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British Despots In Nigeria Ban **Native Papers** (By Airmail) — The Partido Obrero Revolucionario, Chilean

Special to The Militant

tional, ran a candidate in last LONDON, July 16 - Two Negro-edited newspapers in week's by-election for a parlia-Nigeria which have espoused the cause of the terribly oppressed mentary deputy to represent the and exploited population of that country have been suppressed city of Concepcion, third largest by order of Governor Richards, according to cabled advices reof the country and second largceived here. est in industry.

Nigeria is a British crown colony in Equatorial Africa, one of the largest and wealthiest of British possessions, with a population tion tables counted 400 votes cast of over 21,000,000. It is ruled through the Colonial Office in London. cial figures gave us 321 votes.

Suppression of the two papers, the West African Pilot and Daily Comet. was accompanied by a threat on the part of the British Government to banish the editor, Nnamdi Azikiwe, from his homeland

These repressive acts have arisen from a strike of over 150,000 Nigerian workers, including all the railroad men, coal miners, civil servants and others. The strikers are demanding a minimum wage of 60 cents a day. Their present pay averages two shillings a day, the equivalent of about 50 cents.

Under British imperialist rule the natives are subjected to inhuman conditions of exploitation. Children between nine and twelve work even in tin and coal mines, 12 hours a day, carrying heavy loads up to 65 lbs. Colored bus drivers and conductors receive less than one-third the wages paid to European workers for similar work.

The workers of Nigeria are organized into 64 trade unions corresponding to the various industries and occupations. These unions are combined in the Nigeria Trade Union Congress which held a convention in August, 1944.

At the convention resolutions were adopted calling for the industrialization of the country and nationalization of important industries. They called for the introduction of unemployment and health insurance and for the improvement of housing conditions and educational facilities.

Persecuted Nigerian Editor Appeals to U.S.

Labor and Negro Organizations for Support

NEW YORK, July 17 - Cable- | with strong views. . . It is obvious

grams were received this week I cannot rely on official protec-

10,000 votes and two deputies, while the Socialist party dropped

IN THE NEWS

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by the Socialist Workers Party tion. . . Latest rumor that I may Lies At Any Price and the Civil Rights Defense be banished from Nigeria for During the newspaper deliver-Committee confirming the sup- supporting strikers demanding 60 pression of the two Nigerian cents daily wage." ers strike in New York City, The Council informed The Milimembers of the stock-exchange banishment for their editor, tant that African organizations and penthouse crowd have been in Great Britain had dispatched "doing their bit" against the Additional information regard- cables to the "Big Three" leaders striking workers by encouraging ing the widespread strike of Ne- in Berlin, informing them that a black market in newspapers gro workers in Nigeria was ob- ("colonial fascism" is rampant in The gentry have been skulking in tained by The Militant from the Nigeria. The Council is sending dark places and paying as much American Council on African urgent appeals to the NAACP, as \$1 for a bootleg copy of their York. This organization has re-(ASA) CIO, Council on African Cost of Capitalist War The first reported American "basketcase" of this war Sgt. Frederic Hensel, of Corbin, Ky. ligious groups to mobilize public was recently interviewed in the * * * 'Free Enterprise' After a session on July 11 beween the WPB Automotive Divtee ision, OPA and representatives of the automobile corporations on the problems of reconversion. Henry P. Nelson, WPB's co-or- with those of Hitler, not content with even this triumph, added in d i n a t o r for reconversion a vicious snarl: "If I had my way, said he hoped it would be the last such conference. "The next time FEPC would not get one cent." I hope I can tell them, 'The lid's

Trotskyist Runs For Parliament **New York News Delivery Strikers** In Chile Election **Check Union-Busting Assault** By Henriquez SANTIAGO, Chile, July 4

Congressional Lynchers at Work



Southern Bourbon Spokesmen

COMPEL WLB TO ISSUE ORDER **ON PUBLISHERS TO ARBITRATE**

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BULLETIN

NEW YORK - A general membership meeting of the Newspaper Deliverers Union here, held just before The Militant went to press, voted to end the 18-day strike halting circulation of 14 metropolitan dailies, after the War Labor Board issued an order to the New York Publisher's Association to arbitrate as the union had demanded.

By John Locke

NEW YORK, July 16 - The powerful New York Publishers Association has teamed up with the War Labor Board to try its hand at union-busting. But so far the newspaper-government all-out drive to smash the striking deliverers' union hasn't passed

Dobbs Blasts Role

Of LaGuardia in **Newspaper Strike**

Farrell Dobbs, Trotskyist candidate for mayor in the New York City elections, has issued

strike of the New York newspaper delivery workers. The full text of the statement is as follows:

Mayor LaGuardia's pious

first base. Yesterday the deliverers met and tossed a "final" return-towork-or-be-fired order back into the teeth of the publishers. As this report is being written, the small but fighting independent Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union is still standing firm —

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trading blow for blow with the most powerful group of capitalist newspaper owners on earth.

a statement denouncing the NEWSSTANDS EMPTY strike-breaking role of Mayor The thousands of new The thousands of newsstands F. H. La Guardia in the current in the New York area are still empty. The 8,000,000 circulation of 14 metropolitan dailies, ranging from the frankly reactionary Daily News to the so-called "liberal" New York Post has been

cut to a fraction of normal. mouthings about "law and order" Using the slogan of the fightin the New York newspaper deliving coal miners, "No contract-no. ery men's strike are nothing more work," the deliverymen, 1,700 than the time-worn alibi of the strong, walked out June 30 after overnmental strike-breaker. taking a strike vote under the Neither O' Dwyer nor Gold provisions of the anti-labor stein, the Democratic and Repub-Smith-Connally Act. They struck ican candidates to succeed Laafter the publishers had flatly re-Guardia in office, have spoken in fused to negotiate the most reacondemnation of LaGuardia's sonable of contract demands trikebreaking tactics. By their mand ilence O'Dwyer and Goldstein ers of the press had been forced show that they, too, are support- to grant to most other labor n g the wealthy publishers groups in the industry. against the striking newspaper The deliverers struck in the face delivery men who are fighting for of a clearly fake proposal by a decent standard of living. the news bosses that the demands be submitted to the War Labor LAGUARDIA THREATENS Board's Newspaper Commission Faking impartiality, LaGuarfor settlement. As the union's dia said in his July 13 radio president, Joseph Simons, put it, speech, "I warn both sides that 'both the publishers and we know if there is any violence that force the Commission has no right unwill be used to suppress force, in der the WLB policy to rule on the maintenance of law and orthe demands until a dispute has der." However, this self-styled been certified to it through negochampion of "law and order" had tiation - and the owners have nothing to say about the attempts refused to negotiate." of the arrogant, labor-hating pub-The shut-down was effective ishers to use young children who immediately. Newsstands carried don't know any better as strikeonly the Marshall Field publicapreakers. Nor did he deem it tion, PM, which had met the important to speak about the union's demands. What papers act that two strikers have been did go out were limited to overtabbed by the publishers' thugs. the-counter sales at the news When LaGuardia talks about plants. 'law and order" he is actually Finally, in the second week of talking only to the strikers, and the strike, enraged by the failure

from 80,000 votes to 38,000 and from 18 deputies to six. The reason for this was that a large part of the laboring masses abstained from voting. The workers were skeptical and

section of the Fourth Interna-

The POR delegates at the elec-

for our candidate, but the offi-

However, the figures do not tell the story. The situation in the

working class must be under-

Four months ago the general

parliamentary elections took place. The rightest conservative-

iberal bloc, representing the

landlords and the big bourgeoisie,

won a majority away from the

Democratic Alliance which had

had the majority since 1941. The

Socialist and Communist parties

(part of the Democratic Alliance)

lost 40 per cent of their electoral

votes and a third of their depu-

ties. The Stalinists lost nearly

POLITICAL SITUATION

stood.

ceived a cabled request from Azi- Affairs, Brotherhood of Sleepkiwe for aid and support against ing Car Porters, Congressmen persecution by the British colon- Powell and Mitchell of New York ial authorities. Azikiwe informed and Chicago, National Urban the American Council on African League and other civic and re-Education as follows:

newspapers and the threat of

Nnamdi Azikiwe.

"I have reason to believe that sentiment throughout America on Percy Jones General Hospital, my life is in danger, in view of behalf of Azikiwe and the strik- Battle Creek, Mich. Sgt. Hensel the fact that all local high offi- ers by sending telegrams of pro- who has lost both legs and both cials wrongly suspect me to be test to Governor Richards of Ni- arms, stated: "I'd make a good at the bottom of present general geria and the Colonial Office in picture for propaganda against strike because I am a journalist London. the next war." strike because I am a journalist | London.

SWP Starts Fund For Trotskyists In Europe

By FARRELL DOBBS

Campaign Director

A campaign to raise a \$5,000 International Solidarity Fund by September 15 has been launched by the Socialist Workers Party. This action is taken in response to appeals for aid from our Trotskyist co-thinkers abroad against whom the Anglo-American imperialists, the Stalinist counter-revolutionists and the puppet governments are striking their heaviest blows.

In Belgium, Trotskyists are be- D-

ing arrested by the puppet-gov-| been assassinated by the Stalinernment and the Trotskyist pa- ist gangsters in Greece. Vicious per, "La Voie de Lenine," has Stalinist attacks are being dibeen suppressed. The DeGaulle rected against the Italian Trotgovernment has jailed a number skyists. A new wave of arrests of Trotskyist militants and the of the Trotskyist vanguard in In-French Trotskyist paper, "La Ve- dia signals redoubling of perserite," has been suppressed. No (Continued on page 6)

Unable to counter the Trotsky-

less than 250 Trotskyists have

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GPU In Italy Spreads Vile Frame-Up Slander

The Militant of June 23, in re- | GPU amalgam. Their objective porting the Stalinist attack upon is to besmirch the name of Manthe Italian Trotskyists, quoted gano.

the Stalinist slander sheet Rinascita which attacked "two Trot- ist program by other means, the skvists leaders, Mangano and Gir- | Stalinists are more and more reone," as "paid agents of the Fas- sorting to slander and gangstercist OVRA" (Mussolini's police). ism. In Puglia they are carrying

Our Italian comrades inform on a vicious campaign against us that only one of these men Mangano and the Trotskyists. A is a Trotskyist. Mangano, they comrade who visited Puglia folreport, is one of the best known lowing the recent riots there, relabor leaders in the province of ports that Mangano disappeared Puglia. He was one of the first during the subsequent military to rally to the banner of the intervention and wave of arrests. Fourth International in Italy. Mangano's fate is not yet known.

Girone, on the other hand, is He may have been arrested by a notorious OVRA agent. The agents of the military authorities Stalinists deliberately linked the or he may have been murdered two names together in a typical by the Stalinists.

NO REAL POWER off. Go out and cut each other's

throats all you want."" Life Begins for Goering According to a report from decisions. Its funds were so

Britain, in the newspaper Scots- stringently limited it could not man, top-flight, Nazi Herman even make an adequate survey of Goering has been flown to Britain the enormous extent of racial along with other big-shot Nazi discrimination in employment in leaders and Wehrmacht officers. America. It was scheduled for He has been taken to Winderdissolution with the end of the mere, England, where he and war. FEPC was nothing but a other leading Nazis are relaxing sugared sop tossed to the Negro

on a large country estate. * * *

Solidarity Forever A Reuters dispatch from London July 11, reports that American seamen held in port by a

ship said

no change in prices.

London dockers' "go slow" move NEW YORK, July 16.-Louise | with Japan ends in the meantime, | of Hitler and the Southern Bourment are extending open support Simpson, Trotskyist candidate for FEPC will be immediately dis- bons. to the dockers. Members of the New York City Council, today crew of the American Ship "Isaac made the following statement on Mayer Wise," from Savannah, lythe fate of the Fair Employment

ing in the Surrey Docks for over Practices Committee: a month, told reporters "They "FEPC has been dealt a crushshould give the little guys more ing blow by Congress. The orimoney," and "I don't think they ginal request for an appropriaare paid half enough. I would not do the work for the money.' \$250,000. This is little more than Crew members of a Norwegian "We are all in syminadequate appropriation. It pathy with them."

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Sign of the Times

Succeed In Lynching F.E.P.C.

By*Joseph Hansen

Negro-hating Southern Bourbon Congressmen, under the leadership of Mississippi's venom-spitting Senator Bilbo, have succeeded in lynching the Fair Employment Practices Committee. In a shameful spectacle that brands Congress as reactionary to the core, these advocates of race prejudice, discrimination and segregation put the proponents of FEPC to complete rout, cutting down the appropriation to \$250,000 and including a proviso that this sum shall be used to liquidate the commit-

Senator Bilbo, American spokes- militant action in 1941 in the man of race theories identical fight against discrimination. When the FEPC came before Congress this year, its advocates asked an appropriation of only \$599,000 to keep it alive. The

Southern Bourbons attacked FEPC head on, breathing fire and fury, conscious of their power as From its beginning, FEPC had

a dominant wing of the Demono real power to fight Jim Crow. cratic Party. The advocates of It was limited to the war industries. It could not enforce its cutting their request to \$446,000. This taste of blood aroused the law to greater fury. Again cutting their request to \$250,000. This bill passed the Senate. In the House, however, the Southern bourbons began waving

people when they threatened their arms in violent outbursts of

Simpson Hits FEPC Foes

gregation. . Today, I asked a gentleman, 'What about a riot in Detroit for a change?" He said, 'We are expecting to have one almost any day.' Mr. President, it will come; it is bound to come. It is sure to come. . . Isn't it high time the working class put its own political representatives in Congress to

Bilbo Incites Race

Senator Bilbo of Mississippi,

ranting on the floor of the Sen-

ate July 12: "I believe in se-

Riots in Detroit

properly answer such inflammatory calls for a pogrom?

hatred against the Negroes and FEPC immediately backed down, the House Appropriations Committee cut out the FEPC altogether from the bill which carried Southern representatives of lynch appropriations for other agencies amounting to \$770,000,000. FEPC's advocates backed down, Through a parliamentary maneuver, the advocates of FEPC then held up the appropriations

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LOS ANGELES CIO **COMBATS FASCISTS**

LOS ANGELES, July 17 - | front of the labor movement Organized labor has announced | against the fascist menace, over its first counter-action against a month ago. Although the CIO commented attempts by Gerald L. K. at that time on Smith's meetings, Smith, fascist demagogue, to esthis is the first concrete step

establish a base for his movement in Los Angeles.

seating capacity of 10,500, to be fascism. held on the evening of Friday,

July 20, the same night for which Smith has scheduled his fourth Los Angeles meeting. The fascists will use the Shrine auditorium, which seats 7,000. Their June meeting at the Philharmonic auditorium drew half that number. All the forces of the Socialist

to lower the quality of our bak- 12 equal portions for the com- dated. This amendment gives the racy. They must join with the 20. Myra Tanner Weiss, Los An- Militant Army. ery goods." An inquiry revealed ing fiscal year, its personnel must green light to every employer labor movement to organize an geles SWP organizer, was the International Notes

taken to combat his movement. It must be supported by every The CIO council has organized worker, and every minority group a mass meeting of workers at in Los Angeles, as the opening Olympic auditorium, which has a shot in the battle against native ON THE INSIDE

NMU Convention History of FEPC SWP New York Election Platform G. Carlson Speaks in Midwest 6 COLUMNS AND FEATURES

Diary of Steel Worker Pioneer Notes Workers Forum .. first to issue a call for a united

'Lords of Press' Exposed

Workers Party, Los Angeles local, are being mobilized to support the anti-fascist campaign of Trade Union Notes the labor movement. Trotskyist speakers addressed a meeting of The Negro Struggle 1.500 workers last Sunday at a local church, urging them to at- Shoptalk on Socialism tend the CIO meeting on July

solved. Thus the Committee may "The 18,000,000 colored people not even receive the full \$250,000, affected by this united front of "Yet last year alone 5,000 job reaction should particularly note discrimination cases were dock- the role played by Representative

crats formed a united front on ple is clear. If they hope to de-

a great victory.

this question. They agreed to fend their democratic rights they mittee members and employes kill FEPC by reducing its appro- must organize on the political A sign in a Minneapolis bak- last year amounted to not less priation. They even agreed to field. They must put militant

"Both Republicans and Demo-

ery reads: "Due to prevailing than \$352,000. Since FEPC must put in an amendment specifying representatives in office who will

conditions, we have been forced pro-rate its appropriation in the Committee should be liqui- really fight for genuine democ-

be greatly reduced. If the war who believes in the race theories independent labor party."





"The lesson for the colored peo-



PAGE TWO

17-Day Strike

Continued from page 1) | clear that they were out for nothof threats and the completeness | ing less than the complete smashof the tie-up, the publishers and ing of the union. When the union the War Labor Board launched offered to return to work on the their all-out offensive to smash | basis of submitting all disputed issues to arbitration, the publishthe union

ers turned it down and repeated The WLB led off. From the beginning the board had repeatedly their demand, of unconditional ordered the deliverers to return surrender.

to their jobs. Now it raised its As the week ended, finally realizing that the publishers-WLB tone. "Back to work," the bosses' board bellowed at the delivery- attack on the deliverers was nothmen. "Back to work or suffer the ing less than the beginning of a penalties." general union-busting offensive,

The deliverers didn't go back trade union groups began to give to work. So the War Labor verbal support to the deliverers. Board — its strike-breaking role The greater New York CIO never more clear — announced Council called on the publishers the penalties. The contract beto agree to arbitration "as proof tween the publishers and the that it is not your purpose to union, it said, was voided. The break the union." Under pressstrikers, it claimed, had lost their ure of the aroused ranks, the closed shop guarantee, seniority Stalinist leaders of the New York rights and all privileges. The CIO dared not oppose such acpublishers, it said, were free to tion. Support also was voiced by the hire strike-breakers.

PUBLISHERS MOVE

Given the go-ahead signal by their War Labor Board, the publishers acted. They announced they were "taking steps to break the strike" and lifted the twocopy limit on over-the-counter sales.

and N. Y. Local, United Office The drive was spearheaded by and Professional Workmen. But the New York Daily News. The the deliverers union will need News managed to get some newsmore than the support of words. - misguided youngsters boys who didn't realize what they were TRY TO USE-VETS doing - to buy papers in bunch-Following Sunday's vote to rees of 50 to 100. On the night of main on strike the publishers un-Wednesday, July 11, while trying doubtedly soon will begin even to stop the strikebreakers, two more vicious strike-breaking acstrikers were stabbed. tion. Within the next few days

they'll probably try to move the dripping copy. The following day New York City's police commissioner, Valtrucks with scabs - perhaps entine, announced that he had using misguided war veterans, as been "informed that the publishthey have threatened. The newsers were going to try to move paper PM says it is reported that the strike-bound trucks to centhe Daily News has already printtral distribution points. He ored quantities of signs reading dered scores of extra police and "this truck is driven by a war plain-clothesmen out to reinforce veteran." police details already around the

The deliverymen are faced with newspaper plants. The strike- the frank and open hostility of breakers would be protected. the New York City police force.

But for some reason the pub- They're being harangued and lishers didn't try to move the threatened over the air by the trucks. Thinking perhaps it hadn't city's mayor-bumptious, blatting \$3.50 to buy papers for me, but no jobs, no union contract; he been heard the first time, the Fiorello La Guardia. War Labor Board announced Their backs to the wall, under

"formally" that it had revoked attack from all the forces the its contract extension order of powerful publishers and their June 14 "by unanimous vote." | capitalist government can muster, | our women comrades who were The publishers, it repeated, were the deliverers are battling for the showing that a union struggle is to hire whomsoever they life of their union and by that every workers' struggle, man or chose and smash both'the strike token, for the security of all laand the union. bor. It is the duty of every class-

For their part, the publishers conscious rank and file union man delivered another arrogant ulti- in the country to say to the emmatum. They told the strikers to battled independent Newspaper return to work by Monday, July and Mail Deliverers Union: "We 16 or be discharged. Then the are on your side. Your fight is publishers made it absolutely our fight!"



News Deliverers N.Y. News Strikers Welcome Newspaper Unions 77RADE UNION **Publishers Fight** In New York End "Militant" On Picket Lines All Over Country .

It was Saturday night. At By Ruth Johnson newspaper plants in New York City, pickets of the Newspaper driver ever sold papers from and Mail Deliverers Union marchhis truck to a boy, he'd be sused for the fourteenth day. The pended!" Another strike-break-New York local of the Socialist ing stunt of the News, he added, Workers Party dispatched comwas to send thousands of papers rades to sell The Militant conout to New Jersey in milk trucks, taining Evelyn Atwood's story and hire boys there to sell them. of the strikers' vile working con-

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ditions, at two main points.

A dozen of us went to the Dai-

ly News building, where the

trongest attempts to break the

strike were made. Others went

Since early evening there had

been a steady drizzle, yet hun-

dreds of people stood in line to

buy the Sunday edition. Damp,

tired, but determined, the pickets

As our comrades began to call

out "Read the labor side of the

comrade showed his union card

to the picket captain, who pulled

a Militant from his pocket and

said, "This is a real labor news-

For some time we stood in the

rain, urging everyone who pass-

ed to "Read the strikers' side!"

One worker, rushing by, stopped

short. "Give me one," he said. "I

want to get at the bottom of

out anything in the other pa-

Worker? THAT sheet?" he spat

scornfully. Reassured that this

was The Militant, which supports

he handed me a nickel for a

YOUNG STRIKEBREAKERS

Most of the strike-breaking

was being done by young boys,

ten or twelve years old, who

make "big money." Yet they

were worried about scabbing. At

least a score of our papers were

bought by kids who changed

"We're getting rooked too,"

One of the pickets, a man of

middle age, looked gratefully at

'The company sells kids all the

their minds.

again!"

woman.

en help us picket.

"Read the workers' side."

strike in The Militant!" the pick-

ets greeted us with smiles.

walked quietly in front of the en-

to the Times Annex building.

PICKET IN THE RAIN

trance.

paper!"

pers."

CIO Newspaper Guild of New

York, the National Maritime

Union. the Shipyard Workers of

America, the New York News-

boys Union Local 471, the Indus-

trial Union of Marine & Ship-

building Workers Local 39, Local

1 of the News Distribution Guild

DO THAT."

tice.

sions.

cutbacks.

WLB) if you have an organiza-

tion at that time which the War

Labor Board will recognize."

COMRADESHIP As the drizzle changed to a pelting downpour, one of the anything we can do for you, we'll representatives of Big Business pickets took off his own coat, put do it!" One of them promised as it around the shoulders of a girl we left, expressing the thanks of action."

comrade, and told her, "Wear it he strikers for the Militant's home, too you can bring it back support.



LA GUARDIA

every struggle of the workers, INVITES STRIKEBREAKING employer-dominated War Labor LaGuardia does not demand Board, that vicious instrument for that the publishers deal with the enforcement of the wage freeze strikers; he does not condemn the and a strikebreaker in its own acts of violence against the strikright. Like LaGuardia, the pubers: he does not arrange for the lishers are hiding behind the city to provide relief for the WLB, which has issued order thought this was a chance to strikers and their families to after dictatorial order against the prevent the publishers from strike. starving them out. No! That

would be serving the ends of jus-IGNORE JUST DEMANDS LaGuardia brazenly ignores the

burger stripe get the all-out sup-

port of the federal, state and city

governments, while the striking

newspaper, delivery men get noth-

Instead he invites the publishjust demand of the striking uners to try to break the strike; he ion for direct bargaining with the one lad told me. "I gave one of threatens the strikers with police publishers. When it comes to a those guys (a news dealers) violence; he tells them they have show-down, LaGuardia, or any other "liberal" capitalist politi-I never saw head or tail of him warns them to go crawling back cians will always line up, not on to the publishers or their union the side of justice, but on the will be smashed, too. side of the capitalists. Labor-As a cover for his strikebreak hating newspaper publishers of the Hearst, Patterson and Sulz-

ing policies, LaGuardia uses the **Breeze CIO Auto** "My own wife and 5year-old child were on the line earlier in the week," he said proudly. "It's good to have wom-be been up helper He spoke of the companies' use of children to break the strike. In New Contract

On April 26 the American to the union office any time. We papers they can carry. But if appreciate what you're doing Newspaper Publishers Association held its annual meeting in

here tonight." New York. This ultra-reaction-The picket captain invited us to join the line. Extra signs were any organization at this meetfound for several of the comrades. | ing laid down its plans for a The rest of us, too, marched with head-on offensive against the for a return to the fighting polthe pickets, who showed new spirlabor movement, particularly it as their ranks increased. the employes of members of At midnight, with the crowd the association. The Militant dwindling away, we said goodbye to the pickets. "If there's ever declared at the time that these

were lining up for "concerted "Wages, they are convinced, can

board representative, Regional be forced down to a new bottom" Director Carl A. Swanson, in call in the post-war period, declared ing off a request for an NLRB the May 19 Militant. strike vote last week. The ANPA is now beginning to

Swanson contended that all but arry out this union-smashing two issues were settled at a program. Besides the spectacular toppage in New York, the capmediation meeting, but Local 651 talist press is forcing its emofficials charged that "absolutely no grievance" was settled. Willployes out on the picket lines in iam Rogers, chairman of the shop a number of cities. committee, and the local's pres-

STRIKES IN JERSEY

years.

bama.

newspaper derivery mon government of the both the Democratic and Republican Goodrich Layoffs

There is nothing new about La-Guardia's conduct in the newspa-

ident, Archie Myers publicly In New Jersey the Jersey voiced defiance of Swanson. My-Journal and the Bayonne Times ers stated: "If we must defy the have been closed down since June 12. The ANPA forced the Internwe'll do it." ational Typographers to take

strike action when the publishers arbitrarily refused to recognize icies of the international union ITU laws which have been part leaders. A recent meeting of ofof the collective bargaining procedure between the publishers and the union for the past 22

In Ft. Wayne, Indiana the once the necessary procedure for Journal Gazette and the News the UAW-CIO to revoke uncon-Sentinel have not been published ditionally its no-strike pledge" since July 6. The Ft. Wayne and endorsed the resolution of printers at first refused to work overtime, so that no advertising demanding that the UAW ofcopy could be set. From June 21 ficers petition for an industryuntil July 6 these newspapers ap-

peared without ads. Then the printers walked out. They accuse wide NLRB strike vote to smash the Little Steel formula. Presidents of four Flint locals

the publishers of a lock-out. In Pittsburgh a three-day sushave been named as a committee to collaborate with the presidents pension of the Pittsburgh Press was caused when the Teamsters of the Detroit locals in carrying Union and the paper disagreed out the joint demands of the Deon contract procedure over a detroit and Flint auto militants. mand of the truckdrivers to take * * * * over delivery of certain papers

previously handled by district Union-Busting Layoffs circulation men.

In St. Louis, the Newspaper When some 2,500 members of Carriers, who recently voted the the CIO auto workers union re-AFL Paper Carriers Union as its turned to work on July 12 after bargaining agent, took a strike a 16-day strike at the Mack vote which may close down the Fruck plant in New Brunswick, city's three dailies. The union N. J., the company immediately demands the management's reinstituted a big layoff under sencognition of their right to be iority rules which had provoked considered members of a collecthe New Brunswick walkout and tive bargaining unit. sympathy strikes of 5,400 other

Another newspaper strike is workers at the Mack plants in in progress in Birmingham, Ala-Allentown, Pa., and Plainfield, N. J.

NOTES

Want Militant Action

icies that built the CIO United

Automobile Workers locals in

Members and leaders of AC

Spark Plug Local 651, who have

engaged in one big walkout this

year, were burned up at the ac-

tion of the UAW's international

this area.

By Joseph Keller

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1945

The militant auto workers in Chevrolet Unit Calls Flint, Michigan, are clamoring For Strike Vote

Toledo, Ohio-The Chevrolet Unit of Local 14, UAW-CIO at their regular meeting held July 8 passed a resolution calling upon the UAW International Executive Board to initiate an industry-wide strike vote under

the Smith-Connally Act. The resolution, already passed by a regional conference in Detroit, and by many local unions, called for a 30-hour week with no reduction in "take-home" pay.

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'Overwhelming Victory'

CIO President Philip Murray and CIO-PAC Chairman Sidney Hillman seem to be able to talk two ways at once.

Last week these "labor statesmen" issued a joint statement on international to have the vote, the occasion of the launching of a "new educational" campaign by Flint auto workers are in- the CIO Political Action Comdignant over the do-nothing pol- mittee. "PAC recognizes that while the overwhelming victory won by the democratic forces in ficers of nine Flint UAW-CIO the 1944 national election re-Locals adopted a resolution call. presented a serious setback for ing on the UAW leaders to the forces of reaction those for-'establish and set in motion at ces have not been routed.

"On the contrary, and particularly with the defeat of Hitler and the assurance of military victory over Japan, those forces the Detroit Regional Conference have sharpened their attacks against labor and the people."

It's a peculiar "overwhelming victory" which finds those who received a "serious setback" more firmly in the saddle than ever, During more than eight months since the last national elections, the labor leaders who helped to put this "democratic" Congress in office have not been able to point to a single progressive act by this Congress or administration.

As the saying goes, "one more such victory, and we are lost."

* * *

An Injury to One. . .

With the slogan, "An injury to one is an injury to all," 6,500 CIO auto workers at the Spicer Manufacturing Company Toledo. Ohio, walked out on a solid strike when the company fired an office worker who is an active unionist. The firing of the union office girl was a deliberate attempt to intimidate the office workers, At the same time, an Army whose contract has been stalled

official announced sudden termfor months by the WLB. ination of war contracts, effec-Commenting on the company's tive July 31, which will result in provocation, the Toledo Union layoffs for some 2,000 workers Journal, July 13, noted: "Provokin the Mack plants by September ng the workers by unjust nring

SINISTER WALL STREET FORGES IN ATTACK ON THE NEWSPAPER UNIONS

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Alfred McKlee, h i s t o r i a n American working class. press, meets in secret," declares George Seldes in his book Lords of contemporary journalism, de- The ANPA sets the policy of of the Press. In these "closed clares flatly that the ANPA "has playing up vicious hate stories meetings they discuss ways and sometimes been a powerful ad- directed against racial and nameans of fighting labor and their junct in legislative circles to the tional minorities. The ANPA own employes who demand highlobbies of the United States plots the campaign of lies to er wages ... they defend the em-Chambers of Commerce, the Na- besmirch the labor movement. ployment of child labor, they take tional Association of Manufac- The ANPA consistently displays united action against a Congresturers and the trade associations | the rapacious American imperialsional measure which would keep of specific industries."

drugmakers from poisoning or On the basis of carefully docucheating the American people, and they gloat over their own strikebreaking department which offers scabs not only to members but journalism of the United States, paper trusts, with the powerful to anyone who wants to fight from top to bottom, is the per- banking interests, with the ruling unions."

The current newspaper strikes | for - of the wealthy families. | inates the country. in New York and elsewhere prov- There is little in American jouride fresh evidence of the truth nalism today, good or bad, which of the sensational charges level- does not emanate from the fam- the sources of the subsidies which led by Seldes in his exposure of ily dynasties. The press lords of give command of the great news-Big Business control of the Amer- America are actually to be found papers of America! Drag Wall ican press. As Seldes remarks: among the multimillionaire fam-"What conspiratorial plans are ilies." The ANPA is the organ-day!

newspaper field against the

ists as benefactors of humanity.

To fight this sinister organizamented investigations, Ferdinand tion effectively, labor must de-Lundberg charges in his book mand full investigation of America's 60 Families: "The ANPA's ties with the power and sonal affair - bought and paid | Wall Street oligarchy which dom-

free from the hamstringing interference of the WLB. Open up the books of the pub-Now that they have put an lishing interests! Track down end to the company's practice of utilizing WLB arbitration as weapon against them, the men feel that they are in a far strong-Street's secrets into the light of er position to preserve and ex-

per strike. His kind of strike NEWARK, N. J. July 7 - In a successful conclusion to a breaking action has merely recedtwenty-eight day fight, the mem- ed into the background during bership of locals 871, 823 and 267 the war while the federal govof the United Auto Workers, CIO ernment did most of the dirty yesterday ratified the terms of a work for the bosses. Now, hownew contract with the Breeze ever, the capitalist dailies in New York City are being used to set Corporation.

Although the union's central the tone for a full-scale anti-uncontractual demand for an over- ion drive planned by Big Busiall increase of 17 cents an hour ness. Capitalist politicians everyis not included in the new con- where will from now on be called tract, the negotiations were an upon more and more by Big Busiimportant victory for the three lo- ness to do strikebreaking jobs. cals involved. Each of the four And like LaGuardia, they will

previous contracts with this bitheed their master's voice. terly anti-union corporation had

WOULD ACT THE SAME been secured only after fourteen O'Dwyer and Goldstein, the to fifteen months of fruitless ne-Democratic and Republican candigotiations followed by War Ladates for mayor of New York bor Board arbitration and deci-City, are cut from the same cloth as LaGuardia. In fact LaGuardia As a result of militant action, has O. K.'d both of them. To ncluding an eleven-day walkout his police mind, both are "safe." and a unanimous strike vote un-

Both O'Dwyer and Goldstein would act just as LaGuardia has acted in the newspaper strike. Hillman and the Stalinists have betrayed the American Labor Part y into support of the

capitalist politician O'Dwyer. Dubinsky and Co. have betrayed

the Liberal Party into support of the capitalist politician Goldstein. That is why in this New York City election only a vote for the tend their hard-won union condi-tions in the face of the ranid against government strikebreak-is not relaxed for these womtions in the face of the rapid sgainst government strikebreak-

With Local Union AKRON, O., July 14-Threatened lay-offs of three hundred women workers has precipitated days. Some 850 will be laid off at the Allentown plant by Au-fired one of its office girls for a critical situation at the Good- gust.

rich rubber company here. Goodrich Local 5, CIO United

Rubber Workers, has in its contract with the company a proviion that there shall be no layoffs until the work week has been reduced to allow transfers. How- but violated its agreement in best they can against the indusever, the War Manpower Comorder to disrupt the union. mission, claiming that it cannot

relax the 48-hour work week ruling in Akron as long as it is a critical manpower area, has refused to permit a cut in the work week for women to allow the 300 women to transfer into other departments.

CIO members of the War Mannower Commission, Gideon Lowe and George Bass, have demanded a reduction in the work week for women at Goodrich to prevent layoffs.

PROMISES ACTION

John Saylor, Goodrich Local 5 president, stated at a WMC meeting Friday, July 13: "The Goodrich local will put its own work week schedule of 36 hours en." The union representatives on the WMC declared that "the

girls will not work 48 hours while others are laid off." Area WMC Director Harry

C. Markle, however, refused to relax the 48-hour week ruling. "If this is not done it will be the WMC's fault if a strike occurs," Charles McCarter, Goodrich committeeman said at the WMC hearing.

At a previous session of the other low pay jobs. "If they get hungry enough they'll take those jobs," he said. Then this arrogant, petty dictator, added, 'My wife works in a war job, and I need somebody to wash my shirts.'

VOTE FOR DOBBS & SIMPSON TDOTSKYIST «CANDIDATES IN THE COMING. **NEW YORK ELECTIONS**

1. About 500 workers were fired at the New Brunswick plant at and petty sniping is on the inthe termination of the strike and crease among reactionary man-400 more will be laid off in 30 agements. One of the best illusdays. Some 850 will be laid off trations of this is seen right here

allegedly being late for work. For a year, the Mack company The strange thing in the Spicer has been stalling the proposed case and similar firings is that it new contract, which provides for is always the best union mema seniority system on a plant- bers who are discriminated wide basis instead of the old de- against. It would be strange inpartmental basis. The company deed if the workers did not resent had agreed to the new system, such treatment and retaliate as

trial Bourbons."



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Workers Party, 1008 S. Pacific, every day and evening. PHILADELPHIA — An all-day picnic, Sunday, August 5 will be held under joint auspices of the Philadelphia, Allentown,

Reading a n d Quakertown branches of the SWP at the Howard Stump farm, close to Liberty Bell Station 84, Quakertown. All Militant readers and friends invited. Admission free.

SAN PEDRO - Grace Carlson will speak on "Women in Pris-For reservations and further information write to Janice on" on Friday, August 3 at 8 Martin, Director, West Coast Vacation School, 232 S. Hill St., p. m. at Carpenters Hall, 359 West 9 St., Room 4. Room 205, Los Angeles, Calif.

St. Paul Union Demands **Pardon For Patterson** ST. PAUL, Minn., July 14 -1 the mine by himself when it was Local 209, Sheet Metal Workers' shut down and must therefore International Association, Rail- be the victim of a plot of the You may start my subscription to The Militant for 6 months. miner recently sent to prison I enclose 50 cents (coin or stamps).

der the provisions of the Smith-

Connally Act, the present con-

tract was secured in twenty-

eight days of direct negotiation,

strike law. The text of its resolution follows: WHEREAS: William Patterson, today and

to strike and

couldn't possibly have worked in County Prison, Uniontown, Pa.

home and family.

and Lewis denounced the Smith- That copies of this resolution be Connally law as a mortal menace sent to President Truman, Local to the most fundamental right 2399, United Mine Workers,

of a worker's rights and asks the

road Department, has gone on mine-owners to scare stewards record in support of William and committeemen into giving up | WMC, Markle stated that the Patterson, the Pennsylvania coal- | the struggle for their just rights | city needed women workers in under the Smith-Connally anti-

ing.

Richeyville, Pa., and to William

who for 22 years has fought for President of the United States to

the interests of his fellow-work- immediately release William Pat-

ers, is locked behind prison bars terson and restore him to his job, WHEREAS: Murray, Green BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

WHEREAS: William Patterson Patterson who is in Fayette

BE IT RESOLVED: That Local laundries, household service and 209. Sheet Metal Workers International Association is against this unfair and unjust violation

ton Ave., Room 21, any evening between 7 and 9:30 p. m. 20 at 7 p. m., at the Akron Militant Club, 405 Everett Building, 39 E. Market St. NEW YORK - Members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party will meet Saturday, July 21 at 6 p. m. at 116 Uni-

versity Place, to gather signatures on local election peti-tions. An informal get-together will follow at the Chel-California readers can obtain sea Workers Center, 130 West 23rd St. Everyone invited! Sunday, July 22 a beach party

at Bay 8, Brighton Beach, will also gather petition signatures. Take BMT Brighton train to Ocean Parkway; meet at Bay 8 sign. Petitions will be provided.

Local New York headquarters of Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, is open

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Stalinists Tighten Stranglehold On NMU; Force Delegates To O.K. Policy of Betrayal STEEL WORKER

NEW YORK, July 16 - The fifth convention of t National Maritime Union (CIO) ended last Friday, July 13, after twelve days of "unanimous decisions" which strengthened the organizational grip of the Stalinist leadership with a convention endorsement of the sell-out policies introduced by the national council of the union.

win them.

From president Joseph Cur-D-

ran's opening dictate that dele- NMU includes demands for full gates reaffirm the no-strike employment, job security and pledge to the closing session of the convention, discussion was carefully directed along lines of ingless. The problem facing the political support for "labor's entire labor movement is how to friends." The whole tenor of the convention was against independent action by the union. The resolutions adopted embody the idea of labor-management cooperation

and bolster the myth of government impartiality. WHAT WAS DONE

Thus the convention went on

record: (1) To use every method possible, short of strike to prevent wage cuts by a pressure campaign against the War Labor Board and the War Shipping Administration

(2) To lobby in Washington for operated at government expense through subsidies provided for in "progressive win-the-war legisla- the 1938 Merchant Marine Act. against "the reactionary tion." dominant bloc in House and Sen- already announced that they can ate, Republicans and Democrats use at most only 181/2 million alike.

(3) To call for a conference of time merchant fleet. Twenty-six government, labor and industry and one-half million tons of shipto take initial steps in planning ping will go out of commission nation-wide reconversion, and when the war ends. So far as seacreate a three-party board which men are concerned the muchwill function throughout the tran- touted program for "full employsition period from war to peace. ment" will be converted into a This "program of political ac- scramble for berths on the ships

tion," proclaimed as "the main that remain in operation. weapon in the struggle for seamen's demands for adequate wa- NO REAL PROGRAM ges and conditions," cannot win Advancing their own program, the demands it advances. It is a the ship operators have already in the form of a proposal for "nabeggar's program. Legislation asked for by the ritime unions in conjunction with quickly sidetracked.

· Reconversion - II

MONOPOLY PROFIT INTERESTS SABOTAGE FULL PRODUCTION

These same ship operators have

tons of the 45-million-ton war-

By Art Preis

The war has proved once again the material capacity of America to produce plenty for all. But it has also demonstrated that the present economic system, dominated by a handful of big business monopolists, is incapable of providing permanent security and decent living standards for the working people, the vast majority.

For ten years before the war,

the "free enterprise" of Ameri- total income was only \$150 bil- permit the vast government-built can capitalism meant a jobless lion. army of 11,000,000 to 17,000,000

power to come from to sustain industry and agriculture even at ed, ill-fed, ill-clothed." Only un- the present level? The capitalist der the "forced march" of war propagandists have been shout-

backlog. But in whose

cannot be counted upon as a ma-

Shipping Commission Offices Picketed By Maritime Unions NEW YORK, July 16 - The | minor concessions from the WLB. | ical wage cases before the WLB.

of the SIU.

RubberStrikeEnded

By Joseph Andrews

16,500 Firestone rubber workers ended today when 3,000 Fire-

stone Local 7 members voted 3 to 1 in a membership meeting

finished. The union is still pressing appear and speak at the hearing,

for a contract with the Firestone although he was not an accredited

who have done everything to split president. Attorney Johnstone

spirit of the membership during workers when he said, "The whole

rain drenchced those who, not Pacific," the strike leaders told

finding room in the packed audi- the WLB. "We have them right

Tire and Rubber company. The spokesman for the local.

AKRON, O., July 14-The militant thirteen-day strike of

To Avoid "Seizure"

strike action with the aim of

tying up the ships until wages

"This is an attempt to undercut

the Local 7 leadership and sow

dissension in the local," stated

I. H. Watson, Firestone local

spoke for the militant rubber

damn CIO heirarchy and the WLE

"Not all battle lines are in the

maintain a country that the

help." They further pointed out

that the vote to strike was en-

thusiastically and overwhelmingly

endorsed by a crowded union

meeting after a full report of the

negotiating committee. At this

meeting, "Buckmaster himself

spoke against further negotiations

Simultaneously with the release

of his letter, Buckmaster an-

nounced that he was calling a

meeting of the Firestone workers

at the Akron Armory for Sun-

day, July 15, at 2 p.m. Obviously

this was originally intended to

with the company," they said.

are conspiring against the Fire-

week-old picket lines thrown It is expected that a small wage increase of \$10 or \$15 a month around offices of the War Shipmay be granted. If such a de- has a potent argument for all ping Administration in every cision is handed down, seamen major port in the country and will still suffer a 25 per cent rein Washington, D. C. by the duction in pay through the bonus National Maritime Union cuts. (CIO) were joined by other

USED AS MANEUVER maritime unions and as the July Whether this limited action 15 deadline for bonus cuts pass-

benefits seamen even to a small ed and the War Labor Board extent is not the major concern continued to stall on the seaof the NMU leadership. They are fear most is that the picket lines men's wage cases now before it. employing it primarily as a man-These picket lines are part of euver against the rival SIU. publicity campaign to win That is why they do not want "public 'support" for seamen's joint action of the two unions, wage demands. The base wage even though both are affected for an able seaman today is \$100 by the bonus cuts and have ident- are raised. per month. Wartime bonus rates brought this up to around \$200

o return to work.

he strike.

But the fight is far from J

Local 7 leaders have still to face

the inevitable showdown fight

with the CIO United Rubber

the local's ranks and to break the

The stormy Firestone local

hall, while a heavy downpour of

DISTRUST SEIZURE

waiting for a Navy seizure?" a

eeting met in Goodrich Local 5 stone local."

Workers' international officers,

The bonus cut which became effective yesterday reduces the seamen's pay-off for the Atlantic

Ocean run by approximately 40

ship operators and their govern- WANT MINIMUM SCALE ment flunkies in the maritime Thus an able seaman now war boards received no considera- | earnes little more than \$120 per tion by the convention. Four delemonth. Further cuts in the bonus gates who voted against the no- | would bring his earnings back strike pledge were forced by the to the base scale of \$100. Figured Stalinist machine to change their on an hourly basis, this amounts

votes. A suggestion for immedi- to 42 cents per hour for a 56-hour ate formation of a Labor Party week. Seamen are demanding was withdrawn. Similarly, the that the War Labor Board adjust idea of government ownership of their wages in accordance with the maritime industry under con- the 55-cent standard minimum trol of the union was hesitantly scale.

Pickets are carrying signs expressed on the convention floor which advertise the fact that the launched an attack upon the ma- tionalization," but this, too, was maritime unions are not on strike

and will not strike. Their only purpose in picketing is to "publicize" the wage case. Leaflets are handed to all passers-by, explaining the seamen's wage demands and urging that letters and wires be sent to WLB chairman George W. Taylor.

torium, crowded the sidewalk. For here in this country fighting to Because of the very limited four hours the workers debated character of this picket line The the difficult decision. The most soldiers, sailors and marines can Maritime War Emergency Board inipelling reason for the back-torefused to postpone the bonus work vote was the workers' fear apples or going on WPA." The cut. However this action has of the consequences of a Navy Firestone leaders thus repeated forced the WLB to step up its seizure such as occurred at the the firm performance of the Goodhearings and a decision is ex-Goodyear plants following a 19- year strike leaders who previpected this week. day strike.

STALINIST LINE Originally the Stalinist leadership of the NMU tried to impose more severe restrictions on the and government-owned plants to action. The decision to picket

shop committeeman asked. Firestone strike leaders, in a Where is the mass purchasing operate? Their intention is to was taken at the NMU conven-'Aren't we better off to go back letter to all local union members without the constriction of mili-"junk" these plants, to remove tion and pickets were to be limittary control? As a shop committhem from competition. ed to 15 or 20. Although a mothe Firestone Local 7 officers of coming. teeman I can go to bat for the "rabble-rousing," Buckmaster Their perspective is to operate tion was passed to call upon workers in my department under | falsely charged they were putting industry at the minimum capa- other maritime unions for supcity consistent with maintaining port, no call was sent out to the company management, but what can I do when the Navy moves the idea that they are getting a their profits. To accomplish this Seafarers' International Union in?" It was this justifiable they plan to drive wages down (AFL). raw deal... stretching the truth West Coast Firemen and the distrust of Navy seizure that conand prices up, to create an army if necessary." He also stated that of hungry, desperate, jobless Marine Cooks and Stewards joinvinced a majority of the militant there were only ten points at workers willing to sell their la- ed the picket lines with their own Firestone workers of the necesissue in contractual negotiations bor power at any price, to des- banners last Thursday. These sity for a termination of the between the company and the troy union conditions and the la- unions brought some signs which strike. union. There are actually 170 bor movement Nevertheless their strike, to exposed the super-profits of the disputed points. That is the essence of all the shipping companies, but these gether with the Goodyear strike, was a magnificent demonstration egislation the political agents of have since been removed. Never-**REPLIES TO ATTACK** Big Business are ramming theless the ranks of the pickets of defiant courage, and served In a reply to this scurrilous, through Congress. hav swelled to nearly 200 at the more than any other strike during disloyal attack, the executive offices of the WSA in the port of the war to unmask both the anti-The greatest, the insurmounboard members of Firestone local New York. The NMU leadership labor strikebreaking War Labor table obstacle to full production, pointed out that during the entire is now threatening a mass picket in the investment markets. For full employment and higher liv-Board and the cowardly top union course of negotiations from April this reason accumulated savings ing standards is the profit and line. officials who have helped provide 5 to June 29. "the International Union has given us no effective

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When night falls, the birds glide down to their nests, and the field animals seek the shelter of their little dens.

And there was a time, long ago, when men, too, at evening put aside their labor, laid away their tools and lay down to sleep until morning. Yes, there was once a time when men walked abroad in the light of noonday and slept deeply through the night.

Whatever the outcome of this But today there are great maneuver, the NMU leadership wheels that turn without stopping for darkness or day. There are imseamen. If the WLB grants a mense furnaces that must be tendsmall increase, it will be the reed whether it be light or dark. sult of the NMU demonstration. There are mills and factories that If the demands are denied, the buzz and roar and clang week in NMU leadership will place the and week out from one year to the blame on the do-nothing policies next without ever ceasing. And there must be men to tend these What the Stalinists in the NMU wheels and furnaces and presses. The machines never stop; and the will be joined by all seamen and, men bound to them never stop. in the event of a flat rejection by If you have never worked on the WLB, develop into full-blown

the night shift, you don't know what it means to the worker. If you have, perhaps you recall these things:



Feeling dead tired and sleepy early in the evening, because you know that you must be awake until tomorrow comes to end your shift.

Looking enviously out of the bus windows at the people who lead normal lives, who are out enjoying themselves while you are on your way to the factory, who will be soon returning to their homes, to wives and children, and to bed.

A feeling of resentment, of hatred toward the company, that you should have to stand apart from the ways of normal people, that you must live like a mole in the darkness, like a bat that sleeps all day in a musty belfry.

Joking enviously with the afternoon shift in the locker room: You're lucky. I've got it all ahead of me!"

Starting the job with a feeling of weakness in your legs that ngers you because you know it's just the knowledge of the long night ahead of you that causes the weakness, and not any actual weariness ... yet.

Looking out at the black sky occasionally as you work, watching all night long to see the light blue glow and then the dead gray of dawn that doesn't come and doesn't come until sometimes you almost think that there won't be any more day, that there will just be night from this time on throughout all eternity.

The spells, the paroxysms of drowsiness that threaten to conquer you and send you plunging down into the depths of sleep, while you fight painfully to keep awake.

The "night shift taste" in your mouth, which makes your lunch even less appetizing; and the invariable indigestion that follows eating it.

The first glow of dawn that has come up and caught you come back to without selling unawares, because, perhaps, you had finally given it up for lost.

WEARINESS AT END OF NIGHT SHIPT

The dark bulk of the trestle with its string of lights receding into the distance, and the massive blackness of other buildings ously had defied the WLB at a and objects that first become apparent in the faint, pre-natal Washington show-cause hearing. light of the coming day. On July 12 URWA vice-presi-"What have we to gain by dent L. S. Buckmaster unleashed

The last terrific fight against sleep that comes when night is almost gone.

an unbridled public attack on the Then the reawakening of your mind as the dawn swells into day, and the feeling that despite the weariness of your body you published in the press. Accusing will not be able to sleep now that the time for rest is finally

And at last the envious joking of the day shift in the locker

controlled prices. These demands in and of themselves are mean-SUBSERVIENT POLICY Instead of launching an effective program of independent political action, the NMU convention adopted a policy of political subservience to the ship operators and their government. The legislative program calls for a "realistic Ship Sale Bill" to set "reasonable" prices on government-built and government-owned ships. These ships, turned over CURRAN to the greedy ship operators at "reasonable" prices, will then be

the Maritime War Emergency

Proposals that would have prepared the NMU for defensive ac-per cent. tion against the attacks of the

could American monopoly capi- ing from the housetops: "Look talism maintain production near at the huge backlog of savings!" capacity — and for only a brief HUGE PROFITS three years. Yes, there is indeed such a

This was made temporarily huge possible by the monumental blood hands? The kept press did not sacrifice of more than a million feature in headlines a recent De-American soldiers; colossal and partment of Commerce reportdeliberate destruction of material and warning - that "there is resources: incalculable drain on reason to believe that a relativecan labor; restriction of all prime ly large share of cash savings tanic burden of over \$300 billion cally smaller high-income groups, who may, on the whole be more in war debt. inclined to retain their savings

But not even this "best effort" of American capitalism, in the peak productive years of the war, could provide decent living jor determinant of the level of standards for most of the working people, though it further ention period." riched the biggest capitalists "beyond the dreams of awarice." Here are some facts:

BARE SUBSISTENCE

alone is daily imposing hidden A recent wage survey by the pay cuts on every worker. Soon Research Division of the CIO, in there will be a vast army seekconjunction with the U.S. De- ing jobs - 4,800,000 by October, partment of Labor, reveals that 1945, according to the conservaduring the war 37 per cent of tive estimate of War Production the wage-earning population re-ceived wages of less than 65c the end of the war in the Far an hour — an average of \$19.24 Pacific, this number will soar to program can hope to provide the for a 40-hour week. Over half 19,000,000.

the workers earned total annual It won't be the workers who incomes below \$1,752. For an will be buying the new autos, average family, this would at television sets, kitchen gadgets, present prices, provide a subsist- refrigerators with which the corence lower than called for on the poration advertising copy writers WPA Emergency Budget of 1935. have been tantalizing the people

This same study shows that if all through the period of war the present volume of production shortages. is continued, but with a shift to

The problem which confronts the low-wage consumers goods the American people - and one industries, the 1944 total payroll which cannot wait on any disof \$90-billion will be slashed to tant solution - is full production. \$70-billion. Reduced hours result-Unless all the plants and proing in loss of overtime and pre- ductive facilities are operated at mium pay, have already sliced full capacity, providing goods for other billions from the take-home the needs of the people, a cataspay of millions of American trophic economic breakdown is workers. So critical is the situainevitable.

tion that even Economic Stab-WHAT IS REQUIRED ilizer William H. Davis, while in-On the very face of it, the sisting on continuance of the wage-freeze, has conceded that it mere beginnings of a program will take a general national 40 for full production and employper cent hourly wage rate in- ment require: 1. a drastic reduccrease to compensate for the loss tion in the work week to divide in take-home pay during the "re- the available work among all who need jobs; and, 2. a steep conversion" period.

But, admit government econ- boost in wage rates to maintain omists, with the return of 12,000,- even the present mass purchas-000 veterans it will take a na- ing power.

tional annual income of \$200-Not even this, however, will billion to provide the 60,000,000 touch the nub of the problem. ter for the asking. It will be and to lead the battle for its acjobs needed to prevent mass un- How can mass purchasing power won only in bitter struggle - complishment? employment in the postwar years. be increased, how can jobs be as every other gain in the past In 1944 — the best production provided for all, if the capitalists has been won.

year in American history — the and their government refuse to American labor, then, must Militant.)

This sort of public demonstramonopoly interests of the capition will likely result in some talists. The private ownership

economic activity in the transi- and control of the means of production and distribution, the exploitation of labor to enrich the Purchasing power, the wage few, is a steel straightjacket on earners income, is rapidly declinfull production. ing, not increasing. Inflation

NO IDLE PLANTS!

oncessions

No program for full employment and higher incomes can be effective unless it boldly smashes through this basic obstacle to full production — the profit interests needed 60,000,000 post-war jobs unless it demands squarely: NO IDLE PLANTS! Don't let the monopolists shut them down! Don't let them get their hands on the government plants built and paid for by the people! Let them be government-owned and operated under the control of the producing class, the workers!

This program, which strikes adopt two fundamental proposiat the heart of the problem, will tions if it wishes to prevent mass under a Navy seizure. inspire savage resistance from unemployment and the beating the capitalist rulers. They will use down of its living standards to their executive committee, the coolie levels:

capitalist government, to 1. The workers must have ight the slightest infringement on their "rights." As they have amply demonstrated, they will hesitatingly over-rides the profit never willingly yield to the needs interests of the greedy few; of the great majority. They ar-2. The workers must be preprogantly reject even the smallest ared to advance that program in

independent, united and remorse-Thus, any program which less class struggle on the econo proposes to invade the preserves mic and political field; of profit and vested privilege is Do the present top labor lead not worth the paper it is written ers in this country offer such a on unless the American labor program? Are they prepared to movement is ready and willing light for it in the only effective

to conduct an all-out, show-down manner? Do they have the courfight to attain it. It won't be age and wisdom to tell the Amerhanded to labor on a silver plat- ican workers what must be done

a cover for the government's antilabor policy. The back-to-work vote follow-

> ed a quick succession of events in which the WLB and the URWA International officers tried to bull-doze the Firestone local leaders into line.

DEFY THE WLB On July 10 the Firestone strike leaders appeared before the WLE in Washington at a "show cause" hearing, after being subpoenaed. At the hearing the public and labor members of the WLB arrogantly commanded the strike leaders to end the strike. They threatened to take away the union's maintenance of membership and check-off provisions, to take back the liberalized vacation

previously granted. They also stated that the Firestone local was without a contract and would have no legal bargaining rights

Max Johnstone, the union attorney, speaking for the Local 7

dictatorial reprisals against the officers, stated, "The Firestone local is serving notice now that it is not going to be beaten by thing of the past since the the Firestone company, either termination of the strike. Local with or without the War Labor Board's assistance. If the WLB action. removes the maintenance of mem-

bership and check-off' sections of the union contract the dues lines and gate parties we have had in the past will be resumed by Local 7."

The WLB added insult to injury | the CIO, and that will be able to by inviting to appear before them meet the anti-union onslaught of four members of the Firestone the combined forces of the bargaining committee as well as corporations, the government the four union officers. This was agencies and the labor mis-(The third article in this series to give C. L. Richmond, a Dal- leaders, who have revealed themwill appear in next week's rymple stooge who consistently selves in this situation as nothing opposed the strike, a chance to but strikebreakers.

m, where they say, "You're lucky. We got it all ahead of us!" on "a campaign to sell everybody And the long bus ride home, tired out as you look out the windows at the people who lead normal lives and are moving briskly about in the sunshine of the new day.

But this is the lot of the worker.

For the great wheels must turn day and night.

And the huge furnaces must be tended in darkness and light. And there must be men to toil in the factories and struggle and sweat both night and day.

For the factories are grinding out profits for the capitalists, profits so great that you and I cannot encompass them in our minds.

That is why the factories cannot be idle at night, and men cannot all sleep at night, but some must go out in the darkness to work.



JULY 20, 1935

AMSTERDAM — The Revolutionary Socialist Workers Party of Holland registered important gains in many municipal elections, increasing from 16 to 25 the number of posts held by Trotskyists in various administrations.

DETROIT - The American Youth Congress, controlled by the Stalinist party, concluded a 4-day meeting in Detroit with the adoption of a social-patriotic program. The convention marked the second anniversary of the AYC, which included in its ranks representatives of the Young Communist League (Stalinist), Young People's Socialist League (Socialist Party), Spartacus Youth League (Trotskyists and Proletarian Party youth.) The YCL, following the class-collaborationist position of Stalinism on the international arena, viciously attacked all proposals for a revolutionary program against capitalist war. "The answer is clear," wrote The Militant in 1935. "Should the United States enter a multi-lateral pact similar to the Franco-Russian (non-aggression) pact, the YCL stands ready to suspend all activity against a war waged by American capitalism with, possibly, Germany."



become a back-to-work meeting sponsored by the International union, over the heads of the duly elected local officers. Should the International go program and night shift bonuses through with this meeting now, it will mean that Dalrymple

Buckmaster and Company are bent on disrupting the Fireston local, and illegally removing its These threats were met with officers. This will precipitate a defiance by the strike leaders. bitter inner-union war. The threat of removal of local officers, expulsions, or similar

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Southern Bourbon Poll-Tax Congressmen Lynch Fair Employment Practices Committee

on these other agencies, demanding a roll call vote on FEPC.

THE AMENDMENT

Finally the House committee reported out the Senate bill but tacked on the following amendment:

"For completely terminating as a dodo. the functions and duties of the Committee on Fair Employment Practices, including such of the objects specified in the appropriation for such agency for the fiscal year 1945 as may be incidental to its liquidation, \$250.000." stantial defeat."

Representative Colmer of Mississippi attempted to make this clause the sole one to govern the expenditure of funds. However. it was too raw for the advocates of FEPC who required a face-saving formula to cover their retreat. As the sole clause it was voted down 188 to 116, but was included with the following clauses as part of the final amendment:

Provided, that if and until the Committee on Fair Employment reactionary as is its record on Practices is continued by an act Jim Crow, was able to make of Congress, the amount named capital out of the debacle. Senator herein may be used for its con-Morse, Republican of Oregon, tinued operation until an addideclared that the amendment was tional appropriation shall have been provided:

"Provided further that in no hands of those who want to case shall these funds be available for expenditure beyond June my party has lived up to its 30. 1946.'

pledge (concerning the FEPC) If the war with Japan should in the Chicago Convention; end before that date, FEPC will otherwise it would never have Party. In signalizing the FEPC likewise be summarily ended. accepted this compromise"

This weasel-worded amendment The Senator then revealed why permits the advocates of FEPC in | it was even a Republican could | as a "victory" for racial minori-Congress to claim a "victory." make political capital out of the ties they are simply following The clauses, however, are quite death of FEPC: "The record of the dictum of Hitler and Stalin clear. The first clause specifies my party is so much better than that the bigger the lie the more the liquidation of FEPC. The that of the other major party people believe it.

parently lies within the discretion | When the party of Harding, Southern Bourbon congressmen. | crats, that record must really be It is evident that FEPC is dead

bad! But there are people so low The liberal PM, which follows they are willing to whitewash consistent policy of whiteeven the Jim Crow record of the washing the administration, is Democratic Party. Marcantonio forced to admit in its July 13 of the American Labor Party issue: "It is clear that the wardeclared the "compromise" was time agency to outlaw job satisfactory to him. "We won't even try to amend it," he declared discrimination suffered a subblandly. And then, in direct con-The killing of FEPC was so tradiction to the facts, he conraw that neither the House nor cluded: "It leaves no string tied the Senate took a roll-call vote. to FEPC. It can go on through

They passed the measure by the fiscal year." voice vote, thus preventing the STALINIST FAKERS position of individual Congress-The Daily Worker official organ men from becoming know to the public. These tools of Big Busi-

of the Stalinists went even further. The July 13 issue hails ness who claim to be "representhe amendment as a "smashing tatives of the people" fear to let defeat for red-baiting, as well as the people know how they voted! a victory for the right of Ne-Even the Republican Party, groes, Jews, Mexicans and other minorities to work without discrimination.'

The Stalinists have given the Roosevelt regime vociferous sup-'designed in fact to thwart port. In the New York election FEPC" and played "into the they are now throwing their forces behind O'Dwyer, Demodestroy FEPC. . . I do not think cratic candidate for mayor. To justify this support they are discrimination and forcing emwilling to go to any lengths in ployers to hire Negroes. . ." white-washing the Democratic FORETOLD FEPC FATE amendment cooked up by the Southern Bourbon Congressmen

told its fate. Albert Parker, well

published July, 1943: "... Executive Order 8802...

gave... no powers to force anyone

and was a concession without any teeth in it. The FEPC helped a

Workers attending the school little by a few open-hearings to tities. One comrade was heard came from many different parts publicize the scandalous situation of the country. A large number in industry, and it prevailed on a were from New York, including few employers to hire some Negro several from the Trotskyist Youth workers. Its ineffectualness was Group. There were also represamply demonstrated when it held izations to a conference to sugentatives from Toledo, Akron, a hearing in Birmingham (Ala-Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis bama) in 1942, where it was more or less openly defied by the Jim explained many times after that

Many comrades expressed a Crow employers. open for the comrades to engage course. During the second pe- planning to do so. Any worker opposition, especially from the man for the agency. Finally a

second clause says the funds MAY BE USED for "continued operation." The "MAY BE" ap-the protection of minority rights." TROTSKYISTS PREDICTED of the committee itself, which is dominated by friends of the southern Boundern a better record than the Demo-southern Boundern and Hoover can claim a better record than the Demo-

When Roosevelt set up the Fair Employment Practices Committee in 1941, supporters of the New Deal hailed this act as the beginning of the end of racial discrimination and segregation in America. The Roosevelt regime, they claimed, had taken up he battle against Jim Crow.

Even after a two-year test, demagogues in the labor move- opposition resulted, in the summer ment still pointed to FEPC as of 1942, in Roosevelt's transfer of evidence that the Roosevelt the FEPC from the jurisdiction regime had championed equality of the White House to that of McNutt's War Manpower Comin hiring for the Negro people. James W. Ford, one of the Negro | mission, whose finances are controlled by Congressional commit-Stalinist leaders, declared for instance in the Daily Worker of tees largely dominated by the poll-taxers. Many labor and Negro April 10, 1943: "The government has a wellorganizations condemned this established policy against distransfer as a move to make the

FEPC even more powerless than crimination of Negro citizens in war industries. That policy was it had been previously, and requested that it be restored to its established by President Rooseprevious status. Finally in Develt's Executive Order 8802, cember 1942, Roosevelt answered issued June 25, 1941. One cannot deny that much has been accomthese protests with the statement that he saw no necessity for any plished in the elimination of job discrimination, that many hunchanges in the situation because the FEPC is 'still under direct dreds of thousands of Negro control of the Chief Executive.' workers have been put to work He also made reference to the in war industries. The Fair Emannouncement that the FEPC was oloyment Practices Committee planning soon to go ahead with (FEPC) was an effective instrument in exposing cases of a number of open hearings.

GOOSE COOKED "But the goose of the FEPC had already been cooked in spite Of all the political parties, the of these typically Rooseveltian Trotskyists alone told the truth assurances. A month later Jim about FEPC and correctly fore-| Crow scored another victory in Washington when Mc Nutt, known columnist of The Militant, against the expressed wishes of now in the armed forces, wrote the FEPC members, suddenly as follows in his pamphlet Ne- called off an already scheduled groes in the Post-War World, hearing on discriminatory employment policies of the railroads. a hearing which Negro leaders had described as a 'key test' of McNutt's attitude toward the Negro.

> "In the four months after this, nothing: some of its members resigned; Roosevelt promised, again after many protests had been made, that the railroad

hearings would be held after all; McNutt and Attorney General And the Welder hearings would be held after all; Biddle called a number of organgest means of reconstituting and strengthening the FEPC; McNutt conference that the delay in "Despite its impotence, the further action was due to the



BILBO

Whether you carry out this order establishing a new FEPC task now may well mean the difwhich like its predecessor has no power to abolish Jim Crow in industry. There isn't an informed person in Washington who honestly believes after these tion under Socialism or Negro developments that the new FEPC extermination under American will meet a happier end than the fascism. Important as it is, it is old one.

"The fate of the FEPC is a not a dirty job but a refreshing sign of the things to come. To this it should be added. for the benefit of those looking ahead to

DECIDE NOW! the postwar period, that the

FEPC had authority to inestly and conscientiously review vestigate only war plants and and reevaluate the program and was never intended to function tactics of your party and decide after the war anyhow." now whether, as genuine Communists, you are in the right

ANALYSIS CONFIRMED party or the wrong party. You This fine analysis of FEPC by the Trotskyist writer, Albert the prejudiced sense of friendship Parker, has been confirmed to the ties or blind loyalty to the CPA, hilt. The Southern Bourbon Conbut in the impartial light of hard

gressmen utilized their control over its finances to strangle the tionary socialist program. FEPC. Although the Committee The Stalinist party, as will still exist on paper for a short period, its sole real activity comes up to the qualifications of will be to carry out its own a revolutionary party. The name liquidation. Thus, far from using 'communist' in this case is a the FEPC to end Jim Crow, the treacherous misnomer. Many hongovernment did just the opposite; est Negro militants are still being it plotted with the advocates of duped into believing that this im Crow to end the FEPC. The party really means to lead the lesson for the Negro people is workers of the world to power. clear. If trust is placed in a reactionary government to end pursuing a reformist, not a revdiscrimination, the battle is lost olutionary socialist policy. They from the start. Only through are not out to destroy the outmilitant struggle can even the worn capitalist system but to mildest concessions be gained.



The greatest teachers of the working class - Marx, Lenin and Trotsky — have pointed out that lessons of theory are to be gleaned from various processes, whether they occur in nature, society or the mind. This point is excellently illustrated by an article on welding which appeared in the

April 1945 Fourth International.

The whole approach of the author

is a clarification of how, in the

I read it again and again, and

- a temperature comparable to

legree pool of molten iron

under the flame, that cooled each

he used his bare hands, bracing

himself with one hand on the me-

tal only a few inches from this

terrific heat. This seeming par-

adox need only to be clearly stated to be grasped. The quan-

tity of heat is one thing while its

quality is something else again.

For example, a cupful of boiling

water will make hardly more than

dent in a 25 pound cake of ice.

But place this ice in a tub of

lukewarm water and it will quick-

From the article Modern Weld-

ing and the Welder, in FOURTH

INTERNATIONAL for April

ly disappear."

follows:



Every Negro who proudly calls himself a Communist who believes that communism is the only hope for Negro equality and for working-class security, who hopes and works for the abolition of the rule of the "Sixty Families" and for the establishment of the Socialist United States of America where exploitation and racial discrimination would be public crimes numbers one and two - every such Negro, if he belongs to the Communist (Stalinist) Political Association, has an immediate duty to perform.

lutionists but they are always as in Italy, Belgium and Greece - ready, by their cooperation ference between victory and de- with the Allied imperialists or feat of all you strive for - the in other ways, to kill the revoludifference between Negro libera- tion when push comes to shove. They do this because they know that the world revolution would also mean the return to workers' not a hard job but an easy one; democracy in the Soviet Union and therefore an end to the parasitic domination of Stalin and his bureaucray. The Stalinist leaders understand their task and Your job, comrades, is to hon- are working toward it. Can you say the same?

LENIN'S VERDICT

When the Second International turned patriotic as a result of the pressure of the last War Lenin pronounced it dead and must make this reevaluation not in and went on to form the Third. Wake up to the fact that the Third International is dead facts and loyalty to the revolu- as far as the fight to overthrow capitalism is concerned! Only the Fourth International can lead the coming progressive social overpointed out last week, no longer turn.

To quote The Militant of June 16: "The Socialist Workers Party and the world Trotskyist parties are the only workers' organizations which can hold their heads high with pride in their We are the unsullied banner. only organization which pursued Marxist - Leninist policy throughout the war in the great tradition of Liebknecht and Lenin. Ours was the only true struggle patch it up. They resemble the against fascism; ours was the only true defense of the USSR. Not for a moment did we susfor the failure of the German pend the revolutionary socialist struggle. We did not tell any lies about the character of the war. We told only the truth. We

REFORMIST POLICIES Cooperation with the "progtirelessly exposed the deception ressive" capitalists, supporting of the Stalinists, the Social-Democrats and all other flunkies of the imperialist war, accepting the paralyzing no-strike pledge, adimperialism. For this 18 of our vising against militant, mass proleaders were thrown into prison. tests in the struggle for Negro But our party was not destroyed, rights, supporting the Roosevelt not even weakened. It grew and Truman administrations of stronger under persecution and Big Business profiteering and of is now rallying more and more Jim Crow armies - all these revolutionary militants under its are reformist policies. Furtherhanner of un npromising strug-

Midwest Vacation School Students Learn Marxism, Enjoy Happy Time Set up by Roosevelt to ward off the projected March-On-Wash-

The second week of the Mid- very often to engage in informal | ren Creel instructed a large num- ington in the summer of 1941, the FEPC achieved absolutely West Vacation school was as big political discussions. The food was varied, well-cook- of Marxist economics. a success as the first in the opined, and served in prodigious quanion of the more than twenty workers and students who atto "complain:" "Meat, meat tended. every day the same thing!"

Serious study alternated with Four classes were held in all, indoor and outdoor recreation in two at the same time. During providing an interesting and enjoyable week of relaxation from Warde taught a group in the the first hour-and-a-half Wm. the grind of everyday work. Marxist philosophy of Dia-Classes were held in the mornlectical Materialism while Mac ings from 9:30 'til 12:30 and the Ingersoll led the less experienc- desire to return to the camp laremainder of the day was left ed students in a basic Marxism ter in the summer, and some are FEPC was the object of much difficulty in getting a new chair-

ber of comrades in the principles

in all sorts of sports from swim-riod George Collins led a class who can possibly get the time Southern Democratic poll-tax new chairman was secured, Mgr. ming and rowing to softball and through the history of the Fourth to do so should join these advancbloc in Washington, who hated it Francis J. Haas, dean at Catholic kadminton. In the evening groups International with special emph- ed fighters for socialism for at as a symbol of the government's University which has barred of workers gathered in the re- asis on the growth of the Social- least a week of study and recrea- right to 'encroach' in any way Negro athletes from its track creation hall to play ping-pong, ist Workers Party in the United tion at the Midwest Vacation on the right of the states to treat meets, and on May 27, 1943, chess and checkers, to dance, and States. At the same time War- School. the Negroes as they please. This Roosevelt issued a new executive

and Seattle.

"Militant" Picnic

adelphia 23, Pa.

Pioneer Notes

Thousands of new readers of The Militant are following the accounts of the national tour of Grace Carlson who is speaking, from first-hand experience, on the subject "Women in Prison" to branches of the Socialist Workers Party throughout the country. Many of the new readers have been able to attend the meetings at which Comrade Carlson has spoken and to make the acquaintance of the sole woman among the 18 Socialist Workers Party leaders who were imprisoned in the Minneapolis Labor Case.

It is timely to call to the at tention of new readers the pamphlets which have been put out by Pioneer Publishers on the Minneapolis trial, the major case during the war involving rights Plan of labor and freedom of speech which resulted in the imprisonment of Grace Carlson and the 17 other fighters for the working

PHILADELPHIA, Penn. - | erty Bell" Station 84. A cold Four pamphlets, in an attractive box under the title of Delegates from the three East- clear pool and spring brook in a The Case for Socialism, are being ern Pennsylvania branches of the beautiful grove, with fields for Socialist Workers Party met Sun- games and ample parking space, sold at the special price of 25 cents. The pamphlets are Social. day, July 8 to launch plans for a Militant Readers' Picnic to be ism on Trial by James P. Cannon, held all day Sunday, August 4 at In Defense of Socialism by Albert Goldman, Who Are the 18 the Stump Farm in Quakertown, Quakertown - Reading - Philadel-Prisoners in the Minneapolis La- Pennsylvania. The 30-acre Stump phia area. Here they will be bor Case? and Why We Are in Farm is very close to the "Lib-Prison.

tains a summary of the salient Socialism on Trial is the official court record of James P. Canfacts of the case and brief biognon's testimony in the Minnearaphies of the 18 who were put polis trial. A dramatic primer behind bars because they "fought of the revolutionary movement, for the interests of labor, for this testimony covers a wide their ideas, and for a better range of Marxist theory. Never world." In the pamphlet Why before have the ideas and pro-We Are in Prison are included gram of socialism been so systhe farewell speechs the defendtematically presented in a capiants made just before they went talist court. In Defense of So- to prison-

cialism is the official record of the final speech for the defense The Case for Socialism (four by Albert Goldman who was defense attorney as well as one of trial) 25 cents. Order from Pio- Picnic Chairman, care of Labor the defendants Who Are the 18 Prisoners con- Place, New York 3, N. Y.

Open-Air Lakeside Class at Vacation School



Students and teacher enjoy an outdoor class at the Grass Lake, Michigan Midwest Vacation School. Here, on the beautiful shoreline of the sparkling lake, William F. Warde leads a discussion on Marxist philosophy.

In Eastern Pennsylvania FASCISM USES MIDDLE CLASS TO Fascism is not born solely from gold, have "set marching" such the desire and subsidies of human forces if the masses had make this an ideal picnic spot. There are hundreds of new capitalist magnates. "To declare,"

Pumeer Paragraphs

Militant readers in the Allentown Silone observes truly, "that these organizations are only a diabolic able to become better acquainted invention of finance capital, wishing to preserve its rule, is not with each other and meet those who are helping to make The the nature of these forces which capitalist bourgeoisie and organ-Militant the leading workers' pa-

rise from the depths of society." per in America. As many as possible of the Militant readers near- | Doubtless, in the beginning, when | of both the developments and the they are still playing merely the crisis of capitalism, were proby will be personally invited to role of "anti-labor militia," the foundly discontented with their join in the day's outing. Plans call for a sports program fascist bands recruit many ad-

venturers with the mentality of moral. They dreamed of a radical for children and adults. Refreshmercenaries. But as fascism change. At once the question ments and food will be provided orientates itself towards the con- arises: why did they not turn at low prices that cover only exquest of power and becomes a to socialism? No doubt a number penses. Admission will be free. great mass movement, the motives of clashing interests and certain Readers wishing further infor-

that bring to it thousands of antipathies separated them from mation or those who wish to help human beings become more com- the organized proletariat. But pamphlets on the Minneapolis distribute tickets may write to: plex and require painstaking these conflicts would have been analysis. The capitalist magnates | surmounted if the revolutionary | neer Publishers, 116 University Forum, 405 W. Girard Ave., Phil-

not previously been in a state of instability and discontent that conditioned them for conquest. As a matter of fact, in Italy as

MASS BASE

in Germany, the various social enough for an understanding of layers intermediate between big

discontented an escape from their ized proletariat, who were victims misery. But in reality, the working class showed itself incapable of leading the way. Instead it was fascism which exploited the condition, material as well as discontent of these various social strata, aroused them against the organized proletariat, and what is worse, succeeded in detaching from organized labor certain proletarian groups.

1945.

(From "Fascism and Big Business," by Daniel Guerin, pp. 27could never, in spite of all their | proletariat had opened up for the | 28. Pioneer Publishers, 1939).

more, regardless of the new fake gle against the rotten system of "turn" to the left, the Stalinists apitalism with its wars, its povare still backing in their new rty, its oppression."

common industrial processes, resolution each of the policies Dark-skinned comrades within work in which millions are enlisted above. What kind of a the Stalinist snare: You will have gaged, theoretical questions are fight for Communism is that? to answer in the future not only at bottom involved. An extract What real Communists in the to the workers as a whole, but rank and file can be expected to especially to the doubly-oppress-"When I was a school kid, support such a program of beed Negro people. The social-pathere was a sentence in Brigham

traval? triotic reformists of yesterday Why does your leadership take are scorned today; while Lenin, such a course? The Trotskyists the "fanatical" revolutionist, is - the real Communists - have revered by the world's workers. pointed out for years that the You can be hero or heel. The world Stalinist parties are only Negro workers will decide tomorrow which choice YOU made toa pawn in the counter-revolutionary diplomacy of the bureauday.

tree to escape the heat which has cracy in the Soviet Union. They masquerade in the guise of revo-"On entering the factory work

The Stalinists in America are

discredited Social Democrats of

Germany who were responsible

revolution after World War I.

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Socialist Workers Party's Fighting Platform For The Election Campaign In New York City

PREAMBLE

This year's municipal elections are perhaps the most important in the history of New York. The postwar depression, now looming on the horizon, will sweep through the country's largest city with devastating effect. Already sky-rocketing prices, staggering taxes, and frozen wages have cut deeply into the standard of living of the people. Shortages are growing. Rationing is becoming more unbearable. The black market is tightening its stranglehold.

Mass lay-offs are now under way. Wage slashes are in store for those who manage to hang on to their jobs. Compulsory arbitration and government strikebreaking are on the order of the day.

What Does the Future Hold?

Millions of workers in uniform returning to their homes will find, not 60,000,000 jobs, but a permanent army of conscripts and a vast army of unemployed. Heroes today, will they face the same future as the veterans of World War I: Hoovervilles, tear gas, police clubs?

What do the capitalist political parties in New York offer the workers as a solution to their burning problems? They offer political stooges of Wall Street, hand-picked in smoke-filled back rooms by the bosses of New York's corrupt political machines!

The Tammany-dominated Democratic Party represents the real estate corporations, the wealthy merchants and the Wall Street plutocrats. Tied in with vicious rackets, Tammany Hall—graft-ridden, rotten and venal—has long been a by-word for the worst in city politics. Wall Street politicians running on a so-called "reform" ticket have promised again and again to clean out this sink of corruption. But Tammany Hall simply draws back into the shadows, manipulates behind the scenes, and plots a comeback. This year Tammany Hall is maneuvering to take over the city administration once more.

There Are No Real Differences

The Republican flunkies of the Wall Street bankers have no real differences with Tammany Hall. Their perspective, too, is another depression, permanent conscription and a Third World War. The Hoover - Dewey - Goldstein machine lays claim to office solely as a more efficient executor of Wall Street's program.

The American Labor Party at one time represented the hope of New York workers for an independent party that would fight the Wall Street political machines. The large vote cast for the ALP in past elections came from workers seeking an independent voice in city politics. They have been cruelly betrayed by the ALP leaders. These treacherous politicians lined up in the camp of LaGuardia. They supported LaGuardia despite his having turned the police on strikers and unemployed demonstrators. They supported him

despite his refusal to bargain collectively with city employes. They supported him despite one of the worst scandals ever uncovered in New York —LaGuardia's payment of hundreds of millions of dollars to the transport companies for the city's own subways!

And now the ALP leaders have formed an unholy alliance with Tammany Hall in this election. In a sordid evil-smelling back room deal, they agreed to throw their support to O'Dwyer fresh proof that they are captives of the Wall Street political machines.

Dirty Role of the Stalinists

The Stalinists, organized in the Communist Political Association, have played an especially dirty role. In 1941 they supported LaGuardia, joining the Social Democrats in swinging the ALP along with them. They painted O'Dwyer in that election as a follower of the "divisive Hitler technique." Among O'Dwyer's supporters they listed "the Coughlinites," "Beobachter, the official organ of the New York Bund," and the "Tammany corruptionists," who for window dressing nominated "O'Dwyer, a tiger washed and ironed into the shape of a crusading District Attorney." Now, in the 1945 elections, the Stalinists are supporting this very same Tammany "tiger"! The Daily Worker even says O'Dwyer was "always close to labor"!

The Liberal Party is controlled by the Social Democrats and plays just as miserable a role as the ALP. This party, too, received a large working class vote in the last election, clear proof that the workers of New York are sick and tired of capitalist politics and want an independent labor party. But the heads of the Liberal Party launched this organization in the first place through a split from the ALP that had no justification in principle. They did not consult the rank and file. They did not abide by majority decision. They were concerned with posts, not the principles of independent working class political action. They never really wanted to build an independent labor party. They split in order to free their hands for shady deals with capitalist candidates; in many cases the very same candidates supported by the ALP. In this election the Liberal Party has been converted into the tail of the Republican elephant.

The worker who wants independent political representation, and who intends to voice this need and demand, can do so only by voting for the Trotskyist candidates. The Socialist Workers Party has become the major political force carrying on the fight for independent working class political action. A vote for any of the capitalist candidates is simply a vote thrown into the sewer of boss class politics. A vote for the Trotskyist candidates, on the other hand, is a powerful blow for labor's independent political action!

of this, race hatred, secretly fostered by the capitalist politicians, creeps through the city like a deadly plague.

Despite all the glib promises of the boss politicians to utilize the power of their offices to establish fair employment practices, once elected they tear up their promises as so much campaign propaganda and lend aid and comfort to the Negro-haters and Jew-baiters. Negroes are forced into the most menial low-paid jobs. When lay-offs .come, they are the first to be kicked into the streets.

Defend the Negroes' right to decent jobs at decent wages! Fight segregation and discrimination everywhere! Make democracy a reality in New York!

A vote for the Trotskyist candidates is a vote for genuine struggle to kill Jim Crow!

5. Full Recognition for the Rights of the War Veterans!

The New York bankers and capitalists are carefully preparing for the return of the armed forces. As the veterans seek to change the unbearable conditions of the postwar world, Wall Street hopes to turn them against racial and national minorities, poison them against the labor movement and organize them into reactionary fascist-like gangs.

Through its control of the city administration, Wall Street hopes it can make New York a model for other would-be fascists like Mayor Hague of Jersey City and thus set in motion powerful forces that could crush the labor movement in America.

The workers of New York, on the other hand, can inspire the whole country with a model example of the right way to greet the returning veterans. First of all, the labor movement should help them organize in the fight for their rights. A gain for the war veterans is a gain for labor! And the other way around!

At the beginning of the war the government took over big hotels to house the draftees. Now let the city administration take over the big hotels, the swank apartments, the million-dollar mansions to provide immediate housing for the war veterans and their families!

Billions were spent to feed and clothe the draftees. Now let the city administration do its part for the war veterans by providing them jobs at decent wages through an adequate program of public works!

The Trotskyist candidates believe the trade unions should fight for the rights of the war veterans as a vital issue. Vote against capitalist maneuvers to exploit the veterans! Vote for candidates who will defend the interests of the veterans! Make the struggle for veterans' rights a union fight in this election!!

6. Safeguard the Workers' Standard of Living!

The LaGuardia administration promised to een down the cost of living in line with the promises of the Washington bureaucrats. What colossal hypocrisy! It was LaGuardia who levied a city sales tax for the first time in New York's history. The capitalist candidates seeking to succeed LaGuardia are silent about this tax levelled against the poor. That means they support it and intend to continue it! Prices in New York have skyrocketed beyond the reach of the average family. Instead of fighting these price rises, the capitalist politicians have protected the profiteers. Instead of helping the workers to increase wages to meet the rising cost of living, the boss political machines have fought tooth and nail to keep wages frozen. Among the lowest paid sections of workers are those employed by the city itself, the teachers, librarians, firemen, transit, sanitation, hospital and park workers. To preserve the standard of living, let the city administration begin by instituting a sliding scale of wages for its own employes! Wages should and must rise automatically with the rising cost of living! The black market in New York is one of the worst in the nation. Despite all the blown-up promises of the capitalist politicians to do something, every working class family in the world's richest city is getting less and less food. LaGuardia has promised over and over again to end the acute meat shortage with trainloads of meat. Instead, meat is rapidly becoming a luxury available only to the rich on Park Avenue and Riverside Drive, who can afford private locker refrigerators or dine in swank restaurants. Smash the black market system protected by the Wall Street politicians! Organize consumers' committees to check prices and stop the diversion of goods into the black market! Neighborhood . committees of housewives, and committees of union members, can start by calling on the small grocer and butcher. If the small man is not responsible, they can enlist his aid to reach the sinister black market higher-ups. Bad as the housing shortage was in New York when the Second World War began, it has since steadily worsened. Rents have long been notorious as the highest in the country. Landlords are now raising them still higher by cutting down on services and chiseling on rent controls. The city administration could ease this intolerable situation by an adequate program of housing projects. Expand housing in ratio to growing population needs! Replace the slums and fire-traps in the Lower East Side, Harlem and other areas with modern low-rent apartments! Make work for the building trades! Build homes instead of bombers! Fathers in the armed forces and mothers in factories cannot easily give adequate care to children left at home. Let the city administration build and operate neighborhood nurseries staffed by trained child specialists and nurses. Let the city safeguard and properly care for

children left at home by working mothers!

Scandal after scandal has exposed the insufferable conditions in the city-administered hospitals. Woefully under-staffed, the hospitals cannot possibly give decent care to patients. Appropriations are so low that not even proper food can be provided, let alone proper medical care. In many wards insanitary conditions prevail. Recent exposures prove the city hospitals must be overhauled from top to bottom, new buildings added to existing facilities, and the staffs expanded.

7. Modernize the Subway System!

Transportation in New York has deteriorated steadily. The elevated lines torn down at the beginning of the war for scrap iron have not been replaced by new subway lines. Equipment already dangerously run down when LaGuardia took over the subway leases from the private companies, is worn out. Wrecks endangering the lives of thousands of passengers can occur at any time! Public safety requires immediate replacement of all worn-out equipment. It is high time to junk the antiquated cars still in use and install modern, noise-proof, air-conditioned trains!

Expand transportation to eliminate dangerous congestion! Put the Transport Workers Union in charge of overhauling the transport system! No one knows better than the subway workers what is required! Operate the subways under control of the subway workers!

Between election years, the boss politicians have many times proposed raising the five-cent fare to ten cents. They are strangely silent about this when they ask the voters to put them in office. But so long as these politicians have a monopoly of city politics and are free to carry on their back room deals, the five-cent fare will not be safe. They let private companies bleed the subway system white and then paid them hundreds of millions of dollars for the leases. That is the only reason the subways do not show a huge profit on the books!

8. Tax the Rich, Not

the Poor!

Big Business has rolled up the most phenomenal profits in all history! The merchants, landlords and bankers of New York have made their greatest financial gains since the First World War. But the boss politicians have placed the staggering burden of taxation on the working people. The city sales tax is wrung out of the poor. On top of this outrageous tax, the lower wage brackets have been shouldered with grievous income taxes that slash heavily into the family budget. Wall Street reaps bloodstained profits from the battlefields while the poor are forced to pay the terrible costs of imperialist war. Tammany Hall," the Republicans and all the rest of the political agents of the rich seek office in order to perpetuate this ruthless system.

Abolish the city sales tax! Levy a heavy tax



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Louise Simpson, 21-year-old member of the ILGWU, the Troiskyist candidate for New York City Council, and Farrell Dobbs, editor of The Militant, who is the Troiskyist candidate for mayor. Their platform appears in full on this page of The Militant.



------ By V. Grey -----

We were working the four to twelve shift last week. One night when it was raining, a little bunch of us stood at the outside door of the washroom where it opens into the driveway. It had been awful hot and we were trying to enjoy the rain a couple of minutes before going back to work.

Over across from us, maybe a quarter of a mile, the strip mill stands. A flash of heat lightning broke from the clouds right over it, and a big clap of thunder came a second later. "Gee" Shorty said. "It looks just like a bomb dropped on the strip mill, doesn't it?"

Slim thought a minute, and he said "Yeah. I was just thinking we're lucky not to be Japanese steel workers tonight. If a couple of bombs hit this mill how could any of us escape?"

Nobody said anything. But when you're standing in the dark after working hard your thoughts are clearer, somehow. And they seem to just slide out of you.

Japanese Steel Workers Are Like Us

When you stop to think of it; there they are just like us working in the heat—sweating their heads off for Bethlehem-san or whatever the Japanese steel corporation's name is. Their wages and conditions are ten times worse than ours. And maybe they can't even take a minute after lunch to look at the rain.

Johnny Dylek said, "That's who always gets it in a war-the

Ten-Point Platform of the Trotskyist Candidates

1. For Independent Working Class Political Action!

City politics are doomed to remain the monopoly of corrupt political machine bosses until the workers organize their own independent party. All the gains made by labor through decades of struggle will be menaced by the Wall Street sharks until the working class voters put in office their own representatives. The worst crime of the ALP and Liberal Party is their support of Wall Street candidates. This is the politics of company unionism! If the workers of New York City become organized on the political field as they have in industry, they can fill the municipal posts with men and women who really represent the interests of labor. Think how much easier it would be to safeguard the interests of the workers when the postwar depression paralyzes the city!

Break Wall Street's grip on City Hall! Build an independent Labor Party!

2. Full Employment and Job Security For All Workers and Veterans!

The capitalist politicians promised 60,000,000 jobs after the war. But even before the return of the bulk of the men in the armed forces, unemployment is growing by leaps and bounds. When the hundreds of thousands of workers coming back from the battlefields ask for work will they be answered with police clubs and tear gas?

A working class administration in the world's richest city can do a great deal to provide jobs for everyone. It can institute a program of public works. It can set up a sliding scale of hours for all city employes and for all city projects. It can join with the unions to force the employers to institute a sliding scale of hours. It can put pressure on Congress for federal legislation to provide a sliding scale of hours everywhere.

Spread the work by reducing the number of hours each man spends on the job — but with no reduction in take-home pay!

During conversion to peace-time production, the government protects the profits of the bosses. But the workers are to be left to starve. The workers' income must be insured during this critical period! Let the municipal government of America's largest city utilize all its power during conversion to force the employers to keep every worker on the payroll at his full rate of

3. Operate Government-Built Plants Under Workers' Control!

Industry in the New York area expanded enormously as a result of war production. Government funds built new plants and increased the capacity of old ones. The capitalist candidates remain completely silent while Wall Street takes over these plants and improvements financed out of taxes from the pockets of the poor. Factories Wall Street doesn't want are being closed down. These plants could produce peace-time goods in vast quantities.

End the dire shortage in household goods! Operate the idle factories!

Trotskyist candidates in office will use the power entrusted to them to combat the profithungry capitalists who plot to limit and throttle production. As an effective over-all check on the activities of these capitalists, the Trotskyist candidates call for workers' control of production. Exercised through democratically-elected committees, workers' control would prevent the capitalist management from sabotaging production. The committees would check the books, investigate the secret deals and understandings of the bosses, and reveal how much profits are really being drained into the bank accounts of the stockholders. These committees would powerfully reinforce the unions in defending the interests of the employes against vindictive action by the management.

4. Full Equality For Negroes and National Minorities. Down with Jim Crow!

The record of the boss political machines in New York is one of lies and broken promises to the Negro people. Harlem is one of the worst slum areas in the country. Under the rule of the capitalist politicians, Negroes are segregated in crowded districts where they are compelled to live under inhuman conditions. Protected by the capitalist politicians, landlords impose outrageous rents for dangerous firetraps; and merchants jack up the prices for food and clothing of inferior quality. They know the segregated Negroes cannot easily go elsewhere. On top on the greedy real estate interests. Petition Congress to abolish all taxes on incomes below \$5,000 a year! Demand confiscation of all war profits!

9. Make New York a 100 Percent Union City!

Trotskyist candidates in office would foster trade unionism, utilizing their power to break up the employer-police-court combination. Above all they would see that the city administration itself recognized the principles of unionism. For the first time the city employes would be able to break the deadlock in their relations with the city administration. Trotskyist candidates recognize not only collective bargaining but the **right to strike**.

Throughout the city, the trade unions have been tied hand and foot by the no-strike pledge. But the bosses never kept their side of the agreement to freeze prices and share the burdens of the war. Instead, their political representatives froze wages and let prices shoot skyward as profits poured into the bank vaults.

It is time to put union men in office who will represent the workers in labor disputes! Free the trade unions from the shackles forged by Big Business!

10. For a Socialist Society!

Capitalism has given mankind the agony of two world wars in a quarter of a century. Big Business now wants permanent conscription in preparation for a Third World War. So long as capitalism endures, depressions, unemployment, hunger and war will ravage the world. Only by taking industry out of the hands of the greedy profiteers and organizing it rationally according to the needs of the people is further progress possible.

The fate of civilization depends on the working class taking power and establishing a Workers' and Farmers' government. In this mighty struggle the workers of New York can play a leading part. By setting out on the road of independent political action, they will by their example encourage the workers throughout the country. That is why this New York election is of great importance! That is why a vote for the Trotskyist candidates will bring closer the socialist society of peace, plenty and prosperity for all!

READ 'THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL' working people." Johnny is Polish. His aunt and uncle haven't been heard from since 1940.

"And the worst of it is they don't have anything to do with it either," Shorty added. "I mean they didn't start it," he said, realizing that it is the working people after all who have to fight the wars for their bosses.

So we got talking about different little things—how Johnny had a letter from his brother in Silesia. And his brother was sore because he couldn't talk to any Germans. And he couldn't talk to any Polish refugees either. How he had a Polish girlfriend that he couldn't see any more, and a lot of other things.

That reminded Shorty of a letter from his cousin in Belgium. His cousin wrote him how the American officers were getting to be pretty nasty. "Just like Stebbs," his cousin said. And Stebbs was the general foreman we used to have, who was a little swaggering dictator. A regular Hitler.

Things You're Not Supposed to Think About

"It's the same in the Pacific," Slim said. "Only you don't hear about it because they still censor the mail there. And the movies and everything else want to keep your mind on the fighting. You're not supposed to think of anything but how many boys get killed. You're not supposed to think of WHY they get killed."

"The only people that win on either side," Tony said, with his face getting dark, "are the goddamned capitalists. And that's the truth."

Another heat-lightning flash came over the strip mill and made us think of the bombings in Japan again.

"But what are you going to do?" Shorty said. "Hirohito and all the Japanese capitalists have got those people hypnotized. Look at the suicide attcks and all that."

"Maybe," Slim said after a long minute. "Maybe they have —but if we can think like this and talk like this, I bet the Japanese steelworkers can think and talk the same."



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Grace Carlson On Tour

Socialist Workers Party Opens Fund Campaign **To Help Persecuted Trotskyists In Europe**

International Solidarity Fund SCOREBOARD

BRANCH	Quota	Paid	Percent
- Reading	\$25	\$25	100
Newark	100	43	43
Allentown-Quakertown	60	22	37
San Francisco	375	134	36
Youngstown	85	20	24
Philadelphia	125	19	15
Chicago	500	53	11
Akron	75	0	0
Bayonne	100	0	0
Boston	125	0	0
Buffalo	125	0	0
Cleveland	75	0	0
Detroit	400	0	0
Los Angeles	750	0.	0
Milwaukee	30	0	0
New York	1000	0	0
N. Y. Youth Group	15	0	0`
Pittsburgh	25	0	0
Rochester	15	0	0
St. Louis	25	· 0	0
San Diego	25	0	0*
Seattle	350	0	0
Toledo	100	0	. 0
Twin Cities	250	0	0
Members-at-Large and			
Friends	245	0	0
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Vote Trotskyist!

In the Coming

New York Elections

Among other important issues. the Socialist Workers Party **Election** Platform advocates:

HANDS OFF THE EUROPEAN AND COLONIAL PEOPLES!

Wall Street intends to put down working class revolutions wherever they appear. That is why they want to continue policing countries overseas indefinitely. Withdraw the Allied occupation troops! Support the revolutionary struggles of the workers in other lands!

(Continued from page 1) appeal to all readers of The Mili-

cution at the hands of the British imperialist police. Our Trotskyist co-thinkers acepted its \$125 quota and the full proved are compelled to endure amount has already been pledged not merely starvation and dis-ease, which is the plight of the will send it in as quickly as we peoples of the world following can collect it."

the war, but they are singled out Chicago: "We accept our quota for special persecution. They are of \$500 and we can assure you, friends and sympathizers of the thrown into jail and their press is it will be sent in in good time." suppressed because they dare tell Detroit: "We expect to meet flowed the Twelve Horsemen's the truth, because theirs is the our quota of \$400 on the Interna- | Civic Center here tonight to hear only program that would put an tional Solidarity Fund by Sept. Comrade Grace Carlson speak on end to misery, the only program 1"! that points the road to a brighter

San Francisco: "Enclosed is our | The speaker showed how poverty Yet the Trotskyists in all coun- first contribution of \$134 toward tries manage to carry on heroic-ally despite persecution and sup-Of this sum \$39 was raised ally despite persecution and supthrough a collection taken at our pression. They answer every blow July 1 forum, the balance through descanding upon them with intensified activity, with ever greater pledges paid up at once. We are sure that we will reach our quodetermination to build the parties ta.' of revolutionary socialism. The

most effective aid which can be Seattle: "Seven trade unionists given to them right now is fin- | are assessing themselves \$30 per ancial assistance. It is the ele- person for the International Solimentary duty of every class-con- darity Fund. We ought therefore scious militant to make all pos- to raise the rest of our quota capitalism and the institution of sible efforts to lend this assist- without too much trouble.

CARLSON NOTES SWP GROWTH AT HER MEETING IN DETROIT

tant readers in the Ohio-Michigan By Grace Carlson area! In Youngstown, for ex- the guilt of America's Sixty DETROIT, July 12 - The auample, the comrades sold about dience at the Detroit meeting last 1,000 subscriptions in the last 2 night was five times as large as Militant sub campaigns. There this country because capitalism the audience to which I spoke are 43,000 homes in Youngstown when I was here on tour in 1941! and a population of 160,000. This This is certainly very gratifying means that The Militant goes to evidence that the Trotskyists one out of every 43 homes in this have gained many, many new steel center. friends in the great industrial

The Militant is popular with center in a few short years. the workers. They like its fight-I saw the same thing in Cleve- ing program and its honest reland, Youngstown and Toledo. porting of facts which the other The audiences to which I spoke papers don't give. So, when The in those cities were not only much | Militant backs anything, it really larger but they had a much big- carries weight. I'm certainly as a fitting introduction of the ger proportion of industrial workers. Many of these were friends | ing in this town!

and shop-mates to whom our com-There isn't very much time for rades had sold tickets for the meeting - steel workers, auto comrades have tried to squeeze workers, railroad men, etc. Some

bring their whole families. But The Militant can also claim some credit for increasing the Cleveland and Toledo after the and Toledo branches all sent out to Militant readers in their cities. and the many new friends who

And there are thousands of Mili- have come close to us.

tant for support in this campaign. Buffalo: "The branch has ac-

DETROIT, July 11 - An en- | United Mine Workers, to which thusiastic audience of over 200 Patterson belongs.

In the course of the evening, over \$15 worth of pamphlets and Socialist Workers Party overother literature was sold and \$88.12 donated by the audience to support The Militant and the Socialist Workers Party in its 'Conditions of Women in Prison." work. Before adjournment, six people applied for membership in is the basic cause of almost all the SWP and over twice that crime, and that the majority of number indicated their interest so-called criminals are merely in following the activities and worker-victims of the capitalistic. purposes of the party. system which breeds poverty. It

was brought out that most sociologists, penologists, and psy-Successful Meeting chiatrists agree that poverty is the root of crime, but that only Held in Cleveland the Socialist Workers Party

CLEVELAND, O .- Despite the strikes at this evil source of crime intense heat which sent workers by fighting for the overthrow of in droves to the parks and lakeshore, the Cleveland branch of the Socialist Workers Party held

MILLION A YEAR its largest public meeting in years, to hear Grace Carlson on Girls as young as 14 are im-Sunday, July 8. prisoned and stigmatized for The audience of 50 sympathizers crimes for which they can hardly and friends listened attentively be held responsible, Grace Carlson while Comrade Carlson illustrated said. Her speech left no doubt in from her prison experience that the minds of the audience about 1 the majority of "crimes" for which men and women are sent Families for the imprisonment the holy institution of private prevents them from earning a far more concern about human, dignified living. A-rousing ovation was extended Comrade

than concern for human life. Carlson at the conclusion of her speech. Comrade Arthur Burch, or system, with the consequent ganizer of the Detroit Branch, bitter struggle for bare existence

presided wover the meeting, and his brief resume of the Minneapolis frame-up trials served lucky to have The Militant back- speaker of the evening. The floor was later opened for questions

and discussion, in which the having fun on this tour but the audience participated with interest.

socialism.

as much fun as possible into the PATTERSON SUPPORTED crowded tour schedule. There were A resolution supporting Wil- of division between the white nice socials held in Youngstown, attendance at these meetings. The meetings at which I met the the Smith-Connally anti-labor every activity and hour of the Detroit, Youngstown, Cleveland many new comrades who joined law, and requesting a presidential prisoners' lives and is carried to great mass of people and bars Seattle pardon for this fighting labor the point of not permitting Neand Toledo branches all sent out the party while I was in prison, defender, was unanimously groes and whites to even speak to earn a decent living, is the real Missoul passed. A copy of the resolution to each other! was forwarded to Local 2399 Comrade Carlson concluded by



Grace Carlson, only woman defendant among the 18 Minneapolis Labor Case prisoners, photographed as she speaks in Detroit on "Women in Prison." Read her report of the successful meeting on this page of The Militant.

showing that only Socialism can of many of the women in prison blot out the prisons by abolishing to show that inherently they are the social system of capitalism which breeds the hideous practice of caging in steel pens, human beings whose only crime is in the future. poverty.

Ted Grant, organizer of the Cleveland SWP and chairman of the meeting, told the audience about William Patterson, the militant Pennsylvania coal miner who was railroaded to prison for refusing to scab, and is the first imprisoned victim of the Smith-Connally anti-strike law. A resolution calling on President Truman unconditionally to pardon

and release brother Patterson was adopted unanimously. The audience contributed \$45 to prison are "crimes" against in the collection of funds for

party work in Cleveland. There property. Under capitalism there were at least 10 new Militant readers who were attending an protecting property and profits SWP meeting for the first time. The exploitation and economic insecurity under the capitalist

Youngstown Workers Hear Grace Carlson

YOUNGSTOWN, O. - Speakfor the masses, drives increasing numbers of workers to despair. ing in Youngstown on July 7, ent capitalist rule. desperation, "crime," and fester-Grace Carlson gave an inspiring ing destruction in the prisons. talk to about forty interested Comrade Carlson denounced the workers. She painted a picture federal government's Jim Crow of the prisons for women - not system at Alderson, West Virthe walls but the forces of soginia, as a most vicious example ciety that have driven women CITY of segregation and discrimination from all walks of life and all Los An ages into things that are considagainst Negroes. The prison officials draw a deep Jim Crow line | ered crimes. She showed how the social sysliam Patterson, recent victim of and colored inmates which covers | tem of capitalism, because it | Portlan gives no opportunities for the

the huge majority from chances criminal in society. She went into the background Twin (

honest, but that they are driven to the acts because of the insecurity and lack of any real hope

Carlson Talks to Audience in Toledo

TOLEDO, O. - Over 35 comrades and sympathizers came out July 9 to hear the message that Comrade Carlson brought back with her from the Federal prison at Alderson, W. Va.

Her interesting speech, dealing with the underlying causes for crime and the solution of this problem under socialism, held the undivided attention of the comrades during the entire time that she spoke.

After Comrade Carlson's lecture, which showed that the present economic system is the basic cause for most of the crimes committed, it became increasingly clear to all that only under socialism will we be able to rid ourselves of the evils that afflict the working class under the pres-

GRACE CARLSON'S TOUR SCHEDULE

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	Aug. 2 to 8
ancisco	Fri. to Sun
	Aug. 10-12
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	Thurs. to Sat.
	Aug. 16-18
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vood	Tues., Aug. 21
lities	August 22

The History Of American Trotskyism

Hungry Prisoners Kansas farmers are complaining that War Department food allotments for German prison-

ers-of-war, now being employed on private work, are so skimpy that the prisoners cannot do a "full day's work" because of loss of weight.

future

L. C. Aicher, superintendent of a private agricultural experiment station at Fort Hays, Kansas, complained in a letter to Rep. Frank Carlson that it was "the Army's business" if it

wanted to punish POW's "for what happened in Europe," but Aicher was concerned for the Kansas farmers who were "paying good money for prisoners and then not getting a day's work out of them."

In the first installments of his book, Comrade Cannon told how the American Communist Party grew out of the left wing of the Socialist Party in 1919; described its period of underground life until in 1923 it was organized as a legal party which began to penetrate the trade union movement. As the composition of the party changed with the influx of workers, a series of factional struggles began between the proletarian wing and the petty-bourgeois tendencies within the party. The struggles began on a high theoretical level involving the Russian question. A single copy of Trotsky's suppressed Criticism of the Draft Program which illuminated the question was smuggled out to America. This is the ninth installment of Cannon's book.

Our task was difficult. We had one copy of Trotsky's document, but didn't have any way of duplicating it; we didn't have a stenographer: we didn't have a typewriter; we didn't have a mimeograph machine; and we didn't have any money. The only way we could operate was to get hold of carefully selected individuals, arouse enough interest, and then persuade them to come to the house and read the document. A long and toilsome process. We got a few people together and they helped us spread the gospel to wider circles.

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Finally, after a month or so, we were exposed by a little indiscretion on the part of one of the comrades, and we had to face the issue prematurely in the joint Foster-Cannon caucus. The Fosterites raised it in the form of an inquiry. They had heard so and so and they wanted an explanation. It was clear that they were greatly worried and still undecided. We took the offensive. I said: "I consider it an insult for anybody to cross-examine me. My position in the party has been pretty clearly established now for ten years and I resent anybody questioning it." So we bluffed them for another week, and in that week we made a few new converts here and there.

Then they called another meeting of the caucus to consider the question again. By this time Hathaway had returned from Moscow. He had been to the so-called Lenin School in Moscow; in reality it was a school of Stalinism. He had been all smartened up in the Stalin school and knew better how to proceed against "Trotskyism" than the local shoemakers. He said the way to proceed is to make a motion: "This caucus condemns Trotskyism as counter-revolutionary," and see where everybody stands on the motion. We objected to this on the ground-dissimulatingly formalistic, but a necessary tactic in dealing with a police-minded graduate of the Stalin School -that the question of "Trotskyism" had been decided long ago, and that there was absolutely no point in raising this issue again. We said, we refused to be a party to any of this folderol.

The Trotskyist Issue Predominates

We debated it four or five hours and they still didn't know what to do with us. They faced this dilemma: if they became tarnished with "Trotskyism" they would lose sympathy in Moscow; if. on the other hand, they split with us, their case would be hopeless so far as getting a majority was concerned. They wanted the majority very badly and they nourished the hope-oh, how they hoped!-that a smart fellow like Cannon would eventually come to his senses and not just go and start a futile fight for Trotsky at this late day. Without saying so directly, we gave them a little ground to think that this might be so. Decision was postponed again.

We gained about two weeks with this business. Finally the Fosterites decided among themselves that the issue was getting to lay plans to build a new party that was to take power in the too hot. They were hearing more and more rumors of Cannon, Shacht- United States. All three of us had been working for the ILD. We a question of democracy. The question is the program of Marxism. man and Abern proselyting party members for Trotskyism. The were immediately thrown out of there, with back wages coming to If we had been content to organize people on the basis of discontent

HOW THE PIONEER TROTSKYISTS FOUGHT **EXPULSION FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY**

By James P. Cannon

Fosterites were scared to death that the Lovestoneites would get | us and not paid. We didn't have any money at all, and didn't know wind of this and accuse them of being accomplices. In a panic they where we could get any. We planned the first issue of The Militant expelled us from the joint caucus and brought us up on charges before we knew how we were going to pay for it. But we made a before the Political Committee. We were given a trial before a joint deal with the printer to give us credit for one issue. We wrote meeting of the PC and the Central Control Commission. We reported to some friends in Chicago who sent us some money and we got out that trial in the early issues of The Militant. Naturally, it was a the paper. We announced proudly that it was going to be published kangaroo court, but we had full scope to make a lot of speeches twice a month. So it was.

and to cross-examine the Fosterite witnesses. That was not because stoneites, who were in the majority in the Political Committee. were anxious to compromise the Fosterites. In order to serve their purposes they gave us a little leeway, and we made the most of it.

The trial dragged on day after day-more and more party leaders and functionaries were invited to attend-until we finally had an audience of about 100. Up until then we hadn't admitted anything. We had confined ourselves to cross-examining their witnesses and tarnishing and compromising the Fosterites, and one thing and another. Finally, when we tired of this, and since the report was spreading throughout the party of what was going on, we decided to strike. I read to a hushed and somewhat terrified audience of party functionaries a statement wherein we declared ourselves 100 per cent in support of Trotsky and the Russian Opposition on all the principled questions, and announced our determination to fight along that line to the end. We were expelled by the joint meeting of the Central Control Commission and the Political Committee.

The Trotskyists Are Expelled

The very next day we had a mimeographed statement circulating through the party. We had anticipated the expulsion. We were ready for it and struck back. About a week later, to their great consternation, we hit them with the first issue of The Militant. The copy had been prepared and a deal made with the printer while we were dragging on the trial. We were expelled on October 27, 1928. The Militant came out the next week as a November issue, celebrating the anniversary of the Russian revolution, giving our program, and so forth. Thus began the open fight for American Trot. skyism.

We certainly didn't have too bright a prospect to begin with. But we gained steadily in the first weeks and built firmly from the outset because we started right. We broke the log-jam of unprincipled factionalism in the party with a charge of dynamite. With just one blast we rid ourselves of all the old errors and mistakes of the American party factions when we put ourselves on the ground of a principled program of internationalism. We were sure of what we were fighting about. All the little organizational machinations, that had loomed up so big in the old squabbles, were just thrown off like an old coat. We began the real movement of Bolshevism in this country, the regeneration of American Communism.

It was not too promising a struggle from the point of view of man and myself-felt pretty lonely as we walked down to my house

Very shortly after we were thrown out of the party, we disof party democracy. We were given our "rights" because the Love- covered a group of Hungarian comrades who had been expelled from the party for various reasons in the factional struggles a year or two before. Independently of us, unknown to us, they had come into contact with some Russian Oppositionists working in Amtorg -the Soviet commercial agency in New York-and had become convinced Trotskyists. They certainly looked like an army of a million people to us. We found a little group of Italian 'Oppositionists in New York, followers of Bordiga, not really Trotskyists, but they worked with us for a while. We conducted a quite energetic fight. We answered accusations militantly. We began to circulate new material of the Russian Opposition through The Militant-Trotsky's criticism of the draft program, and so on. Soon one could see the beginning of the crystallization of a faction that had a future before it because it had a clear principled program.

The Left Opposition Gains Supporters

While it was a small faction for a long time, it was a very convinced and fanatical and determined faction. We began to gain recruits throughout the country. Our most important big acquisition was from Minneapolis. Minneapolis has played a role not only in teamsters' strike struggles, but also in building American Trotskyism. We gained supporters in Chicago.

We were badly handicapped in many respects. We hadn't had time prior to our expulsion to communicate with the party members outside New York very much. The first that most comrades in the Communist Party knew about our position was the news that we had been expelled. The crude tactics of the party leadership helped us a great deal. Their method was to go up and down the country, putting a motion in every committee and branch to approve the expulsion of Cannon, Shachtman and Abern. And everybody who wanted to ask a question or to get more information was accused of

being a Trotskyist and expelled forthwith. That helped us a whole lot: they pushed such comrades right into a position where we could at least talk to them. In Minnesota, where we had good friends of long association, the commissar of the Lovestone gang summoned them to a meeting and demanded an immediate vote on a motion to approve our expulsion. They refused. "We want to know what this is; we want to hear what these comrades have to say." They were immediately expelled. They communicated with us. We supplied them with the documentary material, The Militant, etc. Eventually, practically all those who had been expelled for numbers. The three of us who signed the declaration-Abern, Shacht- hesitancy in voting to confirm our expulsion became sympathetic to us and most of them joined us.

We emphasized from the very beginning that it is not simply

with the bureaucracy we could have gained more members. That is not a sufficient basis. But we utilized the issue of democracy to get a sympathetic hearing and then immediately began pounding away on the rightness of Trotskyism on all the political questions.

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You can easily imagine what a tremendous shock our stand and expulsion was to all the party members. For years it had been drilled into them that Trotsky was a Menshevik. He had been expelled as a "counter-revolutionist." Everything had been turned upside down. The minds of the helpless members had been filled with prejudices against Trotsky and the Russian Opposition. Then, out of a clear sky, three party leaders declare themselves Trotskyists, They are expelled and immediately go to the party members wherever they can find them and say: "Trotsky is right on all the principled questions, and we can prove it to you." That was the situation with which a good many comrades were confronted. Many of those expelled for hesitating to vote against us didn't want to leave the party. They didn't know anything about Trotskyism at that time, and were more or less convinced that it was counter-revolutionary. But the stupidity of the bureaucracy in throwing them out gave us a chance to talk with them, to confer with them, supply them with literature, etc. This created the basis for the first consolidation of the faction.

Individuals Recruited to Trotsky's Ideas

In those days every individual loomed up as enormously important. If you have only four people to start a faction with, when you can find a fifth one-that's a 25 per cent increase. According to legend, the Socialist Labor Party, way back in the old days, once made a jubilant announcement that in the election they had doubled their vote in the state of Texas. It turned out that instead of their usual vote of one they had obtained two.

I will never forget the day we got our first recruit in Philadelphia. Soon after we were expelled, while the hue and cry was raging against us in the party, there came a knock on my door one day and there was Morgenstern of Philadelphia, a young man but an old "Cannonite" in the factional fights. He said, "We heard about your expulsion for Trotskyism, but we didn't believe it. What is the real low-down?" In those days you didn't take any-

thing for good coin unless it came from your own faction. I can remember to this day going into the back room, getting out the precious Trotsky document from its hiding place and handing it to Morgie. He sat down on the bed and read the long "criticism" -it is a whole book-from beginning to end without stopping once, without looking up. When he finished, he had made up his mind and we began to work out plans to build a nucleus in Philadelphia.

We recruited other individuals the same way. Trotsky's ideas were our weapons. We ran the "criticism" serially in The Militant. We had only the one copy, and it was a long time before we were able to publish it in pamphlet form. Because of its size we could not get it mimeographed. We had no mimeograph of our own, no typist, no money. Money was a serious problem. We had all been deprived of our positions in the party and had no incomes of any kind. We were too busy with our political fight to seek other jobs in order to make a living. On top of that we had the problem of financing a political movement. We could not afford an office. Only when we were a year old did we finally manage to rent a ramshackle office on Third Avenue, with the old "El" roaring in the window. When we were two years old we obtained our first mimeograph machine, and then we began to sail forward.

(To be continued)

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1945



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.

Hayek's Book Editor:

After recently coming off a ship. I read a book review in the June, 1945 Fourth International that stood out very sharply in my mind. Joseph Hansen's excellent analysis of Prof. Hayek's book, "The Road to Serfdom," really exposes the false approach of Prof. Hayek.

This is what happened on the ship. We had the June, 1945 sential that letters be kept as Readers Digest aboard. In it was at the beginning of the magazine with a foregoing note that it was one of the most important books of recent years. Usually, Readers Digest places its book synopses at the end of the magazine. After my shipmates and I had read it, I argued on one theme mainly.

Hayek claims that the costifle initiative. It was easy to the unions and winning decent conditions, especially the seamen's and a better world.

I ended by pointing out that Hayek, who ran away from stop the fascist onslaught, certainly had no right to tell us how to halt fascism. The militant workers will know how to smash fascism and its cause, capitalism; and Prof. Hayek may live to see some initiative from the workers. that he never dreamed of.

> **B.** Greggson New York

Vet Flays Riesel Editor:

I am a veteran. I am angry! I am about to "blow my top." This is written to you and lies! your splendid newspaper because I feel so sure that you will

On June 28, a certain gentleman by the name of Victor Riesel writes a "Labor Comments" column in the New York presented.

A Word to Our

Correspondents

The volume of letters to the Workers' Forum is growing from week to week. We welcome letters dealing with any matter of interest to the workers. We want to publish them all. To enable us to do this, it is es- stationed at the General Hospital,

short as possible. No letter a condensation of "The Road to should be longer than 300 Serfdom." This condensation was words. Please keep within this limit so that every worker-correspondent may get a break.

THE EDITOR

- but they were not in your hand-picked delegation - they were in the ranks of the 35.000 operative or socialist method kills incentive and that unions likewise incentive and that unions likewise husbands of the workers who expose this lie by pointing out the limitless incentive, initiative and courage required in building and courage, required in building Now you slander American labor when you speak of failure to bargain "at the table" inunions. This was a strong point, stead of the picket line. It is since it takes even more initiative precisely the failure of the EMand courage to fight for new ideas PLOYERS to bargain in good faith at the table — it is because the Big Business boys smash at the unions through Austria where he failed to help the discharging of stewards and

committeemen You say the "boots" consider the strikes to be over petty grievances. This is partly the truth — they are not told the whole truth — they are not told of how the workers are being kicked around every day in the

shops. This is "at home." When they board the transports they will get even more of a onesided picture! And when they

reach the vermin-infested, fungus-soaked tropics they will be | icans who serve the country we assembled nightly and given call our own. We have done and even more propaganda — more

I know, - Mr. Riesel! Three want to know why I am bitter months in boot camp - 44 days and why many, many other ex-in an old freighter along with 1,400 other expendables! Five and why many, many outer way servicemen feel the same way I do about the phony stuff you Long months in the Guinea jungles! such as Senator Eastland. These Long months in fleet hospi-norant Nazi thinkers and shall forget. And never once did I be shown we refuse to let this hear BOTH SIDES of the story issue be ignored.

of the victory.

THE MILITANT

WIN AN ORIGINAL LAURA GRAY CARTOON!

Have you been following the trials and tribulations of the "poor rich" family in Laura Gray's feature cartoons on Page 8 of The Militant? If you have, you most likely have your own pet name for this family. With this issue, we launch a contest to find the most appropriate descriptive name for them.

Three originals of these feature cartoons, personally inscribed to the winners by the cartoonist, will be awarded for the three best names submitted. First choice of the originals will go to the first-place winner; second choice to the secondplace winner; third choice to the third-place winner. In case of ties, all who submit winning names will receive an original feature cartoon, by Gray.

All readers of The Militant are eligible for the contest and there is no limit on the number of suggested names a contestant may enter. Just send in your entries, clearly written on a sheet of paper, together with your full name and address.

The contest will run for six weeks. All' entries must reach The Militant office, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y. by August 31. Editors of The Militant will judge the contest and decide the winning entries. Their decision will be final.

old. It was feeling the determi-

The week I spent at the Sum-

mer Vacation School was certain-

week I have ever experienced.

Swimming, boating and dancing

were all a lot of fun, but most

enjoyable of all was the satisfac-

tion of knowing that all the com-

rades stand firmly convinced of

our ideas. The overwhelming as-

surance of, and confidence in, our

ideas inspires us to build an ever

stronger revolutionary party.

With a basis like this, how can

In his article "Greek Reaction

Plots to Restore Monarchy," July

14, Paul Abbott compares the

the Fourth International fail!

German Stalinists

Editor:

Patrick O'Conner

K. Zellon

Milwaukee

Akron, O.

battlefield in the first war. ing for. The Militant seems to give you an impression I received I have served at home making regular purchases of war bonds care less than nothing for the from my association with the and remaining on my war job Chinese workers. Except for a other comrades. It was a feeling slighting reference to "Chinese of closeness that time and disalthough I could earn much more arithmetic" I have seen no mentance could not break. It was

tion of China in The Militant. young and its injection into the Dorothy Cheng Brooklyn, N. Y.

nation of the old and its injec-Editor's Note: If Dorothy tion into the young. It was the Cheng consults the files of The feeling of responsibility by all Militant she will find that we in the building of a revolutionary have consistently opposed and party. condemned Japan's imperialist rape of China from the time the Japanese armies marched into Manchuria in September, 1931. Editor: We adhered and still adhere to

this policy in the interests of both the Chinese workers and ly the fullest and most enjoyable neasants and the Japanese masses, because the Japanese imperialists are the enemy of both. Never did we "condone" atrocities committed in China by Jap-

Atrocities-and every thoughtful person will see how true this is—are inseparable from war. War is the supreme atrocity from which stem all the acts of

frightfulness. If we were to join in a hate campaign against every nation whose armies commit atrocities, we would be abandoning our basic principle of socialist internationalism. We would become tools of the very imperialists who by hate propaganda keep the nations at each other's

ask for fair employment and in return we, as people, are insulted by such God-forsaken men as Senator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi and others of his kind such as Senator Eastland. These

Every time a Negro soldier of these crimes were Chiang Kaiments" column in the New York Post—in fact, the odds are that at this very moment I write you HE IS WORKING BEHIND A PICKET LINE at the strike-baund offices of his remore You **Arbitrator Backs** Anti Union Firings **At Bell Aircraft** BUFFALO-The right of the

Bell Aircraft Corporation to "discipline" the 18 union members singled out and fired because of their participation, a few weeks ago, in a sit-in demonstration protesting mass layoffs, was uphanded down recently.

"The demonstration was reprehensible", stated the arbitrator, the Rev. Andrew L. Bouwhuis, S. J., thus showing himself completely in accord with the company's view that any action on the part of workers to maintain their jobs is "reprehensible." All the 18 were penalized for their militant

defense against rising unemployment and falling wages that are the blessings of reconversion. Sixteen were suspended from their jobs for one to four weeks, and the firing of the other two, Anthony Marino, vice president of Local 501, and Morton Clurman, committeeman. was upheld by the arbitrator's decision.

ARBITRATOR'S CUE feeling the enthusiasm of the

At the hearing the high-priced cornoration lawyers spent most of their time building up cases against those of the 18 whom the company disliked because of their outstanding militant records. The arbitrator naturally took his cue from this and dealt out the severest penalties to those unionists against whom the company's attack was the heaviest. This was particularly so in the case of Vice President Marino, who had espe-cially earned the hatred of the company because of his activity in the plant.

In his decision, the arbitrator admitted the responsibility of R. P. Whitman, general manager of the Bell Corporation, for the unrest that led to the demonstration, by his failure to notify the workers, as provided by the conson's articles.' There is much tract, as to how or when 8,000 of them would be laid off. But he praise for the interview and illustrations." nevertheless punished the 18

that resulted from the company's callous and anti-union actions!

flagrant violations by the company of its agreement with the union, the arbitrator brazenly lectured the union leaders and members to "live up to the terms of their contracts. This decision came as a shock to many workers who were mis-

Greek Stalinists' approach to the monarchist plot, with the German led by local and international Stalinists' attitude towards Hitunion officials into believing that er's bid for power. "Hindenburg, the union had a "good case" and they said, should stop Hitler.". that all the 18 would go back to Abbott errs. It was the German work if the matter was allowed Social-Democrats' slogan: "Beat to go to arbitration. They are Hitler, vote for Hindenburg!" The learning-the hard way- that Stalinists at that time took an only militant action on the part ultra-radical point of view of the union can protect labor's against a united front. Leon rights. Trotsky's brilliant campaign for

the united front against fascism ("What Next?" and o t h e r pamphlets) ought to be known to



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Gray cartoon which has been re-

From all parts of the country

our readers are sending in sub-

scriptions for their friends; in

last week's mail, K. M. Zwicker

of Michigan sent in two one-year

Our Detroit Agent, Howard

Mason sends in this very inter-

esting communication, in addition

to fourteen six-month subscrip-

tions: "The Militant is getting

well known in all the important

locals in the city. Two comrades

reported seeing the papers on the

LOS ANGELES

SOCIALIST YOUTH CLUB

FORUM

July 26

Topic:

"A History of Germany -

1918 to 1945"

Speaker: C. FREDERICKS

232 S. Hill St., Rooms 200-202

8:30 p. m.

Refreshments

subscriptions for his friends.

several countries.

A new subscriber, Gene Gan-| Downes of Grand Rapids, has non of Wisconsin, sent in the fol- written to us requesting that we lowing letter: "Seeing your cou- send five extra copies of our pon in the June 2 issue of The May 26 paper which carried the held in an arbitration decision Militant, which I happened to cartoon entitled: "Capitalism in find the other day on the street War and Peace." (Live Plantscar in Milwaukee, I am subscrib- Dead Men; Dead Plants - Live ing for same as it sure is what | Men). This is the famous Laura the working class needs. En-

closed find \$1.00 for a one-year produced in the labor press of subscription." Thanks, Gene, we several countries. appreciate your comments. How bout getting your friends and shopmates to send in subscriptions?

Our Youngstown agent, Mary Jones, takes the lead this week in the number of renewals. She sent in five one-year and six sixmonth renewals.

We welcome to the Militant Army a new San Francisco agent, Toni Price, who initiates her role in our ranks by sending in four six-month and two one-year subscriptions.

desks of a couple of local unions. Another West Coast report, While distributing the paper at this one from San Pedro, where a PAC meeting, one of the girls our agent writes: "Am sending besides being told a number of six subscriptions, five six-month times by passersby that they had and one one-year. These subs already subscribed, sold five new were sold in front of the Longsubs — on wrapping paper." shoremen's meeting." Local New York comrades, ac-

William Warde, instructor at tively campaigning for signathe Midwest Vacation School, tures to place Farrell Dobbs and writes during his first week Louise Simpson on the election there: "It would do your heart ballot, are aware of the necessity and mind good to hear the praises to make every New Yorker a of the paper from the comrades Militant subscriber. Our petition and friends of the party. They gatherers report a lively interest have an affection for it that in our party and program by the would inspire a mummy. Here people who sign their petitions for example are the remarks of and a brief discussion leads in a new comrade in Detroit, wife some cases to a six-month or one-year subscription!

NOTICE

of an auto worker, an ex-miner from Harlan County. 'I like most Kovalesky because everything he writes in so clearly pictured and so true to life. Then Grace Carl-

Still another subscriber, J. union members for a situation

Passing by in silence the many The Militant needs a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica for the reference library of the editorial



FIGHT FOR THIS PROGRAM:

1. Full employment and job security for all

workers and veterans! A sliding scale of hours! Reduce the hours of work

Discussion



I am not any different from thousands of other colored Amerare doing our part and now we



throats. Had we followed the line which Dorothy Cheng's letter suggests, we could not even have stood for

the defense of China against, Japanese imperialism, for Chinese soldiers committed the vilest atrocities AGAINST THE CHItals teach you so that you don't norant Nazi thinkers and shall NESE PEOPLE, notably in the crushing of the Chinese revolution of 1927. But the real authors

bound offices of his paper. You see he is a "true friend" of labor. This yardbird writes from the US Naval Training Center at Sampson, N. Y. on June 28 - but don't get the idea that he is in recruit training! Heaven forbid! Oh, no! He is there "mixing" with the common herd of bluejackets in the company of navy contractors, reporters, labor skates and others selected by the gold braid to "familiarize" themselves with training equipment, etc. And is he gratified! Well - how better show it than by writing a neat blast at the workers? And by saying that the sailors "resent strikes."

He says "some of us felt that it would have been a good idea for some of the leaders of the 90,000 war workers who are on strike to have been included in this visit.'

Well, Mr. Riesel, there were who prostitute the facts and atplenty of workers represented



blame strikers instead of their real enemies is the fault of those who lie to them - or give them only one side of the story. Not one word did you mention about the employers! Your bread is well buttered, Mr. Riesel. The boss made no mistake in sending YOUR kind to Sampson to "mix" with the sailors.

Some day, these men will learn

No, Mr. Riesel - the veterans

have discovered — yes, and these

boots will also discover the truth.

And when they do learn the truth

they will sweep aside the gold

braid, the profit-hungry GM, du-

Standard Oil — and then as a

special feature, they will deal

what the war is really about -

there."

colored alike, unless the FEPC and imperialism which produces is maintained there must be a them. march on Washington; we must let the world know about this Treatment of Vets democracy that America speaks

tempt to divide the worker from

the worker thrown into uniform.

My brother Frederick has been

overseas for almost two years;

my sister, Katherine, has been

in the WACS for three years,

My cousin was killed in this

war and my uncle died on the

Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Race Hatred

Editor:

Navy Vet

Paterson, N. J.

of but does not practice with Editor: her own people. Victor A. Howell

New York Japanese

just as tens of thousands of Sea-Imperialism bees, amphibious seamen doughfeet ahead of them saw it "out Editor:

Please be kind enough to print handled, in reply to Belle Montague: Many What you say regarding Japan vis-a-vis the western "Allies" is very true, but did you ever hear of a country called China? Since



The Chinese are a peaceful people, who asked only to be left with reporters and columnists alone to run their country in their own way. By 1937, however, large sections of China had

been taken over by the western wouldn't have spent our own "democracies." In 1937 the Jap hard-earned money for that puranese army, navy and air force pose. Or do they think that a attacked China, but not the part man needs two chairs? of China in foreign hands. For

years the Japs carefully avoided invading foreign-held property and the Westerners were very glad to have the Japs move in

and "teach the uppity chinks a Editor:

good lesson." Westerners, safe in their concessions, watched the in-Vacation School, I feel it is my teresting show as the Japs privilege to inform comrades and bombed and burned square mile friends of the opportunities exafter square mile of the homes isting there.

of humble Chinese workmen and Here is a chance for comrades their families. and friends, especially those who | ers.'

are new to the movement, to lay No matter how heinous the crimes of the imperialist "demo- a groundwork for future developcracies," I fail to see how you or ment. The teachers were ex-Belle Montague can condone the cellent, and needless to say, there was none of the condescending frightful indignities and hideous torture inflicted on Chinese men, attitude found in the capitalist women and little children by the schools.

lapanese soldiers. Although There was plenty of food and Japan's rulers gave the word to all of it was well prepared. We start the invasion, it was the had more meat at camp than our Japanese farm boys and young family has had in three weeks. workmen who did the actual divty In fact I'm very reluctant to plot and could deal with it "in work; who blindfolded and tied give you all the virtues of the to posts living Chinese for camp for fear that it will be swamped with reservations, thus bayonet practice, who tied Chinese together, poured oil on eliminating my own possible rethem and set them afire, who turn.

raped and mutilated with their There is plenty of time for rebayonets little girls and old creation such as swimming, boating, fishing, baseball, badminton, women. All this and more was done by table tennis and dancing. At night the Japanese workers The Mili- there is community singing. In conclusion I would like to tant loves so dearly and is weep-

I say to each of you, white and ending the system of capitalism all our American comrades. It's true the ultra-radical attitude of the Stalinists helped Hitler just as much as the Social-Democrats' attempt to hide behind the broad back of the Field Marshal. But

A Comrade

we should not confuse the facts I am a disabled veteran, having lost both legs in the European theatre. Because of this

have followed with great inter-Editor's Note: "A Comrade" is est the articles in The' Militant on the treatment of disabled vet-Democrats as the ones who relied erans. I would like to add one small example of the manner in which veterans' affairs are Stalinist leaders covered them-

Many of the boys in my posiexcused themselves from action ger of an end of work in the tion have gone to the expense of spending around a hundred dolagainst Hitler by pointing to the lars for collapsible wheel chairs. reformists' lack of action. After a good number of us had From 1929 to 1931 the Stalinist done so, the authorities got logan was "Strike the fascists

around to telling us that the govwherever you find them." After ernment would provide these 1931, however, the party abruptly chairs without charge. This was renounced physical struggle and enough to make our blood boil. helped bait the same trap If they had taken the trouble to prepared by the Social Democrats. tell us this before, we certainly According to Daniel Guerin in

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For Parliament In Chile Election

(Continued from page 1)

indisposed to believe the Demo-New York City cratic Alliance which since 1938 has formed the government. Durcorrect in pointing to the Social ing these years the living standards of the masses have fallen principally on Hindenburg instead | lower. Chile has a great infant of their own anti-fascist workers mortality. Depreciation of the curguards, to "stop Hitler." The rency has gone on to proportions more serious than in any other selves with radical verbiage and Latin-American country. The danmines of the North (manganese, copper, saltpetre) is becoming now a black reality.

CONDENZA RUNS

It was in this atmosphere that the POR nominated Edgardo Condenza, lawyer for the unions in the province and regional director of the party.

Socialist and Communist parties.

We had to campaign in an athis book "Fascism and Big Busimosphere of great confusion. The ness": "When the Storm Troops Democratic Alliance broke up announced their intention of when an openly reactionary canparading on January 22, 1933, in didate was nominated. The C. P. front of the Karl Liebknecht and S. P. workers protested House, the party leaders begged against supporting this candidate. Thereupon their leaders designated an "independent" canthe Ministry of the Interior (under Hindenburg's presidency) to forbid the Nazi demonstration. lidate, who was also supported The Communist Party,' they by the Falange Nacional, a reacstated to the press, 'holds the tionary "youth" splitoff from the authorities responsible for what conservative party. The C. P. and will happen in the Bulow S. P. workers refused to work Platz. . .' Send letters of protest for this candidate, who despite to the Chief of Police: such was C. P. and S. P. support got only the instruction given the work-1,900 votes. At least 50 per cent of the electorate abstained from

This is the same general tactic voting. now pursued by the Greek Stalin-Our party campaigned under

ists in their betrayal of the the slogans: "Workers: let us workers in that land. Upon announcing the discovery of a unite against the offensive of the monarchist plot in Greece, these bosses and the government." "Detreacherous leaders followed in mand that the Communist and the footsteps of the German Socialist parties pass over to class Stalinists, declaring that both the opposition against the bourgeois Greek Government and the British military authorities know of the government of Rios." "Down with 'national unity' and class collatwenty-four hours" if they wishboration." We distributed many

leaflets as well as the central organ of the party, El Militante. **IN MINNEAPOLIS** We believe that our campaign erved to begin raising the work-BUY "THE MILITANT" ing class from the apathy in at the LABOR BOOK STORE which it has sunk owing to the class collaboration policy of the 10 S. 4th Street

with no reduction in pay!

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!

3. Organization of the war veterans by the trade unions!

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

5. Working class political action! Build the independent labor party! Establish the workers' and farmers' government!

6. Tax the rich, not the poor! No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

7. A working class answer to capitalist militarism!

Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions! Trade union wages for all workers in the armed forces!

8. Hands off the European and colonial peoples!

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

A Warning To Labor

The frenzied attempt of the New York Publishers Association and the War Labor Board to break the heroic strike of newspaper deliverers has flashed a red-light warning to all American labor. For this attempt is an ominous preview of the pattern for strikebreaking which Wall Street and its government is elaborating for use against the resurgent American workers.

First, the government wheeled up the War Labor Board artillery. The WLB intervened as an open, undisguised strikebreaking agency. At the first nod from the publishers, the board commanded the workers to return to work. Then, without an iota of authority, it ordered the union's rights voided and gave the signal to the capitalist publishers to draw up their next battery of big guns-the mobilization of strikebreakers.

But the sickening, the shameful aspect of the WLB's strikebreaking intervention was the role of the labor members on the board. Here was a demonstration that the government is seeking to utilize the War Labor Board against workers not in war industries-in preparation for extending the WLB's strikebreaking powers into the postwar period. The WLB's labor members nevertheless voted for the board's strikebreaking actions.

Thus, these labor "leaders" continued to cloak the War Labor Board, the proven tool of the employers, with an aura of "impartiality" and sanctioned its strikebreaking. This situation can no longer be tolerated. The shout must go forth like thunder from the entire union ranks: WITHDRAW THE LABOR MEMBERS FROM THE STRIKEBREAKING WAR LABOR BOARD! With the WLB's tacit sanction, the publishers drew up their next line of strikebreaking artillery. They sought to inject race hatred-the deadliest of venoms-into the conflict. While rounding up misguided youngsters, including a number of Negro boys, to peddle papers, the publishers' agents circulated the lie that the striking union discriminated against Negro workers.

Senator was lying or telling the truth. The Militant on the contrary, flatly accused Eastland of lying. Now this accusation of the Southern Bourbon Senator has been publicly exploded as a gross fabrication. In a speech before the Senate on July 12, Senator Wagner revealed that all the highranking generals had denied point-blank the truth of Eastland's accusations. The fact that most of these generals are themselves steeped in race prejudice gives their denial all the more weight.

As for the Stuttgart atrocity tale, inquiry made at the French Embassy and checked by them with the French High Command, according to Wagner, "has brought a categorical denial of this story. Thus this charge is not only irrelevant, but also untrue." Allied Supreme Headquarters likewise denied the truth of the story.

One single fact alone — aside from these official denials- blows up the Senator's fabrication about the subway rape: there is no subway in Stuttgart!

Yet in the face of these facts the capitalist press did not give equal prominence to the exposure of Eastland's lies. In fact most of the capitalist press did not even mention the exposure! So far as their record is concerned, Eastland's declarations still stand. Bigots who drink up such filthy propaganda will continue to circulate the story as genuine.

Could a more revealing light be thrown on the role of the capitalist press in besmirching the Negro people?

Big Three Meeting

Like three vultures settling on the prostrate body of Europe. Truman. Churchill and Stalin are meeting in the ruins of Berlin. Each one knows that the Second World War is but the prelude to a still bloodier conflict if the capitalist system endures. They are therefore highly concerned over strengthening their individual positions in preparation for the Third World War, and will fight for the largest possible share of the booty now in their hands.

The three vultures are meeting, consequently, in secret. They are haggling in secret. They are measuring off each other's power, striving to cut each other down.

But the main business of the conference-ways and means of suppressing the rising tide of working class revolution-will take precedence over all other considerations. The establishment of workers' power would end the rule of capitalism and along with it the privileged position of the agents of imperialism represented, above all, by Stalin. They are therefore in unanimous agreement on the necessity to crush working class revolution wherever it may break out into the open.

This is the main point on the agenda of the Big Three.

A Good Beginning

The Los Angeles CIO has taken a big step forward in the fight against native American fascism. On July 20, the same night Gerald L. K. Smith's organization was to meet in the Shrine auditorium, the Los Angeles CIO scheduled a counter-meeting in the much larger Olympic auditorium. This counter-meeting can serve a most useful purpose. First, it can acquaint the Los Angeles working class with the danger of native fascism in the post-war period. Secondly, it can give the alarm signal to all the anti-fascists in the country that precious time must not be lost. Labor must begin right now to organize its defense against the challenge of Smith's plan to convert America into a stronghold of world fascism. Thirdly, it will serve notice on the American fascists that they cannot hope to emulate Hitler or Mussolini without meeting, from the outset, the mighty resistance of the labor movement. America's native fascists have learned a great deal from the march of Mussolini and Hitler to power. They understand that to be successful they must begin with an aggressive attempt to mobilize tens of thousands of discontented middle class people. They know the most rabid of these people. must be organized into shock troops. They know their next step is to turn these gangs against the labor movement and crush it through violence and bloodshed. At its present stage of development, American fascism is concentrating on organizing its cadres and establishing a base of mass support in the middle class. This is the strategy the would-be dictator Gerald L. K. Smith is now following. This is the reason for his public activities in Los Angeles. But the American labor movement has learned from the experiences of the European workers. The leaders of the trade unions in Italy and Germany, the heads of the Stalinists and the Social Democrats, followed a policy of non-resistance to the fascists. By their lack of militancy they guaranteed the triumph of fascism. If these leaders had organized a militant defense against the fascists, neither Mussolini nor Hitler could ever have seized power. The next step in the struggle against Smith and his fellow demagogues is therefore the mobilization of labor's ranks and the organization of picket lines. Picket lines around the meetings of the native fascists, if organized on a sufficiently large and aggressive scale, can stop the fascist movement in its tracks. The picket lines must be reinforced with antifascist workers' guards. These guards are necessary to meet the assault of the fascist thugs Smith and his cohorts are now organizing. They are necessary to protect union halls and other labor property from attack. They are necessary to protect the lives of union men. The Los Angeles CIO has started the defense of American labor against native fascism. Now it must be followed up throughout the entire country!



"The cook threatened to strike — can't we have her arrested under your Smith-whatcha-ma-callit law?"

(See Cartoon Contest, Page 7)

arresting them and suppressing

appear against the Nazi con-

querors. Now La Vie Economique

t Financiere, organ of French

mperialism, joins the wolf pack

This reactionary journal in-

sinuates that Trotskyism is an

international plot. It points to the

'disquieting synchronization" be-

ween the Belgian crisis, the

French crisis and "even the

British crisis," while levelling its

fat banker's finger at Trotskyism

as responsible for fomenting

these crises. This is the tradi-

tional device of reaction. Instead

of viewing the profound economic

and social crisis of Europe as a

nowling against Trotskyism.



use these troops to put down France

Devastating unemployment in Italy is making still worse the near-famine conditions facing the serve capitalism, in Germany. workers and poor people. The new puppet premier, Ferruccio Parri, has been forced to admit that about half the workers among imperialists want to prevent them the great industries of northern from learning the truth about the Italy are working only two to opposition of the German workers three hours a day or not at all. to the Nazi regime. They want to In response to the mounting prevent the Allied soldiers from unrest among the Italian worklearning from the lips of the ers, Parri on July 13 addressed German people the truth about an appeal to his Allied masters fascism - that it is simply a to modify the terms of the secret product of capitalism which can armistice and give Italy "a better | be exterminated root and branch status than we have now." only by overthrowing capitalism Parri revealed that more than itself. 20,000 Italian soldiers and 40,-

000 civilians had been killed in An Associated Press dispatch the struggle against the Nazis. gives a graphic picture of the New documents, he declared, sordid night life in Berlin where showed that the Italian workers the officer staffs of the Allied brought to Germany had offered conquerors regale themselves. stubborn resistance against the "For a pack of cigarettes," says Nazis and German factory AP, "a foreign conqueror can buy everything from four percent beer Parri declared "moral and to the questionable charms of a

material reconstruction is not professional blonde." Amid the terrible ruins of the possible for the Italians" under cemetery-like city, "honkytonks as sordid as any old time the terms of the armistice im-However, the limberness of Klondike dancehall cater to all pine of this representative of with the time and money to Italian reaction before the Allied spend."

ing an end to misery and hunger. The abysmal poverty of the imperialists is fully indicated by Reaction thereupon accuses Trot-German workers forces "girls of his cowardice in not even demandbobby sox age" to stand about skyism for responsibility for ing publication of the shameful "in clusters eyeing prospective these terrible conditions! terms of the secret armistice. The journal, in a ludicrou "The night clubs... share with attempt to bring in evidence for retail food stores the distinction its calculated lies that might imof being the most active business press the unwary, refers to the ruption for which they would, after cessation of enterprises in this grisly capital widespread strikes in France and of partitioned Allied power." Few Germans haunt these create dissension and turmoil. As probability that the underlying conspiracy persists." bright spots in the general ruin. | if Trotskyist agitation were at Those who do are "dazed white- the bottom of workers' unrest! collar folk splurging their last marks in an effort to forget the attacks such as these are obdamp cellars to which they must vious. It would be a grave dispatch, "and living standards return at dark. All look as if they mistake, however, to dismiss them were drifting aimlessly - their as unimportant. French reaction future a blank.' s gathering its forces for a Mainstay of the night clubs is oloody settling of accounts with the officer caste. Special tables the workers. The attacks against are reserved for them. Here Russian, American and British goldbraid wine, dine and sing while French Big Business set out to in the future. strike, prostrating such great about them the broken wheels of murder the most militant worka great industrial center of ers in France, they will do so Europe gather rust. under guise of stamping out enemies of the country and inernational plotters against QUESIION BOX France. The name they will give his "plot" will be Trotskyism.

Congress Shows No Hurry To Assist Unemployed

An administration-sponsored bill to improve benefits under the state unemployment compensation laws was side-tracked last week as soon as it was introduced into Congress.

Representative Robert Doughton, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee which must approve the measure before it is brought on the House floor, indicated strongly on July 10 that his committee would take no action for some time on the nill.

He emphasized that the bill was introduced only by "request" and that "it will be included in a number of other things under study." He further indicated that the bill may be held up in committee until Fall.

While Congress finds the time to vote itself a big salary increase, billions in tax rebates to the corporations and other measures to aid the profiteers, it pleads that it is "too busy" to consider the needs of millions of workers facing mass unemployment in the next few months.

The proposed measure, based on Truman's report to Congress last May would provide a federal subsidy to states to supplement their unemployment compensation funds if the state governments agree to raise their present standards to a \$25 weekly maximum for a period of 26 weeks during any entire year of unemployment. Most eligible workers would receive far less than the maximum, which, averages out to \$12.50 a week over a year's time.

Meanwhile, the state governments are further tightening their rules for unemployment insurance eligibility. One of the chief means of denying workers unemployment insurance are legal residence The Parisian paper La Vie restrictions. These would deny unemployment compensation to millions of workers who have been forced to migrate to different states for war jobs.

Recently the Pennsylvania legislature adopted a reciprocal relief law which permits aid to non-residents provided the state from which the applicant comes grants similar privileges to non-resident aptheir paper La Verite (Truth), plicants from Pennsylvania. Only Rhode Island first underground publication to qualifies

> The Truman proposal would leave administration of unemployment insurance in the hands of the notoriously corrupt state political machines. But even this measure is regarded by the Big Business agents in Congress as "too much." They are proceeding to bury it "in committee."

Du Pont, National Lead In Cartel Conspiracy

The National Lead Company and E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, notorious munitions and chemical trust, last week were found guilty of violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Law by maintainproduct of the breakdown of ing a monopoly in the manufacture and sale of titacapitalism and the end result of the most devastating war in hisnium, an important war material.

tory, reaction seeks out "agita-In a 45-page opinion, Federal Judge Simon H. tors" whom it can blame and Rifkind also found the two indicted corporations crucify. Trotskyism offers the guilty of participation in an illegal international only program capable of providcartel to limit production, fix prices and divide markets on a world-wide scale. The cartel conspiracy ncluded German, Japanese, French, British, Canadian and other foreign corporations.

"Until the entry of the United States into the war," said Judge Rifkind, the American members of the cartel "regarded the war as a temporary interhostilities, make adjustments in a spirit of fairness tries to show how the Trotskyists and amity." He added that "there is a preponderant However, the punishment of these big business criminals who made millions from their conspiracy, The crudity and brazenness of will not fit the crime. Since they were tried in a civil suit, there is no possibility that they will go to jail or even pay big fines. At most, it is expected that the judge will order the offending corporations to "cease and desist" from further law violations and release their patents for the use of other concerns on a royalty-free basis. Trotskyism are part of the For the guilty corporations, this constitutes a warnpreparation. When the tools of ing - to evade the anti-trust laws more carefully

revolution. In their own way they nope to continue the task of the Economique et Financiere (Econ-Hitlerite regime - that is, preomic and Financial Life) in its May 26 issue viciously attacks In order to use the Allied troops the French Trotskyists. The de most effectively in this bloody Gaulle regime has persecuted the counter - revolutionary task, the Trotskyists throughout France,

This lie the union has exposed. It does accept Negroes without discrimination. But it has only a few Negro members. Why? The newspaper publishers themselves have persistently REFUSED TO HIRE NEGRO WORKERS!

Finally, came the most sinister aspect of the strikebreaking pattern-the open threat to use returned war veterans to smash the strike. In short, the maddened capitalists and their mouthpieces revealed their ultimate method for "dealing with" organized labor-the method used so effectively by Mussolini and Hitler.

Fortunately, the rising wrath of the New York workers and the determined stand of the strikers forced the Publishers Association and War Labor Board to retreat. The bosses dared not-this time -attempt to make good on their strikebreaking threats.

But let there be no illusions that what the employers and government revealed in the newspaper strike is just idle talk. It follows the basic pattern for their coming assaults on American labor. The workers have been warned in good time. Let them take heed and unite their ranks for uncompromising struggle.

Liar Eastland

On June 29 Senator Eastland of Mississippi fili-"bustered in the Senate against continuance of the Fair Employment Practices Committee. He flung two foul accusations against the Negro people. He said that "high-ranking generals" had characterized the Negro soldier as an "utter and abysmal failure." He said that French Negro Senegalese troops dressed in American uniforms had locked 5,000 Christian German girls of good family in a subway at Stuttgart for five days, "kept them there and criminally assaulted them."

The capitalist press gave great prominence to these accusations of the Southern gentleman. The capitalist press did not say whether the chivalrous

Sweden

posed by the Allies.

owners.

Italy

A special dispatch to the June 30 Chicago Daily News reveals that even in Sweden, at present the most prosperous country on the European continent, economic

conditions are swiftly deteriorating. "National incomes have decreased 10 percent since the war's beginning," says the have decreased in the same proportion."

Great dissatisfaction with conditions is visible among the working class. "For five months now, 125,000 workers in the metallurgical industries have been on export firms as L. M. Ericsson, **Bofors**, Swedish General Electric,

Electrolux and the great Goteborg shipbuilding works." The demands of the workers in this extraordinary strike are not specified. In the political sphere, a leftward swing is rapidly taking

place. Swedish political com-Q: Did United States trade mentators expect the Social Democrats to form a labor govpresent World War? ernment this fall when the present coalition breaks up.

Germany

Despite increasing pressure from the ranks of the armed forces to relax the ban on fraternization with German civilians, the American generals remain adamant in their refusal to change their colicy.

While admitting widespread violations of the order, the gen-AMG? erals maintain that reversing it would lead to still greater fraternization. In a July 9 release to the press the army staff indicated the real reasons for the ban on commission of the League of Nafraternization. As summarized by tions, a few years ago, found the correspondent of The New that even 1770 calories, one and York Times, the generals are in 'fear of German uprisings during the coming winter." The generals expect "serious trouble" as a had no exercise whatever. result of shortages in fuel and food.

Q: When the government takes This confirms the analysis adover a plant, doesn't that plant ranced by The Militant from the suffer a loss in profits? beginning of the Allied occupa-A: Not at all. The Montgomtion of Germany. The Militant ery-Ward mail order house, for declared that the Allies oppose example, under army management, made profits of \$4,767, 955 by agents of Vichy and Hitler! fraternization because they fear a workers' revolution in Germany in the first quarter of this year, Thus do the agents of the Kremlin will gain wide sympathy among after all taxes. This compares try to whitewash French im-The Allied imperialists intend to ter of 1944.

Algeria

De Gaulle's Consultative As with Spain decrease during the sembly is now debating the rising

A: No - on the contrary, the unrest in Algeria. Instead of United States last year bought granting the independence the five times as much from Franco- Algerians want, these spokesmen governed Spain as it did in the of French capitalism envisage a ast peacetime year of 1939. Ac- long-range program of tightening cording to figures recently an- the coils of imperialism on this nounced by the Department of unhappy colony.

Commerce, imports from Spain Last May, French armed forces were \$50,000,000 in 1944, as flying American planes bombed the rebellious Algerians, inflicting more than 10,000 casualties.

Q: How much food are Ger- Andre Tixier, Minister of the Inthe terior, hinted that the blame for the uprising rests with wealthy

A: Only 1150 calories per day, estate-owning colonists who re roughly equivalent to six slices fused to carry out even such a of rye bread. Such a ration mild reform as granting 80,000 means starvation. A medical natives the right to vote.

Pierre Bloch, a "Socialist," accused reactionary economic interests in Algeria of "fomenting" Germany, would only maintain of the Radical Socialist Party saw traffic will bear" or do without. the life of a bedridden adult who the hand of "our Allies who look

on Algeria with covetous eyes."

all, however, was levelled by the Stalinist, Etienne Fajon. This professional mud-slinger declared that the Algerian natives took part in a "fascist plot" fomented

the martyred rebels of Algeria. ceiling charges.

OPA Admits Black Markets Steal Billions Annually

Black markets are gouging an estimated two billion lollars annually in increased prices from the Amercan consumers, OPA officials admitted last week in Washington.

They reported that the government's price control agency is so under-staffed and has such feeble powers that it is incapable of halting the ever-growing black market operations. Congress recently denied an OPA request for \$6,000,000 to double its enforcement staff.

Ceiling price violations and black market practices are almost universal for meats, poultry and textiles. Although OPA appeals to the consumers to refuse to buy at above-ceiling prices, this would mean simply going without meat and clothing altogether.

Actually the black market is to a large extent maintained by the regular dealers. These dealers, all the way from manufacturers to retailers, have devised numerous methods for price ceiling evasion.

Perhaps the principal method is that of the cashon-the-side sale. The purchaser simply makes an additional cash payment that is not recorded on check stubs or invoices. The final price-hike is passed a half times the allotment for the uprising, while Marc Rucart on to the consumer who is forced to pay "what the

The textile and clothing industries are in the best position to get away with price gouging. Because of Most slanderous accusation of the factors of style, innumerable different materials, colors, etc., the textile and clothing profiteers are able to put out "new" items not specifically covered by the regulations, which fix the ceilings at 1942 levels. In this way, they can pass off shoddy materials at exorbitant prices.

None of the government cost-of-living statistics, on which the wage-freeze is based, take into account the ranks of the Allied troops. with \$3,430,324 in the first quar- perialism by throwing filth on black market prices, quality deterioration and over-

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against \$10,000,000 in 1939. nan civilians allowed by