers cannot hope to achieve lands, people are dropping in "an 'unaffected elegance in makethe streets from starvation and the famine is almost as bad in the rest of the country. Unseasonable hot weather may burn up the wheat crop, further re-

ment in the near future. Meanwhile shipments of relief

supplies by the Allies continue Good health means a well-balto be an utterly inadequate anced diet-plenty of milk, meat, trickle. The ration of sugar has fresh fruit and vegetables. Good been slashed this month to 13 health means enough rest and ounces per person. Milk is unsleep and this is impossible for available save for pitifully small women who carry the double buramounts of powdered and conden of industrial work and housedensed milk ear-marked for "chilwork. Good health means proper dren and invalids and nursing or medical care, besides, especially prospective mothers." Shoes are before and after childbirth. I'd like to meet the woman read- selling for \$30 a pair and up.

Conditions in British-occu-

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URANCE

CONFIDENCE

EXION

SORIES

reduction in weekly take-home — appears slated for demotion. How do beauty and romance. How do is completely right in saying I'm sure that she would have a beauty when overtime is eliminated One should not think for a mopay when overtime is eliminated, things is rejected by the resolu- has changed. On some -, in the solution of the second by the resolution of the second by the s

resolution raises many radical cause there is no actual present slogans. It calls for "a free change in line, however, the democratic Asia with the right maneuver requires scapegoats in of national independence for all order to give it the semblance colonial and dependent peoples." of a change. But this is hypocrisy, for the

Stalinist leaders well know that 'INNER DEMOCRACY' the Truman administration is "We must establish genuine in-

trol of the colonies it is wresting throughout our organization," from Japan, to maintaining stra- | says the resolution. This is tegic bases in the Philippines quite an admission about the which will nullify her formal past, but scarcely means that independence, etc. The first step the totalitarian regime inside the toward seriously fighting for co- CPA will be relaxed.

lonial independence would have A semi-weekly bulletin is to to be political opposition to the be issued as a supplement to the chiselling on the union agreeimperialist government. But the Daily Worker during the mem-CPA resolution on the contrary, Lership discussion of the resolugovernment. The same criticism diction that not a single con- and France and the other counapplies to the resolution's call tribution in the bulletin will go tries of Europe. So let's take to "put an end to Anglo-Ameri- beyond the criticism contained in a look at how the bosses are

can intervention against the the Duclos article and the re- handling the food. peoples such as in Greece, Bel- solution. No one will be pergium and Italy." It is impossible mitted to question any part of HOOVER'S POLICIES to fight against the basic policies the basic Stalinist line: support After the last war Herbert of the government while one is of the imperialists in the war, Hoover-remember him? - was supporting that same govern- continued support of the war

ment. against Japan, participation of

The resolution pretends one can the Stalinists in capitalist govdo both at the same time. It ernments, the use of slave labor, he manage the job? In a letter the revolutionary masses and retreats each objectionable action etc. From beginning to end, the to Oswald Garrison Villard, of the Truman administration whole business is a masquerade quoted by Louis Fisher in "The as accidental "mistakes" which in which no honest worker's voice Soviets in World Affairs," pucan be corrected by the pressure will be given a hearing.

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you explain the present situa- that good health is the basis for look of determination on her etc. All this is negated for all ment that Browder is really re- tion? It seems to me that wom- good looks. The Life magazine face-determination to do somepractical purposes, however, be- sisting the new shift in line. He en's entry into industry has a writer says this, too, and argues thing about the injustices of this cause the key weapon with which has somersaulted with the great- great deal to do with it. the unions can fight for these has changed. On June 22, 1941 the first original the first

tion repeats the basic errors of

which it pretends to accuse Brow-

Coupled with new slogans and

ing committees," says the resolu-

war" became a democratic war In the international arena the for him overnight. Precisely be-esolution raises many radical war is no actual present HOOVER Used Food As Weapon

relief:

To Subdue European Peoples

By Bill Morgan

Are you hungry? Could you use a big juicy steak and some openly committed to seizing con- ner democracy and self-criticism butter and eggs? Sure-the answer is simple! But you are willing to sacrifice-to do without these things and more if it means feeding the millions of your fellow workers and their families in war-torn Europe. Workers have always helped one another in time of strike and other disasters-and no questions asked.

But, as a worker, you are susthe boss in your plant is always out of which the mass starvation

"In the last war, defeated ment. And you know the bosses are handling the distribution of Russia with roughly 140 million commits it to support of that tion. We safely hazard the pre- food that's being sent to Greece people was famine stricken in certain areas. He made and effort to furnish food, but Russia

> fighting her neighbors," says Hoover in the same article in

"Colliers." The real situation at that was in charge of feeding the starving millions in every country and equipped by the Allies, were already being employed today in devastated by the war. How did marching into Russia to crush France and Belgium. The fear

store the Czar. This fact is attested to in Mi-Soviets in World Affairs," pu-blished in 1930, Mr. Hoover re- This the Last War," in which

vealed the real role of American he says: "The American Relief Administration food program was

"The whole of American policy used openly as a means of reduring the liquidation of the armistice was to contribute every- intervention in Russia." thing it could to prevent Europe That is how food was used in from going Bolshevik." Europe after the last World War. In an article in "Collier's" in SAME POLICY NOW November, 1942 Hoover wrote: 'A weak government possessed ing the hungry unless the hun- Militant, May 26. of the weapon of food for starving people can preserve and gry submitted to the reactionary strengthen itself more effective-

ly than by arms. Therefore, in our major operations we sought vation. to work through these governments even at the price of lost

efficiency.' SAVED CAPITALISM

In other words Herbert Hoo- take a look at Greece, where the (7,500 less than in 1920) 150,000,ver, acting in the interests of United Nations Relief and Re- 000 more tons of freight was American capitalism, shackled habilitation Agency has recently hauled with 400,000 fewer emthe workers of Europe to the delivered food sent from Ame- ployes." rotten capitalist governments rica.

In Greece the food is turned over to the government set up by the British and Americans brass hats. This government represents the interests of British and American capitalism. It was established over the mass protest of the Greek workers. And even the UNRRA has had to

protest over the manner in which this food is being withheld from all who disagree with the Greek government. Only the rich and their stooges eat, while millions of Greek peasants and workers starve.

Just the other day President refused relief because the Allies Truman called in ex-President its distributions. "The Greek stipulated that she must stop Hoover to discuss the food situation in Europe and the policy of the UNRRA. The discussion was not made public, but Hoo-

ver's policy is no secret and the that Russia's neighbors, armed methods he used in 1919-20 are of revolution in Europe will drive the bosses to deliberate starv-

ing of people even though the warehouses are full of food sent from America.

A Correction in cruiting white guard armies of Railroad Figures

Editor: made in the publication of my whim or not to distribute at all,"

No pretense was made at feed- in Railroad Industry," in The flagrant has been the discrimina-The paragraph in error reads: members of the government

governments that brought on the "The figures show then that in against Republicans and Leftists." very war which caused the star- 1920 with 61,257 locomotives (75,-

the food sent from America, the with 400,000 fewer employes."

John Russo

bitterly criticized by the starving people. They observe that the following analysis: large, well-paid staff does not even release stocks that do arrive, that all American girls have a system. Some day that's going but simply hands them over to

> actually sent consists principally of dried beans, peas and powdered soups. To obtain other necessities of life, these products must be traded on the black market.

The UNRRA has promised repeatedly to get more supplies to Greece and to see that they are fairly distributed. But goods now arriving, according to Hal Lehrman, special correspondent of the New York PM in his May 30 dispatch, are "piled on the docks of the port cities or in the warehouses of larger regional centers." Remote mountain regions where famine is most acute are advanced capitalist countries, receiving scarcely anything, the adding to the appalling obstacles facing the Greek people in securing relief.

On top of this, the puppet Albania, China......). regime shows gross favoritism in The entire present war is a Government," reports the New war over colonies. They are hun-York Times of May 27, "sells a ted by some; held by others who monthly ration to those able to refuse to give them up. Neither pay and gives a free one to the side has the least intention of destitute. It is admitted that liberating them voluntarily. The some people cannot pay the cost declining metropolitan centers though they cannot qualify as are impelled to drain away as indigent. . . It was explained that | much as possible from the cololocal Mayors, in their zeal to nies and to give them in return collect revenue, were cutting as little as possible. Only the direct down the number of free rations." and open revolutionary struggle

FOOD AND POLITICS

"Zeal to collect revenue," however, is of secondary importance nial countries the struggle for an independent national state, tion as a political weapon. "Frovincial officials have been free to distribute relief according A typographical error was to their political bias or personal article, "Postwar Job Prospects declares Hal Lehrman. "Most tion by Rightist and Royalist

The use of food as a political tion in the recent civil war. On 000 less than in 1920) one million weapon is clearly revealed in the other hand, it diverts avail-Has that policy changed? Is more tons of freight was hauled Lehrman's report that Premier able supplies to the fascist-Voulgaris is to announce any minded officers, landlords, native food you are doing without, being The story should have said: acceleration of relief by UNRRA. capitalists and the hated police used to feed the starving mil- "The figures show then that in "Insiders believe the position of who served under dictator Metaxhons in Europe today? Let's 1929 with 61,257 locomotives his government will be greatly as, the Nazis and now the Britstrengthened." ish. Together with the arms and The Voulgaris government is troops supplied by the Allies, it is thus withholding food from the utilizing food as a weapon in the

Partisans who fought British repression of the Greek revolutroops and native forces of reac- tion.

uestions he openly stated the tions) ", , , everybody has to do his share so that it may not take "Of course. This is all con- too much time."

Pioneer Paragraphs **TROTSKYISTS SUPPORT FIGHT** FOR LIBERATION OF COLONIES

By its very creation of enor-| pendence, for this struggle, "by mous difficulties and dangers for tearing the backward people out of the Asiatic system, particularthe imperialist metropolitan cenism and foreign bondage strikes ters, the war opens up wide pospowerful blows at imperialism." sibilities for the oppressed peop-At the same time the Fourth les. The rumbling of cannon in Europe heralds the approaching International knows in advance hour of their liberation.

and openly warns the backward If a program of peaceful social nations that their belated natransformation is Utopian for the tional states can no longer count upon an independent democratthen the program of peaceful ic development. Surrounded by breakdown of transportation liberation for the colonies is decaying capitalism and enmeshdoubly Utopian. On the other ed in the imperialist contradictions, the independence of a hand, the last of the semi-free backward state inevitably will be backward countries have been enslaved before our eyes (Ethiopia, semi-fictitious and its political regime under the influence of

internal class contradictions and external pressure, will unavoidably fall into dictatorship against the people such is the regime of the "People's" party in Turkey, the Koumintang in China; Gandhi's regime will be similar tomorrow in India

The struggle for the national independence of the colonies is, from the standpoint of the revoluof the enslaved peoples can clear tionary proletariat, only a transitional stage on the road toward the road for their emancipation. drawing the backward countries into the international socialist revolution.

(From "Manifesto of the 4th and consequently the "defense of the fatherland," is different in International on the Imperialist principle from that of the im-War and the Proletarian Revolution," pp. 23-24. Pioneer Publishers, 1940.)





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French "Democracy" in Syria

Disarmed; Called

Thugs, 'Fascists'

By Paul Abbott

erated from the German armies

by Partisans, proceeded to call

ish then provoked civil war and

"most of the murder victims

The real situation is obvious.

known Fascist records!"

masses.

Arabs Beat Back French Colonial Despots SHOP TALKS

tum to DeGaulle demanding apparently in connivance with the French troops cease fire and re-turn to their barracks to keep literative to D.C. "French Bombs Hit turn to their barracks to keep invitation to DeGaulle to come out of the way of incoming Bri-tish troops. In actual fact, as French conference for a Syrian 10,000 Victims DeGaulle tartly pointed out, the settlement was countered by both DeGaulle tartly pointed out, the settlement was countered by both British troops were already there French and Russian proposals in Syria, the Ninth Army, far for a conference which would also in Syria, the Ninth Army, far for a conference which would also larger than the 10,000 French include the Kremlin. Such a troops and 20,000 natives under conference, said DeGaulle, must French command. deal with "the whole question" The immediate motivation for of the Middle East.

British and U. S. intervention was in all probability the urgent WHAT IT MEANS

necessity to end the spectacle of For France, this would mean S. Army newspaper. The news a "democracy" shooting down raising questions affecting Brit- had been suppressed by the citizens of a country whose for | ish spheres of influence. For | French censorship until releasmal independence as of June 1, Russia, it would mean a new 1944 was guaranteed by all the stage in the Kremlin's expansion-Allies. But DeGaulle is certain- ist plans: a demand for an enly correct in charging that the tryway for Soviet shipping into British are playing their own the Mediterranean, i.e., special game in Syria. In control of all Soviet rights in Turkey's Darthe rest of the Middle East-the dane les. In return for DeGaulother four Arab countries, Egypt, le's support, the Kremlin will Syria, Trans-Jordan, Saudi Ara- help him get out of this mess as many as 300 sorties in a bia and Yeman—the British im- at the expense of the Syrian single day. The medium and perialists have a long history people. This is indicated by the heavy bombers they used were of undermining French influence French Communist party's conin Syria and Lebanon, in order tinued support of the DeGaulle government and the party's to be absolutely dominant in the

Mediterranean.

IMPERIALIST AIMS

the Near East." In his June 2 statement, De Gaulle was equally unanswerable when he declared he had tried to do no more than the other imperialists are doing, "to place for France certain bases in the Orient, as Britain places bases and as the United States is even

now placing.' Plagiarizing Churchill's own in return for a promise of indealibi for refusing to grant India independence, DeGaulle said that bringing Syria to independence is "not easy," because of "Syria's Middle East between them. mixture of different religions, different territories, different nationalities." Precisely unity of

the Syrian people against French imperialism, however, brought DeGaulle to a fiasco. On June 2, simultaneously with DeGaulle's statement, the

Market Scene in British India

Due to its "filthy and insani- tried to play on religious diftary" condition, the Baghbazar ferences, but this time it failed; market in Calcutta was ordered Moslems and Christians stood closed for necessary clean-up and united. In Egypt students derepairs, says an item in a Cal-"We are soldiers of Lebanon." cutta newspaper. The British health authorities specified the On November 21 a dispatch from following:

the Lebanon frontier reported The floor of the market should that a general strike in all the to 500 calories a day, about five House, the plans are set forth: be repaired and properly paved, large towns of Lebanon was in slices of bread. In Little Kab- "We must keep Germany ... from the passages widened, stalls rais- its twelfth day. The next day, ed at least two feet above the pressure from Britain, exerted for abandoned by desperate people industrial nation ready to make garbage-littered floors, drains the same reasons as now, forced repaired, and arrangements made the French to retreat and release torn up in the frenzied hunt for plates extracting the maximum for adequate filtered water for the arrested Lebanese officials. the washing of stalls, passages, A week later, inspired by the fish and vegetables, and for the example of Lebanon, the Syrian flushing of drains. In addition: Chamber of Deputies voted t "Persons should be prohibited remove from the Constitution from sleeping in the market, and all references to French privile cattle and dogs should not be al-lowed to enter it. The market struggle of the Arab masses should be thoroughly washed which won their fight against and disinfected once a day." French imperialism.

French armed forces killed or wounded more than 10,000 Algerian Arabs in a nine day campaign early in May, accordng to Stars and Stripes, the U.

ed by the Army paper. The bloody repression was the answer of French imperialism to demands of starving colonials hombers for food. French smashed entire native villages in the mountain area near Constantine, Algeria. The airmen flew

made in the United States. "Entire communities of thatched and dirt homes were levelstatement of May 31 in favor of led." said Stars and Stripes. "France's traditional influence in "French fighters in British-made

aircraft followed up the bombers use of force in an attempt to or dive-bomb Arab strongholds retrieve the French grip on Syria in the mountains.'

and Lebanon which DeGaulle pro-REVOLT AGAINST HUNGER mised independence in June, 1941. An uprising of the Algerian No doubt he thought to repeat people against French rule had the trickery of World War I brought about the military acwhen, while the Arab peoples tion, said Stars and Stripes. fought on the side of the Allies "While the severe shortage of pendence the British and French signed the secret Sykes-Picot agreement of 1916 dividing the But the Arabs had learned from the previous British-French tc rid themselves of French rule! treachery. On November 9, 1943 In the early stages of the the Chamber of Deputies of Lerevolt, 97 Europeans, mostly

banon voted the country's full sovereignty and independence. Immediately after the vote, French police occupied newspaper killed. Kremlin moved into the picture, offices, arrested Lebanese govern**U. S. Big Business Chiefs**

This was DeGaulle's second to strafe the fleeing population or dive-bomb Arab strongholds to dive-bomb Arab strongholds Take Charge Of Germany

By Harry Martell

Germany stands on the verge | insure that whatever profits of famine. The American 15th derive from German industry in These "gansters and fascists" are the future are garnered by U.S. Army now occupying Germany alleged to be committing "crimes capitalism. The following is a ranging from common thievery partial list of the agents of to rape and murder." "No night," America's 60 families who have says the New York Times of been appointed by the Allied May 31, has "been free of at Control Council to supervise and least several fatal shootings in control German economy: Milan since the liberation of the

city. In the first days of May THE MEN IN CONTROL there were several bad nights R. J. Wysor, former president of Republic Steel, is to supervise were killed in the streets.' metallurgical operations in Ger-

hany. SLANDER CAMPAIGN Edward S. Zduneck, formerly The Allied propaganda insinhead of General Motors at vates that "the people of Milan Antwerp, to supervise the enand other cities of the north have gineering section. known... for some time" about

Phillip Gaethke, formerly con-"the perversion of the patriot nected with Anaconda Copper and movement by criminal and probmanager of its smelters and "liberated" countries, Germany is mines in Upper Silesia before the war, to direct mining operations in the American zone.

Phillip P. Clover, of Socony Vacuum of New York, to head such evidence exists. place against a background of the oil section of the fuel and mining branch. To enforce this system of after midnight declares that

openly recognized as such. The

economic strangulation and robbery of the German masses by early in May were people with U. S. monopoly interests, military occupation of Germany is to continue indefinitely. In a report on The workers of Milan and the the coming meeting of the top generals of the Allied and Soviet armies, the Paris correspondent of the N. Y. Times (May 31st) states that "there is nowhere any indication that these controls will be relaxed."

to mop up the fascist regime which had repressed them since

the limits of a harsh code of with Allied bayonets.



By V. Grey

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Maybe you think it's going to be a long, long time before the working people take power and create abundance for all in a warless world. You explain the ideas of the MILITANT to your neighbor Allied reaction is moving and he often doesn't seem to get the idea. You see people keep right

ahead step by step in its drive on with the same old prejudices that are against their own interests. And you wonder how and when all these workers will overto entrench itself in northern throw their rulers. Italy. In Milan, where the "How are you ever going to get the working people together?"

working class meted out justice It isn't only Scissorbill Sam that asks that question. It's a natural to Mussolini and his gang, the question for millions of us to ask, because we see the workers Allied Military Government divided by religion, race, nationality, sex and "classes of work." has begun to disarm the Par-And the worst of it is that you don't see any big changes taking tisans. This is a repetition of place from day to day.

the procedure followed in People still go on talking the capitalists' crap. The colored and Greece, where the British upon white don't seem any closer together. The ignorant don't seem to landing troops in the areas libbe any smarter.

But do you remember how it was before the big strikes? Remember how Harry Johnson and Louie the stump jumper were upon these same Partisans to taken off welding and given day-work jobs because they were getting too old to keep up with the new guys? Remember how surrender their arms. The Brit-Johnny Dylek used to listen to Stebbs yell at him, and never say a attacked the revolutionary word? Remember how they fired a new fellow for coming in late a few times? That was before the big strike.

The excuse utilized by the Ai-A lot of things happened before the big strike that went into lies in demanding the Italian our minds and stayed there without us realizing it. The foreman Partisans to give up their arms is would pick on us and we wouldn't say anything-or not very much. a transparent lie. Although Milan Of course Stebbs was hit so bad he went to the hospital once. But was liberated only a few weeks poor Tony got a week off and we all considered him lucky not to get ago by the anti-fascist Partisans, fired. But mainly we took it. We took all their crap. Everybody's-Allied propaganda now declares from Hawkshaw in the front office right down to Pile-it-high that "gangsters and fascists" are "masquerading as Partisans." | Patterson, the stooge.

And we had plenty of prejudice, too. The Poles couldn't get along with the Italians, and vice-versa. And it happened there was a couple of families of Swedes related to the boss. So we figured they were no good, too. Three or four colored fellows had the worst jobs of all-and somehow we figured that was what they deserved.

LABOR UNITY SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE

How could you ever get a bunch of people like us into a union? You could talk to us day after day-but it wasn't any use. No sir! when more than twenty people We were too superior in our ignorance and prejudice. No union was going to make trouble with us. We had enough troubles as it was!

Only Slim and Shorty and old Pop Philiber would join. They were the only members for the longest time. And everybody thought they were crazy. Especially Slim, because he did so much talking he was taking his job in his hands. Times were tough. And that was like taking your life in your hands.

Well, Slim kept on talking. The bosses kept on being tough. We kept on taking it. And it seemed like it was going on like that ably Fascist elements." Not the forever. Then one day Slim got fired.

slightest shred of evidence is BANG! The whole shop went out the gate. Everybody. Italians, produced to back up this venom-Swedes, Poles, Negroes. Louie the stump jumper-and even Scissorous slander, an omission that is bill Sam. And all the shops at the other end came out too. They had quite understandable, since no the same experiences we had. And they felt the same way. The very same dispatch which reports the Thousands and thousands of us poured out on the highway. We felt order banning arms in Milan our power. The union had come to stay.

> It was so sudden and complete, it seemed like magic. But it wasn't. It was the final sum of all we learned and all we went through. We had never begun to add it up when it was happening. But it was all there waiting for us to add it up. And it added up to one thing—STRIKE.

The whole working class is like the fellows in our plant. All other industrial cities of the north have taken the administra- that they have gone through, and have got to go through, is adding tion of justice into their own up. They may not know it, any more than we did, before the strike, hands. After freeing the area but it's there. It's growing. And it's going to add up to one thing. from the Nazis, they proceeded THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION.

tions of French colonial policy." the same statement, "displaced Meaning that the Algerians want persons" have been "supplied rather than from imports."

Among the first victims, acment officials, and French Senecording to other sources, were galese soldiers fired on demon-Stalinists. One local Communstrators protesting the arrests in Beirut and Tripoli. Street others beaten. The anger of the fighting went on for days. The French, like the British in India, upport to French imperialism

IMPERIALIST PLANS offered by the Algerian Commun-

This enforced starvation takes ist Party. Last spring this party had suddenly stopped delaiming against imperialism and plans to prevent the economic monstrated in Cairo, shouting instead took a stand against the reconstruction and revival of Germany. In a memorandum issued Algerians. by Bernard Baruch, the veteran Algeria is now suffering fam-

Typhus Strikes in las regards Germany." In Baruch's rlan the needs of the German

Typhus, the deadly disease petitor to American imperialism.

Typhus, the deadly disease At the same time the masses are caused by overcrowding and to be compelled to pay the last

according to an announcement ounce in tribute to the Allied

by the Ministry of Health in the

French capital. Officials said

mic," United Press reported.

ine. Rations have been reduced Wall Street adviser to the White ylia whole villages have been re-establishing herself as a great seeking food. Fields have been war." His memorandum contempossible reparations from Geredible roots.

many while there is to be no 'normalcy of trade to return to as regards Germany." In Baruch's

masses are subordinated to the

Meanwhile Big Business is

we do not have the necessary moving into positions of control military sovereignty by the

has issued a statement that there food is regarded as one of the are foodstuffs on hand to last primary reasons for the revolt, the civilian population "posinterwoven with it are the al- sibly through the month of ways-present political complica- June." Up to now, according to with food from German stocks

The Allied conquerors of the French colonial administrators and wealthy residents of the European continent have no in-Constantine area were reported tention of helping the German masses to avoid this terrible ordeal of hunger, disease and

death that is now in the making. Where only a trickle of food has ist Party secretary was killed, been allowed to enter the Algerian masses arose from the to be starved out completely.



June 8, 1935

NEW YORK, June 8-Frightened by the rise of fascism and the approaching second World War, in 1985 Stalin made a sharp turn to the right, when he signed a pact with the French imperialists. He hoped thereby to secure military assistance from them in the event of invasion of the Soviet Union by Hitler. But by this action he publicly and brazenly betrayed the international proletariat-the only force capable of defending and securing the Soviet Union from attack.

Following out Stalin's new turn in his betrayal of the world working class, the French lackeys of the Kremlin, led by Maurice Thorez, called upon the French masses to abandon their struggle against their own ruling class and to deliver themselves instead into the ruthless hands of the French imperialists. And this was done in the name of the fight against fascism.

In an Open Letter to the World Proletariat, the International Communist League (Trotskyist) pointed out that Stalin's fatal policy of "socialism in one country" was now openly classcollaborationist. Although the Kremlin entered into alliances with one combination of imperialists against another, this would not secure the Soviet Union against war and fascist invasion. Any alliances with the enemies of the working class would always be "precarious, equivocal and perfidious." It weakened the "world revolutionary factor" and could only lead to more defeats of the world proletariat and the undermining of the Soviet Union itself.

By the treacherous pact with the French imperialists, before the eyes of the whole world, "Stalin signed the death certificate of the Third International."

A Correction

Editor:

In my letter which you published May 12 under the title "Wall Street Loans to Fascists,' an error appears. In my letter to you I stated that the amount loaned to Mussolini in 1926 by J. P. Morgan and Co. (Thomas Lamont, chairman of the Board), was \$100,000,000 (one hundred millions). In my letter as published it is stated as one billion -\$1,000,000,000. I ask you to correct this error in your earliest possible publication. Milton L. Rabin AKRON

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Wherever civilian administra- 1922. They did not wait for the "Sit-In" Wins Concessions tion has been established as in Allied imperialist armies to the Rhine Province it is nothing march in and save well-known **'Liberated' France** attempt to keep German capital-ism from again becoming a com-For Bell Aircraft Workers the people; they acted swiftly. same correspondent states that They had seen how the Allies in one of the subjects for discussion the south not only protected fas-

by the generals is "the extent of cists but maintained them in of-BUFFALO, N. Y. - The "sit-| plant during the week-long inself - government that can be fice, bolstered up their authority in" demonstration at the Buffalo ventory period.

entrusted to the Germans within and supported their decisions Niagara Falls plants of the Bell A series of meetings has been Aircraft Corporation on May 28, held by the union in the past few Allied imperialism has now set lasting more than 12 hours and days. Both the Steward Body medicines to handle an epide- in Germany to extract its share Western Allies in their respective out to crush the rising revolinvolving over 1000 workers, has and the Executive Board as well resulted in a partial victory. The as the membership are on record utionary movement in the north. brotest which took place because to take whatever action is neces-Their first step is the traditional one of slandering the workers, of the layoffs and company viola- sary to beat off the attack of labelling them either criminals tions of the contract, forced man- the company and to prevent the or traitors in the pay of the agement to retreat from its pre- victimization of the workers who enemy, or both. In the civil war viously announced intention to engaged in the protest. It is cern Russia, following the First make 8.000 workers wait a week tain that when the workers re-World War, the Allied imperial- or more for their layoff notices. turn to the plant on June 6, any ists called Lenin and Trotsky The militant action compelled the attempt on the part of the combandits in the pay of the German company to move swiftly and by pany to fire or otherwise disci-High Command. In the civil war the end of the following day pline members of the union will in Greece last December and those to be laid off were notified. be met with most vigorous op-January, Churchill called the Repeated pleas from Interna- position. Greek workers bandits among

tional and Local union officials failed during the night to budge

The Bell Local has been appealmembers of Local 501, U.A.W., CIO from their intention to re- ing for support from other CIO main in the plant until their de- unions in this area. It mainmands were granted. These de- tains that if the Bell Corporation ing up their arms remains to be should receive their notices without delay, for the 40-hour week tract and using the layoff to un-Greece only a few months ago with 48 hours pay, and that the dermine the Local, that no union when the British moved there in company abide by the contract in the whole area will be safe. provisions on layoffs and senior- Hugh Thompson, CIO regional ity. An additional demand was director who works closely with reached at Teheran and Yalta. added when the workers learned the Stalinist-controlled Greater Already a deadly danger is the company was preparing a list Buffalo Industrial Union Council test. The workers insisted that So far the only statement he has the company take no disciplinary issued called for a 40-hour week with 48 hours pay but made no

mention of the Bell layoffs or the company attack on the Union.

DETROIT SUNDAY NIGHT FORUMS agreed to drop the issue of dis-June 10 ciplinary action and would negotiate the other demands provid-'What Next for the USSR?" ing the workers left the shop. Eventually the workers left. Speaker: E. KENNEDY When the union representatives met with the company officials later in the day, the company, of course, went back on its word June 17 Debs and the American The company is continuing its Railway Union' campaign of contract violation in an effort to smash the union. Speaker: R. BRADY Additional seniority violations and attempts at wage-cutting 3513 WOODWARD AVENUE take place every day while the Room 21 - 8 p. m. majority of the workers still in

apparent. "General Faldella, the of those participating in the pro- CIO, has been dodging the issue. local patriot commander" reports the Times, "has sent a communication to district leaders emph- ection. asizing the Allies order." In BOSSES BREAK WORD Greece the Stalinist heads of the While the protest was in pro-Partisans agreed to surrender gress, union and company ofarms, thus strengthening enormficials were meeting continuously. cusly the British forces. If the Finally, union officials told the heads of the Partisans in north workers that the company had Italy similarly betray the move-

and broke off negotiations.

the employ of Bell are out of the

ment by conceding the Allied demands, then the bloody slaughter of Athens will be repeated shortly in Italy. LOS ANGELES SOUTH SIDE Labor Bookshop 8026 SEVILLE AVENUE SOUTH GATE Carries a Full Line of Pioneer Publishers Works All Marxist Classics

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Sole Woman Among the 18 Socialist Workers Party Leaders

of the spoils of victory and to spheres of occupation."

will discuss

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SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1945

Tokyo Bombings Kill Millions Of Civilians ANGRY VETERANS RAID and old men in Japan for the sake of imperialist profits and plunder. and customs different from those back home. Is it odd that the And these calculating monsters who doom millions to perish in rest of the indectrination course should likewise seem two and that

R. F. Magnuson

Stillwater, Minn.

By Joseph Hansen

A grisly sign of the swift advance of twentieth century barbarism is the burning to death of countless human beings in Japan. Fifty-one square miles in Tokyo, an area twice as great as New of non-combatants! York's Manhattan Island and much more densely populated, have been burned out by fire bombs. Other Japanese cities are being similarly obliterated and their inhabitants incinerated.

From the May 31 press reports of Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Le May's "summary" of what United States bombers "had done to Tokyo in six separate attacks over a period of three months." we piece together the following blood-chilling items:

HELPLESS PEOPLE PERISH IN FLAMES

The first big incendiary attack was ordered for March 10. The the extent to which many American workers, unthinkingly, acarea circled for death on the military map was the heart of the "shopping district." "Many more than one will ever know must have cept the poison propaganda of the Wall Street plutocratic press perished in the flames. . . It took only three hours for fifteen square directed against the Japanese nation. We print the letter, tomiles of the city to become a raging inferno."

gether with our own comments, in order to bring to the light of In the succeeding raids the most populous areas were again day the real truth about the horrors of the Pacific war and to marked as the target. "The attacks this past week burned with place the responsibility for these horrors where it belongs similar speed and destructive results and it is possible that 1,000,000 upon the capitalist ruling classes in both Japan and America. or maybe even twice that number of the Emperor's subjects, perished." MAYBE EVEN TWICE THAT NUMBER-in these five casual words Wall Street's press sums up the value it places upon the lives of 2,000,000 human beings!

Editor: The press account of this slaughter reads like the routine report of a government agency on the extermination of vermin: "The of the articles are very interesting, with the exception of one which population concentration in that area runs, or rather ran, between was written in favor of the Japanese. I can see nothing about them 75,000 and 110,000 persons per square mile, one of the highest that could classify them as human beings. The information on concentrations of population in the world. Thus, in the fifty-one miles which I base my view is the eye-witness accounts of a friend of mine burned to ashes there lived approximately 4,500,000 of Tokyo's who served on one of the Pacific isles. As it stands, they are nothing 7,000,000 people. None of them could be living in that area now if but inhuman rats. the pictures tell the story."

Indescribable scenes of masses of poor families trapped in swirling flames are nonchalantly dismissed in a couple of speculative sentences: "Many hundreds of thousands must have been evacuated ... but many more must have fled with only minutes to spare. . ."

whole. It defends the interests of the Japanese workers and peasants, The callous nonchalance with which the militarist butchers tell in and out of uniform, just as it defends the interests of American how they engineered the most frightful catastrophe ever recorded indicates the moral decay of capitalist "civilization": "Our B-29 workers and farmers, whether in or out of uniform. It opposes the Japanese lords and capitalists and militarists, just as it opposes officials attribute the success of the incendiary attack to two factors. the capitalist ruling classes of America, Britain, Germany and every The first is the care that goes into the planning of them." The second other country. factor is the wind which "fans the flames, whips their fire-fighting efforts, carries destruction over their fire-breaks and leaves them with the conviction that their gods have forsaken them." be received with the greatest caution. As soon as American boys

WALL STREET GLOATS OVER HORROR

The Wall Street "gods" who have at their disposal the B-29 officers drawn from the ruling class of America. These officers bomber must indeed rub their plump white hands at this carnage. For they have smelled burning human flesh as no other gods before them. "We left Yokohama burning block after block," said one peaceful American worker or farmer is converted step by step into gunner. "Smoke was rising as high as 20,000 feet." The capitalist press gloats over the man-made horror.

In ancient times, newborn infants on ceremonial occasions were offered up in worship to the dread god Moloch. During the Inquisiloath and detest his "enemy." tion, alleged enemies of the Church were burned at the stake for the greater glory of the prince of peace. But all the horrors that in brutishness compared to the planned burning of women, children appearance, that they speak a strange language and observe habits

And these calculating monsters who doom millions to perish in | rest of the indoctrination course should likewise seem true and that flames are the same ones who boasted that only the Axis bombed the American soldier really thinks he is up against a nation of civilians, that only fascists would stoop to cold-blooded slaughter cruel savages?

4. The Japanese soldier has been similarly indoctrinated against American soldiers. He has been trained to believe that the white Americans with their odd customs, odd language and odd physical appearance are "inhuman rats" who do not take prisoners. Consequently he fights, when outnumbered or surrounded, with the bitter fury of hopelessness and despair. That is why the war in the Pacific has become so ferocious.

5. But when has war ever been anything but "inhuman?" Are the methods of slaughter practised by American or British capitalism more "gentlemanly" than those of the Japanese? Is it humane to burn Japanese soldiers to a crisp with flamethrowers, to wipe out hundreds of thousands of Japanese civilians with firebombs-and cruel for a Japanese to set a booby-trap or behead an American soldier? Also, let us not forget that it was western capitalism which taught modern warfare to the Japanese ruling class and set the example of bloody imperialist conquest.

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6. When we Trotskyists see or read about the atrocities of war, we do not condemn the nation to which the perpetrators belong. Nor do we become enraged at the mass of soldiers of that nation. War itself is the supreme crime from which all atrocities flow. War is the product of capitalism. The real criminals in each country are the ruling capitalists, a tiny minority of the population which sets nation against nation in a mad scramble for markets and profits. The soldiers in each camp are trained and commanded to kill. They are the instruments but not the real authors of war's barbarism.

7. The truth which the hired propagandists of capitalism try to hide is that the Japanese masses, workers and poor farmers, were forced into this war very much against their will, just like the American workers and poor farmers. Japanese prisons are crowded with political prisoners, men and women who protested against the policies of their ruling class. The Japanese people are NOT barbarous savages. They are by nature just as peaceable, just as kindly, just as fun-loving as any other nation.

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not because some nations are "inhuman rats" while others are civilized human beings, but because nations are pitted against one another in bloody combat by the rulers of the decayed capitalist system. All peoples want peace. But unless the victims of war, the toiling people of every country, put an end to this decayed system. there will be more terrible wars, ferocious, cruel, devastating.

an aggressive killer, the man he is destined to kill is pictured to down to a miserable trickle. 9. By promoting race hatred, the capitalist rulers keep the him as an "inhuman rat." Thus long before he ever meets Japanese vorking people of different lands divided and hostile to one another. WARNING SIGNAL soldiers, the American soldier has been mentally conditioned to In that way the capitalists can continue to rule the world and plunge Already crowds of thousands of humanity into horrible wars. That is why it is necessary to expose eturned prisoners have begun the lies of race hatred, so that workers in every land may unite lemonstrating in Paris, demand-3. When the American soldier finally encounters Japanese ing clothes. According to an against capitalism and struggle together for a better socialist world. have blotched the pages of human history were amateur beginnings soldiers, he sees that they are indeed of different color and physical That is why The Militant defends the terribly slandered workers Associated Press dispatch of May 30, a demonstration marched down and poor farmers of Japan. the Boulevard Sebastopol shout-

French workers returning | ing, "Down with the Jews." This from captivity in Germany are is a most ominous sign, for it shows the beginnings of a reacbeginning to help themselves tionary trend that can have from the shelves of clothing terrible consequences for France. stores in Paris. Many of them The De Gaulle regime, meanhad been wandering the streets

garb issued by the Nazis.

HELPING THEMSELVES

the Ministry for Prisoners."

eyes."

while, is most concerned about in tatters since their release, recovering its grip on the prestill clad in the striped convict war French colonial empire. To accomplish this aim, it has diverted the major portion of its Individual returned prisoners egan by smashing shop windows. limited resources to the construc-Crowds gathered to watch one tion of a new army. Already or two help themselves to the bombs are being dropped on the clothing on display. When police colonial people of Algeria and attempted to interfere, the sym-Syria, while at home the conditions of the people steadily pathetic crowd formed a compact deteriorate. cordon about the window. The

The reactionary De Gaulle authorities decided to "close their regime, far from organizing the manufacture of needed goods, is conscripting into the army French The next step was group action youths who survived the war. Its by the returned prisoners. Squads explanation for conscription and began entering clothing stores. huge military appropriations is They presented their identity the "need" to raise forces to cards, selected what they wanted fight Japan. "This is not only a in the way of shoes and suits and matter of reconquering our told the management as they possessions in Indo-China; but walked out, "Send the bills to also of standing shoulder to shoulder with our American allies," declared the Minister of The De Gaulle regime has shown little interest in providing War on May 30.

the returned workers with food, WAR DEVASTATION

clothing and living quarters. Sup-The destruction inflicted by the plies are utterly inadequate. war on French industry is About 1,000,000 men and women colossal. It will take decades to have already been returned; more clear away the wreckage and to are coming at the rate of 10,000 rebuild the gutted factories. A a day. The number of suits availsimilar problem faces the French able is not more than 200,000people in agriculture. Dairy herds less than one suit for every five were driven off by the conprisoners. Moreover, the poor peoquerors; beef cattle were slaughtple of France in the last years ered. Fields are sown with milhave suffered from clothing lions of mines. Transportation shortage to such an extent that crawls along at snail's pace, byratched rags are common garb. passing blown up bridges and Prices on the black market for wrecked rolling stock. clothing have skyrocketed to

Only by instituting a planned economy can France hope to overcome the terrific devastation of the war and reconstruct the ruined industries. But with a regime whose hands are closing on the throat of the working class while its head is filled with insame delusions about conquest and empire, France will only plunge deeper into the abyss.

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The History Of American Trotskyism

In previous installments Comrade Cannon described the emergence of the early American Communist Party out of the left wing of the Socialist Party in 1919. Forced underground by the post-war anti-red terror, "the Communist Party was separated from the mass movement. It became ultra-radical, "ultra-left," scorning parliamentary action and even regarding underground work as a "revolutionary principle." This is the third installment, from Chapter 1.

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THE DEADLY VIRUS OF ULTRA - LEFTISM IN AMERICAN COMMUNISM'S EARLY DAYS

in an underground straitjacket when it is not necessary. There is no question about that."

We asked if he would arrange for us to see Lenin. He told us that Lenin was ill but, if necessary, if Lenin did not agree with him, he'd arrange for us to see him. In a few days the knot began to unravel. A Congress Commission was set up on the American question and we went before the Commission to debate. Already the word had passed down that Trötsky and Lenin favored the "liquidators" and the tide was turning in our favor.

* * * 8. Barbarism and cruelty are spreading over the entire earth, fantastic heights and the black market itself has been swept practically clean. Conditions are bound to worsen with the approach of winter, especially with relief from the United States held

Mankind will descend into another Dark Age. * * *

By James P. Cannon

After a person experiences both underground and open political organization, he can easily convince himself that the most economical, the most advantageous is the open one. It is the easiest way of coming in contact with workers, the easiest way of making converts. Consequently, a genuine Bolshevik, even in times of sharpest persecution, tries always to grasp and utilize every possibility to function in the open. If he can't say everything he wants to say openly, he will say as much as he can-and supplement legal propaganda by other methods.

In the early Communist movement, before we had properly assimilated the writings and teachings of the leaders of the Russian Revolution, a tendency grew up to regard the underground party as a principle. As time went on and the wave of reaction receded, possibilities for legal activities opened up. But tremendous factional struggles were necessary before the party took the slightest step in the direction of legalizing itself. The absolutely incredible idea that the party can't be revolutionary unless it is illegal was actually accepted by the majority in the Communist movement in 1921 and early 1922.

Virus of Ultra-Leftism

On the trade union question "radicalism" held sway, too. It is a terrible virus. this ultra-leftism. It thrives best in an isolated movement. That's always where you find it at its worst-in a movement that is isolated from the masses, gets no corrective from the masses. You see it in these split-offs from the Trotskyist movement-our own "lunatic fringe." The less people listen to them, the less effect their words have on the course of human events, the more extreme and unreasonable and hysterical they become in their formulations.

The trade union question was on the agenda of the first underground convention of the Communist movement. This convention celebrated a split and a unification too. A faction headed by Ruthenberg had split away from the Communist Party, dominated by the foreign-language groups. The Ruthenberg faction met in joint convention with the Communist Labor Party to form a new organization called the United Communist Party in May 1920 at Bridgeman, Michigan. (This is not to be confused with another convention at Bridgeman in August 1922 which was raided by the police.) The United Communist Party gained the upper hand and merged with the remaining half of the original Communist Party a year later.

The 1920 Convention, I remember very distinctly, adopted a resolution on the trade union question. In the light of what has been learned in the Trotskyist movement, it would make your hair stand on end. This resolution called for "boycott" of the American Federation of Labor. It stated that a party member who "is compelled by job necessity" to belong to the AFL should work there in the same way that a Communist works in a bourgeois Congressnot to build it up but to blow it up from within. That nonsense was later corrected along with many other things. Many people who committed these stupidities later learned and did better in the political movement.

Following the Russian revolution the young generation, revolting against opportunist betrayals of the Social Democrats, took radicalism in too big doses. Lenin and Trotsky led the "Right kind of betrayal. Finally in December 1921, having a slender major-Wing"-that is what they demonstratively called their tendencyat the Third World Congress of the Communist International in 1921. Lenin wrote his pamphlet, The Infantile Sickness of Left

tions of parliamentarianism, trade unionism, etc. This pamphlet, | for holding lectures. We next called a convention to federate these together with the Congress decisions, did a great deal in the course of time to liquidate the leftist tendency in the early Comintern.

BLAME AN INHUMAN SYSTEM

NOT THE 'INHUMAN RATS'!

A reader of The Militant has sent us a letter which shows

The Letter

Having read over two copies of The Militant, I find that most

Comments by 'The Militant'

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enter military training, they are subjected to "indoctrination" by

teach them to hate and despise the Japanese by harping on their

color, their physical appearance and their national customs. While the

2. The impressions of individual soldiers in the Pacific must

1. The Militant does not defend the Japanese nation as a

I don't at all want to picture the founding of American Communism as a circus, as the side-line philistines do. It wasn't, by any means. There were positive sides to the movement, and the positive sides predominated. It was composed of thousands of courageous and devoted revolutionists willing to make sacrifices and take risks for the movement. In spite of all their mistakes, they built a party the like of which had never been seen in this country before; that is, a party founded on a Marxist program, with a professional eadership and disciplined ranks. Those who went through the period | tion. of the underground party acquired habits of discipline and learned

methods of work which were to play a great role in the subsequent nistory of the movement. We are building on those foundations. They learned to take program seriously. They learned to do

away for ever with the idea that a revolutionary movement, aiming at power, can be led by people who practice socialism as an avocation. The leader typical of the old Socialist Party was a lawyer practising law, or a preacher practising preaching, or a writer, or a professional man of one kind or another, who condescended to come around and make a speech once in a while. The full-time functionaries were merely hacks who did the dirty work and had no real influence in the party. The gap between the rank and file workers, with their revolutionary impulses and desires, and the petty-bourgeois dabblers at the top was tremendous.

The early Communist Party broke away from all that, and was able to do it easily because not one of the old type leaders came over wholeheartedly to the support of the Russian revolution. The party had to throw up new leaders out of the ranks, and from the very beginning the principle was laid down that these leaders must be professional workers for the party, must put their whole time and their whole lives at the disposal of the party. If one is thinking of a party that aims to lead the workers in a real struggle for power, then no other type of leadership is worth considering.

The Work of Education

In the underground the work of education, of assimilating the writings of the Russian leaders, went on. Lenin, Trotsky, Zinoviev, Radek, Bukharin-these were our teachers. We began to be educated in an entirely different spirit from the old lackadaisical Socialist Party-in the spirit of revolutionists who take ideas and program very seriously. The movement had an intensive internal life,

all the more so because it was isolated and driven back upon itself. Faction struggles were fierce and long drawn out.

The movement began to stagnate in the underground blind alley. A few of us in the leadership began to seek a way out, a way to approach the American workers by legal means. These efforts were resisted fiercely. We formed a new faction. Lovestone was closely associated with me in the leadership of this faction. Later we were joined by Ruthenberg upon his release from prison in the spring of 1922.

For a year and a half, two years, this struggle continued unabated, the fight for the legalization of the movement. Resolute

positive struggle on our side, equally determined resistance on the other by people convinced in their bones that this signified some ity in the Central Committee, we began to move, taking one careful step at a time, towards legality.

We couldn't legalize the party as such, the resistance in the Communism, directed against the German leftists, taking up ques- ranks was still too strong, but we did organize some legal groups derstanding the political situation. It is absurd to bind ourselves

groups into a central body called the American Labor Alliance, which we converted into a propaganda organization. Then in December 1921, we resorted to the device of organizing the Workers Party as an open, legal organization in addition to the underground Communist Party. We could not dispense with the latter. It was not possible to get a majority to agree to that, but a compromise was effected whereby while retaining the underground party, we set up the Workers Party as a legal extension. Two or three thousand die-hard undergrounders revolted against even this makeshift move toward legality, split away and formed their own organiza-

We continued with two parties-a legal and an illegal one. The Workers Party had a very limited program, but it became the medium through which all our legal public activity was carried on. Control rested in the underground Communist Party. The Workers Party encountered no persecution. The reactionary wave had passed, a liberalistic political mood prevailed in Washington and in the rest of the country. We were able to hold public meetings and lectures, publish newspapers, participate in election campaigns, etc. Then the question arose, did we need this encumbrance of two parties? We wanted to liquidate the underground organization, concentrate all our activity in the legal party, and take a chance on further persecution. We met renewed opposition.

The fight went on uninterruptedly until we finally appealed the matter to the Communist International at the Fourth Congress in 1922. At that Congress I was the representative of the "liquidators" faction, as we were called. This name comes from the history of Bolshevism. At one time following the defeat of the 1905 revolution, a section of the Mensheviks came forward with a proposal to liquidate the underground party in Russia and confine all activity to Czarist "legality." Lenin fought this proposal and its proponents savagely, because it signified a renunciation of revolutionary work and organization. He denounced them as "liquidators." So naturally, when we came forward with a proposal to liquidate the underground party in this country, the leftists with their minds in Russia mechanically transferred Lenin's expression and denounced us as "liquidators."

Appeal to Fourth Congress

So we went to Moscow to fight it out before the Communist International. That was the first time I met Comrade Trotsky. In the course of our struggle we tried to get support from individual members of the Russian leadership. In the summer and fall of 1922 I spent many months in Russia. For a long time I was somewhat of a pariah because this campaign about "liquidators" had reached ahead of us, and the Russians didn't want to have anything to do with liquidators. Unacquainted with the situation in America, they tended to be prejudiced against us. They assumed that the party had really been outlawed; and when the question was put to them they were inclined to say off-hand: "If you cannot do your work legally do it illegally, but you must do your work."

But that wasn't really how matters stood. The political situation in the United States made a legal Communist Party possible. That was our contention, and all further experience has proved it. Finally, I and some other comrades met with Comrade Trotsky and expounded our ideas for about an hour. After asking a few questions when we had finished, he said, "That is enough. I will support the liquidators' and I will talk to Lenin. I am sure he will support you. All the Russians will support you. It is just a question of un-

In the discussion at the Commission hearing Zinoviev made a brilliant speech on legal and illegal work, drawing on the vast experience of the Russian Bolsheviks. I have never forgotten that speech. The memory of it serves our party in good stead to this day and will do so in the future, I am sure. Radek and Bukharin spoke along the same lines. These three were in those days the representatives of the Russian Communist Party in the Comintern. The delegates of the other parties, after full and thorough debate, gave complete support to the idea of legalizing the American Communist Party.

The Party Becomes Legal

With the authority of the Comintern World Congress behind the decision, the opposition in the United States soon subsided. The Workers Party, which had been formed in 1921 as a legal extension of the Communist Party, held another convention, adopted a clearer program and completely replaced the underground organization. All experience since 1923 has demonstrated the wisdom of that decision. The political situation here justified legal organization. It would have been a terrible calamity and waste and crippling of evolutionary activity to remain underground when it was not necessary. It is very important that revolutionists have the courage to take those risks which can't be avoided. But it is equally important, I think, that they have enough prudence to avoid unnecessary sacrifices. The main thing is to get the work done in the most economical and expeditious manner possible.

A final remark on this question: One little group remained uneconciled to the legalization of the party. They were going to remain underground in spite of us. They were not going to betray Communism. They had their headquarters in Boston and a branch n Cleveland. Every once in a while through the years we would hear of this underground group issuing a pronouncement of some kind

Seven years later, after we had been expelled from the Communist Party and were organizing the Trotskyist movement, we . heard that this group in Boston was somewhat sympathetic to Trotskyist ideas. This interested us, as we were badly in need of any support we could get.

On one of my visits to Boston the local comrades arranged a conference with them. They were very conspiratorial and took us in the old underground manner to the meeting place. A formal committee met us. After exchanging greetings, the leader said, "Now, Comrade Cook, you tell us what your proposition is." Comrade "Cook" was the pseudonym he know me by in the underground party. He was not going to trifle with my legal name in an underground meeting. I explained why we had been expelled, our program, etc. They said they were willing to discuss the Trotskyist program as the basis for unity in a new party. But they wanted agreement first on one point: The party we were going to organize would have to be an underground organization. So I passed a few jokes with them and went back to New York. I suppose they are still underground.

Now, Comrades, all this is a sort of background, an introduction to the history of our Trotskyist movement. Next week I will deal with the further development of the Communist Party in the early years prior to our expulsion and the reconstitution of the movement under the banner of Trotskyism.

(To be continued next week)

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WORKERS' FORUM Grace Carlson One Of The 18

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.

Wage-Cuts Editor:

The U. A. W. - C. I. O. locally has accepted the down grading of workers in the aircraft industry. The Stalinist leadership of this union has gone further to development of the working peo- with overwhelming gains for the voted and revolutionary leaders. the right in support of the imtive leadership of the International Association of Machinists. long days or nights a week and former senior board member who Union, beginning in 1934. Under The Stalinist U.A.W. leadership has agreed to wage cutting call him a miserable sinner and ing the meeting, "one step for- won a series of smashing victorin the industry. But the conser- threaten him with all the tor- ward, and three steps backward." ies against the open-shop bosses vative International Association of Machinists leadership, under the pressure of the rank and file, was forced to withdraw from the unemployment which is all capi- rank and file, rushed to finish struggle also against President Southern Calif. Aircraft Industry Area Re-study Committee, and the West Coast Aircraft Committee, a setup of the War treachery of the Social-Demoendorsed down grading for the workers in the Southern Calif. eircraft industry.

L. T. Los Angeles

Army 'Democracy' Editor

It is common knowledge to vanguard. anyone who has served in the

armed forces of the United cialist ideas The Militant is play-States that democracy is some- ing an important role. thing to forget about when he is the organizer of the has been recruited. His feelings new recruits to the revolutiontoward the war, toward the ary ranks. Moreover, it is the peace, or any intelligent mani- Marxist educator of its new readfestations whatsoever are not ers. The Militant is an indisinvited, and, moreover, it is out- pensable weapon in the hands of right dangerous to express them the working people. They will openly. It is not the duty of read it in increasing numbers, cannon-fodder to think, but only learn from it and contribute their knowledge and experience to obey orders.

We've frequently heard, from to it. These are necessary steps so-called candid observers of the in the building of the revolutionliberal press, that the American ary party that will reorganize "G.I." doesn't know what he's the world for socialism. fighting for.

I would like to quote from one soldier who had witnessed a real discussion group that the army Protests Slaughter allows only in "fatigue" (shellshock) hospitals:

a discussion meeting and every- States government is still fightone flocks to you after it is over ing against the capitalist Jap- rights of labor. to ask 'what did you think of this,' or 'what do you think of class brothers of Japan and the intermediate the light of th

He described a discussion pe- sake of their capitalist masters. in the months ahead over a milriod held last week: "A captain Let us appeal to the workers lion and a half servicemen will whelmingly successful conclusion spoke about the San Francisco over the heads of our govern-Conference and what we have to ment to put an end to this the parades, music, flag waving drive here tonight with a gala look forward to. His attitude slaughter. It is not our war. We and shouting have subsided, supper and social in the Minneawas that we have to be optim- no longer fight to preserve the these men will be in quest of a polis headquarters of the Socialand predicted another war with-in twenty-five years, against

Russia — then he advocated a fearless policy. Lenin would

on. An examination of any aver- had prompted this contract "vicage day's activities shows that tory," but at the Lodge "B" at every step the government has meeting, a very startling fact interfered to regulate virtually was revealed. The entire group everything. Nothing and no one of 29 disputed sections was is free from politics.

ple. A great shift is taking company and serious losses for not content to be worked six represents, in the words of a the Minneapolis Truckdrivers on Sunday have some preacher openly expressed his disgust dur- Trotskyist leadership this union The lesson is a very significant and established the strongest untures of hell. He is looking for a way out of the terrible chaos one. The union "leaders," hav- ion in the Northwest. But the of wars, death, depression and ing no faith whatever in the leadership, from the first, had to negotiations at any cost BEFORE | Daniel J. Tobin, czar of the AFL talism can bring. The American working class the strike vote, fearing that they Teamsters International.

has never been corrupted by the would be left out on a limb if crats. The Stalinist poison has "unexpected" demonstration of ernment were clearing the decks had its terrible effects on comraratively few workers. The left the frightened leadership workers into the war, the hosworkers have a great tradition with nothing to offer but

of militancy and struggle. Out markedly poor contract. of their ranks a broad layer of educated Marxists will rise to take its place alongside the al-

ready established Trotskyist U. S. Labor Needs In this growing interest in so-

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100 Per Cent Unionist

land has served to emphasize the fact that proper representation crush the new union and at the in government is a factor to be same time deprive the Trotskyist Party of its leadership be ecognized rather than ignored. Labor in England, under Ern- cause of its uncompromising opest Bevin, its representative in position to the imperialist war. Attorney-General Biddle of the British parliament, was able to Department of Justice sent his ring such tremendous pressure G-men to raid the SWP headto bear on the Tories as to comquarters in St. Paul and Minnepei their leader to "call it a day." It is plainly obvious therefore apolis. Then followed the arrest and indictment of the leaders of that labor in the United States the Socialist Workers Party and has an object lesson to learn

the workers voted "no." The American capitalism and its gov-

the militancy of the ranks has for dragooning the American

of Local 544-CIO. After a five-week trial, the 18 Considering the overwhelming

numbers of American workers as compared to British workers, it seems an absurdity that in this Twin Cities Mark day and age there is no repre-Successful End of fers the least protection to the 'Militant' Drive

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 27 United States are dying for the all readers of The Militant, that -Twin Cities marked the overreturn to these shores, and after of The Militant subscription One old-timer stood up gains of the October Revolution job. There has been no prepara- ist Workers Party. Following an This is the time for a bold and ernment or industry that will workers who turned out en masse pon and 25 cents, for which send friends of the SWP joined in an care for the needs of these peo- to boost the final score to 1137 me 26 issues."

Carlson To Speak On Women In Prison

In Minneapolis Labor Case

The Minneapolis Labor Case, involving the imprisonment

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of 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis headquarters at 160 Fifth Ave. Truckdrivers Union Local 544-CIO, represents for American New York City. After the Cirlabor during World War II what the imprisonment of the great | cuit Court of Appeals upheld the Socialist leader Eugene V. Debs meant in the First World War. convictions, the U. S. Supreme In both instances the American capitalist ruling class and its Court three times refused to reagreed upon three days BE- government agents struck a savage blow against the working We are in a new period in the FORE the strike vote took place, class by framing up and imprisoning its most conscious, de-

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Thus, in June 1941,

tility between Tobin and the mili-

tant unionists of Local 544 came

The Minneapolis case arose rerialist war than the conserva- place. The American worker is the union. The final agreement out of the historic struggles of were found guilty of violating against militant trade unionists the Smith "Gag" Act by a hand- and other workingclass political picked jury. A reactionary judge parties. On December 31, 1943 sentenced six of them to 12 the 18 began to serve their prisnonths and a day, and twelve to on sentences.

The struggle to free the 18 be-16 months in federal prisons. came an inseparable part of la-The 18 were the first to be convicted under the infamous Smith bor's resistance to Wall Street's 'Gag" Act of 1940, the author offensive against labor. Rallying of which was the same poll-tax, behind the fight to free the 18 labor-baiting Congressman How- over 600 labor, Negro and prog-

ard Smith who fathered the vici- ressive organizations representcus Smith-Connally anti-strike ing 6,000,000 members, protested law. The Smith "Gag" Act was the imprisonments and demanded vigorously opposed by the CIO the repeal of the Smith "Gag" and AFL and condemned by lead- Act. Through their support of ing labor and civil liberties the Civil Rights Defense Comspokesmen as unconstitutional mittee, relief was provided for and a flagrant violation of la- the 18 and their families while bor's democratic rights. The they were in prison.

to a head. Local 544 by a majority vote severed its connection Smith Act was the first peace-The 18 remained behind bars time statute since 1798 to make for their full prison sentences the mere expression of opinion minus the usual deduction for "good behavior." Six were freed a federal crime. on October 20, 1944 and 12 were WORK OF CRDC

released on January 24, 1945. The defense of the 18 was Among the latter was

conducted by the Civil Rights De- Carlson, whose nation-wide tour White House combined to try to fense Committee, with national is announced in this issue.



The Militant Army is growing and 42nd Street stands have by leaps and bounds. Every shared in the rise, the former climbing from an average 78 to week letters pour in from our readers, enclosing subscriptions 92 and the latter from 82 to 95 copies a week. One newsstand for their friends. has increased its bundle and an-L. G. of St. Paul writes: "I am new subscriber to your Militant other expects to increase paper and enjoy same very much. shortly,"

attended one of the Militant meetings in St. Paul. Mrs. Schultz was our speaker. She sked us to get some new sub- New Headquarters cribers. I am enclosing money BOSTON, May 27 — The Bosorder for \$1.25. Please send the six-month subscription to the new ubscribers listed below."

ton Branch of the Socialist Workers Party tonight celebrated "A the opening of its new headquar-A. R. of West Toledo: pighbor let me read your pa- ters at 30 Stuart St. with a house per. So I thought that I would warming party. New readers of try the paper. Enclosed is cou- The Militant as well as old

A humorous skit was tainment.

| was sent to the Federal Reform-(Continued from page 1) atory for Women in Alderson, West Virginia to serve her 16tion. She was educated in St. Catherine's College and the Unimonth prison sentence. Upon versity of Minnesota where she her release on January 24, 1945 carned her BA, MA and PhD she returned to her life and work degrees. in the Socialist Workers Party.,

Grace Carlson is a true continuator of the traditions of revclutionary women of the past. and a banner-bearer of revolutionary socialism in the Ameri-Counselor of the Minnesota can labor movement. State Department of Education.

view this important case. Thus, HER LABOR RECORD it virtually upheld the Smith

Act and placed a legal weapon in the hands of capitalist reaction for further witch-hunts

> its Educational Committee for three years, and twice a delegate to the Minnesota State Federation of Labor conventions. She has been prominent in lational Association for the Ad- Detroit,

1943 she was elected a delegate Chicago, to the National Convention of the NAACP in Detroit.

Grace resigned in 1940 from he Minnesota Department of Education and ran as Socialist Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senator. She received over .700 votes, more than the com-Grace ined votes of the Stalinist and Socialist parties.

> SENTENCED TO PRISON On December 8, 1941, the day that America officially entered he war, Grace and 17 other Trotskyist leaders and members of Minneapolis Truckdrivers Loal 544-CIO were sentenced to federal prison terms for opposition to the imperialist war and for their revolutionary socialist ideas.

In the two years during which the case was appealed through the courts, Grace, who was out on bail, continued her workingclass activities. In 1942 she ran for mayor of St. Paul on the SWP ticket and received 3 percent of the total vote cast. Her last posts, before going to prison, were Minnesota State Organizer of the SWP and later organizer of the New York City WP local.

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J. G.

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country, and the like.

the captain. At the end the officer walked out, very much working class brothers! End the be disturbing. chagrined because there wasn't imperialist war!" one soldier in the place who thought that the Conference would bring peace."

Yes, the soldier of today is old enough at least to have experienced the aftermath of the last Editor: My husband and I both read war. He is skeptical and cynical the Militant and have been readabout high-sounding phrases.

B. Kingsley ing it for a long time now. We both like it very much. When it Cleveland was only a four page newspaper, we used to fight over who'd get

Militant Readers Editor:

page paper and I got the middle I have been following the Mili-I have been following the Mili-rage. But even though my hus-tant sub campaign with great band reads faster than I do, we satisfaction. The addition of didn't come out even. thousands of new readers has an Now it's an eight page paper important historic meaning. For and we're very happy. As soon the first time in years in this country there is a favorable mass the outside part and I get the response to, and interest in, gen- inside. The only trouble with uine Marxism, that is, Trotskythat is that I have to read the ism.

Heretofore many workers have to him and we still don't come cause of the stench from the out even. But we both agree that graft and corruption that comes than ever. We're looking forfrom the capitalist parties. So ward to a ten page Militant. widespread is this feeling that the Democratic and Republican party candidates for president last year had to pretend they Union Lesson were not seeking the nomination and that they merely permitted Editor:

themselves to be "drafted" for office.

The present war and the depth tive lesson. I'd like to pass it on front page of The Militant in a of the world-wide crisis make it to my brothers and sisters in suitable frame? increasingly difficult for smooth- other unions.

tongued capitalist politicians to Last week the workers at Lockhide their real intentions and heed Aircraft Corporation voted

program. They are forced more two and a half to one in favor "Is Crew Behaving?" and more into the open where of strike. One of the reasons everyone can see just what inter- was the fact that for two years Editor: ests they serve: the Wall Street the company has refused to yield I am a merchant seaman and

No man or woman can escape contract with the union. Many which I think shows without a a copy of James P. Cannon's it is still a good one." barons.

from politics today. Those who of these sections merely repres- doubt which side the Coast Guard "The History of American Trotfor one reason or another de- ent standard provisions 'of old is on. cline an active, conscious part in contracts.

the right to have a voice in de- lodges of the union (IAM No. aboard and asked the mate if "In Defense of Marxism" by The Militant: ciding their own fate. They al- 727) have been meeting to ratify the crew was behaving. But he Leon Trotsky. An honor roll of "Newsstand sales have been — hence to interest people here low others to decide things for or reject the contract finally ne- didn't ask the crew if the mate those having the 12 highest rising steadily for the past few one should be much more enlightthem and against their interests. gotiated by the Senior Board of cr the officers were behaving! scores in Minneapolis and the weeks. Total sales have climbed ened than I, but I will, I must

life today. Officials decide tions still remain disputed and show what side the government read. Special tribute was paid steady progression — 182, 185, the names of 17 friends to whom where a man may work (or will be thrown into the lap of is on. And yet some people try fight) and set rigid limits to his the pro-company War Labor to teil me that the government despite personal illness and iil- particularly encouraging since the Negro struggle were to be pay. They set prices, taxes, quan- Board). looks after its seamen. At first it seemed that the tities of goods to be produced, methods of distribution and so overwhelming pro-strike vote

J. W. of Charlotte, Pa,: "The navy double the size of any other have called for an immediate end ple and the civilian population as for Minneapolis and 272 for St. performed, and refreshments to this war. We can follow no well. Therefore, what with the Paul, total score for the two \$1 is payment in full for my sub-

"Of course he was confused, confused but at least he didn't believe the soap that was being peddled by the captain. At the end the oftion enclosed. I shall try to sell tractive new headquarters and slogan-"Stop the murder of our to face with a condition that will tions, was filled 378 per cent. St. Paul, with a quota of 100 more subs."

Alma Johnson, Rochester: Boston. Furthermore, the disillusion-subs, was subscribed by 272 per ment on the part of the average cent. Friends of The Militant 'Dick, a 15-year old youngster, was in a grinding shop talking serviceman as to the G.I. Bill of and active campaign workers, into the owner of it. He came from Rights will soon serve also to cluding a large number of colored people from St. Paul particcreate a disquieting situation. Is it any wonder then that la- ipated in the celebration, which they started talking on Sobor's most important duty and featured a fried chicken dinner cialism. He said he was inter-

its crying need is the formation and all the trimmings. of a Labor Party that will ade-RISING SPIRIT

quately protect its rights. The boss class in the United pulent, over-stuffed and overglutted from the profits of war, is bent upon the total destruction of the labor movement. This fact is borne out in the many acts of deliberate and flagrant violation of the provisions of signed

contracts with the various labor unions. Neither the National Labor Relations Board nor the War "continued on the inside" parts

is easy to understand when one called upon periodically to rush looks at who constitutes the personnel of these agencies.



In memory of all those who have died in all wars, what do

At my union meeting last you say to printing all the verses night, I learned a very instruc- of the "Internationale" on the

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A Seaman Los Angeles Cities. Germany some years ago and ested in socialism. Dick talked on with him the best he could;

he pointed out that Stalin is not The master of ceremonies point- for the working people, that he ed out that the widespread suc- moved over with the capitalists The two pamphlets on the Ne

States that has grown over-cor- cess of the subscription drive and that Norman Thomas swung gro struggle--Negroes in the Post "indicates the rising spirit of the over with the war machine. Dick War World and The Struggle working class, a growing in- also told the man he could get for Negro Equality - are in terest in The Militant as a left- him a good socialist paper. He constant demand by the branches wing paper, and the increasing ran home, talked it over with of the Socialist Workers Party interest of workers everywhere his mother, and took The Mili- Orders for large quantities come in the revolutionary socialist an- tant back to the grinding shop. in almost every week.

swer to national and world About an hour later, back he The Cleveland branch, which events." He recalled the days of came with the sub, tickled pink, utilized these pamphlets during a decade ago when every publi- and said, 'I just had to do some- the recently concluded subscrip cation date was a crisis for read- thing for the party. And I am tion campaign of The Militant, Labor Board seems capable of coping with the situation and this all over the country who were day." wrote: "Please RUSH 100 Struggle for Negro Equality

pamphlets. Almost every other funds to New York to get The Harry Robinson of Newark subscriber in the Negro neighbor-Militant off the press. "But we sends a good suggestion: hoods takes one (with very little R. A. Robinson have not reached the climax of "As the paper's circulation time lost from the sub cam-Brooklyn, N. Y. success," he added. "We have continues to grow we are start- | Faign). We've also sold Socialmore campaigns ahead of us. ing to see evidence of it being ism on Trial and Labor Party spread around the city by our with good success." The struggle for a bigger and

better Militant is not over.". new readers. I encountered the From Boston: "Kindly send The campaign manager in most recent example of this us 50 copies each of Struggle Minneapolis described the com- while boarding a bus the other for Negro Equality and Negroes petition between the two Min- day. As I did so I noticed that in the Post-War World. We sold neapolis teams, the Go-Getters the driver had a copy of the pa- out all we had in stock (\$4 and the Sub-Builders, and re- per tucked behind his seat. In worth) at a meeting held in Bosported the final scores of the response to my query he said ton by the March-on-Washingtwo competing groups were 585 that he had picked it up on one ton movement recently."

and 552, respectively. Team cap- of the seats, glanced through it, The fine propaganda value of tains spoke gratifyingly of the and then had put it away to these pamphlets is also apprehard work of all their team mem- read when he finished his run. ciated and put to use in the more "This incident served to re- isolated and politically backward

mind me that the practice of sections. A reader in Arkansas leaving your copy of The Militant wrote us: "As soon as I get to in negotiating 39 sections of the an incident occurred aboard ship, lis, with 206 subs, was awarded on buses after you finish reading work I will be able to buy a sup-

ply of material. You can imagine just how remote one might feel A report from Dave Jeffries here from actual industrial un-When our ship came into port getter, who obtained 142 sub- of New York indicates an up- pleasantness, and the personal political life thereby surrender Vesterday and today the eight a Coast Guard officer came scriptions, received a copy of ward trend in newsstand sales of experiences are so few because of the accepted mode of things Politics invades all spheres of 727 and the company. (Ten sec- It's things like that which three highest in St. Paul was from 159 five weeks ago in a try!" This reader then sent in to an elderly woman worker, who 195, and this week 206. This is copies of the two pamphlets on ness in her family, obtained one the average sales for the previ- sent, and remarked, "These are

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A rising scale of wages! Increase wages to meet the increased cost of living!

Operate all government-built plants under workers' control

2. Independence of the trade unions from the government!

Rescind the no-strike pledge!

Withdraw union representatives from the War Labor Board!

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4. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities! Down with Jim Crow!

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7. A working class answer to capitalist militarism!

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

Only the world revo-

Strikebreaker Tobin

The latest order of "Czar" Daniel J. Tobin to the 630,000 members of the AFL Teamsters International is to "disregard picket lines." Writing in the June issue of The International Teamster, Tobin says: "Most of those fellows who refuse to go through picket lines are yellow. It takes a real man to go through a picket line when he is ordered to do so by his International Union."

Teamsters are being ordered to go through not only the picket lines of outside unions but even their own! Teamsters' President Tobin writes: "Even if one of our own local unions is involved, before a sister union stops in sympathy with the union on strike, it must obtain the permission and sanction of the International Executive Board."

Knowing that rank and file teamsters, with their long tradition of class solidarity in strike struggles, would rebel at being forced into a strikebreaking role, Tobin resorts to flag-waving and tothreats. The no-strike pledge is a "solemn and binding obligation" says Tobin. It must be upheld "until the wicked, monstrous savagery of Japan is overcome.'

Those Teamsters Union members and officials who are not impressed by such hysterical patriotic appeals by Tobin are confronted with this open threat: "I am telling you now that you had better watch your step in sympathetic strikes and

kind of repressive measures he is employing in the colonies. The jailing of the Trotskyists and the suppression of their paper, La Verite, (The Truth) are only the first steps in a calculated offensive against the entire working class. The French Trotskyists have been singled out for the first attack because they have been the most consistent defenders of the workers' interests and the most uncompromising opponents of de Gaulle's policies. The dirtiest role in this assault upon the labor

movement is being played by the Stalinist flunkeys of de Gaulle. While the Stalinists strive to keep the masses from serious struggle against de Gaulle's hunger regime, they slander workingclass militants as "fascists" and "Hitlerites." They have been demanding that the government suppress the Trotskyists.

De Gaulle and the Stalinists will not succeed where Hitler and Petain failed. The French workers will rally to the defense of our persecuted comrades just as the American and British workers came to the defense of the Trotskyists persecuted and jailed by Roosevelt and Churchill. Capitalist persecution can not break the Trotskyist movement; it only serves to strengthen it in the eyes of the working class.

Peacetime Censorship

With the ending of armed hostilities in Europe, war correspondents hoped the rigid Allied censorship would be lifted. Instead it has been tightened, and tightened precisely on news of the greatest importance to the labor movement-the news of political developments in Europe and the Mediterranean area.

When the protests of correspondents became embarrassing to the brass hats representing Anglo-American imperialism, they decreed May 30 that "censorship in this theater is hereby discontinued." In the very same sentence decreeing the end of censorship, however, they added an "except." The "except" includes "such matters of high military importance as may require reference to the Supreme Commander." Thus the decree abolishing censorship actually reaffirms the censorship!

The enemies of the workers and poor people need the censorship to cover up their nefarious deeds and deals. They screen events, carefully withholding the truth from the sieve. They pour in distortions and outright lies. The adulterated product that appears in dispatches is designed to bolster the puppet regimes and military dictatorships set up by the Allies. News about bloody repressions of the workers appears in the press mainly by accident. De Gaulle's reprisals against the Algerian people did not become known until a month after the event! The British imperialists in Greece sent out their own false reports of the civil war they provoked and prevented the press from even interviewing their slandered victims. Stalinism continues in the newly occupied territories the blackout on news it has maintained for years in the Soviet Union.

Freedom of the press — one of the freedoms promised in the Atlantic Charter - is a victim of the "peace" the Allies are inflicting on stricken Europe, just as it was a victim of war.



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"Poor Fifi had to eat chicken for three days — we couldn't get her roundsteak and she hates fish!"



Germany

querors appears in the May issue er of war in Germany.

defeat," he declares. "And yet ceptional. The rule has been one they had no illusions about the of normal, decent treatment. sort of peace that would follow an Allied victory." A typical reaction is that ex- German working class, far from

| that was only seen in a small to a concentration camp in th minority of men, and those of Gran Chaco. A graphic report of the atti- whom I had any knowledge my- "Even before that," continues ude of German workers towards self were quickly sent to a the magazine, "the right of the Hitlerism and the Allied con- Stalag hospital for treatment. unions to hold meetings was re-"The British press has made voked, and their charters were of Socialist Appeal, official or- nuch of 'German brutality.' But suspended. Morinigo was reporgan of the Revolutionary Com- most of the cases they cite oc- ted in favor of sending the 700

munist Party, British section of curred in concentration camps. participants back to their homes the Fourth International. The The torturers were Nazis; and in the interior, but the matter reporter, A. Paton, is a Marxist the victims were German politic- was taken out of his hands by journalist who was captured and al prisoners. Undoubtedly, there the pro-Fascist Aviation Chief, served some months as a prison- have been cases of brutality Major Pablo Stagni, and Marcos against British and other P. O. Fusto, head of the Paraguayan "The German workers wanted W.'s. But they have been ex-Gestapo. "The concentration camp is

"I came away from Germany almost-waterless Chaco, some with a strong conviction that the fifty miles north of Yrendague, which is itself about as isolated pressed by "Julius, another old being cowed and beaten, will soon an outpost as can be imagined.

German laborer: 'The only value be gathering its strength for a What treatment will be accorded of the war to me has been to resumption of the class struggle," the erring laborers can only be monopolies and speculators had manipulated the show me that all the people of concluded Paton. "The German surmised, but it is axiomatic that price of rye futures from December, 1942, to May, Europe are pretty much the workers have been glad to see not even free men live well in 1944, the time when the corner on the rye market same, and have the same in- the end of Hitler's regime. But the terrible sun-baked, insecterests. In this mine we have they have no illusions about the ridden region.

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Surpluses in Peace and War Under Capitalism

That "free enterprise" monopoly capitalism has no neans for maintaining production except through the destruction of the products created by labor in order artificially to keep a "market" is graphically llustrated by the aircraft industry.

The Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of Amerca, it was revealed on May 30, has addressed a plea to the War Surplus Property Board to scrap by reducing to metal all "unusable, obsolete and surplus military aircraft equipment."

Included in the billions worth of the finest aviation equipment in the world the aircraft profiteers want destroyed, according to H. M. Horner, president of the United Aircraft Corporation and chairman of the chamber's committee on surplus disposal, are half a million high-powered engines. These engines, built and paid for by the American people, he now wants "ploughed under" because American commercial needs after the war will be only 1 per cent of the supply on hand, or 5,000 engines.

So Mr. Horner proposes a "method of disposal" that would "tend to promote rather than destroy the markets of the aviation industry." Foreign markets, he admits, "won't dent the surface."

Where will the market come from? That's easy, says Horner. Melt down the present huge supply of planes for a "strategic reserve" of metals "which can be set aside and earmarked for war use only." Of those planes kept in military reserve, "not less than 25 per cent . . . should be replaced by new and improved models each year."

In short, the American people, far from being freed from the back-breaking burden of armaments, would be required every year to destroy a fourth of the war planes already produced and build the equivalent of another fourth to provide a "market" and profits for the plane manufacturers.

This is the plan of the capitalists to keep their profit system going. They have no idea of producing for the needs of the people. They look forward only to expanded militarism and more war, to planned destruction, in order that the few who monopolize the means of production may continue to have a profitable "market."

How Bigger and Better Scarcities Are Made

How powerful financial speculators not only utilize scarcity, but create monopoly scarcity to force up prices of food products, was further demonstrated on May 28 when the War Food Administration moved for suspension of two corporations and four individuals from all grain contract markets for violation of the Commodity Exchange Act.

The WFA issued a complaint against the General located in the wildest part of the Foods Corporation of New York and Rice & Co. of Chicago charging them with cornering 89 per cent of the total available and deliverable rye supply at Chicago in May, 1944.

According to the WFA charge, these leading food was created.

Charles W. Metcalf, executive vice president of always "available . . . at market price." But since

keep away from them."

Tobin is no amateur at "cracking down" on trade union militants. He was the chief instigator of the frame-up which sent 18 leaders of Minneapolis Truckdrivers Union, Local 544-CIO, and the Socialist Workers Party, to prison last year under the infamous anti-labor Smith "Gag" Act.

Coming from such a strikebreaking, frame-up artist as Tobin, the new definition of a "real union man" given in the June International Teamster will not strike a responsive chord in the hearts of honest trade unionists. Says "Czar" Tobin, "The man who observes the laws and rulings and decisions of his superior officers in the union is the real union man." But real union men do not go through picket lines — even on the orders of a bureaucrat like Tobin!

French "Democracy"

The persecution of the French Trotskyists reported on the front page of this week's Militant serves to expose the mockery and fraud of the era of "democracy" which was supposed to have dawned in France with the coming of General de Gaulle. Thus repression at home goes hand in hand with the slaughter of the colonial peoples of Algeria and Syria.

De Gaulle's regime more and more openly reveals itself as a military-police dictatorship which acts as the political instrument of the big capitalists who yesterday collaborated with Hitler and today collaborate with Anglo-American imperialism against the French masses. This regime has worked to disarm the FFI partisans who fought so heroically against the Nazis. It has restored to power the Vichy police which acted as bloodhounds against the people for the Gastapo.

De Gaulle's government has not mitigated, much less solved, the critical problems of France. After ten months, inflation runs wilder than ever. The black marketeers flourish under the kindly protection of de Gaulle. Unemployment is tremendous and the threat of outright famine grows more menacing to the working population with every passing day.

Opposition to these conditions is rising among the workers. Strikes have been sweeping the country from north to south. The Stalinist and Social-Democratic leaders of the trade unions are finding it more and more difficult to restrain this movement of mass protest.

De Gaulle proposes to deal with this rising movement of the hungry workers with the same

Stalinist Cynicism

The Stalinists are posing as champions of freedom for the colonial peoples against the imperialist slavemasters of England and the United States. At the San Francisco conference the Soviet delegation has been pressing for a clause promising "independence" at some indefinite future to territories placed under international "trusteeship" in the projected "world security organization,"

In its June 2 resolution announcing its new shift in line the National Board of the Communist Political Association complains that "the American delegation at San Francisco refused to join with the Soviet Union to pledge the right of national independence for mandated territories and colonies."

In the light of these words it is extremely instructive to note the position taken by the French Communist Party on the Syrian events. The French CP is the strongest Stalinist party in Europe. Jacques Duclos who gave the signal for the turn in the American Stalinist movement is one of its foremost leaders. Syria is a mandated colony which has long since been promised independence by the French imperialists. The Syrian people and its present government are now fighting for that promised independence against French troops. But the Kremlin has friendly relations with the imperialist government of de Gaulle. The French Stalinists have supported that dictatorial capitalist regime from its inception. De Gaulle's savage repression of the Syrian people's fight for freedom has trown his government into its gravest national and international crisis. Nevertheless, in obedience to Stalin's policy of backing de Gaulle, the French CP issued on May 31 a statement on the Syrian situation which simply echoed in a cowardly manner de Gaulle's brutal imperialist attitude. "Since Syrian and Lebanese independence cannot again be subjected to discussion," declared the French CP, "the Political Bureau regrets that certain moves should be interpreted in a manner prejudicial to our country.

And the June 5 Daily Worker reprints another statement of the same Political Bureau that the French CP "has decided to continue the party's collaboration in the government's tasks pending elections to the Constituent Assembly." The most pressing "government task" at the moment consists in the attempt to crush Syria's struggle for independence. The position of the French CP on Syria serves to demonstrate afresh how reactionary Stalinist policies really are.

on well together. It is big capital period is one of waiting and measures carried out by the small that makes them fight one an- watching." other.'

Paraguay After a bombing of the small

town where he was stationed. "Paraguayan laborers learned Paton and other prisoners of war in March what it costs to strike were detailed to help repair the against the Government of Predamage. Otto, a slater and sident General Higinio Moriniplasterer, declared: "You got go," declares the May issue of bombed in 1940, and we are gett- The Inter-American. "Seven the many blessings of the Atlaning it now. But you are not hundred union members who took tic Charter, British imperialism doing it to us, and we did not part in the almost-general strike cynically imposed rigid censor

do it to you. It is big capital of late January were shipped off ship to cover its brutal violations on both sides that does it." As for the vicious atrocity campaign of the Allied propagandists, this prisoner of war who lived through the worst times of the conflict, has the following to say:

Q: Just how important is Ger- successor Aly Maher Pasha, a "Food got scarce, particularly during the last few months, when man industry for the well-being man who had on occasion crititransport was in a chaotic state. of all Europe?

The British Ambassador, Lamp-But the German working class A: Although Germany had was living on practically the only one-fifth of the population son, called on the King in February to tell him to get rid of same diet as the prisoners---of continental Europe west of bread, potatoes and soup. They Russia, she produced about 60 this premier and to appoint one acceptable to the British-Mustagot the same quantity of bread per cent of Europe's coal, about and potatoes, and they drew half the pig iron and steel, over fa Nahas Pasha.

their soup from the same kitchen | haif the aluminum, 40 per cent of | as we did. Anyone who asserts the cement, one-third of the When the British Ambassador that the German working class sulphuric acid. Germany domgot tough, Farouk asked him to was living well, while the prison- inated ail others also in the proers starved, is a liar...... upon called for help from Alexduction of electrical machinery, "What about the general health machine tools, locomotives, sciander Kirk, then United States of prisoners? When my par-entific and optical instruments, ticular batch arrived at Camp by calling on Farouk and telling as well as engineering of all IV-B, Muhlberg on Elbe, in Sep- kinds. Germany led Europe in him Uncle Sam would be very tember last we remarked that terms of industrial management, we had seldom seen a fitter look- skilled workers, research instiing body of men than the pri- tutions, modern plant and organsoners who were already establ- izing power. ished there. * * *

"Since that time, of course, Q: How much of India is ruled Stone, commander of the British German rations have gone down by native princes and do they and down; but each cut in pri- have any independence? soners' rations was paralleled by A: The Indian princes rule cut in civilian rations. And over 93,189,233 people in an area pers," he is reported to have said. the civilians had no Red Cross of 715,964 square miles, but they parcels. Very often during the are by no means "independent." abdication. In that event a plane last few months the prisoners They are just as much a part of is waiting to take you to South did not have them either because the British Empire as the 295,- Africa. The alternative is to of the hopeless state of German 508,722 people in an area of 865,- name Nahas Pasha as Prime transport. But that in itself did 446 square miles under the direct | Minister." not create any 'living skeletons.' rule of the British imperialists. It was chiefly German political * * * prisoners in concentration camps who were reduced to that state,

for they had no 'protecting power,' and no agreement that zens? they should get the same rations as the German army. To be people in the U. S. proper, 79,642 British Ambassador stepped to a ure, there were signs of under- are citizens and 47,305 are classi- window and drew aside the curnourishment, chiefly manifest in fied as aliens. Under the Orien- tains so that the King could see the swelling up of legs and arms, tal Exclusion Act, Japanese can his new guards and the tanks. Security and Walsh-Healy Acts. Now they are the first degree of beriberi caused be citizens only if they are born Farouk took this subtle hint and pressing to gain a complete victory and restore by Vitamin 'B' deficiency. But in this country.

New Zealand troops had meanwhile surrounded the palace. Q: How many of the Japanese They overpowered the palace

up to the gates. As the King A: Of the 126,947 Japanese hesitated over the paper, the signed the paper.

his company and the other defendants had a virtual monopoly on rye, and since the government has but powerful clique of Army majors under the influence of placed no ceilings on rye, it is clear who determined reactionary military elements in this "market price." Buenos Aires."



A major drive is being unleashed by the big canning, cf democracy. A flagrant infood processing, dairying and other so-called "agristance is reported for the first cultural" interests to exempt their employes time by George Tucker in the estimated at about 3,000,000 - from the rights, guaranteed under the Wagner Act, to join unions and In January, 1942 Egypt's Prebargain collectively. mier Hussein Sirry Pasha resig-

Spokesmen for the fruit and vegetable packing combines in California, Arizona, Texas, Florida, New York and other states last week stormed hearings of the House Select Committee to Investigate Acts of

Executive Agencies Which Exceed Their Authority. They complained about the "unfairness" of the NLRB in holding collective bargaining elections in their industries and insisted that their employes don't come under the provisions of the Wagner Act.

Chairman of the committee is Rep. Howard W. The King politely refused. Smith (D., Va.) who authored such vicious pieces of anti-labor legislation as the Smith-Connally antistrike law and the Smith "Gag" Act of 1940. It goes leave. The Ambassador therewithout saying that Smith and his colleagues were most sympathetic and helped encourage the labor-Minister to Egypt. Kirk obliged | hating packers to "prove" that the exploited workers in their industry weren't intended by Congress to secure the protection of the Wagner Act.

pleased to see a nomination in Since the Wagner Act does exempt actual agriaccordance with British desires cultural workers, the packing, canning, and processing The British lion now decided bosses are trying to claim that their workers are to show its teeth. Ambassador also "agricultural workers." In recent years, these Lampson arrived at 5 p.m. Feworkers have become increasingly unionized through bruary 4, accompanied by Gen. bitter struggles and the CIO and AFL both have won garrison forces in Egypt. Lampnumerous NLRB collective bargaining elections. son laid two papers on the

With the prompting of the House committee's King's desk. "Here are two paattorney, John J. Wineberry, the packers complained hat the NLRB was "helping to unionize" the work-"One calls for your immediate ers by recognizing them under the Wagner Act. A spokesman for the International Apple Growers, Samuel Fraser, even bemoaned the fact that they had to hire union teamsters to haul fruit inside the New York city limits. He claimed such truck drivers were really "agricultural labor."

This drive to undermine the Wagner Act is a renewal of the one undertaken several years ago. At people in this country are citi- guards and two light tanks rolled that time Congress rejected the Barden Amendment to exempt packers, canners and other food handlers and processers from the provisions of the Wages and Hours 'Act. But the labor-haters scored a partial victory by securing exemptions under the Social virtual slavery in their industries.

