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# BRITISH WORKERS VOTE LABOR TO POWER

## **SWP** Demands Job Guarantees

NEW YORK, July 30 - Farrell Dobbs, representing the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party, today sent the following telegram to Robert F. Wagner, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee. Senator Wagner heads a sub-committee which is holding a two-day preliminary hearing on the full employment bill.

Robert F. Wagner Chairman, Senate Banking Committee Washington, D. C.

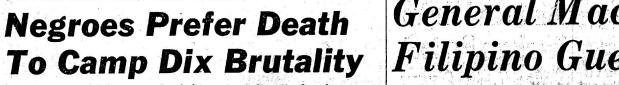
The Socialist Workers Party condemns the complete failure of Congress to pass full employment legislation before adjournment. Congress did not fail to provide billions of dollars in tax "relief" for giant corporations who have been piling up enormous profits since the outbreak of the war.

Now these Congressmen are taking two-months' vacation without considering legislation to relieve the hazards of unemployment during reconversion. Yet increasing numbers of plants face shutdowns. Millions of workers face loss of jobs.

To guarantee an adequate number of jobs, the Socialist Workers Party places before your Committee the following proposals: (1) The continued operation of all idle plants by the government; (2) the establishment of workers' control over these plants, since only the workers are interested in expanding production to

the maximum. If this proposal is placed into effect, these plants could produce consumer goods that would quickly rub out wartime shortages. They could provide immediate work for all those who need jobs, intluding the mounting number of returning veterans.

> FARRELL DOBBS For National Committee, SWP



Reminiscent of the wave of sui- | "would rather die than be a memcides under Hitler's iron heel are the reports of outrageous treatment of 1,400 Negro soldiers at Fort Dix, N. J. result- intolerable conditions at the ing in attempts of some of them camp, Army authorities confined to commit suicide. Sergeant him to the psychopathic ward of Ralph Luckett, attached to the the hospital. 83rd Signal Heavy Construction Battalion and Private Charles Coleman, Company A of the same battalion, both felt

the heavy, double-barrelled veil drank a bottle of gentian-violet, wash." Some of the soldiers are is applied to the feet for the prepetitioning Negro organizations vention of athlete's foot. Cole-

under his armpits. He used the pathic ward. soap because he thought it would lowing day. He declared that he | 1 and June 1, 1945.

Luckett again attempted suicide on July 1 while at the hospital. But instead of investigating the

man, like Luckett, blamed the at-Sergeant Luckett, in charge of titude of white officers toward

slow down his heart action and complained of mistreatment and of Japanese occupation of the Arthur's forces landed Taruc was render him more susceptible to injustices against the Negro Islands. the sleeping tablets. He was dis- heavy construction battalions as covered in a semi-conscious state a whole. The persecution against by other men working in the dis- them can be judged by the fact pensary and rushed to Tilton Gen- that 300 of the 1,400 Negro soleral Hospital where he remained diers were court martialed durin the same state until the fol- ing the six months between Jan.

## **NEGRO WRITER RELATES** FACTS IN NIGERIA STRIKE

By George Padmore

Reprinted from the London Tribune, July 13, 1945 Last Saturday, thousands of angry Nigerian strikers, at a mass rally at Lagos, swore "by mother Africa and the departed spirits of our ancestors that we shall never surrender until the Government grants us our legitimate demands." During the past three weeks over 150,000 native employes have been out on strike for a minimum wage increase of 2s. 6d. (roughly 50 cents) per day to meet the rise in the cost of living.

#### ON THE INSIDE

Government Ignores Seamen, Sidelights on British

Minneapolis Workers Protest

Diary of a Steel Worker .....3 have soared, stocks are scarce, The Negro Struggle .........4 the health of the community is be-Shoptalks on Socialism ..... 5 coming impaired, victims of T.B.

A recent appeal by the African Civil Servants Technical Cutbacks Hit Women Workers 2 | Workers' Union, addressed to the Governor, Arthur Richards, point-Aids Shipowners ..........3 ed out that before the war workers lived in families of three or Franco Regime Shaky ....... some of which measured 10 ft. SWP Backs Frankensteen ....6 by 10 ft. This was a direct result of the miserable wages paid Police Chief Appointment . . 7 by the government. Today, the situation is aggravated by an ab-COLUMNS AND FEATURES | normal rise in rents. Prices of

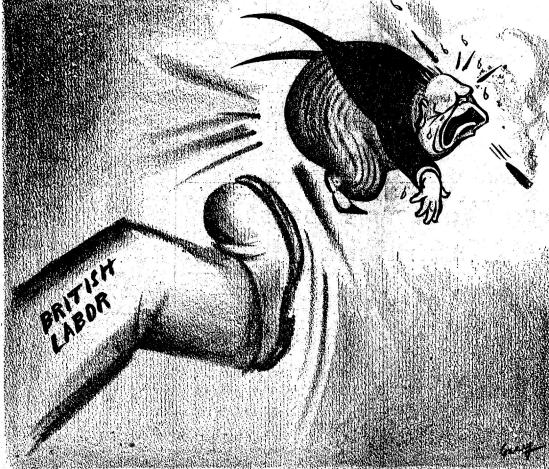
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SECOND ATTEMPT

Private Charles Coleman was northern coast of the main island given severe "company punish- of Luzon, last January. When ment" on July 1 because of a they reached their first objective, death was preferable to the bru- small infraction of the rules. His the town of San Fernando to the tality of their white superiors, extra duty was to mop the mess south, they found that Filipino according to the July 28 Peo- hall, then dig a large trench. Ac- guerrillas had already driven out cording to Coleman this was "the | the Japanese garrison and set un News of the intolerable condi- worst of a series of injustices," their own administration. Mactions for Negro soldiers at Fort and he decided death was prefer- Arthur promptly liquidated this Dix is only now "seeping through | able to increasing punishment. He | administration.

of army censorship and white- a poisonous antiseptic dye that Lingayen landing most of the SOCIALIST LEADER quarters at a hospital dispensary, Negro soldiers for the trouble at American press was filled with several able comrades including on June 29 took an overdose of the camp. Like Luckett, he has true accounts of the magnificent sleeping tablets and put GI soap also been confined to the psycho- Filipino struggle against the Lava and Fileo. Avisantos was Many men of various units have tinued throughout the three years Japanese troops. When Mac-

Giving Him the Boot



## General MacArthur Represses Filipino Guerrilla Fighters

The pattern of Allied "liberation" made familiar in the its distribution among the landcountries of Europe — disarmament of the masses and the in- less farmers. In many districts stallation of servile puppet governments to frustrate the popular large-scale confiscatings occurred. will - has unfolded swiftly in the wake of American reconquest of the Philippine Islands.

Within six months of the Philippines were freed of Japanese control. American troops and operated in the campaign. The Japanese violators which had con-

What the press did not reveal destruction of the guerrilla organizations, the liquidation of organization. local administrations which they leaders. A tight censorship instituted by MacArthur has prevented the facts from becoming generally known. But from fragments of news contained in letters and from conversations with invasion. returning newspaper corresponwhat has occurred.

f the Philippine Islands.

American forces under Gen.

Hukbalahap, which means "Peolordism in the Philippines, as in ing on Lingayen Gulf, on the ple's Anti-Japanese Army." Its China, is the greatest scourge adherents are believed to number anywhere between 100,000 and 200,000. Most of its strength is concentrated in the provinces of Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Bulacan and Laguna, but it also has a sizeable force in Tayabas and a smaller one in Rizal. All of these provinces are rural and lend themselves to the guerrilla type of warfare.

It was in March 1942, right Herald. after the Japanese conquest, that Filipino guerrilla fighters co- Hukbalahap was organized by a Socialist named Avisantos and Louis Taruc, Costo Alejandrino, killed in an engagement with commander - in - chief. MacArthur ordered his arrest. By this time, was the swift and ruthless Hukbalahap had grown to be an effective military and political

The Huk guerrillas were the large - scale coordinated actions against the Japanese army. Other bands, sponsored by the U. S. Army, limited themselves in the main to intelligence work and which escaped the censor's eye preparations for the American

The influence of the Hukdents, this writer has been able | balahap among the rural populato piece together a picture of tion was due to its radical agrarian program. This program Outstanding among the Filipino called for confiscation of the

## PM SOLVES UNEMPLOYMENT --**GIVES VETS FREE WANT-ADS!**

lence, or possibly a desire for appear, mechanics, fur-workers, publicity, New York's liberal daily more significant, some of the PM has inaugurated a free "job- executive and professional types wanted" ad column for returning express a willingness to work up veterans. Beginning in a modest from the bottom if necessary. way on the 4th of July, they got | This means only one thing. 14 customers for this service. Good jobs are hard to get. Any Two weeks later, on July 19, kind of jobs are few and far be-"business" increased 500 percent, tween. And this is only the beginwith 70 such ads appearing.

Usually the people who ad-Trade Union Notes .........2 foodstuffs and imported goods vertise in "situation wanted" columns are unemployed executives trying to convince some ads of the unemployed. coupon-clipper that they can clip the coupons more efficiently. And | a free ad the veteran wants. He | as a result of cuts in its budget. college people.

In a mood of patriotic benevo- | Now the ads of truck-helpers

landing in New York harbor will not suffice to hold the tiny

and a job that will last.

The popularity of such a program will readily be seen when

ed on July 27.

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Man the Dikes!

"British Leftist Victory Leaves U. S. Last Barrier"-headline in the Washington (D.C.) Times

Top Priority

The War Production Board issued a steel allocation order for \$16,000 worth of leg irons and handcuffs annually for use in South America and Africa by private companies, including Firestone and Ford. (Akron Sentinel).

The Shape of Things

A special court has been created in New York City, to be known as the "Chief Magistrate's Term." had set up, and the arrest of their most important group carrying on It can be convened, says Chief him or by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, "on any day and at any time or place within the city of New York, in their, or either of their, discretion." Specifically, he pointed out, it can be convened in instances of mass arrests, "street disturbances such as riots, or strikes."-Associated Press.

Allowed - or Told?

"The emperor can help to keep Japan from falling into chaos, torn by riots and revolution... the Japanese are likely to be allowed to retain their imperial form of government." - United

What Kind of Victory?

When Congress virtually killed the Fair Employment Practices Red Cross. Committee by cutting its funds to the bone, the Stalinist Daily Worker hailed this as "a victory ning. Thousands of troops are work without discrimination." But persons, the refugees with their on July 26, FEPC Chairman Malevery day. Soon all PM's 20 pages colm Ross announced that five field offices will close next month and the national staff will be As for PM's benevolence, it isn't reduced by more than 50 percent this type. All professional and now He wants a living—a living in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Kansas ling along, it does something to only one thing. The Stalinists labor's independent political acceptable. City, Pittsburgh and New Orleans. | your heart."

## Tory Reactionaries Stunned By Defeat; Masses Elated Over Landslide Victory

Liberal Party Melts Away As Middle Class Swings To Labor; Arena Is Clearing for Showdown Fight

ment of Churchill out of office. A labor government, under the Premiership of Clement Attlee, is installed in the classic birthplace of capitalism for the first time in history. The ballot boxes of the July 5 general elections were opened on July 26. Count of the votes revealed a veritable landslide to the La-

With results of 13 scattered districts to be announced later, the yote gave the Labor Party 390 seats in a House of Commons which will have a total of 640 members. In the last Parliament, the Labor Party had only 163 seats and in its greatest previous triumph, in 1929, it had 288. With 390 seats out of 640 in the present Parliament, the party has a substantial majority over all other parties.

## Wright Aero Local **Decides to End Seven-Day Strike**

On Tuesday of this week, three days after the striking workers returned to the plants, the Wright Corporation commenced laying off workers, singling out chief stewards, shop stewards and committeemen who were alleged to have "taken an active part in instigating and carrying on" the strike last week.

The seven-day mass protest strike, involving 30,000 workers, which shut down five North Jersey plants of the B-29 Wright ronautical Corporation, end-

At a noon meeting held in the headquarters of Local 669, CIO the union officials, headed by president McGrail, promised that TORIES CRUSHED Steward John Potts would be reinstated. They reported that the Tory defeat is further shown in can Sandys, Secretary of Air company had informed them that the fact that Birmingham, great Harold MacMillan, Home Secrea grievance committee would sit steel and heavy industry center tary Sir Donald Somervell, immediately to review the case. and traditionally a Tory strong-The company promised that the hold (it was the home of the feat of the Tories acquires all the of the strikers.

MANY GRIEVANCES

The protest action was caused by an accumulation of grievances of the workers against the corporation, culminating in the firing of Potts, veteran of World War I. without cause and in violation of contract. The company has refused to sign a new contract, although the union began negotiations 30 days before the old con-Magistrate Edgar Bromberger, by tract expired in October, 1944.

gan firing union men and stew-

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## European Misery **Saddens Troops**

The destruction and human desolation that surrounds them depresses the American soldiers in Europe, reports a Red Cross official after a tour of the battle-ravaged countries. The official, Arthur L. Mayer, manager of the Rialto theater in New York, declared that keeping up dorsement represented 'grass the spirits of the soldiers is the roots support from the people. greatest problem confronting the They claimed that Tammany's

Telling about the "incredible for the right of Negroes, Jews, is not bloodshed, but the people few belongings piled in a wheel- people.

"I don't care how much you hate the Germans," he continued; haired girl holding a doll to her Stalinists criticized neither Tam-

By RALPH GRAHAM The great British working-class has swept the reactionary Tory govern-

The official tabulation, minus the 13 districts still to be announced, shows the relative position of the various parties:

Party	Members	Popular Vote
Labor	390	11,962,678
Conservative	195	9,018,235
Liberal National	14	768,341
Liberal	11	2,280,135
Independent Labor	3	46,679
Communist (Stahnist)	2	101,390
National	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	147,997
Common Wealth	1	110,634
Independent	10	545,862

Almost 25,000,000 votes (the defeat can be seen from the fact United Kingdom has a population that leading ministers in Churchy of 47,000,000) were cast in the ill's cabinet failed to get re-electelection. As the tabulation shows, ed. Among them were First Lord nearly half of the total was cast of the Admiralty Brendan Brackfor the Labor candidates. The en, Secretary of State for India Conservative (Churchill, Tory) Leopold S. Amery, War Secre-United Automobile Workers of Party lost 130 seats to the Labor tary Sir James Grigg, Minister America, over 4,000 workers voted Party, but the latter lost not a of National Insurance Leslie to end the work stoppage after single seat to the Conservatives. Hore-Belisha, Minister of Edu-

expired contract would remain Chamberlains who "represented" more significance when it is rein force and no discriminatory it in many Parliaments), was action would be taken against any swept into the Labor fold. place on the very morrow of the Churchill himself secured re-election in his predominantly middleclass constituency of Woodford, but even there 10,500 persons out | Yet the vapors of patriotic imof 38,000 voted against him. His perialist propaganda (Churchill son, Major Randolph Churchill, and his son-in-law, Duncan Sandys, were both defeated.

How annihilating is the Tory

cation Richard K. Law, Minister of Aircraft Production Ernest The crushing character of the Brown, Minister of Works Dun-

membered that the elections took victory of the Allied imperialists over their German adversaries. Churchill personified that victory. appealed to the voters to keep him. in office until the war with Jap-

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## Tammany-Stalinist Deal Instead of granting the union a new contract, the company be- Unshaken, Says Simpson

between the Stalinists and the 5,000 Signatures Still corrupt Tammany machine will not follow Tammany's withdrawal Needed for Dobbs of its endorsement of the Stalinist candidate for City Council, Benjamen J. Davis, Jr. This opinion was expressed today by Louise Simpson, Trotskyist candi-

date for City Council. "The Stalinists made a deal with Tammany," she said; "and they will carry it through to the end. On July 22 Davis formally accepted the Tammany nomination. Two days later the Daily Worker editors insisted this endesignation of Davis 'strengthens the candidacy of Gen. O'Dwyer.' horror" he saw in Germany, May- But the very next day O'Dwyer er said that "the greatest horror forced Tammany to repudiate its tuously they are spurned. endorsement of Davis. Thus Mexicans and other minorities to along the roads, the displaced O'Dwyer, it seems, is opposed to tive," Louise Simpson concluded. the 'grass roots' sentiment of the | "The capitalist political machines

> "If endorsement of Davis constitutes a test of progressiveness, then O'Dwyer must be placed in intend to remain in the Tammany tion."

The number of signatures on petitions to place Farrell Dobbs on the ballot as Trotskyist candidate for mayor is now 10,326. The goal set is 15,000. On July 29 the campaign for signatures to place Louise Simpson on the ballot got off to a good\*start with 700 signatures. Although only 2,000 are legally required, Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party has set as its minimum goal 4,000 signatures for Comrade Simpson.

camp and continue their support of reactionary capitalist candidates, no matter how contemp-"This episode is most instruc-

offer absolutely nothing to the Negro people. Shameful servility before the political friends of the Southern Bourbons betrays the "when you see a little flaxen- the camp of reaction. But the struggle against Jim Crow. The only way to gain social, economic breast, or a blind woman stumb- many nor O'Dwyer. This can mean and political equality is by

## "Go Back To Sweatshop And Home" Bosses, WMC Tell Women Workers

in industry, like the Negroes, are "last to be hired, first to be fired." Only a couple of years ago these same women were lured into the factory by enticing ads and big promises. "Be a welder! Earn big money! Vacations with pay!" and so on and so forth.

But today 500,000 women are pounding the pavements. They are facing a long, long vacation, most of them. No rest at the seashore, no lying in a canoe looking lazily at the sky. But an unpaid vacation, a sweating vacation in the cities, filled with trudging days and worried nights.

They performed jobs that women were never built to do. Heavy foundry jobs where they breathed the foul air that makes strong men faint, steel plant jobs where they breathed the 300-degree breath of the steel furnaces.

The so-called light jobs in aircraft were no cinch either. Labor laws that protected women workers were relaxed by state legislatures, scrambling to serve the wartime needs of big industry. Polishing and grinding magnesium parts and breathing the poisonous magnesium dust, for example, is no joke for anybody either male or female. Some states have had laws against women doing this work. These laws have been disregarded. Some states have had laws against women lifting any weights above 50 to 60 lbs. These laws went by the board in the hectic profit-mad war period. Women lifted all kinds of heavy castings, machine parts, etc. in socalled "light" industry, often hurting themselves badly.

#### Jobs That Made Them Nervous Wrecks

The women now thrown on the scrap-heap by industry are by no means the same women who entered the new, glittering female employment offices so short a time ago. What with the constant pounding of machinery and the constant clamoring of their children, many married women are already nervous wrecks. Others have damaged lungs, fallen arches, varicose veins.

And what is the capitalist solution for the unemployed women? Do the employers perhaps plan on creating new office jobs at decent pay? Do they contemplate hiring women at union wages to do the light detail shop work that these same bosses praised them for so much a short time ago?

Margaret A. Hickey, chairman of the Women's Committee of the War Manpower Commission in Washington gives the answer in a rather tactful manner: "Are women going to be sitting on benches in employment offices when they ought to be learning new skills?" she says. (N. Y. Times, July 18.) Miss Hickey may be disturbed, like many employers, because women want to draw unemployment insurance for a couple of months, small though it is, rather than go to work for wages that are still smaller.

She doesn't pause to enumerate the "new skills" or explain what factories are hunting for women with these "new skills." She doesn't-for the very simple reason that there aren't any! The only "new skills" are in reality the very old skills of unskilled slavery work. The idea seems to be that women who learned riveting and welding in a few days will need a long apprenticeship in the art of washing dishes!

But this is only the smooth talk of a social worker. The real capitalist device is this: "Go back to your kitchen where you belong! And if you can't get along on your husband's or father's wretched post-war income, get a job as a waitress, laundry worker or servant, for \$5 or \$10 a week."

#### The 'Back to the Kitchen' Baloney

And of course the capitalist knows very well that no working class family can get along any more on the income of one male worker. The high prices the capitalist charges and the low wages he pays compel every member of the family to go to work. The women simply cannot stay in the kitchen even if the kitchen were the little paradise for women that all the capitalist stooges claim further breach of the contract, Bride, has been reluctant to vice, to reclassify all workers ex-

While women in industry have suffered worse than men in many ways, this "back to the kitchen" baloney is no chivalrous gentleman's slogan designed to protect the "little woman" from the evils mentioned above.

Not at all! It is a calculated and vicious slogan that, translated into class language, means this: "You are an inferior. You must work for lower wages. The labor shortage is over. You must do a man's job but not at a man's pay. You must work for non-union pay. And finally, you must do your best to break the unions. And you will work not just eight hours a day in the factory but ten and twelve hours, for straight time, scab wages."

This is a challenge to the labor movement. The trade unions cannot afford to let it go unanswered. The working class can allow this to go on only at its own mortal peril, for a blow at women workers is not just a blow at part of the working class, and hence to the whole class, but it is a wedge driven into the heart of it to split it wide open.

The labor movement should fight for the rights of women in the same way and for the same reasons that it should fight for the rights of the Negro people. Both women and Negroes are oppressed. Given the worst jobs and the lowest pay. They are treated this way not because they can't do "better" jobs, not because they are used to getting low pay and don't mind it, but because the capitalist class hopes in this way to keep labor from uniting to better its conditions and establish socialism.

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TROTSKYIST CANDIDATES IN THE COMING NEW YORK ELECTIONS

## According to War Marpower Commission figures, there are already half a million unemployed women in this country. Women LEWIS AS POSSIBLE HEAD

for the purpose of inviting John the UAW, 50 militants, representing 8 different locals throughout the city, after discussing the cuestion for over two hours,

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oted it down after realizing the onsequences of such a move. Hardly waiting for the pre ious speaker to finish, each man would jump up, to denounce from policy of the International leadership of the UAW. These men were rank-and-file members and local

190, and others, who felt, as DETROIT—At a meeting called M. J. Cavanaugh, Executive Board member of Local 235 ex-L. Lewis into the leadership of pressed it, "our leaders in the International UAW are just a bunch of dumb clucks."

The meeting was surprised when a member of Briggs Local 212 took the floor to oppose the motion. He pointed out that the intent of the motion, that is, to change the leadership of the union, was good, but they were going about it the wrong way.

As he put it, "to throw this idea into the membership of the UAW might result in a fight making the Homer Martin days look like a tea party." He went on to state, "our job now is to top to bottom the do-nothing see that our union holds a con- tical for a solution of the probvention in spite of the Office of Defense Transportation ruling banning one, and we'll get rid of officers of Chevrolet Local 235, our officers there.' Diesel Local 163, Packard Local

When this idea, far more prac- overwhelmingly.



lem, was echoed by a member if Diesel Local 163, a motion made to table the question was passed

## Cramp Shipyard Workers Protest Arbitrary Lay-Offs In Philadelphia

The very existence of Local 42, rid of union men during the Industrial Union of Marine and of "inefficiency."

Most of those laid off had two o four years seniority and many were active in union affairs. The layoffs were made in complete disregard of union agreements on seniority.

The electrician shop steward and the chairman of the grievance offs. It might have slipped by without notice if a storm of protest by rank-and-filers had not the Shipbuilding Stabilization caused the president of Local 42, Commission. In that capacity John MeBride, and the official hoard to intervene. They went into the yard and vigorously of walkouts by piece-rate depart protested the company's action.

Cramp officials blandly admitted that the contract had been violated and then promptly which permits discharge without three weeks of employment.

move. That this company move seniority.

Standard Steel Spring Com-

pany, forcing the bosses to re-

nire with full back pay Charles

Watson, a Negro employe fired

last Saturday, July 14, to de-

Not since 1919 has this town

seen a major steel plant shut

down by strike action. The com-

government, army brass hats and

CIO bureaucracy could not break

the militancy of the workers.

mand his reinstatement.

FORCES REHIRING OF NEGRO

By Fred Rayburn

NEWCASTLE, Pa., July 18 | When Watson was fired early

- Local 2646, United Steel last week, the company agreed to

Workers, CIO, last night scored reply to a protest of the union

a complete victory over the grievance committee by noon of

without cause. In a splendid held at the United Labor Club,

demonstration of solidarity, the without the attendance of Jack

local had walked out on strike Grittie, local director of the CIO.

bined forces of the company, the pany without union consultation.

walked out.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 22 | can be used as a precedent to get present wave of cutbacks in Shipbuilding Workers, CIO, is Cramps and other yards as well is threatened by the method used apparent to all union men. Even threatened by the method used by the Cramp Shipbuilding Com- IUMSWA national president John Decide to End pany in a layoff this past week. Green, when he met with Local Twenty-six workers in the elec- 42 leaders and members, declared trical department were laid off on that the move was serious enough the vague and trumped up charge to make him want "to pull the string.'

However, up until today the ards as part of its whole uniononly action taken by the union busting drive. has been to refer the case to arbitration. The local already has an 18-month backlog of arbitration cases. Incidentally, in addition to the prospect of long delay and uncertainty of arbitration, a committee acquiesced in the lay- new arbitrator handles Cramp cases. He is the notorious Wiliam Simplins, former chairman of issued the infamous wage-cutting order that precipitated a serie

> Many good union men realize the futility and even danger of recognize that a fight is necessar

ments last spring.

Obviously the Cramp company to take lower paying jobs in was challenging the union to do other industries. The other 9,000 something about it and was con- still working in the yard, feel fident that the union would not insecure regardless of their **NEWCASTLE STEEL UNION LOCAL** 

was broken and the workers

On Saturday evening, a mass

meeting of the membership was

on two demands: "No work until

our fellow-worker is put back to

work with pay for time lost. No

further discharges by the com-

At a second meeting on Mon-

day the workers were subjected

to a heavy barrage of patriotic

oratory by Army officers, a La-

bor Commissioner from Pitts-

burgh named Ward, a labor

stooge named Myers who is sup-

Local 2646, John Oberleitner.

days for refusing jobs for which

they were physically unfit, on the

basis of a complicated rotation

system. Today the workers are

back, with their jobs protected

and the solidarity of white and

Negro workers cemented still fur-

won, hands down!

WIN BOTH DEMANDS

## **Wright Workers** Seven-Day Strike

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Plant No. 7, Wood-Ridge, N. J comprising some 17,000 workers from which Potts was fired, was the first to walk out on July 20. It was followed by Plants 1 and 2 in Paterson, Plant 3 in Fairlawn and Plant 4 in East Paterson, completely tying up the entire production.

ALL THREATS FAIL

Threats of reprisals against the workers failed to break the protest action. The company threat ened the workers that the existence of their union was in danger. They said that a government agency would take over the five notified the men and the union permitting this case to wait for plants. Draft boards were orderthat they were fired for inef- arbitration. But so far, even the ed by Col. Edgar N. Bloomer ficiency instead! This was a progressive leader, President Mc- state director of Selective Serspecific cause only during the first | Meanwhile, the 26 men and cause of their war work. The WLB women are out of work or forced threatened to refuse to act on the local's new contract which is coming up before the board next Tuesday.

The workers were confronted with the greatest difficulties they ever had to face in this strike Against them were not only the company and government agencies but their own union officials who played a weak and cowardly role. From the very beginning these officials tried to drive the workers back to the plants. Memhers of the Communist Party (Stalinist) tried to smear the strike and blame it on racketeering elements. The Daily Worker set the tone for the Stalinists Saturday, July 14. The promise and carried on open strikebreaking agitation.

workers remained firm. Only the promises of their union officials union affairs. that grievances would be adjusted and that Potts would be reinstated caused them to vote to go Unanimous agreement was voted back to work.

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

#### by JAMES P. CANNON posed to represent labor on the War Production Board, Jack Gittrie, and a former president of The local voted by a large ma-ON TRIAL jority to return to work on Tuesday after assurances that the company would meet union repthe official resentatives on the same day. court record Both demands of the local were The successful strike grows out of a long history of Gestapo tactics by the company. Sick workers were snooped upon and questioned by company cops. Seniority was constantly violated. Laborers were suspended for three

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## **End to Shortage** Of Food Sought By Boilermakers

"bring some action to bear" on the acute food shortage in the Pacific northwest area has been opened recently by Local 104 International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Welders and Helpers of Seattle, Washington. The action is supported by the Aero-Mechanics, Metal Trades Council and various other local lodges. It is part of the nation-wide protest against the scandalous and unnecessary shortage of proper food for workers n industry.

The average meat consumption in the United States this year, according to a Washington D. C. dispatch, is estimated at 120 pounds per person, against 149.5 last year. It is even lower than the average of 125.6 during the depression years of 1935-1939

"According to reliable sources there seems to be plenty of beef on the hoof throughout the U.S. Our problem is to get this beef off the hoof and on the table," states the 104 Reporter of July 19. It points out that workers are now putting in longer shifts, ten or twelve hours and upwards.

Local 104, Boilermakers has a Food Committee which is requesting the cooperation of union Boilermakers' Union in Seattle is members in its postcard campaign. The campaign is to be Here is an editorial excerpt from launched in the yards and plants the 104 Reporter: and the postcards distributed to the workers through the shop ment, who incidentally, I don't

the meat packers for better meat distribution." "Allot more meat to the critical war industry without enough food? areas." "Longer work hours call for more red points." The post-

"By the common action of the workers in this area, we may be able to put more meat on the table," stated Joe Leavy, member of the Food Committee.

## White and Negro **Workers Protest Toledo Jim Crow**

TOLEDO, O., July 22-A mass meeting of 300 Negro and white workers today protested vigorously against discriminatory policies of Toledo corporations. Organized by the union committee of the Mass Movement League, a fighting Negro organization, the meeting was held under the joint auspices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Mass Movement League, the Ministerial Alliance, and the CIO Fact-Finding Committee.

Emmett Wheaton, chairman of the CIO Fact-Finding Committee. and a long-time militant fighter for Negro equality, chaired the meeting at the Frederick Douglas Community Center. The main speaker, John Holly of Cleveland, president and founder of the Future Outlook League, discussed "Negro Labor at the Crossroads." Robert Burkart, editor of Spicer Unit News, organ of Local 12 UAW-CIO, and a member of the NAACP Toledo executive board, also spoke. All of the speakers called for strengthening the unions by abolishing discrimina, Despite all these difficulties the tion and urged Negro workers to take a more active part in

ACTION DEMANDED

The meeting passed a resolution demanding that the UAW International take immediate action to settle grievances on job discrimination. "Negro workers at the Chevrolet Motor Corporation in Toledo are still being denied upgrading by management," the resolution charged. "Many workers of 15 and 20 years' seniority are still restricted to menial and low-paying jobs. The same conditions exist in the Champion Spark Plug Company, Auto-Lite Company, and many other plants." Also approved was a resolution

protesting to the British Embassy at Washington against the recent arrest of ten strike leaders of the Nigerian labor movement, and the threatened persecution of Nnandi Azikiwe, Nigerian Negro editor who is personally known to leaders of the Mass Movement League.

All speakers at the meeting supported the candidacy of J. B. Simmons, co-founder and director of the Mass Movement League. who is running as an independent for the Toledo City Council.

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# TPRADE

Methods and Methods

The Toledo Union Journal of July 20 throws a headline and an article full of bouquets at UAW District Director Richard Gosser, listing his long and glorious wartime record of getting fired militants back to work. His most recent achievement was the reinstatement of Lucille Bowes, fired office worker of the Spicer plant. The article happens to note that

6,000 Spicer workers were striking in sympathy with Miss Bowes. Toledo workers may think the strike had something to do with Gosser's latest success. But it is only mentioned to show how much money Gosser saved 6,000 people by settling the strike! Strikers might reflect that they

needn't have struck at all, thus saving still more money ... But perhaps they had more confidence in their own strength than in miracle man Gosser.

#### Those Meat Points

The miner's strike for meat points really started something. Way out on the West Coast the also going to town on this issue.

"How can industry and governthink are going hungry, or work-The general demands expressed ing 10 to 12 or 16 hours a day on these cards are: "Nationalize at hard manual labor, expect the working people in this area to keep up their speed and drive

"Let us, the Boilermakers Union formulate some construccards are addressed to Senators tive plan if we have to force it Warren G. Magnusson, Hugh Mit- with every weapon we have. The chell and Representative Hugh miners through good concentrated Delacy and others in Washington, action got 50 more red points a month. Are we so dumb or so complacent that we must sit idly by and be given the scraps... Now is the time to get active and get some food, or to find out why!"

#### Subject: Deficits

Boris Shishkin, AFL economist says, in discussing "Your Postwar Job": "It will take from two to three years after the war to make up the deficit in textiles. This means full employment (in he textile industry) for at least hat long."

"make up deficits." It produces to | 'sufficient cause'."

sell on the market at profit. A great many people will have a "deficit" of clothing after the war. But they are also going to "deficit" of spending

#### Maybe Their Chance

Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach has asked Senate and House labor committees to fix up a law creating a couple of assistant secretaries of labor. Being just an assistant may not sit so well, but Lewis, Murray and Creen may now get the chance they've always dreamed aboutthe chance to become full-time capitalist stooges right in the president's cabinet.

#### Didn't Make a Name

According to a recent Gallun poll, 45 percent of the population still think John L. Lewis is head of the CIO. Apparently Philip Murray, the labor statesman of the No-Strike Pledge, hasn't made much of a name for himself.

#### Big Business Watches

Last week's meeting of the International Executive Board of the UAW-CIO was carefully watched by Big Business. In spite of the Thomas-Reuther-Addes arrogance toward the rank and file, the bosses understand very clearly how much explosive force is gathering under their bureaucratic seats. In Business Week, July 28, the magazine in which the capitalists think out loud, is the following:

"The delicate time fuse whose tick can be plainly heard by employers of the more than a million members of CIO's United Auto Workers kept on ticking this week. The explosion was again deferred as the union's executive board, meeting in Minneapolis, decided to keep in effect-for the present, at least—the union's nostrike pledge...

"UAW's national officers voted to continue the pledge in force in the face of mounting demands from the membership for revocation.'

Detroit, the article warns. "has not yet seen the spectacle of General Motors, Ford and Chrysler strike-bound at the same time. That may be in the cards when He omits to explain that UAW declares officially that it is capitalism doesn't produce to ready to support strike action for

AKRON-Bi-monthly forums are held at 405-06 Everett Bldg.,

39 E. Market St. Friday, Aug. 10-"The Labor Party Victory in England." Speaker, D. Swanson, 8 p.m.

CHICAGO—Everyone is invited to attend the Militant Picnic, Sunday, August 12, at Thatcher Woods. Take Lake Street city and suburban cars to 8000 West (Thatcher Road); two blocks north on Thatcher to Chicago Avenue; walk to the first entrance West of Thatcher on north side of Chicago Ave., and then to Grove No. 4. The fun begins at 11 a.m. Admission free. Food, entertainment, campfire and community sing-

CLEVELAND — Open meetings are held at Pecks Hall, 1446 E. 82nd St. (off Wade Park N.) on Friday evenings, 8:30 p. m. Friday, Aug. 10: "The Fight

Against Cutbacks and Layoffs.' Speaker, T. Grant, Cleveland organizer, SWP. Friday, Aug. 17: "England's Labor Party Victory and Its Lessons for World Labor."

Speaker, David Lands.

DETROIT-Come to the Mid-Summer Swing on Saturday, August 11, at 3513 Woodward Ave., Room 21. Music, dancing and entertainment, under auspices Detroit branch, SWP.

OSANGELES — Obtain copies of The Militant and Fourth International and other Marxist books and pamphlets as well as information about the SWP at the following places in the Los Angeles area: ANGELES, Socialist Workers Party, Rooms, 200-05 232 S. Hill St. SAN PEDRO, Socialist Workers Party, 1008 S. Pacific, Room 214. For additional information phone VA-7936.

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MILWAUKEE — Visit the Milwaukee branch of the SWP at its headquarters, 926 Plankington Ave., Room 21, any evening between 7 and 9:30 p. m. NEWARK — Lectures are held

weekly at the Progressive Workers' School, 423 Springfield Ave., at 8:45 P.M. Friday, Aug. 10: "Significance

of the British Labor Victory." Speaker, Joe Ford.

NEW YORK — All branches: Saturday, Aug. 4: Members and friends of SWP will meet at 116 University Place at 6 p. m. to gather signatures on local election petitions. Friends of The Militant are invited to

23rd St., 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5: Beach party at Bay 8, Brighton Beach, to collect signatures. Petitions provided. Take BMT Brighton train to Ocean Parkway; meet at Bay 8 sign.

an informal gathering at Chel-

sea Workers Center, 130 W.

SAN FRANCISCO - Visit the San Francisco School of Social Science, 305 Grant Ave., corner of Grant and Sutter, 4th floor; open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Aug. 10: Grace Carlson will speak at Druids Temple, Unity Hall, 44 Page St., 8 p.m. Aug. 11: Informal reception

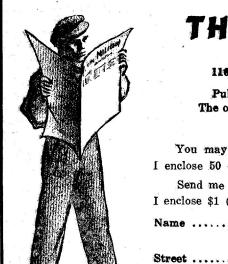
for Grace Carlson on Saturday evening. Meet her personally at San Francisco School of Social Science. Dancing, refreshments.

SEATTLE - Grace Carlson will speak on Wednesday, August 15 at New Washington Hotel, Stewart St. at 2nd Ave., 8 p.m.

TACOMA — Hear Grace Carlson on Friday, August 17 at 8 p.m. at Odd Fellows Hall, 6th and Fawcett Sts.

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Among other important issues, the Socialist Workers Party

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## Congressmen At Work

By Joseph Hansen

After six years of the Second World War, a few of Wall Street's political hatchet-men are beginning to express apprehensions quite at variance with the gilt-edged propaganda of Big Business about boundless peace and prosperity in the postwar world. Senator Brooks of Illinois, for instance, on July 18 indicated a troubled mind:

"I think we have finally come to the ugly realization that we cannot harness the resources of the world and train the manpower of the world to destroy, without having to face the fact that there will be an aftermath which will be almost as ugly as the war itself was... There is no question that we have literally blown Europe to the ground. There is no question but that we will burn Japan to the earth. When the war is over the loss of resources in human lives, in displaced peoples, and in property rights will leave this world in a greater chaos than it has ever known in all of its history...'

Senator Downey of California, his imagination stirred, perhaps, by the uneasy observations of his colleague, conjured up a frightening possibility:

"The world has endured six long, long years of war, of exhaustion, starvation, disease, death, and sorrow. And now, as the European phase has drawn to a bloody close, and the climax in the Pacific approaches, men all over the world-tired men, bitter men, desperately hopeful men-are asking themselves: Have we really

#### Cigars and Punk

These two political representatives of American capitalism are not the only ones in Congress deeply concerned about the burning problems of world politics. The July 18 Congressional Record printed for posterity the following remarkably illuminating interchange between Representative Gross of Pennsylvania and one of his esteemed fellow politicians on the superiority of the nickel cigar over more

"I hold in my hand several cigars... This is a 6-cent cigar and used to be the good York County 5-cent cigar... I can take a match and light this cigar. After it is started I can lay it down and take a bath and shave and have a cigar that is still burning. That is good tobacco in a well-made cigar... Every extra cent I have to pay for the cigar I have to have an extra match to keep it going. It takes 50 matches to keep a 50-cent cigar going. They do not smoke. The tobacco will not burn... Why, I could light this cigar and show you what a nice white ash it makes. I can smoke it about half wav and all that ash will still be on it. It is just exactly the kind that John Marshall and Joe Cannon and Andrew Mellon and all those great men in our national life spoke about.

"Mr. REED of New York. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

"Mr. GROSS. I yield.

"Mr. REED of New York. May I suggest to the gentleman that punk will burn while you are shaving.

"Mr. GROSS. Yes; punk will burn."

#### Tosses Bouquet to Stalin

Moscow will be pleased to learn that Generalissimo Stalin has found an ardent admirer in Wall Street's Congress. Jew-baiting. Negro-hating, Jim-Crow-advocate Rankin of Mississippi, in cultured language typical of the decayed Southern Bourbon aristocracy, expressed his appreciation of Stalin's Christian-like quickness on the

"Communism is the most dangerous influence in the world today. I am talking about the communism of Leon Trotsky... Remember that these white girls who were herded into this subway, or air-raid shelter in Stuttgart and raped at the point of Communist bayonets, were not responsible for the war which Hitler waged. My God!... Remember... this... high-class anti-Hitler doctor in Stuttgart... These communistic brutes stood him against the wall and made him watch these black ares rape his wife and daughters... Remember, they closed every church in Russia, killed their ministers, and murdered millions of Christian men, women, and children when Trotsky was in power. When Lenin died Trotsky thought he was going to take over. But Stalin beat him to the draw.' Stalin happened to be born a Christian. He was educated for the priest-hood in the Orthodox Russian church, and when he began to remove the commissars from the army, restore military discipline, and open the churches, then a wave of Communists headed for America.'

#### Guilty Conscience

The overwhelming majority of these capitalist politicians, who recently raised their own salaries by a cool tax-exempt \$2,500, apparently feel that they have worked so hard in Congress this year they are entitled to at least a two-months summer vacation. Representative Bailey of Pennsylvania, however, seems to suffer slightly from twinges of conscience:

"I do not want to appear too critical in this matter nor do I want to criticize any one individual-I do think it unwise at this time in view of the increased unemployment and of the added possibility of a sudden collapse in the Japanese war effort that this Congress should take a 2 months' recess and leave a matter of so grave importance as this subject to the uncertainty of the future."

Most of the Congressmen are taking off a few extra days to get ready for their two-months' summer vacation.

## **Maritime Commission** To Give Ships Away

NEW YORK, July 30-While | that more than 75 percent of the the National War Labor Board present fleet will not be operating continues to stall on granting as American-flag ships. seamen a 55-cent hourly minimum | Ships needed for postwar shipwage another government agency, ping will be "sold" at "basic the Maritime Commission, has prices" figured on "the estimated rushed ahead with plans to cut postwar reproduction cost in a down the 'size of the U. S. representative foreign yard." This merchant fleet and turn over to in itself represents a colossal private shipping companies bil- steal. But the fact that govern-

an all-time peak of 5,500 ships during the life of a ship far by the end of this year. The exceed the cost price, converts IT NEED NOT BE! single item of constructing ship- this so-called "sale" of ships into yards to launch this vast fleet an outright grant. represents an investment of not less than two billion dollars. This is only a fraction of the huge sums poured into the maritime industry by the government.

#### PROFESSORS CONSULTED

and means of disposing of government-owned ships and shipyards. It therefore employed four members of the Division of Research of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration to prepare a report on "The Use and Disposition of Ships and Shipyards After World War II."

professors revealed that only 1,325 ships will be needed for postwar shipping. This means perts."

lions of dollars in war-built ships. ment operating subsidies paid to The merchant fleet will reach the private shipping companies

#### COMPANIES GET PICK

The Harvard report recommends that American shipping companies be given their pick of the best war-built ships "immediately upon termination of The Maritime Commission is hostilities with Japan," and that primarily concerned with ways | "cost of repair and conversion should be paid by the govern-

The remaining four thousand ships will be scrapped, offered for sale to foreign operators, or put in a "laid-up fleet." What will happen to the thousands of merchant seamen thrown out of work considered by the shipping "ex- SITES!

Reconversion --- IV

# Trotskyists Offer A Fighting Program

While the top labor bureaucrats fear a fighting program, the union ranks everywhere are demonstrating their pent-up eagerness to battle for their rights. Ever wider sections of organized labor are raising demands, far-reaching in character.

Since March 1945, a tremendous strike wave has swept the country. Within five months, more than a million workers from coast to coast have trampled the no-strike pledge into the dust. New heroic struggles-of Akron rubber and Detroit auto workers, Chicago truck drivers, New York newspaper deliverymen-have entered the pages of American labor history.

The protesting voices of other hundreds of thousands — the returning war veterans — are beionists. They are finding the realent from the glowing promises they received when shipped off to face mutilation and death while

#### TREATMENT OF VETS

They are discovering that the o-called "G. I. Bill of Rights" is fraud. Veterans' hospitals have been exposed as cesspools of vile conditions. When veterans do get jobs, they quickly learn how the bosses have lied about the workers getting "rich" on war wages. And increasing thousands of them find decent jobs at living wages unobtainable.

Some 13,000,000 Negro people, the most oppressed section of the population, are fighting with ever more determination and courage against mounting discrimination and race hatred fostered by the white capitalist ruling class and their agents like the vicious Southern Democrats in Washington. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Negro fighters have been court-martialed for daring to insist on their rights in the Jim-Crow armed forces. The Negro people had to threaten a huge mass march on Washington to force even formal recognition of their right to jobs in war industries and compel temporary establishment of the Fair Employment Practices Commission, Always the "last to be hired and the workers must completely refirst to be fired," the Negro store: workers especially are today feeling the whiplash of layoffs, downgrading and wage cuts.

It is indisputable that the workers, Negro and white, and the remore than ready to militantly resist Wall Street's hunger scheme. gram which genuinely meets their

#### SWP PROGRAM

From the beginning of the war, sistently and boldly advanced an effective fighting program in the interests of the vast majority. That organization is the Socialist Workers Party, the American Trotskyists. Despite vicious wartime government persecution -18 Trotskyist leaders suffered federal imprisonment under the infamous Smith "Gag" Act — the Socialist Workers Party has persistently warned of the capitalist conspiracy to destroy the unions. drive down living standards and impose a post-war regime of hunger and regimentation.

Why, asks the Socialist Workers Party, must great government-owned plants like Willow Run be "junked"? Aren't there vast needs to be filled? There DIVIDE AND RULE are, for example, huge areas of rotten, crowded housing which ought to be replaced by modern pre-fabricated homes that plants ike Willow Run could easily be used to build. Yes, these plants now destined for the scrap-pile could provide a thousand products that would make the workers' and farmers' lives better and happier. Plants, machinery, materials, workers — all are at

Only one thing is lacking from the capitalist point of view guaranteed profits. That — and that alone — is what now stands in the way of maintaining all the huge government-built-and-owned plants as humming, useful means of production and liveli-

Must millions of workers and their dependents face idleness, hunger and misery because the profit interests of a handful of non-productive parasites stand in ers and returning veterans must the way? Must the workers, whose labor creates all, meekly submit to an outlived system in which the means to produce plenty are perverted to the interests of a profiteering few?

That need not, that must not be. To the monopoly profiteers who sabotage full production, the workers must answer:

NO IDLE PLANTS! OPER-ATE ALL IDLE AND GOVERN-MENT-BUILT PLANTS UNDER | ized anti-Negro violence. THE CONTROL OF THE WORKERS THEMSELVES! hipyards After World War II."

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zoomed sky-high while wages re- join in uncompromising united main frozen. At the same time, ginning to make themselves the average worker is turning out heard. Most of these veterans are 30 per cent more production per workers, including many old un- hour than he did just four years MINORITIES! DOWN WITH ago. All this increased productivities of their return far differ- ity has been siphoned off into capitalist profits.

Now the workers are experiencing intolerable wage cuts the profiteers at home coined through drastic curtailment of take-home pay. Such pay slashes All the capitalist political 'friends must be combatted by a rising of labor' — Republicans and Demscale of wages.

INCREASE WAGES TO MEET THE INCREASED COST OF LIVING! SMASH THE LITTLE STEEL FORMULA!

#### A 30-HOUR WEEK

If the employers want to fire that not a single independent laworkers while keeping others slaving away for inhumanly long federal legislature on behalf of hours, then the unions must de-

A SLIDING SCALE OF HOURS! REDUCE THE HOURS OF WORK FOR ALL WITH NO REDUCTION IN PAY! FOR the economic field, simultaneous-THE 30-HOUR WEEK WITH ly it must wage an independent NO LOSS IN TAKE-HOME political struggle aimed at win-PAY!

The American workers have the organized power to achieve these demands. But, as the Socialist Workers Party has emphasized, they cannot take even the first step forward in the battle for security unless they break all ties with the capitalist government and its war machine, unless they resist every attempt to curb their independence and freedom of action. To achieve an effective program on reconversion,

INDEPENDENCE OF THE TRADE UNIONS FROM THE CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT! Bound hand and foot by the no-

strike pledge, strangled by the turning veterans, want a program red-tape of employer-dominated in their own interests. They are government arbitration agencies, the workers have found themselves the helpless victims of the They are eager to fight for a pro- profit-mad corporations. Already, despite and against the opposition of their top union leaders, hundreds of thousands of workers have been "voting with their the no-strike pledge.

> For militant union action to halt the union-busting offensive of the corporations and government!

At the same time, it is becoming crystal clear to the union ranks everywhere that the War Labor Board, propped up by the union leaders who serve on it, has become the chief governmental wage-freezing and strike-breaking agency. From every section of the labor movement, the cry is

Withdraw the union representatives from the War Labor Board! An end to reliance on the anti-labor government and its agencies!

An absolute prerequisite for successful struggle is the unity of the working class. Every device of "divide and rule" is being used by the capitalists to disunite the workers.

Thus, the corporations are seeking to pit the workers in uniform against the workers in industry. They plan to use returning veterans, unable to get jobs, as a battering ram against the unions just as the Nazis and Fascists

To defeat this sinister scheme to use discontented but misguided veterans as the basis for a fas cist movement against American labor, the unions must be the most militant champions of the rights of veterans. The labor movement must launch a bold program for jobs, decent hospitalization, demobilization bonuses, adequate unemployment allowances for the veterans.

Unity of the organized workbe forged in common struggle

ORGANIZATION OF THE WAR VETERANS BY THE TRADE UNIONS!

During the war, the employers have intensified their efforts to divide and rule the workers by provoking race hatred and racial conflict. In Detroit, Philadelphia and elsewhere, corporation agents have directly inspired and organ-

#### AWAY WITH JIM CROW

Against this vicious ruling class scheme to destroy labor unity through race prejudice, the During the war prices have white and Negro workers must

LA GUARDIA

#### **LaGuardia Orders Police Force to Suppress Beggars** Today, every demand of the workers is shunted by the em-

Mayor LaGuardia, whose clownsh cavortings on the radio, screen and in the press are supposed to represent him as a great lover of the peoples, especially kiddies, once again shows his true role as a cold-blooded and cynical politician for the bosses.

measure sought by labor. They have supported all the measures On July 22 he directed the police department to give "special attention" to the suppression of begging in the Times Square and Broadway area. He also ordered bor voice is being raised in the the subway police to tighten enforcement against begging.

The excuse given by the mayor is that army officials had complained to him that "service men Just as labor must conduct a were often imposed upon by begmilitant, independent struggle on aroused their sympathies." might be nearer the truth to say that the army brass hats and ning governmental power. The the Wall Street government time to break once and for all stooges are fearful that the solwith company unionism in the podiers on furlough will see a prelitical field is NOW. It is time to: view of their own fate in the ORGANIZE THE INDEPENDdays of critical unemployment ENT LABOR PARTY, THE

## AND FREE OF ALL TIES WITH Detroit Unionists **Hold Protest Rally** On Unemployment

By PHILLIP NORTH

DETROIT, July 24 — A "reconversion demonstration" was held today in Cadillac Square, the traditional rallying ground of the auto workers in Detroit. The announced purpose of the demonstration, sponsored by the Greater Detroit and Wayne County Industrial Union Council, CIO, was to demand immediate reconversion employment and a 20 percent wage raise-40 hours work for 48 hours pay.

president of the Wayne County CIO Council, acted as chairman. Principal speakers were UAW President R. J. Thomas and UAW Vice-President Richard Franken-

Cadillac Square, scene of gatherings of over a hundred thousand auto workers during the turbulent days of their organizing drive, seemed almost empty. The crowd was estimated at from 1,200 to somewhat over 2,000 by the various Detroit daily papers. Actually it was in the neighborhood of 4,000. befall. The American workers

#### MILITANT SLOGANS

will be plunged into an abyss of Briggs Local 212 and Fleetwood Local 15 stood out both by the comparative largeness of their turnout and by the militancy of the slogans on their standards They called for the "40-hour week the tiny, selfish minority who up at 48 hours' pay." They also had posters which read, "Back up salvation will open. Then the action!" Another placard demanded "Operate all idle plants under trade union control!' One placard asked the pointed

question: "Is war the only answer

o unemployment?" The weakness of the Stalinists, who dominate the CIC Council, and who labored hard to make the rally a success, was glaringly exposed by the small size of the turnout. It was likewise obvious that the cowardly policies of Thomas, Frankensteen and Co. cannot inspire the auto workers.

#### He was a fighter for his class, a man who gave up his life for his fellow-workers and went to his death with his mouth set in scorn for his oppressors. Frank Little was a Wobbly. The IWW was his life, his love, his religion. The working class was his hope and his belief. He died as a soldier of his class and a martyr to his beliefs. It was on the first of August, twenty-eight years ago. The world was boiling in blood and smoke. There were bombs and bullets and bayonets and torn bodies. There was fire and the stink of burning flesh. There was hunger, and there vas thirst, and there were emaciated bodies with protruding

Sam Gompers led the A. F. of L. He blinked like a fat old toad and said, "This is a war against war, that is what this war is. It is a crusade, a war of the enraged civilian population defending their menaced liberties and democracies.

It is not a capitalist war." But Sam Gompers, slouched at the podium, blinking like a great & oad, lied as he spoke.

The Kind of War It Really Was

For it WAS a capitalist war.

And Debs and the left socialists said it was a capitalist war. And the IWW said it was a capitalist war. They said. "Don't

Diary of a STEEL WORKER

By Theodore Kovalesky.

His name was Frank Little, and we remember it.

be a soldier, be a MAN. Join the IWW and fight for your class." So the government persecuted the left socialists and the Wobblies. The government swung wide the doors of the prisons to admit the working class fighters.

And on the first of August, in that year of 1917, the Citizens' Alliance kidnapped Frank Little from his hotel room.

A mob of "outraged citizens," grocers, druggists, lawyers, little manufacturers, a mob of petty professionals and tradesmen swarmed howling into Frank Little's hotel room and dragged him out into the night.

For the outraged citizens were "patriots," and Frank Little and the IWW said it was a capitalist war.

The outraged citizens were "decent" people from "good" families, and Frank Little wanted the workers to rule the world. So in the darkness of night in Butte, Montana, they dragged

Frank Little out of his room and tortured him. And when they had had their sport, they hanged him from a ailroad trestle, and left his body dangling to greet the summer

dawn and blight the summer day. But in the midst of their triumph, they squirmed in the bit-

ter flow of his scorn. For Frank Little made no outcry.

#### He Bore His Anguish in Silence

With the strong courage of his ancestors, the Indian braves, Frank Little bore his anguish in silence. Half Indian, half white, "all IWW," he made no plea. He spoke

no word. He did not scream or moan. And the "indignant citizens" felt his contempt and went on greater atrocities until they grew weary of torturing him.

And when their lust was sated, they put a noose about his neck nd hanged him and then went home to their wives and children. And now he lies in the earth, waiting for his brothers to avenge

Today, twenty-eight years later, the world boils again in blood

Millions have died in torment, and millions more wander homeless and hopeless through ravaged cities and bomb-pitted countrysides, hungry and ragged and diseased.

And again the ruling class has persecuted the workers who fought for truth and freedom.

Seventeen men and smiling little Grace Carlson ate prison bread because they said to all the world, "This is a capitalist war." And Bill Patterson, the miner, chafes in his cell, because he and his union brothers would not submit to the mine-owners' wartime attacks on the unions.

And all over the world socialists and militant workers suffer privation and prison and death in the struggle for truth and free-

They fight and die for the cause that Frank Little fought and And many now are the heroes that lie in the earth like Frank

They lie uneasily, waiting for the workers to avenge them by creating the Socialist society of truth and freedom and plenty.

## DEGENERATION OF COMINTERN our wage demands with strike action!" Another placered domands. IS ANALYZED IN JULY F. I.

the press, is a historical review es the treacherous role of the on the evolution of the Commun- Indian National Congress leaders ist International. "Indispensable to a thorough understanding of British imperialist rule. the latest tactical shift of the Stalinists is the entire historical background of Stalinist degeneration," the editors point out. The to cover up, and an important Trotskyist movement and covers labor movement. a period of about 17 years, from

1919 to 1936. "The Rising German Revolution; to revolutionary situations. Its Enemies, Betrayers and Vili-

Featured in the July issue of | In "Ministry-Makers and 'Leftthe Fourth International, just off | ist' Fakers," Hemu Kalani exposwho are accepting office under The Review of the Month in-

cludes an editorial on what the Daily Worker "Discussion" seeks material published is one of the analysis of the recent strike wave official documents of the world and the left wing in the American The second installment of Per-

spectives of World Development In this issue are two timely ar- a speech by Leon Trotsky in 1924 ticles on the German events. One is published in this issue, which by John G. Wright is entitled: summarizes the Marxist approach Other features include a con-

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## British Workers Vote Labor Party To Power

an was finished) could not deflect the British workers from their purpose.

#### LIBERALS SMASHED

Another significant feature of the elections was the ignominious defeat suffered by the Liberal Party, which lost seven seats and now has only eleven. This party, an anachronistic hangover from the "free trade" days when British capitalism was in its prime, put up 307 candidates and expected to stage a come-back. The workers crowded it to the wall. With class lines sharpening and hardening, there is no room for a middle-of-the-road capitalist party.

Among the defeated Liberals were the party's top leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair; Lady Violet Bonham Carter, president of the party; Sir Percy Harris, chief Liberal whip; Sir William Beveridge, author of the much-touted "Beveridge Plan" for social security "from cradle to grave" (the British workers know such talists are on the offensive security is possible only under

The tremendous Labor sweep was the culminating point of steadily - accumulating revolt against capitalism in the ranks of the British workers. This revolt was evidenced last year in the great strikes of coal miners and workers in the engineering trades. The labor "leaders," however, had signed a truce with the Tories at the beginning of the war and entered into a coalition government with Churchill. They acted as strikebreakers.

At the Labor Party conference in 1944 there were rumblings of revolt against continuance of the coalition, but Labor "leaders" Attlee, Bevin and Morrison managed to keep the lid down. At the next conference, this last spring, the revolt reached boiling point and the delegates voted overwhelmingly to end the coalition. This precipitated the general election of July 5.

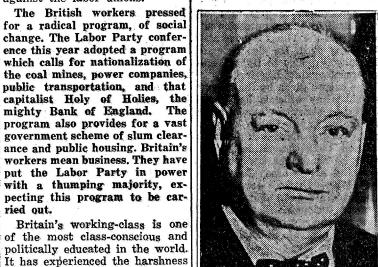
#### WORKERS IN REVOLT

The British workers are weary of the imperialist war. They are suffering severely under rationing and black markets. Mass unemployment is again on the way. middle-class and from the rural the Labor Government - with There is a chaotic housing situa- population. "The middle classes Attlee as Premier — will consist tion, with millions of workers liv- revolted. This nation of shopkeep of the old-line labor skates who ing in slum hovels and bombblasted tenements. All Church-ill could promise the workers was | . . . its 'feudal inheritance,'" | love of the capitalist system of 'free enterprise' and their ability

The acceptance of what is confirst telling blow against capi-

In this election they have demability of the working class to achieve a solution of the pressing social problems. Upon the energy with which the workers press for the realization of even the limited program on which they have sent depend the tempo of Britain's political development from now on.

Britain's capitalists expect revolutionary developments. And they are afraid. It was no accident that the London Stock Exchange slumped heavily when the election results were announced.



CHURCHILL

Railroad stocks tumbled because of the threat of nationalization. Industrialists followed suit and there was a flood of selling.

#### In its great sweep to the left, THE CLASS ENEMY

The capitalist class is trying from the hitherto conservative to take comfort in the fact that ers' voted for socialization. Even have amply demonstrated their

true socialist goal.

"Leaders of the Labor Party," sidered a socialist program by a leading British industrialist these intermediate class elements said to a N. Y. Times correspondis a revolutionary sign of the ent, "are all men with cabinet extimes. It evidences a widespread perience, accustomed to the rerepudiation of capitalism and a sponsibilities of government. quest for a way out of capitalist | There is little danger of ill-conanarchy. The middle classes of sidered radical policies sweeping town and country have joined the country. Members of my orwith the workers to deliver the ganization feel it is improbable that the (Labor) party will vote to take over any of the enterprises mentioned except fuel and onstrated their confidence in the power. They are so completely committed on the coal and electric power industries that it is impossible to see how they can avoid nationalizing them.'

Nonetheless, the capitalists are very nervous. The Financial the Labor Party into office, will | Times, organ of British big business, declared that business and financial circles were "shocked" by the election results. "It must be hoped," the paper said, "the victors will not allow their great majority to persuade them to extremist courses such as would aggravate world society."

#### ATTLEE'S RECORD

The capitalists were comforted when Attlee, in his first statement after the election, pledged his government to continue prosecuting Britain's imperialist war against Japan. They remember that Attlee was Churchill's deputy prime minister and helped carry through Churchill's bloody a powerful blow with the help of suppression of the Greek masses n the interests of British imperalism. They remember, too, that occur tomorrow in connection with Attlee attended the recent San Francisco conference and joined the parade has been postponed." Eden and the rest of Churchill's delegation to vote down a proposal for the independence of the colonies - which means that the British Empire will be safe in Attlee's hands. They also remember that on the home front Bevin and Morrison, ministers of Churchill's cabinet and designated for posts in the Attlee cabinet, acted as strikebreakers against the coal miners and engineering workers only last year.

These are comforting thoughts to Britain's capitalists. Nonetheess, they are decidedly nervous. The Financial Times, organ of British capitalism, declared that business and financial circles were 'shocked" by the election results. 'It must be hoped." the paper said, "the victors will not allow their great majority to persuade them to extremist courses.

But it was precisely in order to insure the carrying out of an 'extremist" program that the into office. The Labor Party leadthemselves, were "shocked"

elections of 1924 and 1929, when Laborite Ramsay MacDonald became Premier in Labor-Liberal coalition governments. MacDonald and his henchmen excused carrying through of the Labor Party program by reference to their dependence upon the Liberals for a parliamentary major-

No such excuse is available to Attlee and Company, The work ers have sent them into office with a tremendous majority. The reformist Labor Party-leadership has been placed on political trial before the British working class

## Maj. Dove Wants Jim Crow Set-Up In Purple Hearts

Private Samuel Dinkins, olored soldier wounded at the pattle of Leyte in the Philippines. was refused membership in the Mount Vernon Chapter of the Order of the Purple Heart. Major William Dove, who wrote the refusal July 7, told Dinkins to organize an all-Negro chapter of urple Heart veterans.

Private Dinkins had received nis wounds in behalf of the interests of Wall Street in the Pacific. But whether he knew this or not, he felt his wounds as sharply and saw his blood flow just as red as his white comrades in battle. And he must have had a strange, bitter feeling when he earned there was a black Purple leart and a white Purple Heart.

But Major William Dove is not n the least disturbed by this forecasters who predicted a wide outrage to democracy. No. Here speaks the snobbish ruling class haps the natural reaction of a officer of the United States nation sick of war and the sym-Army. "The policy of the Military | bols of war and moved above Order of the Purple Heart" he every other impulse by the desire wrote to Private Dinkins, "is to for change."-N. Y. Times edihave separate chapters, one for torial. white, and one for colored. In other words, colored holders of organize a chapter of their own changed. Britain's interest in the itself more clearly in the October within the M.O.P.H. organiza- countries of the Mediterranean tion." (Quoted in PM, July 12). basin is much deeper than any example before French voters. .

question of propping tottering thrones, and although Mr. Harold Laski's remarks about 'full justice to our Spanish comrades' bodes ill for Franco, and 'decaying monarchs' can take no comfort from Labor, it cannot be forgotten that Labor, both in and out of the Cabinet, supported British intervention in Greece. -N. Y. Herald Tribune editorial.

"Whatever the final outcome Great Britain will be the chief experimental laboratory of the human race. . . Failure of British 'gradualism' would produce new belief in the necessity of violence if revolution is to be carried out—and thereby divide mankind into two warring campsdevotees of liberty against par-tisans of socialism."—Edgar Ansel Mowrer, N. Y. Post.

"Churchill's pat on the back for Franco, as the outcome of the election shows, was deeply resented in England."-Marquis W. Childs, N. Y. Post correspondent.

"BRITISH VICTORY GIVES U. S. LABOR NEW 3rd PARTY IDEAS-MURRAY AND HILL-MAN HEADED OFF SUCH NA-TIONAL GROUPS IN PAST"-Headline in PM.

#### Mexico

"The large Spanish Republican

colony rejoiced today at the Laoor Party's victory in England. Alvaro de Albornoz, president of the Spanish liberation junta, said: 'The defeat of Churchill who supported Franco in Spain, brings great satisfaction to all the Spanish Republicans. It means that chances for restoration of the republic in Spain are greatly improved."-Associated Press.

#### Argentina

La Nacion, a conservative naafter the First World War and said, 'reflections on both outcomes are analagous and do not invite optimism."-United Press.

#### India

"Churchill's defeat and the Labor Party's victory will hearten the opponents of imperialism throughout the world."-Sirdar J. J. Singh, president, India League of America.

"Crowds of Indians gathered before radios and outside newspaper offices here last night to learn the election returns and the news of Mr. Amery's (Secretary | Then he proceeded to whitewash of State for India) defeat at Sparkbrook was cheered. American and British troops mingled with the Indians and displayed intense interest in the vote re-"The Congress Party President

said: 'The election results, particularly Amery's defeat, will be welcomed in India not so much because there is hope that Labor will do something big and sensational but because Messrs. Churchill and Amery have proved themselves thoroughly reactionary and inimical to Indian aspirations and a change under such conditions is always welcome.1 -New Delhi dispatch.

#### Italy "Vice Premier Pietro Nenni, So-

cialist, who has been the most outspoken critic of the Allies' policy in Italy and has called the oudest for the prompt evacuation of the occupation troops and the Allied Commission itself, said that the Labor victory was of paramount importance for the whole of Europe and the world." -N. Y. Times.

#### Spain

"Spanish public opinion generally behaves with too elementary reactions in interpreting developments."-Radio Madrid.

#### France

"The landslide to the Left in Britain is regarded here (Paris) as closely related to the trend in France, which is expected to show elections, especially with Britain's

"Labor with a white skin The NEGRO STRUGGLE by CHARLES JACKSON

cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black

#### Sanainaminumanaminumanaminumaninumaninumaninumaninumaninis Negro Publishers Close Ranks

NEW YORK, July 30 — The National Negro Publishers' association today concluded a three-day "limited wartime conference" in this city. Forty-three delegates, representing fiftyive weekly and bi-weekly publications conferred in the headquarters of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union on the problems with which the Negro press will be confronted in the trying days to come.

Unity of effort was the out-3 standing theme of the conference. to confess that "layoffs are al-The publishers obviously realized ready upon us. that if they are to serve their | For all his double-talk and readers by bringing them all the fakery, which is characteristic of news of the Negro world and if any exploiter putting up a they are to continue to act as a | "progressive" front, he did make more effective protest body, they must move toward closer internal if not prophetic. Speaking of the collaboration.

convey to all its members any to unsell so easily. I think they event of national interest that really mean it when they say they might occur in any locality. They hope to have branches in New York, Washington and Chicago prepared to take the responsibility by September 1. In connection with their effort feel the fury of a people who

to unify their editorial effort in have been misled." Amen. Mr. fighting for the just demands of Novick, but just where do you the Negro people, the body went | stand? on record as supporting a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee and a bill to outlaw the reactionary poll-tax which brazenly gags the political voice of ten million Negro and white citizens in the Southern Business or the big monopolies states. VIOLATE THE LAWS

tions/Charter was proposed, W. E. B. Dubois, director of research the Advancement of Colored People, insisted on the incorporation of an amendment that would put the conference on record as favorpeoples. The motion as amended

by Dubois was passed. Another progressive trend was the successful appeal of the NAACP to the NNPA for closer cooperation in the fight to end discrimination against Negroes.

Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP, pointed out in a special communication to the delegates that "much of the discrimination against Negroes is in violation of federal and state statutes." Among the many cases of discrimination that tion of state per, compared Churchill's defeat statutes, restriction of Negroes to with that of Clemenceau in France inferior housing in ghettoes due to restrictive covenants, and segregation in public housing by out that such issues were "conthe federal government.

> address at the annual banquet social and economic injustices. which was held July 27 at the Hotel McAlpin. Novick calls himself a "progressive" capitalist because he has found it profitable to employ and exploit Negro, and Jewish workers as well as white workers during this wartime boom. He piously told the delegates, "I believe it is wrong to discriminate, morally wrong.' the system of capitalism that makes discrimination profitable. Although continuing to per-

can be "60 million jobs," he had of the barnyard.

one statement that is significant, efforts of some of the capitalist The delegates proposed to spokesmen to "unsell" the people establish a nation-wide United on jobs for all, he stated: "I Negro News Service which would don't think the people are going want full employment. And I believe that those who are not of providing jobs for all will

> One of the sidelights of the conference which illustrates how timid some of the delegates were when it came to dealing with basic economic factors which conflict with the interests of Big occurred in the panel discussion which was concerned with

When support of the United Na- editorial policy and program. A Negro representative from the War Department had confor the National Association for sumed 50 minutes of the delegates' time quoting government figures to show the high incidence of venereal diseases among Negroes. An Army film was also shown to ing the complete independence of demonstrate the possibility of the millions of exploited colonial cure when the correct treatment was administered.

After being forced to admit that statistics reveal the incidence of such diseases depends on economic conditions and not on race, he appealed to the group to adopt a resolution supporting the efforts for "education" of the Negro people to the need for treatment of such conditions.

#### SOCIALIZED MEDICINE

Roscoe Dunjee of Oklahoma City, publisher of the Black Dispatch, rose to point out that in Russia, Sweden and Denmark are practiced in this "land of the such diseases have practically free" which the document cited, disappeared since the institution were denial of the right to vote, of socialized medicine. He proinequalities in educational op- posed that the group go on record portunities, segregated schools in as supporting socialized medicine

Several of the publishers who had seemed so concerned about "the people," quickly rose to point troversial" and "not germane to The program committee chose the question" and finally the Samuel J. Novick, president of amendment was ruled out of order the Electronic Corporation of by the chairman. The publishers America, to deliver the main are not yet willing to attack basic The Negro publishers realize

that they must more and more unify their efforts for maximum efficiency and for maximum service. That is a progressive sign. To bring to the Negro workers, however, the full equality for which these papers crusade, they must and no doubt will be forced to unify their editorial efforts to coincide with the only program that can bring such equality about -a basic change in the present system of cut-throat exploitation netuate the myth that under the of all the working people which present economic system there is today making Jim Crow king

The main difference is that the high, welcomed the labor victory. British do not fear communism in their country, while General de Gaulle does fear it in France."-Harold Callender, N. Y. Times.

#### Sweden "One prominent Swedish La-

borite said, 'Franco's days are now numbered." - Stockholm

#### Central Europe

"Press comment in Czechoslorakia where Russian influence is future."-United Press.

A Sofia dispatch said it was acclaimed there by mass demonstrations."-N. Y. Herald Tribune. Soviet Union

#### "Soviet newspapers printed

British election results without editorial comment. Moscow radio said that the Labor Party's definite program of nationalization of industry was responsible' for the 'swing in public opinion.' The election result would 'make Europe more democratic for the

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## 10th Anniversary Of Call For F.I.

ATTLEE

a continuance of this state of af-

fairs. Meanwhile the British capi-

The British workers pressed

and cruelty of capitalism both in

its heyday and decline. It under-

stands the need for a socialist

society. Held back until now by

its own supposed leaders, it has

now made an immense stride for-

British labor has drawn support

THE MIDDLE CLASS

against the labor unions.

ried out.

called for the formation of a new world party dedicated to the socialist revolution. These five were the Workers Party of the U.S.A. (the American Trotskyists, now organized in the Socialist Workers Party), the Revolutionary Workers Socialist Party of Holland, the Bolshevik-Leninists of France, the Workers Party of Canada, and the International Communist League.

These organizations were isolated. They had but few members. They were poverty-stricken. They were the target of ferocious persecution. Yet they took as their task the overthrow of the most powerful system of exploitation history has seen - imperialist capitalism. They set out to organize a political party to accomplish this task on a world scale — the Fourth International.

#### Trotsky Was the Guide

Leon Trotsky was the guide in this historic step. When Hitler walked into power in Germany without the Social Democrats or Stalinists lifting a finger in militant struggle against the Nazis, Trotsky pronounced the Third International dead. The Second International had already been pronounced dead by Lenin at the beginning of the First World War.

In July 1935, the five organizations issued their manifesto calling for the new international. It was published in the August 3, 1935, New Militant. This historic document outlined with remarkable precision the political situation facing the revolutionary vanguard in Germany, Austria, Spain, the United States, etc. It still is as fresh and timely on the key questions as if it were written yesterday. Here, for instance, is a paragraph from its analysis of Great Britain:

"Should the electoral successes of the Labor Party raise it once again to power, the consequences would be not a peaceful social transformation of Great Britain but the consolidation of imperialist reaction, that is to say, an epoch of civil war, in face of which the leadership of the Labor Party will inevitably reveal its complete bankruptcy. The parliamentarian and trade union morons have yet to be convinced that the threat of Fascism in England is not less real than on the continent."

#### The War Predicted

The Manifesto predicted the outbreak of the Second World War in the following terms: "Threshing in the grip of insoluble contradictions, capitalism is preparing to plunge the peomats openly speculate whether the outbreak of the war will come in one or in three years from now. All the governments, vying with one another, are preparing the most destructive instruments, and thereby from every side they are hastening the explosion which may be immeasurably more frightful than the war of 1914-1918."

formally until September 3, 1938, when the Founding Conference was held "somewhere in Europe." Against tremendous odds, the correct program advanced by the Trotskyists forged ahead. In country after country workers took up the banner and began organizing sections of the Fourth International. Today the world capitalists hold Trotskyism in terror, while increasing sections of advanced workers recognize in its program the only hope for the future.

The decisive role of the Fourth International has not been better formulated than in the 1935

"The conditions are difficult; the obstacles are great; the tasks are colossal, but there is no reason whatever to become pessimistic, or to lose courage. Despite all the defeats of the proletariat, the position of the class enemy remains a hopeless one. Capitalism is doomed. Only in the socialist revolution is there salvation for

The Fourth International was not organized

call for its formation:

#### Clarion Call to Vanguard

"The very sequence of the Internationals has its own internal logic which coincides with the historic rise of the proletariat. The First International advanced the scientific program of the proletarian revolution, but it fell victim because it lacked a mass base. The Second International dragged from the darkness, educated and mobilized millions of workers, but in the decisive hour it found itself betrayed by the parliamentary and the trade union bureaucracy depraved by rising capitalism. The Third International set for the first time the example of the victorious proletarian revolution, but it found itself ground between the millstones of the bureaucracy in the isolated Soviet State and the reformist bureaucracy of the West. Today, under the conditions of decisive capitalist collapse, the Fourth International standing upon the shoulders of its predecessors, enriched by the experience of their victories and defeats, will mobilize the toilers of the Occident and the Orient for the victorious assault upon the strongholds of world capital.

"Workers of the World, Unite!"



## **World-Wide Reactions** To British Election

#### Greece

"The Greek Government banned all public meetings for the rest of the week because of the interest Greeks were taking in the British elections." - Radio

#### Turkey

"On account of the results of the British elections, police in Turkey forbade all general meetings until Sunday and 'some newspapers say that military units are ready for action."

"Leftists say that extreme conservatives, guessing that Labor would win, are already preparing National Guard units. As it was feared that disturbances might the parade of the Holy Brigade, -Ankara Radio.

#### Belgium

"The latest British election reports produced a burst of cheering in the Belgian Parliament from all Deputies save the Catholic Tories, who sat in bewildered silence."-N. Y. Times.

#### England

"It is a political debacle which will have the most profound and far reaching effect upon the history of Britain and the world."-Lord Beaverbrook.

"The Labor Party think they're smart. Now their bluff has been called and their troubles are only beginning."-Lady Astor.

#### United States

"The results of the British elections should not be viewed as a workers voted the Labor Party repudiation of the brilliant war leadership of Winston Churchill, out rather as a popular rejection at the results. They had hoped to of the stand-pat domestic policies become merely the largest party of the Conservative party... The in Parliament, with perhaps a same aspirations for a better life bare majority, so that they could after the grim experiences of war form a coalition with the Liberals. are moving workers in our own This was what happened in the country."—William Green.

"It gives greater assurance of an era of peace, harmony and prosperity in the post-war world. The election results in Great their failure even to attempt the Britain must be regarded in their implications as second only to the re-election of Franklin D. Roosevelt in this country last year. They are confirmation that the whole world is moving in the direction of greater democracy."-Sidney Hillman.

"The results are ominous because they show how necessary it is for us to be ready and prepared, when the reconversion comes, to keep employment up and to provide jobs."-Senator Lester Hill, Alabama.

"Churchill's defeat presages a Communist trend that should be warning to the American people."-Congressman Rankin.

"This result will have a material effect on postwar economic planning. The victorious Labor Party is pledged to a program of nationalizing basic industry while America is being asked to lend billions of dollars to Britain. We must make sure that any American dollars loaned to England are used only for reconstruction and not to aid the leftist government in effecting its radical social and economic reforms."-Congressman Wolcott.

"By the very nature of things, the pace of change will be disappointing to the impatient Britishers who are tired of waiting, tired of promises."-Anne O' Hare McCormick, N. Y. Times.

"The result surprises even the swing to the Left, but it is per-

"As for foreign affairs, basic the Purple Heart medal should policies will probably remain un-

## General MacArthur Represses Filipino Guerrillas Who Battled The Japanese Imperialist Invaders

were exploited no less mercilessly under American occupation than

they were later under the Jap-

anese overlordship. month. They were robbed by a interest as high as 200 and 300 percent per annum on small loans. and which kept them continually in debt and tied them as bondsmen to the hacienderos. The largest single landowner in the Philippines is the Catholic Church, which has plantations of hundreds of thousands of acres. Many of the landowners are absentees who live in Manila in palatial homes the year round. Brutal overseers "run" the plantations, heedless of human rights and without thought

#### **ECONOMIC ROBBERY**

for conservation.

There is no system of crop rotation. Sugar, coconut and hemp are the principal crops which, both under American and Japanese occupation, commanded ready cash and large profits. large landlords were expropriated They are grown for export to the virtual exclusion of food items who used the land for the producneeded by the people, which explains why the Filipinos are so terribly undernourished, and why the land becomes less productive.

Most of the plantation owners and their business satellites in who were more farseeing, fought knew Japan would in the end be defeated. Also, they prospered more under American occupa-

rural population. Most of the social change. They wanted land. who shot down Greek anti-fascist landlords, capitalists and poli-

Chinese guerrilla force known as present government" and "one laborator. He has been "vin-Before the war, Taos earned 10 Chinese population of whom many is being whipped into shape so of whitewash is the bourgeois to 15 pesos (\$5 to \$7.50) per are sympathetic to the Chinese quickly is to thwart such an politician Manuel Roxas, who was Communist (Stalinist) govern- attempt." system of usury which exacted ment at Yenan, in northwest

> describes the development of the organization as follows:

department of civil government | While in Washington, he agreed soon after its organization. It to hand over military, naval and saw the necessity of mobilizing air bases in the Philippines to the civilians in the struggle, for it | United States—in perpetuity. is only by the active support of communities that guerrilla forces can be maintained. Furthermore, it was clear that the people had no confidence in the (Japanese) puppet government (headed by Jose Laurel)... elections were held and governors, mayors, and minor officials chosen. Almost immediately some land reforms were instituted. The properties of and divided among the peasants, tion of food."

#### REMEMBER GREECE?

Captain X, the Hukbalahap is a The only industry will be the movement "dominated by Communist cutthroats who had forced the towns collaborated with the their rule on civilians by threats Japanese. Some of these elements, of punishment and death." One profitable for both the Filipino is no essential difference between of MacArthur's officers "openly capitalists and the American inagainst the Japanese because they admitted the plan for destroying vestor. It rests on a backward, what the color of their skin or the movement." MacArthur's ac- semi-feudal land economy. The cusation is of the same type that landlords who own the land are Churchill hurled against the the one sure prop of the puppet omic development, keep the broad masses in Greece—almost word government and its American im-But the rural guerrillas fought for word. The American im- perialist patrons. This is why against the Japanese, not be- perialist press pretended to be MacArthur commands his troops cause of any love of American im- indignant at what the British to wipe out the Hukbalahap and perialism—they knew that Amer- imperialists did in Greece. Here restore confiscated lands to the ican imperialism had been the one is another Greece, right in the

A Captain X, writing from Osmena, puppet of the Washing-"The Hukbalahap established a to the Islands with MacArthur.

#### JAIL LEADERS

Despite Washington's promise of independence for the Philippines on or before July 4, 1946, it is clear that no real independence is intended. The forces which could establish such independence, and guarantee it, are being suppressed. Louis Taruc, leader of Hukbalahap, and many other Filipino fighters have been thrown into prison, without charges and without trial. Wall Street intends to keep the Islands as a colony, which means that their economic development, But to Gen. MacArthur, says as in the past, will be strangled. processing industry, for the hemp, etc. This industry is

landlords. great obstacle to the overthrow of the hated landlord system—but backyard of Wall Street! On the opposite side of the who has returned to forge an the hated landlord system—but backyard of Wall Street! On the opposite side of the who has returned to forge an the hated landlord system—but backyard of Wall Street! On the opposite side of the who has returned to forge an picture, MacArthur and Osmena the chains of colonial slavery. On the opposite side of the

Taos (farmers) are landless and They took it wherever they could. fighters, fears, according to the ticians who collaborated with the In November, 1942 the Huk- same Captain X, "an armed upris- Japanese invaders. One of balahap were reinforced by a ing aimed at overthrowing the Osmena's own sons was a col-Wah Chi, drawn from the large reason the new Philippine army dicated." Another who got a coat head of the Economic Develop-The present government is ment Board in the cabinet of the headed by President Sergio puppet Laurel government during the Japanese occupation. Roxas Manila under date of June 10 ton administration. He was in the is popular with the hacienderos (The Nation, July 28, 1945) United States the entire three and businessmen because he is a years of the Japanese occupation stronger character than the of the Philippines. He went back notoriously weak Osmena. They are reported to be backing him against Osmena for the presidency, in the elections scheduled for November, seeing in him their savior from threatening revolution. Doubtless Roxas has given assurances to MacArthur that he will stand up for preservation of the social status quo and protect the interests of Wall Street, just as, ony a few months ago, he served the Japanese imperialists.

#### UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

According to all indications, the Filipino guerrillas will not easily be liquidated. The Japanese tried and failed.

The Filipinos are unique among colonial peoples in that they have experienced, within the brief span of less than 50 years, the domination of three imperialist powers, Spain, the United States and production of sugar, coconut, Japan. They, more than any other oppressed people, know that there any of the imperialists, no matter the flag they fly. All perpetuate semi-feudal servitude, stifle econmasses in miserable poverty. Cruel experience has taught them this. Now that the Japanese imperialists have been driven from their islands, they must continue the fight against the oppressor who has returned to forge anew

#### Gen. Douglas MacArthur



## REVEALING PICTURE OF HORRORS UNDER IMPERIALIST RULE

## South Africa

"Filth, squalor and disease" in Johannesburg can only be compared to conditions in the Nazi concentration camps, reports the July 6 London Tribune.

whole families living in one room. Indeed, in one township, many people are inhabiting 'Tanks,' which were erected 50 years ago to meet the housing shortage created when a township had to of an outbreak of plague.

#### MISERABLE DIET

"Worse still is the tood situation. Vegetables are very expensive in the 'City of Gold' nowadays, and the underpaid such a diet produces pellagra, which is widely prevalent in the townships, and indeed throughout the whole country, and which eventually produces insanity.

"...The average South African native is under-fed, undereducated.., under-housed, underpaid, and generally uncared-for by his 'Trustees' as the Euconspiring against all the other capitalism in Spain. No doubt the capitalist democracies in order to ropeans are pleased to designate gether. In many camps such

#### India

British imperialism pictures its colonial rule as benevolent. The cold facts belie this propaganda. morning, are encompassed by a Bombay, the "Gateway to India," offers a typical picture of the and excreta... a thick belt, a mass degradation and misery in- breeding ground for flies and flicted by the decaying despotism of Britain.

A common scene, reports a "Letter from Bombay" in the July 6 London Tribune, is a "proud old woman" whose home is a "solitary mat stretched out in the muck of the gutter." She was no appreciable increase in is but one of the 200,000 destitute in the city of the Taj Mahalwhere the "very gutters assume priorities."

#### 63 TO A HOUSE

The proportional living space of the population "equals ten people sharing one room." The Sunday Statesman estimates 63 people to a house. "Among some of with ever greater insistence for the 40,000 single-room tenements freedom from British imperial-I have counted as many as 21 denizens to one room."

The writer reports that in many of the flats he visited "there was little or no water for drinking or washing purposes." Many of the

tenements lack "even the primitive Indian privies; queues formed outside the sparse latrines usually about four-thirty each morning."

districts are appalling: "In each miserly room the intercourse of three, four or five families is enacted. Husband and wife, and "The mention of Johannesburg | perhaps a bawling child — too s sufficient to conjure up visions often silenced with a whiff of of the vast gold resources of the opium by the harassed working Witwatersrand, yet... hundreds mother, a stunted witness to the of thousands of natives are living | whole tragedy of life within this | for timely redress." in truly disgraceful conditions in overcrowded twelve-foot room: he municipality's native childbirth, exploitation and death. ownships. In some of these town- | The rent, ironically, is controlled; ships the living quarters are yet those wishing to remain must hovels, and it is not rare to find pay again a bribe of a 15-shilling equivalent, or in extreme cases 30, for the privilege of bringing up their children in a quarter of a concrete room."

On the outskirts of the city lie the labor camps. Here conditions be burnt to the ground because are even worse. The Matunga Labor Camp, for instance, originally built for 3,500 workers, now houses more than 11.000.

"The huts in this paradise are, roughly, ten foot square; pace these floors and feel the radiating heat of the sun on the corrugated native has invariably to fall back iron sheeting forming the walls. on his mealie-meal, which forms Iron roofs, here and there patched his staple diet, almost unrelieved with the flattened sides of Amerby other foods. Unfortunately, ican petroleum tins, to meet the exigencies of the monsoon. "Not one of these huts shelters

less than ten. . . Not one of these

rooms has any provision whatsoever for latrine sanitation, fresh water or night illumination. In the overcrowded huts the workers take turns to eat what little food they can afford indoors; there is not room for all to sit down tohovels are let concurrently to shifts, so that the huts are occupied by sleepers nearly 24 adequate lavatories, available only stenching circle of human waste mosquitoes. Filthy encouragement for hookworm and malaria."

#### BRITAIN'S 'JEWEL'

The war has heightened the nisery in Bombay. The population increased by 50 percent but there housing. "The railway tracks abound with stunted frames overflowing from the prison tenements; girls selling their bodies, hopeless men selling anything from a jig-a-jig knife to a parrot the destitute, beyond the abyss. stoning the troop trains."

It is such conditions that lead India's teeming millions to press

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# SHOP TALKS ON SOCIALISM

= By V. Grey =

Mrs. Simpkins is a nice lady. She is a widow, 35 years old or so-and a little on the religious side. You'd think she had never been any younger and would never look any older. She worked in the time office, a nice, easy job. She couldn't do much of anything else. She was that frail. She'd punch you card in and out for the piece-work jobs, and read a little black book in between her duties.

I remember one day Slim was having it hot and heavy with Hallory (he's the foreman). Mrs. Simpkins was watching them while she was reading her little black book. She put the bridge of her nose between her thumb and forefinger the way all elegant people do when they pray, and closed her eyes in a saintly sort

Later on Slim came up to punch out on a job. "Slim," she said, 'why don't you and Mister Hallory try to be really nice to each

"Well I always try to start out nice when I talk to him. But gee, I'm a shop steward, Mrs. Simpkins. I have to fight for the men," Slim said. "Hallory has to stick up for the company. He's a ompany man, that's all."

Mrs. Simpkins looked at Slim real sweetly, and sort of sad. ast as though he were a little lost child, about three years old. 'Perhaps, Slim, if you didn't think of Mister Hallory that way, he wouldn't be that way."

Slim took a good look at her eyes to see if she was off the beam.

BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS OF THE BOSS

"I mean it, Slim," she said. "If you would think beautiful thoughts about Mister Hallory, why he would act beautifully. You must plant beautiful, sweet thoughts in the garden of your mind. Only rank weeds grow there now." Her face began to glow with what she figured was a holy light.

Slim thought a minute. "Say, Mrs. Simpkins," he said, "did you tell Hallory to think beautiful thoughts about me. too?"

Mrs. Simpkins lowered her voice as though she were letting him in on a trade secret, and admitted she had.

"Well, I wish you could'a heard what he called me just then. It didn't sound so beautiful to me. And all because I told him he was chiselling on the contract, and made him give Tony the three cents an hour he gypped him out of for the last two weeks."

Mrs. Simpkins kind of sighed and patted Slim's hand softly. She punched his card out, and turned her eyes upward—perhaps with the idea of finding some comfort from above. But somebody had pasted a snappy picture of Dorothy Lamour on the time office ceiling, and she quick moved her eyes down again, and went back to her little book.

Well that was a few weeks ago-just before the company started the lay-offs. Mrs. Simpkins didn't come under the seniority provisions of the union contract, being a time office worker. So there was nothing Slim or the union could do when she got the ax.

She was almost crying when she left, but trying awful hard to hold her nose in that elegant way. Us fellows were wondering if she was thinking beautiful, sweet thoughts about Bethlehem Steel. But we just didn't have the heart to ask her.

## conditions in the working class | NEGRO WRITER RELATES

(Continued from page 1) | the men, he ordered the arrest

#### APPEAL IGNORED The governor ignored the work-

ers' appeal, and, goaded into desperation, the leaders of the Trade Union Congress issued a strike call to all government employes. The response was immediate. Within three days thousands of workers, organized into the following unions were out: The Railway and Engineering Workshops; African Civil Servants Technical Workers; African Land | TEN ARRESTS and Survey Technical Workers; Workers; Nigeria Marine Afri- and the others will stand trial. can Workers; Public Works Union; African Locomotive Drivers; rigid press censorship and re-in-Government Sawmill Workers; troduced the wartime Defense Nigeria Union of Nurses; Afri- Regulations which were rescindcan Inspectors' Posts and Telegraph; African Railway Topographical Workers; African Rail- ulations constitutional governway Station Masters.

Other non-government workthe government employes.

Alarmed by these developments, certain of the African in his opinion, would encourage eaders attempted to call off the discontent, ill-feeling or disturb strike, but they were immediate- the tranquility of any section of ly repudiated by the workers and Nigeria. Editors guilty of any of expelled from office. Among them these offenses will be fined 500 was Mr. T. A. Bankole, the presi- pounds or imprisonment for two shift workers of the opposite dent of the Nigeria T.U.C., who years or both. represented the Nigerian labor As a protest against this supmovement at the World Trade pression of free opinion, the West hours daily ... The laughably in- Union Conference in London last African Pilot and Daily Comet, February. He has been replaced two of the leading Nigerian dailto those who are prepared to by Mr. A. O. Imoudo, a former ies, appeared with their editorial queue in the early hours of the president of the Railway Work- pages blank. Now both these paers' Union, who like Wallace pers have been suppressed for Johnson, of Sierra Leone, was criticizing certain union leaders held in detention for four years who are advocating an approach under the local Defense Regula- to the governor. The government,

LEADER ACCLAIMED He was only released from ex-

ile on June 2, when he returned to Lagos riding on a white horse and was publicly acclaimed by thousands of workers.

When the strike started, the Governor was in London holding consultations with officials at the Colonial Office. He immediately flew back to West Africa to take charge of the situation.

Sir Arthur Richards has the reputation of being a strong- be guaranteed. Third, the governhanded pro-Consul, and was responsible for restoring "law and order" in Jamaica during the labor riots in that island in 1938.

His first move was to issue statement threatering to withhold the strikers' wages for June and to cancel the pensions and gratuities of those civil servants entitled to such benefits.

fought this war in order to be of four workers' leaders; chargexterminated by starvation? We ing them with participating in an appeal to British sense of justice illegal strike. They were later discharged. Then he tried appeasement, promising not to victimize the leaders if they apto work. But the men refused. Then the governor accused the strikers of sabotage on the transport and communications systems leading to the derailment of a train at a place called Oshodi and of cutting telephone lines connecting the capital with parts of the interior of the country.

Arising out of this charge, ten African Posts and Telegraph | strike leaders have been arrested; Workshops; Nigeria Electrical one was subsequently released,

The governor has imposed a ed after the end of the European War last May. Under these regment has been suspended and the governor has assumed dictatorial ers later joined in sympathy with powers. He now has the right to suppress any newspaper publishing news or criticisms which,

> on the other hand, issues a daily bulletin edited by the Public Relations Office, presenting the official point of view.

At the mass rally last Saturday, when the strikers swore their tribal oath not to resume work, they also reasserted their demands.

First, they want the government to pay them in full for the time they have been on strike. Second, the pensions and gratuities of African civil servants must ment must give an assurance not to victimize the men. especially their leaders. Fourth, all arrested leaders must be released, and, last, but not least, the original demand for a 2s. 6d. wage increase must be granted.

According to the latest information reaching London, the strike is spreading to workers in When this failed to intimidate private European enterprises.

## Overthrow Of Winston Churchill Shakes Fascist Regime In Spain By Felix Morrow The fall of Churchill is a very 1931. This means to wipe out the the country. Such stability as his

serious blow to Franco's regime. legislation passed after July 19, For two years Churchill and 1936, when the Spanish workers Franco have been maneuvering to and peasants seized the factories cleanse the Spanish dictatorship and the land as part of their

after the British elections but be- ing. Prieto has explicitly promised fore the results were known, to oppose a return to the revolu-Franco made a speech giving the tionary actions of July 19. Much the external support first of Hit-ler and Mussolini, then of London Churchill-Franco formula of that the workers and peasants "changing" the regime by re- gained that day was whittled establishing the monarchy; he down by the laws passed during dropped some fascist Falange the three years of civil war-it ministers and replaced them with was this counter-revolutionary monarchists. There were still course of the Loyalist government negotiations to be completed with which was primarily the cause of the Pretender, Don Juan, who finally losing the war. But even with some regard for his head the little that remained on the wanted more changes with which | Loyalist statute books is rejected to try to conciliate the masses— in the Junta's program.

restored, etc. have rudely intervened, and its Stalinist-led rival, the Union whether Don Juan is foolish Nacional Espanol. The Stalinists enough to leave his French haven | have extended the hand of "nato share Franco's fate or not be- tional unity" very far indeedcomes very unimportant. Church- to Gil Robles, head of the semiill's downfall is certain to be fascist regime of 1933-1935; to

#### the Falange. LASKI'S BRAVE WORDS

Spanish comrades," declared war. More than in any other Harold Laski, Labor Party chairman, the day of the election vic-

amines what Laski's Spanish comrades aim to do. He means the main body of the

Socialists in emigration, who are led by Indalecio Prieto, Minister of War during most of the civil war. Prieto's group is in the Junta de Liberacion, a Popular Front combination. In it also are the CNT (anarchist-led unions), UGT (Socialist-led unions) and bourgeois-republican leaders.

The Junta's program is a return to the republican constitution of



of its fascist taint. On July 17, struggle against Franco's uprisposed in the civil war;

### dissolution of the Falange, some STALINIST POLICY

democratic rights formally Conservative as the Junta is, followed by that of Franco and the clergy; to "democratic" monarchists, and even to Franco's generals. Prieto has made easy cratic government to come in. capital by condemning the Stalin-What will replace Franco? ists for this and for their totali-"At long last we can help our tarian methods during the civil Stalinists — assassinating opthrilling words - until one ex- widespread hatred against Stalinism among the workers. Prieto plays on this feeling, though for years he worked closely with the Stalinists and closed his eyes to what they were doing.

But since no basic political differences separate Prieto's Junta from the Stalinist-led Union, they are certain to draw together now that Franco's fall nears. The two agree not only on maintenance of capitalism in Spain, but also on the means for ousting Franco.

#### REVOLUTION TABOO

They do not propose to overthrow Franco by revolution. During the past two years all their efforts have been concentrated on getting the "Big Three" to withdraw recognition from Franco and to recognize a government of a reunion of the Republican Parliament in exile. The only difbe a provisional government whereas the Stalinists want the last Negrin cabinet (which was Stalinist-dominated) to return as the regular government.

Both Junta and Union claim Certainly it is true that, unlike factories, workers' militias, soviet- the workers and peasants in Hitler and Mussolini, Franco committees to operate in every every factory and village.

regime has had since 1939 rested on the weariness and disappointment of the masses after their disastrous experience with the the external support first of Hitand Washington (which, conceding Spain as a British sphere of influence, went along with Churchill); and bestial repressions with death sentences meted out to tens of thousands. Profitable business with all the warring

powers has also helped Franco. All these aids to Franco have now disappeared - except the bestial repressions. But those are sufficient to keep the regime in power, if it is determined to stay, unless it is overthrown by But now the British workers it can still play the radical against | a revolution of the masses. "Big Three" diplomatic pressure alone will not oust the fascists. So that the Junta and the Union, in depending entirely on diplomatic pressure, are in reality proposing an arrangement whereby Franco and the Falange will step down and permit a bourgeois-demo-

DEFEND CAPITALISM Under what conditions would Franco and the Falange step country it was in Spain that the down? One of them is indicated by the program of both the Junta tory. "The day of non-intervention ponents, jailing militant workers, and the Union: maintenance of These sound like brave and anti-fascist parties — aroused big capitalists and landowners are get arms. But the workers never themselves." in a position to command Franco and the Falange to step down. But they will want guarantees that the workers and peasants confident that they have not will not repeat what they did forgotten July 19 in the six years July 19,1936. These guarantees of the Franco regime. One can be include above all maintenance of the army, police and Civil Guard; that whatever purge there is of these forces of repression, they must remain essentially intact. The silence of both Junta and Union on this question, the opposition of both to workers' militias and arming of the workers, indicates they are prepared to give such guarantees to Spain's capitalists and landlords. This is the full meaning of their program of return to the constitution of

In Spain more than in any other country in the world today | will fight side by side with them, one can speak, not metaphorically but precisely, of a polar difference is that Prieto wants it to ference between the aims of the workers' parties and those of the workers themselves. Because after | the Loyalist government against an extraordinarily concentrated Franco. The immediate slogans experience with bourgeois democracy from April 1931 to July the Spanish proletariat to carry 1936, the Spanish proletariat on out are: (1) arming of the workthat withdrawal of recognition of July 19, 1936, in spite of its own ers and dissolution of the army, Franco by the "Big Three" would parties, took the road to social- police and Civil Guard; (2) be sufficient to topple him. seizure and operation of the elected committees to represent



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sphere, etc. Much of this wrested from them during the civil war, ostensibly for greater efficiency for the war against Franco and for conciliating the reconciled themselves: July 19 remained their glory. One can be sure that if they manage to overthrow Franco before the "Big Three" make an arrangement with him to step down, the workers will again take the road of July 19.

#### TROTSKYIST PROGRAM

Unlike Laski's Spanish comrades, our Spanish comrades of the Fourth International are urging the workers to overthrow Franco by revolution. Whatever aims the workers set themselves in this revolution, our comrades comrades fought on the side of

even if the aim is limited to overthrowing fascism to establish bourgeois democracy, just as our

V. R. DUNNE

By GEORGE COLLINS

be skeptical, as a result of years

The camp functions with such

By Grace Carlson

CHICAGO, July 18 - These

have been unusually busy days,

meetings in three days! And that

**Veteran Trotskyist** 

growing chorus of praise for the were sure the food would be bad-

assure those who are inclined to part of wisdom was to bring your

Everything in that camp — as camp is run with just that com-

I remember it now — despite the bination of collective effort and

**Describes School** 

**Detroit SWP Supports** 

Frankensteen for Mayor

come out for a party of its own.

Frankensteen has a program

capitalist politicians in the elec-

tion. But it is the duty of all

workers to support him because

he represents the growing

tendency towards a Labor Party

which we believe will lead the

vast masses to establish a work-

ers' and farmers' government in

Comrade Dunne, who was one

Minneapolis Labor Case, con-

on any of our ideas or any part

illusions about Frankensteen or

campaigning for their election.

Besides Frankensteen, the De-

Tracy Doll and George Edwards

The only Negro candidate for

City Council, Charles Hill, is like-

wise supported by the Detroit

Branch, despite sharp differences

with his program. Hill has at

times followed the sell-out policies

of the Stalinists. "Nevertheless,"

for the City Council. Doll and

Washington."

## Buffalo Fills Its Quota In Solidarity Fund Drive

International Solidarity Fund

## SCOREBOARD

BRANCH	Quota	Paid*	Percent
Buffalo	<b>\$125</b>	\$125	100
Reading	25	25	100
Allentown-Quak	ertown 60	40	67
Newark	100	65	65
San Francisco	375	184	49
Los Angeles	<b>75</b> 0	<b>350</b> .	47
Philadelphia	125	57.50	46
Detroit	400	164	41
Twin Cities	250	100	40
Boston	125	45	36
Cleveland	75	22	29
Seattle	350	100	29
Youngstown	85	20	24
Chicago	500	106	21
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and Friends	s 245 '	30	. 12
New York	1,000	99	10
Akron	75	0	0
Bayonne	100	0	0
Milwaukee	30	0	0
New York Yout	h Group 15	.0	0
Pittsburgh	25	0	0
Rochester	15	0	0
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## Eastern Penn. Workers **Invited To Join Picnic**

BETHLEHEM, Pa. - Militant have informed the Committee to the Picnic Committee's pro- of friends and families. gram for the Militant Readers Picnic, Sunday, August 5 at the tional activities for young and Howard Stump Farm in Quaker- old promise a full day of enjoy- governor of New Caledonia. The town, from 11 A. M. to evening. As the day for the outing approaches, many Militant readers

WANTED

The Militant needs a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica for the reference library of the editorial department. Will anyone willing to donate such a set please communicate with:

The Militant Business Manager 116 University Place New York 3, New York progressive-minded workers.

readers in eastern Pennsylvania that they are planning to attend are responding enthusiastically in parties and groups composed

Good wholesome food, recreament. This is an opportunity for Militant readers from Reading, Quakertown, Allentown, Bethlehem and Philadelphia to get acquainted with one another.

Art Preis, associate editor and

will speak at the picnic. Recently it is no more criminal to be a returned from a trip through the Communist than a Christian." Pennsylvania coal area where he interviewed William Patterson, who was railroaded to prison under the Smith-Connally anti- all Indo-Chinese jailed without strike law. Preis will give a mes- trial. A similar letter was sent to sage of vital importance to all the commander of the American

By FARRELL DOBBS Campaign Director

pleted its quota in the Socialist Workers Party \$5,000 International Solidarity Fund Cam- been murdered. paign. Two party branches now have a score of 100 percent, Reading, Pa. having previously met its quota. Newark has moved into the ranks of the leading branches with 65 percent of its quota in this week. A total of \$1,529 has been raised to date by the branches and sympathizers.

The International Solidarity Fund is being raised by the Socialist Workers Party in response to urgent appeals for aid from o u r Trotskyist co - thinkers abroad. Belgian and French Trot-

## **Colonial Workers Jailed By France**

French imperialism has set as one of its goals the reconquest of French Indo - China. How the French despots will rule this colony is indicated by their present treatment of Indo-Chinese workers on the Pacific island of New Caledonia.

These workers were brought in reatment, including widespread jailings. Rigid censorship prevented the facts from becoming known until a report slipped through to Australia.

The internees circulated a letter of protest which they sent to the letter declares:

"If you are punishing us savagely under the pretext that we are Communists and that we asked for the freedom to which we are entitled, then, slaves as correspondent of The Militant | we are, we tell you quite frankly

The letter demands the right to come under French laws, to fight against Japan, and the freeing of

The Buffalo branch has com- | skyists are being subjected to police persecution and their papers have been suppressed. In Greece, 250 revolutionary fighters have

> In all the war-torn countries our comrades endure starvation and disease in common with the great masses of the people. More than this, they are singled out for special persecutions by the puppet governments of the Allied imperialists and the Stalinist counter-revolutionists.

Prompt aid for them is urgently required. Every class-conscious militant is honor-bound to do his pest to render this much-needed assistance without delay.

FROM THE BRANCHES Buffalo: "Here is \$80 to make of experience with canned adver- ished, with the result that most Buffalo 100 percent in the Inter- tising, that not one word of this national Solidarity Fund. Every praise is exaggerated. comrade is digging deep for this vitally important fund. We all smoothness and efficiency as to on a vacation elsewhere to reunderstand the importance of give the appearance of an old, cuperate. money to any organization, just established institution rather than ike the bourgeoisie do in theirs. | a first full-summer venture. I dim recess of my memory, I was | Edwards are members of the

"Working class parties need can't help comparing the Mid- prepared for anything when I ar- United Automobile Workers noney too. But OUR party is West School with a project our rived at the school. To say that Union. not a party as other parties' as party ran ten years ago in the my apprehensions were complete-Trotsky said. It is the conscious vicinity of New York. advance guard of the working class all over the world. It is the only party that can possibly lead | best of intentions, was chaos and | the way to world socialism. As confusion. No one knew where they were going to sleep or if there would be accommodations success of socialism. such it gives our money wings.

"This contribution of ours, taken by itself, may not seem so efore the war as indentured large. And we recognize that our laborers, bound for a five-year sacrifice in giving it is infiniteperiod. They have suffered brutal ly small compared to the sacrifice of those who shall receive it. But the main thing is that the sum was not 'wrung from the hard hands of toilers' by smooth talk and salesmanship. It is a heartfelt gesture by people who understand.'

#### **GRACE CARLSON'S TOUR SCHEDULE**

Seattle

Missoula Plentywood Lecture On Women In Prison meet with several of these new

By Jerry Kirk

DETROIT. July 22 — The

Detroit Branch of the Socialist

Workers Party today announc-

ed its support of the candidacy

of Richard Frankensteen, nom-

Committee, for mayor.

nee of the CIO Political Action

Vincent R. Dunne, spokesman

for the SWP declared at an over-

at all. No one was certain there

own. The pool was only half fin-

of it was a muddy hole. If you

the wise thing to do was to go

With that experience in the

ly allayed is to put it mildly. The

American efficiency that Lenin

survived a few days in that camp, program."

is to say nothing of all the extra preetings and discussions with DATE | comrades and friends, interviews with newspaper reporters, etc.! But I always remind myself that Aug. 10-12 too much Party work to do than

unionists in the audience. Most | mills are having their first exof these were auto workers. I periences with the Trotskyist prowas pleased at the opportunity to gram and with Trotskyists. even for this busy tour-three friends from Chicago's auto sub-getter for The Militant in the Milwaukee comrades obtained this

Aug. 15 to 17 past few years, but the tour rades in the Calumet area are tant. Sunday Aug. 19 meeting on July 15 was the best building a fine Socialist Workers

One comrade there, the best

branch, told me after the meeting On July 16, Mike Bartell took how he had been taught race me down to the Calumet District | hatred in Tennessee where he was | fighter for the rights of the workfor a public meeting arranged by brought up. But his activities in the newly-formed branch there. the steelworkers' union and in our during World War I because of Everyone at this meeting was Party have impressed him so it's a million times better to have either a steelworker himself or a much with the necessity for war, really belongs to us. It was member of a steelworker's family. solidarity between white and an inspiration to hear his voice. Despite their long hours of work, colored workers that he spends Aug. 13-14 I have attended a number of irregular shifts and extremely most of his spare time talking to 1941, there was no headquarters Wed. to Fri. meetings in Chicago during the heavy labor, our devoted com- Negro workers about The Mili-

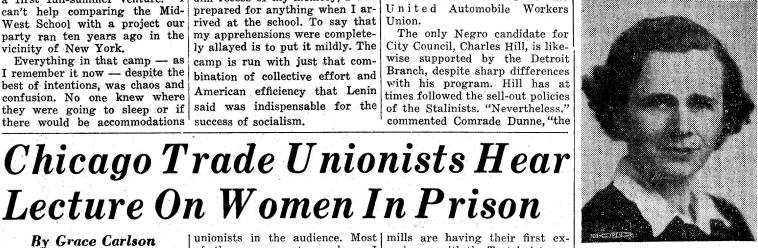
August 22 point of the percentage of trade in these huge Northern Indiana recording of one of Eugene V. branch.

cross roads... Labor will be Detroit's population. They have domesticated, tamed...or it will every right to representation on the City Council. For this reason, the SWP supports Hill in the similar to that of the other coming elections.'

Other candidates supported by the Detroit Branch are Steigarwald, Schneider, and Wietersen of the Michigan Commonwealth Federation.

Comrade Dunne gave an inspirng talk on the vast changes in the thinking of the masses during the 25 years between the two world wars. He contrasted the of the prisoners in the famous naive patriotism of the worker soldiers going overseas in 1917 tinued: "We are not checking in with the absence of such sentiment in the drafted army of 1941. I can only add my voice to the would be anything to eat, and all of our program. We have no From three million members in 1914, the trade union movement Mid-West Vacation School. I can ly prepared and that the better any of the other supposed labor grew until now it embraces 10 candidates. That is why we to 12 millions. "Everything now criticize their program while points to the development of a Labor Party in America," he We stand on our own political declared.

Four workers joined the SWP at the meeting. Two more aptroit Branch of the SWP supports plied for membership after Comrade Dunne's talk.



GRACE CARLSON

Debs' speeches. One of record from the Socialist Party. ing man, who was imprisoned his militant stand against the When I was in Milwaukee in

and only a handful of Trotskyists. Now there is a fine Milwaukee In Milwaukee on July 17, I had SWP headquarters and every Tues., Aug. 21 I had ever seen from the view- Party branch. Many steelworkers the rare experience of hearing a evidence of a flourishing, active

## The History Of American Trotskyism

Thurs to Wed.

Fri. to Sun

In earlier installments of his book, Comrade Cannon told how the Communist Party grew out of the left wing of the Socialist Party in 1919. After four years of underground life, it was organized as a legal party in 1923, penetrating the union movement. Factional struggles on a high theoretical level, involving the Russian question, began between the proletarian and petty-bourgeois tendencies within the party, culminating with the expulsion of the proletarian left opposition on October 27, 1928 for "Trotskyism." The birth of Trotskyism in America gave impetus to struggling groups of left oppositionists in other parts of the world. Slandered, ostracized, and physically attacked by the Stalinists, the handful of Trotskyists carried on their work of propagandizing and winning over individual members of the Communist Party. This is the eleventh installment of Cannon's book.

As I thumbed through Volume I of The Militant today, refreshing my mind about some of the events of those days, I read the first story about the physical attacks against us which began a few weeks after we were expelled. The Stalinists had been taken by surprise at first. Before they knew what had hit them we had a paper off the press and our comrades were in front of the Communist Party headquarters selling The Militant at a nickel a copy. It created a tremendous sensation. For a few weeks they did not know what to do about it. Then they decided to try the Stalin method

The first report in The Militant tells of two women comrades of the Hungarian group who went there with bundles of the paper | First Public Meeting of the Trotskyists one evening and attempted to sell them. They were set upon by hoodlums, pushed and kicked and driven away from the public streets, their papers torn up. This was reported in The Militant as the first gangster attack against us.

Then it became a more or less regular thing. We stood our ground. We raised a big hullabaloo and scandalized them all over town. We mobilized all our forces to go there Saturday afternoons, forming a guard around the editors and defying the Stalinist hoodlums to drive us away. One fight after another took place.

#### The Plenum of the Communist Party

This consumed the first few weeks. By December 17 the Plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party was held in New York City. And here again I want to point out one of the important lessons of our tactics in this fight. That is, we didn't turn our backs on the party, but went right back to it. Having been expelled on October 27, we came to the Plenum on December 17. knocked on the door and said: "We have come to appeal against our expulsion." They set a time and permitted us to make our appeal before approximately 100 to 150 of the party leaders. Now the Lovestoneites didn't do this from considerations of democracy or faithful adherence to the constitution. They did it for factional reasons. You see, our expulsion didn't end the faction fight between the Fosterites and the Lovestoneites. The Lovestoneites, who were in the majority, conceived the cunning idea that if we were given the floor it would help them to compromise the Fosterites as "Trotskyist conciliators." Through that crack we entered the Plenum. We had no illusions. We weren't even thinking of convincing them. We weren't concerned with their little pettylarceny strategy against the Fosterites. We were thinking of making our formal appeal and printing the speech in The Militant as propaganda for distribution.

December Plenum as the representatives of all the expelled. I made | greater alarm into the camp of the Stalinists, and pushed them

## TOUGH, BITTER STRUGGLES WERE FOUGHT TO GET A HEARING FOR THE TRUTH

By James P. Cannon

day the speech was set up on the linotype for the next number of The Militant under the heading "Our Appeal to the Party."

I mentioned the weapons of slander, ostracism and gangsterism employed by the Stalinists against us. The fourth weapon in the arsenal of the leaders of American Stalinism was burglary. They were so afraid of this little group, armed with the great ideas of Trotsky's program, that they wanted by all means to crush it before it could get a hearing. One Sunday afternoon, returning from a meeting of our first New York branch-12 or 13 people gathered solemnly to form the organization and lay the groundwork for the overthrow of American capitalism—I found the apartment ransacked from top to bottom. In our absence they had jimmied the lock on the door of my home and broken in. Everything was disorder; all my ten comrades was consolidated in Boston around the program of private papers, documents, records, correspondence—anything they | Trotsky. could lay their hands on-were strewn over the floor. Evidently we had surprised them before they could cart the plunder away. While I was on tour a few weeks later they came back and finished the job. This time they took everything.

We continued to fight along our lines. We scandalized them mercilessly, cried to high heaven, publicized their burglary and gangsterism, and made them wince with our exposures. They could not snuff us out nor silence us. Here, of course, we had the tremendous advantage of our past experiences. We had been through the mill. We had taken part in a good many fights and they couldn't bluff us with a few burglaries and slanders. We knew how to exploit all these things against them to good effect. We fought with political weapons, which are stronger than the gangster's blackiack or the burglar's jimmy. We appealed to the good will and communist conscience of the members of the party and began recruiting the people who came to us at first as a protest against this Stalinist

Within a few weeks, on January 8, 1929 we organized the first Protskyist public meeting in America. I looked over the first bound volume of The Militant today and saw the advertisement of that meeting on the front page of the issue of January 1, 1929. I admit I felt a little emotion as I recalled the time we threw that bombshell into the radical circles of New York. In front of this Labor Temple a big sign announced that I was going to speak on "The Truth About Trotsky and the Russian Opposition." We came to this meeting prepared to protect it. We had the assistance of the Italian group of Bordigists, our Hungarian comrades, a few individual sympathizers of Communism who didn't believe in stopping free speech, and our own valiant newly-recruited forces. They were deployed around the platform in the Labor Temple and near the door to see to it that the meeting wasn't interrupted. And that meeting did go through without interruption.

but also with all kinds of people who came there from all kinds of motives, interest, curiosity, etc. The lecture was very successful, The "Three Generals Without an Army" appeared at the consolidated our supporters and gained some recruits. It also threw a speech of about two hours. Then we were ushered out. The next | further along the road of violence against us.

We next planned a national tour on the same subject. I tried to speak in New Haven, but there we were completely outnumbered. The Stalinists surrounded us and the meeting was entirely broken up. I spoke in Boston; there we made better preparations. I arrived a few days early, went around to a few old IWW friends of mine to see if they could not get some boys from the waterfront to help us uphold free speech. We had about ten of these lads around the platform. A gang of Stalinist hoodlums was also there, bent or breaking up the meeting, but evidently they became convinced that they would get their own heads broken if they tried it. The Boston meeting was a success. Needless to say, my chairman on this historic occasion was Antoinette Konikow. A group of eight to

#### Amter Gives the Signal for Attack

In Cleveland we had a fight. The well-known Amter was District Organizer in Cleveland and he brought a squad to our meeting to break it up. We also had a few boys who had come over to us, and they lined up a number of sympathizers, radicals and others who wanted fair play and free speech. Instructed by our experience in New Haven, our forces were organized in a squadron around the speaker. I began my lecture and after a few sentences, as I recall used the expression, "I want to explain to you the revolutionary significance of this fight."

Amter stood up and said, "You mean, counter-revolutionary ignificance."

This apparently was the signal. The Stalinist gang began to nowl and whistle. "Sit down, counter-revolutionist," "traitor," "agent of American imperialism," and so on and so forth. That went or for about fifteen minutes, pandemonium. Their idea was to make it impossible for me to be heard above the tumult. This was the way they were going to clarify the question, by simply stopping me from speaking. We had other ideas. It became clear that the Amterites intended to howl all night if necessary. Our squadron was ready waiting for me to give the signal. I finally said, "O.K., go ahead." Thereupon they went after Amter and his gang, took them one by one and threw them down the stairs, and cleared the hall and the atmosphere of Stalfhists. Then everything was fine; the meeting proceeded without further disturbance. We had the most wonderful peace and quiet.

In Chicago, a few nights later, the Stalinists had a little gang, but couldn't make up their minds whether they wanted to start a fight or not. I went through with the lecture.

As I travelled along the road, various Stalinist functionaries came to see me in the night like the Biblical figure Nicodemus. One of them was B. K. Gebert, who in later years became a big figure in the Communist Party and District Organizer in Detroit. He came The hall was filled, not only with sympathizers and converts, to see me in the hotel at Chicago, a heartbroken man. He despised all these methods used against us. Gebert was a conscientious Communist, sympathized with our fight, but couldn't leave the party. He couldn't bring himself to the idea of breaking with the whole life he had known and of starting out anew. This was the case with many. Various forms of compulsion affect various people. Some are

afraid of a physical blow; some shrink from slander; others fear ostracism. The Stalinists employed all these methods. The cumulative effect of it was to terrorize hundreds and even thousands of people who, in a free atmosphere, would have sympathized with us and supported us to one degree or another. At my meeting in Minneapolis, as I testified years later in the

Northern Minnesota District Federal Court, we were taken off guard. Our forces were rather strong in Minneapolis. The recognized leaders of the Minneapolis Communist movement, V. R. Dunne, Carl Skoglund and others, had all come out in our support. They were pretty strong physically too, and they became careless. In organizing the meeting on the theory that the hoodlums wouldn't try any monkey-business there, no special plans were made for defense. That was an error. Our people were late in coming. The Stalinist gang arrived first, assaulted Oscar Coover at the door with blackjacks, forced their way in, and occupied the front seats in a rather small hall. When I arose to speak they began howling in the manner of Amter and his gang at Cleveland. After a few minutes we tied into them, and a free-for-all fight ensued. Then the cops came in and broke up the meeting. That was a rather scandalous and demoralizing thing for Minnesota. It was decided that I should stay over and try another meeting. We went down to the IWW hall with a proposal for a united front to protect free speech. Together with them, a few sympathizers and isolated individuals we formed a Workers Defense Guard. A meeting was scheduled in the IWW hall; the handbill advertised that this meeting would be held under the protection of the Workers Defense Guard. The Guard came there equipped with clubs, over-sized hatchet handles purchased at a hardware store, nice and handy. The guards lined up along the walls and in front of the speaker. Others were posted at the door. The chairman calmly announced that questions and discussion would be permitted, but that no one should interfere while the speaker had the floor. The meeting went off smoothly, without any sign of disturbance. The organization of our group in Minneapolis was completed in good shape.

#### Stalinists Start A 'Free-for-All'

In New York, as we began holding more regular meetings, the Stalinists intensified their attempts to stop us. One meeting here in the Labor Temple was broken up. Their standing plan was to come in such force as to rush the speaker off the platform, take over the meeting and turn it into an anti-Trotskyist demonstration. They never succeeded in doing that because we always had our guard on the platform equipped with the necessary implements. The Stalinists never reached the platform, but they did start such a free-for-all fight that the cops came in force and the meeting was proken up in disorder. The Stalinists tried the same thing a second time but were routed and driven out.

Things really came to a climax when the Stalinists made their last attempts to break up our meetings at a hall on the upper East Side where our Hungarian group used to meet. We held a May Day celebration there May 1, 1929—the spring after our expulsion. Looking through The Militant today I saw the announcement of the May Day meeting at the Hungarian Hall and the appended statement that it would be under the protection of the Workers Defense Guard. It was well guarded; our strategy was not to let the disturbers in. Our own comrades, sympathizers and all those who were obviously coming to celebrate May Day were admitted. When the Stalinists tried to force their way in, they met our Guard at the head of the stairs, and got blows over the head up at they decided they could not storm that stairway. We held the n ing in peace.

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## WORKERS' FORUM

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.

## Trotskyist Fighter

branch of the Socialist Workers Party learned that one of our comrades in the armed forces families include one child or the bombing of Tokyo is their was back in the United States more." recuperating in an Army hospital | These conditions are the fault from wounds received in action. of a system which cannot, and A comrade volunteered to select will not even try, to provide for a gift for him in the name of the its people. They can be remedied branch, and sent him Jack only by a society where the Belden's "Still Time to Die," resources of nature and the means which was reviewed by Li Fu-jen of production are owned by all the in the Fourth International. The people. letter of thanks received by the

branch reads: "First, I wish to thank all of you for the gift, a tangible piece Vacation School of evidence that you are aware of my present difficulty, but to Editor: me it expressed a lot more, a feeling of being aware that I am want to spend his one or two still with you, if at the moment weeks' vacation, away from the only in a spiritual sort of noise and grind of the shop, in a

"You know, comrades - there were a great many times while tion activities such as fishing. lying in a fox-hole, that I thought swimming, getting a sun tan, about all of you. Death! there, is etc., there are also daily classes a very imminent possibility and and discussions in the mornings life is brought down to very and on rainy days which are simple terms. I always felt that the vital concern of every workat least if my luck was to give out ingman and woman. One of the I knew why I was fighting, what classes which I attended and this great massacre of war was about, and proud of the fact that one given by Warren Creel of I had participated with the SWP Minneapolis on political economy. in its fight against it.

"I will be coming back soon, possibly incapacitated in one form or another physically, but with the knowledge and feeling that revolutionary socialism, for the I will continue the fight only with a more intense effort than ever before, because as you know I am a very simple guy, an ordinary Joe that can't ac- Bombing Civilians cumulate too much theory and didn't understand very much of | Editor: it before, but needed the full exto me. Well, I got that now and columns, to Dorothy Cheng? my education is complete. I know where I stand—and when I move it shall be in the right direction. bombing of civilians in China or "Luck to all of you.-W."

Chicago

## **Working Mothers**

"What is happening to the estimate that 3,000,000 children no weapons of defense. under 18 are now employed, she laid the blame on "labor short- stated that the Tokyo atrocity ages, the patriotic appeal, and the was the worst since man first aplure of high wages... the craving | peared on the earth... because of |

full-time jobs." causes, however, does no more were murdered or mutilated in than scratch the surface. "Labor shortages" can be traced, when themselves have stated in their wages and working conditions, time record in inflicting civilian and with the layoffs of today casualties! cannot be seriously considered as a cause for child labor. "The intend to hold the Japanese peolure of high wages" is just an- ple responsible for Japanese govother way of saying "the need for ernment atrocities, then you must people to live decent lives," which hold the people of England and is due to a deficient standard of the U.S.A. responsible for the

shoulders of working mothers, and translate it into action, you

for real causes. The St. Paul | slaughter of most of the people Dispatch in a story today stated of the world, which, I am sure, that "St. Paul has 93 families of you would not approve. Some time ago the Chicago veterans of this war that are living under 'impossible conditions' and of that number 72 show" to the allied imperialists;

W. K. Nelson St. Paul, Minn.

In my opinion no worker would more likely place than at the Mid-West Camp. Besides the relaxafound very interesting was the I found at the Camp other people like myself who had similar "getting a living" problems and who were looking to socialism

> H. Burns Milwaukee

solution to them.

I know I've written too many pression of Capitalism in its most letters already; but may I, please realistic form to explain things say something, through your

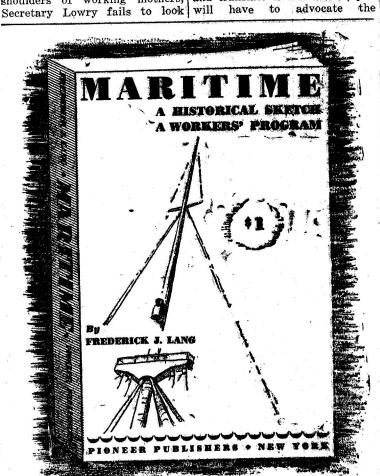
Please do not believe for a moment that I condoned the people in the world.

I was horror-stricken when I saw the bombing of Chungking in the newsreels, and FOR THAT SAME REASON, I am also womanhood and childhood of horror-stricken when today I see this and I should like to suggest America gives us cause for great the bombing of Tokyo in the a name: "Blow Hot: Blow Cold" concern," Secretary Edith E. newsreels—for that same reason, Party. "Tweedledum and Tweedledum agreement that the government of the abolition of capitalism. Lowry recently told the Home because it is, in both cases, a ledee Come Home To Roost" I did not grant the workers anymass murder of people who are believe would make a nice slogan. how for the war's duration. ouncil of North Amer- mass murder of people who are believe would make a nice slogan. how for the war's duration.

Calling attention to the not fighting and therefore have There is only one reason why I

for excitement characteristic of the number of the victims. That wartime, the utter neglect of is the only reason why I also children by mothers working in consider the bombing of Germany as worse than that of England, To blame child labor on such because many times more civilians Germany. The Allied imperialists and if they do occur, to poor newspapers that they hold the all-

I would also like to say: if you living, caused by the well-enforced crimes of THEIR governments, wage freeze and the faulty price which you, yourself, describe as heinous. If you follow your In placing the fault upon the thought to a logical conclusion



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The bombing of the Chinese was, as you say, "an interesting "interesting show" today; what will amuse them tomorrow if they are not overthrown by the aroused working class of their own countries?

Engels speaks of the barbarity with which wars were waged before the dawn of civilization, and declares such cruelty was later mitigated by self-interest; today we see the decline of the present civilization and a worse cruelty than the world has ever known.

In conclusion: may I quote for Dorothy Cheng and all the readers of The Militant, a brief item from the Boston Post of Thurs- to follow. day, July 19, giving, I believe, non-combatants in this war: satisfaction in the recent blasting the picture completely. of Usa by Yank bombers. This is the Japanese town where so many the United States market before know how many millions were tion with dignity. reaped by these Jap manufacturers due to the gullibility of Americans who thought they were buying home products. Those factories are not going to make any more such articles for a long Steel Sell-Out time. They have been treated with another product, really 'Made in Editor:

Can any words express the shameful depth to which the ruling class has sunk today? Is further comment necessary?

Belle Montague Boston, Mass.

#### The Stalinists

Editor: The Stalinist Sunday Worker of July 22 is loaded to the gunwales anywhere else, or that I could with sweetly gentle bleatings ever take lightly the suffering of against the big black wolf the Chinese people or any other Browder, who it seems misleads Bethlehem Steel. many dear little innocent lambs.

Will The Militant allow mento again form themselves into a swell party. I respectfully urge

Joseph McNamee 173 West 102nd Street New York City

#### March On Washington

To the Negroes of America I send these lines.

I am proud of being a Negro because in my being I am a part to work for a living, too, and have of that group of people who have to live by the present high cost come such a long way in such a

I am proud because we can claim such noted men and women as Mary Bethune, George W. Carver, Marion Anderson, Joe Louis, Paul Robeson, Katherine Dunham, Dr. N. Dett and many out the world.

I am proud, because I know my ficulties, the path was narrow and rank-and-file. narrowness tried to crush them to despair, but they reached the top victoriously.

I am proud because my people have picked the cotton, planted Phony Argument the corn, gathered the harvest; their bodies were worn but the Editor: spirit high, knowing the darkest hour of night is just before the dawn of a perfect day.

I am so very proud of our con-Mississippi and his friends try to us when Senator Bilbo stands before the government in hopes of stealing the rights of every Negro name of self-respect that we march thousands strong to Washington to see whether or not we are a free people.

and this is the time for Harlem stand as he promised before he are just as phony.

was elected. Dr. Powell is the pastor of one

#### 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

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.

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Recent issues of The Militant

Socialist Workers Party, by aid-

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Long ago Lenin aptly charac-

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History of American Trotskyism

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necessity of fighting side by side

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No amount of purism can

obviate the fact that the workers,

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them, and Cannon makes it clear

that to aid in that struggle will

goal: Socialism. For it is in the

daily struggle that the worker

will learn how to fight, why he

must go on fighting, and, even-

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Cannon's book is valuable in

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Mike Ross

Buffalo, N. Y.

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position generally.

of the largest congregations in New York, his father before him was pastor at the same church and is still active; it is for such men to lead the way for others

I believe Dr. Powell Sr. or Jr. the true reason for the mass ALONE could cause such a march torture and slaughter of unarmed into Washington; Senator Bilbo, Eastland, Rankin and all of their Americans will take particular kind would be glad to fade out of

It is with great hope that I articles were manufactured for write to Dr. Powell demanding a march on Washington and him as the war, all bearing the legend, their leader. He is strong and 'Made in USA.' No one will ever capable of handling such a situa-

Victor A. Howell 192 East 101st Street New York City

Everyone working at the Bethlehem Steel plant in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania who has a little common sense and knows the principles of a fighting union. will know damn well that Philip Murray, president of the CIO, has sold out the workers to the Bethlehem Steel capitalists. That contract agreement between the union and the Bethlehem Steel company is a big joke. There is question of reforms. One reader nothing in that contract that said he was not renewing his protects the working man. Its main purpose is to protect cause he is convinced that the

noIt helps to divide the workers ing in the fight for reforms, by granting more money to some suggest to the C.P.A. that they groups of workers and nothing to other groups who do the same work. And that is right up the Party as being the only party sleeves of the Bethlehem capital- standing for a thoroughly revoists. There is nothing in that lutionary policy: no reforms short

> Many workers throughout the plant cannot figure out why the CIO union agreed to divide the workers by accepting increases in wages to night workers and nothing to the day workers. The day workers most of the time work much harder than the night workers because the bosses always work days and are doing the most pushing around then. Anyway the day workers have

If the CIO union would have to express the workers' demands, the "little steel formula" and the with the workers in their day-by-Smith-Connally Act would have day, hour-by-hour struggles with been burned up long ago. But it the bosses for a greater share in seems to the workers of the Bethlehem plant that the CIO tion of burdensome conditions of others, people born black in a union expresses the wishes of the white world yet who reached Bethlehem Steel capitalists inrecognition from people through- stead. Philip Murray and the Bethlehem Steel Company are working hand in hand to keep forefathers were ignorant but to- the steel workers from demandday thousands of my people have ing their rights. The only way college educations and have taken the steel workers will get anyplaces in every field of work from thing from the steel profiteers famed singers to noted surgeons. is to get together and fight for Each had to overcome many dif- it with leaders from their rightful

> R.A.A. Allentown, Pa.

Enclosed is a clipping from The Shipyard Worker. This article quotes Steel Labor, organ of the United Steel Workers, as boasting tributions to America even when that whereas the United Mine such men as the Senator of Workers through their strikes got only 13 cents an hour increase in crush us by lies, because we know the period from December 1941 and recognize the friends of Hit- to December 1944, the United ler even when they are chosen Steel Workers through using Americans. It is a dark day for "legal" methods got an increase of 28 cents per hour.

The union bureaucrats use these figures to disparage strikes as a in this country but the dawn will method of defending workers' income when a leader stands before terests. They use these figures to Buffalo branch is the consequence his people and demands in the prove more can be gained by "peaceful" methods.

Of course, we know the bosses: the WLB gives wage increases only because of the threat of The people of New York's strikes. They move only to the Harlem chose Adam C. Powell Jr. extent the workers are strong. to represent them in Washington | The strength they fear is strikes. The argument they advance is to demand Dr. Powell take a firm | phony, and I believe the figures

> Tom Duffy Philadelphia

# In Minneapolis

By BARBARA BRUCE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. -Less than a week after taking office, Hubert Humphrey, labor-endorsed mayor of Minneapolis, named as superintendent of the police a man condemned unanimously by CIO leaders and by sections of both AFL and Railroad Brotherhood unions as anti-labor.

Cheers of union officials at Humphrey's election had scarcely died away, when Humphrey named Ed Ryan as police chief. Ryan, former head of the city's internal security division (local branch of the FBI) has long been associated with the Minneapolis police force. He has been both patrolman and detective here since 1925, down through the years of bitterest strike struggles in Minneapolis.

#### BLOODY FRIDAY

One man, even an editor, can't Ironically enough, confirmation of Ryan's appointment came on ead everything, and I wonder if the anniversary of Bloody Friday, you have overlooked an important book, "The Crisis of our July 13. It was on that date in 1934 that Henry Ness and John Age," by Pitirin A. Sorokin of Belor, courageous fighters in the He is a very religious man and historic truck drivers' strike, were a Catholic, I think, and he takes killed by Minneapolis police.

Ryan's appointment immediately the position that the coming revolution, with all the terror and brought a blast from the Henurge every Negro in Harlem to bloodshed and civil strife, will nepin County CIO Council because Ryan was "the choice of leave much of our material resources intact, like railroads, capital and employers and consequently inimical to organized highways, machinery, etc., and labor." according to the Minneathat mankind will then enter a polis Tribune's political reporter. new age where the individual Making the rounds of every man will live in a new era of ac-

club and civic group in the city, Many of your readers must be Mayor Humphrey indirectly but successfully put the squeeze on Catholics, or were at at one time, aldermen to support his appointand this book makes possible a faith in the coming revolution and ment of Ryan. A high-pressure newspaper campaign was staged a higher faith than that of the by the capitalist daily press. The present church, in man's future. Minneapolis Tribune warned that This is great comfort to some "any councilman who votes P. G. Hollinger against Ryan had better have his reasons ready and they had better

Ryan's appointment was then confirmed by a vote of 31 to 4 in the city council, despite the fact that the United Labor Committee, representing all sections of the labor movement in Minhave brought to the fore the neapolis, called upon the majority bloc of 14 labor-endorsed aldermen to vote as a unit against subscription for The Militant be-

#### AGAINST STRIKES

Humphrey has already declared that he "doesn't want any strikes in this city." This opposition to labor's rights is shared in common by Humphrey, Ryan and Minneapolis employers.

Events have already confirmed the predictions made by Beatrice Janosco when she spoke before a Minneapolis, the night before Humphrey and the labor-endorsed aldermen took office.

"Support of individual candidates such as Humphrey will lead works." But is it realistic? Is it only to disillusionment and betrayal of the working class,' comrade Janosco declared at the meeting sponsored by the Minneapolis branch of the Socialist Workers Party. "No individual no matter how able, can represent two classes in society. Only through their own political organization-an independent labor party-will the workers of Minneapolis find a real solution to their problems today and in the hard days of lay-offs, unemployment and anti-labor repressions.'

# ioneer

The demand for Trotskyist establish the SWP as a friend of literature comes to Pioneer Pubthe worker and allow it to point lishers from all over the world. the way to him, while it fights We quote from a few letters alongside of him, to the eventual recently received.

From Scotland: "Please send us a full list of your publications, and if possible 6 copies of Cannon's History of American Trottually, what the real fight must skyism." Uruguay: "We have received

and a realistic approach to the the books and pamphlets we asked for. These are all of inestimable value to us, who that it shows that the sectarianhitherto have known these works ism of such groups as the SLP, of the Old Man (Leon Trotsky) their aloofness and lack of real by name only."

Chile: "We wish very much to such contact really matters—in the have Cannon's book on American Trotskyism."

England: "I received the History of American Trotskyism. If you can appreciate the very great lack of Marxist literature available at present you will realize how grateful I am for this book. Since the war we have generally speaking been unable to obtain your literature, and it has been somewhat like living in an intellectual wilderness, cut off from knowledge that is so neces-

sary for our struggle." Ireland: "We intend to open a The Militant and Fourth Interbookshop to carry stocks of Trotional can now be purchased at skyist literature, and would be glad if you could send us a complete list of the books and pamphlets you have published."



who has been an active member liam Patterson Case. of our "Militant Army" for some time. He is Mr. Wilson, of Youth Club distributing The Mili-Oklahoma, and part of his letter tant to the workers who were reads as follows: "I hold a sub- picketing Plant No. 7 of the scription to your weekly newspaper, The Militant, and the in Wood-Ridge, N. J. reported paper has proven to be quite in- this interesting story: "Many of teresting to me. I have shown it the workers on the picket line to others in my community, and were discussing the sweeping they like the paper also and would like to become subscribers. I think the paper is wonderful, and will continue to subscribe."

It's a great source of pride to have enthusiastic readers "toot our horn" as revealed by the following communication from the organizer of the Socialist Workers Party in Seattle: "One of our Andrews Analyzes ers Party in Seattle: "One of our subscribers recently visited his daughter in Colorado. During the course of his visit she asked him: 'Father, have you ever heard of The Militant?' 'I subscribe to it,' answered our friend. 'Everybody in the Negro community in Los Angeles is reading it' said the daughter, 'and everybody is crazy about the paper.' Our subscriber came back enthusiastic. He looked us up and immediately wanted to know who was behind The Militant, who put it out, etc. We explained to him about the Socialist Workers Party. Our subscriber is now organizing a Militant Readers Club in the project where he lives, and is thinking seriously about joining the Socialist Workers Party."

For our "Militant Army" statistics fans, here are some very demonstrative figures: Our Newark agent sent in two sixmonth and five one-year subs, plus four one-year renewals. Rea Burton, our Chicago agent, sent in three six-month and two one-year subs in addition to four with two one-year and three sixmonth subs in addition to two one-year renewals. Denver, Colorado now boasts five new subscribers. From Pittsburgh, Eloise Black, our trailblazer in union, the speaker pointed out. the last campaign, has sent in three one-year and twenty-two that these strikes were only the six-month subscriptions. She re- first round in the battle to rebuild ports the coal miners are exceedingly appreciative of the izations with a new leadership support and honest reporting The and a militant program, to meet Militant gave them during their the post-war crisis."

A most inspiring letter reached | strikes, and especially the cover us last week from a subscriber age our press gave to the Wil-

A member of the Trotskyist Wright Aeronautical Corporation victory of the British Labor Party. Said one jubilantly: 'Did you see what the British workers did! It's about time we workers in this country were doing the same thing!"

# In Akron Rubber

CLEVELAND, July 22-Joseph Andrews, Akron correspondent of The Militant, tonight described "The Lessons of the Rubber Strike" to an attentive audience of active trade unionists. The meeting was held at the Slovenian Hall, under the auspices of the Socialist Workers Party, Cleveland branch.

Comrade Andrews gave a vivid eye-witness account of the magnificent battle conducted by the Akron rubber workers against the combined powers of the rubber barons, the government agencies, and their own cowardly International leadership.

"The rubber workers inspired every union fighter in the country with the greatest demonstration of union solidarity and militancy since the miners' strike in 1943," Comrade Andrews declared. "Every union militant in the renewals. Toledo was heard from labor movement realized that the rubber workers were blazing the trail for the entire labor movement."

Conclusion of the strike did not end the problems facing the "The rubber workers are aware their unions into fighting organ-

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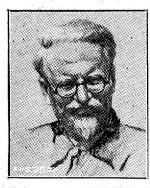
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Only the world revolution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy.

— Leon Trotsky

## An Inspiring Victory

The sweeping electoral victory of the British working class has tremendous significance for labor here in America. The British workers have demonstrated the mighty force of organized political action. The Labor Party swept the professional Tory-capitalist politicians out of office as so much

Like their brothers here, the British workers were blocked at every turn in their struggle to defend hard-won gains in the economic field. The British capitalist government tied down wages while permitting prices to skyrocket; it extended the work week, froze workers on jobs, ruthlessly crushed strikes. As in America, the British capitalist government drafted workers and marched them onto the battlefields of the Second World War to fight and die for capitalist profits. The leaders of the Labor Party, in coalition with the Pories, did their utmost to safeguard the interests of the capitalists.

The British workers drew the correct lesson. It was necessary to meet this offensive of the bosses in the arena of politics. They forced their leaders to break the coalition with the capitalist politicians and threw their energies behind the Labor Party. This firm course won the active sympathy of the middle class — the small shopkeepers, poor farmers, etc. British labor now has the possibility of completely reshaping the life of Great Britain in accordance with the needs of the working class and all the poor people.

The situation faced by the British workers before their inspiring victory is today still faced by American labor. Everywhere they have been blocked by the employer-government combination. They are ground between the millstones of wage-freezing and price-gouging. Their every attempt to break out of this intolerable situation by purely trade union action is met with savage crack-downs against which they have no adequate defense.

Had such leaders as John L. Lewis, Sidney Hillman and their kind not blocked the many efforts to organize an independent labor party, the American workers in the last election — if not before could have put their own representatives into office. Labor's Non-Partisan League, the American Labor Party and the Political Action Committee could easily have become a power in American politics comparable to the Labor Party in British politics. It is the unforgivable crime of these labor fakers that they side-tracked these promising movements into support of the capitalist politi-

The lesson is absolutely clear. The American workers must force the trade union leaders to break with the capitalist parties. They must follow the example of their British fellow-workers. They must begin organizing on the political field. They must launch an independent Labor Party and seriously set out to establish a workers' and farmers' government in America.

#### The Wright Strike

The best test of policy is action. And in the labor movement there is no action that decides as much as a strike. In the process of settling accounts with the corporation and winning a clear-cut union victory, the Wright strikers exposed a whole lineup of misleaders and some phony organizations as

The recent "discussion" and "change" of line in the "Communist" (Stalinist) Party has deceived many of its members into thinking that they, the rank and file, would be permitted at the very least to act as loyal union men during a conflict with the bosses.

Despite the radical appearances of the "new" line these Stalinists found themselves compelled to act as strikebreakers, just as they had been obliged to do under the "old" line. They tried to herd the workers back to work with empty hands, crushed and beaten. That filthy scandal sheet, the Daily Worker, taking its cue from the capitalist Press, attempted to smear the strike as a conspiracy of "racketeers."

The Stalinists were lined up with shrieking capitalist newspapers, yellow leaders of the Wright local, and double-dealing, intimidating government boards. They had a lot of power on their side. A lot -- but not enough. They did not have the power of deception and that is the decisive reason for their failure to break the strike.

The scurvy Stalinist record in the labor movement was too deeply imbedded in the consciousness of the Wright workers. The old familiar attempt to paste the "racketeer" label on the strike failed because the workers knew they had genuine grievances, knew that the company was using this slander to cover up a provocation aimed at smashing the union. Long, bitter experience with government boards prepared the workers against all attempts to intimidate them.

The militants of the Wright local can hold their heads high because of a job well done. They took a spontaneous action of the workers and converted it into a powerful strike. They held the War Labor Board at bay. They beat back the Stalinist strikebreakers. They voted to return to work only after their cowardly union officialdom promised to reinstate the discharged shop steward and to settle other grievances. Now they are back in the plants, determined to settle accounts with the Stalinist renegades who turned up on the other side of the picket line during the battle.

## "Discussion" Ends

The Stalinist leaders have finished their "discussion" according to the ritual sanctified by the Kremlin. They discovered "errors" of the gravest type, outright "opportunism" if not counter-revolution. They "puzzled" over the origin of the extraordinary fact they were virtually unanimous in their support of these "errors" until another Stalinist leader in France, named Duclos, happened to notice their counter-revolutionary trend. Then they just as unanimously "corrected" themselves. Finally they offered up a couple of scapegoats in the persons of Earl Browder and Robert Minor and went home to continue the same "errors."

The newly-anointed high priest of the Stalinists is William Z. Foster. Foster was kept in reserve during the phase of Stalin's foreign policy in America carried out by Browder. He was permitted to criticize mildly the line Browder was ordered to push forward, although the criticism was confined to leading party circles in order not to embarrass the leaders as they licked Wall Street's boots.

Browder has now been placed on the shelf, although, like Foster previously, he was allowed to "criticize" the line brought forward by the new Kremlin puppet.

The whole discussion was revealed as a farce. The Stalinist leaders still support the imperialist war. They still uphold the no-strike pledge. Stalinism still continues its struggle against the socialist revolution in America as elsewhere.

No Communist Party member who has resented the class-collaborationist role forced upon him can possibly be satisfied with the results of such a "dis-

### A Dangerous Proposal

The proposal made by some UAW militants (reported elsewhere in The Militant) to invite John L. Lewis to lead the auto union, is clearly an attempt to find a magic formula for the solution of their union problems.

This proposal has grown out of a lack of understanding of the program and methods necessary to liberate the unions from the chains of government regimentation and restore them as fighting instruments of the workers.

It is a product of impatience with the slow progress of the building of a left wing that will overthrow the cowardly, treacherous gang of Murray-Thomas-Hillman-Dalrymple and Co. from their posts in the leadership of the CIO.

It represents a false evaluation of the miners' strikes and the role of John L. Lewis. Seeking for short-cuts, these militants are fall-

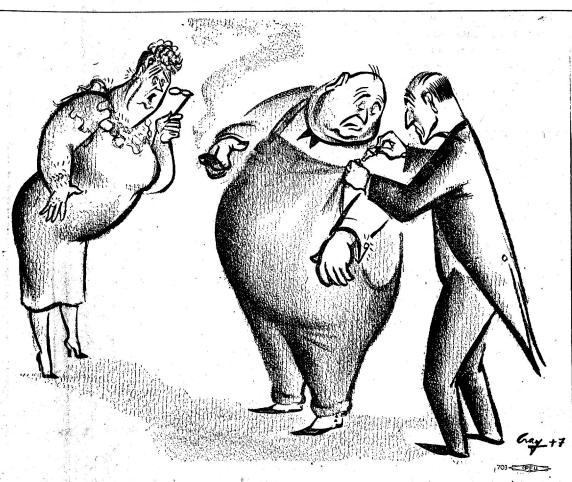
ing into errors that mark the road of easy and poorly-thought-out solutions.

In the minds of these militants the heroic struggles of the miners' union during the war are identified with the person and program of John L. Lewis. Nothing could be more false.

The record shows that Lewis was and is motivated solely by considerations of political opportunism and personal spite. In breaking with Roosevelt, he turned not to independent class politics, but to the Republican Party. In breaking with Murray and Hillman, he turned not to mobilization of the workers against the onslaughts of the capitalist government but to the AFL. His policy was and is class collaborationist and is essentially the same as that of Murray, Hillman and Green.

Were the militants to make the fatal mistake of gambling on Lewis, they would only find themselves led deeper into the wilderness by this wouldbe messiah. The unions would be shaken to their foundations by fierce internal conflicts. The militants would be divided into warring camps over personalities not program. Disastrous splits would weaken the labor movement at the very moment

that unity will be most urgent. The militants cannot hand over their duties and tasks to any messiah—not even John L. Lewis. There is no substitute for the building of a left wing on the basis of a program that will regain the independence and fighting power of the unions. This left wing alone can sweep out the cowardly, treacherous leadership that now rules the unions. They and they alone can replace the Murray-Hillman gang with tested union fighters now arising from the ranks and distinguished by their courage in battle, their understanding, their honesty, and above all their program. This is the only road for the militants to follow.



"But you don't need that costume yet - they haven't even got a Labor Party here!" (See Cartoon Contest, Page 7)

China

Cholera — one of the dread scourges accompanying war-has broken out in Chungking. Since June, when the epidemic started in the capital of the Chiang Kaishek government, the number of cases has mounted swiftly. More than 8,000 cases are estimated, about 20 percent fatal.

Cholera is carried by rats. By exterminating rats cholera can be stamped out. But the Chiang Kaishek government has done so little to eliminate this deadly menace to public health that Chungking is plagued by an estimated 10,000,000 rats.

Sgt. Sam Shurack, a specialist in rat extermination for seven years before he entered the U.S. Army declared:

"Kunming rats aren't bigger than the ones we have at home, but they are more nonchalant and numerous. In wartime the world's rat population normally increases from three to a person to six a person, but this city has at least fifteen for each human being." Responsibility for the spread of

cholera rests with the Chiang Kai - shek government. Shot through and through with graft and corruption, it pays little or no attention to public health. Japanese imperialism likewise bears a share of responsibility. By invading China, Japanese imperialism cultivated and stirred up the fearful endemic scourges smoldering in their pathway.

#### Japan

One of the main propaganda themes of the Allied imperialists in their war with Japan is the necessity to destroy Japanese militarism. They maintain, however, that this must be accomplished by the might of invading armies. The Japanese people, they allege, have been educated from childhood to venerate the Mikado and blindly obey the military caste even if it means hara-kiri. Hence, they conclude, bombs, shells and bayonets made in America must be used to bring democracy to Japan.

The Militant has consistently maintained this thesis is untrue. The Japanese people themselves will settle accounts with their oppressors, the Trotskyists point cut. Now comes confirmation of our analysis from a leading member of the American military caste, Rear Admiral Thomas Leigh Gatch.

He predicts, according to a July 25 United Press dispatch, that Emperor Hirohito will meet the same fate as Benito Mussolini He believes that the Japanese people will rise "in one of the bloodiest revolutions in history."

This Admiral, who holds the post of Judge Advocate General of the Navy, characterized as "pure bunk" the theory that the people.

"We will soon see just how venerated he is," declared the Admiral; "I am certain he will die like Mussolini.

"It is the Samurai—the 300,000 military leaders - who must be destroyed, but I don't think we'll have to do the job. We are going to see one of the bloodiest revolutions in history in Japan, which will liquidate both the Emperor and the military."

#### Chile

One of the worst mine disasters

turn is dominated by the Morgan disaster spread through the

A fire broke out on Level 3. But there was no water to fight it. The company had alleged the ruthless role of Wall Street imminers used company water to perialism in South America, prepare a drink for themselves called "choca," and hence refused and to permit water hoses in the mine. There were no effective gas masks available.

When the fire broke out, miners squads. Instead, it called the

police surrounded the shaft-head to prevent anyone from entering the burning mine. Finally one police captain, unable to endure simply waiting for those below to die without doing anything, permitted squads to enter the mine. But the gas masks used by these rescue squads were defective and every ne perished.

Total casualties were 500. Braden Copper next attempted

to prevent the news of the disaster from spreading. Controlling the radio, it censored all newscasts. Not even neighboring was charged in the Chilean Copper hoped to dump all the bodies into an abandoned stope, seal it up and keep secret the terrible disaster. This has happened before in Chile.

When the story finally leaked out, a great wave of indignation swept through the working class. This indignation was focused on the Braden family. Braden Copper was organized by an American mining engineer during the First World War. His son, who is still connected with the company, is Spruille Braden, former Amassador to Cuba and at present American Ambassador to Argen-

Working class anger over the

## **QUESTION BOX**

Q: How many women are there in the trade union movement in the United States?

A: About 3,000,000 women are trade unionists now. Before the war, there was barely one-fourth of that number-about 800,000.

Q: How much meat is going into the black market? A: At least a quarter of the

meat supply which is left for civilian consumption — and that quarter includes virtually all of the better grade meats. The 2,-500,000,000 pounds of meat going into the black market is valued Emperor is a god to the Japanese at about one billion dollars a year.

> Q: How does the peak wartime labor force compare with the peak peacetime labor force in this country?

A: Up to V-E day, that is be fore large-scale lay-offs began, there were 52,870,000 civilian workers in the United States; unemployment was officially recorded as less than one million. The highest peacetime labor force (not including the warpreparation years of 1940-41) was utilized in 1929, when 46,-192,000 workers were employed in the history of Chile occurred and 1,864,000 were jobless. With June 19, 1945 in Camp Sewell not the present population and the far from Santiago. This camp is return to civilian life of over 11. owned by the Braden Copper | 690,000 servicemen, employment Company, a subsidiary of the at 1929 levels would I e a v e Kennecott Copper Corp. which in eighteen million without jobs!

neighboring country of Argentina. As U. S. Ambassador and copper magnate, Braden personifies the demonstrators in Buenos Aires

leaflets attacking Braden.

other cities distributed

The Peron regime in Argentina, which is reactionary to the core, permitted the distribution of these cutside sought to enter the mine leaflets. The Peron regime, while to rescue those trapped. But the oppressing the Argentine workcompany refused them permis- ing class, has its own battle with sion; its policy being to prevent the Wall Street capitalists. Like miners from acting on rescue all the native capitalists of colonial nations or small countries which the big powers attempt to control as satellites, the Argentine capitalists are not averse to permitting the working class to express at times its hostility to

foreign imperialism. Thus in the United States, the prominent spokesmen of Wall Street imperialism such as the New York Times have attempted to smear the genuine indignation to smash the unions. of the Argentine workers over the Chilean mine disaster as wholly artificial and inspired only by the Peron regime. The Times even went out of its way to

defend Braden. towns knew what had happened. the 500 Chilean miners, however, rights will become much more acute. rests squarely on American im-Chamber of Deputies that Braden | perialism. No demagogy, no matter how clever, can change

#### Venezuela

Venezuela for decades was the private domain of one of the worst dictators in South America, "El Bagre," (the cat fish). This dictator ruled with a bloody hand. His secret spy system, organized on an international basis to hunt down dissidents, was one of the largest in the world. El Bagre was supported by the great oil companies who in turn were given priceless concessions in some of the richest oil reserves of the

When El Bagre died the people rose up in a political revolution that swept his regime into the class has grown in size and importance.

Now a report from Caracas declares that a recent oil workers' strike in the state of Zulia, which won a five months' agreement, is hailed in the labor press as a triumph without precedent in Venezuela.

The strike began when the Mene Grande Company dismissed some of its employes. The Minister of Labor, Dr. Diez, took an airplane to Maracaibo in an attempt to settle the dispute when the strikers widened their demands to include such items as

pay for the weekly day of rest. Among the important gains obtained through the strike were "No dismissal of workers," and improvement of food served in the Another item of interest is the

split in the Communist Party. Prominent Stalinist leaders have broken away, together with a large part of the membership. Among these leaders is Dr. Silva Telleria, editor of the weekly Aqui Esta. The Stalinists named a new leading committee, designating Dr. Carlos Augusto Leon as general secretary. The issues in the split are not yet known

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## **PROBLEMS FACING** WAR VETERANS

By CHARLES CARSTEN

#### Re-Employment and Seniority Rights of Ex-Servicemen

Approximately 3,000,000 men have been discharged from the U.S. armed forces. This is only about onefifth of the men who will eventually be discharged, but conflicts between veterans and other workers for jobs have already arisen.

At the Mishawaka, Indiana plant of the U.S. Rubber Co., A. F. Mello, a World War I veteran with 12 years' seniority, was fired to make room for a World War II veteran who had worked less than four months in the plant prior to induction. F. O. Thomas, the World War II veteran, was discharged from the army in December, 1944 and asked for his old job back. The company advised him that the department in which he had worked had been abolished. Thomas insisted he was entitled to his old job under the Selective Service Act.

The company gave Thomas the job of the World War I veteran who had worked at the plant for 12 years. Local 65 of the United Rubber Workers, CIO insisted Thomas was entitled to employment, but the union protested the violation of another worker's seniority rights in placing Thomas on a job. The company and the union wrote a joint letter asking ruling from the State Selective Service Headquarters. The case was referred to the national headquarters of the Selective Service Administration which eplied:

"In such circumstances, where the former position no longer exists the veteran is entitled to a position substantially equivalent in seniority, status and pay, a requirement which appears to be fulfilled in this instance."

This decision violates the seniority clause of the union contract. The union filed a grievance and asked for arbitration. The company replied that the issue was a matter of law and not subject to arbitration. The case was taken to the War Labor Board and that body referred it to Attorney General Clark for a legal opinion.

The employers, supported by the Selective Service Administration, hope to use World War II veterans. n their offensive against the union movement. Capitalist organizations, groups and individuals will hypocritically pose as benefactors of the returning servicemen. The keynote in what is likely to become a barrage of employer propaganda in their offensive against labor was given by Colonel Arthur V. McDermott, New York Director of Selective Service:

"The veteran has had his share of foxholes and bullets. Discharging a non-veteran from his job may entail hardships for him, but we think that if there's more hardship to be doled out, the non-veteran should get in line for some of it."

Such a demagogic policy is calculated to confuse the demobilized servicemen as to the real issues involved and make them pawns in the bosses' attempts

The problem is only in its first stages. More men are continually being discharged from the army. Cutbacks and layoffs are increasing as the tempo of war production is reduced. The labor supply is rapidly increasing as job opportunities decrease. It is clear Responsibility for the death of that the issue of veteran re-employment and seniority

## Story of Jeeps Reveals **Waste of Capitalist War**

It is reported that Willys-Overland is going to produce civilian jeeps for farmers. This jeep will be a car-of-all-trades. It will pull a plow, a harrow, or a load of hay. Willys expects to make 20,000 of them/ this year to retail at about 900 dollars.

Perhaps some farmers think they've been "prosperous" during the war. But let's see how many of these jeeps they could have if it hadn't been for the criminal waste of war. Just suppose the Maritime Commission had not spent twenty billion dollars on freighters and tankers of all types during the war. (The United States merchant marine is more than

big enough to carry the whole world's ocean trade). If all that labor and material had gone into the making of farm equipment, the farmers could have ash can. Since then the working had not 20,000 but 20,000,000 jeeps! Every dried-out midwestern farm and every starving sharecropper could have had one. In fact, every farmer in the country. This, for only a fraction of the tremendous sums that capitalism can only spend on war.

## Ickes Plots Use of Coal To Stem Revolt in Europe

War Fuels Administrator Harold Ickes says "the race in Europe today is between coal and anarchy." This means that American coal may be given to those people who will fight against the socialist revolution. (For "anarchy" in the capitalist dictionary, means the orderly rule of the working class). This means that the homes of union men in the United States will be cold, so the homes of scabs in Europe will be

As for anarchy: an expert quoted in Business Week. July 28, says that: "German coal output could have solved the European coal problem better than it now stands any chance of being solved." But then the German mining companies and other capitalist outfits might steal a march on their U. S. rivals. And Wall Street didn't fight the war for nothing. In fact even under direct Allied control, the German mines can't produce because of the new competitive anarchy introduced by the conquerors. There are four zones of occupation and "mines have actually been cut in two by the neat jurisdictional boundaries drawn on official maps." Wall Street blames the British for this.

Some United States coal will undoubtedly go to Europe — at a good profit to the American coal operators. And it will go to the "right" people. If the conquerors were really interested in helping Europe's dispossessed and freezing people, they would get to work on the job of reorganizing the German mines. But capitalist anarchy prevents them.