CONGRESS FACES GROWING JOBS CRISIS

Trotskyist Gains Reported From All Over Europe

Despite terrible losses suffer- | prosecution for ed under the terror of Hitler's against our comrades. With the Gestapo and in the face of un- van, a furious campaign against ceasing persecution under the the "Hitlero-Trotskyists" was unnew "democratic" puppet gov-ernments of Allied imperialism paign in the press was followed and its Stalinist confederates, the European Trotskyists are extending and intensifying their activities all over the continent.

In country after country, the sections of the Fourth International are reappearing, reinforced and more deeply rooted among the workers than ever before. Contact, after the disruption caused by the war, is being resumed between the sections themselves and with their European Executive Committee. The main characteristic of the present phase of their struggle is the fight for a legal existence.

SURVIVED TERROR

In the forefront of this fight are many Trotskyist leaders returning from the concentration camps in Germany. The same spirit which animated our comrades in the darkest days of the Nazi overlordship in Europe and enabled them to survive as organized formations of the International under the fierce terror of fascism is today inspiring their struggle against the new masters of Europe. Undaunted by the new forms of persecution, they are determined to rebuild the vanguard parties of the European working class. They are determined to unfurl the banner of the Fourth International, the rades and sympathizers and of workers are striving with might

CHALLENGE DE GAULLE In France, the Trotskyists have

ment. Repeated requests by the (Parti Communist Internationa-Fourth International, for aution." Instead, the government, government to prosecute them. spurred on particularly by its Stalinist ministers, Tillon and Billoux, has hung threats of

GPU frame-up machine in the



Leon LeSoil

Arrested by the Nazis June 22, 1941 for his anti-fascist activities, Leon LeSoil died in the Neuengamme Concentration Camp May 6, 1942. A foundation member of the Communist Party, he broke with it after its degeneration under Stalin, to become a founder of the Belgian Trotskyist movement. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Fourth International.

up by arrests of Trotskyist com-

stainless banner of international workers suspected of Trotskyism. employment. to this wave of persecution by a defense campaign among the paper published under the Hitler good sit-down strike," and "Too parade today under fighting demonstration, was forced to take O. About 96 percent of the town's challenged the de Gaulle govern- terror and it is well known among much talk and not enough action." slogans. Internationalist Communist Party were defended by workers in the icy stated by their own leaders, workers, representing 321 CIO shop, with even large numbers of liste), French section of the Stalinist workers signing petitions for the release of the imthorization to publish its organ, prisoned Trotskyists. In June, the La Verite (The Truth) under the PCI challenged the government same legal considerations as the by registering the organization rest of the press, have been re- with the authorities. It published fused by the de Gaulle regime, the names of its leading commitever since the so-called "libera- | tee in La Verite and defied the

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25,000 Workers In Camden Rally **Protest Layoffs**

By George Clement

This shipyard and industrial city on the Delaware River today witnessed the greatest labor demonstration in its history when more than 25,000 workers poured into Roosevelt Plaza to protest against mass layoffs and to demand government action for full employ-

Virtually every important plant n this area was shut down from ioon on, as employed and unemployed joined forces in a united demonstration sponsored jointly by the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods. Although C I O members predominated, large numbers of AFL and railway workers participated.

WORKERS DEMAND JOBS

The workers marched in orderly columns from their factories and shipyards. Many large banners and placards were carried. Among the prominent slogans were: "We Worked for Victory. We want Jobs In Peace!," "We Demand Jobs for All!," and "Where Are the 60 Million Jobs?"

This tremendous outpouring of labor forces was truly impressive. It imbued every worker present with a sense of the potential might of the working class and inspired a new feeling of confidence in their own organized

The workers were filled with militancy and eager for a real program of action to fight for jobs for all with the wages of decent living. Many openly displayed their displeasure and disgust with the CIO and Stalinist union leaders who spoke and failed to present any real program of action or even to offer a clear explanation for the mounting un-

Verite was the first underground on were, "What we need is a streets, by staging a monster the workers. The PCI militants Instead of hearing a fighting polby "certain industrial groups."

From the mood and temper of stooges. the workers, it is clear that this demonstration is only the beginning. Bigger and more decisive actions are in the offing.

The bold action of our comrades

Huge Job Demonstration in Manhattan



Over 50,000 jobless workers swarmed into New York's midtown Madison Square on August 29, as the CIO Greater Industrial Union Council called for full employment. Placards demanded jobs for all workers and veterans. Loud boos greeted the names of Governor Dewey and Senator Bilbo.

Detroit CIO Marchers Raise Call For Labor's Own Party

By John Saunders

a fitting answer to the mass lay-Frequent comments among the offs which have hurled over workers as the speakers droned 300,000 workers here into the

More than 20,000 determined they heard as the main speaker locals, marched two miles down a former university president, Dr. Woodward Avenue to Cadillac Frank Kingdon, chairman of the Square for three solid hours, New Jersey Independent Citizens while other tens of thousands League, whose chief contribution lined three abreast along the was the claim that unemployment route of march and cheered is due to a "deliberate conspiracy" defiance of the Detroit auto barons and their government

> THOUSANDS JOIN MARCH Thousands of workers joined

the marchers at Cadillac Square to hear speeches by CIO United Automobile Workers President R. J. Thomas: UAW Vice President and labor's mayoralty candidate, Richard T. Frankensteen; CIO President; and labor's candidates for Detroit Common Council, Tracy M. Doll, UAW-CIO Local 154, and Rev. Charles A.

The question of jobs dominated this Labor Day parade. The workers showed they are determillions of men overseas, al- mined, come what may, to do though he had received office on away with unemployment. "WE WANT JOBS!" read hundreds of

WAR — WHY NOT FOR PEACE?" demanded scores of DETROIT, Sept. 4 — Detroit others. "IS WAR THE ONLY abor under CIO leadership gave ANSWER TO UNEMPLOY-MENT?" bitterly queried another

> Even Frank Hook, capitalist Congressman who spoke at the notice of these banners, when he "If we can produce to kill, we can produce to live."

> NOT MERELY BEGGING But labor was not merely

offered a concrete program for Their Master's Voice? begging for jobs. Sharp slogans IDLE PLANTS UNDER TRADE | for one of our experts." UNION CONTROL!"

"THEY HAVE GUARANTEED PROFITS TO MANUFACTUR-ERS — WHY NOT GUARAN TEE WAGES TO WORKERS" John W. Gibson, Michigan State read a huge banner of UAW Local 174. With slight modification this slogan was taken up by other locals. "A THIRTY PER CENT WAGE INCREASE," "BACK UP YOUR WAGE DEMANDS WITH ACTION," and "WE DID IT IN 1937 — WE CAN DO IT IN 1945!" were other banners which reflected the confidence and fight-

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Ghost Towns—1945

economic crisis is Mingo Junction, echoed the workers' sentiments: | ly after V-J Day, when U. S.

"The War Manpower Commistrols, leaving everyone free to go anywhere in search of a job or turn one down..." (The Progressive, Aug. 27).

No War Millionaires?

A United Press survey, published Aug. 25, revealed that "43 business organizations in the United States now boast membership in the billion-dollar club, compared with 32 on Dec. 31,

City Council, today issued the The Republican Party, the vestments stood at \$1.18 in June 1945 as against \$1 in June 1944.

just means more job-seekers."

they will listen to me."

Big Business Tools Scheme To Scuttle Unemployed Aid

National Labor Congress Advocated to Meet Simultaneously With Capitalist Law-Makers

By Art Preis

Spurred by spreading mass actions of the unemployed workers and fear of growing demands for government operation of idle plants, Congress reconvened last Wednesday for the start of one of the most momentous sessions in its history.

Jerked from the midst of a two-month vacation begun as millions were being tossed out of jobs with

John G. Wright

Starts National

John G. Wright, Associate Edi-

tor of Fourth International and

The Militant, starts a coast-to-

Workers." The tour begins in

Boston on September 14 and, ex-

tending to the West Coast and

back, will wind up at Pittsburgh

A leading party educator and

writer for many years, Comrade

Wright is particularly distin-

guished as the translator and edi-

tor of the works of Leon Trotsky.

He has recently completed the

translation of "Five Years

by Trotsky, a monumental work

dealing with the problems con-

fronting the revolutionary move-

ment after the First World War,

replete with lessons for the his-

torical period now opening up

of historical knowledge and poli-

tical insight, which will be of par-

ed workers throughout the coun-

try whose interest in internation-

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POLITICAL INSIGHT

of the Communist International'

on December 18.

Lecture Tour

no provisions for reemployment or adequate relief, the capitalist Congress is hastening to discuss further means for protecting Big Business. while providing labor and the returning veterans coast tour this week, lecturing on with as little as it can get 'The British Labor Victory - away with. Its Meaning for the American

Even as Congress reconvenes, the indignation of the organized workers at the callous manner in

Nigerian Strikers Win Demands

As a result of their recent militant strike, 150,000 Nigerian workers have won their minimum wage demands. They have forced the release of imprisoned strike leaders and lifting of the ban on two papers which supported the strike. For further details read "The Negro Struggle" by Charles Jackson on page 4 and "SWP's Nigeria Protest Receives Brazen Reply," page 6.

In his lecture tour, Comrade which they are being tossed on Wright will deal with the background of the British Labor vicsuffering huge slashes in takethe unemployed scrap-heap or tory as well as with current developments resulting from it. He and breaking forth in one city brings to his subject a great store after another in huge demonstra-

ticular value to the many advanc- MASS PRESSURE GROWS

So great has the mass pressure grown for decisive and adequate al labor affairs has been aroused measures to provide full employas never before by the smashing ment and decent wages, that even triumph of the Labor Party in CIO President Philip Murray was ain. Comrade Wright will draw mittee hearing on the so-called

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50,000 Demonstrate "The War Manpower Commission abolished all manpower con-

By Bill Morgan NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 29

- More than fifty thousand workers packed into the narrow son Square here today in a gigantic demonstration against unemployment. The demonstration, first mass labor action here since Pearl Harbor, was under ed to swell the ranks of the dethe leadership of the Greater New York ClO Council.

An hour before the demonstration was scheduled to begin, thousands of workers, marching under their union banners and with several contingents led by veterans of World War II, poured into 23rd Street chanting, "We want Jobs!

It was a militant army of workers in a fighting spirit. The great numbers who responded to the CIO call exceeded all expectations. Long after the chairman, Joseph Curran, Stalinist president of the steady streams of workers were signs, held aloft by strong, eager hands were inscribed the hopes and demands of the aroused work-

"Jobs For All!" was the demand by many sections. One union

column swung into the park bearing a huge banner with the slogan, "We Want Jobs at Union Wages!" A contingent of young boys and girls carried a long streets on the east side of Madi- streamer with the words, "Support Youth's Fight For Security and Education!"

"LIKE THE OLD DAYS!"

As increasing numbers gathermonstrators, they were greeted with welcoming cheers and slogans shouted by enthusiastic and determined workers who looked proudly on the gigantic gathering as a sign of a new awakening of New York labor.

"It's like the old days!" shouted one husky warehouseman to a friend marching by with the furriers' union. "Look!" replied his

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Wall Street The Real Victor In 2nd World-Wide Slaughter

imperialist armies on September world. 1, 1939, invaded Poland, raising the curtain on the Second World War. The heads of the Allied powers answered the anxiety of the masses over the outbreak of slaughter by unloading all the blame on the "aggressor" nations. Were it not for the antidemocratic and ambitious nature of Germany, Italy and Japan, they said, war would not have broken

The Allied statesmen insisted their own motives were of the purest. They were fighting, they said, for freedom and democracy and an end to fascism. They repeated with few differences the lying catchwords and slogans utilized in the First World War to hide the sordid aims of the imperialist participants.

TROTSKYISTS TOLD TRUTH Only the Trotskyists told the truth about the real cause of the war. The September 5, 1939, HOUNDED AND PERSECUTED life far beyond the reach of the issue of The Militant (then called the Socialist Appeal) declared:

Poland. This is NOT a war for working class did not end and against 'democracy'—not one capitalism. Because of their goods in unlimited quantities have rules the overwhelming majority the Trotskyists throughout the of its subjects with sword and world were hounded and perwhip. This war is being fought secuted during the war by the solely to decide which imperial- capitalist politicians.

FRAUD OF IMPERIALIST

"The assassination of the Archduke of Austria at Sarajevo in July, 1914 was not the cause of the First World War. The seizure of Danzig is not the cause of the Second World War. The First World War was fought to decide which powers shall rule the world. The victors dictated the bloody 'peace' of Versailles. That 'peace' led directly to the Second World War. Another such 'peace' will lead directly to the Third World War.

"Neither Hitler nor Chamberlain, Mussolini nor Daladier, Stalin nor Roosevelt, can bring peace to the world. Peace will come to the world only when the workers of the world take matters into their own hands, and throw off the bandits who rule over

Since the days of Lenin, Trotsky and his followers had con-"This is NOT a war for and sistently warned of the mounting against the independence of danger of a second carnage if the of the participating powers but warnings to the working class,

It is six years since the German | ist powers shall dominate the | Hitler lined them up before firing squads. Stalin sent an assassin to strike down the world leader of Trotskyism. Roosevelt ordered his agents to bring the American Trotskyists into court. And while the President shipped the promise not to send the boys of America into any foreign wars, the Trotskyists who had

> WHAT HAS WAR BROUGHT? Has the Second World War ended in the establishment of peace and democracy as promised by the framers and supporters of the Atlantic Charter?

railroaded into prison.

Europe, long the heart of world civilization, lies in shambles. The flower of her youth are rotting corpses. Tens of millions of families are torn asunder and wandering homeless. Inflation has lifted prices of the necessities of masses. Starvation and disease stalk the survivors of the destroying armies. Great cities are monuments of rubble. Industrial areas once capable of producing been gutted by fire, bomb and looting conquerors.

The agricultural regions did not

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told the truth about the war were DOBBS AND SIMPSON DEMAND JOBS FOR NEW YORK NEW YORK, Sept. 4 - Farrell | Every party must be judged in

Dobbs and Louise Simpson, Trot- the light of its program or lack skyist candidates for Mayor and of program to provide jobs. following statement:

after the war by the capitalist Herbert Hoover. Judge Jonah J. politicians. Leaders of the Dem- Goldstein, the Republican candiocratic Party even promised 60 date, admits in his Labor Day million jobs. This promise has address that "Peace and jobs are turned out to be nothing more inseparable and there can be no than the lying propaganda of real peace if millions are to go capitalist politicians on the make. unemployed.' The cold truth is that jobs are being wiped out at a speed not

has now become a key question in all our forces and resources." the New York election. It cannot be evaded by any candidate seri- in the ranks of the unemployed ously concerned about the welfare of the workers and their families.

Party of the worst depression in The war workers and veterans America's history, offers nothing were promised jobs in abundance more than it did in the days of But what does Judge Goldstein

offer? A promise to "leave nothseen since the depression of 1929- ing undone" to aid the workers. This Judge likewise promises to Unemployment, consequently, make it his "first duty to mobilize Those with previous experience

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Reported as one of the first "ghost towns" of the current

workers were laid off permanent-Steel abandoned operations em ploying 1,400, leaving only 60 workers still employed in a washer plant.

their attainment. "JOBS FOR A recent advertisement by EVERYBODY — FOR THE 30- | Standard Oil of California boasts: HOUR WEEK WITH NO "When Uncle Sam's army crash- the recent elections in Great Brit- impelled to warn the Senate com-REDUCTION IN PAY!" ap- ed into Germany, the generals peared on a Briggs Local 212 knew what they wanted to do in banner; and "OPERATE THE the occupied section ... they asked

Free to Starve

Who Won the War Investors Syndicate recently reported that in June 1945 the average American wage-earner received only 89 cents in pay for each \$1 received in June 1944. However, returns on capital in-

The Same Difference

Business Week, Sept. 1, discloses its previous estimate of potential unemployment was too CIO council, opened the meeting, low. "The top now looks closer to 9,000,000 than 8,000,000. Yet still pouring into the great crowd. this doesn't mean fewer jobs: it On thousands of banners and

Watch This Rat!

Fascist Gerald K. Smith, after 'I'll be back when thousands of signs. "Vets Demand Full Em- Pioneer Notes unemployed will be walking the ployment!" and "Make Congress International Notes streets of Los Angeles, and then Act Now!" were slogans carried Veterans Problems8

How I Pounded The Pavements Of New York City Looking For One Of Those "Sixty Million Jobs"

By Dinah Sanders

I can give you a first-hand picture of the unemployment situation in New York City since the as feeder: 50 cents an hour. I'll "victory" whistles blew us into have to take the second shift, but that pays 6 cents an hour more.

When Wright Aeronautical so They have no reconversion probhastily dumped me with 41,000 lem out there, in fact, they're goother workers out of its plants, ing to expand. They make the I didn't wait for the "peace" celeof what "peace" means to us

rumors, "Ford Edgewater is hir- pictures on the walls, telling you ing ... American Airlines is tak- not to hurt yourself ... ing on people... General Electric

be... later.

room is full, early in the morning. | Corporation. They don't need any A uniformed guard shoves you rudely into a seat, or orders you to move if he doesn't like the way you look at him.

"NO KID GLOVES"

A youth dozes in his chair after waiting a couple of hours. The guard shakes him roughly: "No JOBS-AT LOW PAY sleepin' in here, bud!" No more kid gloves! Workers now come a dime a dozen. Start pushing 'em around again, teach 'em quick who's boss...

Once more, no jobs for women except low-pay clerical work maybe... later. Machinists, machinist helpers? No, we can get Even \$35 looks pretty good to me all the men we want for those jobs, at 60 cents an hour.

"Do you think people can live on 55 and 60 cents an hour to- ask. "It depends on you." "How day?" I ask. "Frankly, we don't on me? If I work hard, or my expect them to live on it," the attitude is good, or what?" "It interviewer replies calmly. "We boys and girls who are living at home and don't have to earn a week." "It depends on you." and allowed an increase of \$45 coasts. (The Seafarers Internaliving." I look around the room The job is pasting on labels. I at the grimfaced fathers and mothers, job seekers.

MISERABLE CONDITIONS

ment and security.

DATES," and "LET'S VOTE LA-

rumors of jobs at the American but I can start for 50 cents. Two Export Airlines at LaGuardia other ads look promising, but field. After subway and bus rides "we got all the girls we need." and a three-quarter mile hike in the hot sun, I am herded into a to go down to Noma Electric. shack filled with men and women. But all the jobs laminating lenses There is no place to eat, no water. are gone. So I'm working stack-I wait four hours for an inter- ing condensers for radio ampliview. Then I an told the only fiers — which is a story all by thing open is a typist job at 55 itself. I hear ten girls quit on cents an hour — 60 hours a week! my floor the day before I started

same metal tubes they did during brations to die down before I the war, and pay the same wages started making the job rounds. they paid before and during the I already had a pretty fair idea war. They even use the same unventilated rooms, the same unsanitary working conditions, the First I proceed on the basis of same "safety" devices, that is, I try the USES. They tell me workers..." Sounds as bluntiy: "All we have are trainee

though it won't be too difficult. jobs at 55 cents. Are you inter-But Ford Edgewater says it's ested?" It is an awful comenot hiring - especially women. down from 95 cents an hour. But "Don't you know the war's over?" I'm broke, tired and hungry, so Clerical jobs at \$25 a week, may- I say hopelessly, "I'll take it." My card says "trainee solderer"

Next, to American Airlines. The and directs me to Noma Electric more trainee solderers, but they'll 'let" me laminate lenses. I tell them I'll report for work on Monday. This is Thursday and figure I'll try meantime to find : decent job, but be on the safe side in case my "luck" holds.

I follow the want ads avidly. They don't paint such a dismal picture. There seem to be plenty of jobs. I spend an hour selecthopefully. The first one says: \$23.75 to \$35.50; 45 hrs., 5 d." by this time, so I go up.

"Everybody starts at \$23.75," I am told. "Automatic raises?" now and still be getting \$23 a don't take it.

By this time I'm broke enough Someone living in Brooklyn work. By the time my first day says Victor Metal Products is is over, I know why.

low the example of the English

FREE STARVATION!" This is

Even UAW President Thomas

ing spirit of the marching work- Washington, and unless they fol-

But there was one note in the workers and place their own re-

parade which was new for the presentatives in legislative pow-

Detroit workers, showing their er they cannot hope to gain the

ing. Half the parade was devoted | That the workers are thorough-

to the call for the election of ly fed up with the newspaper and

labor's own candidates. The work- radio ballyhoo of Big Business

ers showed they have lost all was best expressed in the slogan

confidence in capitalist politicians of the United Cafeteria, Restau-

and know they can rely only on rant and Hotel Workers Local

themselves to obtain full employ- 1064: "FREE ENTERPRISE IS

This was the clear meaning of an encouraging sign that the

hundreds of signs calling for sup- American workers, like their

port to Frankensteen for mayor. European brothers, are moving

"ELECT LABOR'S CANDI- toward socialism.

great advance in political think- promised 60,000,000 jobs.

Demonstrating in Chicago Loop for Jobs



Scene in Chicago as over 7,000 workers thrown out of their war jobs, protested August 22 against plant closures. They demonstrated in a mile-long torchlight parade through Chicago's Loop to City Hall, and wired President Truman their demand that 30 billions in unexpended war appropriations be used at once for severance pay.

ing, and once more start out hopefully. The first one says: "Girls, women, lt. fact. wk.; \$23.75 to \$35.50: 45 hrs., 5 d." Seamen's Wages Fixed Way Below War Level

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 — The uses, together with the \$5 per day Maritime War Emergency Board area bonus, averaged 100 per cent and the National War Labor of the basic pay, which at that depends on you." "Then I might Board in separate rulings last time was \$100 per month for able be working here six months from Friday eliminated wartime steam- seamen under terms of all standing bonuses for merchant seamen ard union agreements on both per month in basic wages for all tional Union and the Sailors classifications. Both rulings be- Union of the Pacific, AFL affi-Another ad says "65 cents an come effective October 1. They liates, had some contracts for hour to start." When I get there, stabilize seamen's wages at ap- \$110.) For a full day I track down all the 65 cent jobs are "gone," proximately 30 per cent below EARNINGS CUT IN HALF

wartime earnings. The MWEB not only eliminated bonus and slashes in the area bosteaming bonuses but reduced nus by the MWEB cuts seamen's area bonuses from \$5 per day to \$2.50, and narrowed the coastal instead of the \$200 per month areas adjacent to Europe and which an able seaman could count Asia where such bonuses are paid. as his average monthly pay, ex-The attack bonus of \$125 which is clusive of overtime, security paid when vessels are sunk, or watches, attack bonuses, etc., durwas not changed.

During the war steaming bon-

seriously damaged resulting in ing the war, he would receive the injury or loss of life aboard ship, | \$100 per month basic scale if no wage adjustment were made. The WLB, fearing a rank and of this drastic pay slash, was forced to make an immediate adjustment in the basic wage scale, raising it from \$100 to \$145 per month. This "concession" was the bare minimum which the board thought possible under the circumstances. It simply amounts to a refund of \$45 by the WLB from the \$100 which the MWEB

wartime earnings in half. Thus,

every able seaman. Although he has bitterly op- GREATER LOSS FOR OTHERS Other classifications, such as oilers, watertenders, deck engineers, machinists, quartermasters, find themselves in the same si- | bosuns and carpenters suffered a greater loss in pay by eliminaand "whether the manufacturers tion of the 100 per cent bonus because their wage scales exceed sented politically." He bellowed \$100 per month. However, the further that the mayor of Pontiac wage adjustment by the WLB was a UAW member and "I can- granted them, too, only a \$45

This skin game first hooked east coast seamen for an approx-Even if Thomas and the other imate 40 per cent pay cut when UAW bureaucrats fail to draw the the MWEB reduced bonuses in necessary conclusions, there is no the Atlantic Ocean run last July BOR" read the slogans of Hud- was compelled to adapt himself doubt that the Detroit workers 15. At that time representatives son Local, of which Tracy Doll to the advanced political slogans are convinced that only an in- of all maritime unions appealed of the workers, when he set forth dependent party of labor can be- to the WLB for a wage adjust-"LABOR NEEDS ITS OWN all the premises showing the ne- gin to solve the problem of jobs ment based upon the 55 cent hour-POLITICAL PARTY" was the cessity for labor's own party. and advance their struggle for ly minimum wage scale. They furweek, thus making Saturday and Sunday work at sea payable at the overtime rate. If this had been granted by the WLB it would have prought seamen's earnings up to around \$200 per month after elimination of war risk bonuses.

Program for Labor By Art Preis

Illustrations by LAURA GRAY

Pioneer Publishers

In New York City Jass Ax In Layoff Protest (Continued from page 1) friend, "there's more coming be-

50,000 Rally

"Boy! Oh, boy!" a stocky young fellow with an NMU button on his coat shouted. "If only this whole demonstration would get some action, believe me!" the membership. "You ain't kiddin,' Mac," said a huge Negro bus driver from "There's millions more who would join us from all over the country if we did that."

The CIO sound truck near the speakers' stand was playing patriotic songs but everyone was the demonstration by members and friends of the Socialist Work-

SOLIDARITY FOREVER"

Suddenly a union band, leading out with "Solidarity Forever." The change in spirit was instan- pidly. Among the most recent taneous. The crowd began to sing, are the AFL central labor unions the words with vibrant voices. of the Twin Cities. They turned from the CIO sound truck toward the union band and labor Assembly and the Minwaved their signs and banners neapolis Central Labor Union adand sang louder and louder as dressed a resolution to AFL Presnew, young workers picked up ident William Green demanding the words to this powerful labor

A hush fell over the crowd as Curran opened the meeting.

Slowly, as the lengthy list of points in the CIO "reconversion" plan was read out, the workers grew restless, many even angry. mand was issued that the U.S. Not one real fighting slogan, not jobs was mentioned. Even the speakers on the platform, recognizing the militancy of the crowd, began to "pep up" their speeches with radical phrases and "tough

CHEERS FADE AWAY

"If the bankers and owners of industry cannot make the system of free enterprise work," shouted Charles A. Collins, Stalinist leader of the Foodworkers Union -and here the workers prepared to cheer the expected answer — "We will go to Washington and demand that Congress make the MWEB, the WLB finally handed system of free enterprise work!" ence and a few groans.

"We will follow the example of the British workers and vote for a Labor Party," shouted Stal-Transport Workers Union. Again

Don't Need The Boss Press

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 1 — For the first time since August 16 when the AFL newspaper carriers, supported by the pressmen, went on strike here, St. Louis has a daily newspaper.

Four unions, including the CIO Newspaper Guild members who were locked out by the Post-Dispatch, Globe-Democrat and Star-Times, at noon today put on the streets the first issue of their own newspaper, The St. Louis Daily News, four full-sized pages complete with local and wire news and display advertising. A 100,000 copy-press run

the crowd was ready and anx-

recent British elections.

was sold out within an hour.

speakers was cheered to the echo It gave promise that in the days to come the New York workers will come out on the streets in fighting formation — and for a fighting program.

> For a Rising Scale of Wages To Meet Rising Living Costs!

Lumber Strike Vote

Both the AFL and CIO lumber workers' union are taking strike contract negotiations.

The CIO International Woodvorkers executive board has initiated a national membership referendum on the question: "Are you in favor of giving the Interall operators in support of our bolster open-shop conditions. wage demands?"

board points out the vote is being UAW 10th Anniversary march to Washington we could taken on the insistent demand of Ten years ago the United Auto-

"Jobs For All" pamphlet sold at threatened to take their own vote members. and strike without NLRB certifi-

Axing No-Strike Pledge

The number of local labor bodies a long column of workers, broke which are putting the axe to the no-strike pledge is growing ra-

Last week the St. Paul Trades that the AFL renounce the nostrike pledge immediately.

USES Wage-Cutting

At the recent Washington meeting of the CIO Executive Officers and Vice-Presidents a de-Employment Service cease acting | bor event. Its heroic battles agency.

The CIO protested that the employed workers to take jobs at under threat that refusal to take permeate the auto union ranks. such jobs will mean denial of unemployment compensation.

ing referred to unskilled jobs primary victory of UAW Vicepaying 50 cents an hour. Upon President Richard T. Frankentheir refusal to accept this vicious steen as labor candidate for Dewage cut, the workers are denied troit's mayor points the way to any unemployment compensation compensation benefits to which independent labor party.

these workers are entitled are in excess of what they would earn at this substandard wage."

This protest points emphatically votes in connection with current to the need for every union local to establish immediately a Union Unemployed and Placement Committee to represent its unemployed members and fight for their rights in organized fashion before the government agencies which national Negotiating Committee are playing hand-in-glove with authority to call a strike against the employers to slash wages and

The NLRB proposed in viola- ed from a scattering of small tion of the law, to conduct a strike AFL federal locals, with its the Transport Workers Union. poll of the AFL Lumber and Saw- main strength in such cities as mill Workers by mail, with bal- Toledo and Flint. Last week, the lots being sent to the employers, CIO United Automobile Workers, on the pretext that the board largest and most dynamic union didn't have funds to conduct a in America, boasting over a milregular vote in voting booths. Of- lion members, celebrated its ficials of the union pointed to the founding as an autonomous ineither talking to friends or read- manner in which the miners' vote ternational union on August 26, Many were studying the was taken at polling booths and 1935, when it had about 22,000

More than any other union in the country, the democratic and militant auto union's history has charted the progress of the American working class during the past ten years of labor's rise to a new position of organized strength and

influence. The auto workers, small as they were in 1935, played a leading role in the formation of the CIO,

fighting the AFL bureaucracy down the line. They were first to form their own international and then to help set up a national industrial union organization for the organized millions in basic Union democracy and the fighting methods which were found-

ing policies of the UAW built the union to its present power. Its huge annual rank and file conventions are each an historic laone single plan to really create as a wage-cutting and open shop Toledo Auto-Lite in 1934, the Chevrolet strike of 1935, the tremendous sit-down strikes that USES is being used to force un- swept General Motors and Chrysler in 1936 and 1937, the humbldrastically reduced pay and jobs ing of the Ford fortress in 1941 which do not utilize their skills, -these are the traditions that

> Today, the CIO auto workers are girding themselves for the "In many cases," said the CIO next great battle, for full employprotest, "skilled workers who have ment at decent wages, for perbeen receiving \$1 or more an manent security, for independent hour in their past work, are be- labor political action. The recent Frequently the unemployment | march — for the formation of an

for a Labor Party," shouted Stalinist Michael J. Quill, of the Transport Workers Union Again THREE ST. LOUIS DAILIES

(Special to THE MILITANT)

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 21 - The which they give out the "news"

riers, have refused to go through the picket lines, the publishers PLOT BACKFIRES have been unable even to print papers, let alone to get them disthe pressmen belong to the International Typographical Union. And now the St. Louis newspa-

per bosses are no doubt beginning to believe the old saying that "it never rains but it pours." The ious to anticipate his conclusion. St. Louis CIO Newspaper Guild "Yes, we will roll up 500,000 votes held a special meeting and unfor O'Dwyer on the American animously passed a resolution Labor Party ticket!" Again that all reporters, re-write men. silence and obvious disappoint- editorial writers and other lockment. To vote for a Tammany ed-out editorial staff members Hall stooge on a Labor Party must receive wages in full for ticket was no comparison to the the duration of the strike.

In the independent carriers' But even though they felt let- strike conducted in New York down by the milk-toast program some weeks ago, "news hungry of their leaders, the demonstra- citizens of more or less dippy pertors left with a renewed feeling suasion went to the newspaper of their organized strength, the offices to get the latest dope might of their numbers, the fight- and "bootleg" news vendors were ing spirit of their ranks. This able to carry away large bundles was but the first outpouring and of papers. That is impossible in mass action since Pearl Harbor, the St. Louis strike because of the Every hint of militancy from the excellent action of the pressmen.

LITERALLY NO PAPERS St. Louis is literally without issues.

newspapers and seems to be bearing up under the "ordeal" manscandal sheets (so-called "news" papers) and a large part of it might be weaned away for good. The papers are trying vainly to overcome this indifference. They own outright or have access to the main radio stations, through

AFL newspaper carriers have at half-hour intervals. They even completely paralyzed the three have a once-a-day-reading of the capitalist dailies here, the Post- ups and downs of Popeye the Sail-Dispatch, Star-Times and Globe- orman and the adventures of Democrat, by a militant strike "Awful Annie." Propaganda of which began August 16. The end the publishers disguised as is not yet in sight.

"news" is handed out regularly, Because union pressmen, in but only a few very vague statecomplete solidarity with the car- ments of the strikers' side have been given.

Ironically enough what was

doubtless intended as a striketributed! Both the carriers and breaking decision of the National Labor Relations Board, has backfired on the Publishers. The NL-RB said in effect that the Carriers Union does not "legally" constitute a collective bargaining agency "in the meaning of the Wagner Act" because the carriers "own" the routes. The result is that the publish-

> ers are now prevented from remercies of the War Labor Board. or what some of the strikers refer to as the "extermination" (conciliation) department of the Bureau of Labor. St. Louis carriers are striking

mainly to compel this recognition of bargaining rights by the bosses. Collective bargaining however is no empty abstraction with the workers and their demand denotes a large number of grievances in the background. If they win - and we think they willnew struggles will develop rapidly on more concrete and specific

The newspaper bosses here are in for a large number and variety fully. It is this cold, passive in- of headaches from now on. As for difference by the overwhelming us there is no set of bosses we portion of the people that has the would rather see take a trimming publishers frightened. Deprive than those of the Poison Pen this city for three months of the Prostitutes of the Plutocratic Press.

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like it or not, we shall be repre-

ing," shouted the demagogic pulled out of the pay envelope of

posed a genuine labor party, this 'labor statesman" now warned: Politicians in this country may tuation as Churchill in England" not see why the mayor of Detroit refund. should not be a member of our

union."

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rection, but under no circumstances does it represent the union's full demand. We will continue to struggle for a forty hour week, etcetera, through collective bargaining. SHIP-"OWNERS" RIGHTS To "struggle through collec-

Build the Labor Party

six weeks in consultation with the

own its decision which grants

less than half what had been

asked for by the unions. The

WLB gave the following explana-

in the case arising out of the is-

sues of substandard wages, over-

time and the elimination of the

bonus, and considering the fact

that wage increase will not be re-

troactive and the prospect that

no part of the increase will take

effect for at least thirty days,

the WLB is of the opinion that a

fair and equitable determination

of all the wages and overtime is-

sues in dispute calls for an in-

crease of \$45 per month in the

hase rate for all classifications.'

The WLB made no mention of

the facts that seamen cannot

maintain families ashore today on

less than \$200 per month, that

unemployment which soon will

sweep the industry can be met

only by reducing the hours of

scale aboard ship, that govern-

ment subsidies poured into the

industry far exceed what is neces-

sary to meet these needs of the

The maritime unions immedi-

ately pointed out the inadequacy

of the WLB wage adjustment. The

Pilot, official paper of the Na-

tional Maritime Union, said "this

increase is a step in the right di-

work and increasing the manning

"Weighing all of the equities

tion for its action:

tive bargaining" in this case means to give recognition to the 'rights" of ship-"owners" in this industry which has been built and is operated at public expense. Such recognition is a barrier in the way of any real struggle for more jobs and living wages because it allows these ship-"owners" to syphon off millions of dollars in government subsidies that ought to redound to seamen in the form of wages.

Higher wages can be won by the maritime unions. But this will come now as a by-product of the struggle for jobs and maintenance of the union hiring hall. And this struggle, if waged successfully, must be centered upon the demand for government ownership and workers control in the indus-

great river that rolls steadily onward toward the sea. It is like the

Out of the mountains, little springs bubble into streams and

The clear waters of the northern lakes, the red-stained brooks

discomforts of the job. We talked of the rising unemployment

threatening us and our brothers. We spoke of the war and its

atrocities, the flame throwers, the explosives, and finally of the

there never would have been jobs. Now that the war is finished,

answered. "The powerful countries of the world will fight again

and bring total destruction to the world unless the workers take

what is rightfully theirs and build governments that will live

thought you were. I used to be in the Communist Party, myself.

We sat and talked there at the end of the furnace floor as the sun

went down over the trestle and the sky turned dark with smoke

He said, "The war ended the depression. Without the war

"Only a government of the working people will end wars," I

My friend smiled and said, "So you're a socialist! I kind of

We sat there until the ladles came about half an hour later.

monstrous atomic bomb that lays waste entire cities.

Socialist Workers Party Holds Nation-Wide Diary of a Meetings to Honor Memory of Leon Trotsky STEEL WORKER By Theodore Kovalesky

NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 22 Some 400 workers, members and | Schultz. sympathizers of the Socialist Workers Party, this evening packed Webster Hall here to pay tribute to the memory of Leon Trotsky, great Bolshevik set against a black-draped backleader and founder of the ground for the occasion. Trotsky's Fourth International, on the last words: "I am sure of the fifth anniversary of his death at | victory of the Fourth Interna-

James P. Cannon, National played on a banner that spread Secretary of the SWP and across the entire front of the hall. founder of the American Trotskyist movement, spoke on "The Heritage of Trotsky and the for funds to carry on the work Tasks of His Disciples." As Trotsky's closest political collaborator | In response, a collection of \$40 in the twelve years before the was taken. Bolshevik leader's death, Cannon described Trotsky's fundamental ideas of international revolutionary socialism.

These ideas, the speaker pointed out, have more force today than ever. For only through the program and world party founded by Trotsky will humanity escape the ravages of a third world war local SWP, spoke on "The Coming which, as the atomic bomb has already shown, will destroy all mankind. "We used to say, Either Socialism or Barbarism. Now we can be even more precise. Today, we must warn, 'Either Socialism or Annihilation'," Comrade Cannon declared.

CANDIDATES SPEAK

Farrell Dobbs and Louise Simpson, New York Trotskyist candidates for mayor and city council respectively, paid tribute to Trotsky. (See The Militant, Sept. 1, for texts of their addresses.)

The meeting enthusiastically endorsed a message of solidarity out that the end of the second to the Trotskyist co-thinkers world war will not bring even throughout the world and gave a temporary peace to the workers material token of their support by contributing \$254 for the SWP's International Solidarity Eurod to aid the needy fighters of Europe, but to Europe to aid the needy fighters of Europe, but to Europe to aid the needy fighters of Europe, but to Europe to aid the needy fighters of Europe, but to Europe to aid the needy fighters of Europe to aid the needy fighter to aid the n material token of their support of the world.

A message of sympathy and revolutionary solidarity was sent by the meeting to Natalia Sedov unemployment and terrible blows Trotsky, widow of the martyred Bolshevik leader. The assembled living." Trotsky's program of workers pledged, "with you we will carry the Old Man's banner road for the workers of America has taken the government by of the Fourth International to the final victory of world social-

MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 26-At a meeting to commemorate which the audience responded and honor the memory of Leon generously. Trotsky, held here tonight at the local headquarters of the Socialist LOS ANGELES Workers Party, a group of workers and friends responded enthusiastically to the remarks of hundred and thirty-five members the speaker, Mike Bartell, or- and sympathizers of the Socialist ganizer of the Chicago SWP.

the great loss to the revolutionary | Meeting here on the occasion of socialist movement, both of a the 5th anniversary of Leon loyal friend and comrade and a Trotsky's death. The feature of great leader and teacher of the the meeting was a showing of the working class, when Leon Trotsky was struck down by a Stalin- Lenin," recording the events of ist pickaxe murderer.

standing on the theoretical shoulders of Marx and Lenin. went forward to build the Fourth organizer of the Los Angeles International, carrying on the struggle against Stalinism despite Trotsky's death," said the speaker, relentless persecution.

new revolutionary struggle. international socialism to which History is placing before us be devoted his life." Trotskyists a new opportunity. She pointed out that the great With the revelation of the atomic discovery of the use of atomic bomb, humanity could not survive energy would destroy humanity another world war. It's either under capitalism, but under sosocialism or annihilation. We can cialism such forces as atomic be confident, however, that we energy would be utilized to lift will succeed.

TWIN CITIES

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 21—"We meet to pay homage and tribute to Leon Trotsky as an his- Lenin" with a tribute to the of a republic, calling for workers' Numerous rank and file Stalintorical figure of tremendous dimensions, a world genius," Henry Schultz told an audience of ers' revolution, and to the many 50 people here on the fifth anniversary of Trotsky's murder by class, who like Trotsky, sacrificed memorial meeting, not to idolize an individual, but to reaffirm the most fundamental concepts of inspired by the film which showed scientific socialism for which the actual scenes of Russia in Comrade Trotsky lived and died," 1917. They saw workers flock to the speaker said.

The meeting, under the auspices power, and, with the Red Army, of the Socialist Workers Party, listened intently to a review of Trotsky's outstanding accomplishments as a Marxist theoretician, perialist powers and Russian teacher and revolutionary leader, and as a friend and comrade to his co-workers. Comrade Schultz BUFFALO described his own personal experiences with Trotsky while he lived with him in Mexico just before Trotsky's death.

them, in partnership with Lenin, Socialist Workers Party. he worked out the mechanics of

practical demonstration—the Russian Revolution," stated Comrade

A special display of Duncan Ferguson's bust of Trotsky, an exhibit of many of Trotsky's bestknown writings and a huge bouquet of brilliant red gladiolas was the hands of a Stalinist assassin. | tional. Go forward!", were dis-

> As chairman of the meeting, V. R. Dunne spoke of the need for which Trotsky gave his life.

BOSTON

BOSTON, Aug. 24-Fifty workers attended the Trotsky Memorial Meeting here tonight under the auspices of the Boston branch of the Socialist Workers Party. Larry Trainor, organizer of the Struggle for Power," and pointed



for world socialism in other lands. crush and Balkanize the continent, while the American workto the "American standard of world socialism remains the only and the world.

Comrade Daniels, chairman of initiate prosecution, because every legal, without granting it the the meeting, spoke on Leon Trot- one of the members of the leadsky's life and great contributions to the international working class. He made an appeal for aid to the European Trotskyists, to

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 27-One Workers Party participated to-Comrade Bartell pointed out night in the Trotsky Memorial documentary film, "Tsar to the Russian Revolution, of which

The speaker told how Trotsky, Trotsky was co-leader with Lenin. The memorial address was delivered by Myra Tanner Weiss, SWP. "We meet five years after "not just to appreciate his con-To an intent audience, Comrade tributions to the workers move-Bartell concluded by saying, "To- ment and his leadership but to day we stand on the threshold of carry forward the struggle for

> mankind to new heights of com fort, health and culture.

TRIBUTE TO MARTYRS

Murry Weiss introduced the martyrs of the world working the PCR stresses the need to socialism.

The assembled workers were the banner of Bolshevism, take organized and led by Trotsky, successfully fight off the combined armies of invading imcapitalism.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 25 An audience of 75 persons, most of whom were aircraft and steel workers, were present at the TROTSKY'S CONTRIBUTIONS highly successful Trotsky Me-"Trotsky made his own con- morial meeting held here tonight tributions to Marxism. Among by the Buffalo Branch of the

The feature of the meeting was

N. Y. Trotsky Memorial Meeting Message to Natalia Trotsky

We, members and friends of the American Trotskyist movement, the Socialist Workers Party, assembled in New York City at the Fifth Anniversary Memorial meeting to honor Leon Trotsky, send you our deepest sympathy and revolutionary greetings. We reaffirm our devotion to the principles for which he stood and pledge our unceasing devotion to the cause of world socialism for which he died.

While world capitalism in its death agony resorts to acts of barbarism more horrible than any in its bloody history, the proletarians and colonial slaves of the world are rising and preparing for the final conflict. In this great battle the ideas of Leon Trotsky will lead the revolutionary millions and his memory will inspire the victory. With you we will carry the Old Man's banner of the Fourth International to the final victory of world socialism.

party of Lenin and Trotsky.

life and accomplishments of the program. late Leon Trotsky. He pointed out that in more than forty years of service in the workers' cause, Trotsky had made great contributions in all fields of revoluthe traitor, Stalin."

The chairman opened the meet-

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ing committee of the PCI (Albert

Demaziere, Max Clemenceau,

to Lenin," an authentic motion | spacious hall was colorfully picture record of the Russian decorated for the occasion. An Revolution led by the Bolshevik additional feature was the singing of revolutionary songs, concluding Bill Gray, Western New York with the "Internationale." Many Organizer of the Socialist Work- workers stayed on long after the ers Party, spoke briefly on the meeting adjourned to discuss our

YOUNGSTOWN

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Aug. 26-A Memorial Meeting in honor of tionary activity. "Trotsky's Leon Trotsky, founder of the greatest achievement," the speak- Fourth International who was er said, "was the building of the murdered five years ago by an Fourth International. Trotsky agent of Stalin, was held here built anew the revolutionary tonight by 25 members and parties despite the persecution of sympathizers of the Socialist Workers Party.

Comrade D. Lands of Cleveland, ing with an account of the was the main speaker. He assassination of Trotsky by described the tremendous con-Stalin's agent, Jacson. The tributions of Comrade Trotsky to Memorial meeting was held in the the international revolutionary

de Gaulle's police. The govern-

of free assembly.

realization of Trotsky's program. Trotsky.

The meeting sent a message to Trotsky's widow, Natalia Sedov role in the October 1917 Revolu-Trotsky, stating that "Comrade tion, his struggle against the Trotsky's genius and leadership. Stalinist bureaucracy which led to are still guiding us and will lead the establishment of the Fourth without a doubt to a successful International. The speaker showworld socialist revolution. We ed that the Trotskyist movement pledge ourselves, together with you, to carry on the struggle for | tional communist program of a Workers World, that struggle the Bolshevik founders of the which was led by Comrade Trot- Soviet Union.

DETROIT

DETROIT, Aug. 19 - An audience of approximately 50 workers honored the memory of Leon Trotsky at a memorial meeting held here tonight under the auspices of the Socialist Workers | NEWARK

Irving North spoke on the life and ideas of Trotsky and described his outstanding role in the founding of the Soviet Union. the first workers' state

Comrade North declared that the Fourth International and the Socialist Workers Party are a living memorial to Comrade Trotsky. His program and struggle will live on through the growth and activities of the Trotskyist party.

Two new members for the SWP were signed up at the meeting. A generous collection was made to further the work of the party.

Comrade Kirk told of Trotsky's is carrying forward the interna-

October 1917, was only the beginning," said the speaker. 'With Trotsky's program, we can be confident of the victory of the Fourth International in the winning of world socialism. We shall go forward."

Dorothy Lessing, Acting Organizer of the Newark SWP. gave a short biographical sketch of Trotsky's life. Following that, two reels of films taken during Trotsky's last years in Mexico were shown and commented on by Chris Andrews, one of Trotsky's secretary guards.

The memorial address was given by Bill Morgan, member of the editorial staff of The Militant. He pointed out that Trotsky's program was a simple one which FLINT, Mich., Aug. 29 - The could be understood by any

It sometimes seems to me that the workers' struggle is like a

Mississippi. rivulets; they careen down the hillsides, twisting and turning, seeping into marshes, splashing into lakes, joining larger rivers, and finally pouring into the one great stream of the Mississippi that will take them all to their common destination. from the ore basins, the winter snows, and the spring torrents, all these fuse together in their common

"The Revolution begun in mission and together sweep on to their common end. A couple days ago, I met a man out on the furnaces. I had seen him there before; I had worked with him once or twice, but

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 24 -The Socialist Workers Party here tonight commemorated the fifth anniversary of Leon Trotsky's death with a Memorial Meeting held at the Progressive Workers School, 423 Springfield Avenue.

We spoke of the class struggle, of the shameful betrayals by the Communist Party that had once been so valiant in the movement. I told him of the Socialist Workers Party, the bearer of the revolutionary banner of today.

Finally he said, "I guess that's what I've been looking for all I thought of the streams flowing from all directions and joining the great Mississippi, flowing onward together to their

somehow we had never had much

chance to speak to each other. But

this time, just a day or so ago, we

began to talk as we sat, tired out

and soaked with sweat from our

the workers and the dangers and

together in peace and brotherhood."

Been in jail a couple times for the movement."

'We Spoke of the Class Struggle'

there will be no more jobs."

and dust and nightfall.

We spoke of the low wages of

There was another story, too, that I thought of. This one concerned three sailors in a bunkhouse, a lighted speck in the

vast darkness of a mid-Pacific night. Night after night they played cards and talked. There was Carmen, a young Italian fellow that I know, a Portuguese sailor.

Carmen told me, "One night one of the fellows-the Portuguese fellow-took me aside and said, 'Look, Carmen, I got a book for you. You take it in your bunk and read it. It's a good book,' and he handed me this book with a red back—"The Revolution Betrayed," y Leon Trotsky. I looked over at the other fellow, and his head. He said, 'That's right, Carmen, You read it.'

"And that's the first I ever got interested in the movement, out there in the middle of the ocean."

So there too the rivulet flowed from the mountain springs into the great central stream of the revolutionary movement. And these streams are today bursting from the earth. No force can keep them below ground. The little trickles swell into rivers, into mighty, leaping torrents that fly toward the main stream, the great river that moves powerfully and inexorably through valleys and over plains in darkness and day to its destination, the Socialist Brother-

DOBBS AND SIMPSON DEMAND **JOBS FOR NEW YORK WORKERS**

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man of Hoover's Party doesn't home pay! really mean just the Wall Street

The Democratic Party has no more to offer than the Republicans. The Labor Day speech of William O'Dwyer, the former protects the profits of the bosses. Prosecuting Attorney, is cut from But the workers are to be left the same pattern as the speech to starve. The workers' income of Goldstein. The voters might must be insured during this critiwell ask if the same ghost writer cal period! Let the municipal was hired by both Republicans government of America's largest and Democrats to cook up the city utilize all its power during campaign promises. "There can conversion to force the employers be no victory without full employ- to keep every worker on the payment," orates O'Dwyer. "We are roll at full pay. not fulfilling our sacred obliga- "Operate Government - Built tions if we do not provide jobs." Plants under Workers' Control!

How O'Dwyer intends to end unemployment is a subject this wave of nationalism swept over ultra-leftism of the old Dutch former Prosecuting Attorney of war production. Government skillfully avoids. Can it be that funds built new plants and in-Social-Democrats, and the Stalin- Revolutionary Marxists. The O'Dwyer also has in mind the pol- creased the capacity of old ones. ice club and tear gas treatment The capitalist candidates remain of the problem?

gram of the capitalist Judge and improvements financed out of tionary forces opposed to the possible for the Dutch Trotskyists Prosecuting Attorney, contrast taxes from the pockets of the the proposals of the Trotskyist poor. Factories Wall Street said at the beginning of the elec- down. These plants could produce

tion in the world's richest city factories!"

for everyone. It can institute a may well wonder whether the program of public works. It can capitalist Judge put up by the set up a sliding scale of hours Party of Hoover means mobilize for all city employes and for all police clubs and tear gas. Judge city projects. It can join with Goldstein promises to seek the the unions to force the emp'oyers 'active cooperation of all civic- to institute a s'iding scale of minded people." The Judge hours. It can put pressure on shrewdly includes "bona fide" Congress for federal legislation trade unions among the "civic- to provide a sliding scale of hours minded" but in the face of everywhere. Spread the work by his utter lack of program reducing the number of hours to solve unemployment, each man spends on the job one wonders if the spokes-but with no reduction in take-

WORKERS NEED LABOR CANDIDATES "During conversion to peace-

time production, the government

"Industry in the New York area expanded enormously as a result completely silent while Wall Against the Wall Street pro- Street takes over these plants and tities. End the dire shortage in "A working class administra- household goods! Operate the idle

will avenge his tragic death.

After the German invasion, a | tacus" group which espoused

local branch of the Socialist workingman. He explained the Workers Party here tonight held Trotskyist program of world a memorial meeting in honor of socialism, the only one which can SWP's new headquarters, the socialist movement and the vital Leon Trotsky. An intent audience avert a future of world destruction.

In Europe Despite Bitter Blows ment has placed itself in the

edited La Verite from that time on up to his seizure by the

Gestapo. Joining the movement as a youth in 1933, Marcel

throughout its many struggles, gaining the love and respect

of numerous working class militants. He was indefatigable.

Aside from his organizational duties and the editorship of

La Verite, he was responsible for the trade union activity of

the party, wrote its major documents, and was one of the

leading members of the European Executive Committee of

the Fourth International. It was in the course of this latter

work, as the responsible editor of "Arbeiter und Soldat," the

organ of the Fourth International illegally circulated among

occupation troops of Hitler's Wehrmacht, that Marcel Hic,

together with hundreds of sympathizers and friends among

the German soldiers, was betrayed to the Gestapo by an agent-

provocateur. The Gestapo feared his powerful work for frater-

nization. After his arrest in December, 1943, he was sub-

mitted to untold tortures, first at Buchenwald and later at

ent organized struggle for the interned militants, which

brought him the heaviest penalties. He finally succumbed to

the inhuman conditions imposed by the Nazis upon the in-

mates they considered most "dangerous." Fellow prisoners

who knew him at the underground factories of Dora, and have

managed to return, attest to his unflinching allegiance to our

ideas to the very end. They speak of him with admiration as

the exemplary Trotskyist leader whose memory will serve as

of the Fourth International. The victory of world socialism

We dip our banner in memory of this dauntless fighter

an inspiration to the new generation of revolutionists.

Even in these concentration camps he carried on consist-

As secretary of the party, he assumed innumerable tasks.

ludicrous position of recognizing **COMRADE MARCEL HIC** surprise. De Gaulle does not dare the French Trotskyist party as right to a legal press, and without permitting it to exercise the right In the midst of its valiant struggle, the French Trotskyist Party has received the tragic news of the death of Marcel Hic, the heroic secretary of the Parti Communist Internationale, in the concentration camp at Dora, Germany, Comrade Hic had organized the party in the underground in 1940 and

The PCI is taking advantage of Beaufrere, Maurice Laval) are all veterans of Petain's and Hit- the partial victory achieved in the ler's concentration camps with formal legalization of the party unchallenged records of un- and the liberation of its imremitting struggle against Vichy prisoned members and symand the Nazi occupation. Forced pathizers by pressing forward evidence, its charges against the assembly, for full rights to pararrested comrades. The campaign ticipate in the coming elections. against "Hitlero-Trotskyism" is The PCI is also calling for a boomeranging against its Stalin- public hearing before a workers' ist initiators. But the struggle of | jury on the slanderous charges our comrades has only begun. | made by the Stainists and their Authorization for the legal allies in the government. The publication of La Verite is still French Trotskyists have taken the being withheld. Public meetings offensive against their persecu-

of the PCI are being dispersed by tors. Belgian Trotskyists Redouble Activity

In Belgium, La Voie de Lenine, own committees and trade union central organ of the Revolutionary Communist Party (Parti Communiste Revolutionarie), section of the Fourth International, town of Gilly, the Stalinists held was suspended by the government | a mass meeting with an anin April for an editorial calling nouncement: "We accuse the for fraternization with the German workers. Our comrades of the PCR replied to this attack by | Trotskyists organized a counterpublishing La Lutte Ouvriere, (Workers' Struggle) in the name hall in force. The Stalinist chairof their Charleroi district, doubling the format and size of their be no debate. The audience, suppressed paper.

In the crisis around the ques-Leopold, the PCR led a tremendous demonstration at Charleroi, demanding the abolition of the ernment. A manifesto issued by with the Trotskyists.

organizations." Stalinist attempts to frame up

and slander our comrades have met with dismal failure. At the Trotskyists of having collaborated politically with the Nazis." The demonstration and entered the man announced that there would

responding in mass protest, would not be silenced until Comrade tion of the return of King Jules Daerster, Secretary of the PCR, was given the floor. The Stalinists preferred to disband the meeting rather than meet the showing of the film "Tsar to monarchy and the establishment challenge of our comrades. socialist fighters who gave their control of industry and the setting ists, disgusted with these tactics, lives in the first successful work- up of a Socialist-Communist gov- openly declared their sympathy

The Belgian Trotskyists conestablish "control over a Social- tinue to gain in influence and the Stalinist GPU. "We hold a their lives to the cause of world ist-Communist government by the strength among the miners and workers themselves through their in industry in general.

Reports From Buchenwald Prisoners

Many of our comrades return- | interview published in La Verite, comrade Beaufrere reports in an manies.

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German Section Is Being Formed

many new forces coming from the ternational, says:

A German section of the | Internationale, theoretical maga-

Fourth International is now in zine of the European Executive the Revolutionary Socialist Work- sections on the continent. The candidates! Here is what we doesn't want are being closed the process of formation, with Committee of the Fourth In- ers Party (RSAP) of Sneevliet, CRM is now working in active cadres of the former Communist | "The Third International was other leaders, fell victim to the Executive to establish a party of question of unemployment: Party. One of its leaders, writing dissolved after the ideas of Lenin Gestapo executioners. Later on the Fourth International in

ranks. It's the great historic On the contrary. We shall be able merit of the Fourth International | to say: the International lives in that it rekindled once more the spite of everything, despite Hitspark of the International of ler, despite the war, despite im-Lenin which was about to be perialism, despite the degeneraextinguished. We German Com- tion of the party, despite Stalin. munists will not have to hang our | The International lives and wants heads if we find discouragement | to help you, German proletarians, | in Germany on the question of to finally fight and achieve your aid from a genuine International. October.

ous Buchenwald camp, attest to vent to vile diatribes against the Holland Section Reestablished

the Dutch labor movement. The tradition, and the Committee of ists after June 1941, gave up latter developed along the lines virtually every semblance of an of the Fourth International. independent existence, merging in | Not until virtually the cessation the "National Front." All revolu- of hostilities in Europe, was it carrying through a successful the showing of the film "Tsar in the current issue of Quatrieme were first rooted out from its the RSAP split into the "Spar- Holland.

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"The Downfall Of Browder" The NEGRO

The following excerpts are from a speech delivered by James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, at a mass meeting held August 3, Webster Hall, New York City, to explain and expose the Stalinist shift from Browder to Foster.

By James P. Cannon

What has transpired in the ranks of American Stalinism in recent weeks is something more than a "change of line," as they say. It is a confession of failure of a policy carried out in the United States by Browder, but inspired and directed from Moscow: the policy of selling out the American workers in the interests of the Soviet bureaucracy, of harnessing them to the imperialist war machine, and of attempting to represent that policy as service to the workers and to the cause of socialism.

The Stalinist party, which during the current war has been the most enthusiastic advocate of the cause of the imperialists, the worst enemy of the workers, the most criminal strikebreaker. did not arrive at this depth of degradation and treachery at one step. When the bureaucracy in the Soviet Union consolidated itself on the basis of the reaction, which set in after the failure of the German revolution in 1923, they began to renounce the theory and practice of international revolution in favor of a new theory of socialism in one country.

Trotsky Warned the Workers

Trotsky and his collaborators, the best of the leaders of the Russian Revolution, warned the workers of Russia and the world that this theoretical revision of Marxism, this turn from internationalism to a narrow-minded national policy, would result in the downfall of the Communist International and the social patriotic degeneration of all the parties. That prediction seemed remote and far fetched in those days, but how truly it was fulfilled. Year by year, step by step - once the Comintern, and the American Communist Party with it, got off the theoretical rails of Marxism - it departed further and further from the original program of the Communist International. This theoretical deviation led to a complete betrayal of the interests of the workers of the world in the second imperialist war.

These traitors counted upon the hysteria of patriotism and repressions of the government, and the befuddlement of the work ers, to give them the opportunity to dispose once and for all of that hated group of Trotskyists who remained true to the ideas of Marx and Lenin, true to the ideas of communism. And for a time it appeared that they might have success. The leaders of the American Trotskyist movement were finally imprisoned. But the enthusiasm of the workers for the war and for patriotic strike-break ing, did not measure up to the expectations of these finks at all Quite the contrary. The American workers accepted the war very sullenly. They had not forgotten World War I and they already had in their minds the specter of World War III. And they did not believe the workers should surrender all their rights during the war.

They maintained the right to strike in case after case, and to the great surprise of the Stalinist strike-breakers and super-patriots. great numbers of workers manifested sympathy and admiration for the genuine communists in this country, the Trotskyists of the Socialist Workers Party. Union after union gave us moral and financial support. There was so much sympathy for us, the government did not deem it expedient to keep us in jail too long. And the net result of the war experience has been that the Socialist Workers Party, instead of being crushed and driven out of existence, gained by leaps and bounds, precisely in the mass workers' unions in the country where the Stalinists formerly had been so powerful. The Stalinist traitors finally had to realize that they had over-played their hand a little bit. Browder is the scapegoat for this mistake.

Workers Leave Stalinist Ranks

They made a great success in Washington. They even did pretty Browder's offer to shake hands, accepted Browder's offer to grovel before him, and said, "Good boy, that is all right." But the Communist Party began to lose thousands and tens of thousands of militant workers, and tens of thousands of Negroes whom they had deserted and betrayed in the war. And they began to realize that if they wanted to stay in business as a bargaining agent for Stalin, they had better repair their fences and get an organization together that would have some real influence among the workers. That is the real reason for the so-called change of line in the Stalinist party, in the course of which a little man named Browder, who was standing on the stair, wasn't there anymore.

The order for cutting off Browder's head came straight from Moscow via Paris. You know the Comintern was dissolved, so instead of sending cables direct from Moscow, now they send letters to Paris and print them in a magazine and transport them by boat to the United States. But the authenticity of the direction, the origin of it in Moscow, was known to all the dearly beloved collaborators of Browder in the National Committee of the Communist Political Association.

And strangely enough, every single one of the national and district leaders of the Communist Political Association, every editor and organizer, every functionary and every flunkey, who in May, 1944 had voted unanimously for Browder as the leader of the party, as the representative of Marxism - every single one, without exception, voted in July, 1945 against Browder as the representative of what they call "revision of Marxism." But that really isn't what it was at all. Browder is a victim of Stalinist reconversion. He was caught in the cutback to peacetime production.

The Case of Robert Minor

Another victim of the cutback is a very prominent scoundred of an especially unattractive type, named Robert Minor. Robert Minor was leaning too close to Browder, was his alternate and deputy when Browder was in Atlanta. Minor was one of those functionaries in the Stalinist hierarchy who combined the repulsive traits of sycophancy towards those above him with brutality toward those below him, each in the highest degree imaginable. Minor was one of the most despicable of all the functionaries of the Communist movement who entered into the service of Stalin.

Browder once told a story about Minor in one of the old faction fights. I always remembered it because it was the only witticism I ever heard this pompous jackass perpetrate. He said Minor used

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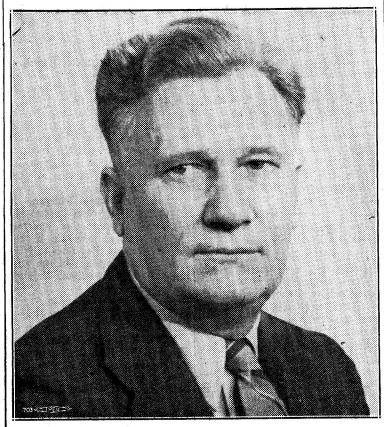
In the Coming New York Elections

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

ORGANIZATION OF THE WAR VETERANS BY THE TRADE UNIONS!

The forces of native fascism are lying in wait for the veterans. They want to turn them against racial minorities, poison them against the labor movement, organize them into fighting detachments and establish fascism in America. The trade unions must act in time to save the people from this

fate. Make the struggle for the veterans' rights a union fight!



JAMES P. CANNON

to be an anarchist, which is true, if I may say so without meaning to offend any anarchists who may be present. But, said Browder, as an anarchist he had the idea, which is part of the anti-political teachings of anarchism, that politics is a very dirty business; and then Minor became converted to communism without changing his idea of the nature of politics (and engaged in it) in a very dirty way. It was fitting that Minor and Browder should be the two chief partners in that game of crime and betrayal, which passed as political leadership in the Communist Party. And it is rather poetic justice that they should go out together.

I was reading the other day, in preparation for these remarks, a book which previously had not come to my attention. It is a very well printed official record of the convention of the Communist Political Association of May 1944. Looking through this volume I could see that in May 1944 one leader after another was called on to speak at the convention. Browder spoke in favor of his policy; then Minor, then Dennis, then Williamson. Then all the rest of the trained seals of the Communist apparatus got up, one after another, and expressed complete approval of everything Browder had said. I turned from that book to the file of Daily Worker's containing the recent discussion and convention reports. The very same people who spoke so devotedly in echo of Browder in 1944 said the exact opposite in 1945. All, without exception, denounced Browder as a revisionist of Marxism, as a peddler of bourgeois ideas, etc. And Browder who had unanimous support in May of 1944, had not a single vote in

What Kind of Leaders Are They?

Now, what kind of a movement is it and what kind of leaders are they who can be unanimously elected one year and unanimously rejected the following year without any change on their part whatoever? That is the type of leader who is not elected, but is appointed from above. Such people are all the same type: they are fit to run a bureaucratic machine but never to lead a real struggle. I can't imagine anything more personally degrading than to be in a formal position of "leadership" by the sufferance of another; to have all the external trappings of office and yet to know that there is nothing real or solid about it; to know that the whole thing is a fake and build-up: that one does not represent a real movement: that his position is not based on the confidence of comrades gained in struggle, but by appointment of someone higher in power. That is the fate of Browder, as it has been the fate of all others who succeeded the genuine leaders of the early communist movement.

Stalin needed people of this type, not only in central positions, but all the way down the line. In the course of years of struggle, all the independent, honest and revolutionary types of worker leaders, who could not fit into the machine of Stalin, who could not obey the instructions to betray the workers, were expelled from the party slandered, hounded, and their places taken by manufactured leaders. These leaders have no personal authority, no independence. When Stalin wishes to depose one of them as a scapegoat, it is not necessary to do more than send a letter, a note, and the job is completed.

In sacrificing Browder they have tried very hard to make it appear that this time there is really a change of line; that Foster, vho has been dug up out of the reserve list and placed in Browder's seat, really represents something different than Browder; and that they are not going to betray the workers any more. They say openy now that the whole policy of Browder was a policy of betrayal, but "we are going to change that now. We are going to be honest for a change. Foster is the representative of real Marxism."

What did Browder do? Browder's policy was to send the workers into the war; to tell them they should follow the leadership of the Wall Street gang; that they had a vital stake in the war adventures of the imperialists; that they should not strike, they should not protest; that they should hunt down and even lynch the incorruptible communists who called upon the workers to defend their rights even in the war. Under Browder, the Stalinists tried to break every strike of the workers, no matter how great were the wrongs.

What Did Foster Do?

What did Foster do? Foster supported that whole basic policy throughout the war, and even today his first pronouncement upon entering the place of Browder calls for the same program supportng imperialist war in the Orient. On what grounds? As a war for the liberation of the colonial peoples! Never could a more scoundrelly lie be told than that. Can you imagine a more monstrous lie than that - to say that the imperialist war machine is going into the Orient, burning and destroying the people of the Orient, for the purpose of their liberation?

Yet that is the first plank in Foster's program. Foster pledges o strikes while the war is going on. Just last week there was a strike of the workers at the Wright Aeronautical plant in New Jersey. The Stalinists in this plant, under the leadership of Foster, acted in the strike as finks and strikebreakers, just as they acted under Browder in the Detroit strikes, in the coal strikes and in all others. In principle the policy of Browder and Foster is the same thing. They both lie and they both betray.

But Browder wants to pledge also for the future, beyond the present war in the Orient. On the other hand, Foster says - and herein comes his "radicalism" — "That is going too far. That," says our corrupted Marxist, "that is revision and I won't stand for it." What a travesty, what a farce, what a deception of the hundred times deceived workers in the Stalinist Party! The whole thing is a skin game; an attempt to continue the same policy with a change of faces and the promise that in the future, perhaps, if Stalin gets into a conflict with Truman, they may get a little more radical as a form of pressure on Truman.

This sham battle between Foster and Browder appears to me

like an argument on the price of virtue between two cut-rate prostitutes. Foster says, "After the war we should make a small service charge." That is about the worth of the disagreements between

The fundamental reason for all this stage play, for this chopping off the empty head of Browder, for sacrificing the little man who wasn't there, is to call a certain halt to the idea that the American Communist Party, which is an agency of the Soviet bureaucracy, should become too completely merged with the governmental apparatus in this country.

Only A Bargaining Agency
Stalin has need of the Communist Party in this country, as in other countries, for only one purpose - as a bargaining agency in the diplomatic conflicts with the various imperialist powers. But in order to fill this mission the Communist Party must keep a certain influence over the workers. If it becomes a stench in the nostrils of every independent militant, as the CP did under Browder, then it has no bargaining power left. In order to keep it from becoming completely discredited, they had to go through this comedy of repudiating Browder, to denounce him as a "revisionist." They had to dig up Foster from the reserve list and put him forward as a labor leader who is in favor of strikes sometime in the future and so on, in order to overcome the demoralization and discouragement in their own ranks and to find a new basis to deceive the awakening militant workers.

The necessity for this stratagem was emphasized in the reports of the district organizers. One report after another explained: 'Under the policy we have been following we have been losing influence in the trade unions, and the Trotskyists have been gaining with their policies. As we have been fighting against strikes and following the government too uncritically, the Trotskyists who kept agitating on the same program as before have been making gains. We have got to correct our policy a little in order to head off the Trotskyists."

That is the real basis for their change in leaders and their socalled change of line. By adopting a new facade and a little more radical phraseology they hope to gain a new credit with the militant workers of America. They are coming too late. The crimes of Stalinism have gone too far and are too widely known. Corruption has entered too deeply into the bones and marrow of that party for anyone to have any realistic hope of reforming it. They cannot and do not mean a return to the policy of the proletarian revolution. The degeneration of the cadres of that party, of its officials, national, district and local, is not only political; it is moral too. They have not been able in 17 years, since they expelled us from the party, to train any new cadre of leaders. So corrupt, so sterile is the life of the Stalinist Party that the whole party has to be dominated and controlled by the same old gang of case-hardened hacks. Old functionaries and pensioners that we haven't heard of for years reappear, crawling out of forgotten corners of the party like cockroaches out of old woodwork. This is the "new leadership" which is supposed to regenerate the party.

Cannot Train New Leaders

Stalinism with all its power and all its money can train only functionaries, never independent leaders; whereas the Socialist Workers Party, which began as a small persecuted group, in 17 years has developed on a national scale a whole new staff of younger eaders who have been trained exclusively in our movement. They have come forward and developed their capacities in the free democratic atmosphere of an honest revolutionary party. When our 18 leaders were put in prison for a whole year the party did not lack for qualified younger men to take their places.

Our whole party life has been a constant process of selecting, educating and training new people, younger and more revolutionary than any the Communist Party can dream of. These Stalinist functionaries, who have been selling principles for more than 17 years - how can anyone have the slightest hope that they will turn revolutionary, suddenly become honest and virtuous again? That is im- to promise payment to all the possible. A political error can be corrected, but moral degenera- strikers for the ten weeks they tion has to run its course. These people are traitors to the marrow | had to stay out before their de-

They betrayed the United States workers in the war. They betrayed the workers of Europe. They betrayed the Negroes of this country in the most shameful and cynical manner. Then, on top of that, at the very moment when they are promising to be good and honest and revolutionary again, we read of this cynical and despicable alliance of the Communist Party in New York City with Tammany Hall. They put up Davis, this cynical traitor to the Negro people, as a candidate of Tammany Hall.

They say to the people of Harlem: "We and Tammany Hall will fight for your freedom and liberties." Could there be a greater cynicism, a more shameful betraval than that? No, you cannot hope for any regeneration of this thoroughly corrupt party.

It is not a question of "revisionism" at all. It is a question of complete degeneration, complete abandonment of vital principles of the proletarian revolution, which are represented by Marxism.

We Are the Real Communists

We are the real communists, the Trotskyists. And in that we are the polar opposites of the Communist Party of Stalin and Browder and Foster and all the rest of them. Some people make a great mis-identification; some people are inclined to consider Stalinism and Communism as the same thing. That is false to the core. In one case it might be passed off as ignorance of the general public who have not studied the question closely. In the other case it is conscious misrepresentation and mis-education. They point to the American Communist Party and Browder and Foster and say, "that is communism," in order to discredit the very idea of communism in the eyes of the workers. That is not true. We denounce the Stalinists, not because they are communists but because they have betrayed the cause of communism.

The Socialist Workers Party goes back straight to Lenin and Trotsky. We uphold the old program. We carry on the great tradition of the Russian Revolution and the Comintern. All those members of the Communist Party who may have been shaken out of a coma by the present discussion, who are looking for the real party of communism, must come to our party and they will find it there. Our party stood up under persecution in the war and grew stronger in the struggle. We build our party on the organizational principles and methods of Lenin. The spirit of our party is the spirit of socialism. Socialism is the only salvation of humanity. The Stalinists are the greatest obstacles in the fight of the workers toward social-

Join the Socialist Workers Party!

The Socialist Workers Party is confident of the future in Europe, in the colonial countries, and in America too. The workers of starving and tortured Europe and the great colonial peoples — they see America today as the most predatory of all the imperialist powers, casting a dark and menacing shadow over the whole of humanity. That is the America these people see throughout the world today.

But we shall make it our task — and we invite you to join us in it - to show the people of the world another America, a different and better America - the America of the people, the America of the workers, the America of the proletarian revolution, which will lead the way to peace and cooperation of all peoples and all nations in the Socialist United States of the World.

STRUGGLE by CHARLES JACKSON

Nigerian Workers Set the Tune

We so often find it necessary here to criticize the policy or actics of Negro organizations and Negro leaders that some of our readers may think that finding fault is our only vocation. In different words they have said: What the hell do you want, Apparently you would not be satisfied with Paradise wrapped up in cellophane and served on a silver platter by Hedy Lamarr.

The truth of the matter is, though, that one can learn just as nuch from a defeat as from a victory and, unfortunately, during

this past period of imperialist war 9sion, there have been more defeats in our struggle for economic, political and social equality than there have been victories. Every success is preceded by a failure however, so it behooves us during every setback to mercilessly criticize every false policy and every false leader so that we can thereby profit as much as possible from every loss. Thus our policy of criticism, which we will often have to follow right up to the time of the socialist revolution, is one of necessity and not of choice.

It makes us happy this week, however, as the pendulum swings in the opposite direction, to discuss not a defeat and a false policy but a great victory and a correct policy. It is the glorious victory of the ten-week general strike carried out by 150,000 Nigerian workers under the heel of British imperialism in West Afri-

Although religiously ignored by the bought press, the strike was news of headline importance to both colored and white workers of the world. These African workers, although subjected to all types of official pressure, intimidation and terrorization at the nands of the British slavedrivers, nevertheless carried on a solid offensive struggle. They called for and received support of workers those here in America. in the other colonies and in America; and the British leeches were forced to grant every demand in order to avoid a general colonial uprising.

STRIKERS WIN DEMANDS The strikers were granted their lemand of a minimum wage of sixty cents a day (the previous rate of exploitation had been even worse) and the strike leaders, previously jailed, were freed. The oan was lifted on the two papers published by Nnamdi Azikiwe which had supported the strike and he was assured protection. His printing facilities and even his life had been threatened by colonial agents if he continued to editorially support the strikers.

The British governor was forced mands were met.

Needless to say, there was great rejoicing throughout Africa and the workers, following their militant trade union leadership, made plans to press forward again in the near future for further gains.

A Manifesto appealing for continued unity in the future struggles concluded: "We can send the workers no better message than this which Karl Marx, the Jesus Christ of the working class would

and increased ruling class oppres- undoubtedly have sent them if he were in this country today. . . namely, Workers of Nigeria,

> Without a doubt, this concession was gained because all the workers followed their militant trade union leaders. Even highly skilled workers like the nurses and the office workers came out on the general strike in solidarity with the unskilled masses. This victory can be contrasted to the ineffective struggles that have been carried out by the misleaders of India such as Ghandi with his passive, non-resistance policy. Let the Negro people here follow this example by joining their struggle with that of the militant trade unions instead of going along with the secure Negro big shots who are only interested in increasing their own

MILITANT LEADERSHIP

Another significant lesson was demonstrated when the Nigerian workers saw every instrument of government attempt to beat down the strike. The struggle was conducted against the ruling class government and it was won. It was no accident that here in this industrially more backward colony the workers were forced to adopt methods that signify greater political advancement than

Of course the colonial people can win their liberation only in alliance with the workers of imperialist nations in Britain and America in their struggle to overthrow the rotten capitalist system at home. Our part of the job lies at home in ever increasing militant action to gain complete equality for the Negro here and to obtain economic security for all working people.

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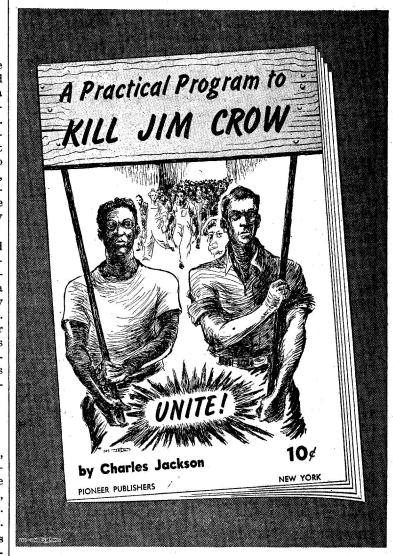
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= By V. Grey =The gang was in Andy's beer joint. That's a hell of a place for

as all to be on a Monday afternoon when the sun was shining and

summer was almost over. But that was the way we felt. What was

were working and some weren't. Ed and young Mike were out. But

there they were - there in the saloon too. The fellows that were

still working didn't have it very good though. Harry Johnson's wife

had been working and she was laid off. They started to buy a house

about a year ago. They won't be able to keep up the payments.

beer, because they were sore. Even the fellows that were still work-

ing were sore too. Why shouldn't they be? Getting fifty percent

less in their pay-checks and expenses still as high as ever. There

were a few cracks about "Reconversion being just around the cor-

anybody buy them a drink. Ed kept flashing a couple of twenties

ne had from cashing his bonds. We all felt badly about letting him

buy drinks for us, when his family needed the dough. But we drank

seriously, after we swapped a few jokes about it. Slim showed how

wages might be pushed even lower if the bosses could use the un-

employed workers against the ones still on the job. And working

conditions would get worse too. When there's fifty fellows at the

gate, waiting to take your job, you start looking for the boss

Why here they were laying men off, and making the men still

There was going to be a big unemployment demonstration

To make everything beautiful, a U. S. Senator was going to

in the shop work harder than ever! We've got to do something about

it, we thought. We began to figure that hanging around Andy's

pretty soon, Slim told us. And we guessed we'd all go down, whether

address the crowd. That was a hot one, we argued. Here's a bird

that kept our wages down during the war, when we might have

acked them up. He gave himself a 50 dollar a week raise, and

now he's going to shoot off his mouth about unemployment - our

Why shouldn't we go to the demonstration? No reson at all

except that anyone could see that this Democratic (or Republican

- I forget which) gas bag was getting set to run for office again.

Sure, a demonstration was a good thing. But we wanted something

better than a low-down profiteer's politician to give us a lot of

We can't fool around any more with just talking. We've got to fix

up a real program — or find somebody that has one. And then we

CAPITALISTS ARE ONLY

have to fight to put that program on the map."

That sounded like straight goods to us.

BRUTAL DICTATORSHIP

prevent an upsurge of the work-

precipitous decline that threatens

the lives of additional tens of

prolonged destruction begun by

to a climax when the most

frightful instrument of death and

destruction yet conceived - the

atomic bomb - was exploded in

populous civilian areas. The labor-

ing masses were the principal vic-

tims of this instrument of

"democracy." The autocratic

regime of the Mikado, on the

other hand, was saved by the

self - proclaimed evangelists of

AFTERMATH IN AMERICA

America was spared the horror

of becoming a battlefield. Mili-

wage-slashing became the order

In the ruin and decline left by

the Second World War only the

worse than Versailles and even

tarism, however, has become a

'democracy."

affect the entire world.

ing class.

Slim hit it right when he said, "What we need is a PROGRAM.

MEN LAID OFF WHILE OTHERS WORK HARDER

Ed and Mike were taking it kind of funny. They wouldn't let

We got to talking about this whole business of unemployment

Some of the fellows were drinking straight shots instead of

What will they do now?

ner." But they didn't go over very well.

whenever you sneak a smoke.

we were working or not.

saloon wasn't getting us any place.

Everything was different. Anybody could see that. Some of us

the use of taking the kid for a walk or going home to read the papers?

Native Fascism --- V

How Fascist Demagogues Hope To Ensnare on SOCIALISM. War Veterans For Assault Upon Labor

America's native fascists are greatly concerned about winning the war veterans to their program. The would-be dictators realize that in the post war period the veterans will constitute one of the strongest political forces in the country. Consequently early in the war they set their political sights on the soldiers.

Among their first steps in this direction were appeals to the serving. It's a mystery who pays mothers of the youngsters being for them. sent over-seas. Although the native fascists all supported the imperialist war, they made demagogic appeals to the anti-war pealing to the general hatred of sentiments of these mothers. They war. They adopt resolutions opbegan organizing women along posing conscription and have orfascist political lines.

"WOMEN'S WHITE HOUSE"

In Detroit, for instance, Eugene Segal, staff writer of the Scripps-Howard chain, reports that an "old and handsome 40-room mansion at 8127 E. Jefferson Avenue' has become known as the "Women's White House" because of its use as a center for fascist activ- Clark Van Hyning of Chicago, ities among the women. Here head of "We, the Mothers, Mobgroups allied with the American lilize for America, Incorporated." Nationalist Party of ex-Senator Robert Rice Reynolds and the posal, she dresses well and is America First Party of G. L. K. Smith meet regularly. A "polite who is identified with mothers' organizations, holds teas at the mansion. These are handsomely page monthly, "The Women's appointed affairs, with fine foods, and women in evening gowns organ is laid down as follows:

These socialites presume to represent the women of America in demagogic demonstrations apganized demonstrations in Washington D. C. and San Francisco Such women served as a convenient blind for the native fascists in making their first ap-

TYPICAL LEADER

A typical woman leader among these native fascists is Mrs. Lyrl With plenty of funds at her disknown for her nervous energy. When Smith led a delegation of

Voice." The policy of this fascist

Maertz "Investigated" Socialist Workers Party

America's native fascists understand that the Trotskyists offer the only serious leadership in the struggle against their bid for power. Homer Maertz, for instance, a lieutenant of G. L. K. Smith specializing in the organization of terrorist gangs, carried on a scouting expedition against the San Francisco Local of the Socialist Workers Party last April.

He was in San Francisco assisting G. L. K. Smith in organizing a demagogic demonstration against the United Nations Conference. He appeared at SWP headquarters, claimed he was at the Conference "seeking the autographs of great personages," and bought a copy of every piece of literature on the display stand. He said he represented the "Pioneer News

The San Francisco comrades describe him as follows: About five feet ten inches tall, slight of build, dark brown hair, toothbrush mustache. He appeared highly nervous, and avoided discussion on political topics.

An August 24 dispatch in the Scripps-Howard papers claims Homer Maertz was one of the 125 delegates at a Congress of Monetary Reform Organization held in Detroit last week. This Congress was held at the "Women's White House," a notorious gathering spot of Detroit's native fascists, 8127 E. Jefferson Avenue. Speakers at the Congress blamed Jews for the troubles of the world. "Donald Lohbeck, secretary to Gerald L. K. Smith," according to the report, "invited delegates to a special meeting conducted by Smith in Detroit's Barlum



HOMER MAERTZ

"Rather than attempting to storm forts by brute strength, this paper is beginning as a mental gadfly, buzzing about to prick here and there, never revealing its plans... By means of wit, satire, understatements and hints-lightning flashes rather than long diatribes-implant your sting, then buzz away... Let your mailed fist be most often sheathed in the velvet glove."

But more attractive bait than the "protests" of such "mothers' is needed to lure the veterans. social level" is maintained at these these women to San Francisco G. L. K. Smith, one of America's gatherings. "Every other week, she proposed and signed a peti- leading native fascists, is at on Fridays, Mrs. Blanche Winters, tion to Congress attacking the present angling for veterans' support with a proposal "to get them This group publishes a four- each at least \$1,000 for a year

> VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS Smith has organized two veterans' organizations, the "Nationalist Veterans of World War Il" and the "Committee of Veterans of World War II." Smith's has spread everywhere. line for these organizations is cleverly designed to appeal to the FASCIST SMITH'S PLAN veteran's outrage at unemployment. You "have been virtually deserted by our people," he tells Battalion.'

Joe McWilliams, the Yorkville ough better known as Joe Mc-Nazi, is distributing a "Veterans' calls for gifts amounting to \$7, 800 for war veterans.

The type of membership sought y native fascists is indicated by of Smith's veterans' outfits is trying to recruit among the membership of the United Sons of

The native fascists, aping the The native fascists, aping the er dind, interpretation of the California "Ham-and-Egg" Monument of Ruin and Hitler, hope to organize the movement. veterans into hoodlum gangs for. If the native fascists succeed use against the labor movement. is already Eugene Segal. Maertz was a del- ment and even establish a fascist egate to the first national con- state in America. vention of the America First

jail sentence in 1941 for smashing windows of Jewish-owned shops. At present Maertz "is traveling around the country, or-"He also has frequent conferences in Detroit with leaders of the old Ku Klux Klan and the United Sons of America."

During the war the fascist hoodlums were quiescent. The Ku Klux Klan, for instance, was thought by many to have died out. It is again reviving, however. Last week in New Jersey the Klan burned two fiery crosses. The first cross was burned August 9 on Thatcher's Hill in Hunterdon County. The second was burned August 22 close to a summer camp known as Faro's Grove. These are the first crosses burned

is reviving all over the nation. He declared that anti-Negro senlem in the North as well as the

announced plans for an anniversary party for the America First them. You "belong to the Lost Party to be held Sept. 23 at the Celina, Ohio, fairgrounds. While in Cleveland "to confer on plans," ne declared August 29 that nationalism would eventually con-Reconstruction Plan," in which he trol the U.S.A. All the nationalistic groups he predicted, would 'flood into a Nationalist Party" in the chaotic postwar period.

According to the capitalist the fact that George Vose, head press, Smith announced a "postwar recovery" plan which would combine the "best features" of National IIn-Father Coughlin's National Un-America, an offshoot of the Ku ion for Social Justice, the Town-send Plan, money reform, Farmer Guild, Huey Long plan, and

bands of terrorists," according to terrible blows to the labor move-

He presented a resolution calling for the sterilization of all Jews in the United States. Billings Applies HOMER MAERTZ A dapper, mustached Chicago randal, Maertz served a six-month

gether with Tom Mooney figured in the Preparedness Day frameganizing sluggers and hoodlums up of 1916 which served as part into action groups," says Segal. of the anti-labor campaign preceding America's entry into the First World War, applied this week in San Francisco for restoration of citizenship. Billings lost his civil rights upon being convicted

Although the Mooney-Billings case has aroused mass protests from world labor since its inception, the two staunch working class fighters had to languish 23 years in prison before they were finally pardoned by the Governor of California in 1939.

When, as part of the anti-labor rampaign that prepared for since last May when the Klan America's entry into the second burned a cross on the site of a imperialist holocaust, 18 leaders Negro housing development in of the Socialist Workers Party Hamilton Township near Trenton. were sentenced to imprisonment On April 10, Elmo Roper, di- at the Minneapolis trial of 1941, rector of the public opinion poll Warren K. Billings leaped to their conducted by Fortune magazine, defense. He joined the Civil warned that the Ku Klux Klan Rights Defense Committee, speaking and writing in behalf of the 18 up to the moment of their timent has become a major probleelease last January. As throughout his life, he showed his un-South and that anti-Semitism flinching solidarity with the workers in their struggle against capitalism.

> In applying for the restoration of his citizenship rights, Billings aims at wiping out the last vestiges of victimization to which the frame-up subjected him. All of labor is at his side in this demand. Full citizenship rights will enable him to participate to the fullest extent in the life of the labor movement once more. Labor, now more than ever, needs the services of this unshakeable fighter in its cause.

The first correspondents of the in uniting their ranks and in American capitalist press to enter One of Smith's associates, Homer luring the veterans into acting Tokyo report "a shattered city "recruiting as shock troops, they can deal peopled by apathetic men and women but cheerful children—a fantastic monument of ruin to American aerial power."

Most of the damage was concentrated in the industrial area of Tokyo but many bombs fell in the crowded business sections. 'Burned-out trolley cars stood on their tracks and tall smokestacks were tombstones for factories pounded into dust and rubble."

One "could sense the bitterness of defeat that touches every living Japanese as he contemplates the problems of Japan's reconstruction." In the streets, the Japanese appeared to be still "suffering from shock." Most of the people questioned by the reporters apwas over. It must be said for thousands of civilians are being them that they were taking their | innoculated, according to the redefeat with dignity."

PATCHES EVERYWHERE

Conditions greatly resemble Europe in the ruin of war. us." As in Europe, a noticeable feature is the large number of days. soldiers in process of demobiliza-

their baggage. In a few days they lin, but the medical authorities will join the growing throng of | are anxious about what may hapsoldiers who must return to pen in the autumn and winter. civilian life as Japan disarms. Typhus is a lice-borne disease, Thousands have already preceded and in summer shows a seasonal them and streets are dotted with decline. Crowded living condimen who wear part of their tions, shortage of soap, and lack uniform—cap or tunic — as a of washing facilities will increase permanent feature of American reminder of their soldiering days. the danger of typhus when the life, with conscription promised as They line up with others at liquor | weather becomes colder and peo- | a straitjacket for the youth from stores, where sake is rationed to ple tend to wear more clothes and now on. "Peace" did not bring ill shaven and obviously at loose shelter they can find."

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Warren K. Billings, (at right), a victim of capitalist class "justice." aided the 18 Minneapolis Labor Case prisoners. Here he is shown with George Novack, National Secretary of the Civil Rights Defense Committee, before they spoke to the San Francisco CRDC meeting May 3, 1944.

Stalinist "Success" In Cultural Work The "shining genius" of

Stalin has provided us with another instance showing how his 1924 theory of building socialism in one country works out in practice.

During the war, according to a September 2 dispatch, buck privates and generals of the Red Army mingled in army clubs. With the declaration of "peace," however, the Stalinist bureaucracy decreed that "it is necessary to have sharp differentiation and separation" because of "present conditions of cultural enlightenment work...'

Consequently signs are now being posted on all club houses "for officers only."

Ruined Germany Faces Spread Of Epidemics

The "peace" of imperialism is settling deeper on the ruins of Germany. During the last two Press dispatch, there have been 1,207 cases of typhoid and paratyphoid reported. Both diseases continued to increase in the Berpeared to be "very glad the war lin area last week. Hundreds of port, in hope of stemming these dread war scourges.

The Manchester Guardian de clares in its July 26 number that "All statistics in present day Clothing is poor and faded. Germany are inadequate and cur-Patches are visible everywhere. rent figures relating to infectious "One man came up and offered disease in Berlin must be qualifito exchange Japanese for Ameri- | ed. Bacillary dysentery at present can cigarettes, and several young is the most serious epidemic, but women tittered as they passed there has been a disquieting increase in typhoid in the last few

"The infection that may spread from cases of unnotified typhoid "The railroad stations were is a very real danger. Typhus is crowded with soldiers sitting on not at present a problem in Berconsumers. Many are haggard, to huddle together in whatever prosperity. On the contrary, Far from alleviating the basic of the day and mass unemploy-

conditions breeding epidemics in ment has swept the land with Germany, the Allies envisage blitzkrieg speed. Nor is democracy further reducing Germany's in- at all assured. Fascism in America dustrial capacity. At the second is already ominously raising its session of a military-government head. conference headed by Eisenhower, 'an inevitable, 'rip-roaring' inflation and economic peace terms ruling classes escaped decimation. so harsh... that they foreshadow The Anglo - American rulers the reduction of Germany to a reaped unheard of profits from third-rate power" were envisaged. the war and now they are snarling

escape. The livestock were driven outbreak of hostilities. The Axis off and slaughtered. Only a frac- ruling classes were not destroyed. tion of the normal crops have Temporarily they have been been sowed and this year the forced into the status of satellites harvests are reported in some and agents of the conquerors. areas to be rotting in the fields | The only victors in the war have for lack of manpower to reap thus turned out to be the ruling classes. The defeated were the laboring people of the entire

world. Not democracy but open brutal What is the perspective now military dictatorship is now the rule in Europe. Far from reinbefore us? Is it a long era of forcing democracy, the Allied peace as promised by the capitalpowers have bolstered decayed ist demagogues? On the contrary, monarchies and reactionary the cessation of hostilities is fascist-minded cliques. In Greece taken by virtually all the belligeand elsewhere they have moved rents as simply a preparatory with shot and shell against the period for the Third World War. weeks, according to an Associated real forces of democracy which If this third conflict breaks out, would otherwise have swept these annihilation threatens civilization political pillars of capitalism into and mankind itself, for it will the rubbish heap. Occupying be an inter-continental war waged armies garrison the continent to with atomic-powered weapons.

THE ONLY HOPE Europe faces a swift and

The only hope now is the socialist revolution. If the profitmad imperialists are not deprived millions. The fate of Europe will of political control over the destiny of the world they will The picture is not different inevitably plunge humanity into in the Far East. Here the a suicidal conflict. The working class must understand clearly the Japanese imperialism was brought | alternative that now faces us.

Everything hinges on the capacity of the working class to raise up a leadership capable of guiding to a successful conclusion Farmers' Government. The first step in creating that leadership in the United States is to build an independent Labor Party.

Vote Trotskyist!

In the Coming New York Elections

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

WORKING CLASS POLITICAL ACTION! The modern battles of labor

are being fought out more and more on the political field. To support any of the boss politicians or boss parties is to stab labor in the back.

BUILD AN INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY!

Take labor's fight into the halls of the legislatures and Congress! Establish a workers and farmers' government!

Protests Mount Against Layoffs As Reactionary Congress Meets

"Full Employment" Bill that the workers are demanding ever more insistently that government itself take over and operate the idle plants. Last week, on Sept. 3, Murray himself was compelled to make a specific demand for the government to operate seven government-owned, but privately-

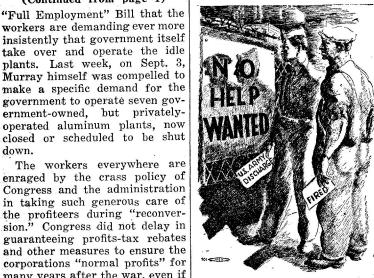
The workers everywhere are enraged by the crass policy of Congress and the administration in taking such generous care of the profiteers during "reconversion." Congress did not delay in guaranteeing profits-tax rebates and other measures to ensure the corporations "normal profits" for many years after the war, even if the plants operate at a very low capacity.

OVER 4 MILLION OUT

This is what Congress has already provided by way of "relief for the greedy." But within 10 ployment Compensation Act. days after Japanese surrender, over 4,000,000 workers were fired; "8 Million Unemployed By Christmas" is the slogan coming out of Washington; and those still employed are suffering take-home wage slashes, through reduced hours, amounting to 30 and 40 per cent.

Washington politicians would like to "forget" their promises of 60,000,000 jobs — but the millions of workers already walking the streets, trying to survive on starvation "states rights" unemployment insurance, haven't forgotten. The workers are demanding that if the government can guarantee "normal profits" while MUM of \$25 per week for 26

gress is considering offering the even the Kilgore provisions,



sures which Congress is preparing to debate in the next few weeks are the Murray Full Employment Bill and the administration-sponsored Kilgore Unem-

WHAT CONGRESS OFFERS Even the sponsors of the Murray bill admit it contains not one specific measure to provide employment. At most, it is a vague promise to "assure" full employment, principally by aiding the have promised to "fight". corporations and the "free enterprise" profit system.

Much deception has also been spread about the Kilgore unemoloyment insurance bill. IT WILL ment supplement state unemployment insurance up to a MAXIpermanent jobs at union wages | graduated schedule of payments, | precious time. would secure LESS than \$25

It is highly speculative that ing up their Congressional agents | the labor movement. in order to emasculate or scuttle the proposed inadequate mea- ers are duty-bound to establish sures that would at best toss a few dry bones to the workers. CANCELLED BY STATE

in its present form, some forty weeks to come in Washington. states have laws which provide WHAT IS NEEDED that any federal supplements for unemployed would not get a cent

more than at present. What are the official union leaders doing in the face of this obvious Big Business-government ers and impose starvation conditions? The top union leaders adlabor" in Congress who are al- | itical scoundrels for passage of ready prepared to "compromise" labor's program.

LABOR LEADERS SCARED

leaders are scared to death of three key points, the minimum mobilizing the ranks of labor for needed to meet the present crisis a real struggle. They confine NOT PROVIDE \$25 WEEKLY their activities to occasional GOVERNMENT OPERATION FOR ALL UNEMPLOYED. It meetings where the workers can OF ALL IDLE PLANTS UNDER provides that the federal govern- let off steam and listen to capi- WORKERS' CONTROL! talist politicians, or to back-room conferences with this or that | ION WAGES FOR ALL UNEM capitalist Congressman who con- PLOYED DURING ANY EN the plants are closed down, it weeks of unemployment. Most descends to grant the "labor TIRE PERIOD OF UNEMPLOY must also guarantee the workers | workers, under the proposed statesmen" a few minutes of his MENT!

But what is the most this Con- weekly. At present price levels in and out of the government, are THE THIRTY-HOUR WEEK mobilized to knife labor in the WITH NO REDUCTION IN workers? The two principal mea-slightly superior to the state back or prevent anything but the TAKE-HOME PAY!

to live on and just too much to their rich tables for the unemployed workers and veterans.

Therefore, all the power of laeven these "best" measures will bor must be mobilized to block pass Congress in their present the sinister scheme of Wall form. Big Business lobbyists are | Street and its political agents to swarming into Washington, lin- starve the workers out and smash This means that the labor lead

machinery to exert maximum pressure on this session of Congress, machinery that will concentrate the full striking power We find, for instance, that even of labor where and when it is if the Kilgore bill were passed needed— right now and in the

What is called for as this capiunemployment insurance are auto- | talist Congress goes into session, matically deducted from the is the simultaneous convening ir amounts paid by the states. The Washington of a giant NATION-AL LABOR CONGRESS, repre

bor body in the United States. That Congress of Labor, speaking as the voice of millions, must conspiracy to swindle the work- draft its own legislative program - a program that will really meet the workers needs. Then, it vance no program of their own. would remain in continuous ses-They continue to place full reli- sion to hammer away daily and ance upon capitalist "friends of hourly upon the capitalist pol-

even the little for which they LABOR'S OWN PROGRAM

That program will not be mere echo of the capitalist pro-At the same time, the labor gram. It will be built around FIRST: NO IDLE PLANTS!

SECOND: FULL TRADE UN

THIRD: THE SLIDING SCALE All the powers of Big Business, | OF HOURS AND WAGES! FOR

All the damage so far done to over colonies and spheres of in-Germany, according to these Al- fluence and reparations as in the lied rulers, was a "nibble" in First World War. They have incomparison with what they plan flicted "peace" conditions far to carry out.

International Solidarity Fund Near \$5,000 Goal

By FARRELL DOBBS

cialist Workers Party passed the revolutionary storm breaks, it 100 percent mark this week in will not halt until capitalism has the \$5,000 International Solidarity Fund campaign, making a total of 94 percent, or \$4,680.05 now of Europe and the Far East, and

MASSES STIRRING

Louis, Ill.

taken at the Trotsky Memorial the stainless banner of Trotsky-Meeting held on August 22 in ism... The adherents of Trotsky-New York to aid our co-thinkers ism will head the mighty forces abroad. In the message of solid- of the international proletariat election campaign in the history arity sent by the meeting to our in shaping the new world which of the Los Angeles Local. A international co-thinkers, the So- will emerge from capitalist hor- highlight of this campaign was

Baltimore, Md.: and East St.

of unbridled butchery are nearing lands we extend warmest fratertheir inevitable end. The masses nal greetings.'

Campaign Director Nine more branches of the So-| are beginning to stir. When the been swept from the face of the

"Throughout the war-torn lands paid in. Adding to the number in the colonial lands, the cadres of responses from friends and of the Fourth International are sympathizers throughout the assembling. In concentration country, donations were received camps and in prisons, in the face this week from readers of The of savage reprisals, they are Militant in Plymouth, Michigan; struggling unflinchingly for world socialism. In the United States, the very citadel of world capitalism, the Socialist Workers Party, despite bitter persecution, A collection of \$248.76 was has held aloft throughout the war cialist Workers Party declared: | ror and bloodshed - the new | the wide distribution of literature | cialist Workers Party has an-"The forces of reaction are still world of peace and plenty for propaganda making known the nounced a National Red Sunday powerful. But the frightful days all. To our co-thinkers in other

International Solidarity Fund

SCOREBOARD

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BRANCH	Quota	Paid	Percent
N. Y. Youth Grou	p \$ 15.00	\$ 29.25	195
Milwaukee	30.00	44.00	147
Buffalo	125.00	165.00	132
Newark	100.00	123.00	123
St. Louis	25.00	30.00	120
Allentown-Bethlehen	n 60.00	65.00	108
San Francisco	375.00	397.00	106
Reading	25.00	25.00	100
Pittsburgh	25.00	25.00	100
Rochester	15.00	15.00	100
Cleveland	75.00	75.00	100
Philadelphia	125.00	125.00	100
Bayonne	100.00	100.00	100
Detroit	400.00	400.00	100
Toledo	100.00	100.00	100
Los Angeles	750.00	750.00	100
Youngstown	85.00	85.00	100
Akron	75.00	75.00	100
New York	1000.00	1000.00	100
Boston	125.00	120.00	96
Chicago *	500.00	450.00	90
Twin Cities	250.00	162.50	65
Seattle	350.00	189.00	54
Members-at-Large at	nd		
Friends	245.00	130.30	53
San Diego	25.00	0 /	0
TOTAL	\$5,000.00	\$4,680.05	94%

Los Angeles SWP Branches Hold City Conference

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12 Over 40 delegates participating today in the first delegated conference of the Los Angeles Local of the Socialist Workers Party, worked out plans for even greater activity in the period ahead. Among the tasks scheduled were recruiting, a Labor Party cam paign, and continuation of the Local's campaign to drive the fascist Gerald L. K. Smith from Los Angeles.

Reports submitted to the convention included one on the first ideas of our party. Dur candidate for mayor, Myra Tanner Weiss, spoke before trade unions, workers' political organizations, four radio broadcasts brought the es throughout the country ressands of workers. Bus cards adwere organizational methods skyists on the West Coast.

scription campaign pointed to a eer publication. total of almost 4,000 subscrip-

strides forward, a third report stirring call to all workers black tant spirit in which he lived and revealed. A training course for and white, to join together in worked until his tragic death in teachers had an attendance of putting an end to the capitalist 1938. over thirty, and more than a system which makes race prejudozen basic training courses in dice profitable. "Only a Workers' socialism were carried through. Government as was established In addition, an extensive program by the Bolsheviks in 1917 in Rus- pleasant to be able to tell them had been prepared for the West sia will successfully abolish racial that the name of Rodney Salis-Coast Summer School to be held discrimination!... Only by uniting bury, the fighting Communist in September.

six months and several more are pressed Negro minority be liberin prospect. The Socialist Youth ated... Join the Socialist Workers Club, set up recently, is growing Party today. Together we will rapidly and has already taken a send Jim Crow to its well-earned prominent part in several party grave!" campaigns. Militant Discussion

of intensified activity.



MYRA TANNER WEISS

Red Sunday Drive Scheduled for **Jackson Pamphlet**

Mobilization of all the branches, September 9, to sell the new Pioneer Pamphlet, "A Practical Proliberal groups, etc. A series of gram to Kill Jim Crow." Branchparty program to additional thou- ponded immediately by asking for 8,500 copies of the pamphlet in vertised our campaign. These preparation for the mobilization. These orders, which came in withnever before utilized by the Trot- in ten days after publication of the pamphlet, break all records A report on The Militant sub- for branch orders on a new Pion-

tions obtained here in the period illustrated pamphlet is Charles the first Trotskyist meeting held between the previous Conference Jackson, whose column "The Ne- there. It was a fine meeting. gro Struggle" appears weekly in Educational work took great The Militant. Jackson makes a rying on there in the same miliin struggle against the common

Two new branches were formed enemy, on both the economic and in Los Angeles during the last political field, can the doubly op-

satisfied that the Convention has the headquarters of the Socialist ing tour. prepared the Local for a period | Workers Party branch in your locality for time and place.

From Audience In St. Paul ST. PAUL, Aug. 27.—In every and her appeal to join in the fight city in which I have spoken on for a socialist society. The audi-

this tour, I have reported on my experiences with the vicious Jim collection for party work. Crow set-up of the federal prison system. Audiences have been particularly incensed by the story of how Reverend Clarence Nelson, of how Reverend Clarence Nelson, President of the St. Paul Branch of the National Association for Starts National the Advancement of Colored People, was prevented from visiting me in Alderson penitentiary last vear.

By Grace Carlson

Last night, Reverend Nelson was present at the public meeting sponsored by the St. Paul branch of the Socialist Workers Party. The St. Paul audience was able to get a first-hand account of his hameful treatment at the hands f the representatives of American 'democracy". As a general rule, prison authorities are very pleased to have ministers visit the inmates, but not when interracial lines are crossed! Jim Crow comes ahead of everything else with these people.

I have spoken at many meetings in St. Paul in the past — as candidate for mayor or senator, or as the organizer of the St. Paul Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, but last night's meeting was the best ever! I'm glad to say that the old idea that prophets can't get along in their home countries doesn't always operate.

But the meeting in Missoula, Montana, on August 19 was my 'The author of this attractive first visit there, and, in fact, was Rodney Salisbury's family is car-

> It was pleasant to greet Marie again and to meet Rodney's fine boys and girls. And it was doubly Sheriff of Plentywood, Montana, is honored by all Trotskyists.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 26 Grace Carlson, only woman among the 18 Trotskyist leaders imprisoned during the war under the Smith "Gag" Act, spoke here Friends of The Militant are in- tonight to an audience of 50 So-Clubs are now being organized vited to participate on Sunday, cialist Workers Party members which will play a prominent role September 9, in this national mob- and friends on the subject of in party work for the next period. ilization to sell A Practical Pro- "Women in Prison." The meeting Los Angeles comrades are well gram to Kill Jim Crow. Consult was part of her national speak-

> Many new friends of the So- PORTLAND cialist Workers Party attended

terest in Comrade Carlson's talk ence contributed \$31.50 in the

Carlson Gets Warm Welcome

Lecture Tour

(Continued from page 1)

the lessons for American labor from this great historic event. From Boston, where he speaks on Sept. 14, Comrade Wright will proceed to meetings in Philadelphia on Sept. 18. Reading on Sept. 2nd. The Militant will keep readers informed regularly on the progress of the Wright meeting in your city. Be sure to attend it.

JOHN G. WRIGHT **TOUR SCHEDULE**

BOSTON Friday, Saturday, Sept. 14-15 PHILADELPHIA Tuesday, Wednesday, Sept. 18-19 READING

Thursday, Friday, Sept. 20-21 LLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM Sunday, Monday, Sept. 23-24 EWARK

Tuesday, Sept. 25 BAYONNE

Wednesday, Sept. 26 YEW YORK

Thursday, Friday, Sept. 27-28 ROCHESTER

Sun., Sept. 30-Tues. Oct. 2 BUFFALO Wednesday, Friday, Oct. 3-5

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SWP'S NIGERIA PROTEST RECEIVES BRAZEN REPLY

July 17 by the Socialist Workers | Congress — were repudiated by Party, the British Colonial Office their organizations and expelled brazenly justifies its whole course from office by their membership. of violent suppression of the Ni- Thus the British authorities not gerian labor movement. British only suppress publications voicgovernment actions included the ing support for the strikers and arrests of leaders of 150,000 arrest their leaders but attempt workers on general strike in Ni- to foist upon them officials whom geria; the suppression of two they themselves have rejected. newspapers, West African Pilot and Daily Comet, supporting the strike; and threats to deport the DAY RAISE publisher of the two publications, Nnamdi Azikiwe.

from the British Embassy thus confirms the fact that the strikers' point of view is prevented by outright decree, from reaching publication.

IGNORES ARRESTS

leaders, the letter simply ignores world labor movement has stopthe protest on this point and by ped the colonial authorities from implication acknowledges the taking such action. Protests from charge that ten or more of the labor and Negro organizations leaders have been imprisoned. It must continue to flood the British speaks in defense of "union lead- colonial office in support of the ers" who were exerting them- militant workers on strike in Niselves to persuade the workers geria. Their cause is the cause to return to work" and who were of the oppressed in all lands. harply criticized in the two publications mentioned.

As The Militant pointed out in a British Tribune article by George Padmore (reprinted by us Aug. 4) such leaders - among them Mr. T. A. Bankole, the pres-

SAN FRANCISCO Friday, Monday, Nov. 23-26 LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO Thurs., Nov. 29, Wed. Dec. 5 KANSAS CITY

Monday, Tuesday, Dec. 10-11 ST. LOUIS Thursday, Friday, Dec. 13-14 PITTSBURGH

Sunday, Tuesday, Dec. 16-18

In reply to protests cabled on ident of the Nigeria Trade Union

STRUCK FOR 50-CENT

The strike was originally called to secure an increase of about 50 Answering James P. Cannon, cents a day, to meet the rising National Secretary of the SWP, cost of living. The strikers rein a letter signed by G. H. Mid- main adamant in spite of all the dleton and sent through the Brit- arrests, suppression of the press, ish Embassy in Washington on and intimidation. In addition to August 24, the Colonial Office the original demand, the strikers justifies the suspension of the now demand full pay for the time two papers on the ground that they have been on strike, guarthey were "misrepresenting the antees that pensions and gratuifacts concerning this strike." As ties of civil service workers has been pointed out in The Mili- which the British governor, Sir tant, the government issues a Arthur Richards, has threatened daily bulletin presenting the of- to cancel - will be maintained, ficial point of view. The letter that none of the strikers will be victimized, and lastly, that all ar-

rested leaders be released. The letter from the British embassy denies that Azikiwe has been arrested or that the government contemplates his deportation. If this is true, only the As to the arrests of the strike aroused public opinion of the

PHILADELPHIA

JOHN G. WRIGHT Wednesday, Sept. 18

'The British Labor Victory — Its Meaning for the American Workers"

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The History Of American Trotskyisn

Earlier installments of Comrade Cannon's book described the emergence of the American Communist Party out of the left wing of the Socialist Party in 1919. Factional struggles between the proletarian and petty-bourgeois elements in the party began in 1923, culminating in the expulsion of the proletarian left wing for "Trotskyism" on October 27, 1928. Slandered, ostracized and physically attacked by the Stalinists, the handful of American Trotskyists nevertheless won over individual members of the Communist Party. First contact with Leon Trotsky was established in the spring of 1929, and the program of the Left Opposition published in The Militant. At their first national conference, the Trotskyists determined to operate as a faction of the Communist Party. Then Stalin's "left turn" resulted in isolation for the Trotskyists. Tremendous sacrifices were necessary for every task. "Tenacity, tenacity, tenacity!" wrote Leon Trotsky. This is the sixteenth installment of Comrade Cannon's book.

LECTURE VI

THE BREAK WITH THE COMINTERN

We have now had five lectures in this course. With the fifth one last week, as you will remember, we covered the first four years of the Left Opposition, the Communist League of America-1928 to 1932. These were the times, as I remarked last week, of the severest isolation and the greatest hardship for the new move-

Last week I emphasized, perhaps over-emphasized, the negative sides of the movement in that period: the stagnation, the poverty of forces and material means, the inevitable internal difficulties accruing from such a set of circumstances, and the lunatic fringe which plagued us as it plagues every new radical movement. This isolation together with its attendant evils was imposed upon us by objective factors beyond our control. We could not prevent it, not with the best efforts, the best will. It was the condition of the times. The most important of these factors making our isolation so almost absolute was the upsurge of the Stalinist movement which resulted from the crisis in all the bourgeois countries at the same time that the Soviet Union was bounding forward under the first Five Year Plan of industrialization. The enhanced prestige of the USSR, and of Stalinism which appeared to be its legitimate representative in the eyes of uncritical people-and the great masses are uncritical-made our oppositionist movement appear somewhat bizarre, unrealistic. Besides that, there was great stagnation in the general labor movement. There were no strikes. The workers were quiescent. They were not interested in any theoretical questions. They were not even interested in any actions at that time. All this acted against our small group and pushed it into a

"Our Task Was to Hold On"

Our task in that difficult time was to hold on, to clarify the great questions, to educate our cadres in preparation for the future when objective conditions would open up possibilities for an ex-

COMMUNIST LEFT OPPOSITION SOUNDED THE ALARM AGAINST RISE OF HITLER

By James P. Cannon

came to break out of our isolation, we were ready. We lost no time on the colonial question today; why we do not lose our heads over in grasping the opportunities presented to us, beginning in 1933, and especially in 1934.

Our movement had been educated in a great school under the direction and inspiration of Comrade Trotsky, the school of internationalism. Our cadres had been forged together in the heat of study and dispute over the greatest world questions.

The great weakness of the American Communist movement in the past, as I have mentioned in previous lectures, was its nationalmindedness, not in theory but in practice; its ignorance of international events and unconcern about them; its lack of real instruction and of serious interest in theory. These faults were corrected in our young movement. We educated a group of people who proceeded in all questions from fundamental considerations of theory, from international experience, and learned how to analyze international events. The mysteries of the Russian problem were solved by our movement. In article after article, pamphlet after pamphlet, and book after book, Comrade Trotsky opened up for us a world view on all questions. He gave us a clear understanding of the complexities of a workers state in a capitalist encirclement, a workers state degenerating and throwing up a retrograde bureaucracy but still retaining its basic foundations.

Germany was already then becoming the center of the world problem. Trotsky as far back as 1931 wrote a pamphet which he called Germany, the Key to the International Situation. Before all others he perceived the menacing growth of fascism and the inevitability of a fundamental showdown between fascism and Communism. Before anyone else, and clearer than anyone else. he analyzed what was coming in Germany. He educated us to an understanding of it and tried to prepare the German Communist Party and the German workers for that fatal test.

Educating the Party On the Chinese Revolution

The Spanish revolution, which broke out in December 1930, was also studied and comprehended by our young movement, first of all with the assistance of the theoretical writings and interpretations of Comrade Trotsky.

We took time in those days of isolation to study the Chinese question. I mentioned last week that during this difficult period our movement, despite all its poverty and weakness, managed to publish a full-sized book, Problems of the Chinese Revolution. This book contained suppressed theses, articles and expositions of the Russian Opposition, written in the decisive days of the Chinese revolution, 1925, 1926 and 1927. That great world historical battle had unpansion of the movement. Our task also was to test out to the folded, you may say, behind the backs of the blindfolded members very end the possibilities of reforming the Communist parties and of the Comintern, who had never been permitted to learn what the the Communist International, which up to that time had embraced great masters of Marxism in the Russian Left Opposition had to practically the whole workers vanguard in this country and through- say about these events. We published the suppressed documents. out the world. The events which began to break over the world in Our comrades were educated on the problems of the Chinese revoluthe early part of 1933 showed that we had succeeded magnificently tion. That is one of the important reasons—in fact, it is the im- nearly five years that I had been able to get out of New York.

in our main task. When things began to move, when the opportunity portant reason-why our party has such a clear and firm stand the defense of China and the struggle of India for independence. The significance that this great uprising of the Asiatic peoples can have for the international proletarian revolution is clearly understood by our party. That is part of its heritage from those days of isolation and study.

> In the early part of 1933 we began to intervene more actively in the general labor movement. After long propagandistic preparation, we started our turn towards mass work. I have already told you about the fight we had in our organization with some impatient people who wanted to begin with mass work, jump over our own heads so to speak, leaving for the future the education of our cadre, the definition of our program and our propagandistic work. That was turning things upside down. We worked out our program, formed our cadre, did our preliminary propagandistic work first. Then, when opportunities arose for activity in the labor movement, we were ready to put our activity to some purpose. We did not engage in activity merely for the sake of activity, which some wit once described as all motion and no direction. We were prepared to enter the mass movement with a clearly defined program and with methods calculated to bring the maximum results to the revolutionary movement from the minimum amount of required activity.

> In reading the bound volumes of The Militant, which contain a chronological record of our activities and plans and hopes, it is reported that on January 22, 1933 there was an unemployment conference in New York. It had been called, of course, on the initiative of the Stalinist organization but it was a little different from some of their previous conferences from which we had been excluded. This time, in their waverings and wanderings from right to left, they started dabbling with the united front, trying to interest some non-Stalinist organizations in a general unemployment movement. To that end, they issued a call inviting all organizations to the conference. We commented in our paper that this was a turn in the right direction toward the united front, at least a half turn. I wrote an article which pointed out that by inviting "all organizations" they had finally opened up a small crack through which the Left Opposition might enter that movement: we would make our way through that crack and open it wider. We showed up at that conference—Shachtman and Cannon, big as life—prepared to tell the entire proletariat how the struggle against unemployment should be carried out. And it was no joke either. Our program was the correct one, and we explained it at length. The Militant carried a full report of our speeches advocating a united front of the political parties and the trade unions for unemployment relief.

On January 29, 1933 there was held at Gillespie, Illinois, a conference of the Progressive Miners Union and other independent labor organizations to consider the question of a new labor federation. I attended the conference by invitation from a group of the Progressive Miners, and spoke there. This was the first time in says!"

It was also the first time that any representative of the American Left Opposition had a chance to speak to workers as such outside the small circle of intellectual radicals. We seized the opportunity. I was sent out there by our League, spent a few days with the miners, and made some important contacts. It felt very good to be once again in touch with the living movement of the workers, the mass movement.

First News of Hitler's Rise to Power

Coming back on the bus from Gillespie to Chicago-I recall it very distinctly—I read newspaper accounts of the appointment of Hitler as Chancellor by President Hindenburg. I had the feeling then, at that moment, that things were beginning to break. The stagnation, the stalemate in the world labor movement was breaking wide open. Things were moving to a showdown. We were fully ready to take our part in the new situation. As I checked the reports the other day, preparing my notes for this lecture, it seemed to me that this action of our League, our reaching out for the first time to participate in a workers mass meeting in Gillespie, Illinois, was symbolic of our attunement to the new period. Our action was unconsciously synchronized with the breakup of the stalemate in Germany. We reacted very energetically to this new development, to the beginnings of new stirrings in the labor movement here, and especially the situation in Germany. We were like athletes, trained and poised for action, but restrained by external difficulties and unable to move forward. Then suddenly a new situation opened up and we leaped into it.

Our first reaction to the German events was to call a mass meeting in New York. For a long time we had abandoned the idea of mass meetings because the masses wouldn't come. The best we could do was to hold small open forums, lectures, circle gatherings, etc. This time we essayed a mass meeting: Stuyvesant Casino, February 5, 1933. "The Meaning of the German Events" with Shachtman and Cannon as speakers. The report in The Militant said that 500 people turned out to our mass meeting.

The Trotskyists Sound the Alarm

We sounded the alarm on the impending showdown between fascism and Communism in Germany. Then, while the issues were so acute, every day in Germany witnessing new developments, we did an absolutely unprecedented thing for a group so small as ours. We transformed our weekly Militant-by that time it had become a weekly-and brought it out three times a week, each issue blazing away with the message of Trotskyism on the events in Germany. If you should ask me how we did it I wouldn't be able to explain. But we did it. It wasn't possible, but there is a saying among Trotskvists that in times of crisis you do not do what is possible, but what is necessary. And we thought it necessary to break out of our routine discussions and criticisms of the Stalinists, to do something to shock the whole workers movement into realizing how fateful for the whole world were the happenings in Germany. We wanted to call all workers, and especially the Communist workers, to attention. We speeded up the tempo. We began to shout, to sound the alarm. Our comrades ran to every meeting they could find, to every slightest gathering of workers, with bundles of The Militant under their arms, shouting at the top of their voices: "Read The Militant!" "Read the truth about Germany!" "Read what Trotsky

(To Be Continued)

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.

A Reply to Victor Howell

I found Victor Howell's "Letter to Negro Children" in the last issue of The Militant very interesting. I agree wholeheartedly with his declaration that "The Socialist Workers Party is the only organization of its kind to plead our cause." By "our" cause, I take it he includes not only young and old. Comrade Howell says "I have but one hope left and that is that Socialism will replace our present form of government." This would indicate he has come very close to the Socialist movement and that he is considering devoting himself to proclaiming its truths and struggling for its success. Classconscious workers who read The class. Militant, will I am sure appreciate such sentiments.

There is another side to Comrade Howell's letter, however, which appears to me to reflect an early training not yet subjected to careful appraisal. I refer to the world squabbling over religihis impressing religious beliefs upon the children he addresses. vented from uniting in struggle I know that Comrade Howell undoubtedly does this with the best of intentions and that it may manipulated by unscrupulous arise from the comfort he has drawn in a brutal world from the from seeing where their true inassurances of a better future

Yet it is obvious that religion deities. permits a great variety of interpretations. The ruling class of the ruling classes of the United most interesting and enlightening

Nations appealed to the religious | discoveries. Without exception beliefs of their soldiers and claimed god to be on their side. Consequently we have millions of their teachings denounced and people slaughtered with utmost orutality and savagery by professed followers of Christ, the

America's native fascists, the venom against the Negroes and other minorities, the lynch mobs and instigators of race riots and Negro children but all the op- pogroms, you may be sure, all pressed of all colors, both the proclaim their staunch faith in god and Christ and attack the scientific view of religion. No

> I do not wish to discuss the over another, for that would be to fall into the trap of the capitalists, who like nothing better than to see the workers of ous doctrines and thereby preagainst their oppressors. All I want to point out is that religion, rulers, can so blind poor people terests lie that they will kill each other in the name of sacred

This fact is not peculiar to Japan utilized religion to delude our times. It has been noted by many soldiers into dying for a great and good men for thousands god-emperor called the Mikado, of years. Some of the noblest although the real purpose of the minds, completely devoted to the ruling class in entering the war welfare of humanity have ponwas to loot and plunder, and dered the question of religion, strengthen Japanese capitalism. made diligent research into its With similar sordid objectives origin and nature and published

SWP BRANCH ACTIVITIES

National Red Sunday Mobilization, to sell the new pamphlet, A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow, by Charles Jackson. Sunday, September 9. Consult the branch headquarters for details of time and place.

BUFFALO — Open house every Saturday night at the Militant Forum, 629 Main St., 2nd floor. All invited. Lectures on subjects of interest to workers twice a month. Watch this column for details.

CLEVELAND — Open meetings are held at Pecks Hall, 1446 E. 82nd St. (off Wade Park N.) on Friday evenings, 8:30 p. m. Friday, Sept. 14 - "Why Full Employment is Impossible Under Capitalism." Speaker: I.

DETROIT - All Militant readers invited to the SWP Open House held every Saturday evening, from 8 P.M. on. Music, dancing, cards, refreshments. Admission Room 21, 3513 Woodward.

Forums on topical questions held every Sunday evening at 3513 Woodward, Room 21, at 8 P. M. Militant readers are urged to attend. Refreshments and social hour following forum. No admission charge. SATURDAY, SEPT. 15-"September Follies" social, 3513 Woodward Room 21. Enjoy good entertainment, music.

Los Angeles—Buy The Militant, 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.

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 every Friday at the Progressive Workers' School, 423 Springfield Ave., at 8:30 p. m. Friday, Sept. 14 - Frank Lawrence, staff writer of The Militant, will speak on: "America's Role in Europe."

NEW YORK - The Militant can now be obtained at all newsstands in the greater New York area. Ask at your neighborhood

Prince of Peace!

Southern Bourbons who ooze doubt the majorify of them are convinced they are sincerely religious. Similar instances of the ease with which religion combines with the most reactionary aims could be cited endlessly. Clearly, religion can lend itself admirably to the purposes of the ruling

relative merits of one religion

corner 13th St., to launch a city-

wide sale of Charles Jackson's

Program to Kill Jim Crow."

a social to aid the Internation-

al Solidarity Fund. Refresh-

BROOKLYN-Bill Morgan, staff

or Myth", at Brooklyn School

of Social Science, 571 Pacific

St., Thursday Sept. 13, 8:30

Socialist Youth Group meets

Friday evenings, 8:30 p. m.; all

young people are invited. La-

bor Forum, 405 W. Girard.

PORTLAND-Visit SWP head-

quarters, 220 S. W. Alder St.,

room 500; open 1 to 4 p.m.

daily except Sunday, and 6 to

8 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday.

End of the War Bring Peace?"

Open forum; speaker, C. M.

Sunday, Oct. 21 - "Unem-

ployment . . . How to Fight It."

SAN FRANCISCO - Visit the

Science, 305 Grant Ave., corner

open from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

TOLEDO - Forums held every

Sunday evening at 905 Jeffer-

son Ave., Room 304. All Mili-

in Postwar World." Transporta-

grounds in Temperance, Mich.

Speaker: Eloise Black. 225 N.

cents. Beer, food, baseball!

tant readers, friends invited.

Speaker: C. M. Hesser.

Hesser, 8 p.m.

Friday.

Sunday, Sept. 16-"Will the

religion has been outlined very succinctly by Lenin and a collection of his articles has been published in this country in a amphlet entitled Religion. The psycho-analysts, particularly Sigmund Freud, have

these men have been persecuted

and hounded by the rulers and

kept from the people by one

The rulers who wish to dominate

the masses insist on teaching the

children religion and oppose

teaching them the scientific dis-

coveries about religion. Yet an

inquiring person, not afraid of

truth, cannot help wondering

what he would have believed if

his parents had belonged to

different faith, or if they had not

taught him any religion what-

soever! Such a person, in my

opinion, is duty bound to in-

vestigate what science has to say

I should, therefore, like to sug-

anyone who believes as he does

study side by side with the teach

scientific works devoted to

religion. For a good general

survey of the origins of many

present day beliefs, I can suggest

The Golden Bough, by James

George Frazer, a scientist who

devoted a lifetime studying and

comparing the many religions of

the Macmillan Company, it is

available at most libraries and

bookstores in a low-priced one

For a person interested in the

economic and social basis of

religion I would place above The

Golden Bough, Karl Kautsky's

great classic, The Foundations of

Christianity, published by Inter-

national Publishers. But it is out

of print and may not be easily

The Marxist attitude toward

means or another.

about religion.

volume edition.

made important contributions to the understanding of the psychology of religion, but to my knowledge none of them have dealt forthrightly with the reculiar interest of the ruling class in fostering religion. For an objective comparison of

the morals of the utterly corrupt and degenerate capitalist class | Likes 'The Militant' with the morals of the revolu- For Telling Truth tionary socialists, I know nothing better than Leon Trotsky's ad- Editor: Saturday, Sept. 8-Members and friends of the SWP will by Pioneer Publishers. meet at 116 University Place,

new pamphlet, "A Practical After the mobilization, enjoy writer of The Militant will for a better and happier world speak on "Jobs for All - Fact right here on earth.

> Joseph Hansen New York

PHILADELPHIA — Open for- Capitalist Press ums every Thursday evening Distorts News

on current topics, at Labor Forum, 405 W. Girard, 8:30 Editor:

Festival all-day outing. Ted alone, and that more expected to

Workers are now getting firsthand experience of the lying and in England. The Labor victory deceit practised by the capitalist press and big business. Immediately after V-J day, the local papers were minimizing the effects of cutbacks and pointing out that New England was in a very favorable position for reconversion. Spokesmen for the big industries here were quoted as explaining that there would be very few layoffs and these of a "temporary nature." The Lynn General Electric Plant expected to lay off a few hundred at a time and these "only" women. However, last Monday, not a few hundred workers, but 9000 workers, were laid off at the Lynn G. E. in one day. San Francisco School of Social

Last Sunday, there was a long article in the Boston Globe, exof Grant and Sutter, 4th floor; tolling the exploits of the Bethlehem Fore River Shipyards Monday through Saturday, and and their contribution to the war 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through effort. In the article was mentioned the fact that 742 workers had been laid off since V-J day, and that few more layoffs were expected in the near future. However one worker there told me that over one thousand workers Sunday, Sept 9-Watermelon | were laid off in one department

Selander will speak on "Labor get the gate shortly. Incidents like these, coupled tion from your home to picnic with the propaganda about wartime wages, are convincing the provided, Adults \$1, children 50 workers that the capitalist press does not "print all the news," but only the news big business wants YOUNGSTOWN - Open forum to print. For the real news, the Sunday, Sept. 16, at 8 p. m., on working man will have to depend "Cutbacks and Reconversion." on a workers' paper.

Boston

The Tory Is My Shepherd

By a Neath Tin Worker

The Tory is my Shepherd, I am in want. He maketh me To lie on Park Benches, He leadeth beside still factories, He disturbeth my Soul. Yea, though I walk through the Valley of Depression

I anticipate no recovery, for he is with me. He prepareth a reduction in my salary In the presence of mine enemies; He anointed my small income with taxes: My expense account is running over; Surely unemployment and poverty Shall follow me all the days of my life And I shall dwell in a mortgaged house

Reprinted from Socialist Appeal, organ of the British Revolutionary Communist Party (Trotskyist).

Cast-Off Of Capitalism

gest that Comrade Howell, or Editor: Of the several thousand work rs laid off at Signal Battery Co. ings of socialism on economic and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, there is political problems a few of the this case which, to my mind illustrates the utter disregard of the capitalist system for the indi-

A 78-year-old floor sweeper had worked 13 months at the plant and now faced the alternative of living on the starvation money of his Old Age Pension or going primitive peoples. Published by back to the Minnesota farm of his son and working for him. The pension was miserably inadequate, even for the limited needs of a man this age.

> "Nobody wants to hire an old broken. And he was right. No to the 6-hour day. capitalist wants a worker who has already been worn out with years of toil and from whom a profit can no longer be squeezed.

Under socialism, there would be provision for workers grown old. They would have sufficient means to avoid the bleak future many face today. Besides, with the planned economy of a socialist society, workers would also not have to grow old before their time. Another point is that there is not much opportunity to save money for old age under this present system, for by the time a person does save a little, a depression comes and wines all of it out.

H. Burns

The capitalists are busy right I hope that Comrade Howell now guarding the Eastern part will not take these suggestions of the world to hold the people and certain of the truck tirebuilders and certain of the truck tirebuilders and certain of the truck tirebuilders and certain of the truck tirebuilders. fered in the spirit of warmest from organizing, so they can be comradeliness and the hope that exploited. I am very glad that day on the grounds that there whatever his eventual opinion of this war has exposed the Demoreligion might be he will continue crats and Republicans, that the on the course he has begun so ex- axe has been laid at the root of cellently - marching resolutely the tree. All trees that are not with the Trotskyists in the fight found bearing fruit shall be hewn down and cast into the fire.

> The two old parties are con-A Democrat or a Republican has to go to hell or change his ways in a rush. Everyone can now see what we have been telling WORKERS' JOBS SAVED about the Siamese Twins is the

Maybe the reason that Truman has stopped the lend-lease grab will remain on the pay roll. is on account of the labor class may have also caused the com-

figuring deeply! Let's try to destroy the last for the Cooperative Commonwealth is a stranger to God the the nation. Lord, who says come ye out from amongst them and be ye separ-

When I get a little more time I will hunt up a couple of subs. L. B. Courts Hamilton, O.

Letter from Britain

Editor: I am a member of the British section of the Fourth International, the Revolutionary Communist Party, and have just been reading copies of The Militant for June 2 and 9. I feel I should like to drop you a few lines. I dispose of 500 copies of each

issue of our paper (Socialist Appeal), but I always look forward to reading yours, which I am sorry to say I do not get regularly. expect there are not sufficient copies to go around.

I must congratulate you on the magnificent response to your paign for The Militant. It goes new readers in about two hours. masses, and I wholeheartedly be able to increase our quota wish you success for the future. from 500 to 1,000. It is with much interest I read James P. Cannon's "History of American Trotskyism."

You will have heard the results of the general election in this

Goodrich Local 5 Enforces Contract For 36-Hour Wk.

AKRON, O., Aug. 28 - Tirebuilders of Goodrich Local 5, CIO United Rubber Workers, today frustrated a company move to forestall immediate return to the 6-hour day. Appearing at the Local 5 Hall before a departmental meeting of more than 800 tirebuilders, T. G. Graham, vice president of the B. F. Goodrich lution. Co., pleaded for "temporary" acceptance of the 8-hour day. The reply of the tirebuilders was a unanimous vote to uphold Local man like me," he said, visibly 5's established policy in regard

The clause in the union con-36 per week, in effect for many tions of nationalized property and years in all the Akron rubber planned economy. shops, had been set aside by War Manpower Commission for the duration of the war. The Goodrich workers are the first in this

One week following the announce-tability of world revolution."

Instead of following through on Their Morals and Ours, published and to see that it tells the truth. this program, the company attempted to reverse the process. It ordered the passenger tirebuilders ers back to the 8-hour, 3-shift workers to man all the machines on a four-shift basis. The men, however, refused to comply with the company order. All shifts worked no more than the normal 6 hours and reported to work pamphlet, JOBS FOR ALL - A at the usual times for the four demned before their supporters. shifts instead of the starting Art Preis, indicate the enthutimes ordered for a 3-shift schedule.

Plant wide return to the 6-hour

day is now assured. As a result, many workers slated for layoffs

is wrong or the rest of the coun- hours and a half, the comrades promise with Japan. They are try is wrong about the 6-hour sold 410 copies! A sympathizer day," T. G. Graham remarked in who participated sold 89 copies. his talk. But Akron rubber work- Howie Mason was runner-up with devil on earth and then we will ers know that the 6-hour day, 73 to his credit. With this know that there isn't any more. with no reduction in take-home splendid response to its first ef-For every man that doesn't vote pay, is a key point in the fight forts, New York Local is confifor jobs in Akron and throughout dent it will sell its quota of 2700."

> The vote to uphold the 6-hour day was taken only after the port good results from sales of representatives of the corporation American Workers Need a Labor and the capitalist press were ush- | Party, by Joseph Hansen. Chiered out of the hall. During the cago writes: discussion, John Saylor, President of Local 5, took considerable and pamphlets at the big CIO mass deserved criticism for inviting the meeting last week. I believe we bosses into a union meeting. A could have sold many more if we motion was unanimously adopted hadn't had so much Stalinist in-

country, which is now moving well on the way to socialism.

I have only been in this movement about nine months, but it has been a period of great interest to me, and I have learned more in this period than I did in all the years previous to my joining the movement.

Our local branch is growing and we are on a campaign for new readers. One of our comrades three-month subscription cam- went out one evening and got 31 to prove the trend of the working | I hope in the near future we shall

Wishing you every success in

England

Pioneer to Issue **New Edition of Book By Trotsky**

Pioneer Publishers has ac quired all publication rights and the plates for The Revolution Betrayed, by Leon Trotsky. Arrangements have been made for immediate reprinting of the book, which will be ready for distribution by the end of Oc-

The Revolution Betrayed was first issued by a commercial publishing house in 1937. It has been out of print for several years, and recently the occasional ond-hand bookstores have been sold at profiteering prices. Pioneer is now able to make widely availof 22,000 after an energetic threeable again this great classic of month campaign.' the world Trotskyist movement.

EXPLAINS STALINIST RISE The general content of the vol-

ame is indicated in the sub-title for Pioneer's new edition - "The Marxist Analysis of the Class Nature of the Soviet Union." After escribing the achievements and economic growth of the USSR during the first years of the planned economy, Trotsky explains the basic economic and social causes for the rise of the Stalin bureaucracy and the degeneration of the Bolshevik party. A detailed analysis is given of Stalin's foreign policy which, developing out of his false and tremendous "theory" of "socialism in one country" led to complete abandonment of the program of international revo-

sections of the book Trotsky ex- Our Comrades distributed 2,500 amines the class character of the copies of The Militant and sold as a new ruling class, but as a parasitic caste within the workers' state — the workers' state tract limiting hours of work to which still rests on the founda-

OCTOBER REVOLUTION BETRAYED

"The October revolution," he locality to force a return to the writes, "has been betrayed by the working hours specified in the ruling stratum, but not yet overthrown. It has a great power of resistance, coinciding with the CULMINATION OF STRUGGLE established property relations, The tirebuilders' meeting was with the living force of the prothe cumination of a short but letariat, the consciousness of its bitter struggle to compel the com- best elements, the impasse of pany to live up to the contract world capitalism, and the inevi-

ment of V-J Day, production Leon Trotsky's brilliant analysis of passenger and truck tires was in this book is essential to an placed on a 6-hour 4-shift per day understanding of the role and basis. It was expected that other aims of the Stalinist bureaucracy departments of the factory would today, and of the underlying reasfollow suit day by day until the ons for the increasing conflicts entire plant was returned to the between the imperialist powers and the Soviet Union in the pres-

Pioneer

The first reports on the new Fighting Program for Labor, by siastic response of the workers to this latest Pioneer publication. A letter from the New York Local reads as follow:

"At the CIO 'Jobs for All' Rally on August 29, the New York Local had its first opportunity to sell the new 'Jobs For "I don't know whether Akron All' pamphlet. In less than two

Los Angeles and Chicago re-

"We sold 98 of the Labor Party that this would never be repeated. terference — it was really under difficulties." And from the Los Angeles

branch which recently ordered 300 more copies of the pamphlet: You will be very interested in hearing some of the initial results of our Labor Party campaign... 12 copies of the Labor Party pamphlet were sold at a street corner meeting. Six copies were sold in front of consolidated Steel, four copies in the garment center, and at a street corner meeting two weeks ago, 15 copies were sold."

JOBS FOR ALL! - A fighting Program for Labor, by Art

American Workers Need a Labor Party, by Joseph Hansen, 15c. Order from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York

gan of the Revolutionary Com- this week. The sub blank is bemunist Party, Belgian Section of coming more popular all the time the Fourth International, carries and we can expect to receive a report entitled, "American many more from this distribu-Comrades Are Steadily Progress- tion. ing." The first paragraph of the story reads: "In our last issue we announced the magnificent ity of our paper is the ever-insuccess of our comrades of the Socialist Workers Party, sup- This week 96 subs were received porters of the Fourth International in the United States, in San Francisco tops the list with their campaign for new subscrip- 11, New Haven is second with copies that could be found in sec- tions to their organ, The Militant. Their objective of 10,000 new sub- tie for third place with six each.

> The story reports the successful May Day meetings throughout the country and comments on four subs for friends. Other sub-Cannon and Albert Goldman. The Tenn.; Newark; St. Louis; Portstory reviews the opposition of land, Ore.; Seattle. the Socialist Workers Party to imperialist war and commends the stand of the leadership in carryng out its duty despite imprisonment. The article mentions in particular Grace Carlson, the only roman among the imprisoned leadership and reports her lecture tour on "Women in Prison."

New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party, participated July 28 issue of The Militant." in the "Jobs For All" demonstration held at Madison Square on August 29 under the auspices of In one of the most important the Greater New York Council. bureaucracy, and explains it, not 410 copies of Art Preis' new pamphlet, "Jobs For All," published by Pioneer Publishers.

Mili Adams of the West Side Branch writes: "As we circulated through the crowd of more than 50,000 workers, we noticed very few of our papers lying on the sidewalks. There were hundreds of Militants stuffed into back pockets and purses and all along the benches in the park, workers were reading the pamphlet. Many were grinning approvingly at the Laura Gray car-

"One worker we noticed especially was carefully removing the sub blank from one corner of The Militant. He put it into his wallet and walked off with the paper

A recent issue of La Lutte Ou-Lunder his arm. Yes, sure enough vriere (Workers' Struggle), or- his sub came through in the mail

Proof of the growing popularcreasing number of subscriptions. - 44 one-year and 52 six-month. seven, and Boston and Seattle scriptions reached the final total Of the 96 subs, 13 were sent directly to us without solicitation. either on a coupon from The Militant or by letter. John Taylor of Brookwood, Alabama sent in the speeches delivered at the scriptions came from Pine Bluff. New York meeting by James P. Ark.; New York City; Memphis,

> John Quinn of Flint sends the following information which attests to the widening influence of The Militant in the unions: "It may interest you to know that two UAW local papers of the Fisher Body and AC have reprinted the article, 'Flint Spark Plug Union Cast Vote for Strike Action,' which appeared in the



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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 Immediate Task

Testifying last week before the House Ways and Means Committee, CIO United Automobile Workers President R. J. Thomas declared that the Michigan State Employment Office is "a hiring hall for sweatshops." He said the UAW office is being "deluged" with protests from fired auto workers about the denial of unemployment compensation unless they agree to take jobs at starvation pay and non-union conditions.

This testimony dramatically points up the desperate situation confronting the unemployed union workers, as well as the deadly threat this situation poses for union conditions and the very existence of the unions.

If the corporations and their government agents have their way, the unemployed will be used as a spearhead against union standards. They will be forced into open shop plants to undermine the unionized shops.

As long as unemployed workers must deal with the government agencies as individuals, they are powerless to prevent themselves from being used for the vicious purpose of the labor-hating corporations. They must submit to the intolerable conditions imposed by the government agencies or

Only the unions themselves can halt this dangerous threat. The unemployed unionists must go before the government agencies as an organized force. They must get the same union representation as they received while on the job.

Without delay, every union should establish an Unemployed and Placement Committee to organize its unemployed members and defend them in the "sweatshop hiring halls" with union power.

Lend-Lease

Max Lerner is one of the hacks on the staff of PM who specializes in appealing to the illusions of the petty bourgeois liberals. In the September 3 issue he assumes an indignant tone over the "irresponsible way in which we ended lend-lease, without making any provisions for a substitute." Apparently Lerner favors a sort of Herbert Hoover philanthropy for Europe, but he attempts to present an argument that would appear "realistic" to a banker. "The abrupt ending of lend-lease," he affirms, "may cause the collapse of the economic structure not only of Britain, but of all Europe. And since the world is economically a unit, that will mean a body blow to our own already weakened structure of employment."

Max Lerner should have greater confidence in the capitalist ruling class he supports. If a throat is to be cut, Lerner may rest assured it will not be the throat of the Wall Street oligarchy, so long as they wield the financial knife.

"Provisions for a substitute" for lend-lease were made by the last Congress. Lend-lease was ended precisely to force bankrupt Europe to open accounts with the Export-Import Bank — at lucrative rates of interest. Lerner should recognize that this is one of the fruits of victory. American imperialism, reorganizing the world in its own interests, intends to become not only the industrial and commercial center of the globe but also the banking center.

And so, while the British imperialists, for instance, insist they "do not want loans," spokesmen of American capitalism coolly point out, according to an AP dispatch of September 2, that "British negotiators. . . may obtain an immediate short-term loan from the Export-Import Bank to cover interim purchases in this country." Besides the usual rate of interest, the American imperialists demand that the British heed the voice of a "delegation of Indian business men" and "pass on some of the dollar credits to Empire areas so they could buy United States goods."

On top of this, the American imperialists suggest it would be well "to eliminate or drastically modify the empire preference system of trade controls." The demands of Wall Street, if complied with, would "open to American business men the Empire and Near East markets now virtually closed to them."

Thus it would seem that Lerner is too easily alarmed. The imperialist war-mongers who dared to smash the economic structure of Europe and drop the atomic bomb on Japan to preserve their "structure of employment" can be trusted to follow up these military measures with financial moves designed to win the "peace" in strict accord with approved Wall Street standards.

Discrimination

With cost-plus guarantees in their war contracts, the capitalist profiteers put everyone possible on the pay roll. In response to patriotic propaganda as well as family needs, youths left school in droves to take factory jobs. When husbands and brothers were drafted, women flocked to the machines to keep up the family income in the face of skyrocketing prices. Negroes, long barred by reactionary Jim Crow practices, were in many areas granted industrial jobs for the first time.

The youth, the women and the Negroes not only demonstrated their capacity to work side by side with the "old timers," they became solid supporters of the trade union movement. But having entered industry only after the war broke out, the Negroes, youth and women, in general, stand lowest on the seniority lists. On top of this, the capitalists are deliberately singling them out for discriminatory firing. Now, mass unemployment is hitting the women, youth and Negro workers especially hard.

The attitude of the war profiteers toward the Negroes is articulated by the Southern Bourbon Congressmen like Eastland, who boasts of his success in strangling the Fair Employment Practices Committee and who proposes to deport the colored people to Africa. The attitude of the capitalists toward women and youth is exemplified by the fact that the mis-named "Full Employment Bill" proposed in Congress applies only to those "who have finished their schooling and who do not have full-time housekeeping responsibilities."

The professional politicians of the capitalist class are thus utilizing government power - not to provide jobs — but to drive a splitting wedge into the working class through vicious discrimination against important sections of workers. It is high time labor put its own independent representatives in office to fight for a program that will provide every worker a job regardless of age, sex or color!

Foster's Line

Browder was removed from leadership in the Communist Party on the charge of "revision of Marxism." Foster was put in Browder's place and the Stalinists promised by implication that henceforth they would adhere to Marxism. At least that is what they want the workers to believe. By this switch in leaders the Stalinists hoped to regain the confidence of the workers whom they betrayed in the war. They hoped to soften the anger and hatred they aroused by their stabbing the workers

What is Foster's line in practice? An instructive example is provided in a statement on full employment printed in the Daily Worker of Aug. 29. This statement pretends to furnish a political answer to the present unemployment crisis. In it we find such gems of "Marxist" clarity as this: "Those spokesmen of the monopolies who sit in Congress and blockade this legislation — reactionary Republicans of the Hoover gang and those Democrats who shame the memory of Roosevelt, upon whose program they were elected, must be held guilty for this state of affairs."

Anybody who knows the ABC of Marxism knows that responsibility for unemployment does not lie with "bad" as opposed to "good" capitalists. A huge army of unemployed existed under Roosevelt as well as under Hoover.

Only the war created a false prosperity, providing jobs for the production of death-dealing instruments. During the war the workers were made virtual slaves in the factories, chained to the machines, compelled to work inhumanly long hours, denied the right to fight in their own defense. But no sooner was the last shot fired than millions of workers were thrown on the scrap heap.

Anybody who knows the ABC of Marxism knows that so long as capitalists have the right to shut down the factories and to cut off production whenever their lush profits are not guaranteed — just so long will there be unemployment. That is why the Socialist Workers Party and The Militant demand government operation of all idle plants under workers' control. For only the workers are interested in maintaining full production.

How can this demand be achieved? Only by the maximum mobilization of the power of the workers, united as a class, in a struggle againstthe capitalist class and its greedy profit interests. Only by the same methods of struggle which built the trade union movement and wrenched from the capitalists every concession the workers have ever won. Only by extending the struggle into the political arena through independent labor political ac-.

But the Stalinists under Foster single out "reactionary Republicans" and "those Democrats who shame the memory of Roosevelt" to blame for unemployment, instead of the capitalist system itself and all its agents. Thus they seek to sow the illusion that the issue is between "good" and "bad" capitalists and that the capitalist Congress could be trusted if "only" the "good" capitalists were in a majority.

Foster's line is in no essentials different from that of Browder. Like Browder before him, Foster pursues the line of making capitalism work, the line of betraying the workers.



"No, I don't practice discrimination, but how many janitor jobs do you think there are around here?"

NTERNATIONAL NOTES

England

When four companies of Amerthat "the matter was purely so- Times. cial and was not reported to us.

According to Pictorial, however, at about 2 A.M. "a mob of screaming girls aged between 17 and besieged the barracks where the Negro troops were quartered. The girls in a scene described as "hysterical" began singing "Don't Fence Me In." Pictorial declares the girls' emotional crisis had been provoked by the news the Negroes had been ordered

The soldiers broke down the soldiers were kissing and embrac- trucks. no" in heart-breaking farewells. trucks took the soldiers to the station. As the trucks pulled out, the girls sobbed. Police tried to persuade them to go home.

France

The staggering cost of the Second World War to France is indicated by statistics released Aug. 27 by Minister of Justice Teitgen. He estimates the financial expense at 4,897,000,000,000 francs _\$97.940.000.000 according to the official rate of exchange.

The war cost France the des- of the deep South. truction of 1,785,000 houses, 5,000 bridges, about half the railway of the country's railway cars and "almost all" French trucks.

On top of this, France lost half her livestock and three-quarters of her agricultural machinery. The German occupation costs were francs.

Not counting labor, the loss equalled the average total national income for two years. The national debt now stands at the colossal figure of 1,160,000,000,000

Meanwhile the food situation remains acute. In Dijon the prefect warned August 27 that only six days flour supply remained. In Paris, where distribution of 300,-030 cans of meat given by Argentina to Parisians began a few black market.

turns control of the railway system to the French govern-

De Gaulle's cabinet has announced plans for "substantial increases" in rations "during the the U. S.? coming winter." but even if the the Cabinet's plans.

The Netherlands

Bristol were suddenly ordered average Netherlander of the westhome, British girls became "hys- ern provinces still cannot do more terical" according to the London than 60 percent of a full day's Sunday Pictorial. A police offi- work. This is a result of the malcial admitted that "an incident nutrition suffered last winter and occurred" when a "number of spring. The workers tire easily young women crowded the rail- and betray the "mental instabilroad station to say goodby to ity" of persons who have undertheir friends." U. S. Army pub- gone a great strain, declares an lic relations headquarters stated August 30 report to the N. Y.

West Indies

During the war 52,000 West Indian workers were invited to the United States to increase the labor supply. Most of them were confined to menial jobs under contracts calling for low wages. They have now been given five days notice to get out of the country. In Milwaukee 5,000 of these were served this brutal notice.

wire fence enclosing their bar- Campbell Soup Company kicked fate. racks and in a few minutes "hun- 700 out of their jobs and adver-

> educational opportunities. Conse- curred under the Japanese. quently they feel bitter about the deportation order.

where 2,200 got the notice, resentdesperate demonstration. The

ers suffered 27 casualties, includbroken back.

These West Indian workers feel that a country as powerful and rich as the United States

OUESTION BOX

Q: What colonies does France control?

A: The French empire includes Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, French West Africa, Togoland, Cameroons, French Equatorial Africa, days ago, the cans were bringing Syria, Lebanon, French India, that "Foreign capital, a major 000,000,000 available! the equivalent of \$2.80 on the French Indo-China, New Caledonia, and the Society Islands in Hunger is so general that the Asia Minor, Asia and the Pacific; de Gaulle regime plans to give St. Pierre, Miquelon, Guadecivilian foodstuffs priority on loupe, Martinique, French Gui-France's railways - after the lana and Inini in the Western United States Army Service re- hemisphere. Altogether it rules over a total of nearly 42 million people outside the boundaries of

A: Latest official figures, as plans are fully realized the French of August 1, 1945, show a public below American and even British increase of 14 billions over the ing considerably the prices paid every man, woman and child in "producers." What effect elimin- the United States. On the basis ation of price controls will have of average family incomes, \$1221 per year for a family of four on the present already inflated it would take six years of their retail prices is not mentioned in total wages to pay off their "share" of the national debt!

ing the problem of unemployment. They cannot understand The general health of Dutch why their labor cannot be utilized ican Negro soldiers stationed at workers is at such a low level the to help produce the goods desperately needed by the poor people of the world.

Dutch East Indies

The sudden collapse of Japan has caught the Dutch capitalists unaware, according to a press report from Holland.

These capitalists feel "anxiety" over "the return of their rich colonial empire in the Netherland place." Indies," and are "busy gathering their scattered resources and wits.'

In the mad scramble to resume and populous East Indies, the Dutch capitalists, naturally, are paying no attention whatsoever to the "democratic ideals" for which the Allies allegedly entered the Second World War. The last West Indian Negro workers thing in the world they will permit is that the people of the East In Camden, New Jersey, the Indies should decide their own ed to higher courts.

Hence the first thought of the dreds of girls and United States tised for replacements to unload Dutch capitalists is about the Many of these workers, coming imperialists were forced to drop other islands exploited by British rubber can be expected within a the year is up. imperialism, do not wish to re- few months," declared Pieter A. turn. They have formed friend- Kerstens, Commissioner to the some cases married American for the Far East. He believes girls. They seek job training and little sabotage or destruction oc-

The second thought of the Dutch At Camp Murphy, Florida, of troops to replace the Japanese armed forces in holding the native ment was expressed in a short but | population. They would like to send 20,000 Dutch troops and are Southern Bourbons answered in irked at the presence on the spot the way habitual to the gentility of Australian and British troops. Kerstens believes joint adminis-Deputies swarmed in from three tration "won't be easy. Indeed, counties and quelled the demon- the whole thing is difficult stations, 300,000 out of 500,000 strators by brute force. The work- enough in any event." Astute capitalists in The Hague and Aming two fractured skulls and one sterdam are dismayed over the joint British and Australian "occupation of the empire."

Another cause of alarm and worry to the Dutch imperialists estimated at 860,000,000,000 should have no difficulty in solv- is the possibility that the people of Java, Sumatra and Borneo may be entertaining ideas of freeing themselves from all imperialst domination, particularly the Dutch from which they have suffered some 300 years.

The Dutch capitalist class seem quite conscious of their greatly weakened world position. Squeezed by British and American imperialism, they fear apparently that at best they can only be satellites and servants to Reunion, Madagascar, Comoro these powers. Kerstens, as reand French Somaliland in Africa; ported by the press, acknowledges part of it American, must be realized for redevelopment of the Indies." He even goes so far as to specify that "The Government is prepared to contribute to the cost of rehabilitating the Indies, as well as guaranteeing loans floated abroad.'

Kerstens of course gave lip service to the Atlantic Charter propaganda. He spoke about dis-Q: What is the public debt in carding the old caste system and of eventual equality between Europeans and natives. But he made clear he was opposed to the inde-Committee for Independence in standards. The cabinet hopes to first of the year. This amounts Java he described as Japaneseincrease food supplies by increas- to an average of over \$2,000 for inspired and a "delayed-action bomb from which the fuse will be removed by the Dutch."

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PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

By CHARLES CARSTEN

Super-Seniority for Veterans Upheld By Federal Court Judge

Super-seniority for World War II veterans was upneld by a Brooklyn Federal Court decision handed down on August 30, 1945 by Judge Matthew T.

The ruling was made in the case of Abraham Fishgold, a veteran of World War II, who sued his employer for \$96.40 wages which he had lost during a nine-day layoff. He was employed at the Brooklyn shipyard of the Sullivan Drydock and Repair Corp.

Fishgold charged that the loss of time occurred when a non-veteran with higher seniority was hired

In his suit Fishgold had the active backing of Colonel Arthur V. McDermott, New York Director of Selective Service, and was supported by the Kings County Post of the American Legion.

Fishgold, a member of the Marine and Shipbuilding Workers Union, Local 13 since 1937, was employed at Sullivan's as a welder for seven months before being drafted on June 5, 1943. After being discharged from the army on July 12, 1944, he was reinstated on his old job at Sullivan's.

Under the union's contract, employes in the armed forces are credited with seniority for the time spent in the service.

On being laid off Fishgold protested to the New York Selective Service Board that he had not been given his rights under Section 8 of the Selective Service Act which provides for the reinstatement of veterans in their old jobs and forbids their discharge vithout cause within one year.

In answering the charges the union protested that this was a breach of contract inasmuch as union seniority provisions were disregarded.

THE JUDGE'S RULING

Judge Abruzzo in his written decision on the case ruled that once a veteran is re-instated in his old job, he "shall not be discharged from such position with out cause within one year after restoration."

He stated further that "the veteran is entitled to work on any day when there is work to be given, and no non-veteran shall do that work when such work can be done by a veteran."

"I am not concerned with the equity of the situation or with whom the returning veteran had to dis-

Col. McDermott, who was in court, was highly pleased with the decision and described it as "the first clear-cut decision under the re-employment proexploitation of the fabulously rich visions of the Selective Service Act."

"It is 100 percent correct." McDermott added "It sustains the position of selective service. It also means, that if work is to be had, the veteran must have that work, even if a non-veteran must be dropped to provide employment for the veteran."

The International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers announced the decision would be appeal-

Clinton S. Golden, chairman of the CIO Veterans Committee declared the decision was anti-veteran and condition of the loot the Japanese stated: "In its attempt to place the veteran outside seniority protection for a period of one year, the The demonstration lasted until from Barbadoes, Jamaica, and "Exports of sugar, tea, oil and eran is exposed to employer discharge as soon as

"This decision can mean in many plants wholesale discharge of employes not veterans of this war. This ships in the United States and in Home Gov.'t who will soon leave would tend to separate the veteran from the rest of the population and create artificial schisms."

The decision in the Fishgold case is not a victory for the veterans. It is another attempt to sow discapitalists is about the necessity cord in the workers' ranks, to pit veterans against workers in the conflict over jobs. This decision conforms with the capitalist program of driving a wedge between veterans and workers.

Washington Deaf to Plea For Aid Against Polio

A "state of emergency" was declared last week in New Jersey by the State Department of Health after t had been established that there were 529 cases of infantile paralysis in the state without adequate medical and nursing facilities to combat the disease. The department's director, Dr. J. Lynn Mahaffey, appealed to the Red Cross for aid. The only thing reassuring in his appeal was the declaration that the disease has not yet reached epidemic proportions in New Jersey as a whole."

The spectacle of government helpless to save lives is in sharp contrast to government efforts in behalf of destroying lives. This is what capitalism looks like today: The only recorded federal expenditure for combating disease is an annual appropriation of \$700,000 for the operation of the National Cancer Institute. Yet, for the development of the atomic bomb alone, the government found no less than \$2,-

Total funds granted by American foundations, public and private, for research into ALL problems of medicine and health in 1940, the last year for which figures are available, amounted to a little less than \$5,000,000. Compare that with the estimated \$300,-000,000,000 that the government required to conduct the war!

Billions for the destruction of human life! No provisions for the adequate sustenance of the lives of nillions thrown out of work by the cessation of war production! And a mere pittance for the protection of these millions even against the ravages of disease!

At least 125,000 workers were found and maintained food standard will still be far debt of 273 billion dollars, an pendence of these lands. The by the government to develop the atomic bomb with which to destroy two Japanese cities with a total population of around 600,000. But not enough hands can be found and maintained to care for 529 polio cases in New Jersey!

> What a commentary on the thoroughly inhuman monstrosity of present day capitalism! Socialism is not merely the incarnation of the workers' hopes for a better world. It has become a matter of survival for the whole human race.