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Indo-Chinese Battle **Imperialist Despots**

Hands Off Indo-China!



Zionist Protest Mass Rally Held In New York City

gram of placing faith in the tion" of Germany, we read a revolutionists. Bu Ben Joseph NEW YORK Sept. 30.-A imperialists in the hope that report written by Earl G. Harprotest mass meeting of the hearts" room for the solution to sary. He tells us that large pendence to Indo-China," but Jews of New York, sponsored the Jewish problem. Despite the numbers of Jewish "displaced" by The American Zionist record of British imperialism, persons (victims of Nazi con- independence movement had for Emergency Council, was held Stephen Wise said that he "still centration camps) are still to the present "made that impostonight at Madison Square has hope" in England. Abba H. be found in these camps 3 sible." Garden. An overflow crowd Silver, Wise's co-chairman of (Continued on Page 2) filled the 25,000 seating ca- the Emergency Council, proposed

By Joseph Hansen American troops are being used against the Indo-Chinese movement for independence. Sent in by air, they broke up a demonstration on September 12 of Annamese Nationalists in Hanoi. They ordered Annamese leaders to release arrested local representatives of the French despots. In subsequent fighting, American troops inflicited casualties among the fighters for independence. An American officer in turn was killed and others wounded.

Saigon continues "under a virtual state of siege, with Annamites firing from places of concealment at French, British and Americans," according to press reports. The "American army transport personnel was summoned from an airfield to help "guard" a hotel held by Allied troops.

The American forces are fighting in Indo-China, because, "we are committed," as CBS Correspondent Bill Downs puts it, "to returning the old French colonial regime to Indo-China." MARTIAL LAW

On September 20, the British Army declared martial law throughout south Indo - China "in a move to head off a threatened uprising by anti-French nationalists." The British commander forbade anyone outside of Allied forces to carry arms and decreed the death penalty for "looters", and "saboteurs," the Allied labels for strikers and

The French despots said they "intended to grant inde the wide-spread character of the This lying propaganda (Continued on Page 3)



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NEW YORK LABOR SHOWS POWER IN BACKING ELEVATOR STRIKE



of the Building Service Employees Union, AFL, ordered the strikers back to work today after accepting a proposal made by Governor Dewey to submit the union's demands Hard Work And Brains to arbitration.

At the age of 28, Henry Ford By Bill Morgan II last week was made president of the billion-dollar Ford Motor Company after his grandfather,

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. - hours is beating the howling mandos," armed and helmeted,

By Art Preis

erful Ways and Means Com-

mittee on September 25 "indef-

initely postponed" all bills re-

POLICE USE CLUBS IN BRUTAL ATTACK **ON ANTI-FASCISTS**

By Kay O'Brien DETROIT, Sept. 28.-Detroit workers, servicemen and war veterans gave a fitting reception last night to America's Number One Fascist, the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, by staging a mass picket line before the doors of Northern High School where Smith addressed an America First meeting.

Over a thousand pickets reponded to the last-minute call sent out by the Wayne County. CIO Council, which sponsored the demonstration, and a still larger number of persons filled the narrow sidewalks and streets surrounding the school, to express their grim hatred of the anti - labor, anti - Negro, anti -Jewish poison which Smith is attempting to spread by means of his America First organization.

POLICE PROTECT FASCISTS

Three hundred and fifty poice, headed in person by Detroit Police Commissioner Ballenger, were called out to protect the fascists from the wrath of the demonstrators. Patrol cars rushed to the scene where gas masks and sawed-off shot guns were distributed to the cops. In a nearby parking lot, partially concealed, stood a large squad

of mounted police, ready to starvation wages and intolerable charge the crowd. Police "com-This huge nerve center of realty interests and big land- were on hand in trucks parked

pacity Garden and left 30,000 date to the League of Nationsoutside on the streets. now long defunct. Then he

Though the meeting was called pleaded with the United Nations for 8 p.m., doors of the Garden to help the Jewish people, just were closed at 6:30. The crowd as the Jews helped them to win stood outside for almost three the war. hours on a chilly September eve-

All of the speakers looked to ning, listening to the loud speak-America and to President Truprotest against the British Labor man as their savior, their newers. The meeting was called to found white hope who would Government's announced intention of continuing in effect make England understand that Chamberlain's White Paper. for "Four Freedoms." No one But the expectant crowd was made any mention of American only to hear repeated the old imperialism's interests in the shibboleths, the self-same proquestion of Palestine and the

Middle East.

250 Hear Wright Speak In New York

BRITISH POLICY British imperialist policy, expressed in the White Paper of May, 1939, limited Jewish immigration to Palestine to 75.000 be-

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. - An tween May 1939 and May 1944. attentive audience of almost 250 | After this time all Jewish immiworkers tonight heard John G. gration was to be curtailed. De-Wright, Trotskyist educator and spite the trickle of immigration Wright, Trotskyist educator and editor, speak at Webster Hall on "The British Labor Vietory Its deadling the head since the 1944 "The British Labor Victory-Its deadline, the broad and funda-Meaning for American Workers." | mental aims of the White Paper Comrade Wright pointed out were carried out by the Churchthat it was a landslide of votes ill government and are now befor "Labor to Power" in England ing carried out by the Attlee La-

which swept the Churchill ad- bor government. ministration out of office. Alth-The reports on the situation ough there have been other labor of the Jews in Europe tell a tale governments in European coun- of devastation and horror. Now, (Continued on Page 6) three months after the "libera-

Harlem Ghetto Arrest **Protested By SWP**

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.-The the popular pamphlet "A Prac- Brown is guilty of perpetrating were, he assured me he would New York Local of the Socialist tical Program to Kill Jim Crow" a shabby hoax. Under the guise give me all the particulars when Workers Party is protesting the have been sold in the past few arrest of Ruth Lanahan, a mem-sales campaign against the po-has disclosed that his sole interber of the Workers Party, for lice attempt to build a ghetto est was that of serving the Redistributing election campaign wall around Harlem, the Social- publican Party, a party which literature in the Harlem area, ist Workers Party is announcing shares equally with the Demo-When arrested Miss Lanahan the formal opening of a Harlem crats, the odious responsibility of view." "Mr. Thomas, organizer was informed by the police of- branch at 103 West 110th Street. preserving and perpetuating the ficer that Harlem is a "restricted Room 23.

area' **OPEN HARLEM BRANCH** In defiance of the police cam-The new SWP headquarters on paign to "keep whites out of the corner of 110th Street and Harlem" members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party will Lenox Avenue, will be used durconduct the third of a series of ing the municipal election camweekly street sales of anti-Jim paign as the Harlem headquar- town headquarters of the Social- cil and pad and screeched, "What which said that the world's "am-Crow pamphlets, Saturday eve- ters for the Trotskyist candi- ist Workers Party and asked for do you think of the five-cent ning, September 29, in the Har- dates, Farrell Dobbs for mayor an interview. I informed him that | fare?" and Louise Simpson for city I was busy and asked who he was lem area. Over two thousand copies of council.

Socialist Workers Party Protests Use Of U. S. Troops In Indo-China

NEW YORK, Sept. 26-James P. Cannon, National Secetary of the Socialist Workers Party, today sent the ollowing telegram to President Truman:

"United Press dispatch dated September 16 reports hat American troops have intervened in the struggle of the indo-Chinese people for freedom from the oppressive rule of French imperialism and that United States troops in Hanoi broke up a demonstration by Annamese demanding the independence of their country. In Saigon, British and French roops in collaboration with the Japanese garrison are reported shooting down the Indo-Chinese people.

"The Socialist Workers Party protests vigorously against these Allied attempts to suppress the independence movement of the Indo-Chinese people and to deny them the freedom which the United States and other Allied Powers promised to all peoples in the Atlantic Charter. We request from you, Mr. President, a public assurance that the armed forces of the United States will not henceforth be used to oppose and frustrate the just demand of the people of Indo-China for full freedom and independence."

A Republican Slanderer

NEW YORK, Sept. 26-Louise Simpson, Trotskyist candidate for City Council, today answered the slanderous attack of a Republican "bigwig" which appeared in the Sept. 22 Amsterdam News. The Republican "bigwig," one One-Man World Edgar Brown, alleged that the Trotskyist candidate sat 'mute" during an "interview" and refused to divulge her views on the five cent fare and related matters. Brown's | would take "full responsibility" propaganda was headlined as "Profiles of Women Candidates for City Council of New York."

In an indignant letter of proplied that he represented 'his

THE "INTERVIEW"

test to the Amsterdam News, plica that he represented Louise Simpson declared: "Mr. inquired as to who his 'clients' of being interested in 'interview- he came. The appointment was

ACTIONS HYSTERICAL

what happened at the "interof Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party, and I met present system of exploitation with Mr. Brown. When I asked and oppression of my people." who he was he simply replied. 'Mr. Brown.' I told him I was

The Trotskyist candidate reunacquainted with the name and vealed the facts about the socalled "interview." "Mr. Brown," this point he yelled he was Mr. she said, "called me at the down-Edgar Brown, whipped out a pen-

"From his hysterical actions." and what he represented. He re-(Continued on Page 6)

Henry Ford, resigned the post with a letter to the company's board saying, "May I recommend to the board that it consider the appointment of my grandson, Henry Ford II, as my successor?" * * *

Job "Opportunities"

More than half of the 62,000 jobs listed by the U.S. Employers "are the kind that have gond begging for years," says a state ment of the Greater New York CIO Council on September 18. A CIO survey revealed 57 per cent

of the jobs offered pay only from \$16 to \$29.60 a week. * * *

Investment Counselors Protesting against American

outright intervention" in China. the Stalinist Daily Worker, September 15, editorialized that only a "democratic and united" China will get real investments from our big capitalists . . . they will not venture to invest in a country where Chiang's rule has to be upheld by American bayonets against the masses."

President Truman on September 23 told reporters that he for the future development of the at the measure from which the the open shoppers.

atom bomb and "emphasized that Senate already had amputated Truman, whose secret memorhe would make the decision on the most vital provision, for a andum to the Senate Finance Administration policy on the \$25 weekly maximum unemploy- Committee paved the way for bomb and atomic energy when ment allowance. the time came-that he would The House Committee's final been laying low on the issue he

Sept. 24.) Not Enough Butchery The Army newspaper, Stars

quoted Fleet Admiral Halsey as that its attitude on providing workers.

with the principles of the Atlan-

American capitalism has lords to their knees. been almost paralyzed since Monday by a strike of 15,half workers who are refus- of its offices have been tied up. fifty minutes. ing to cross picket lines or The only way the fat bosses

walk up stairs. In a demonstration of labor power and solidarity seldom eq-

Bulletin

ers, furriers, truck drivers, office fourth floor. of the militant elevator strikers, whose fighting refusal to accept

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around the corner. A special The bosses have been raging police mobilization order, "MOand impotent. At one blow by a 1," placing every precinct in group of determined workers in the city on the alert and re-000 AFL elevator operators this city of skyscrapers, half of distributing police to strategic backed by a million and a Manhattan's industries and most locations, remained in effect for

As Smith's fascist supporters themselves can get to their arrived, they were courteously swank offices is by the "autoescorted through a police corped" route-up the stairs on fall- don to the school doorway. Antiment Service as available to New ualled in this country, hundreds ing arches and bunions. Not fascists, on the other hand. were York City's 200,000 laid-off work- of thousands of garment work- many have made it past the freely and viciously clubbed as the police attempted to push workers have rallied in support PARALYZE GARMENT AREA them back and keep them in

Over 2,000 business buildings two separate picket lines on (Continued on Page 7)

House Buries Jobless Bills In Vicious Attack On Labor

we must wait until the strikers | with members of the House Ways get back to work and the hun- and Means Committee, after In a savage strikebreaking dreds of thousand of jobs cry- which his Press Secretary claimthrust at American labor, the ing for workers have been ed "the President spoke vigor-House of Representatives' pow- filled." ously . . . He said the Senate

These brutal and cynical let him down and he expected words reveal that the whole in- the House not to do so." tent of Congress is to impose

RELIEF FOR GREEDY

starvation conditions on the un-But the House has other busilating to unemployment compen- employed and on striking workness to take up-how to provide sation. with the admission that ers and to force them into jobs more "relief for the greedy," "the strike feature was the de- at any wages and under any the war - fattened profiteers. conditions. It is the hunger, Chairman Doughton of the Ways Thus, the Ways and Means wage-slashing and strikebreak-Committee struck a death blow ing program of Wall Street and and Means Committee announced: "I don't see how we can break off consideration of the

tax bill to take anything up again."

The committee, after denying killing the \$25 provision, had improved unemployment compensation to the millions of unemployed, is going directly into consideration of a bill to reduce taxes on corporation profits and add more tax refunds to the bilate's Kilgore measure, which was compelled to make a pre- lions already being poured from the public treasury into the cofcommittee wanted to make sure save face with the embittered fers of the big corporations.

TRUMAN'S DOUBLETALK



ON THE INSIDE Workers Forum

tion is," and specifically because day he held a secret conference Shoptalks on Socialism

First he insisted on September

cause the committee "needed This attempt to deny the pat- Pioneer Notes what the unemployment situa- en!"-was so lame that the next Diary of Steelworker

left." Smothered In Oil

Louise Simpson then related and Stripes, on September 24

saying the war "ended too soon

because there are too many Nips mum was made clear.

WHY BILL WAS KILLED

ciding factor."

gotiated last week, eliminated a bill passed by the Senate and such action had been taken, if International Notes.

itely postponed" was passed be- Times, Sept. 27.) be made available "in accordance more concrete information as to ent facts—"if it had been tak- The Negro Struggle

The final draft of the new Anasked whom he represented. At glo-American oil agreement, ne-

ple supplies of petroleum" should

tic Charter."

have to make it." (N. Y. Times, action, however, was preceded by said was "must" legislation. But an 18 to 6 vote of the commit- after the House committee retee against the Forand bill, fused to act on the bill even House counterpart of the Sen- in emasculated form, Truman called for the \$25 provision. The tense of opposition, if only to

even the miserable \$25 maxi-

BAGE TWO

THE MILITANT

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Westinghouse "White Collar" Workers Demonstrate TRADE UNION Militant Methods Of Labor Struggle In Strike

Special to THE MILITANT

By Eloise Black

STALINIST NEEDLING

of the salaried workers is com-

pany dominated are hotly denied

by AWSE members, who point

leadership who saddled West-

inghouse workers with the "no-

The current drive of Local 601

ers away from the AWSE is re-

sented by the strikers at a time

when their union is engaged in

battle with a powerful corpora-

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 24. - Added to the company - in-Sixty - five hundred striking spired attack on these "white "white collar" workers of the collar" strikers is a needling as-Westinghouse Electric Corporation have held production at a sault against their union led by standstill at the company's huge the Stalinist heads of Local 601, East Pittsburgh plant here since CIO United Electric, Radio and their walkout began September Machine Workers of America, 10: union of Westinghouse produc-

The strike was called when tion workers. A genuine sentithe salaried workers' union failed ment among the strikers for an in a two-year attempt to force organization embracing all Westthe corporation or the War Lainghouse workers is stymied by bor Board to consider its de- the stupid campaign of the Stalmands for pay increases to meet inists against the AWSE. rising living costs.

According to officers of the Association of Westinghouse Salaried Employes, the WLB has had the case of Westinghouse salaried workers on its books since October 1944. Not until a out that it was the Stalinist UE strike vote of the AWSE membarship indicated that the "white colliar" workers were prepared strike" pledge during the war. to fight did the Board take acion on the case. On September to recruit the white collar work-S, as the balloting on the strike proposal neared completion, the WLB wired the AWSE that its case had been turned down.

STRIKE RANKS SOLID

NEW DEVELOPMENT with the strike now entering Something new is developing 14th day, it appears that here in the action of these get agreement from the major tinghouse is banking on the thousands of "white collar" oil companies to an industrytheory that "white collar" workworkers. Not only have they wide wage increase of 30 per ers, new to the fighting methods built a union that employs the cent. of organized industrial labor, will sooner or later break ranks and weapon of industrial labor, but drift back to work. To date their picket lines are manned herever, the strikers have exhib- by a strata of workers to whom united action is a brand new ited an inspiring resistance to experience. The pickets who the provocations, misrepresentaparade before the gates of Westtions and slanders circulated by inghouse Electric in East Pittscorneration interests.

tion

burgh include engineers, typists, A back-to-work order issued by the WLB on the second day draughtsmen, and file clerks. If the "white-collar" strikers of the strike failed to induce a single salaried worker back into emerge as winners in this conthe plant. They know they are test, the organization of salar- heading the fight of millions of in for a hard fight when they ied workers throughout the buck the powerful Westinghouse country will receive a tremend-Corporation, but the union lead- ous advance, and the efforts of or less with no reduction in profits during the war, hastened ers took the precaution to warn the capitalists to maintain an take-home pay. the membership in the begin- artificial distinction between ning that it would take time "hand workers" and "brain Department of Labor, sent by for reduced hours by offering 15 and sacrifice to bring Westing- workers" will be dealt a heavy Labor Secretary Schwellenbach, and in some instances 20 per blow. house to terms.





Striking oil workers picket the huge Socony-Vacuum refinery near East Chicago, Ind., in the national battle of the CIO Oll Workers for a 40-hour week with no reduction in take-home pay.

Extension Of Oil Walkout Authorized By Union Board

CHICAGO. Sept. 27. - Some determined oil workers from which the oil barons can more 220,000 more oil workers nation- their stand that they will take than afford to pay. ally may join the 35,000 already nothing less than the full in-

on strike in eight states if the crease they demand. CIO Oil Workers Union fails to

GOVERNMENT PRESSURE Increasing pressure was being official organ, its president, O. brought to bear by the govern-

ment to coerce the oil workers into halting their effective strike That was indicated today when action and permitting their just officials of the union, meeting demands to be dealt with in the with federal conciliators here well-known fashion made notorannounced that the OWIU-CIO ious by such government arbiinternational executive board tration and conciliation agencies. has authorized such a national as the WLB. Schwellenbach has walkout in the event the deordered the union leaders to mands of the union are not se-Washington where the heat can cured in present negotiations. be put on them more effectively. The militant oil workers, in a No sooner did the union Patterson Case spreading walkout, are spear-CIO workers in a dozen in- than the big oil companies, dustries to win a 40-hour week which have made monumental to stem the struggle for a full 30 per cent raise to compensate Government conciliators of the

cent increases. have so far failed to budge the

HOLD FIRM

In a statement published in the current issue of the CIO Inter-

> A. Knight, points out that the "oil companies enjoy the lowest labor cost of any major industry. to enforce it themselves when They could double their wage scales without seriously incon-Government.'

veniencing stockholders." UMW Local 2399 **Takes Action On**

national Oil Worker. the union's

The Militant this week re- plete reliance on the good will ceived a communication from of the imperialist governments Joseph Zibrida, recording secre- of Britain and the United States. tary of United Mine Workers Local 2399, Daisytown, Pa., describing the action being taken by the local on behalf of its

member, William Patterson, now serving six months' imprisonment as the first victim of the Union officials here declared today that they would consider Smith-Connally anti-strike act. nothing less than their originary In the letter, the Local 2399 demand, which the workers must representative writes: "At the win if they are not to suffer a request of your reporter, the folbig slash in weekly earnings and lowing information is given you to publish about what this lo-

cal union is doing to help free driver who parked his huge semi-William Patterson. **RESOLUTION SENT**

N. Y. Zionist Rally Protests British Palestine Policy (Continued from Page 1)

Howard columnist Fred Perkins months after V-E Day. They tions, with inadequate medical talked to a couple of "rank and can't hide its stripes now under care, having foul bread and cof- filers" and that they didn't like the idea of strike one bit, but fee for food, and still garbed in they didn't "dare" speak out their concentration camp "uniforms." Harrison tells us that 'leaders." the great majority want to emigrate; for these he says, Pales-

tine is first choice. These facts are well known to columnist of the liberal New the Attlee government. Before York Post, who on September 24 the Labor Party took power, its gave us the "story behind last of European Jewry-both as vic- | line." tims of fascism and as a perse-

last four conventions, the Labor Party had clearly condemned Communists and Socialists." every vestige of the White Paper

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they became "His Majesty's tion, no less, were there in full

The Jewish people in the United States are looking for a realistic program to save the remainder of the Jewish masses in Europe. But the Zionist leadership is bereft of any program or plan to meet these needs. Since the promulgation of the White Paper, and before, the fulcrum -"who insist on immediate revoof their activity has been a comlution."

ONLY PROMISES

From Churchill they flitted to being led around by the nose. former President Roosevelt. They either by their "leaders" (says Cotton Pickers Swindled established Congressional and Perkins) or the "Trotskyites" Parliamentary committees. They flew back and forth between auto workers don't want that time average weekly wage of London and Washington. And 30 per cent raise, all they ever had to show for their efforts was the dong standing reward meted out so freely by imperialists-a boatload of promises.

led them to place all their faith auto workers don't need much H. L. Mitchell, president of the in Attlee and Bevin. The Zion- coaxing these days to hit the Southern Tenant Farmers Unist Organization misled its ranks picket lines and stay there. to believe that the old British imperialist policy would be changed, that the White Paper Rewriting History would be abrogated. The blunt insistence of the Labor Government that it would continue to make the workers forget about only ones permitted to vote in carry forth British imperialist its wartime strikebreaking rec- the referendum were the plantpolicy left the Jewish masses ord has been trying to make a ers and farmers. Anderson proshocked and angry. It was to little capital among the work- posed to make it \$2.50, but fincalm this anger and to provide on outlet for pent-up feelings that this meeting was called to elevator workers strike. Of almost in half. "protest against imperialist course, the militant New York reacherv." workers didn't wait for the Stal-However, not one word was inists to speak before acting. said to educate the large audience on the nature of this treachery. Not one word was munist Party is distributing we concerned over those getting America stands out as the leading imperialist power in the world. Not one word was said about how to FIGHT imperialtions of the workers."

By Joseph Keller The "Inside-Dope" Boys strikes during the war, called Now comes the flood of em- any worker who opposed the noployer - inspired propaganda strike pledge a "Hitler agent," about how the CIO auto work- were the first to propose a perers don't want to strike but are manent no-strike pledge, supjust being pushed and shoved ported President Roosevelt's proand hornswoggled into it by this posal for a forced labor law, etc. or that small faction inside the Less than two months ago, the Stalinist Party would have or-On the one hand, Scripps-

dered its members to scab in the wrote last week that he had elevator or any other strike. It istered whitewash.

loud against the policies of the UAW and Smith Act

Believe it or not, the General

Then we have such "inside-Motors workers on October 24 dopesters" as Victor Riesel, labor are going to vote under the terms of the Smith-Connally antistrike act on the question: "Do you wish to permit an interrupleaders repeatedly expressed in- week's maneuvering-which may tion of war production in warterest and concern with the fate throw 325,000 men on the picket time as a result of this dispute?" That's like trying to answer the

You guessed it. The story is question: "Are you going to stop cuted national minority. At its filled with "the crazy-quilt" of beating your wife? Answer yes "left-wing politics of Trotskyites, or no!"

United Automobile Workers.

Even the capitalist spokesmen Take for instance, says Riesel, "a want the repeal of the Smith-Policy, only for Attlee and Bevin typical 'wild-catter'," the Kelsey-Connally Act, including its chief Hayes strike, a bitter, prolonged author, Representative Howard struggle for over a month. Do W. Smith, Virginia Democrat. you know why 4,500 workers are Papers like the N. Y. Times and out on strike? They are "con- N. Y. World - Telegram have trolled by some 150 left-wing called for its repeal-to be sure 'activists' who come early and because it's not tough enough. stay late at union meetings."

But here are the leaders of Yes sir. and "the Trotskyites, the CIO United Automobile who insist on immediate revolu-Workers insisting that the ranks go through the solemn farce of force . . . decided, of course to a vote under this same anticontinue striking to keep the labor law, thereby supporting 'revolutionary situation' alive." the principle of such legislation. Riesel, who represents the And right now, of all times, streamlined school of "pro-la- when hundreds of thousands of bor" columnists, uses the cynical. workers are on strike without sneering technique, with a misany by-your-leave of the bosses leading lie thrown in about the or their government agencies or radicals-crack-pots, you know the Smith Act.

The UAW leaders are pretty desperate though, and willing to Perkins or Riesel, it's all the use any pretext to stall or presame game. The auto workers, vent strike action for the UAW's most militant and advanced un- 30 per cent wage raise demand. ionists in the country, are just

Some 50,000 Southern cotton (says Riesel). It just seems the pickers were cut from a warabout \$28 to \$15.75, when Tru-It's true enough that the man's Secretary of Agriculture Trotskylsts are giving full sup- Anderson ruled, at the behest of port to the Kelsey-Hayes work- the planters, that cotton pickers

ers and back the strike struggles are to be paid only \$2.10 per of the workers to the hilt. But hundred pounds instead of \$3.90, The victory of the Labor Party we have the impression that the the wartime rate.

ion which also rennes cotton pickers, revealed that a referendum was conducted by special "wage boards" which set The Communist (Stalinist) a wage celling of \$2 per hundred-Party in its current attempt to weight for pickers and that the ers of New York through leaf- ally agreed with the planters to lets calling for support of the make it \$2.10-slashing wages

New York Labor Shows Gigantic Power In Elevator Strike

(Continued from Page 1) | and issued a directive providing | bosses — distinguished by their were shut down on the first day for take-home pay of only \$28.05 swank suits and angry voicesof the strike. In the midtown to \$32.50 for the loft and office some anti-union sentiment district heart of New building ampleuse and contract of the strike. nent district. heart of New building employes and corres-

stenographers.

town."

York's largest industry, hundreds ponding cuts for the apartment of thousands of AFL Ladies Garworkers.

ment. Workers and CIO Amalga-The Realty Advisory Board mated Clothing Workers memand Midtown Realty Owners Asbers, CIO furriers and low-pay sociation, representatives of the office clerks put on a tremendbiggest property owners, are now ous demonstration in support of velling to high heaven — they the elevator men. AFL truckwon't get there on an elevator! drivers are dumping deliveries on -that the workers are striking the sidewalks, refusing to go 'against the government." The through the picket lines. boss press is raging. Mayor La

That is the answer of the New Guardia is threatening to use York workers to the scurvy acstrike breakers "in the interests tions of the real estate sharks of public health" if the apartand the War Labor Board ment house workers go out, as against a group of the most exthe union has threatened. The plotted workers in this city. War Labor Board has rushed in

The strike was called by AFL to try to do a job for the real Building Service Employes Locals estate sharks and ordered the 32-B and 164 when the Regional Union into a "show cause" hear-WIB reversed a WLB panel re- ing today.

commendation for a 40-hour 700 SIGNED UP week at weekly pay of \$30.15 to

Already, union leaders report. \$84.98, the present wages for a **c6-hour** week for loft and office building service employes. The the workers are going to give in going to learn a lesson." panel also called for an increase at this stage of the struggle. et \$2.46 weekly for daytime Everywhere they are picketing apertment house workers now the struck buildings-and they ting \$25.96 to \$30.58 and refeel their power. They are deduction of the hours from 51 to termined to get a square deal. 49, and from 60 to 51 hours with The narrow streets of the no loss of weekly pay for the world-famous financial district night workers. in lower Manhattan were crowd-

WLB DIRECTIVE

ed today with the thousands of The Regional War Labor office workers who stood about Board last week tossed this re- laughing and talking with their commendation out the window friends. Here and there a few



among the bank clerks and "Look at the place," she said

"It's a nice day to get out and ing over the fifth floor. We got free Patterson under a full parwalk in the sunshine for a it tied up tight. And do you don. An attorney was also hired change," said striker John Lo- know more people work in this to help him out in this matter, tamo, as he strolled slowly up building than live in many whole and down before a gigantic towns in this country. And we also see that he gets his pay structure of steel and concrete girls closed it down in ten min- semi-monthly the same as when on Wall Street. "I've been run- utes! If we can run a place this he worked at the mine. Collecning an elevator in that build- big don't you think we should tions are had at the pay wining for ten, twelve hours a day get more than twenty-four bucks dows at different times to keep for five years and I don't care a week?"

if the strike lasts a month." One of the tallest structures family." Across the street and up a few | in the world is at 40 Wall Street. | blocks at 165 Broadway, one of On the sidewalk the pickets lookthe pickets stopped and lit a ed up and said, "I've worked here the facts about how the governcigarette. "This place would be six years and the boss never gave ment and coal operators railsigned up by now only the union me anything but a growl until roaded Patterson' to prison. won't settle until the boss pays we walked out. Now he is sure

up some back pay. I got \$140.00] anxious to get us back. I guess coming that's been held up for a Shakespeare was right when he long time. The owners thought said, 'Absence makes the heart Urge N. Y. Police long time. The owners thought said, 'Absence makes the heart they could rush uptown and sign grow fonder.' Why this morning up with the union and leave us the boss came by and offered to some 700 buildings have signed holding the sack for our back buy us coffee an' or a drink, if up. There is no indication that overtime—but this time they are the wanted ... We said 'Thank's Of Carlo Tresca but the union's going to get us . STRIKERS AREN'T WORRIED pork chops from now on . . .

That stopped him." "We ain't worried a bit," said

one of the pickets at the Mari- NOTHING RUNS time Exchange Building, 80 Uptown on Fifth Avenue, in Broad Street. "We won't lose a the lobby of the tallest building cent in back pay and the boss is in the world, the Empire State losing plenty for every day he Building, loose newspapers and holds out. Why just look at all cigarette butts lay scattered the support we are getting from about, swirling in the draft that the other unions. Up in the gar- blew about as in an abandoned ment district everybody is re- house. The observation tower offusing to cross the picket line. fice was closed and all the eleva-Down here there're some jerks tor floor-indicators were frozen. climbing fifteen and twenty at zero. In the entrances union floors to punch the time clock. shop-stewards kept their sharp But we'll get what they win up- eyes on the managers and superintendents to make sure nothing

At each struck building pickets | ran. Idle crowds walked by lookwalked in pairs. Negro and ing upwards toward the 102nd white workers, shoulder to floor where life was completely shoulder, walked up and down absent.

"Fifteen thousand people a day in front of the skyscrapers. Nothing else moved. Sidewalks went in and out of this place be- into the case have been balked were littered with undelivered fore we walked out," said Betgoods and boxes heaped high ty, one of the pickets at the fusal to enter it unless invited along the curbs. Teamsters park- Fifth Avenue entrance, "and ed their trucks and mailmen now nobody but a few dopes the latter refuses to do so. stood about distributing letters who want to bust their blood POLITICAL MURDER to bosses who waited in door- vessels climbing stairs can get in ways and restaurants. Telegrams or out."

and letters piled up in the lobbies and on the steps of empty office buildings. The Woolworth Building, once workers of every trade and oc- litical views will be safe." famous as the tallest structure cupation stopped to cheer the of its time, stood silent and hol- building service workers and of- both the fascists and the Stalinlow. At the Broadway entrance fer their support. "Go to it boys!" ists. The latest suspect was does not rule out the possibility he was attending the UAW local going to lead them in the fight.

six girl pickets stopped all traf- shouted one woman worker from Vito Genovese, extradited from that a real investigation, if pur- presidents' meeting in Detroit to Chevrolet local is giving Reufic. Martha, a tall blonde with a a needle trades shop, "If you Italy and returned here in June sued, would lead to a Stalinist protest the international leader- ther 30 days. That is the meandetermined look in her eye, stood don't take what's coming to you on a 1934 murder charge. near-by talking with a truck now you'll never get it!"

"A resolution was sent to with pride. "Not one office work- President Truman asking him to

> "The members and officers this fund up to care for his

The Militant in a series of exclusive stories, last June exposed

To Solve Murder

New York City's new Police Commissioner, Arthur W. Wallander, was urged to "make an

intensive new investigation of the Tresca murder one of the first orders of business after he takes office," in a resolution adopted last week by the national executive committee of the Socialist Party.

District Attorney Frank S. Hogan was challenged in the same resolution to demonstrate that his office is doing something about apprehending the slayers of Carlo Tresca.

More than two years and eight months have passed since the murder of the editor of the Italian anti-fascist weekly, Il Martello. Universally recognized as a political murder, it remains un-

solved. Attempts to get the FBI by chief Edgar J. Hoover's reby the district attorney, while

"So long as any political murder in this country remains un- Samuel Liebowitz pending fur-In front of almost every build- punished," said the resolution, ther investigation of his charge. ing teamsters, furriers, garment "no individual within its boun- This was several months ago and workers, window washers and daries expressing outspoken po-

> Tresca was bitterly hated by Genovese arranged Tresca's Trotsky.

sm. The slogan of the meeting was just a blind, a sop to mass sentiment, a popular catchword covering a role no less treacherous -that of the Zionist leaders.

> Mine Workers Unpaid For Atomic Bomb Ore Although the Government poured the colossal amount of \$2,000,000,000 into building the atomic bomb, the miners who produced the basic source, uranium, often did not receive a cent for their labor. The United Mine Workers' District 50 News reports that the ore, for which the men were paid only on the basis of its vanadium content by the Vanadium Corp., also con-Connally anti-strike law. tained uranium. The tailings from which the vanadium had been extracted was then processed - without pay to the miners - by a government-

operated uranium plant. from GM. murder at the bidding of Mussolini, claimed Ernest Rupolo, convicted gunman, whose sentence was deferred by Judge

nothing has since been reported. 581, will vote, to be followed by gaining and obtain a 30 per cent The Tresca Memorial Committee, formed to press for action to find Tresca's assassins, AC local president, stated that waiting to see if Reuther is really assassin such as killed Leon ship's postponement of the UAW ing of its latest vote for a 36-

When the highly - unionized and relatively better paid workers demand wage increases. the In the leaflet which the New administration puts out propa-York County section of the Com- ganda about being primarily read how "the Communist Party sub-standard wages. But what . . at all times stood in the the administration actually does forefront in the struggle to de- for the most exploited sections fend and advance the condi- of the workers-and there are none more exploited than the

Most workers will recall, how- Southern cotton pickers-can be ever, how the Stalinists acted seen in its vicious policy toward as strikebreakers in scores of the agricultural laborers

FLINT AUTO LOCAL VOTES **30-DAY STRIKE DEADLINE**

Special to THE MILITANT

By Jerry Kirk

FLINT, Mich., Sept. 25-Lo- the other locals in Flint also to cal 659, CIO United Automo- send delegates.

bile Workers, has voted by an FIGHT WAGE-CUTS

overwhelming majority to The strike sentiment here is a establish picket lines around reflection of the ruthless wagethe General Motors Chevrolet cutting program of General plant here 30 days after the Motors, conducted under the UAW's application for a GM guise of layoffs. For instance, strike vote under the Smith- workers are dropped from jobs paying \$1.39 an hour at AC and rehired at 89 cents. The same This decision sets a definite time limit, so far as the mili- policy exists at Fisher Body and Buick.

> Every auto local here is presenting the corporations with a long list of demands. Chevrolet has 15: Buick, 10. During the war.

the UAW's GM department. headed by Walter Reuther, stall-659 had already voted to petition ed the locals here from taking for the strike vote. Last week any action in defense of union

GM locals in Flint are deter-Next Sunday, Fisher Body, Local mined to restore collective bar-

wage increate in one decisive This past week, Archie Meyers, strike. They are watching and convention. He said he expected day strike deadline.

tant Chevrolet workers here are concerned, on the negotiations for the 30 per cent wage increase which the UAW has demanded At an earlier meeting, Local Buick Local 599 also voted 95 per conditions. cent in favor of a strike petition.

A. C. Spark Plug Local 561.

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THE MILITANT

Australian Dock Strike Supports Indonesian Battle For Freedom

By Robert L. Birchmar Thirty thousand Australian dock workers have struck in support of Indonesian Nationalists. The stoppage was called in sympathy with Indonesian crews who refused to sail ships for the Netherlands East Indies loaded with military supplies for use against the independence move-

ment. dock workers' strike The quickly spread from Sidney to Brisbane and Melbourne. The New South Wales trades labor council officially supported th strike, placing "a total ban or Dutch ships loading for the Eas Indies."

Sidney dock workers demonstrated on September 28 in support of the Indonesia Nationalist "struggle for independence." "Thirty banners were carried among a crowd of 3,000 bearing such inscriptions as 'Hands Of Our Allies, the Indonesians,' and 'Down With Dutch Imperial ism.' " Representatives of th longshoremen also protested th use of Japanese troops by Brit ish authorities against the Nav tionalist Government in Java Police broke up the demonstra tion.

MASS RALLY

In Batavia, the Associated Press reported September 21 tha 10.000 Indonesian Nationalist: held a mass rally demanding in dependence for the Netherlan East Indies. The Nationalist. "have started a campaign for postwar freedom from foreign rule, with some extremists demanding the death penalty for returning European colonists."

"Japanese tanks and machine guns ringed the demonstrators." continued the dispatch. The Japanese are ruling the Dutch East Indies under British Navy orders until Allied occupation forces are powerful enough to suppress the independence move-

ment. Admiral Mountbatten, according to a September 24 Reuters dispatch, "instructed Japanese forces in Java . . . not to for freedom is "Japanese - inhand over authority to any Java spired." faction."

WANT COMPLETE BREAK Meanwhile Dr. I. R. Soekarno -middle-of-the-road leader of the Indonesian Nationalists—is said to have formed a cabinet of 17 ministers as a step toward autonomy, but "the Japanese warned him to desist." Soekarno claims that the National-

ists represent 95 per cent of the 70,000,000 people in the East Indies. "A complete break from



ialist powers seeking to restore colonial rule at close of second World War. Armed uprisings have broken out in Indo-China (shaded on map) and in Java.

Annamese Battle Troops Of Allies

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 -

(Continued from Page 1) is cut from the same cloth that | SWP Protest alleges the Indo-Chinese battle **Cabled to Attlee**

James P. Cannon, National The British command has in-Secretary of the Socialist structed the Annamese to turn over utilities to "Japanese com-Workers Party today sent the following cable to British manders." These commanders **Prime Minister Attlee:** in turn would relinquish control "Socialist. Workers Party to the British who are trying to hold down the Indo-Chinese unstrongly protests British militil the French can get sufficient tary intervention in Indo troops into their former colony China and use of British to do the job. troops in conjunction wit!

On September 25 the British Japanese forces to restore oppressive rule of French imturned "mortars and heavy machine guns" n the independnerialism. Dispatches from ence forces in a brutal attempt Saigon report British gu

to drawn in blood the growing

uprising. "Armed Japanese

troops are fighting side by side

with British and French against

Allied Rule Tightens Over German People

The deathly hand of Allied ale is closing tighter on the cople of Germany. "Conditions i that country are becoming ppalling," declared William 'hilip Simms, correspondent of he N. Y. World Telegram on 'eptember 25. "Misery, desease nd starvation are . . . getting ut of control of the military uthorities."

Ida Landau, overseas corresondent of the N. Y. Post, wrote ptember 24, "The story of our eatment of displaced persons in ermany is one of the most sickling pages in our war history." andau visited the "best camp Germany" at Hanau-on-Main here the "miserable unfortutes . . . trudge miles to get to This camp "chelters" 8,000 ople. The buildings are ruins th "hardly a pane of glass." ere is no heat. "As many as men, women and children rep, eat and live in a single om without curtains or partions for privacy." The Army, ie says, "provides no fuel, cloing, medical supplies or equipent.'

VEEPING OUT WATER

A second camp visited by Landau, at Wiesbaden "is far worse." She reached it 12 hours after a The people "still were rain sweeping out the water that had rained in through the gaping roof and the paneless windows. Chronicle reports, "Some 4,000,-For two days and nights the rain 000 starved and homeless Gerhad soaked down on these helpless people, saturated bedclothes dren, expelled from Eastern Gerand clothing, loosening the plaster so that lumps of it fell into ordered to leave Saxony withthe puddles on the floor.' The Manchester Guardian, ac- government."

cording to the September Soc- September 8 Freedom.) These ialist Appeal. official organ of refugees apparently been orthe British Trotskyists, declares: dered to go to Berlin. There are plenty of people in Berlin trying to sustain life on no more than a slice or two of people were being turned away. dry bread a day. There are women who take to the streets and offer themselves with a kind of pailway station: "I looked this casual hopelecsness to anybody afternoon inside a cattle truck who cares to give them a few scraps of bread . . .

TERRIBLE STARVATION

many, according to William another corner four more, all Simms, that the American Army voice we could hardly hear was

Foraging For Coal



German people, facing the most bitter winter in their history, hunt desperately for lumps of coal spilled from barges.

In a militant protest against delays in receiving discharges from the armed forces, New mans, mostly women and chil-Zealand airmen stopped work in Whenuapai Field September 16. The airmen held a meeting in a hangar to formulate demands for their early release to civilian life. A delegation of 150 met with the station commander, Capt. C. C. Hunter. The captain agreed to transmit their grievances to the Air Department. every day." The Chronicle de-

scribes a scene at the Stettiner shunted beside the buffers of

No. 2 Platform. On one side four forms lay dead under blankets Fight Franco Rule Starvation is so bad in Ger- on cane and raffia stretchers; in



Italy

Prime Minister Ferruccio Pari, the puppet installed by the Union." 'I heir exact political Allied authorities to help Brit- views are not mentioned. ish and American troops keep Italy's unemployment problem with these "leaders," the demonstrators outside the building broke tables.

The Premier managed to es-

verturned by the workers.

demonstrated against the high

cost of living in Lecce, in south-

ern Italy. Three civilians were

killed and 40 wounded when the

crowd stormed and looted the

police headquarters.

Japan

public offices in many cities, including Seoul." These Communists, according to the report, had "no connection with the Soviet

PAGE THREE

The promises of the Allien condown the people, narrowly es- querors to grant Korea her indecaped demonstrating workers in pendence are not being carried Naples September 22. Bottles out. Maj. Gen. Arnold, who has and bricks were hurled by the been appointed military gover-6,000 demonstrators at the hat- nor, said September 15 that ed agent of Allied imperialism. American occupation may last Parri had come to Naples to up to 15 years. "We will give confer with individuals listed by Korea back to the Koreans when capitalist correspondents as "la- they are qualified to govern the bor leaders." As he discussed country," the general declared. The promises of the Allied conpattern as those made by American imperialism to the Puerto through police lines, Ricans and Filipinos during the forced their way inside the build- Spanish-American War. These ing and smashed chairs and promises, made almost a half century ago, still remain to be

carried out.

cape in an automobile, but a similar car carrying his secretary and a police official was

Total German and Italian prisoners of war now held by the Later the demonstrators de Gaulle regime is 925.000. Of marched through the streets dethis number 300,000 have been nanding "jobs and bread." They assigned to reconstruction prowere finally dispersed by the jects in France while another carabinieri, according to the 63,000 are slaving in Tunisia and Algeria. A September 25 United Press

In addition to this vast amount dispatch reports 10,000 persons of slave labor, the United States Control Council in Berlin nounced September 4 that the 300,000 German prisoners of wat now held in the United States will be turned over to de Gaalle for exploitation. Beginning December they will be handed over at the rate of 50,000 month. On top of this, 427,000

Inflation is running rampant now herded into American campa in Japan since the end of the in Europe will be transferred in war. Food and clothing shops the French capitalists. in Tokyo are nearly all closed. So frightful are the conditions Such common items as butter in the camps where these prise and salt are virtually unobtain- oners are confined in France able. Although wages rose by that even the capitalist paper four or five times during the Figaro has been moved to prowar, the cost of foodstuffs has test. In the September 18 issue skyrocketed as much as 200 the editor declared: "We have times. Before the war 40 pounds learned . . . that in certain of rice cost 30 yen. The price camps a large proportion of food is now 2,000 yen. A pound of that should in principle be sufe potatoes leaped from 1/5 yen to ficient has been diverted from 3 yen; a pound of beef from 1 its destination so that living yen to 40 yen. American newsskeletons may be seen in theman paper correspondents report that almost like those in German cone crowds in Tokyo look "underfed centration camps; and deaths and dressed like Bowery derefrom undernourishment are numerous. We learn further that

Unemployed workers are re- war prisoners have been savageported wandering "aimlessly ly and systematically mistreated through the countryside search- and that some have been eming for relatives or jamming the ployed in removing mines withrailroads in an attempt to escape out apparatus or protection, so to the country." In the great that they have thus been conindustrial belt of Tokyo the demned to death with more or workers live in "shanty towns." less delay." duty of France to live up to in-According to the most con- ternational agreements and to servative estimates, there will be treat the prisoners with a cermore than 10,000,000 unemployed tain amount of humanity. "Peomove his head or his mouth, his patch released by the fascist workers before the end of the ple of course will bring up the year. Industrialists who dined Gestapo's tortures, the gas prehending stare, was the wast- the fights, six of the guerrillas with American correspondents chambers and the mountains of in Tokyo predicted that more human bodies found in the inthan 8,000,000 people will die ternment camps in Germany," the editor said. "But these hor-The industrialists feared that rors should not become a kind as the situation worsens, com- of sports competition in which munism will grow by leaps and we endeavor to outdo the Nasis. bounds among the working class. If the Allies intend to deliver A socialist revolution is a very blow for blow and eye for eye. real possibility, in their opin- the horror will never end."



many by the Poles have been in two days by the German local (Quoted by the At Berlin, according to the August 24 News Chronicle "25,000

the protest as "mutiny."

Guerilla Bands



The Allied press characterized

women, were dying. One, in a September 19 between Franco's Many of the shacks are built of Figaro pointed out it was the ana two small rusty iron sneets.

licts."

Holland was desired," Soekarno asserted, "but the Dutch would be free to live side by side with the Indonesians."

The Indonesians rose against the revolutionist Annamites," dethe Japanese imperialists before clared Bill Downs. Allied troops arrived. A "delayed" September 13 United REVOLUTIONISTS RESIST "The revolutionists are resist-Press report said that "Europeans have been stabled and ing the return of French rule Japanese Army officers have which would leave them subbeen murdered in their cars as servient as in the days before they drove through Batavia at

night." The killing of the "officers" of the Japanese Army would indicate that rank and file Japanese soldiers sympathize with the Indonesians. The dispatch even refers ambiguously to "rebel Japanese."

The Nationalists have three radio transmitters and "daily conduct violent anti-Japanese and anti-Dutch propaganda." The Nationalists call the Japanese "policemen of the Allies," and "traitors, fascists and imperialists." Pamphlets distributed in Batavia said. "We don't want to be ruled by the Dutch." Tramcars in the same city bore roughly painted slogans such as: "Better to Hell than Be Colonblades.' ized Again.'

British occupation troops landed in Batavia September 16. Japanese officials ordered troops to help unload the ships and asked if "the Japanese troops" should keep their arms "for fear of uprisings among Java's . . population."

On September 25 a group of in use is not listed. 2,000 Indonesians attacked Euro- REPEATED INSURRECTIONS peans in Surabaya, Japanese troops were used against the demonstrators.

IMPERIALISTS UNITE

Mountbatten langed 2,200 from the repeatedly. The first with youths marching in blue they loved their motherland, of the House received wide ac- meetings, posting up leaflets, and Stripes as well as the Union Bac-son in the mountains of and Stripes as well as the Union Intern Tonkin; the second in a large park . . . and today the lic opinion, muffled news, and Lieut. Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Cochin China in November, 1940. city is packed with Annamites. used opium and alcohol to ex-Allied Commander for the Neth- This uprising spread to Saigon. They live outside the city area, haust our race." erlands Indies, said that "Jap- The third insurrection was at but come in each morning." anese forces in Java will con- Do-louong in January 1941. The tinue to be used temporarily . . . present battle for independence FRENCH ROLE to avoid the taking of sides by began as early as last March Chinese troops in control of to the Japanese imperialists and People's National Party. the British in the dispute be- when both Tokyo and Paris re- Hanoi have not interfered with describes the joint French-Japtween the Netherlands and the ported fighting in various parts the Nationalist administration of anese oppression during the oc- and the Barbados Progressive ions," and "Refuse to discuss Indonesian Republican Govern- of Indo-China. Tokyo said the the city. The Hanoi Radio con- cupation years. The declara- League sent telegrams to the with the Trotskyists." All eviment.'

ping pool to transport 43,000 struggle continued. Indonesian uprising,"

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the war. Armed bands of thousands of these Annamite irregulars are now moving toward Saigon. Truckloads of Japanese troops with rifles drive through the streets toward the front."

the Japanese forces, "but most to have withdrawn into the jun- I spoke to many. One woman, have only sticks and clubs and gle country to organize resistbamboo poles tipped with knife ance forces."

The British commander at can be judged from a September mutter self-condemnation betember 26 PM, "is using 5,000 report: "Since August 19, the two whimpering babies. I watch-armed Japanese troops as well Annumites have been in control Saigon, according to the Sep- 25 Christian Science Monitor cause she was unable to feed her armed Japanese troops as well Annamites have been in control as his 2,500 British Indian troops of most of the coastal provinces and about 2,000 French soldiers of Annam, Cochin-China, and released from prison camps." Tonkin, where they have set up

China.'

are being backed by the primitive Moi tribesmen from the hills." The resistance of the Indo-Saigon Radio reported Sep-Chinese against the Japanese

tember 19: "Backed with 80,000 was launched soon after imper- rifles and several wealthy Annaialist Japan seized the colony mite financiers the . . . party schools, executed without mercy breaking role of Governor Sir Mountbatten landed 2,250 from the French. Insurrections holds marches through Saigon

The Netherlands Indies Gov- in the south and central areas world the Nationalist side of the Bao Dai abdicated and we have port of the Nigerian strikers. cent Sixteenth Plenum of the ernment has asked release of and in a few weeks in the north. struggle. On September 19 a broken our 100-year old chains They protested the banning of Stalinist Party in Chile a deci-Dutch ships from the Allied ship- Paris, however, claimed the Declaration of Independence was of monarchy, which have given the West African Pilot and the sion was made to "carry out the Seoul, the capital, reports that broadcast. It said in part: alist movement proclaimed "a ture has given them sacred with France."

has posted signs "ordering the turned on Indo-Chinese inmen not to give uneaten scraps dependence forces in Saigon. of food to the civilians, but to This action is a crime against throw them into garbage cans. This is not due to heartlessness the liberating movement of the colonial peoples and but to prevent any rioting over against the British working the scraps."

class, your government is sup-The August 24 London Daily Herald as quoted by the Socialist posed to represent. We demand immediate withdrawal Appeal, reports; "I saw at the of all British forces from Indo-Stettiner Station (Berlin) miserable remnants of humanity, with death already shining out of their

general strike" and called for "a eyes-with that awful, wide-eyed boycott against all French in stare. Four were dead already, Southern Indo-China." By Sep- another five or six were lying tember 25 the fighting had alongside them, given up as grown intensive. The Nation- hopeless by the doctor, and just alists burned the Saigon market being allowed to die. The rest place. This fire together with sat or lay about, whimpering, the capture of the city slaughter crying or just waiting, hanging house left the city virtually with- on to the slenderest hope that out food. The Annamese fire something, somehow, sometime department took the fire engines would be done for them . . . and joined the Nationalists.

DESPERATE MOTHERS

"There is every indication that "They have no money, no Some of the fighters for the the revolt will continue in the valuables, nothing with which freedom of Indo - China are northern section of Annam," says they can barter or buy a crust armed with rifles they obtained a September 25 press dispatch. of bread. And the mothers' only by one means or another from "The Nationalists are reported thought is food for the children. emaciated, with dark rings under her eyes and sores breaking out The scope of the movement all over her face, could only

rights-the right to be free, the right to look for happiness . The number of American troops the Republic of Viet Nam. They France refused us all liberty, Yet for more than 80 years thrust upon us inhuman laws, ferent administrative regimes in a resolution sympathizing with the north, center and south to the strike of 200,000 Governprevent our national unity ment workers in Nigeria. The

tary training continues daily in at independence, strangled pub-

troops to Java "to cope with the On September 16, the Nation- "All men are born equal; na- fore we proclaim a definite break made against their editor, increasing violence," reports El render the Communists had Nnamdi Azikiwe.

crying out for water. Sitting on bands of guerrilla fighters in a stretcher, so weakened by the mountain ranges of western starvation that he could not Catalonia, according to a diseyes open in a deranged, uncom- Franco Government. In one of ed frame of a man. He was dy- were captured, two of them seriously wounded. Six machine ing. too.

"As I walked about the station guns ,a quantity of ammunition of starvation this winter. a score of others came up to me, and hand grenades were seized all ravenous and starved, for by the fascists. In the second whom also, like those in the cat- clash, one person was killed and tle truck mortuary, nothing could more machine guns, grenades be done—until death." and ammunition taken.

Trotskyists In Chile **Forge Steadily Ahead**

With a well-organized pro- sembly was followed by a radio gram, the Chilean Trotskyists broadcast at 11:30, in which commemorated the life of Leon Diego Henriquez, General Sec-Trotsky on the fifth anniversary retary of the POR, talked on the of his assassination by a Stalin- life and program of Leon Trotist agent. An assembly was callsky.

ed for 11 a.m. August 19, in the On August 20 a mass meeting Plazuela Balmaceda, Santiago. was held to honor Trotsky and by the Partido Obrero Revoluto explain how his ideas on buildcionario (Revolutionary Workers ing the socialist society applied Party), Chilean Section of the to the workers of Chile. Principal Fourth International. This asspeakers were Diego Henriquez,

Humberto Valenzuela and Vincente Blanco.

ELECTION GAINS

According to El Militante, official organ of the POR, the Chilean Trotskyists are forging steadily ahead. In a recent election at Concepcion, Comrade

Edgardo Condeza gained 400 Korean workers went out on a widespread strike. This strike, Board declared 321 valid. The directed against the Japanese, opposing candidate, backed by a "brought manufacturing . . coalition of Socialists, Stalinists virtually to a standstill." Hodges apparently decided to utilize the votes. The POR conducted an Japanese despots to crush this movement. Miners left their picks and

shovels. Printers for the Kor-Fearful of the growing influenean Times walked out too, after The majority of the members ce of Trotskyism in Chile, the printing one edition under the

of the House of Representatives Stalinists have been conducting Americans. Their demands are in Jamaica belong to the Labor a vicious campaign of slander not reported, although they are The proclamation charged the Party. The balance are inde- and physical assault against our said to have refused an offer of French with opening the doors pendents or members of the comrades. The Stalinists are fol- 100 yen. They got 18 yen under lowing the slogans, "Expel the the Japanese capitalists, corres-The Barbados Workers Union Trotskyists from the trade un- pondents report.

The strikes were in most cases spontaneous although some are fighting was over in a few days sequently is broadcasting to the tion concludes: "His Majesty Government of Nigeria in sup- dence indicates that at the re- said to have been organized by "communists."

come."

Korea

General Hodge's decision to

retain the Japanese administra-

A "delayed" dispatch from place to the republic, and there- Daily Comet and the threats struggle against Trotskyism with "Just after the Japanese sur-

Two top executives of the **IIIII** house of Mitsubishi, however, British officials predict fame informed N. Y. Post correspond-

ent William McGaffin that in- ine will sweep India next yes vestment of American capital- reports a September 22 United ists had been protected during Press dispatch from New Dellis the war as well as possible. The rice shortage will reach the Kwanzo Tanaka, chairman of 500,000 tons, say these officients the Mitsubishi Electrical Engi- The Food Advisory Council neering Co. declared: "We re- up by the British-dominated Inserved their dividends for them dian government declared that during the war. They can get "controls" would probably do no. them whenever they care to good and passed a resolution to "call the matter to the attene,

tion of the British Government." Under British domination the Indian people are prevented undertaking measures from themselves to forestall such fame. ine.

tion and armed Japanese troops In the 1943 famine in Bengal, in Korea was not as "inexplica staggering total of 3,000,000 able" as some supporters of the people perished, according to Truman administration would Sadar Vallabhai Patel, one of the like to make out. It has now leaders of the All-India Congress been revealed that on August Party. 15 when the Mikado surrendered.

A grim order was recently issued in the Belgaum district, according to a Bombay dispatch: In the cremation of bodies, a forest ranger must examine the bodies and ration wood for the funeral pyre on the basis of the weight of the body.

For plump, bodies 2,400 pounds of wood may be used, but for lean ones, only 1,600 pounds may be apportioned. Residents had complained that the previous amount of 1,600 pounds for all bodies, permitted by the British, was insufficient

in many instances.

THE MILITANT In New York City Announced Over Station WINS 1010 On Your Dial Twice Daily . . . taken over police stations and 7:05 a.m and 8:00 p.m.

Supported By **Caribbean Workers** The House of Representatives and planned to set up three dif- in Jamaica unanimously passed votes, of which the Election

men whose only crime was that Arthur Richards. This action active campaign, holding street

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suppressed in blood all efforts claim among the workers and and speaking over the radio. people of Jamaica.

France built more prisons than resolution condemned the strike- and Falangists, received 1,663

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Policy For Labor

tion-dominated War Labor Board.

wages and job security.

looted the country.

America. Last week alone nearly a half million

workers were battling it out on picket lines for

This explosion of labor struggle comes as a

sevolt against four years of frozen wages while

prices and profits soared, of submission to em-

ployer provocation under the no-strike policy,

of witnessing the workers' just demands buried

in that "graveyard of grievances," the corpora-

No sooner did American capitalism enter the

war, than the trade union leaders rushed to

Washington to give away the rights of Ameri-

can labor. They committed the workers to a no-

strike policy and bound them to compulsory

arbitration in the hands of a government agency

of Big Business, the WLB. The workers were

squeezed to the wall while the corporations

Now the workers are smashing through these

wartime barriers which the union leaders helped

Wall Street to erect. Without a by-your-leave

from the bosses, their government or the union

bureaucrats, the workers have trampled the no-

strike policy into the dust and are running

perately seeking to establish more effective ma-

chinery to continue the profitable wage-freez-

ing, wage-slashing, strikebreaking, union-bust-

ing policy. To that end, Truman has called a

capital-government-labor conference on Novem-

Big business and its government are des-

rough-shod over the Little Steel formula.

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

groms. The September 21 New York Post reports "a transport of 650 Jews who escaped from Poland" and arrived in the American zone. They tried to pass themselves off as German Jews returning to Munich. "But their faulty German gave them away. Whereupon an American general ordered them all returned to Poland. The next morning the camp was surrounded by American troops armed with machine guns. The soldiers drove the resisting Jews from the huts, using the butts of their rifles indiscriminately against women and children." And so on.

Most of the refugees don't want to return to the places where their brothers and sisters have been murdered by the Nazis and their satellites, and where anti-Semitism has not been burned out by the transformation of the old social order which breeds it.

They are not asking to go to Palestine. That is being asked for them by the Zionist and other "respectable" Jewish leaders. But in Palestine the Arab masses, whipped up by the Arab landlords, don't want more Jews to come in.

We can be sure the refugees would be glad to come to the western Hemisphere, where the Statue of Liberty was put up in the days when this country was populated and built by such immigrants and refugees. But those days are gone now, and the door is barred to them, and the respectable leaders who claim to speak for them don't even demand that the doors be opened. And meanwhile the signs multiply of the growth of anti-Semitism here, as the Gerald K. Smiths build their fascist gangs.

There is no haven on earth for the Jews. That is the simple, terrible truth. Nor will there be one, so long as capitalism which breeds anti-Semitism continues to exist.

A militant strike wave such as this country **For Colonial Freedom** has not seen since the 1937 sitdowns is sweeping

When the Second World War broke out, the Trotskyists once again emphasized what they had said countless times before. The second great slaughter, they declared, like the one before it in 1914-1918, was not at all a war to establish democracy and freedom, but another imperialist war for the redivision of the earth among the capitalist powers.

The prediction of the Trotskyists has been verified to the hilt. In the Far East, British and American troops are spearheading an assault against the colonial movement for independence. American troops have invaded Korea. American troops have been scheduled for occupation of Chinese cities, American, British and French troops, in collaboration with a Japanese army, are shooting down the natives of Indo-China. British troops are moving against the people of the Netherlands East Indies.

The purpose of these acts of hostility is absolutely clear. British imperialism seeks to recover its empire in the Far East. The French and Dutch imperialists seek to reestablish their bloody and oppressive despotism over the East Indies and Indo-China. Wall Street, the most sinister and powerful imperialist despotism of all, backs the aims of these capitalist gangsters, and in the process intends to establish its own domination over the entire area.

But the people of the Far East are not meekly submitting to the knives of the imperialist butchers. For long decades they fought for independence against the bandits of the Western



"They're so selfish—you may be sure if THEY lived in pent houses they'd keep the elevators running!"



FASCISM-WHAT IT IS, HOW | class, destroy its organizations | naked military-police dictator-

of writings by Leon Trotsky; the capitalists find themselves introduction by E. R. Frank. unable to govern and dominate experiences of Italy and Ger-Pioneer Publishers, 1944; 48 with the help of democratic ma- many, that Fascism can become pp. 15 cents,

No sooner had the roar of imperialist battle ceased in Europe. than native fascists in America began crawling from their holes. Gerald L. K. Smith, former Senator Robert R. Reynolds, John C. Scott of "Christian America," Upton Close, Father Coughlin. these and others emerged from hiding to feed on the funds already being handed out by capitalism to smash the labor movement.

Smith, after a ceries of meetings in Los Angeles (concluded ignominiously when the CIO But like the man with a toothcalled a mass counter-meeting), ache, Big Business inevitably invades Detroit, the stronghold goes to the Mussolinis, Hitlers of the powerful United Auto and Francos for "relief" from cation. Workers Union, on a speaking the threat of the proletarian revtour which next will bring him olution. to New York. The many faccie elements are preparing to unite FASCIST DEMAGOGUES The Fascist demagogues, fintheir forces. Nowhere has a city or state administration raised a anced and controlled by Big Bus- writings in this compilation, are

TO FIGHT IT: a compilation and stifle political liberties when ship. Trotsky demonstrates from the chinery." The capitalists turn to a sweeping mass movement only Fascist brutality not out of after the revolutionary party has choice, but of necessity to pre- had its chance to mobilize the

masses for the socialist revoluserve their rule. "The sober bourgeoisie," says tion and failed to do so. Only Trotsky, "does not look very f_{a-} then does the disillusioned middle class turn its back on the workvorably even upon the Fascist ing class movement and place its mode of resolving its tasks, for hope for salvation in Fascism. the concussions, although they What the American Trotskyare brought forth in the interists did to combat the Fascist ests of bourgeois society, are linkmenace in New York City is ed up with dangers to it. Therefore the opposition between Fas- shown in a number of illustracism and the bourgeois parties. tions. A picture of the demon-

The big bourgeoisie likes Fascism stration summoned by the Soas little as a man with aching cialist Workers Party against the Fascist rally on February 20, molars to have his teeth pulled." 1939 at Madison Square Garden, shows a section of the 50,000 workers protesting Fascist provo-In action, the Trotskyists thus demonstrated how Fascism can



Hershey's Campaign to Divide Veterans and Non-Veterans

General Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service, intensified his efforts to create a division between veterans and non-veterans and brazenly struck against unions through new directives issued in the form of a handbook for the guidance of local draft boards.

In broadening and strengthening his antiunion position Hershey ruled that "union membership or other conditions not enumerated in the law may not . . . be required of a veteran as a prerequisite to his reinstatement.'

In the past Hershey attempted to force the violation of the seniority clause in union contracts by insisting that a World War II veteran must be reinstated, if the employer desired, regardless of the seniority of a World War I veteran or a non-veteran whose job he took.

Further evidence that the Selective Service acts only in the interest of the employers is contained in the following section of the new directive: "The proviso 'unless the employer's circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to do so' applies only to the employer . . ."

He continues to the effect that consequences to a third person are not involved and that it makes no difference if a non-veteran with higher seniority loses his job. And protests from unions against super-seniority are declared to be groundless because, he says, the law is concerned only with the employer and the veteran employe.

All of organized labor has declared itself in favor of granting seniority to veterans for the time they had accrued before being drafted, plus their time in service. But organized labor does oppose granting of super-seniority to veterans,

Wall Street Gloats Over Ruling

Reporting the directive in its September 24 issue, the New York Sun, organ of Wall Street, spoke with unconcealed satisfaction concerning the section dealing with the reinstatement of men who held temporary positions prior to induction: "The burden of proof whether the veteran left a temporary job or not rests with the employer under the new interpretation of the law . . .'

In every respect the new ruling is favorable to the employers. They determine whether or not their circumstances have changed so as to make it "unreasonable" to rehire a veteran. They decide whether or not the veteran's position was temporary.

The decision is a blow at unions because it forbids insistence on union membership even in a closed shop. Veterans can be hired to take the place of union militants through the superseniority ruling.

The veteran is not protected. He can be discharged whenever the employer decides "circumstances" have changed. At most the law gives dubious protection to the veteran for a year. Real security for the veteran lies in the strengthening and growth of the unions.

The new ruling places even disabled veterans at the mercy of the employers. The UAW said in a statement issued through Victor G. Reuther that Hershey's interpretation "leaves the door open for the employer to deny re-employment to a disabled veteran on the claim, true or false, that his disability might prevent him from working quite as fast or producing quite as much as he previously could." Thus Hershey is again acting as the spearhead of a drive by employers to cause friction between organized labor and returning veterans. Employers hope to hire veterans with anti-union bias to replace union militants. This ruling is another weapon employers hope to use in their efforts to smash the unions. It is to the interest of veteran and non-veteran workers alike to see that their plan fails.

ber 5 to get renewed commitments from the labor leaders which will again bind the arms of labor.

And just as they rushed eagerly at the start of the war. to Roosevelt's conference and tendered labor's rights to the mercies of the political agents of Big Business, so today these union leaders are preparing to repeat the betrayal of four years ago, by participating in a conference whose sole purpose is to set up machinery to tie labor hand and foot.

The tremendous strike wave however is clear testimony that the union ranks are fed up with back-room deals, with commitments to hand over or blunt their powerful strike weapon, with the red-tape and Philadelphia-lawyer tricks of "conciliators" and "mediators" and the whole tribe of capitalist government agents whose function is to swindle the workers.

This instinct of the workers is sound. The War Labor Board experience has merely confirmed the workers' suspicion that nothing good ever has or ever will come to them from these slick management-government-labor set-ups. They can trust only in their own organized strength in action.

The workers want a real fighting labor program, a united militant mass offensive of labor on the political as well as the economic field in defense of their rights and living standards.

Yes, there should be a conference in Washington-but not the kind Truman is calling. The conference that is imperatively needed by the workers is the kind proposed by the recent national General Motors conference of the CIO auto workers.

That is a giant Congress of American Labor, with representatives from every local union and labor body in the country, which will hammer out an effective program for labor and mobilize a nation-wide struggle to win its adoption.

Anti-Semitism

Mass protest meetings are being held in a number of cities against the British government's refusal to admit more than a trickle of refugee Jews into Palestine.

Why do they want to go to Palestine? Some of our readers may wonder.

The answer is that the refugees haven't said they prefer Palestine. They want a safe haven. But there is none for them.

In Germany large numbers of Jews are still kept in the very same concentration camps where the Nazis placed them. It's for their own good, say American and British authorities. And it is a fact that anti-Semitism is still rife in Germany, thanks to the Allied policy of not letting the German anti-fascists purge the country of the Nazis.

Yet this same Germany looks like a haven to Polish Jews fleeing from a new wave of po-

Hemisphere. When the Japanese capitalists seized control over these rich lands, the people continued their struggle. As the Japanese grew weak under the blows of the Anglo-American bloc and finally went down in defeat, the colonial peoples seized the opportunity to run up the banners of independence."

Throughout the Far East the masses are beginning to rise against imperialist domination. They see no reason to submit once again to foreign conquerors. They want to choose their own form of government. Virtually all the press correspondents report that the peoples of Java, Malaya, Burma, India, and Siam as well as Korea and Indo-China are setting out on the road to national independence. Thus, terrible and sanguinary struggles will wrack these lands of the imperialist powers, try-as they surely will - to carry out their plans.

It is the duty of the American working class to do its utmost to help these peoples in their fight for independence. Demand the withdrawal of Allied troops from these areas! Bring the soldiers back home!

Sir Bernard Pares

A capitalist "expert" on communism - Sir Bernard Pares-is making himself a piece of change at the University of Kansas by slandering Trotskyism. In the first of a series of lectures he alleged that the Trotskyists "have always been close to Germany. Maybe that will explain something for you."

Besides slandering Trotskyism, Pares likewise attacked Lenin. From the rostrum of the University of Kansas he condemned Lenin for championing socialism, for opposing the First World War and for signing the Brest-Litovsk Peace Treaty which the German imperialists forced on the newly-born workers' state.

At the same time he praised Stalin for his "non-communistic trend."

Sir Bernard Pares is not a novice in the profession of red-baiting. After the October 1917 Revolution he violently opposed the Bolshevik regime and called for intervention by the capitalists. At that time too the capitalist enemies of the workers' state spread the foul lie that Lenin and Trotsky, the revolutionary leaders of the Russian working class, were agents of Germany.

Times change but the lies against communism remain the same.

READ

THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL government is silent. It is readily apparent that the a popular mass movement. Their nine years. Included are extracts capitalist government, which last shock troops were made up pri- from a letter to an English comyear quashed the trial of 30 na- marily in both Italy and Ger- rade, from "What Next?" "The tive fascists, has no intention of many of middle class elements: Only Road," "Whither France," combatting the enemies of the unemployed youth, sons of shop- and from articles published in working class.

But how can Fascism be ing veterans, etc. fought? A pamphlet issued a few months ago by Pioneer Publishers, "Fascism-What It is, How oly capitalism. The duped middle scism in the United States. To Fight It," by Leon Trotsky, classes clamor for the "reforms" explains the nature of Fascism, promised to them; Fascism which alone can fight and deand points to the only way Fascism can be combatted and de- ler's "blood purge" of 1934). Fas- must begin by learning the nastroyed. Fascism, Leon Trotsky explains, mass movement, thus gradually pamphlet provides this analysis.

grows out of the insoluble con- loses all popular support as it It should be read by every thinktradictions of decaying capital- disillusions one section of the ing worker. ism. "The historic function of population after another. In its Fascism is to smash the working later stage, Fascism rules as a

Wall Street's Congressmen

have been mopping their brows

pretty frequently of late. They

support the imperialist plan to

maintain a gigantic peacetime

army. Yet they want to appear

as champions of the servicemen

who demand just one thing-a

A number of Congressmen be-

lieve pay boosts will make army

life so enticing that the demand

for discharges will slack off. But

others are opposed to pay boosts

for servicemen-since these capi-

talist politicians raised their own

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Treasury . . .

discharge.

The excerpts from Trotsky's voice of disapproval. The federal iness, utilize Socialist slogans to taken from articles, letters and win over large masses and build books written over a period of

> keepers and professionals, return- "The Militant," "Fourth International" and "American Mercury." Once in power, Fascism rules The introduction by E. R. Frank as the brutal agency of monop- discusses the problem of Fas-The American working class thereupon purges its ranks (Hit- stroy Fascism in this country, cism which came to power as a ture of its enemy. This lucid

Congressmen At Work

Reviewed by

A COMPILATION

Ruth Johnson

rattlesnakes might bite their

children and coyotes and wolves

endanger the lives of their wives,

and where their greatest asset is

... They ought to be located east



How the oil magnates work behind the scenes to maintain high prices and monopoly control over the nation's oil products is again being brought to light in a Congressional debate over the closing of government-owned pipelines. Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney from Wyoming and Representative Jerry Voorhis from California are demanding that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation hold up its recently announced plans to close the Big Inch and Little Inch pipelines on October 1.

These huge pipelines, running a total of 2,729 miles, were built by the government during the war to carry gas and oil from the Texas oil fields to the New York City ports. Costing the public \$145,000,000 their operation netted the government a profit of \$135,000,000 during the war.

Under the Surplus Property Act no facilities which cost the government more than \$5,000,000 can be disposed of without a report. On September 14, at the same time that the government hung a "for sale" sign on these public facilities, the RFC, obviously under heavy pressure from the Rockefeller oil trust, announced plans to seal up the pipelines almost immediately. No effort was made to find out if the pipelines could be operated as a common carrier by independent oil companies. Access to these transportation facilities would serve to reduce the cost of oil products to the consumers.

Voorhis revealed why the RFC is so determined to hurry up the closing of the pipelines. He declared that "the key to the monopolistic power of the major companies lies in their control of pipelines. Therefore the one thing they fear most is the existence of true common carrier pipelines." Before the war, Standard Oil owned or controlled more than 99 per cent of the interstate trunk pipelines through which nearly 80 per cent of the crude oil produced is transported. Thus to turn over these pipelines to independent companies would represent a direct threat to Standard Oil's monopoly.

The agents of the big oil companies want to seal the pipelines swiftly before the American people have a chance to learn what is going on and can intervene to prevent it.



Representative Starkey of Minnesota thought of a happy way to induce men to stay in the

session, they've been ultra-conservative on the question of rais- armed forces without a pay boost: "I am satisfied that many sunshine, which never pays Representative May of Ken- of those who have gone through mortgages or educates their chiltucky, speaking from experience, the tortures of hell in the Pacific dren, and where foxes will kill declared: "It is awfully easy to are so sick and tired of that area their chickens and crows pick the be liberal, especially when you that no amount of money would are handing out somebody else's induce them to re-enlist even for born outside, is just not right. money. May I suggest . . . that a year in the occupation forces,

like running into a nest of live of the educational value to serve there is enough rainfall . . ." hornets. If you run into the north a year in the European theater."

into the south side you are stung; to soldiers of educational oppor- what's holding up Congress in if you run into the east or west tunities in other war-torn areas, getting the men back home from side you are also stung. So we Starkey had another happy overseas. They don't realize that better get down to business here thought: "And what goes for the a capitalist politician has first and find out whether we are boys in the Pacific would like- got to settle which farms are best going to completely wreck the wise be true of those who served for veterans, those East of the in the European theater."

eyes out of any livestock that is this matter of demobilization is yet they might be willing because of the Mississippi River, where

Meanwhile millions of serviceside you are stung; if you run | Mulling over the attractiveness | men and their families wonder Mississippi River or those West. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1945

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.

British Member of Y.C.L. Sends **Correction on French Martyrs**

Editor:

I would be grateful if you would send me five copies of The Militant of March 3, which contains an article from La Verite showing that the French Trotskyists fought against the German fascist occupation. Although I am still in the YCL (Young Communist League) and do not accept the Trotskyist position in many respects-and any contact I have with the Trotskyists is naturally "secret"-this article proves very well that the Trotskyists are not "Hitler's agents" as the CP says they are.

The CP omits to mention that Bourhis and Guegen-shot at Chateaubriant—(with 25 of our own comrades in the CP---Timbaud, Charles Midrels, Gardette, Dr. Ternine, etc.)-were Trotskyists

However, in your issue of April 28 and in Fourth International, when listing some of your martyrs, you make a mistake, Trotskyist comrades, which might do you a good deal of harm. You list Timbaud as one of your own people, saying that he was a member of the French Internationalist Communist Party-the French Trotskyist organization. This is completely untrue! Timbaud, who was executed at Chateaubriant in October, 1941-at the same time as your two comrades-was never a Trotskyist. "Le petit Timbaud," as every French worker could tell you, was the ever-popular secretary of the Paris Metal Workers' Union and a leading member of the French Communist Party; in fact, he was probably what the Trotskyists would call-in their own language of abuse-a "Stalinist trade union bureaucrat!"

This man, like other prominent leaders of the French CP-Gabriel Peri, Jean Catelas, Pierre Sernard, Lucien Sampaik, etc., whose names were household words among the French workers -was among the 15,000 "Stalinists" executed by the Nazis; he them money they will keep raisdied with the words of the "Internationale" on his lips. Do not ing their own pay and doing forget either that Timbaud and the "Stalinists" executed with nothing for us. him were arrested by order of the Germans on October 5, 1940 -eight months before Germany attacked Russia!

No, the leaders of the CP-although I disagree with their there were just stacks of resopresent policy—are not such degenerates as you make out, as lutions from local unions on the is shown by the last letter of Gabriel Peri-brilliat foreign edi- table at the front of the hall. tor of L'Humanite and Communist member of the French Parliament-who was shot because he refused to accept the offers of the fascists to edit one of their papers and collaborate with them like Capron and other traitors in France and the Trotskyist Walter Dauge in Belgium did. In his last letter Peri said: "I have remained faithful to the ideals I have held all my life. Let my friends know that if I were to live again I should follow the same path . . . I remember that night when my dear Paul Vaillant Couturier said to me that communism is the regeneration of the world and that it prepares 'morrows of song.' I myself am presently going to prepare 'morrows of song' and doubtless it is because Marcel Cachin was my good teacher that I face death with fortitude I die that France may live."

(Needless to say, both Vaillant and Couturier-who died in 1937—and Cachin—veteran French working class and resistance leader-were considered by the Trotskyists as the 'blackest of the black'!)

Doubtless your mistake about Timbaud was not made in- reduction in hours. We have retentionally but through a misinterpretation of some document. ceived copies of resolutions from hope, however, that you correct the mistake in The Militant locals as far away as Sacra-



A National Red Sunday Mobilization to sell the new Pioneer Publisher's pamphlet, JOBS FOR ALL! is scheduled for October 7 by the Socialist Workers Party.

All readers of The Militant are cordially invited to participate in the mobilization. Consult the Socialist Workers Party branch in your locality for the exact time and place.

Railroad Locals Call For 36 Hour Week

Red Sunday

Mobilization

Editor: Harvester Company Last week in Chicago a meet-"Explains" Job Loss ing of all the general chairmen of the shop craft's locals of AFL | To A Sailor railroad unions went on record Editor: The following letter was sent to secure a 36-hour week at 48 to my husband, a sailor aboard

rid of it.

hours pay. a cruiser now in Korea by the For nearly a year now the International Harvester Comrailroad workers have been depany. I thought maybe you could manding a change from the AFL | use the irony of it! In addition, I may say that this leaders' old do-nothing policy. company, in St. Paul at least. Some of the locals have even gave nothing to employes when threatened to withhold per cap- they were drafted. They do, to be ita tax until they were guaran- sure, send a package at Christteed some action. I heard one mas time. And regularly send a worker say in a union meeting company newsletter, too: that as long as we keep sending

The general chairman on returning from the Chicago meet-

life and toward job opportuniing, told the workers here that ties. For that reason I want to explain our situation at St. Paul Works to you, to assist you in making your plans. The car men's union here circu-As you know, the International lated their own resolution na-Harvester Company had no mantion-wide inside their own craft. ufacturing operation in St. Paul for which act their General Presbefore the war, and St. Paul ident Knight threatened to re-Works was established as purely voke their charter.

an ordinance operation-its only Local 209. Sheetmetal Workproducts being military weapons. ers, about six months ago circu-When the Japanese surrendered, lated a resolution calling for a Government immediately the 40-hour week and substantial pay cancelled the production at St. increases, to all the Northern Paul Works, operations ceased, Pacific and Great Northern loand it was necessary for us to cals in their craft. System Fedlay off St. Paul employes. For eration, 101, which is a sort of that reason. I am sorry to say. council of shop crafts on the there is no job at St. Paul Works Great Northern, passed a resolufor us to offer you. There are, tion calling for a 40-hour week however, two other possibilities

with increased pay to offset the which I will outline. 1. Because our Company has

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trains are becoming more mili- assist you in any other way we tant every day. There is no can in securing employment. question but that they will run We were glad to have you as a up against opposition from the Harvester employe, and we hope union bureaucracy in this in- it will be possible for us to work dustry which is probably as re- out some means of making you a

actionary as any in the Ameri- Harvester employe again. can labor movement. Let us For some time to come we will speed the day when we will get have employment counselors at St. Paul Works. Thereafter, we Jack Pearson suggest that you contact, either St. Paul in writing or personally if convenient, the Personnel Department. International Harvester Company, 180 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois, Such contact should be made within 90 days of the date of your dis-

charge from military service. Sincerely yours, International Harvester

Company St. Paul Works Calvinist Cant

Editor: H. V. Kaltenborn with his

'Polly wants a cracker" painful delivery, tells us that America is "losing the moral leadership of the world!" Our Militant (Homer nods!) Sailor's Wife quotes a preacher who tells us St. Paul, Minn. that "America has lost her moral position." I am sure that the end of the This is worthy of the Stalin-

war has turned your thoughts ists at their most muddled. toward your return to civilian Where in Gehenna did America get her job? Fascism means basically "for self only;" it is endlessly antisocial; its Satanic tentacles penetrate and strangle the souls of the flower of the flock; its most subtle weapon is Calvinist cant. Calvinist cant has so long saturated the atmosphere of "this country" that we lose all discrimination; blind with false pride we walk in the footsteps of Hitler and Mussolini, mouthing plous words. Where in Gehenna did we get

our job? Joseph McNamee

2519XQA + + + + **Capitalist Press** Changes A Line Editor:

The end of armed hostilities is and the desecration of great citbeen favorably impressed with proving more clearly to the work- ies. The votes at the election

big, but more vicious. It was a deliberate campaign to instill in our minds a hatred and a misconception of the Japanese people as being so imbued with the love of their Emperor that they thought of nothing except Hirohito's will and hara-kari.

And now we have an inkling of the truth buried in the middle of the New York World-Telegram, September 6. An A.P. release stating that . . . "a labor leader had been arrested five times for his labor activities and China"!

Let us not think that this "line enlightenment" was printed because the U.S. policy-makers This change will be good news have suddenly realized that there are workers in Japan that dis- in the Mid and Far West who The Militant - via the radio. agree with Japanese Imperialist policy; but rather that they are most two days earlier. somewhat concerned with the attitude of thousands of Amer-Local New York advises: "The ican workers in uniform when

these soldiers see for themselves the actual sentiment in Japan and begin to write the truth in letters home. We see clearly that capitalism

changes its line to coincide with its own interests; and its contradictions are flaunted in the face of the workers, to be accepted without question.

> Jerry Baker New York ...

A "Great" World Editor:

Out of sheer curiosity I bought your paper today and read prac- sell other basic literature on the tically every article. I was particularly impressed with the ar- organizer of the Youth Group ticle captioned: "Wall Street the reads: Real Victor in Second World-

Wide Slaughter." I am in agreement with the

thread of its thought that this war is a "money" war. I also know that which is not mentioned — that certain powerful in this war into the clammy campaign methods on The Strugclutches of the Dictator, wargle for Negro Equality and Nemongering politicians in Wash-

ington. However, I cannot agree with Trotsky's opinion that "Peace will come to this world only when the workers of the world take matters into their own hands and throw off the bandits who rule over them." Corralling any group of people and labeling them thus and so is not an intelligent approach for defining conclusions because individual opinions and feelings preclude any such wholesale circumscription. Just that is being done by all name callers to-

day. Therefore, fitting myself into today's groove as I trust you must now understand, with New York allowances, I tell you this:

Saunders in writing this pamph-Politicians, capitalists and the workers were all willing to feast first editor of the fighting coland fatten themselves by the umn The Negro Struggle, pubspilled blood from the slaughter lished weekly in The Militant,



Pioneer

Notes

the people, many workers stop-

ping on the street to ask for in-

formation about the Socialist

branches in street sales, house-

meetings, and in individual con-

The Struggle for Negro Equal-

Charles Jackson. Albert Parker, sub.

Workers Party."

tact work.

Militant Army boosters will be placing of The Militant on newshappy to learn that the in- stands in all boroughs has been creesed circulation and general very successful. Approximately growth of The Militant, combined | 1,500 papers are sold weekly, and for opposing the war against with the impending subscription many news dealers report all campaign, have necessitated their papers are sold within a moving our press to a much lar- couple of days after their display ger and more modern printshop. on the stand.

"In addition, we are experitc all subscribers, especially those menting with a new way to sell will receive their Militants al- Radio Station WINS will carry plugs advertising The Militant at 7:05 a. m. (daily except Sunday) and at 8:00 p.m. (daily except Saturday and Sunday). This will enable us to reach a large circle of potential Militant subscribers."

S. Crabbe, our Boston agent writes "Our renewal drive will continue for three weeks, and then stop temporarily during the new subscription campaign. The result of our first day's renewal A letter from the New York Trotskyist Youth Group this week activity was very fruitful; we obtained 12 six-month and 9 oneindicates that the branches year renewals, plus 4 six-month which have exhausted their supand 1 one-year new sub and 1 ply of Charles Jackson's pamphone-year combination to both let A Practical Program to Kill The Militant and Fourth Inter-Jim Crow are taking advantage of the new campaign methods to national. Forty-three per cent of those we visited renewed, which is a very good percentage Negro struggle. A letter from the and has given us quite a boost."

"We had scheduled a street sale H. M. Smith of Chicago sends and demonstration in Harlem for this enthusiastic note: "More last Saturday to sell A Practical subs! We, too, rejoice over the Program to Kill Jim Crow and way they keep coming in. And to distribute The Militant. especially when they are sold in When we learned that New York the plants as all six of these Local had sold all of the more were . . . three of them in steel newspapers sold out the people | than 2,000 copies which they had | plants , and the other three in an bought, we decided to try the auto plant."

Chicago friends will be pleased to learn that two people who groes in the Post-War World. In bought copies of the excellent less than three hours we sold 89 pamphlet, "A Practical Program . copies! The comrades met with to Kill Jim Crow," by columnist very enthusiastic response from Charles Jackson, mailed The Militant advertising coupon and obtained subscriptions to our paper. * * *

Each mail brings in scores of Both of these pamphlets are new subscribers. Pittsburgh is top basic documents on the Negro scorer this week with 17 sixstruggle. They can be used by the month and 8 one-year subscribers among the coal miners. St. to-house distributions, at union | Louis makes the record with 10. six-month subscriptions, Los Angeles obtained 6 six-month renewals and 9 six-month new subs. ity is now in its third large edi- | and Rochester sent in 3 one-year tion, with a new introduction by renewals and 1 six-month new

who collaborated with John Militant Army welcomes into let, is well remembered as the its ranks M. Karen, literature agent of Kansas City, who writes: "We had a good mobilization for Militant sub selling this week. and now written by Charles and here are our results-11 six

PAGE FIVE

and Fourth International—which seems usually to be a reliable mento, Cal., all demanding general success of our wartime is only one of the many outlets who were well organized had reme very much—and will give due recognition to the bravery creases. and strength of conviction of the leaders of the CP, while continuing of course to criticize their policy.

Hoping I will see some more of your papers, etc., which I find very interesting, and that you will be able to send me those overtime work, the workers are as a permanent peacetime ar- reality is not public opinion, but copies of The Militant so that CP comrades may be shown that receiving from one-fifth to one- rangement. The problem requires only a capitalist trick to hold the little Finland before this big war the Trotskyists are an anti-fascist proletarian organization like ourselves.

Fraternally,

Editor's Reply

The English YCL comrade is right about Timbaud. Timbaud was, indeed, never a member of the French Section of the Fourth International, but a member of the C.P. in that country. The mistake in The Militant of April 28, which described him as a Trotskyist, was due to a misconstruction of information translated from the organ of our French comrades, La Verite, of September 29, 1944. The Militant incorrectly assumed that Timbaud, like Bourhis and Guegen, was a Trotskyist. We are glad that the comrade called the error to our attention and are naturally desirous of correcting it.

As to some of the young comrade's other comments, here of strikes. The year 1919 set a is what we have to say: Unquestionably a considerable number of stalinist militants, including well-known leaders, behaved heroically under the Hitler terror. As the comrade is probably aware, there have been numerous reformist Socialists who have behaved no less heroically in the face of the fascist persecutors. We need only call attention to the most famous of all such cases-that of Giacomo Matteotti in Italy.

But the heroism of these individuals has never blinded Marxists to the treacherous policies pursued by the parties to which they belonged, nor to the degenerate class collaborationist character of the bureaucracies which ruled them. The same holds true for the Stalinist bureaucracy. While giving all due honor to the heroism of the individual militants who died under the dastardly persecution of the Nazis and their henchmen, our criterion for judging their party remains the Marxist criterion, what class does its policies aid? The Militant, in treating this question, has adduced volumes of factual proof to show that the Trotskyist evaluation of Stalinism-as a degenerate workers' bureaucracy serving world imperialism-is well grounded. It is on that basis, and not on some abstract ethical considerations, that we ask the young comrade to judge between us and the completely Stalinized Communist parties.

One final point, on Walter Dauge. He was a left Social Democrat of long standing who for only a few short years belonged to the Belgian Trotskyist party and is, to the best of our knowledge, the only case internationally of a member of they displace much labor? one of our organizations who betrayed it and went over to the "collaborationists." (Isn't it somewhat unfair to compare this ton pickers are in commercial isolated case to the group betrayals like those of Paul Faure and use. These machines pick more Co. of the French Socialist Party, Henry De Man and Co. of the than 1,000 pounds of seed cotton Belgian Labor Party, Clamamus and Co. of the French C.P.? in an hour, compared to an av-

However, when we speak of traitors and treachery we are erage of 15 pounds an hour by not concerned with the actions of individuals belonging to a a human being. How much labor given party (such betrayals cannot be prevented even in the a mechanical picker displaces is most revolutionary parties and, indeed, there were numerous indicated by its application on such cases even in the Bolshevik party of Lenin's day.) We cne plantation of 4,000 acres are concerned with the declared and established policy of the which uses 40 skilled workmen party itself over a considerable period of time. Our "English operating machines, instead of able to provide an opening for Reader" will find a rounded out treatment of the question he 130 families consisting of 600 to you, we certainly will be most raises along this line in "The Policy of the Stalinist Parties Dur- 700 men, women and children, happy to give you a letter of refing the War," by Spero, in Fourth International, May 1945. reviously employed.

third less wages than during the careful study because the area war. Coupled with the fact is at a cost disadvantage for a that rail workers as a group re- metal working industry like ours, ENGLISH READER ceived from a quarter to a third since the Twin Cities are at a Japan was of a fairy-tale charless pay than war plant workers, considerable distance both from acter. The Japanese imperialists

we can readily see the reason the supplies of steel and other raw materials and from the cen-The workers who run the ter of distribution for most of workers ...? We never heard of

ever, to find a product which can be made in the Twin Cities without too much cost penalty. If we are successful, this will involve the acquisition or construction of a plant other than the present

Q: Were there many strikes St. Paul Works, which is not well adapted to efficient peacetime

If such a manufacturing operation is established in the Twin record that still stands for the Cities, we certainly will give record that still stands for the Citles, we certainly will bit AKRON-Visit The Militant Club, 405-6 number of workers involved in preference in hiring to former strikes. During that year, there employes of St. Paul Works, and were 4.160,348 persons on strike especially to veterans who have wed., Fri. 7 to 9 p.m. or 20.8 per cent of the total work- worked at this operation. It is ing force in industry. This com- only fair to say, however, that if pared with 6.2 per cent on strike we do establish a new plant in the Twin Cities it cannot begin operation for a considerable time,

probably more than a year. 2. The other possibility would involve your being willing to A. According to a September leave the Twin Cities and work 1, 1945, estimate, a total of 8,- elsewhere. Under the Harvester 050,000 men in the U. S. army Veterans' Re-employment Plan, if you desire, we will try to find more than 4 years; 1,200,000 be- you a job for which you are qualified at some other International between 2 and 3 years; 1,450,000 | Harvester location, provided you make application to us within 90 days after being discharged from military service. Under the Selective Training and Service Act, and under existing union contracts, you would have to begin such a job as a new employe from the standpoint of work seniority. However, any other rights for

the purpose of vacation, extra compensation, E. B. A. and other company plans will be computed from the date your service record began at St. Paul Works or other International Harvester Com-

If neither of these possibilities appeal to you, or if we are unerence to other employers or to

operation at St. Paul, the man- the capitalists have to propagan- fused to make the inhuman and agement is making studies to de- dize their lies as truths. The most death dealing instruments for Now that the war is over and termine whether any Harvester vicious propaganda form is to es- the ambitious politicians and the railroads all over the Unit- civilian products can be manu- tablish that monstrous ghost call- militarists to wield there would ed States are cutting out all factured in the Twin Cities area ed 'Public Opinion;' which in have been no war.

workers in check. started and, pardon me while I Prior to December 8, 1941, the smile, the "mighty British Emnews we were given on and about pire" through the pygmy, whiskey-bloated mind of Churchill, declared war on that little counwere painted as Gilbert and Sultry-ah, well! All I can say is livan creations; and the Japanese -we are living in a "great" world. The actions of the huour products. We do hope, how- them. (Better close our eyes and man family the past six years take an indifferent attitude on make one sorry they were born what was happening in China.). a human. After December 8, that lie was

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LLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM-Public disday at the Progressive Workers' School, 423 Springfield Ave., at 8:30 cussion meeting on current topics ev-ery Thursday, 8 p.m. at Militani Laber Forum, 5. E. corner Front and Ham-ilton Streets, Allentown. p.m. PHILADELPHIA-SWP Headquarters, 405 W. Girard Ave. Open forums every Friday 8 p.m. on current topics. Socialist Youth Group meets on al-.

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"We received excellent reactions from the workers we talkity, by Albert Parker and John ed with, many of whom ex-Saunders, with an introduction pressed a desire to attend our by Charles Jackson, 10 cents. Ne- future meetings. One of the workers, an active member of the NAACP, National Association for the Advancement of Colored 116 University Place, New York | People, invited us to their nextmeeting."

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after the last war?

A. At the end of the first world manufacture.

for this trend.

war, there was a great wave

in 1918.

Q. How many years, on the verage, have the men in the U. S. Army served? have served as follows: 800.000 tween 3 and 4 years; 3,600,000

between one and two years; 1,-000,000 less than one year.

Q. I hear that the mechanical cotton picker is now perfected. How many are in use, and will A. Already more than 100 cot-

pany operations.

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'Militant' Opens Drive For 10,000 New Subs

By Justine Lang CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

tant subscription campaign for ed by accepting their quotas; their forces and setting up cam-10,000 new readers will be Allentown-Bethlehem 100; Buf- paign directors and teams. Phillaunched by the Socialist Work- falo 300; Chicago 1,000; Cleve- adelphia writes that their Camers Party beginning October 14 | land 200; Los Angeles 1,500; Mil- paign Committee will be two with a National Red Sunday waukee 100; New York 2,000; mobilization on Sunday, Nov- Philadelphia 300; Reading 50; with the branch organizer. ember 25. The subscriptions will St. Paul 100; Toledo 300; be offered at the regular price Youngstown 300. Portland rais-

Louise Simpson **Answers Bicious Fake 'Interview**

(Continued from Page 1) continued Louise Simpson's letter, "Mr. Thomas and I concluded we were dealing with a crackpot. We gave him a copy of our election platform which definitely states our position in support of the five cent fare as well as on all the other important questions involved in the election campaign and terminated the interview.'

"Since then," declared Louise Simpson. "I have been informed that as a Republican 'bigwig,' Mr. Edgar Brown is a close collaborator of Colonel McCormick During the course of this camof the reactionary Chicago Tribune, Wm. Randolph Hearst, and to many people sincerely interother such 'friends' of the Negro people. In that capacity he un- Party which I represent. I would doubtedly is so preoccupied with the task of preventing the Negro News is at all interested in an many branches are preparing to people from finding a radical sohutton to their problems that he meet any accredited representahas little time for the truth." SLANDEROUS ARTICLE

The Trotskvist Councilmanic candidate also pointed out the printing Brown's article: "It is them."

of 50 cents for six months and the last Militant sub campaign, \$1.00 for a year.

Thirteen of the 29 SWP branches are deciding upon their An intensive six-weeks Mili- branches have already respond- concentration points, mobilizing

Campaign Director will supered its quota from 50 to 75. St. vise the activities of the five Paul, expressing the sentiments branches: West Side, East Side, of most of the branches, declar- Chelsea, Brooklyn and Harlem. ed: "Of course we plan to get Each branch will have its own more than our quota, but this'll Campaign Director and the

CAMPAIGN PLANS

be a start."

Following the pattern set in

indeed regrettable," she declared, "that your paper has so little respect for journalistic ethics as to take responsibility for the publication of a scandalous article the November elections. by permitting it to appear without the author's by-line. By doing so the Amsterdam News has vidual pace-setters will be featmade itself a partner in a shabby ured.

political swindle." Comrade Simpson said she had 'assumed that the Amsterdam this campaign. News had a higher standard than that adopted by the Republican Party and its 'bigwigs!' paign I have granted interviews ested in the program, ideas and interview with me I would gladly compete for youth group and tional Marc was known as James

the future you attempt to verify ers was upped by a record- His biography appeared in an ST. LOUIS scriptions.

elected team captains together In New York, a city-wide

High branches will be divided into teams, at the head of which will be Team Captains. New York is For Heroism To

been opened and where an in-Pfc. Marc Dauber, member of tensive drive is being carried on the Socialist Workers Party, for the Trotskyist candidates in killed in action last November, was awarded posthumously last

In this campaign, as in the week the Distinguished Service last, national branch and indi- Cross, second highest medal. Wounded on D-Day on the Weekly reports and a Normandy beachhead, Marc re-

scoreboard will keep Militant covered only to be killed in acreaders posted on the results of tion in the Huertgen Forest in Germany. The medal was Every branch in the country awarded because, after being is keyed up and aspiring to lead badly wounded, he continued to all other branches in spirited shout and throw hand grenades FLINT

pate in the sub campaign. was a senior at Brooklyn College. TWIN CITIES suggest that if the Amsterdam Trotskyist Youth Groups in He was 22 when killed. To readers of Fourth Interna-

singles championships. soned Marxist on various miliwould further suggest that in year the goal of 10,000 new readtary and political questions.

of THE MILITANT.

MARC DAUBER

Wright Lectures In 3 Cities **On The British Labor Victory**

(Continued from Page 1) treacherous capitalist parties intend to bring their friends. ries, he said, they were coalition and the Stalinist party, think of As an indication of the wel- victory of the British workers, governments. The great victory politics as a dirty business and come accorded the new Socialist declared Comrade Wright. He of the British Labor Party today want to have no part of it. places a majority of two to one in the capitalist Parliament. Today, for the first time, the leaders of the Labor Party do not Socialist Workers Party, she de- sent by neighbors. need the consent of anyone to clared, the only party that offers carry out the job for which the a real solution to the oppressed English workers voted them into and enslaved workers. The audience responded with office.

SIMPSON SPEAKS

The meeting concluded with the A special feature of the evesinging of The Internationale. ning was the question and answer period following the lec- Wright will continue his coast-From New York, Comrade ture, when dozens of written to-coast tour, with his next questions were answered by meeting in Rochester. Comrade Wright. Louise Simpson, Trotskyist

candidate for New York City Allentown Hears Council in the November elec-John J. Wright tions also spoke. She said that many workers in this country. disgusted with the corrupt and

JOHN G. WRIGHT TOUR SCHEDULE DATE

bor Party - Its Meaning for YOUNGSTOWN Sunday to Tuesday, Oct. 7-9 American Workers," held in the Wednesday to Friday, Oct. 10-12 newly acquired headquarters of Saturday to Monday, Oct. 13-15 TOLEDO CLEVELANI

Fuesday to Friday, Nov. 13-16 Practically everyone stayed for tional Marc was known as James Cadman. In 1941, at the age of SAN FRANCISCO the housewarming which followed the meeting. Groups of workers they enjoyed tidbits and refreshments, music and dancing. Many

be jubilant over the electoral Workers Party headquarters in presented carefully-documented This is because they are still this area, bouquets of flowers facts to demonstrate that this unacquainted with the revolu- and messages of good wishes for victory was the result of the tionary socialist program of the our party and its activities were bankruptcy of British capitalism.

PROCESS HERE

Newark Meeting Well Attended

a generous collection of \$125. enthusiastic reception was ac- the movement of the militant corded to John G. Wright, noted Detroit workers to elect a labor Trotskyist speaker and writer, candidate for mayor was an imwhen he addressed a well-attended meeting tonight of members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party, speaking on "The British Labor Victory-Its Mean- | wouldn't have missed this meeting for the American Workers." "The oppressed peoples of the from that one speech than from entire world have every right to anything else I've ever heard!"

Street

In response to questions from the audience, Comrade Wright explained that the same process was beginning to take place NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 25.-An in this country. He showed how portant indication of this trend. The general feeling of those present was summed up by one newcomer who declared: "I ing for anything I learned more

Hear JOHN G. WRIGHT Associate Editor of "The Militant" and 4th International speak on "The British Labor Victory—Its Meaning for American Workers" AKRON Friday, October 5, 8 p.m. Friday, October 12 405-6 Everett Bldg., Militant Forum, 629 Main Street. 39 E. Market Street. CLEVELAND YOUNGSTOWN Sunday, Oct. 14, 8 p.m. Carnegie Bldg., 1220 Sunday, October 7, 8 p.m., 225 No. Phelps Huron Road (off Euclid)

Room 914.



By John Fitch

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Sept. 24-

An enthusiastic group of 25

workers attended the meeting at

which John G. Wright spoke on

'The Victory of the British La-

tive and present my views. I In our previous campaign this 19, he was writing like a sea-Los Angeles, san Diego Thurs., Nov. 29 to Wed., Dec. 5 rious phases of the lecture while KANSAS CITY Monday, Tuesday, Dec. 10-11 role of the Amsterdam News in your stories before publishing smashing total of 22,437 sub- objuary in the April 14 issue PITTSBURGH PITTSBURGH (11 in the are looking forward to which them are looking forward to the matter and the are looking forward to the stories are looking forward to the stor Sunday to Tuesday, Dec. 16-18 future meetings to which they

THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN TROTSKYISM

AKRON

SEATTLE

OUR EXPERIENCES IN THE N. Y. HOTEL STRIKE By James P. Cannon

The hotel organization campaign began, and as so frequently happens in trade union developments, luck played a part. By Pittsburgh conference in the preceding month. In this open chance, a few members of our party belonged to this independent letter we took note of their convention decision to move toward he was leading not only himself but the strike to destruction, union which became the medium for the organization campaign. the constitution of a political party; we proposed to open dis- and was threatening to bring discredit upon our movement. We As the hotel workers began to turn toward unionism in a big cussions with the objective of coming to an agreement on proway, this handful of Trotskyists found themselves in the midst gram so that we could form a political party unitedly, putting mittee about the policy of the strike, which was beginning to Eventually they drew the lessons of that experience and returned of a swirling mass movement. We had a comrade, an old-time their forces and ours together in one organization. It is symptom- sag because it was being directed wrongly. Instead of organiz- to us. militant in the trade, and after years of isolation he suddenly atic, it is significant, that the initiative came from us. In every ing the militancy of the ranks from below, and thus coming to found himself an influential figure. Then we had in the party relationship ever established between the Trotskyists and any the negotiations with a power behind him—the only thing that "The Trotskyists Mean Business" at that time a man named B. J. Field, an intellectual. He had other political grouping, the initiative always came from the really counts in negotiations when the chips are down-he was never been engaged in trade union work before. man of many intellectual accomplishments, and in our general or because we were less bashful than other people—we have alpush toward mass work, in our drive for contact with the mass ways been modest enough—but because we knew what we wanted government sharks, politicians and labor skates who had no other dreamed that a little political grouping like ours, confronted with movement, Field was assigned to go into the hotel situation to all the time. We had a more clearly defined program and were purpose except to knife the strike. help our faction and to give the union the benefit of his knowl- always sure of what we were doing, or at least we thought we edge as a statistician, an economist and a linguist.

the breaking point to help that strike.

But we did not become trade union fetishists. Simultaneously with our concentration in the hotel strike, we made a decisive move on the political front. The Militant of January 27, the very issue of the paper which carried the first report of the general strike, published also an open letter addressed to the Provisional Organization Committee of the American Workers Party, which the Conference for Progressive Labor Action had set up at their But he was a Trotskyists. That was not because of our personal superiority moderating the militancy of the masses and spending all his of the strike in progress; and by that action we startled the were. This gave us confidence, initiative.

Previous 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, the expulsion of the Trotskyists in 1928, the formation of a new party and the preparation for mass work.

farther away from us. We tried hard, in the most comradely way, in the most humble way, to convince this swell-headed fool that begged him to consult us, to come and talk to the National Com-

fice they never paid any attention to the party or its policy. Labor leaders were above discipline in the Socialist Party, The party never summoned up enough courage to expel any of them, because they thought that thereby they would lose their "contact" with the mass movement. We had no such thoughts. We proceeded resolutely, to expel Field and all those who solidarized themselves with him in that situation. We threw them out of our organization in the midst of the strike. Those members of the Field faction who didn't want to break with the party, who agreed to accept the discipline of the party, were given an opportunity to do so and are still members of the party. Some of these whom we expelled remained in political isolation for years.

That was a very drastic action, considering the circumstances



Award planning to concentrate a large part of its efforts in Harlem, Comrade Dauber

Organizing the N. Y. Hotel Workers

the hotel situation was a group of French chefs. Because of their strategic position in the trade and their prestige as the most one of the featured speakers of the strike committee, along with skilled craftsmen, they played, as is always the case with the Field and others. Our comrades in the union were in a position best mechanics everywhere, a predominant role. Many of these French chefs could not speak or discuss things in English. Our intellectual could talk French with them till the cows came home. This gave him extraordinary importance in their eyes. The old militants, and share responsibility with them, in order that the secretary was leaving office, and before anybody knew what had strike leadership may be really representative of the membership happened, the French chefs insisted that Field should be secretary of this promising union and he was duly elected; naturally that meant not only an opportunity for us, but also a responsibillty. The organization campaign then went on with full force. Our League gave the most energetic help from the start. I personally participated quite actively and spoke at several organiza- the machinations of the Federal Labor Board. It required political tion mass meetings. After five years of isolation down on Tenth awareness to prevent the ostensible "help" of these governmental Street and Sixteenth Street, making innumerable speeches at agencies from being transformed into a noose for the strike. We small forums and internal meetings-and not only making the had sufficient political experience, we knew enough about the speeches, but listening to other speakers interminably-I was role of government mediators, to have some ideas about how to heppy to have an opportunity to speak to hundreds and hundreds deal with them-not only to turn one's back on them in sectarian of workers on elementary trade unionism.

but who, strangely enough, was an excellent trade unionist- slightest confidence in these people or giving them the initiative. and more than that, a member of this craft-was sent into this union to help. In addition, a number of other comrades were tellectual prodigy, B. J. Field. But he in the meantime had gone assigned to help in the organizing campaign. We publicized the through a certain transformation; from nothing he had suddenly campaign in The Militant and gave whatever help we could, in- become everything. His picture was in all the New York papers. cluding advice and direction to our comrades, until the movement He was the leader of a great mass movement. And strange as culminated in a general strike of New York hotel workers on it may seem, sometimes these things which are purely external, January 24, 1934. At the invitation of the union committee, I having absolutely nothing to do with what is inside a man, exert made the main speech at the mass meeting of the hotel workers, a profound effect on his self-estimation. This, unfortunately, was the night when the general strike was proclaimed. Thereafter the case with Field. By nature he was rather conservative, and the National Committee of our League assigned me to devote my by no means free from petty-bourgeois sentiment, from being whole time to assisting and collaborating with Field and the impressed by government representatives, politicians and labor fraction in the hotel workers union... Many others-a dozen or skates into whose company he was suddenly thrust. He began more-were assigned to help in every way from picketing to run- to carry out his negotiations with these people, and to conduct ning errands, from writing publicity to distributing handbills and himself generally, like a Napoleon, as he thought, but in reality sweeping up headquarters; any and every kind of task which like a schoolboy. He disregarded the fraction of his own party would be required of them in such a situation.

Our League went all out for the strike, just as we had done in the German crisis in the early part of 1933. When the German situation came to the breaking point, we brought out The are seized by the utterly irrational idea that they are bigger then Militant three times a week in order to dramatize the events the party, that they don't need the party any more. and increase our striking power. We did the same thing in the New York hotel strike. The Militant was carried by our comrades to all meetings and picket lines. So that every worker in the machine through which he carried out everything. Not the industry on strike saw The Militant every other day popular- only that. He began to disregard the National Committee of the izing the strike, giving the strikers' side, exposing the bosses' lies, League. We could have helped him a lot because our committee and offering some ideas on ways of making the strike successful. embodied the experience not of one strike but of many, to say

to help the New York strike as task number one; to help the useful in dealing with the Labor Board sharks. We wanted to union win the strike and to help our comrades establish the in- help him because we were bound up in the situation as much fluence and prestige of Trotskyism in the fight. That is one as he was. All over town, and all over the country in fact, everyof the characteristics of Trotskyism. Trotskyism never does body was talking about the Trotskyist strike. Our movement was anything half-way. Trotskyism acts according to the old motto: on trial before the labor movement of the country. All our Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well. That is the enemies were hoping for disaster; nobody wanted to help us. way we acted in the hotel strike. We poured everything we had We knew very well that if the strike had a bad outcome the break party discipline with impunity because the party wouldn't into that task to make it successful. The whole New York or- Trotskyist organization would get a black eye. No matter how ganization was mobilized; they scraped down to the bottom of far Field might depart from the party policy, it would not be their pockets, to the last dime, to pay the tremendous expense Field who would be remembered and blamed for the failure, of the three-times-a-week Militant. The comrades all over the but the Trotskyist movement, the Trotskyist organization. country did likewise. We strained the organization almost to Each day that went by, our heedless intellectual pulled

The hotel strike had a very promising beginning. A series of great mass meetings was held, culminating in a mass meet-It happened that the most strategically important sector in ing in the annex of Madison Square Garden with not less than 10,000 in attendance. There I had the privilege of speaking as from the start to influence strike policy most decisively, although we never pursued the policy of monopolizing strike leadership. and sensitively responsive to it.

Strike Encounters Difficulties

Naturally, the strike began to encounter many of the difficulties which scuttled so many strikes of that period, particularly fashion, but to utilize every possibility they might afford to bring Hugo Ochler, who later became a quite famous sectarian, the bosses into negotiations; and to do this without placing the

All this we tried to impress upon our brilliant young inin the union-which is always the sign of a man who has lost his head. But it often happens with party members who are suddenly projected into important strategic positions in unions. They

Field began to disregard the militants of his own party fraction who were right there by his side and should have been Our whole organization, all over the country, was mobilized nothing of the political experience which would have been so

The Party Must Determine The Line

That was true, and we really winced under the accusation—we spect for the Trotskyists. had no telephone. That deficiency was a relic of our isolation, one. Besides, up till then, we couldn't afford a telephone.

negotiations with Mayor LaGuardia, while the strike was dying and conducted as a model of organization and militancy. Party on its feet for lack of proper leadership. Meanwhile our enemies discipline of our comrades in this endeavor-100 percent effective were waiting to say: "We told you so. The Trotskyists are nothing but sectarian hair splitters. They can't do mass work. They fortunate experience we had in New York. Whereas the tendency name of leading the strike but not the influence to shape its from the party, in Minneapolis the leaders came closer to the policy. thanks to the treachery of Field. We were in danger party and concluded the strike in the most intimate contact with of having our movement compromised. If we should condone the party, both locally and nationally. what was being done by Field and his group we could only spread demoralization in our own ranks. We could convert our young revolutionary group into a caricature model of the Socialist was brilliantly vindicated in this battle of the coal yards, and Party, which had people all over the trade union movement but did much to counterbalance the bad impressions of the New. had no serious party influence because the Socialist Party trade York hotel strike. unionists never felt any obligation to the party.

We had before us a fundamental problem which is decisive for every revolutionary political party: Shall trade union funcparty, or shall the party determine the line and lay down the law to the trade union functionaries? The problem was posed future developments of our party in the trade union field and did a great deal to shape the character of our party.

as he was, we brought charges against him for violating party League began in the spring of 1934. policy and party discipline, before the New York organization.

We had a full discussion-as I recall, it lasted two Sunday afternoons-to give everybody in the League a chance to speak. The great man Field disdained to appear. He had no time. So he was tried in his absence. By this time he had organized a little faction of his own of League members whom he had misled, and who had become unballanced by the magnitude of the mass movement as against the size of our little political grouping on Sixteenth Street. They came down to the League meetings as Field's spokesmen, full of arrogance and impudence and said: "You can't expel us. You are only expelling yourselves from the trade union mass movement."

Like many trade unionists before them, they felt bigger than the party. They thought they could violate party policy and dare to discipline them. That is what really happened in the case of the Socialist Party, and that is one important reason why the Socialist Party has wound up in such a pitiful debacle in the trade union field. All its great trade union leaders, lifted into office with the help of the party, are still there but once in of-

a member at the head of a movement of 10,000 workers, would dare to expel him at the height of his glory, when his picture was all over the newspapers and he seemed to be a thousand times Field became more and more disdainful. How could he, who bigger than our party. There were two reactions at first, One had no time, come down and meet with us? All right, we said, reaction was summed up by people who said: "This means the we have time: we will meet you at meal time in a restaurant a end of the Trotskyists; they have lost their trade union conblock from the union headquarters. He didn't have the time tacts and forces." They were mistaken. The other reaction, the even for that. He began to pass disparaging remarks. There was important one, was summed up by those who said: "The Trotskya little political group down on Sixteenth Street, and all they ists mean business." Those who predicted fatal consequences. had was a program and a handful of people; and here he was from this disgrace and debacle of the hotel strike were soon rewith 10,000 strikers under his influence. Why should he bother futed by further developments. Many who saw this little political Our policy has been to draw into cooperation all the leading with us? He said, "I could not get in contact with you even if grouping take a stand like that towards an "untouchable" trade I wanted to; you haven't even got a telephone in your office." union leader at the head of a big strike acquired a healthy re-

> Serious people were attracted to the League, and our whole a hangover from the past when we had no need of a telephone membership was stiffened up with a new sense of discipline and because nobody wanted to call us up, and we couldn't call any- responsibility toward the organization. Then, right on the heels of the hotel disaster, came the Minneapolis coal vard strike. Eventually the hotel strike bogged down for lack of militant Before the hotel strike grew cold there was a flare-up in Minneapolicy because of a crawling reliance on the Labor Board which polis and a strike of the coal yard workers. It was led by this was aiming to scuttle the strike. Days were wasted in futile group of Minneapolis Trotskyists who are known to all of you, -was in no small degree affected and reinforced by the uncan't lead strikes." It was a heavy blow to us. We had the of the trade union leaders in New York had been to pull away

> > The coal yard strike came to a smashing victory. The Trotskyist trade union policy, carried out by able and loyal men.

Following these events, we addressed another letter to the American Workers Party proposing that we send a committee to discuss fusion with them. There were elements in their ranks tionaries determine the party line and lay down the law to the who by no means wanted to talk to us. We were the last people they wanted to unite with, but there were others in the AWP who were seriously interested in uniting with us to form a bigger point-blank in the midst of this strike. We did not evade the party. And, since we didn't keep our approaches a secret, but issue. The decisive action we took at that time colored all the always printed them in the paper where the membership of the American Workers Party could read them, the leaders found it judicious to agree to meet us. The formal negotiations for the We put Mr. Field on trial in the middle of the strike. Big fusion of the American Workers Party and the Communist

(To Be Continued)



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THE MILITANT

1,000 Detroit Workers Picket Fascist Meeting; Police Use Clubs In Attack On Anti-Fascists

Party, went to the executive (Continued from Page 1) either side of the school ent- board of the Wayne County CIO Council which was meeting that rance.

Several pickets, including a same night, to repeat in person war veteran still in uniform, the recommendations contained were knocked unconscious. As in the telegram, and to point out the veteran slumped forward, that local unions had been given blood pouring out of his ears an incorrect date for the picket from a blow on the head, he was line by CIO officials. He had a hostile reception, the

heard to protest "I haven't done anything. I was just walking on the picket line." In answer a him a hearing. When he manpoliceman lifted his club to strike aged nevertheless to state the him again, but the veteran had party's recommendations and to already fainted.

STALINIST FINGERMEN

Police brutality to pickets is licize the picket line, the board not a new thing to Detroit | remained silent, except that Wilworkers. However, union mem- liams, president of Local 208 bers were shocked to learn that UAW-CIO, kept interrupting by the official leadership of the shouting hysterically, "You can't Stalinist - dominated Wayne talk here. We voted not to County CIO Council had been hear you.' collaborating with the police and had acted as fingermen.

A reporter for a Detroit daily CIO Council's plans to picket newspaper stated that "CIO officials gave the police informa- broken the next day through tion about individual pickets." Police Commissioner Ballenger told a UAW member who pro- daily papers. tested the beatings. "We knew hast night what was coming. One of your boys tipped us off. You got just what you asked for."

demonstration and admitting The treachery of the official that "news of the picket line CIO leadership was further corleaked out when one of the coroberated by a picket from Local operating groups sent out a press 262 UAW-CIO who overheard Sam Sage. Stalinist Secretary of did Detroit workers finally learn, the Wayne County CIO Council tell the police "We're going to they would have an opportunity call OUR line off. You'll know to demonstrate their hatred of how to take care of the others." fascism and of those who would "WHERE'S GANLEY?" try to spread fascism in this

The conspiracy between the country. Stalinists and the police depart- LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED ment to have the pickets beaten up explains in part why Stalinist-dominated auto locals were so conspicuously absent from the picket line. Their absence did not set well with the pickets however, who were heard asking "Where is Ganley? Where's Quinn? Where is John Anderson?

The betrayal of militant pickets, into the hands of the police was the final attempt of the Stalinists to prevent a mass anti-fascist demonstration, after all their earlier efforts at sabotage had failed. Although the Wayne Council CIO Council, controlled by Stalinists, had known for two weeks about the America First meeting, they kept silent until two days before the event.

Only the pressure of the ranksfinally forced them to endorse a and even then the

DRIVE OUT THE FASCISTS! Picket The G.L.K. Smith Meeting at Northern High School board voting 6-to-1 not to give Corner Woodward and Clairmount Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7:00 P.M. offer the party's help in raising Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, leading fascist demagogue, has dared to call an anti-labor rally in this UAW stronghold at the very time that the workers are fight-

ing for a 30 per cent wage increase. Rev. Smith is stirring up anti-Negro and anti-Jew-

ish hatred after the pattern of Hitler.

This is all part of the drive of Big Business to crush the unions.

Stop fascism from getting a foothold in Detroit.

Do not stand idly by and permit fascism to smash the labor movement

Answer the call of the Wayne County CIO Council to picket. Be at Northern High School Thurs. 7 p.m. sharp

SMASH FASCISM BEFORE FASCISM SMASHES YOU!

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY and THE MILITANT

Leaflet issued by the Detroit Branch of the Socialist Workers Party and The Militant supporting the CIO call one day before the event, that for a demonstration against the fascist demagogue, Gerald L. K. Smith.

> token protest were unavailing., The small groups of fascists Although the demonstration was who ventured through the police called for 7:00 p.m. pickets be- lines were greeted by boos and gan arriving at the school with jeers, as were the police reintheir placards well ahead of forcements. Cheers and aptime. After looking around for plause, on the other hand, welthe official CIO sponsors, who comed the flying squadrons from were not there, the pickets the various auto locals as they formed their own line of march, arrived to take their place on

> > UNDERSTAND POLICE ROLE

The pickets also showed a fine Within a few minutes the lines understanding of the role of the had swelled to huge proportions, police. They answered the beatthe majority of pickets being ings by shouting: "Mayor Jeffauto workers and their families. ries' Storm Troopers Protect All racial groups were well rep- Fascists"; "We Want a LABOR resented, as were veterans or- Police Commissioner"; "Down ganizations, servicemen in uni- With Jeffries"; and "Elect form, students, civic and frater- Frankensteen and the Cops Will nal organizations, and finally, All Be Union Members." somewhat late, the Stalinist There were many demands

that the plants be closed for a church group. Particularly in evidence on one-day protest against the brusquadrons from a number of number of UAW-CIO locals sent UAW-CIO locals, including Lo- delegations to the protest meet- 23,000 Negro families have of the industrial cities throughng which Sage had called at 15, 154, 681,

will no longer be permitted the spokesmen, for Frankensteen to get mixed up in the fight against use of public schools for meetthe fascist Smith. ings.

The policy of ignoring Hitler, JOB WELL DONE of refusing to lead the German The magnificent response of masses in an all-out fight against the Detroit workers to the hasthim, and of not publicizing that ily called picket line, and the severe setback suffered by Smith, fascists became strong, was prepoint to a job well done. However, the question still remains: "What next to drive the

ers were treated by their leaders fascists out of Detroit altogethbefore Hitler came to power. er?" The finky role of the Stal-Detroit workers insist that inists is well understood in labor their union and their political port of Bristol, England, to go circles here, and many UAW loleaders DO become "mixed up" to Africa and obtain native blacks cals are already planning to with the fight against fascism, to be taken to the new world. make a sharp protest at the next that they get out and lead it or and sold into bondage, was namgeneral meeting of the Wayne be replaced by leaders who will. County CIO Council against its The next few weeks may well

treacherous actions. The Stalsee such a leadership established. inist officials of the Council will A number of UAW local presibe called to account, but there dents, indignant at the treachstill is the task of establishing erous role played by the Stalina genuine anti-fascist leaderist CIO Council, have already deship to guide the workers in their clared the need for a broad antistruggles.

fascist united front, based on the What dissappointed the worklabor movement and led by miliers was the silent and aloof attants who want to involve the titude of the UAW-CIO internamasses in genuine struggle. A tional officials whose political resolution to that effect will in religion and thereby become lead the Detroit workers are all probability be introduced at more inclined to follow. Right the next presidents' conference now, when the Detroit labor to be held early in October. movement is engaged in an elec-LABOR HOLIDAY tion campaign to put its own

There is talk also of declarcandidates in the offices of ing a general labor holiday in mayor and common council, the Detroit the next time Smith atpickets had every right to extempts to hold a meeting here, pect from their candidates a and of bringing down the powdemonstration of solidarity in erful Flint and Pontiac locals to April, 1944, declared before a the fight against fascism and join in a mass anti-fascist dempolice brutality. They could be onstration. heard asking one another on

Smith has announced that he periority of the white race has the picket line: "Where is Frankwill be back in December for a been proved . . . The white race ensteen? Where are Doll and Hill? Why aren't they here?" return engagement. If he dares is the custodian of the gospel of to return he will find a solid Jesus Christ." Thus Bilbo in the "SMART" POLITICS front arrayed against him. Given name of Christianity would even

Nor will the workers be satis- two months instead of two days fied with the answer given by in which to organize, the anti- the Pearly gates. the Wayne County Political Ac- fascists can easily make it imtion Committee, controlled by possible for Smith to hold a cial church organizations in this the UAW top leadership, to the meeting in public schools or in country, in England, Germany request made by the Socialist any other meeting hall in the Workers Party that Franken- city. By their numbers and their steen take the lead in the dem- willingness to fight, the workonstration - it would not be ers will drive the fascists out 'smart politics," said the PAC of Detroit.

The Fight In Los Angeles

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By Jean Simon (The first of two articles)

Against Race Segregation

With good reason Los Angeles First World War, the war for has become the center of the so-called "democracy." At that the picket line were the flying tal actions of the police, and a legal fight against isolating Negroes into ghettoes. While some Negroes into the labor markets dus against their blood brothers, the Moslems, through religion. Thus religion is. in fact a be



ed the "Jesus Christ."

in palatial splendor.)

"FOR WHITES ONLY"

Almost unanimously the offi-

imperialist slaughter where boys

of fellow humans whom they had

squeezed releases that reduced

lief which assumes the practical

form of a prejudice. It is strange-

working class solidarity is con-

cerned to our own familiar buga-

boo-racial prejudice. When you

hear someone claim they have

got is religious prejudice.

"got religion" what they've really

On a recent Socialist Workers

Party mobilization to sell the

pamphlet, "A Practical Program

to Kill Jim Crow," one of our

agents entered a house where

several colored workers and a

preacher were gathered. Explain-

DIVIDES WORKERS

mush.

The True Role of Religion

The Negro people have been bound down by the chains of servitude and persecution for the last 300 years. Although fight to the workers before the many of us have been taught to look upon religious belief as a beacon of hope that has had a helpful influence during cisely the kind of "smart poli- all this time, the fact of the matter is that no small link tics" to which the German work- in those very chains that bind us, has been the white man's ruling class religion.

It is not accidental that one of ing that the pamphlet contained the first slave ships to leave the a fighting program to gain full equality, our comrade soon interested the workers in getting the pamphlet. The preacher, however, said "Don't buy that brothers, we will never gain our rights through fighting. That is It is no accident that the clergy

not the way of Christ." unanimously sanctioned the When it was made clear that slaveholding policies of the we were opposed to a fight of southern landowners-wrapping black against white and that we up this inhuman practice in such stood for the workers of all colors tinsel as this: "It is to the great getting together in a solid alliadvantage of the slaves that the ance, the minister came back slavers took them from their with the answer that our only ally heathen existence in Africa and was Jesus Christ. He thus sucbrought them here so that they cessfully prevented these oppresscould be taught the Christian ed Negroes from getting the pamphlet and thereby arming worthy of everlasting life"-(inthemselves with the truth. cidentally, while they were here

CLOTHED IN RELIGION they tended and harvested the

Every leading enemy of equalcotton crops under forced labor so that their masters could live ity for the Negro, from the rabid Southern slaveholders through the venomous Senator Bilbo and Harry Truman, commander-in-It is no accident that Senator chief of the Jim Crow U. S. Army Bilbo (a devout Christian), in and President of the Country in whose national capital Negroes special joint meeting of the Misare forcibly barred from "white" sissippi legislature that the sutheaters, on down to Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, the Number 1 fascist -each of these purveyors of the lie of white supremacy clothes himself in the snow-white robes of religion. put a "for white only" sign on

Only Socialism will bring # Brotherhood of Man and that is what we must fight for. In the meantime, to one who, because of the insecurity and the frustratand Japan supported this past ing contradictions of life in capitalist society, feels a need to were sent out to cut the throats safeguard his soul after death, we say: join us also in fighting never even seen, and where air to safeguard your body during force bombardiers on both sides life.

There have been, of course a tens of millions of innocent men, few religious people who also sacwomen and children to bloody rificed in action for the oppressed class; for example, John Brown. But where are the John Isn't it true that religion sets Browns of today? No one should be denied the right to his belief Protestant workers against Catholic workers, Mohammedan work- but on the other hand, who candeny the truth of this slogan: If ers against Jewish workers, and so on down the line? Even in fried chicken is good for the starving India the British leeches | preacher, it is also good for theworking man?

IN THE COMING



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G. L. K. SMITH

ers to "Smash Fascism Before

These leaflets were distributed

in all the working class neigh-

gates: and to as many local

union halls as could be reached

in the short time that remained.

Local union officials, with two

Fascism Smashes You."

On Wednesday, the same day, the daily papers carried news of the coming demonstration, the Socialist Workers Party distributed 20,000 leaflets calling on

funds and supplying material as-

sistance needed to properly pub-

The Stalinist conspiracy of si-

lence about the Wayne County

the Smith meeting was finally

press releases sent by the Social-

ialist Workers Party to the three

The Detroit News on Wednes-

day, September 26, carried a

front page story announcing the

release Tuesday night." Thus

LINES SWELL



tried to sidetrack the action. They made plans for only a small "token" picket line across the street from Northern High School, where it would not interfore with the Smith meeting. They attempted to muster the pickets through two Stalfinist stooge organizations, the People's Institute of Applied Religion and groups and called on the workthe Civil Rights Federation, rather than through the organized labor movement. Finally they made every effort to keep their plans for a picket line a borhoods, where they were resecret, at the same time claim- ceived enthusiastically at plant ing that the unions were being notified.

NOT INFORMED

Phone calls made by the Soexceptions, willingly posted the cialist Workers Party to leading leaflets on their bulletin boards; CIO locals throughout the city apologized that they had not disclosed the shameful fact that had sufficient notice to get out most of the locals were NOT beleaflets of their own; and asked plans, although they were eager to cooperate with the Council as the date of the demonstration. instead of the correct date Thursday, September 27.

telegram to the Wayne County of the CIO picket line. CIO Council announcing its full AFL ENDORSEMENT support of the Council's action

in calling for a picket line and make every effort to secure a four UAW-CIO locals, Briggs mass turnout by publicizing the 212, Budd 306, Fleetwood 15, pare for a gigantic demonstrademonstration through press re- and Bower Bearing 681, man- tion if and when Smith returned leases, handbills, advertisements, aged to distribute thousands of in December. broadcasts, sound trucks, and their own leaflets to their members, resulting in an especially PICKET SIGNS

all other means available. Similar telegrams asking for large turnout on the picket line support to the Wayne County from these four locals. CIO Council and calling for

Committee; to the United Auto- called on all AFL locals to be K. Smith Out of Detroit" and were loud cheers from the audmobile Workers, CIO; to the present. In contrast, R. J. "Smash Fascism Before Fascism ience. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People: and to Richard Frankensteen. vice-president of the UAW-CIO and labor candidate for mayor. Frankensteen was particularly statement to the press and over

the radio in support of the anti-Smith demonstration.

HOSTILE RECEPTION

Arthur Burch, Detroit organ- itancy of the workers and to re- Smith"; and "Hitler Was Anti- Education announced that Smith izer of the Socialist Workers duce their picket lines to a mere Negro-So Is Smith."

a large turnout.

of any leadership given by the However, the Stalinist Sage rethe workers of Detroit to answer the call of the Wayne County ron members, cooperating with to the complete absence of any CIO Council to picket at North-Socialist Workers Party leaders, officials from the UAW or from

ern High School the following took the lead of the demonstra- the Wayne County CIO Council. night. The leaflet set forth the dangers of fascism to the labor It was this committee, organ- place. movement and to all minority

was over.

ized in the action itself, which STALINIST SLANDER kept the lines together when the

Why did Sage call off the propolice tried to break them up test against police brutality? The

and push the pickets back. They answer can be found in the bore the brunt of the police bru- Daily Worker of September 29 tality and took care of their which says: "The Trotzkyites wounded, refusing to permit the sought to incite a violent clash. pickets to be taken away in a They were partially successful police ambulance. They kept and two persons were hurt." the picket lines going in spite of This makes it clear that the repeated Stalinist pronounce- Stalinist chiefs gave the order ments that the demonstration to whitewash the police and to place the blame for police vio-**PROMISES A PROTEST**

lence on the pickets.

the protest meeting did not take

Sam Sage finally persuaded some of the pickets to quit, but cist Smith did not have things ing informed of the Council's for ample supplies of the Social- only on the promise that the all his way at the meeting inist Workers Party leaflets to dis- CIO Council would organize a side the school, as is his usual to act against the fascists and tribute to their members. The protest meeting the following custom. Although it was claimed Senator Bilbos and understudies two exceptions were Local 208 day at the mayor's office at that 500 attended the meeting, of Gerald L. K. Smith, are exin every way. Those few locals UAW-CIO, where Williams eject- which he personally would be no more than 150 of his own which had been notified were ed the Socialist Workers Party present to protest police bru- people were seen to enter; othgiven Wednesday, September 26, representative, and the Wayne tality. With the demonstration ers at the meeting were mostly County CIO Council, where the thus weakened by Sage, Arthur teachers and students who had Stalinist Sam Sage, Council sec- Burch, who led the Socialist been attending night school and retary, refused to post the leaf- Workers Party delegation, ad- who reportedly heckled Smith On Tuesday, September 25, the let. At neither place was there dressed the pickets remaining on throughout his three - hour force racial minorities into ghet- neighborhoods." Socialist Workers Party sent a any announcement to be found the line, pointing out that the speech. This heckling was in toes, there are more cases

islation of genuine anti-fascists sharp contrast to a meeting against such segregation in Caliin a smaller picket line was pre- Smith held in the same auditorcisely what the police were wait- ium about a year ago, when 600

In spite of the short notice ing for. It would be better, of his supporters cheered his recommending that the Council which they were given, at least Burch told them, to disband in every word. an organized fashion and pre-

SMITH A "STINKER" The police tried to stop a group of Jewish soldiers in uni-

form from entering, but were forced to admit seven when a The scores of picket signs U. S. Army major interceded. It

showed that the workers well was reported that one of the With the often open and always Frank Martel, chairman of understood the meaning of fas- soldiers managed to make his publicity were also sent by the the AFL Central Labor Council, cism and its dangers to the labor way to the platform where Smith Socialist Workers Party to the announced the AFL's endorse- movement. Besides the slogans was speaking, and called Smith Wayne County Political Action ment of the demonstration, and of "Drive the Fascist Rev. G. L. a "stinker", whereupon there

Thomas and other UAW-CIO Smashes You," repeated many When the meeting was over, officials remained silent. The times over, there were such signs hundreds of pickets still milled Wayne County CIO Council, as "Big Business Supports Fas- around the school, although the whose picket line this was, did cism"; "Smith Preaches Nation- picket line had been disbanded not get around to notifying af- alism. So Did Hitler"; "Smith almost two hours before. The filiated CIO locals until 5:00 Divides the Workers -- Worker fascists, who had assumed a urged to make an immediate p.m. Wednesday, on the very eve Against Veteran, Christian jaunty manner upon entering of the action, when it was too Against Jew, White Against Col- the meeting, came out frightlate for most unions to organize ored"; "Why Did Smith Leave ened and downcast, and again Los Angeles?" "Smith, Bilbo, had to be escorted through po-All the efforts of the Stalinists Reynolds, Rankin, Coughlin"; lice lines.

to sabotage the anti-fascist mil- "Hitler Was a Jew Hater-So Is Today the Detroit Board of and his America First Group managementation and the second s

moved into this city during the out the country. The ignorant 600, 174 and 50. In the absence the mayor's office for today. past five years, nearly every res- and the reactionary, the misidential district opened in the guided and vicious, organized on CIO Council, these flying squad- neged on his promise, and due past 20 years has been limited a wider scale to bar so-called ly similar as far as destroying by race restrictions. "blacks" from the so-called Moreover out of some 54,000 "white" neighborhoods.

privately built houses for war The Fourteenth Amendment workers, only five per cent are to the Constitution says that no available to Negroes who made state shall deny any person up a good 14 per cent of the in- within its jurisdiction equal procoming population. tection within the law. However. capitalist politicians got

GHETTO EVILS around it by legal sleight of All the evils of the ghetto hand.

system are glaringly apparent in "RIGHT TO DISCRIMINATE" Los Angeles. Negroes are forced to pay fantastically high prices In a series of decisions, state for run-down houses that are and federal courts ruled that packed together and without while states and communities sanitary facilities, to say nothcould not establish restricted resing of conveniences. The atidential districts, individuals tempt is being made to set Necould. "The individual," it was groes apart in isolated communruled, "has the right to discrimities by what amounts to virinate against whomever he It was reported that the fas- tually a separate school system, chooses.

separate police and so forth. Given the legal basis, the To make matters worse, native practice was made more effect-American fascists, miniature ive by the so-called Roosevelt New Deal through its Federal Housing Administration. The FHA, following a policy set tremely active in whipping up prejudice to aggravate the situdown with the approval of Roosevelt, extends credit to Negroes only if "they build in Negro But the Negro people aren't

taking it lying down. While neighborhoods and to whites most states have laws aimed to only if they build in white

During the Second World War the vicious pattern of segregafornia courts than in all other tion has been greatly extended states combined. Most of these And the "democratic" govern cases are in Los Angeles. ment, its courts and its agencies NO LEGAL BASIS are clearly responsible.

The present drive to force Negroes into the same sort of hellholes that segregated the Jewish people in Europe actually has no legal basis in the United States. But it's nothing new.

AT THE LABOR BOOK STORE ernment, it got started on a 10 S. 4th Street nation-wide scale during the

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Minneapolis

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LETTER TO THE STEELWORKERS

P_others:

We are a people that is dying. Our lungs are choked with the dust and gases of the steel plants.

Our bodies are rotted from long years of sweating and chill-Local 1 of the Shipyard Workers ing on the furnace floors. Union, announced to cheering

Our constitutions are warped and cracked from the poor meals, the cold houses, and the worries of depression years. How many of our brothers lie in their graves, their bodies

day old sit-down strike at the crushed in the mills and yards, burnt and charred in the flames New York Shipbuilding Corporation here. As the workers flocked

and explosions of the coke ovens, open hearths, and blast furnaces? How many of our brothers lie dead of tuberculosis and pneumonia?

How many exist today with maimed, crippled, or worn-out bodies that are no longer of use to the steel companies or to themselves?

We are a people that is dying. But what have they paid us for our lives, for our living sweat and our dying agony?

Only in recent times have we received even a subsistence wage; and now that is about to be wrested from us, if the masters of industry have their way.

And how did we gain that subsistence wage?

We gained it by years of struggles for organization.

Our fathers fought the gunmen and Pinkertons at Homestead. Our brothers met violence and murder in 1919 and tightened their belts when they were blacklisted.

Ten of us died martyrs' deaths at Republic Steel in Chicago on Memorial Day, 1937.

But we won; and we organized a million steelworkers into our union.

Today once again the battle lines are being drawn up. Our the strikers' solidarity. Conenemies, the owners of the huge steel companies, seek to smash fronted with the militant deour union and thrust us back into the darkness of poverty from

which we have struggled so hard to come so short a way. The battle lines are once again being drawn up, and we will take our place in these lines, glad to be able to strike a blow for ourselves and our wives and children, eager to meet our old enemies on the field of battle.

For we do not fear them, we, who have gone out daily and nightly to face the blasting flames of the furnaces, the yellowhot billets and slabs that tear down the mill lines, the flaming white coke of the coke oven batteries.

We do not fear them. We are ready for them.

But, brothers, remember that this battle is only part of ganize for a showdown fight for our war.

Win it we can and must. But it is not enough. For as long as the capitalists own the factories and mills,

we have not triumphed entirely. We will win higher wages and safeguard our unions, because we must.

But the day is drawing ever nearer when we must fight for a greater prize, for the ownership of all the factories and the control of the government, for a Socialist Society.

So, as we fight for our lives and welfare in this battle, we must look ahead to the greater battles that are coming. We must learn as we fight, so that we will be prepared for

the great battles that lie before us. And when that day comes, when we win the last battle, then retary of Local 1, declared, "This tary of Local 2519 of Seattle. lines. Last Monday the Pacific \$43.50 per thousand. Accordwe shall have peace and plenty; and our children will grow up is the worst doublecross ever

in the sunshine of the Socialist Society. Fraternally,

to the main gates of the plant Reeder got up on the steps of a building at the entrance. "It's a good union victory . . . all the main points of the dispute have been won by the union." he said. Singing and cheering, led by

Bulletin

CAMDEN, N. J., Sept. 28 .-

Andrew W. Reeder, President

strikers settlement of the six-

CAMDEN, N. J., Sept. 27joing into the fifth day, the sit-down strike of 14,000 Nev

company attempts to break termination of the workers, the company could only make an impotent gesture by announcing that the yard was

under the leadership of mili-

ing Workers, proceeded to or-

reinstatement of the 25 workers fired last week on charge of alpay scale, 60,000 AFL lumber and sawmill workers went on California and Arizona. leged loafing on the job, plus additional demands for settlement of a heap of old grievances and immediate negotiation for a long-delayed new contract. Negotiations between union representatives, Navy officials Union established itself. and company heads broke down cials refused to rehire the 25. Thomas W. Saul, executive sec-

dealt this union." **COMPANY "WELCHED"**



14,000 Workers In Militant Sitdown Strike

"Hold The Fort" At New Jersey Shipyard

ins remarkable picture shows more than 14,0.00 shown strikers massed behind the gates at the New York Shipbuilding Company yard in Camden, N. J.

Lumber Workers Walk Out In Fight For General Wage Raise

3. The wage scale and con- drivers for the most part observe SEATTLE, Sept. 28.—Because tract to be applied uniformly the picket lines of their own over a seven-state area, includ- accord.

strike at midnight Monday. This RANK-AND-FILE SUPPORT In 1941 the operators stated that Local CIO tops, mostly Stalinthey could afford to pay only since the industry-wide strikes ists, have hedged in giving sup-62¹/₂ cents per hour at the price in 1935 through which the AFL port, or have even sabotaged the they were then getting for lumbstrike. Rank and file members er. They said, however, that they of the CIO International Wood- could add 71/2 cents per hour in workers of America have voted wages for every dollar they got yesterday when company offi- to 40 also cut back the workers' to go on strike themselves for a over \$21.50 per thousand, which wages by 23 per cent, according 25 cent wage increase and for was the 1941 price for lumber. to Ernest C. Jorgensen, secre- the most part observe picket Involved in the dispute are the Coast Metal Trades Council, ingly, the lumber bosses owe the meeting in Seattle, voted full workers 22 times 7½ cents, or



One thing you can't help noticing wherever you work. In fact, you not only notice it, you're a part of it. And that's the iniversal system of hiding when you're not busy.

What a humiliating thing it is, when you stop to think of t, to have to hide from some punk of a supervisor, while you smoke a cigarette! Oh sure, it's fun to steal that little pleasure while you crouch under the steam pipes somewhere. It's human nature, they say, to enjoy stolen pleasures the most.

But what kind of pleasure is it for a grown man to reflect that he has so little dignity as this? You're hiding for an hour before quitting time. You know you've worked hard the other seven hours-damned hard. Maybe you've done twice your usual work. Maybe you were on an emergency job, maybe a big repair job on a blast furnace that just had to be done before the next cast. But you have to hide all the same.

If the master mechanic were to walk by at 2:30 and see you squatting under the pipes he'd sure as hell think of something or you to do. You couldn't explain that you had done your work for the day without having a fight with him. But why couldn't you? As a matter of fact, why shouldn't you smoke on top of the pipes and offer the m. m. a cigarette too, if he came along?

And why shouldn't he know just by seeing you taking it easy there, that you had earned a rest? Why should he even bother asking what you had done, if he were a real man?

The master mechanic is the engineer boss. He is supposed to know the most and be the most skilled. Maybe he does and maybe he is. But the fellows do their work. They are mechanics too, those fellows in the repair gang. They take an interest in their jobs. (They couldn't do that type of work if they didn't.) So why should the master mechanic tell them to work harder, when they are working hard enough already?

The simple fact is that he not only wants to get more work out of you like any other boss, but he's afraid that if you take one hour today, you will take two tomorrow. He doesn't trust you any more than you trust him.

Capitalism Steals Your Dignity

Neither he nor you can act like very much of a man. That's because this is the capitalist system. And that sytem forces you to be scared and sneak away for a smoke just as it forces him to be mean. It forces people not to trust each other, even when they can see that the others are doing their best. It takes the dignity out of you and prevents you from standing on your own two legs whenever you want to.

In a socialist society, the master mechanic will be just thatthe most skilled mechanic-not a boss. People will be interested in their work. They won't feel under obligation to a boss or any other individual-but only to themselves and the rest of humanity, for whom they'll be working. They won't feel obliged to hide under pipes 'til quitting time. If they finish their work early, they'll go home early, that's all.

The master mechanic of the socialist future might not know why you quit your job early, but he'd know there was a reason and he wouldn't bother asking it of you. He would have the same faith in you that he had in himself. For in those days we're going to be grown men.



a brass band, the workers filed out of the yard to the strains of "Solidarity Forever." They marched up Camden's Broad way to union headquarters a block away. There Reeder read the complete terms of the agreement to take up the reinstatement of the workers fired last

week for so-called "loafing." Special to THE MILITANT

By Susana Hill

York shipyard workers here is holding solid in face of

closed for the duration of the strike. In the meantime, the workers

tant Local 1, CIO Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuild-

of the operators' refusal to con-

is the first large-scale walkout Lumber and Sawmill Workers A cutback in hours from 48

following points:

(Special to THE MILITANT)

sider any change in the 1940 ing Montana, Idaho, Utah, WHAT BOSSES OWE Washington, Oregon, Northern

displayed an unvielding attitude.

1. Establishment of an in- support for the strike. The AFL \$1.65 per hour. lustry-wide minimum wage of Sailors Union of the Pacific here

The operators have thus far

Lumber is now selling for

Theodore Kovalesk

Montgomery Ward Is Heaven According To Its Job Ads

By Jack Pearson

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 20.-- | women and men" it says. As I ment." The J. P. Morgan firm of Mont- look over the jobs I can see the gomery Ward and Co. in its at- majority of them are for girls skeleton force of 1,500 strikers tempt to get workers is circu- and at low pay. "Have fun in within the yard on a 24-hour rolating a leaflet which in glow- Wards recreation rooms." Just ing terms gives "SIX good rea- as though workers had lots of sons why you'll like working at time to spend there.

Wards." On the front page it "Enjoy tasty meals in Wards Since the company reneged on says: "Wards, a fine establish- cafeteria." The person that its agreement to rehire the disment. invites your interest in a wrote that never ate there. He future of security." It pleads to is their publicity man and like notify the entire force of 14,000 the workers to "Think of today all the other big shots eats difand tomorrow." It says, "At ferent food in a separate cafe, Wards you start a career." That's which the workers are not alwhat it says. lowed to enter. Besides that he

Some people, it is true, find has the money to pay for it, careers at Wards - the career whereas the workers have only boys who come in as trainees enough for sandwiches.

from business colleges and are DON'T BE BORED Karl Marx said (Capital, pg. papers admit, they were under sons of the well-to-do pettybourgeois merchant class. But 329, Modern Library edition) not the overwhelming majority "The less the skill and exertion of low-pay "help." or strength implied in manual

As for security, it is one of labor, in other words, the more | ton men preferred to be "prisonthe big questions of dispute now modern industry becomes develbefore management. Unions oped, the more is the labor of have been calling strikes against men superceded by that of wo-Montgomery Ward in an at- men. Differences of age and tempt to get security for the last tive social validity for the work-10 years. If the company were ing class. All are instruments of really interested in security, all labor, more or less expensive to it would have to do is to put use, according to their age and into effect any one of the num- sex." We find this Marxist law ber of union contracts presented in full force at Montgomery Wards regardless of what they in the last few years.

"EXTRA MONEY"

Small pay, long hours, pre-"Employees discount means dominance of youth, especially extra money," the Ward blurb girls, is the rule at Wards. The says. At 45 cents an hour start- leaflet says "Why take a job ing rate and a maximum of 60c which bores you? Why lead a of the gates were passed from for the vast majority how could dull humdrum existence? Why one have "extra money?" "Pay take a path in business which is good-earn while you learn" leads you nowhere?"

may say in a leaflet.

is another slogan which is supbosed to make you rush out to Wards has been doing to the get a job at Wards. "A full workers all the time? The workstaff of instructors to teach you" ers in all the factories, not only it also proclaims. But there is Wards, will always have jobs nothing to learn for the begin- which lead to nowhere, will alner because division of labor ways lead a dull humdrum existand simplicity is the rule. ence as long as we allow this cap-"Immediate placements for italist system to rule over us.

He also charged that the com-\$1.10 per hour. This would took the same action. pany "welched" on the agreeeliminate the present differen- Dave Beck, AFL teamsters ment made in the presence of tial between west coast and head, who loudly called upon Navy officials to reinstate the men and end the sitdown. "We accepted the agreement," Saul said. "but when we attempted to put it into effect today, the comfications. pany did a complete flip-flop

and backed out of the agree-The union is maintaining a

tation basis. The workers patrol the huge grounds, manning the gates and keeping strict check of all activities within the yard. charged workers, union stewards were instructed to stand ready to

to reoccupy the yard at a moment's notice. "GOLD BUTTON MEN"

The temper of the workers was indicated by the reception they gave to 78 department heads (called gold button men) when they attempted to leave the plant yesterday. As even the local newsno actual restraint-except that the gates and exits were blocked by the strikers. Rather than buck the strikers, the gold buters" of the sitdowners for 24 hours. It was not until 6:00 p.m.

Act. vesterday that they came out under a truce effected by union and management negotiators. When they left, they had to run a gauntlet of boos and pointed

emarks. Negotiations between the union and the company were resumed today. But the workers are holding on solidly to their best negotiations, argument-continuation of the sitdown until their de-

'sales.' Copies of The Militant passed to the strikers through the bars worker to worker and avidly

New York Readers Register Oct. 8 to 13 To Vote For

DOBBS AND SIMPSON **Trotskyist Candidates** For Mayor and City Council

Vets Criticize mountain states. It would also the whole movement to support **Mechanical Limbs** eliminate the so-called "punk" him in his beef with the laundry scale for beginner yard men and bosses just a few weeks ago, now for a few box company classi- finks on the lumber and sawmill workers because "they did 2. A general across-the-board not first obtain formal approval

increase of 20 cents per hour in from the Central Labor Union executive board." However, the all classifications.



Proposed legislation to prevent | At present 35 yards are engaged government sale of wartime in construction work, and of without the mechanical arm thus far to curb the piracy of ships to foreign operators would these only 12 have contracts car- provided him by the Army. It leaders of the International Alallow resale of the same ships rying them into 1946.

Coastwise and intercoastal shipping is being resumed bemiral Emory S. Land, has prom- ation by the WSA as a common and buggy days," the veterans ised American ship-"owners" or contract carrier by water in declared. They reported that

Section 9 of the 1916 Shipping gent need," according to Admiral acle there's never been a better

To Feature Skit

found a use for it."

A special social to raise funds for the International Solidarity Fund campaign, will be held by the Chicago Branch of the Socialist Workers Party on Saturday, October 13. The main feature of the evening will be a fivescene musical - dramatic skit which vividly depicts the activities of our comrade revolutionaries throughout the world.

The admission will be \$1, plus

approximately 800, according to

By Lois Saunders LOS ANGELES, Sept. 19.-New York and Washington motion picture houses were being picketed this week as workers in these cities gave practical demonstration of their support of the six - month - old Hollywood studio strike. They join the unionists here, both AFL and CIO, who have been picketing

"The artificial limbs which are Los Angeles theaters for weeks. given us are crude and outmod-Pickets were to be thrown ed," declared Lieut. Sol Rael. around theaters in the nation's "We who wear them laugh at capital, in order to bring the reports of great progress in destrike forcefully to the attention of William Green, president of the American Federation of Howard Moss told the com-

Labor, who, together with his executive committee, has failed was too heavy to be guided by liance of Theatrical Stage Em-

the muscles of the stump left of ployes. his arm. He said a fellow officer ITASE officials, in collaborahad given his artificial limb to tion with the movie magnates, his younger brother as a toy, have attempted to grab the con-"and says he is glad to have tracts formerly held by the striking unions. Green was holding The artificial limbs given ama conference in Washington with Richard Walsh, president of IATSE, and other AFL international union officials. INTERNATIONAL APPEAL

> Strikers have also sent an appeal to organized labor in England, Australia and Mexico, urging workers in these countries to boycott theaters showing films put out by struck studios. Plans are likewise being perfected to picket theatres in Chicago and 10 eastern cities, in addition to those already affected.

In Hollywood and the rest of os Angeles, all first run and important neighborhood motion picture houses are being picketed in force. Strikers are using this method of bringing pressure upon theater box offices in an endeavor to force a settlement of the strike, which involves all major producers.

Effectiveness of the method can be judged by the fact that from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. reduced patronage at the opening here of the \$2,000,000 starshowered "Duffy's Tavern" from a normal attendance of 3,000 to

Urgent Need For Child Care Centers How necessary it is to con-

tinue the operation of government-financed child care centers can be gathered from sample figures recently taken in the Baltimore area by the Woman's Bureau of the Department of Labor.

Eighty per cent of the working women want, and need, to keep their jobs in the coming period. They prefer factory. work. Ninety-five per cent want to stay in the area where they are now employed. One out of every seven working women is the sole wageearner in the family.

accounts made by the strikers, WIDESPREAD SUPPORT

Response to strikers' appeals made throughout California and in many other sections of the country has been enthusiastic. In addition to picket lines formed in New York, Washington and elsewhere, San Francisco workers donated \$2,250 to support the strike; the New York Painters District Council, which is conducting a strike of its own, donated \$3,000; the CIO Screen Publicists Guild of New York gave \$1,000.

The dispute, which originally involved only 78 set decorators, members of the Screen Set Designers Local No. 1421, AFL, now involves 15 unions with a combined membership of 7,000.

The strike was called last March, after producers refused to continue recognizing Screen Set Designers Local No. 1421 as the bargaining agent for the set decorators, although this union had been chosen by the workers some time previously, and although the producers for many months had given de facto recognition to the jurisdiction of Local 1421.

Vote Trotskyist!

for **DOBBS & SIMPSON** In the Coming N. Y. ELECTIONS

Land, head of the WSA, is to get one made." cargo for ships returning from

A delegation of three veterans from Walter Reed Hospital appeared before a Congressional committee September 19 to protest the government's failure to provide serviceable mechanical limbs for amputees.



mittee he preferred to get along

by American buyers to foreignflag shipping companies. This

fact was established at the September 20 hearings on the Bland Bill. Ira L. Ewers, attorney for cause the Interstate Commerce ten government-subsidized com- Commission has found that panies, admitted that the Mari- there is "an immediate and urtime Commission chairman Ad- gent need for temporary oper- putees are "a throwback to horse

that the Commission will allow coastwise and intercoastal ser- amputees say the miracle hand them to sell ships abroad under vice." This "immediate and ur- is so called "because it's a mir-

Lewis D. Parmelle, executive the Pacific to join the ghost

vice president of AGWI Lines, fleets on the Atlantic coast: The Chicago Social is asking Congress to let "hard ICC decision grants temporary is asking Congress to let "hard ICC decision grants temporary pressed" American ship operat- authority to WSA for domestic

ors pay for ships out of their operations until December 31. "earnings." These "earnings" By that date most of the ships come from the government sub- now in the Pacific and consigned sidies poured into the industry. to ghost fleets are expected to This is the kind of financial be in the ships' graveyards along sleight-of-hand they want to the Atlantic.

palm off in Washington as ship

Congressman Bland, chairman American public \$11 - million of the House Merchant Marine since she caught fire and cap-Committee, says he is "sick and sized in the North River in 1942

tired" of haggling over how the after having been taken from nation's wartime fleet will be her French owners by the Navy BRING PACKAGE ITEMS scrapped, suffers "mental stag- Department, will be scrapped unnation," wants to "get rid" of less the Maritime Commission any item suitable for packages to a picket line thrown around the ship disposal bill-and 5,000 decides to rebuild her. One of send to our comrades overseas: Paramount Theater this week government-owned ships.

In 1943 there were 81 war- to American operators because gin at 8:30 p.m., Saturday night, boom shipyards instead of the "the cost of completing the ship October 13, at the Socialist Workprewar ten. The trend is rap- would be greater than her fu- ers Party headquarters, 160 N. idly back to the original figure. ture earning power."

The French luxury liner Normandie, which has cost the

Wells St., Room 317.

the great prewar liners, the Nor- soap, needles, razor blades, as-

mandie now is of "no interest" pirin, quinine, etc. Festivities be-

mands are met.

read.