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Allies Prepare Slaughter In Java And Indo-China

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By Joseph Hansen

The drive of Allied imperialism to crush the rising colonial movement for independence in the Far East continued this week on the two fronts of Indo-China and Java. In both lands the imperialists sought a "truce" with nationalist forces. The Allied strategy clearly falls in the same general pattern Churchill used so effectively in Greece last year. That is, trap the nationalist forces into passivity while the imperialists prepare to suppress the .

movement for national independence:

In Java, the British made four landings at Batavia. Some 1,700 have been armed. Another 10,-000 Dutch troops are now en route from "Europe and Amer-

Dutch troops were scheduled to Trotskyist candidate for City scheduled to leave Britain to join of Manhattan to designate Ben- public life. two Dutch cruisers and four sub- jamin J. Davis, candidate of the Dutch officials are like- ond choice.

wise negotiating for sufficient In the following statement is- with the capitalist political parshipping from the Allied pool to sued on October 8, campaign ties responsible for upholding transport 43,000 Dutch troops for manager Caroline Kerry ex- the Jim Crow system and taking action against the Indonesian plained the action of the Trots- the road of independent political nationalists. It is self-evident kyist Party (ballot designation action. that Dutch imperialism plans a of the Socialist Workers Party)

frightful blood-letting in Java in endorsing Davis as the sec- lican parties are the chief politito retain its hated colonial rule. ond choice for councilman in cal instruments through which Already British forces are in Manhattan.

"We Trotskyists have always petuates discrimination, race control of Batavia. They are utilizing Japanese troops to help been in the forefront of the hatred, exploitation and oppressuppress the nationalists. A struggle for full economic, po- sion. As the record conclusively London dispatch declared Octo- litical and social equality for ra- demonstrates, the candidates of ber 3 that "Fifty persons were cial and national minorities, and these two capitalist parties are killed and 150 wounded in a above all for the Negro people obliged to serve the interests of clash at Batavia between Jap- who constitute the largest single the ruling class and thereby minority group. An integral (Continued on Page 3)

The SWP's Stand liberated Dutch prisoners of war have been armed. Another 10,-

The New York Local of the part of the discrimination imica," according to a Netherland Socialist Workers Party, which posed upon the Negro people has diplomatic spokesman in Aus- is running Louise Simpson, young been its disfranchisement and tralia. A contingent of 6,500 Negro trade unionist as the deprivation of political rights. "We fight for the democratic sail for Java on October 8. A Council in the New York elec- right of representation for the Netherlands destroyer is also tions, is calling upon the voters Negro people in all spheres of

"The Negro people can achieve marines already in Batavia's har- Communist Party, as their sec- their just demand for full equality only by breaking decisively

"The Democratic and Repubthe ruling capitalist class per-

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THE FASCIST

KEV, L.K. SMI

LOUAL ZIZ-UAN

Detroit Police Attack Anti-Fascists

To Block Fascists LOS ANGELES, Oct. 8 .--The Socialist Workers Party today called on organized labor here to "set up machinery" to meet Fascist G. L. K. Smith's threat to again invade this area, and urged im-

S.W.P. Issues Call

mediate preparations "to mobilize all labor and minority forces for mass picketing of any meeting" Smith "dares to hold in Los Angeles."

In telegrams to various labor bodies and other organizations, the SWP pointed to the example of Detroit labor, stating, "One thousand CIO and AFL pickets blockaded the Smith meeting in Detroit last week despite short notice and brutal police interference."

Buffalo CIO Votes Action Against Smith

Special to THE MILITANT BUFFALO, N. Y .- Amid con-

siderable applause, a motion calling for united action of the CIO and AFL against the fascist Gerald L. K. Smith was passed unanimously at the Buffalo CIO Council meeting Tuesday, September 18. This motion was introduced by Marie Plassman, delegate from Bell Local 501 CIO, United Automobile Workers She pointed out that articles in the local papers had revealed that Smith, sneaking into the city without a word of publicity, had held two meetings on the previous Sunday. These meetings were held under the auspices of the "Buffalo Economics League," a local fascist group.

LOS ANGELES EXAMPLE

labor fascist outfit in Los Angeles was given a severe setback by the united action of the labor movement of that city.

"The CIO Council must be on the alert for further visits of Smith or other fascists and must initiate united labor action to counteract such activities in Buffalo," she concluded.

Labor Strike Upsurge **Reaches New Heights**

"Let's Negotiate, Gentlemen"



WORKERS FACE GOVERNMENT **STRIKEBREAKING**

Last week saw American labor's militant coast-to-coast strike up-

surge sweep to new heights as well over half a million workers in virtually every industry battled for their rights on the picket lines. Millions have already been involved in the intensifying labor struggle that exploded with the termination of the war.

Among major strikes in progress last week were some 150,-000 soft coal miners, 60,000 northwest AFL lumber workers, more than 40,000 CIO oil workers, some 60,000 New York area longshoremen, a four-hour protest stoppage of nearly 200,000 long-lines telephone operators. The full list is too numerous to record.

BITTER STRUGGLES

These strikes are not episodic affaire. Many are nationwide in scope, engulfing whole industries. They are spreading rapidly into every center, large and small, of production and commerce. In many instances. they are bitter and prolonged, determinedly defying frantic efforts of the corporations, government and top union officials

to halt them. Whether the union officials sanction these walkouts or not the workers are taking strike action on their own initiative. distrusting any other method of winning their just demands except their own militant mass action. And every strike arouses



CIO auto union flying squadron members and other unionists resisting police attempts to break their picket line of over 1,000 workers protesting a meeting of America's No. 1 Fascist, G. L. K. Smith, in a Detroit high school on Setember 27.

Stalinists Whitewash Detroit Police Terror

peacefully picketing a meeting ists. here of Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith, was presented Friday night by Ernest Mazey, UAW plans to maintain only a token Briggs Local 212 executive board member, to the Region 1 conference of CIO auto union locals. but was tabled through a maneuver by leading Stalinists. The

ON THE INSIDE

Detroit Elections Trotskyist Martyrs Allies in Far East beatings. **Militia** Drills for STALINIST ATTACK Strikebreaking COLUMNS AND FEATURES Trade Union Notes International Notes **Veterans Problems** Workers Forum Pioneer Notes

The Negro Struggle Diary of Steelworker .. Shoptalks on Socialism ...

Special To THE MILITANT (Stalinists sought to white-wash | gave their own orders." He com-DETROIT, Oct. 1 - A resolu- the police and denounced in- plained in a rage that Arthur and uniform-contracts. tion denouncing the Detroit Po- stead the Trotskyists as "super- Burch, Socialist Workers Party lice Department for its brutal as- militants" responsible for the organizer, played a leading part sault on unarmed unionists mass picket line against the fasc- in the anti-fascist demonstration.

The Stalinists were completely shaken by the collapse of their picket line across the street from Smith's fascist rally in a Detroit high school on September 27. their provoking the police by Lacking control over the militant provocative slogans, etc." workers from the various UAW

EXPOSE THEMSELVES locals who formed the back-bone

Immediately after Williams of the anti-fascist picket line and unable to prevent mass pick- made his vicious attack on the eting, the Stalinists aided the leaders of the mass anti-fascist club-wielding cops to pick out picket line, his supporters offered the leading militants for vicious a motion to table the entire re-

solution in order to prevent Mazey and other auto militants who played a prominent part in Nat Ganley, notorious Stalin- the picketing from taking the ist hatchetman in the UAW, de- floor and exposing the treacherfended the police actions by com- ous role of the Stalinists. Nevertheless, the Stalinists had conplaining that "the Trotskyites firmed by their own words that shouted provocative slogans." that Trotskyists were in the Fred Williams, Stalinist member vanguard of the struggle against of the Wayne County CIO Coun- Smith while the Stalinists had

cil, wailed that "they had their aided the police who were deown steering committee and fending the fascists.

Council here for its stand on this matter, alert unionists are bearing in mind that the Council is dominated by the Stalinists. They point out that if an effective fight against native fascism is to be organized here as elsewhere, it will be up to the progressive and militant workers in the unions to take the lead. The fascists can be smashed. they maintain, only by united and militant action of the work-(Continued on Page 2)

While they commend the CIO

60,000 AFL Lumber Men **Out On Strike**

Special to THE MILITANT SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 4 ---More than 60,000 AFL Sawmill as high as 6,000 pounds were sent and Lumber Workers Union out of the ships holds at the Cunmembers in the Northwest's ard White Star, Grace Line and major industry are going into the U.S. Lines docks. third week of their strike with GERST'S STATEMENT unabated militancy. They demand a minimum industry-wide wage of \$1.10 an hour instead of the prevailing $72\frac{1}{2}$ cents to 85

cents minimum; a 20 cents an hour increase "across the board;" and industry-wide negotiations

The SLW scored its first victory in the strike on September 29, when the Siler Mill Company of Seattle, principal prov-These Stalinist remarks were ider of fish boxes for Seattle made in the discussion of their packers, signed a contract emamendment to Mazey's resolu- bodying all the union's wage detion-an amendment against the mands. However, the lumber "super-militant Trotskyites for workers are prepared for a long siege. "We are prepared to carry the strike into the spring of 1946 if necessary", stated E. C. Jor-

GET WILD SUPPORT

Seattle, Local 2519.

The strike is receiving the full support of the Pacific Coast Mebecame "hot cargo" September mised to try to negotiate the 174." 24. Especially helpful has been the

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represented by 41 locals of the AFL International Longshoremen's Association, are involved. All work, except for the pro-9-

Special To THE MILITANT

By F. J. Lang

paralyzed for the past six days by the first work stoppage

of longshoremen here since 1919. Some 60,000 stevedores,

NEW YORK. Oct. 6-The world's largest port has been

visioning of troop transports, was longshoremen went to work at tion of Manufacturers, revealed: brought to a standstill on Oc- the 8 a.m. shape-up last Monday "The Administration and Contober 1 by a lockout initiated in and made a weight draft of gress appear in close harmony the midst of negotiations for a 2,240 pounds. Around 11 a. m. on the tax problem ... Outright new long-shore contract. In the officials of the stevedore com- repeal of the excess profits tax course of these negotiations the panies questioned the men on the is generally predicted . . . a reemployers had reached tentative 2,240 pounds draft and, asked duction in the corporate rat agreement with Joseph P. Ryan, who ordered that amount of likewise is expected." weight in the draft. ILA President.

"The men replied, 'This is the DEMAND SAFE LOAD safe weight draft we will work However, the size of the slingunder.' The officials then told loads had not yet been fixed. the stevedores that they would This is the principal demand of have to put more weight in the II failed last evening and after the men. Since no load limit draft, otherwise they would not twenty-two days of almost conwas specified in the proposed new be brought back to work at the tinual meetings the Foreign contract, the stevedores refused 1 p. m. shape-up. This is ex- Ministers of the five greatest Alto build loads in excess of the actly what happened." safe limit of a long ton, or 2.240 When members of Local 791 terminate their present session." were not hired, other longshore (N. Y. TIMES, Oct. 3.) ,

The harbor tie-up started locals were also faced with a when stevedoring companies relockout because they too could fused to hire ILA Local 791 memnot work under the unsafe condibers unless sling-loads running tions of over-limit loads. Thus, Local 791 and its business agent. Gene Sampson, found employergovernment pressure for a backto-work movement centered upon them.

pounds.

791, today told this reporter in yesterday morning in the Cathan exclusive interview that "the (Continued on Page 8)

Sacrifice Profits, Too? **Kelsey-Hayes Unit Conducts** Billionaire John D. Rockefeller, Jr., told a business men's **Courageous 6-Week Battle** Astoria in New York, Oct. 1, "Unless we want peace as we wanted victory, more than anything Special to THE MILITANT else in life, enough to make any

By Kay O'Brien

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 5- Kelsey-Hayes secretary treas-After a magnificent six-week urer, in his statement today that battle against the combined pres- under no circumstances would Needs Bigger Drawers sure of the automotive industry, the three fired men ever work for the government and the top of- | the company again.

Union of the Pacific, the Wash- ment the strike was called, manded them to 'return to ington State Building Trades reached an agreement with UAW work at once and disregard Council, and the Brotherhood of Secretary Treasurer George Ad- any interference at any Kelsey-Carpenters. These unions are des to call a membership meet- Hayes plant"-that is, to cross complying with the SLW's deci- ing Sunday when they will advise the picket line. He added, "Your political commentator Wm. Phil- by the firing of a union stewsion that all lumber from the the men to return to work. In seniority will be protected by the ip Simms on September 27 sum- ard. The union at its Saturday strike-bound seven state area return, Addes is said to have pro- international union and by Local med up the first five-power strike meeting declared the rereinstatement of the fired men. Two days later, when the ranks ness this first peace parley made its number one demand.

The company's answer to appeared disinclined to follow the 1919 Paris peace conference action of the Sailors Union, Addes' negotiations has already such instructions. Edward Cote, look like a thing of sweetness and have been established around been given by Lester Downey, (Continued on Page 2)

demonstrations of solidarity from **Relief For The Greedy** A recent issue of "NAM News," other workers not directly inorgan of the National Associavolved.

IN THE NEWS

Agreed At Last

Poor Parasites

the next war."

States News, Oct. 5.)

light."

War For "Democracy"

"LONDON, Oct. 3-The first

the Argentina at Le Havre.

France, the Duke and Duchess of

Windsor gave a press interview.

Said the Duchess: "I'm dying to

-it is much too expensive."

WHY THE STRIKES

The workers know that the orporations looted the country (Continued on Page 8)

Strikers Resist Union-Busting peace conference of World War It failed last evening and after

Special to THE MILITANT Bu M. Garber

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 4 .--lied powers could agree only to The most popular strike in this city is being carried on by Local 2898, CIO United Steel Workers, against the On their recent arrival aboard SKF Industries, the infamous international rollerbearing trust. The strike, which started Thursday, see the French fashions, but I September 27 with a sit-Jack Gerst, Secretary of Local At a large overflow meeting will not be able to buy anything down at the company's number one plant, has now spread to encompass all three plants in the Philadelphia area.

All 3,500 workers are out and the plants are shut tight. An luncheon at the Hotel Waldorf- angry and determined union membership meeting on Saturday, September 29, held at the Kensington Labor Lyceum, unanimously voted to carry on the sacrifice for it, we may just as strike against the SKF until the well begin now to prepare for company agrees to settle the 700 grievances gathering dust in futile arbitration procedures, while the company continues a steady union-busting war against the "The President is approaching union. the time when it no longer will

be possible to file his troubles MILITANT PICKETING

in the bottom drawer of the Pres-The present strike started idential desk and expect them to when the company, in utter dissolve themselves as time passes. regard of seniority, transferred The present White House trounon-union set-up man from bles are tending to grow with Plant 3 to Plant 1. Some 1.500 time, not to diminish." (United workers in Plant 1 reacted to the company provocation by a sitdown, which lasted until Friday, September 28. In addition, the Scripps-Howard international workers were further incensed "peace" conference: "For sordid- instatement of the steward as

> Since Monday, picket lines (Continued on Page 2)

THOMAS' ORDER Withdrawal of the pickets fol-

ficials of the CIO United Autogensen, business agent of SLW mobile Workers, the striking

4,500 Kelsey-Hayes workers, members of UAW Local 174, to- lowed the combined efforts of the day withdrew their picket lines. company and UAW officials to It is reported that the strike break the picket line. UAW Presleaders, including the three fired ident R. J. Thomas, in a letter tal Trades Council, the Sailors militants for whose reinstate- to the strikers on October 1, com-

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Detroit SWP Opens Campaign For Frankensteen TRADE UNION NOTES

By John Saunders and Art Preis

DETROIT, Oct. 3.-The Detroit local of the Socialist Workers Party this week opened an all-out campaign in support of Detroit's labor candidates, Richard T. Frankensteen for mayor, and Tracy M. Doll, George Edwards and Rev. Charles A. Hill for Common Council.

Thousands of printed cards are being distributed inviting the | nificance of Frankensteen's camworkers to hear Arthur Burch, paign and the labor response to Detroit SWP organizer, give a it, when it reported: "Monday's series of three radio addresses Labor Day celebration will proon "Why Trotskyists Support vide the kickoff in the final lap Detroit's Labor Candidates." He of the contest for Mayor of Dewill speak over station WXYZ troit. CIO unions are stressing on Saturdays, 11:45 a.m., October the political campaign in their 20 and 27, and November 3.

elections are expected to be the CAPITALIST PRESS most important political event a labor party.

LABOR SUPPORT

Understanding the real impliis throwing its full weight besupport for Frankensteen, it has strongest support. made clear, is based not on his PROPAGANDA LIES

locals. When Frankensteen announc- attempt to spread pessimism CIO-PAC.

BRITISH LABOR VICTORY

Confounding all the capitalist "inside dope" boys who predictis apathetic," Frankensteen won the mayoralty nomination in the August 7 primaries, getting 14,-000 more votes than his nearest clubbed unionists picketing Fascist G. L. K. Smith's meeting.

ber political action movement and endorse him. This is an at- Crown here at Houston.

floats and signs to be carried The forthcoming municipal in the parade." The capitalist press, well un-

in the history of Detroit labor derstanding that Frankensteen's and will have significant na- strength lies precisely in the fact tional repercussions. Labor in that he is a labor candidate, has this city, center, of the mighty been deliberately baiting him CIO auto workers, may well set with the charges that he is a in motion a nation-wide move- "CIO candidate," "Do You Want ment towards the formation of The CIO To Run City Hall?" and implying he does not repre-

sent the interests of the AFL, etc. Frankensteen has snapped cations of this election, the SWP at this bait, loudly proclaiming he is "not a labor candidate," hind the labor candidates. Its thus serving to alienate his

personal policies or record, but In spite of Frankensteen's conon the fact that he is a genuine duct and lack of a fighting prounion representative in a non- gram for labor, the workers are partisan race and is backed of- rallying to him in such a degree ficially by the CIO and auto that the capitalists are desperate. The capitalist line now is to

ed his candidacy, the Detroit among the workers by making workers, anxious to use any it seem that he doesn't have a appropriate opportunity to ex- chance. The bosses represent candidate. A spontaneous labor "chances." But they know full political upsurge was precipitated well that the desire for indeand his campaign was speedily pendent labor political action is ous leading CIO locals and the and is Frankensteen's greatest progressive District 4 of the CIO et line."

assurance of victory. Despite all this propaganda, a ion continues shutting down

common sentiment expressed plant after plant in the heart of here among the workers is that the country's main oil-producing "any union man in the mayor's area ed a scanty vote because "labor office would be better for us than any capitalist politician." DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT

labor victory in the elections thur area. Local 449 has sewed Jeffries, whose police recently that the local Wayne County up American Liberty, Pan-Am Democratic Party, which is a and Republic at Texas City, and mere hollow shell today, was Locals 227 and 367 are busy of particular significance in compelled to jump belatedly on educating the oil barons on the crystallizing the independent la- the Frankensteen band-wagon picket lines at Sinclair, Shell and

behind Detroit's labor candi- tempt to blur the fact that a 21,000 ARE OUT

dates was the victory of the labor candidate can win without Bulk plants of all of these, in Management conference in Chidates was the victory of the and against the capitalist par-and against the capitalist par-ties. In the event of a Frank-addition to those of Pure Oil cago," District 4 leaders pulled obtained a temporary injunction ed to the position of set-up man half of the democratic rights of **British Labor Party, which fur-**ther inspired the trend in the direction of independent labor will claim credit. Addition to those of Fure OII cago," District 4 leaders pulled the pin on the militant Texas walkout. T. M. McCormick, plants. Circuit Judge Ferguson

Kelsey-Hayes Strikers Silence Thomas

Over 2,000 Kelsey-Hayes strikers booing and jeering United Automobile Workers President R. J. Thomas at a mass meeitng in Detroit. Thomas was silenced by the angry workers when he issued a strikebreaking order for them to go back to work. Here he is shown pleading as the workers storm up to the platform.

Texas CIO Oil Strikers Wage appropriate opportunity to ex-press their desires for independ-ent labor political action, began to rally around him as their own

Special to THE MILITANT | side in spite of instructions from phoned threats. These anony-HOUSTON, Texas, Sept. 29.- some backward union officials mous phone calls are made by converted into a labor campaign part and parcel of the present Oil worker history is being made that the Negro workers are "to individuals who invariably idenwith the endorsement of numer- militant spirit of the workers in South Texas as militant and stay home and stay off the pick- tify themselves as "veterans from Okinawa."

Oil Workers International Un-

At this writing, OWIU Locals 23 and 254 have nailed the lid by OWIU Vice-President A. R. So great is the boss fear of a Neches Butane in the Port Ar- limited to "only" the Pure Oil on Texaco, Atlantic, Gulf and and Sinclair units in Indiana District 6, which would set an "example to the others" who would "follow the precedent set when the (Indiana) strike was won.'

Against the instructions of Against the instructions of OWIU President O. A. Knight to Obel of ment, unable up to this week to cope with the strike, became em-'hold off until after the Labor-

crossed and broken.

The Kelsey-Hayes manageboldened by this action of the in-

Strikers Resist Union-Busting Of SKF Trust

(Continued from Page 1) SKF's three plants. Outside of the office staff and foremen, of the American workers. only 12 misguided workers managed to sneak by the pickets. The main fight is being carried on at the No. 1 plant, Erie and Front Sts. Carrying banners announcing their grievances and the doings of a "handful of condemning the company's anti-Trotskyites" who want "immeunion policies, the pickets effectdiate revolution." ively closed the two main ent-

kolesky, rabidly anti-labor colrances to the plant. The banners boldly proclaimed umnist, has also taken up the the workers' feelings against the hue and cry. In his September 28 blood-soaked international trust, (N. Y. Sun) column, titled "The which has sucked profits out of Enemy Within," Sokolsky comworkers on both sides of the war: plains: "Strikes are mounting 'Denazify SKF;" "This is not in number and in seriousness. Sweden. SKF, This is America;" Some are not even authorized by World War No. 3-Labor vs. their international unions. Some Concentration Camp Manage- are definitely political in charment;" "Industrial Democracy acter as when a Trotskyist union of the way and said, 'We are vs. Industrial Dictatorship or in Detroit strikes against a mix-The People vs. Post-War Profi- ed Social Democratic-Communteers," were some of the banners ist union." carried by the workers.

COMPANY PROPAGANDA

The company, faced with the complete shut-down of its plants and the solidarity of its 3.500 men and women employes, resorted to the old gag of a statefrom the corporations. ment in the local press announc-Sokolsky's invention is intending the closing of its plants until, as the hypocritical language of strike struggles with some good the statement declares, "a comold-fashioned red baiting. The plete change in the attitude of union representatives . . . makes it possible for the company to

The union replied with a statethese days. ment headed: "A Rebuttal to Vi-

'Savior" Of Democracy Michigan's Governor Kelly put on the garb of a savior of democracy when he intervened against the striking Kelsey-Hayes workers in Detroit. He claimed that he had "heard" that "not more than 25 per cent" about the present strike and not of the workers favored the strike any unreasonable demands on and he was going to find out "if the part of the union. The unit really is the will and wish of ion, in its statement, clearly puts forward the issues of the strike continue to "strike against the in a question directed to William government." A. Batt, president of SKF and a Kelly didn't have to wait long

high official in the administration of President Truman: "Why does Mr. Batt tolerate such antiunion activity by the executives strikers booed R. J. Thomas and of the company?"

LESSON NUMBER ONE The statement concludes with in violation of the contract shall half of the democratic rights of



The Stalinist leaders of CIO The "Red" Scare Begins United Electrical, Radio and "Trotskvism" is becoming the Machine Workers Local 601, repbig "red"-scare bugaboo used by resenting the Westinghouse prolabor's enemies in their intensi-

duction workers in the struck fied campaign to smear and dis-East Pittsburgh plant, tried to rupt the present strike struggles break the strike and went so far as an attempt to crash the pick-Last week we commented on et lines, John H. Dillon, spokesthe attempt of "pro-labor" Victor man for the "white collar" strike Riesel, N. Y. Post columnist, to ers, described the Stalinist acrepresent the current Detroit tions in a radio broadcast on auto strikes as nothing more than September 25. He stated:

"It is a fundamental rule of all bona fide unions to respect the picket lines of all other bona fide The notorious George E. Sounions, but on Monday acting vice president Marshall Daugherty of the UE-CIO, together with recording secretary Willam Harper and divisional stewards Wilkins and Panzino, assembled some 200 members of their union and led them right up to our picket lines. William Harper then told our pickets to get out coming through.'

"The four UE-CIO officers then made a spectacular charge Of course, Sokolsky is talking through the picket lines and aftgibberish. And he knows it. He'd er getting through, they looked back and found their army had have a tough time showing an instance where any Detroit deserted with the exception of strike is being conducted for any five misguided souls. At this reason other than to win some point the photographer was set long-delayed and just demands to take a picture of one of the rarest of shameful phenomenaone group of union men crossing ed merely to smear the current another union picket line.

"Here was history in the making-but before they entered our Trotskyists, whose record for line, we explained to them trade union militancy is well through our loud speaker sysknown, make the handiest whip. | tem that we had unbounded conping-boys for the Sokolskys fidence in the rank and file of UE-CIO, Local 601, though we knew what some of their officers would do.

"It was heart warming to see them stop, listen to our talk and then not only refuse to cross our lines, but later the maintenance crews refused to enter the plant even with our blessing and special passes."

Peoria Rail Strike

Three and a half years ago, the majority of the strikers" to the Roosevelt administration "seized" the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad to halt a wartime strike when the line's presto find out. Three days later, on ident, open-shopper George P. September 28, a mass meeting McNear Jr., refused to carry out of more than 2,000 Kelsey-Hayes government orders respecting union contract.

other top CIO United Automo-Last week the government rebile Workers officials off the turned control of the railroad to platform when they tried to or-McNear, whose profits had come der the strikers back to work. in regularly during the "seizure" but who had never come to agreement with the union. Promptly the 13 unions on the the Kelsey-Hayes workers last line took a strike vote which passed overwhelmingly. The unions had asked McNear fice of 17 elected Kelsey-Hayes to continue in effect the conditions maintained by the government. He agreed to do so only insofar as these conditions "are Stalinist Strikebreaking applicable to the railroad's op-Despite their alleged "left" erations" and also refused to turn, the Stalinist strikebreak- employ those working under govers did their anti-labor chore ernment management, who he for Westinghouse Electric Cor- alleged "engaged in acts of vioporation against the militant 20- lence" during the 1942 strike. In day strike of the Federation of short, McNear would agree only Westinghouse Independent Sala- to fire whomever he pleased and ried Unions which ended on Sep- impose any conditions he saw fit.

The extension of the oil strikes Kelsey-Hayes opposition to the policy of the international officials; as stated Unit Conducts Kinstley, who wanted the strike limited to "only" the Pure Oil Brave Battle

OPPOSED PUSSYFOOTING The extension of the oil strikes

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president of Local 174, of which Kelsey-Hayes is a unit, further urged that the picket line be



cious Lies and Unfair Labor Propaganda Spread by SKF." The union charged that the comany has been carrying on an incessant drive since 1934, to reconstitute its company union in its plants. It is this unionbusting campaign which brought

politics. WEAK CANDIDATE

proved a weak candidate, taken strength at a time when his maystrictly on his personal merits. oralty bid has suffered a severe clamor of the big business in- strikes." (Detroit Free Press,

terests who are yelling that the Sept. 20.) CIO plans to "take over" the city. didate" but a candidate of "all Frankensteen has a great chance sandwiches and cigarettes to the heading for the office!"

he is a union man and a genu- but only compromise him. ine labor candidate and because TROTSKYIST SUPPORT they want a class political party An important, if not decisive

and program. Further, Frankensteen has lit-

steen victory, is the support of the auto workers, because of his tion to Frankensteen's policies in Huge Standard Plant ration role as a UAW vice-presi- the union is well known. The dent. He has repeatedly inter- fact that the Trotskyists can vened against striking workers support him solely on the and consistently opposed mili- grounds that he is a labor cantant policies against the prof- didate will undoubtedly reinforce iteering, union-busting auto cor- the convictions of the best unperstions. Nevertheless, the bulk ionists that they should back the huge refinery of the Stand- around the Standard plant at 11 ion. of the auto workers, who are Frankensteen despite his bad ard Oil Company at Whiting yes-Gates had started mobilizing the Whan Thomas told the advanced in their political think- union record, and thereby ading, are backing him primarily vance one important step furto express their desires for inde- ther-the movement for inde- shift of 3,000 workers was pre- full battle array, including rifle pendent labor political action. pendent labor political action vented from entering the plant and machine gun detachments, The Detroit Free Press, Sep- and the formation of a labor by a mass picket line of striking were assembled in Gary, Fort they proceeded to such a vote on temper 3, reflected the class sig- party.



ceased flowing. Eetter than Chairman of the District 4 Stra- used the UAW officials' actions Thus, the capitalist press rep-21,000 enthusiastic strikers are tegy Committee and Local 449 to justify his issuance of the inresented this move as "an atinforming the corporations that secretary, informed the interna- junction, always a dangerous

Frankensteen himself has tempt to bulwark Frankensteen's they mean business when they tional in Chicago that "District anti-labor weapon. say "52 For 40 Or Fight!"-for 4 is coming down all the way." strictly on his personal merits. oralty bid has suffered a severe the 40-hour week with no re-He readily succumbed to the set back due to uncontrolled duction in week with no re-He is reported to have stated: Militant, Chester (Moon) Mul-In an interview with The duction in weekly take-home pay. "We'll make this strike so ter- lins, strike leader and one of the Morale is high among the rible to the companies that fired men, pointed out that the The most informed and po- strikers. Canteens have been they'll never want another one company had held up signing a Frankensteen has gone around litically conscious union mili- set up before plant gates and and will quiver every time they union contract on one pretext afdeclaring he is "not a labor can- tants know that it is because are serving coffee, doughnuts, see a workmen's committee ter another, trying first to rid the plant of militant union leadthe people." This does not help for victory that the Democratic strikers. Despite company re- Native fascist groups, such as ers. Last spring the company his chances with the overwhelm- machine is trying to hang on to quests, police have so far re- "Fight for Free Enterprise" and took advantage of an incident, ing majority of the Detroit pop- labor's coat-tails and to prevent frained from interfering with the Christian Americans, which in which two obnoxious foremen ulace. The union members and a clean break. This endorse- the canteens. It is a wonderful are financed by the wealthy were ejected by some of the their families will support ment, however, will not help sight in this Southern area to anti-labor interests in this area, workers, to fire 13 union leaders. Frankensteen precisely because Frankensteen with the workers, see white and Negro workers in have attempted to intimidate oil

An important, if not decisive Massed Pickets Halt Special to THE MILITANT By John A. McClure

HAMMOND, Ind., Sept. 30.--) The Oil Workers International The strike was called against an Striking oil workers closed down Union withdrew the picket line obvious move to behead the un-

terday morning, when the day state militia. Various units in workers from five other refiner- Wayne, South Bend, Wabash, August 30, upholding strike ac-

ies in the Calumet area which Muncie and Lafayette, in readi- tion by 1036 to 213. Still the inhave been closed for two weeks. ness to proceed to Whiting to ternational refused to author-The hundreds of pickets break the picket lines if the Gov- ize the strike.

massed almost two thousand ernor ordered martial law. cars bumper to bumper around Under this pressure the leadthe Standard Oil plant starting ers of the Oil Workers Union de- everything according to the unat 3:30 a.m. Saturday. The strik- cided to withdraw the picket ion constitution and the by-laws ers then formed a solid line two lines around the Standard plant. of Local 174. We took all the as the Stalinists preach. and three deep behind the cars. "We won a great victory in steps which our union officials A number of night shift work- closing the Whiting refinery," asked us to take. There was nothers in the Standard plant who said Marshall Elmore, president ing left for us to do but strike." belong to the CIO joined the of Local 513 of the Oil Workers The return-to-work pressure The way he sneaked into Buf-

picket lines. An independent union holds this fortress of company union- pany locked out 50,000 workers he got away with two meetings the bargaining rights in the ism could be shut down. We on the phony pretext the Kel- | here, it is expected that he sure-Standard plant. It has made did it. The Oil Workers are sey-Hayes tie-up prevented Ford by will return to continue his the same wage demands as the more determined than ever to from getting needed parts. The capitalist-financed fascist activ-CIO, for a thirty per cent wage fight the Standard Oil program UAW international executive ities. His avowed aim is to smash increase. But it merely referred of wage cuts."

the demand to a conciliator of the U.S. Department of Labor, A Correction and under the existing contract his decision is binding on both

gasoline in the Chicago area, ticle on the Zionist protest rally the strikers. Collections were and its closing would have dried used the chauvinistic expression started this week in a number of Smith and all others of his kind have put forward the fantastic tions, a reported 12,000 IWA up the entire supply here within "white hope." We regret our plants, both here and in other provides the real answer to the claim that the lumber operators workers on October 3 were obless than a week.

A panel of the Detroit regional many places picketing side by union leaders here with tele- WLB which investigated the case recommended the reinstatement of all the fired men. On August 20, four months after the incident, the regional WLB miled that four of the men, one of whom has since left town, should not be reinstated, although the

> three remaining, including Mullins, were admittedly not involved in the scuffle with the foreman.

When Thomas told the strikers they could not get international support because they did not take a secret ballot strike vote,

> "That's what makes the men so sore," said Mullins. "We did

Union. "Nobody thought that was terrific. Ford Motor Com- falo is evidence of this. But since board appointed an administra- the unions and persecute mintor over the Kelsey-Hayes unit ority groups.

and on September 30 by edict | Buffalo labor must prepare for removed from office the unit's his return. Militant unionists IWA. It has been called to our at- elected 17-man executive board. here realize that a real united tention that in the October 6 'Wide-spread rank and file sup- front of all labor organizations last major source of supply of issue of The Militant, our ar-

be removed 2. That the dismissed steward be reinstated. week when Thomas and the oth-3. Immediate contractual dis- er UAW leaders bureaucraticalposal of grievances and arbitra- | ly ordered the removal from oftion awards.

unit officers. The local union leadership, under its earnest, hard - working president, Steve Root, has shown

tember 30.

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good understanding of the is sues involved in the fight against the roller-bearing trust. It is to be hoped that they show an Bureau of Conciliation, which is attempting to mediate the strike. SKF workers, there can be but one conclusion to this basic fight

-complete union victory.

Buffalo CIO Votes Action Against Smith

(Continued from Page 1) ers and not by relying upon capitalist politicians and "friends."

Smith is moving cautiously after the setback he received sued no call for a strike. from the Los Angeles workers.

oversight in using this phrase. | auto centers, to aid the strike. | growing threat of fascism. | wish at this time to lock out the serving SLW picket lines.

60,000 Lumber Strikers to be hoped that they show an equal understanding in dealing with the representative of the **Fight For Wage-Increases**

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Lesson number one, for all which has tied up lumber ships entire industry in order to break unions, is that strikes are won at Everett, Washington and in the unions and that a lumber on the picket line. With the the Columbia River basin. In strike now therefore plays into continued solidarity and deter- spite of Dave Beck's announce- the hands of the lumber bosses. mination so far shown by the ment that the AFL Teamsters The Sawmill and Lumber will not comply with the SLW's Workers is seeking to close down "hot cargo" ruling, rank and file all lumber operations in the teamsters have refused to cross Northwest and to that end has the lumber workers' picket lines. placed picket lines around CIO shops. These picket lines have **TWO RIVAL UNIONS**

The strike is unfortunately, IWA men. invariably been respected by the weakened by the conflict of two The SLW-AFL is in a strong rival lumber workers unions. The

position at this time to issue a CIO International Woodworkers call for a united fight of both unof America, with a membership ions against the lumber bosses, in the Northwest of 40,000, is and in this manner to pave the demanding a 25 cents an hour way for overcoming of bitter in-"across the board" increase and ter-union conflicts.

\$1.15 hourly minimum. The IWA membership has voted to go out SHAMEFUL ACTION.

on strike if necessary to enforce The IWA officialdom's reacthese demands. However, to date tion to the AFL pickets has been the leadership of the IWA has is- shameful and in marked contrast to the response of the ranks. In-It is true that the IWA officials stead of seeking close unity or have extended their moral sup- both unions throughout the port to the AFL strike. But they common wage fight, it has gone continually misrepresent the to court to enjoin SLW picketstrike as one merely involving in- ing of CIO operations, and under dustry-wide negotiations, which the cover of these injuctions has they claim the IWA already won managed to reopen a number of several years ago, brushing plants.

aside the fact that the SLW is "In my long union history, it battling for wage increases has always been the employer similar to those demanded by the who has gone to court for an injunction against picketing," Furthermore, the Stalinist-in- stated SLW Local 2519's business spired leadership of the IWA in agent E. C. Jorgensen. "This is Washington is obliquely attack- the first time that I have seen ing the SLW strike, although of- a union go to court to restrain Militant labor action against ficially giving it support. They picketing." In spite of injuncSATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1945

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INTERNATIONAL NOTES

Czechoslovakia

The August 25 L'Humanite, official organ of the French Stalinists, carries an interesting item on plans for the nationalization of industry in Czechoslovakia. An "economic council" has been set up, says the report, which will survey the economic situation "and elaborate plans for the development of the different branches of the national econ-

Sixty-three per cent of the metallurgic industries are scheduled for nationalization within the month. The banks are next revolver. In the evening "between on the list. "Cooperative estabnationalization.

The following industries will be nationalized, says L'Humanite: "The mines, electric power, gas, steel mills, sheet iron, blast furnaces, foundries, if more than before the fray ended. 400 workers are employed; metal products plants, if more than 600 are employed; war industries. chemical and pharmaceutical products, synthetic fertilizers. synthetic rubber and oil refin-

South Africa

The Conference of Non-European (colored) trade unions in South Africa adopted a resolution August 6 demanding 10 shillings (about \$2) a day minimum wage for all unskilled workers. The resolution, according to The Sun, a South African paper, declares:

"This conference of Non-European trade unions demands, as the human right of every non-European worker, a living wage.

national minimum wage of 10 shillings a day for all unskilled workers.

"To ensure that this should sliding scale. "This means that industrial

tomatic rise in wages in relation to the increased prices." The discussion on the organi-

zation of a National Council of opened by J. Phillips of the Non-Union. He said: "A more defi- subdue them." nite line must be adopted so that we can take our rightful place were being attacked nightly," ac- As the situation stands now, in the trade union movement in South Africa.

"Closer cooperation between aims are identical."

Belgium

ist Party), Belgian section of the Fourth International, is still under government ban. The paper was suppressed for solidarizing with the German working class.

American soldiers are not the only ones anxious to get back home. Senegalese troops. according to the August 22 Stars and Stripes, "restless over the delay n being shipped home, attacked

landed on Java in the last days of September found street cars French patrol." The incident and buildings painted with signs occurred at the Riviera port of saying: "Better to live in hell St. Raphael. A French lieutenthan be colonists again" and "We ant killed one Senegalese with a don't ask freedom-we are en-

titled to it." No Dutch flags

were displayed anywhere until

the English hoisted one outside

Allied headquarters. For the

rest there was only the red and

white emblem of the new Indo-

All independence leaders, when

interviewed by Allied reporters,

declared their determination to

fight rather than return to a co-

lonial status. All warned that

any occupation landings by

Dutch forces would be resisted,

although they professed to have

faith in the pledge of the British

not to meddle in local politics

and guaranteed there would be

no trouble as long as the British

and Americans are there.

nesian government.

500 and 600 armed Senegalese. lishments," however, "will escape seeking vengeance for their comrade's death, entered the town." When police and French troops were called out "a battle followed." Eleven civilians were killed and many more wounded

Germany

A new and significant development in the German situation is the appearance of armed guerrilla bands. In the Americancontrolled area of Bavaria bands of armed marauders . . .

have been carrying off newly harvested crops," United Press reported September 30. Hoegner, the newly-appointed Minister-President, said that "more than DUTCH KEEP JAPANESE

At the same time Dutch gov-1.300 raids" had occurred within a week. Armed with sub-machine ernment spokesmen in the Indies guns and machine pistols, the and in London issued bitter deguerrillas swoop down on isolat- nunciations of the nationalist movement and its leaders. Dr. ed farms at night and expropriate the crops. Hoegner de- Charles van der Plas, represent-

clared former "concentration ative of the Netherlands governcamp inmates" are among the ment in Batavia, attempted to leaders of the guerrillas. belittle the scope and the influ-The phenomenon is not con- ence of the movement and dis-"To begin with we demand a fined to the American sector. On credit its leaders. He kept the the same day as the above re- Japanese mayor of Batavia in

port, Donald MacKenzie, staff office rather replace him with a correspondent of the N. Y. Daily nationalist, until he was finally News, wrote from Berlin that ordered to make the change by reflect real wages we demand a "Guerrilla warfare is reaching the British occupation chief Lt. alarming proportions in the General Christison. With clascountryside south and west of sic Dutch haughtiness, entirely agreements should ensure an au- Hamburg." This is in the Brit- out of keeping with his position ish-controlled area. MacKenzie of impotence, van der Plas fur-

reports that a British officer has ther refused to meet with the revealed "Large bands of dis- Indonesian leaders to discuss the placed persons" have obtained situation. But the British gen-Non-European Trade Unions was arms and organized themselves eral, who takes a far more real-

forced him to arrange such a "Dozens of German villages meeting.

ous and bolder."

Indonesian Nationalists **Fight Dutch Imperialism**

By Ratna Soemanti Vanquished (The First of Two Articles)



While the people of Tokyo line up for their meager rations (top picture) the people of Detroit line up at the U. S. Employment Office for fast-vanishing jobs. In defeated Japan, millions face the specter of hunger. In victorious America, millions face the specter of mass unemployment.

into "bandit gangs." They fight istic view of the strength of the contact with the Communist In- this conference was as follows: anti-war congresses and con-European Garment Workers "British patrols attempting to nationalist movement, again ternational and the communist- The Nationalist party would gresses of the Anti-Imperialist sponsored Anti - Imperialist strive to create a state within League in different European the state. This would be done League. In 1926 Mohammed Hatta as above ground through social countries. In 1927 he was arcording to the British officer. the English troops have occu- the representative of his organi- work, congresses, the creation of rested in Holland along with sev-Casualties are listed as on an pied Batavia. The Japanese gar- zation met with the Indonesian national feeling and betterment eral other Indonesian students "important scale." Despite all risons were withdrawn into the communist Semacen to discuss of the material and intellectual on the charge of incitement to the non-white and the white the British troops can do, con- interior where they will continue joint action in the Indies. Sem- condition of the people, and un- revolt against the government on worker is essential. After all, our tinues the same source, "the out- to maintain "law and order" un- aben, who was then exiled from derground through the creation the basis of speeches and articles struggle is one struggle and our laws" are "growing more numer- til they are repatriated. "To have the Indies after the Communist of a national army, with a boy that appeared in the magazine to work through the Japanese is uprisings in 1926, agreed to joint scout movement as its starting of their organization. All were

The class composition of these very humiliating," says Dr. van work under the leadership of the point. The national feelings of acquitted in 1928. groups of "bandits" and "out- der Plas, yet he uses them Nationalists and to handing over the population were to be led Upon his return to the Indies Royalist groups are arming laws" is not clear. They appear against what he terms "a move- all printshops in the Indies for- in a revolutionary direction, with he belonged to the Partai Nathemselves, reports the Brussels to resemble the resistance move- ment of Japanese puppets backed merly controlled by ne com- special attention to work in the sional Indonesia (National Indonewspaper Le Soir. As quoted in ment in other countries during by small determined bands of munists. In return Mohammed trade unions. Any collaboration nesian Party) but did not play Hatta for his organization prom- with the Dutch government was too public a role. We must note, terrorists." however, that he never was part ised that the Perhimpoenan In- of course excluded. To bring the cause of Indo- of the collaborationist nationaldonesia would build a real na-According to a Dutch spokestional movement in the Indies. nesia to international attention ist movement that arose after man in London it will take anthe Perhimpoenan Indonesia the P.N.I. was crushed in 1930. NATIONALIST PROGRAM The program mapped out at delegated Mohammed Hatta to (To Be Continued) first Dutch troops will reach the

Our Martyrs GERMANY

Comrades Who Died in the Cause of Communism Under the Terror of the Gestapo and Its Puppets

MARTIN WIDELIN, German Trotskyist active as a leadng member of the French and Belgian sections of the Fourth International. Organizer of the International underground work in the German Wehrmacht; an editor of Arbeiter und Soldat, the newspaper of the I.K.D. (Internationalist Communists of Germany) published illegally in Paris under the Nazi occupation. He, together with 65 other French and German Trotskyists engaged in this work, fell as a victim of the Gestapo. Trapped by the French Fascist "Brigade Speciale" in the Bois de Vincennes near Paris, he was shot and left for dead. Hospitalized, he was denounced to the Gesapo, dragged from his bed and shot the same night.

WILLY. One of 30 German Trotskyist soldiers and sailors active at Brest shot by the Nazis. He organized arms delivery to Maquis partisans, desertions in the Wehrmacht and the utilization of "Organization Todt" work certificates for underground work,

ROGER, 40-year-old German Trotskyist, functionary of he Parti Communiste Internationaliste, French section of the 4th International: member of Partisan corps in the Dauphine region.

MAX, 30-year-old German Trotskyist, adjutant-chief of F.I. troops of the Ardeche Maquis.

These are only the first reports on our losses among the German Trotskyists.



PANTELIS POULIOPOULOS, 45 years old. Active in the the revolutionary workers' movement since 1919. Elected a member of the Political Bureau of the Greek Communist Party soon after its foundation, he became General Secretary of the Party in 1924. Delegate of the Greek party to the Fifth Congress of the Communist International held in Moscow in 1925. Founded the "Spartakos" group in 1927 and later affiliated this group with the International Left Opposition formed in the Communist International by Leon Trotsky. Arrested by the Greek bourgeoisie and sentenced to 18 years imprisonment. Escaped. Arrested in 1939. In 1943. Italian military authorities occupying Greece ordered him shot; he talked to the soldiers assigned to kill him, and caused a mutiny in their ranks, but was finally shot. His life and death have become legendary in Greece where his memory is respected as exemplifying the purest proletarian heroism and revolutionary devotion.

JEAN MAKRIS, 40 years old. Bakery worker. Wellknown trade union militant. Long active in the Young Communist League of Greece. Member of the Central Committee of the Greek Section of the Fourth International. Arrested many times, imprisoned and deported. Shot in 1943 by the occupation authorities.

JEAN XYPOLYTOS, 40 years old. Building trades worker. For a long time a leading functionary of the Greek Communist Party. Member of the Central Committee of the "Spartakos" group. Imprisoned and deported many times Shot in 1943 by the occupation authorities.

The following comrades were also killed by S. S. troops at the Kandara Concentration Camp: Dascalbs, Kamatsas.

CONSTANTIN YANNAKOS. 30 years old. Teacher Former leader of the Young Communist League Member of the Central Committee of the Greek Section of the Fourth International. Arrested in 1939. Shot by the Nazi occupation authorities in 1943.

The following comrades were executed by the notorious "Security Battalions" under the German Wehrmacht: Christos Gianovlis, Delia Baltas, Elentheros Kokinas. Victims of the Stalinist Terror

In addition, the following comrades are known to have

been killed by Stalinists during the civil war last December: DEMOSTHENES BOUZOUKIS, member of the Central Committee; and more than a hundred other comrades fighting under his leadership in Athens, whose names are not as

vet available.

France On August 17, the Indonesians proclaimed their independence and founded the Republic of Indonesia. The first British troops which

the August 2 Manchester Guar- the war who fought the Nazi condian, the Belgian paper de- querors, except of course they DUTCH TROOPS LAND

clares: "There has been formed are fighting this time against in Flanders a Leopoldian move- the Allied conquerors. MacKenment which no politician could zie says that they are mainly other two months before the dare to oppose without the risk "Poles, Czechs and displaced of being broken. Royalist mili- Germans." He adds "there are islands. However, 1,000 troops tias are being formed nearly ev- indications that they now have erywhere, and their recruitment been organized like cadres, with Dutch official in Australia deis amongst members of a former intelligence service that keeps anti-democratic movement." them informed of counter meas-They are obtaining a consid- ures being taken by the British." erable amount of their arms from The situation will become much Allied sources. "There are many worse "when cold weather sets stories," says the Guardian, "cir- in," continues MacKenzie, quotculating amongst British offi- ing British officials. "There are cers of weapons and supplies of something like 19,000,000 perwar destined for the Allied forces sons on the move toward Berlin

having gone astray." and Hamburg, between the Oder In contrast to its friendly at- and Elbe rivers."

titude toward these reactionary The 3,000,000 who have already groups, the Van Acker govern- passed through Hamburg since ment is extremely hostile to- the first of August face frightward militant working class ten- ful conditions. "These persons dencies. Voie de Lenine (Lenin's are living in crude caves among Road), official organ of the the rubble of bomb-blasted Communiste Revolution- buildings like animals and slow-Parti naire (Revolutionary Commun- ly starving to death."

Allied Rulers Prepare Slaughter In Far East

(Continued from Page 1) anese troops and Indonesian nationalists."

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NATIONALIST VICTORIES

Vice President. results were disastrous to the Greek movement.

Toms.

The picture in Indo-China is essentially the same. A "truce" was negotiated with the Anna-

Meanwhile the Indonesian Re- mese nationalists. Before the cials claim they are: turncoats, alone. public has taken over some of "truce" was reached, the British opportunists, Japanese puppets? Java's principal cities, including in Saigon, using mortars, ma- MOHAMMED HATTA'S Soerabaja and Bandoeng. In chine-guns and rifles drove the RECORD

been attacked by the Allies, the the city. The Japanese, fighting Mohammed Hatta, when a stu- treaties on the Balkan countries of the Balkan secret political po- assured by the policy of expro-Japanese despots lost control to under Allied orders, killed 40 to dent at Leiden university in Hol- now occupied and dominated by lice based on the model of the priating the big landowners and act. But that would mean work- up pro-Kremlin regimes and the nationalists. At Bandoeng 50 Annamese on September 30. land in 1922, was one of the the Red Army. Had Molotov GPU, etc. By these means the dividing the land. But the ers' soviets. and the totalitarian parties strong enough to withthe nationalists took away the The Allies have placed Japanese founders of the student organi- insisted on limiting the Balkan Anglo-U. S. bloc will secure free Kremlin's reactionary policy ne- Kremlin which long ago abol- stand some of the concessions arms of the Japanese forces, in- guards at key spots. cluding armored cars. The Indonesian people are rived at Salgon October 3. Some its very inception followed a ence took the decision that all mania. (Needless to say, if owned by the church; the coun- can scarcely permit these things all mean a break between the putting up a strong battle for 18 cruisers, light cruisers, etc., sharply anti-Dutch, anti-collab- five ministers have a voice in these forces are successful, the tries involved are small and rel- in Red Army-occupied countries Anglo-U. S. bloc and the Kremtheir freedom, but already there and a flotilla of scaplanes are orationist course. are serious signs of weakness in following. French paratroopers

the nationalist leadership, if dis- broke up an unarmed demon- dents from the Indies and Indo- yielded. But Molotov went along ish the democratic instrumental- cases too small to sustain a peaspatches of the capitalist press stration of 1,500 Annamese in nesian students both belonged to for eleven days in which the ities once they have served their ant family. are accurate. Reuters reported Saigon October 7, while in Paris, one organization, but relations conference was irrevocably com- purpose of dislodging the Krem-September 29 that Dr. Soekarno, spokesmen of the nationalist between the Nationalists and im- mitted in the eyes of the world lin from the Balkans.) leading figure of the national-movement were arrested by the perialist-minded Dutch students to five-power participation in all ist movement "issued direct ord- de Gaulle government for de- and their Uncle Toms soon made discussions, then suddenly made ceed by these means, thanks to ant with farm implements, hors- endurable suffering and priva- to be patient, depending on the ers to Indonesians in all spheres manding freedom for Indo- this impossible. The Perhimp- his demand on September 22. the fact that the United States es, cattle and poultry, fertilizer tion, imbued not with interna- six billion dollar loan from of life to co-operate with the Al- China.

lied occupation force." This is The role of American troops Dutch language magazine in doubtedly very satisfactory to productive power multiplied, harvest. Add to this that the propagadana differing little struction of the Soviet economy. the same policy pursued by the landed by air has not been clear- which Dutch imperialism was in- the Kremlin, far from being able to from that of Czarist times, the So, whatever their differences, Stalinist - dominated EAM in ly reported since they engaged cessantly attacked. These young to gain and a great deal to lose devastated. Food and machin- send these needed items from the Red Army soldier has entered the Big Three alliance remains Greece when British troops land- last week in armed struggle with men called themselves revolu- when the Balkan treaties are ery are the battering ram with Soviet Union, has stripped the "enemy country" and has be- a terrifying reality, looming over ed in that country last year. The the Annamese nationalists. tionary nationalists and sought finally written.

nave aiready landed, and a Dutch official in Australia de-clared Oct. 6 another 10,000 will Squabble Over Booty Of War **Ends Big Five London Parley** arrive in three weeks. The Dutch are dispatching a number of Indonesians who have allegedly "been active in the Independ-

By Felix Morrow

1921" to the Indies by plane to The Big Five Foreign Minact as mediators. Very likely these gentlemen will lose their conciliatory zeal when they come sions, wound up October 2 with- two principal means: face to face with their countryout concluding a single agreemen Things have changed since

those days of 1921 at Leiden university when independence was powers and vice-versa. something Indonesian students

talked about. Today the Indonesian masses are getting a taste of the real thing and they are in no mood to deal with Uncle

The two main figures in the in agreement at Potsdam, insist-ndonesian nationalist movement led that neither France nor China today appear to be Soekarno, discuss the peace treaties with prices with which the shattered which since the expulsion of the chines without hope of replace-President of the newly-founded Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary. Republic and Mohammed Hatta, No doubt Molotov preferred to talk to the British and U.S.

newcomers who came to the fore and Chinese satellites, while the only under Japanese domination?

ence movement in Holland since

However, behind this proced-

ural dispute is the extreme dis-

isters' conference, after 33 ses- of influence in the Balkans by STALINIST PARTIES 1. Directly, by establishing in

need not occupy us very long. firms. These agents will en- garia they would not be suffi- victim of a bad joke. The Kremlin, sticking to the courage capitalist and reformletter of the Atlee-Truman-Stal-

Who are these men? Are they ministers without their French UNNRA relief agencies will demonstratively make clear that Anglo-U. S. bloc were bent on help for the needy comes only Are they what the Dutch offi- showing that the Kremlin stands from the west.

TWO MEANS

2. Indirectly, by demanding nothing to offer them. inclination of the Kremlin to free press, free elections, evacuthese cities, which have not yet Annamese from the outskirts of Let us look at their record. discuss, much less to conclude ation of the Red Army, abolition ence over the peasantry seemed work of factory and municipal treaty settlements as long as zation Perhimpoenan Indonesia treaties to the Big Three on play for the anti-Kremlin forces cessitated excluding from the ished soviets and all other work- which must eventually be made. Two French battleships ar- (Indonesian Society) which from September 11, when the confer- in Hungary, Bulgaria and Ru- division the considerable areas ers' rights in the Soviet Union all questions discussed, the Anglo-U. S. bloc will close its atively over-populated; the new where the sight might infect Red lin. Both sides have too many Up until that time Dutch stu- Anglo-U, S. bloc might well have eyes if its satellites then demol- farms are therefore in many Army soldiers.

oenan Indonesia published a The resulting fiasco was un- emerged from the war with its or even with food until the next tionalism but with chauvinist America for help in the recon-

Through those treaties the to break through the wall which Anglo-U. S. bloc will seek to the Red Army has vainly thrown break down the Kremlin's sphere around the Balkans.

cient to keep those countries out LESS FOR WORKERS ist labor leaders to organize of the western orbit. That was against Kremlin domination, will demonstrated in France, where In the cities, the Kremlin has businessmen cheap goods at party, with a million members, chines without hope of replacenicians have fled, either because

tion. they were collaborationists or Whatever illusions the Balkan they feared the Red Army. Wages masses may have had about the are well-nigh useless as inflation Kremlin, it has revealed itself and the black market flourishes. during the past year as having Given a free hand, the city

At first the Kremlin's influ- these problems through a net- lin must try to delay Balkan

Add to this that the economy ers and peasants to the collapse in the long run on its overpowof the countries is devastated of morale of the occupying ering economic preponderance. The Anglo-U. S. bloc can suc- and unable to provide the peas- troops. After four years of un- The Kremlin cannot afford not

which the Anglo-U. S. bloc aim Balkans of just such material, haved like a marauder. The high the masses of ruined Europe,

STERGIOS, The brothers Tatsos, Mangos Kostas and many others, in Salonika.

THANASSI OICONOMOU. A Stalinist militant who join. ed our party in 1943. Killed in Athens on December'4, 1944. MITSOS MELIADIS, worker in the subway company at Athens. Active in the revolutionary workers' movement since

1928. Shot by the Stalinists December 4, 1944. NICOS ARAVANTINOS, active in the movement since 1930. Agrarian specialist. Imprisoned under the Metaxas dictatorship in 1938. Member of the Central Committee and the Political Bureau. Horribly murdered by the Stalinists.

THYMIOS ADRAMYTIDES. .. A Trotskyist since 1931. Organized illegal revolutionary group among Greek police. Imprisoned under Metaxas dictatorship. After release from prison, active in leading capacity in Athens city organization. He was killed by the Stalinist miltary organization, December 3, 1944.

Add to this that the occupying command has made belated at-Red Army troops are living off tempts to restore discipline, but

Against these economic and the land. The peasant, given when the army officially is livpolitical weapons, the Kremlin more land but with his horses ing off the land, ruthlessly requion the Kremlin by the other official agents of the Anglo-U.S. can hold the Balkans only by to-talitarian means. Even if event if the Ded relation didn't the block of the control of the solpress correspondents and mass Communist parties existed his plow and kitchen utensils, does some requisitioning for him-The procedural point at issue branches of Anglo-U. S. business in Rumania, Hungary and Bul- must begin to think he is the self-at watch from a luckless send home, etc.

> Such are the realities in the Balkans under the Red Army. The Kremlin cannot dream of dominating the area without occupying troops, or the equivalent in "native" troops and secret the goods on credit; and finally, sharp turn to a wort de Gulle's many owner constration; unrestricted entry evacuation, elections, would spell the end of Kremlin control of the Balkans.

MOLOTOV'S TACTICS

Hence Molotov's tactics at the proletariat could grapple with London conference. The Kremcommittees with full power to possible, while it tries to conjure The London fiasco does not at reasons to patch up the situa-Add to this the undoubted tion. The Anglo-U. S. bloc can shock and reaction of the work- afford to be patient, depending



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

Smash The Fascists!

America's No. 1 Fascist Demagogue, Gerald L. K. Smith, whose aim is to mobilize and lead the storm troopers of American capitalism against the labor movement, is beginning to meet some serious obstacles to his anti-labor, anti-Negro, Jew-baiting ambitions.

Last July, he breezed into Los Angeles with the announcement that he intended to establish his national center there. But he didn't make the grade. The Los Angeles labor movement, pressed into action by the union militants and the Socialist Workers Party, countered Smith's mass meeting with a giant rally of 14,000 workers. Smith left for greener pastures.

He hit Detroit two weeks ago. But, here again, Smith didn't fare so well. A fighting mass picket line, sponsored by the CIO Council and manned by over 1,000 CIO and AFL workers, limited the Smith meeting to only 150 of his actual followers, a demoralized and frightened handful.

Instead of maintaining his bold, brash front, G. L. K. Smith is being forced to proceed more cautiously and timidly. As our report from Buffalo (See Page 1) relates, there Smith elected to sneak into town and hold surreptitious meetings. The Buffalo CIO Council, getting wind of his previous secret visit, voted to give him a hot reception the next time he dares to show up.

These events have one decisive feature in common. .In every case, it was the threat or actual conduct of militant mass labor action which put real fear into Smith's followers, demoralized his ranks. These actions will help inspire American labor everywhere to take the offensive and nip the American fascist menace in the bud. In both the Detroit and Los Angeles demonstrations, the Socialist Workers Party, the American Trotskyists, stood shoulder to shoulder with the militant unionists in the vanguard of the struggle against Fascist Smith. Every facility and all the energies of the Trotskyists were placed at the disposal of the labor movement to mobilize and conduct the fight.

of the N. Y. Daily News. This scurrilous prostitute of the McCormick-Patterson press is trying to place the halo of martyrdom on the glistening helmet of none other than General Patton, who was relieved of his post in Bavaria when he came out too brazenly in favor of retaining Nazis in U. S. Army-controlled posts. O'Donnell's version, date-lined October 2, is that the pistol-packing, kick-the-wounded, richest-general-in-the-army slapped a private of "Jewish descent" in the notorious 1943 faceslapping incident in Italy. Because of this, says O'Donnell, "foreign-born political leaders" (he singles out prominent Jews) put on a campaign against the injured Patton. Through the "secret and astoundingly effective might" of these individuals back of the government, Patton was crucified.

O'Donnell's version is undoubtedly now being peddled throughout America by all the native fascists. All the links in this slander against the Jewish people are clear. Patton, like the majority of the officer caste, is anti-Jewish and highly sympathetic to Nazi propaganda. He was simply a bit more incautious than the rest, thus permitting himself the luxury of telling the press what he thought.

Coincident with Patton's remarks, an official report to President Truman revealed that tens of thousands of Jews in Germany are still suffering in concentration camps under conditions as frightful as those they endured under the Nazis. In the resulting storm of protest, the Truman Administration was forced to slap Patton on the wrist. But the capitalist propagandist, O'Donnell, instead of telling the truth, converted the incident into sewage for the mudslinging political machine of America's native fascists

That such propaganda is printed in the great newspapers of the capitalists, indicates how far Big Business is opening the throttle on the native fascist movement.

Full Employment

The Murray Full Employment Bill was introduced into Congress with great fanfare. It was offered by the Truman administration, backed by many financial and industrial bigwigs, as their answer to the capitalist crisis of mass unemployment.

As its own sponsors admitted, the bill actually contained no specific or practical measures. It left entirely to future unspecified acts of Congress the exact program to be adopted. Congress, by its recent killing of the \$25 unemployment compensation bill, has amply demonstrated what it intends to do to any real measures to aid the unemployed.

The feature of the Murray Bill which the extreme reactionaries mainly opposed was its agreement, in principle, to the use of government funds "as a last resort" to aid the unemployed. Last week, in a decision that the bill's sponsors declared "satisfactory," the Senate knocked even that acknowledgement on the head.

The Senate adopted the bill with an amendment which, in effect, prohibits the use of federal funds to aid the unemployed where this would increase the government deficit. These same Senators who reared up in horror at going into "debt" for the benefit of the workers are the very ones who did not hesitate to approve the appropriation of some \$300 billion for world-wide slaughter and destruction. They poured tens of billions into the coffers of the war profiteers. They hailed the expenditure of a cool \$2 billion for the atom bomb which obliterated hundreds of thousands of men, women and children in two Japanese cities.



"I can't understand why they're so anxious to leave their nice, cozy barracks. There's obviously no room for them here!"



'NEGROES IN THE POST-/published. Every aspect of Ne-|ganized effort to stir up anti-WAR WORLD" by Albert Par- gro life in America has been ex- Negroism. Attempts by Gerald ker. Pioneer Publishers, 116 plored and exposed by dozens of L. K. Smith to conduct fascist University Place, New York authors with various aims. To- meetings in Los Angeles and De-3, N. Y. 16 pp., 5 cents. day we have an inexhaustible troit, and the revival of the fas-

The pamphlet cuts through

Jim-Crow was the policy of the

very government and politicians

who claimed to be fighting a war

World" by Albert Parker is a Roosevelt and the fate of the

small pamphlet of only sixteen FEPC are analyzed. Army-Navy

pages-yet it is one of the most Jim-Crow even transplanted race

The history of the Negro's supply of statistics, surveys and cist Christian Front and America struggle for equality runs like a novels dealing with this question. All these books and surveys are First movement will bring with scarlet thread through the somhelpful to the student of Negro them campaigns designed to ber and chaotic pattern of capitalism's whole existence. problems--but it has remained whip up and organize prejudice

The subjugation of the Negro for the Marxists to produce and persecution. produced running ulcers on the written material aimed directly GOVERNMENT ROLE face of capitalism which, even at solving the question. Unlike at its healthiest, and most pro- the social-worker authors and gressive stage, indicated the some "Uncle Tom" Negro intel- the role of "Uncle Toms" and presence of a fatal, organic dis- lectuals, the revolutionary writ- shows how only a militant and ease. This internal corruption, ers on the Negro question cut mass struggle will win real freeoften dismissed by the kept- through all the soul-searching dom for the Negro people. Parkprofessors of endowed institu- and "Christian" moralizing to er exposes the role of the Fedtions as merely a temporary strike at the root of the prob- eral government and proves that functional disorder, was quickly

recognized by the Marxists for what it was-another symptom INCREASING VALUE "Negroes in the Post-War for democracy. The record of of the general and rapidly in-

creasing decay of a doomed social order. UNITY GROWS

Today, as capitalism, on the valuable documents on the Ne- prejudice from America to places brink of its grave, twists and gro question ever published, and countries where it had been jerks in a frantic effort to es- Written some time ago, it has unknown.

cape the vengeance of its vic- become more timely with the The capitalist class roots of tims, the Negro is taking his passing months and demon- discrimination are made clear place beside the white wage strates the keen understanding in this pamphlet. When the worker in the vanguard of the of the author who was able to Negro worker enjoys the full ecopredict the nature of the Ne- nomic freedom offered by the proletarian revolution. This development is the result gro's struggle to maintain and Socialist society, then and only broaden the rights won during then will full social and political of a long and bloody process in World War H. freedom be possible. Until then which both Negro and white "The Negro's greatest oppor- the Negro can look forward to worker gradually learned to know and trust one another. This pro- tunity for advancing toward full continued and increasingly secess is far from complete but the equality is now, as his enemies vere persecution and segregation. initial steps have been taken well recognize, and if the Negro The solution to this problem for and the development gains mo- does not take advantage of this the Negro and for the white mentum as the class conscious- opportunity now, he will find it worker is unity in the struggle ness of the workers grows in much harder to make progress against capitalism and for the the solidifying heat of the fight after the war, when his enemies socialist society.

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The Shabby Treatment of Disabled Veterans

"They said when we went away that when we came back nothing would be too good for us, and when we came back that was just what we got, NOTHING!" Thus spoke the veterans in 1919, after World War I. GI's are saying the same thing today, perhaps more bitterly after World War II.

The disabled veterans have the greatest cause for dissatisfaction, and, among them, those receiving about the rawest deal are the amputees.

A wounded veteran at the Thomas M. England General Hospital, the army's amputation center, complained with justifiable bitterness to Frederick Grube. writer for the "Philadelphia Record," that "a government which could spent \$2,000,000,000 for an atomic bomb has spent almost nothing for scientific research in artificial limbs."

A soldier who lost an arm in France and is undergoing treatment at England General Hospital stated that he heard constant complaints about the artificial limbs issued to the amputees. Soldiers say "they cause sores on stumps" and are "constantly in need of alterations."

He said amputees are so dissatisfied with the artificial limbs that without exception they say: "As soon as I get out and can make enough money to afford it, I'm going to buy a decent limb and throw this junk away!

Summing up the boiling resentment of all amputees, Jimmy Wilson, a twenty-year-old soldier who lost all four limbs in a bomber crash and was made famous by a newspaper's drive to raise a fund for him. flatly refused "to go on the air with Major General Norman T. Kirk and tell the nation he was satisfied with or benefited by the artificial limbs supplied by the government," according to Ed Sullivan's column in the "N. Y. Daily News," September 26th.

The army is fitting 14,000 amputees with artficial limbs that are in all essential respects the same as those issued World War I veterans.

Veterans whose arms have been amputated are being equipped with hooks or with hands that are little more than useless dummies. They are fastened to the body with heavy leather harnesses which soon become soaked with perspiration.

Chief among the complaints against artificial legs issued by the army is that they are too heavy and cumbersome and so poorly constructed that they break down under everyday conditions. In addition, men say they are unsightly and inefficient.

Tacitly admitting the army's failure to adequately provide or even plan for these wounded men, General Kirk, Surgeon General of the army, recently announced the army's adoption of a program to "study" and "investigate" the possibilities of producing "more efficient and less obtrusive artificial limbs for handicapped war veterans."

Those familiar with brass hat red tape know it will be a long, long time before the men are benefited by any improvement. General Kirk implies that better artificial limbs have not been developed.

But the truth of the matter is that a new plastic arm and leg has been produced, according to the "Philadelphia Record," September 21, "which achieves lightness in weight without sacrificing strength."

In ease of operation, utility and appearance these new limbs are far superior to those issued by the army. However, army brass hats, in their complete disregard for and indifference to the needs of wounded soldiers, have not made even these modern improvements available to them.

The government's failure to provide for these men

The Detroit anti-fascist demonstration was particularly commendable and noteworthy. Local auto unions sent their famous flying squadrons, trained in the defense of innumereble strike picket lines, to hold the line against police assaults.. They conducted a courageous battle worthy of their tradition.

This, however, was precisely the effective feature of the struggle which brought protests from the yellow Stalinists and liberals. These latter advocate "fighting" fascism with mealymouthed protests and mere gestures. The Stalinists actually acted as finger-men for the Detroit cops in pointing out the leading union militants for clubbing.

As always, the police stood on the side of the labor-haters, in this instance, the fascists. They mauled and beat the Detroit anti-fascist fighters and protected the fascists from the workers' wrath.

But the Detroit workers have demonstrated to the entire labor movement that the way to fight fascism is not to wait or equivocate. Fascism can be defeated only by the full fighting might of the labor movement. It must be met head-on, courageously and militantly, with the power of mass labor action wherever and whenever it raises its ugly head to spit forth its venom.

Anti-Jewish Slander

One of the strategic aims of the fascist movement is to split the working class into bitter, warring factions, thus weakening the antifascist struggle. Pitting one nationality against another is a time-tested way of accomplishing this aim. The fascist movement throughout Europe followed this tactic.

That is why the fascist demogagues in America whip up every vile prejudice against such minority nationalities as the Jewish people. The growth of anti-Jewish sentiment parallels the growth of fascism. Knowing this, Big Business and its tools utilize every resource to spread foul lies about the Jews.

The most recent is the lie cooked up by John O'Donnell, professional poison-pen columnist

If any further proof were needed of the utter indifference and callousness of the capitalist politicians in Washington toward the needs of the American people, their latest action on the Murray bill is proof positive.

These agents of Big Business understand only one language, will yield only to one argument, that is the forceful kind used in the resolution adopted by the CIO auto workers' recent National General Motors Conference and now being advanced by local unions such as the Buffalo auto and steel locals, as reported in this issue of THE MILITANT.

The GM auto workers have called for a giant united Congress of American Labor to convene as soon as possible in Washington. This mobilization of representatives from every union body in the land would elaborate a genuine labor legislative program and spearhead a nation-wide labor fight for its adoption by Congress.



Station WMCA 570 on dial, "Women's City Club"

Monday, Oct. 22, 10:00 to 10:30 p.m.: Station WNEW, 1130 on dial, "People's Choice"

Thusday, Oct. 25, 10:45 to 11:00 p.m.: Station WQXR, 1560 on dial, "Public Service Series"

Saturday, Oct. 27, 9:00 to 9:30 p.m.: Station WNEW, 1130 on dial, "People's Choice"

will have disposed of their for- For the Negro who believes against the common enemy. Today, Negro and white work eign rivals and will be able to that the politicians of the Demoand picket side by side. This is devote their energy and atten- cratic and Republican parties or an objective factor created by tion toward keeping the Negro the Stalinist betrayers will aid capitalism itself. The subject- 'in his place'." him in his struggle this namphive factor too-the conscious and Today the enemies of the lete should be interesting readdeliberate effort of the revolu- Negro are busy provoking "race- ing. For the Negro militant this tionary Marxists to smash preju- riots" and anti-Negro sentiment pamphlet will serve as another dice and promote fraternization wherever possible. Recent weapon-an educational weapon -has become a vital weapon in "strikes" of white high-school -in the fight for a better sostudents against Negro students ciety. the class struggle. Reviewed by

Many volumes of material on in Hammond, Indiana and in "The Negro Question" have been New York City indicate an or-

Congressmen At Work

The curtain rises this week on the House Committee on Expenditures in Executive Departments. Wall Street's Congressmen are cross-examining Harold D. Smith, Director of the Budget, in an effort to find out the real meaning of the "Full Employment Bill."

Mr. SMITH: "First of all 'full employment opportunities' does not mean that the bill assures that there never will be any unemployment . . . Furthermore, the bill does not guarantee specific jobs . . .

THE CHAIRMAN (Rep. Man- specific job." asco of Alabama): "Of course

there are a lot of people thinking that, if this bill were to become law tomorrow, they would go to work the next day. There

is nothing in the bill that would insure that; there is nothing that would insure them work, in propriation, does it?"

this bill on the first of July next year?"

It takes a lot to convince a proponents of the bill and the taxpayers?" Congressman, however, especially way I interpret the last page where the interests of Big Busi- of it.'

ness are involved. THE CHAIRMAN: "Do you

think that this hill a men a

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Street. The examination what it ordered!

who lost their limbs in a war to defend Wall Street's interests, serves to illustrate the measure of the swindle perpetrated on soldiers who were told of the "better world" they would return to. As far as the government is concerned the shabblest treatment is good enough for men whose usefulness has been impaired.

Trial Reveals Thievery By Huge Food Monopoly

Short-changing, short-weighting and price-boosting are the brazenly crooked devices by which the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company plunders its customers, according to documentary evidence presented by the Department of Justice during the trial now going on against the A & P for violation of the anti-trust laws.

Most of the 4,445 exhibits used in evidence against the corporation were secured directly from the files of the A & P. These documents show the cynical and ruthless methods employed by the gigantic food monopoly to pile up its own profits, destroy competition and rob the people.

This scandalous thievery from A & P customers is given the fancy title of "stock gains." According to information now in the hands of the Justice Department and reported by Representative Wright Patman of Texas in the September 19 "Congressional Record," it is achieved as follows:

"Grocery items are billed to the retail stores by the warehouse at the retail price. No allowance is made for shrinkage, spoilage, waste, etc. Any sums secured on the sale of these items over and above the price billed by the warehouse are 'stock sains." They are secured by such practices in the retail stores as short-weighting, short-changing, boosting of prices at the check-out counters."

The A & P in its court record tried to prove that the stores are operated with practically no profit except for what it makes on these "stock gains," allowances and other subsidiary profits. ("Allowances" are nothing more than illegal "kickbacks" from manufacturers, which, even after a "cease and desist" order from the Federal Trade Commission and upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, netted the A & P \$6,400,000.)

The rigged-up books of the A & P showed that during 1938 they operated 4,374 stores at a net loss despite "stock gains." In one division alone, they tried to show as much as 40 per cent of the stores were operated in the red.

But the A & P is a capitalist monopoly - not a charitable institution. The government now has evidence to prove that in the 6-year period between 1935 and 1941 \$21,714,000 was stolen from A & P customers through . these "stock gains" alone. In the one year of 1941, when the over-all A & P profits amounted to \$26,125,000, the extra plunder called "stock gains" amounted to \$1,953,000. Yet in the trial the A & P has the gall to claim that without "stock gains" and other swindles, its store operations in 1941 would have been conducted at a loss of \$4,199,347.

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sibly repetition of a lot of pious phrases . . ." Mr. JUDD (Rep. of Minne-

sota): ". . . If this bill, as you say in your testimony, does not solve the problem of unemploy-

ment, do you or do you not think out that it does not assure any that it is a little inaccurate, per-

haps even a sericus mistake, to Manasco is a cagey politician. call it the Full Employment Perhaps a different tack might bill . . .?"

bring out a hidden joker that Mr. SMITH: "When you make would hurt Big Business . . . a speech or when I make a THE CHAIRMAN: "This bill speech we have problems with

Mr. HENRY (Rep. of Wiscon-

sin): "Well, then, do you believe

Mr. SMITH: "This bill will not cost the taxpayers anything." MR. SMITH: "That is right When Big Business wants a

'Full Employment Bill" containher members of the Com- ing nothing but hot air and pious

"? likewise sniff the hot phrases, these politicians make pursuing the interests of sure Big Business gets exactly

does not authorize a single ap- the title . . ." MR. SMITH: "No, sir."

THE CHAIRMAN: "And it does that this bill should be passed Mr. SMITH: "That is correct." not intend to, according to the regardless of its cost to the

Bill Morgan.

Mr. BENDER (Rep. of Ohio):

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WORKERS' FORUM

The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

False Leaders Hit In Letter To Jackson

Y. alt

Dear Comrade Jackson:

There are news items in today's Chicago newspapers in regard to the banning in Bridgeport, Conn., of a musical version of Uncle Tom's Cabin. This ban It's The Rich applied by Mayor Jasper McLevy Who Injure All was according to newspaper reports at the instigation of a Pas- Dear Comrade Jackson: tor's Association, the local CIO Party.

The claim was that the play tended to degrade the Negro people. I have not seen this play and I don't know to what extent it is based on the book by Harriet Beecher Stowe. It is quite conform to the text of the novel or to historical truth or to reality. Plays are written and produced in general to make money for the writer and producers and to give entertainment to the public who attends.

entertainment reflects the pre- he didn't start it here alone but judices of the ruling class. This may be true of this play although a bad thing why did he start it? it was certainly not true of the And he certainly does it now. We original novel which was written know that's an individual matby a woman who desired to ex- ter and not for the cops. pose the evils of chattel slavery. We think it's time for the peopresent day or even past condi- ing. tions of an unpleasant nature. Like Dr. Pangloss in Voltaire's Candide, they want a beautiful picture to be painted of the world around them. Mayor Ed Kelly of Chicago was so moti- Standard Oil's vated in the banning of Tobacco Road in this city, and the Communist Party is so motivated Editor: when they do what little they

Richard Wright's "Black Boy." as I neared the gates to re-Marxists differentiate thembasis of the willingness of the vide a plan of action in that direction.

Where is this Pastor's Associ- three flags of a wide red horiation and where is the Commun- zontal band sandwiched between

religious and political leaders. The crew told me the guard that stand at the head of or- thought I was one of them ganized Negro protest, can find boarding the ship after checking nothing better to expose and lines. (How I got off is another protest against than a musical story).

It was February, 1945 and up Chicago, Ill. the Spanish seamen were re-

ies at the same time.

comedy.

I truly do enjoy reading your Council and the Communist truthful and brilliant message every week in The Militant. Everyone in my family enjoys reading it. The only thing I regret is that we don't have more men

like you in our race. Now, Mr. Jackson and all other comrades, the question I am possible that there are lines and asking is what have the Negroes scenes in the play that neither ever done to the white man, to at us? We have never caused him to be hungry or naked or without jobs or any necessity of life. It seems to me that they should begin throwing bricks at the right fellow, and leave us alone. As for the mixing of races.

Very often in a class society, the white man started that, and everywhere he went. If it is such

However, I want to point out ple to see who is really doing the danger involved in a con- the harm. It's not the Negro troversy of this nature. A great but the rich man who causes number of middle-class Negroes him to die on the battle field, as well as whites object to any- and then deprives him of any thing showing the existence of opportunity to earn a decent liv-



Seaman Exposes Sales to Hitler

The air thickened with the can to discourage the sale of peculiar gasoline - refinery odor

selves from these whitewash art- my ship that night. The Dutch sufferings of the boys who were ists in that they realize the ne- guard scrutinized closely, checkcessity of exposing at all times ed the pass, and before long I the evils that exist and on the was walking along Finger Way. The ship docked just ahead of people to end these evils, pro- ours held my attention: It was One Job With A colorful, its superstructure was white, cowlings green; and the **Postwar Prospect**

an understanding smile: "I'm 60 years old," he repeat-Editor: ed. "I leave that fight to you younger ones. But remember that the war has opened a lot of

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peoples' eyes, and many of them are younger than I am. I think this war is going to lose the fight for the bosses. I think he is right. D. S.

New York

F. J. until a few months previously 'Militant' Makeup Affects Sales ceiving the equivalent of \$700 bonus per month in addition to On Newsstands regular wages. No wonder \$700 Editor:

bonus per man had been paid-It has been my job for the past they were getting aviation gasoyear and a half to deliver The line which went to Spain and Militant and Fourth Internafrom there to Hitler's forces. In tional to five downtown newsother words, the Standard Oil stands in Los Angeles. During Co. refinery at Aruba, the largthis time I have discovered a few est in the world, was processing things which might be of intergasoline at a fabulous profit for est to you, and which might help the American and German armyou in boosting Militant sales. I have learned that Militant Standard Oil Co. pumped 80 sales for the newsstands that octane gas into our ships dedisplay the full page of The Milstined for Italy, and used for itant are directly dependent moving trucks and men-includupon the makeup of the heading my brother-to the front lines. For example, when the lines. Standard Oil Co. pumped single large headline was used gasoline into the ship next to which ran clear across the first us for Hitler's army, keeping page, these stands would register alive the flames that devoured an increase in sales of about five the flower of German and Amerper cent over the headlines of ican youth, including my brother two lines and smaller words. Here is cold-blooded Finance However, I realize that you un. Imperialism in the raw, shorn doubtedly have your reasons for completely of the phony "patriusing this system, and that you otism" and "duty to your counprobably have to use the large try" that these rotten corporatype for important events. But tions and their tools in Congress think that too many words in reserve for us, the working peothe headlines cut down on the

sales. It does me good now to see When the headline "THERE the oil workers striking out to IS NO PEACE" was used, there get something back from the was a sudden sharp increase in conscienceless, dirty, rotten, sales of about fifty per cent in slimey, bastardly oil companies all newsstands. When the two who have been having their day. issues came out with double think of the tired old fellow headlines, that is, with one headworking for Standard Oil Co. line over the masthead, there who was told he must work longwas an increase of about ten or er hours to make more gas for fifteen per cent over the old the boys over there. And thinksystem on all stands. I think ing of his son and the other double headlines would be the men's sons over there, he came best to use all the time, and through; but the poor old fellow. with the one extra large headline he didn't realize that the glutto be kept in reserve for importonous Rockefellers and their tant events. cohorts were chuckling at him.

In this week's issue, with one Go to it, oil workers! Hit them small headline entitled: Truin the solar plexus, their money man's Congressional Message enter the plant grounds to board bags-and avenge the deaths and Hailed By Agents Of Big Business, there was a sudden drop of at least sixty per cent in sale due to the fact that people would only read as far as: "Truman's

Frank Ricco. Richmond, Calif. Congressional Message Hailed," and would lose interest. I think this was a very bad slip-up, as



Perhaps you would be interested in the following paragraphs taken from a letter from a G.I. who has been in (taly for over two years.

"As I've told you before, if Italy can be judged as an example then all of Europe is leaning toward communism or at least more on the radical and labor's side. The trouble of course (as usual) is there are too many parties. Communists, Socialists, Laborites, Democrats, etc. But I think most of them are on the right track and the British and to me their elections brought out the biggest surprise of the year. Tho' it shouldn't have been because I talked to many Tommies and they unhesitatingly and frankly spoke against the money-men.

"But all this is leading me into something that should bring you some kicks-what? Just this! I was walking up the main drag of Naples about a week ago and on one of the many stone pillars near the American Red Cross theatre I saw a fairly large poster. Normally I don't look at Italian signs or posters unless they are old ones put up by the Nazis or fascists during their control and which the Allies had forgotten to take down, to compare their dirty propaganda about us to ours against them. This one caught my eye. The picture was very familiar-it was Trotsky.

"It wasn't an old poster but it was weather beaten and torn slightly in parts by the wind, rain, etc. I couldn't understand the Italian print but his name and strong face were as clear as a bell. It was the first time I had seen any mention of Trotsky in Italy. I don't believe their Party is strong-at least not outwardly. That may mean that the Trotskyists are taking advantage of the present situation since surely the Allies cannot condemn it as a Fascist organization. The poster was not torn down as it would have been if someone had objected vehemently. I believe in the next election Italy will go even more radical than England, unless . . .? DeGaulle should be out in France too, the bum."

very things which it once created . . including the LAWS OF WAR, which have been shamefully violated by all the belligerents since the second world war began . and even before.

Stephen Kraus suggests that mind, at least, it is as if you years? should "press" for a return to the democratic free enterprise of early capitalism in these days of monopoly-dictatorship!

Who can "regulate" the House of Horror that capitalism has now become? Who can talk "peace plans" with the monsters more human blood than has ever been shed by man? Fight to prevent another war,

says Stephen Kraus, and not talk humanity from being murdered by the crimes of a small group of criminal - parasites whose headquarters is Wall Street, and the best way to fight against them is to constantly remind the public of their crimes . . . not only "past" but PRESENT and it sounds exactly like the pro- FUTURE, even to the point of the Truman capitalist press on a universal murder of this planet; I saw this sign posted on the superficial reading, and also be- if they are not themselves de-To be indifferent is to be devoid tion equipment, most of it used of decency; to be objective is to in the course of battle. Foodbe devoid of reason! In conclusion, I would like to suggest that your splendid mani-



comrades and friends national-

However, the following locals rep-

resent the high scorers and spe-

cial commendation is accorded

Flint, 103 six-month-4 one-

Connecticut, 88 six-month - 4

Pittsburgh, 34 six-month-13

Pioneer

Notes

in the price of James P. Cannon's

ment which they are entering.

have sent in sizeable orders.

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Kansas City, 26 six-month -September was a banner month, judging by the number 1 one-year. or subscriptions turned in by our

New York, 25 six-month - 8 one-year.

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ly 519 six-month and 100 one-Los Angeles, 20 six-month - 2 year new readers were added to the ever growing ranks of the one-year.

Militant Army. All sections of Detroit, 13 six-month - 2 onethe country were heard from. vear.

> Philadelphia, 10 six-month-2 one-year.

In addition to the above, 57 six-month and 55 one-year renewals were obtained, plus 14 new and 16 renewal combinations to both The Militant and Fourth International.

Joyce James of Portland writes: St. Louis, 36 six-month-4 one-"Enclosed is \$1 for a one-year subscription which we obtained San Francisco, 27 six-monthin a rather remarkable way. We were distributing The Militant at a meeting of the International Woodworkers. A few minutes after I handed one worker a paper, he came back out of the hall, handed me a dollar for a year's sub and asked for a second copy! All the workers were very friendly, and one remarked as he passed by: 'It's the best paper in the world." Since the announced reduction

Sandy Robertson reported the "History of American Trotskyfollowing demonstration: "Comism," Pioneer has been flooded rades of the New York Trotsky_ ist Youth Group distributed 1,with orders from the Socialist 800 copies of The Militant in a Workers Party branches and few hours on a crowded street in from many outside sources. Sev-Harlem. Not one copy of The eral branches have reported that Militant was thrown away: one this book is especially attractive copy which was dropped by a distributor was picked off the street to new members and close symby a young worker.

"A great many people who lent introduction to the movewere offered The Militant were already subscribers to the paper. Interest in Trotskyist litera-It was these people who were ture generally, is shown as orders most enthusiastic, many of them from book stores and dealers all asking for more information over the country increase in volabout the Socialist Workers ume. One book store in Holly-Party.

wood, California, wrote us re-"A sympathizer of the Youth cently asking for copies of "The Group who participated in the History of American Trotskyism" mobilization was so impressed by to be used for a window display. the inspiring reception given our Dealers in New York and Boston program by the Negro people that he immodiately isin From Portland we hear: "We group, saying: 'After seeing this have been discussing the need today, I feel I would be we go my life outside the movement." for the comrades to read this

book—'The History of American Trotskyism.' Everyone agreed Jerry Kirk of Flint reports that it is a must, especially for this interesting incident: "Che of our readers who is the chainnew members. One of our newest members bought a copy right man of a shop committee with a away. We are slightly broke at a letter in to The Militant w the present moment or we would | was published in the Wor" send in a large order. But we Forum. He posted the clipses ? will order as fast as we can. We in the locker room of the plant. intend to really push the sale | When the workers saw it they of this book. Giving the new asked where it had been minmembers a Marxist education is lished. As a result he obtained

J. Steward of New York, a new

subscriber writes: "After read-



Q: How much has the U.S. you should press for the regula- gained in merchant shipping pathizers who find it an exceltion of the atom bomb. To my over Great Britain in recent

A: In July 1939, before the war, the U.S. had a merchant fleet of less than 12 millions gross tonnage. Today it has 56,500,000 deadweight tons, far more than the rest of the world combined. Before the war Britain had over 21 million gross whose hands are stained with tons in its merchant fleet. Today this has shrunk to 13 millions. It is interesting to compare these figures with the year 1929, peak prewar year of of the past crimes of man! In trade. Great Britain then carreply, I would say: Fight to save ried 40 per cent of world shipping trade: the U.S. 5 per cent.

> * * * Q: Can you tell me how muc! the U.S. has spent in Lend-Lease, and what it consisted of A: As of July 1, 1945, Lend Lease from the United States t foreign countries totaled \$42 021,000,000. Of this, \$28 billion represented munitions, fuel, me ils, medicines and communica

> > \$3,500,000,000.

F. B. Battle Creek, Mich. **QUESTION BOX**

shone ist Party in the fight against narrower yellow bands, the real conditions of oppression brightly against the jet black against the Negro in the United hull. This was in sharp contrast was visiting yesterday. States and in the British Col- to the monotonous gray of ships onies? It is very convenient to at war.

periodically make the record by The name of the ship I've foropposing a musical comedy gotten, but its home port, Mawhich is only incidentally if at laga, painted on the stern, made all pointed in a false direction. me wonder. How did the state How much better it would be of Malaga fare in the Spanish if these people had a part in a civil war? What are the thoughts positive program to expose the of the seamen aboard?

real situation of discrimina- After changing into work tion and oppression and under- clothes and making my rounds take to do something about it. I decided to board the Span-Certainly in opposing a mu- ish ship and talk with the sea-

sical comedy, no matter how bi- men. I climbed the gangway, ased it may be, they are only passed the Dutch guard, aptrying to excuse themselves be- proached a group of deck-hands fore the masses of Negroes who and we jabbered in Spanish. are not primarily concerned Soon we were on the way to the with being presented in a false carpenter's room, some brandy light by a road show, but are was brought forth, and we talked concerned with the questions a great deal.

that involve the vast majority: Some of what I learned will and those are segregation, job- be astounding to many people. lessness, improper and inade- To begin with, Spain was a neuquate housing, lack of opportun- tral, yet the seamen on Spanish ity to better themselves, lack of ships were absolutely forbidden security, discrimination wherev- to leave the ship, only one perer they turn.

son on watch could go on the I think that no better ex- wharf to check the lines. And ample of inadequate and false no one was allowed to board the leadership can be shown than Spanish ships. The authorities that over eighty years after the meant us not to know what the ending of chattel slavery, the Spanish seamen could tell us.

GRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AND MARCH 3, 1938 Of The Milltant, published weekly at New York, N. Y., for Oct. 1, 1945, State of New York, County of New York, Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid person-ally appeared Reba Aubrey, who, hav-ing been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Business Manager of the The Milltant and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and If

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bulletin of the ship's service at cause our sales will probably not stroyed! one of the air stations where I recover for two or three weeks because of the impression left. Fraternally,

B. P.

STATE EMPLOYMENT Los Angeles (Ed. Note: The present front Beginning salary \$200 a page makeup of The Militant is month. A job with a future designed to include at least one now and after the war. The complete major headline and a California Department of Empicture or cartoon on the quarployment needs many examter-fold. This layout, we believe. iners to help handle unemwill greatly facilitate the disployment insurance claims. play of the paper on newsstands. A headline extending beyond the The feather merchants that quarter-fold would, on the other take these jobs will spend a lot hand be unintelligible to the of their time filling out claims newsstand customer. Since newsfor veterans. The number of stand sales have become a very vets of this war applying for important circulation medium claims rose from 1318 last week

for the paper, we feel compelled to 1556 this week. In the last to pay close attention to the 12 months of good job conditions problem of effective newsstand 18,614 vets had to be paid comdisplay. However, we are equally pensation. And this is only the conscious of the fact that adaptation of makeup to newsstand Remember when not so long needs cannot be carried to a ago they used to drool, "And point where display of the paper there'll always be a job for you for sales at union meetings, fac--waiting for you when you get tory gates, etc., would be seriback." They've got a word for ously impaired. We appreciate this kind of talk in the Navy, but Comrade B. P.'s comments on you're running a respectable this question and shall study his suggestions most attentively.

A Detroit Sailor Further comment on this subject from other distributors and readers will be welcomed.)

Regulate War?___ Or End Capitalism?

Editor: I would like to reply to the letter signed Stephen Kraus in your September 22 issue.

Jersey. We exchanged job news, I cannot agree with his statethe first question on workers' ments . . . except one, that imlips when they meet, since perialist war is a violation of hu-"peace" hit us. He is not workman decency, or, as he put it, of ing, because he refuses to take "human laws" . . . but I should a job at so much less than he like to point out that once upon made while the war raged. But a time there WERE laws of war what he said is highly signifi- and that these laws were framed in an earlier period of capitalism, "You know," he said, "I never when the present economic sysknew before how concerted an tem possessed certain positive effort the big shots make to keep features, at least, when comparthe workers down. I always had ed to the social systems that prea good job, being a skilled me- ceded it.

chanic, and never paid much In this period, many progresattention to unions; never joined sive things were done, abolition one, in fact. But this war has of slavery, expansion of indusopened my eyes to what's in trial production, etc. . . also a store for workers if they don't certain mitigation of the horrors keep their eyes open and stick of war, of which, in my opinion, I agreed that union action is period, is tearing to pieces the

festo, THERE IS NO PEACE. supplies amounted to about should be published in leaflet form for distribution everywhere! It cannot become outdated, while mass-murder!

Belle Montague P. S.: Also I would like to reconflicts for abolition of slavery, revolutionary uprisings of workers, etc., and therefore I believe IN NEW YORK CITY it to be incorrect to make such a declaration in the abstract. But the ruthless murder of the noncombatants is and must always be a crime . . . there is no evading this issue!

Over Station WINS NEW YORK Socialist Workers Party STREET MEETINGS-FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

From a Sound Truck Hear About the Trotskyist Candidates and Their Program Vote For:

FARRELL DOBBS-Mayor of New York LOUISE SIMPSON-New York City Council Schedule:

2:00 Noon-Manhattan, 38th St. (between 7th and 8th Aves.) 6:30 p.m.—Brooklyn, N. W. cor. Atlantic and 4th Ave. 6:50 p.m.—Brooklyn, N. W. cor. Brevoort Place and Bedford Ave. 7:45 p.m.-Bronx 161st St. and Prospect Ave. 8:25 p.m.-Bronx, 170th St. and Walton Ave. 8:45 p.m.-Manhattan, 146th St. and Amsterdam Ave. 9:05 p.m.-Manhattan, 146th St. and 7th Ave. 9:25 p.m.-Manhattan, 110th St. and Lenox Ave. 9:45 p.m.-Manhattan, 126th St. and 7th Ave.



a big job, but it must be done. | five one year subscriptions and Hope the other books will be he is now after more." stuffs and other agricultural cut in price as soon as it can be done." products amounted to \$6 billions. Machinery, tools and

THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN ing A Practical Program to Kill TROTSKYISM, by James P. Jim Crow, I am very much in-Cannon. New low prices. Cloth | terested in reading Charles Jack-* * * bound, \$2.00, paper \$1.00. Or- sons' fighting column in The

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and veterans!

Q: How much higher are der from Pioneer Publishers, Militant, so am herewith enclos-Wall Street lives and commits food prices now than before the war?

A: As of June 1945, retail Cambridge, Mass. food prices were 51 per cent above the level of August 15. mind Mr. Kraus that wars are 1939. The over-all cost of livnot always criminal . . . witness ing is the highest since 1921.

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Withdraw union representatives from the War Labor Board!

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

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

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

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

7. A working class answer to capitalist militarism

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

8. Hands off the European and colonial peoples! Withdraw the Allied Occupation Troops from Europe Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the European and colonial peoples!

Join the Socialist Workers Party! SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY 116 University Place New York 3, New York I would like: To join the Socialist Workers Party. To obtain further information about your organization To attend meetings and forums of the Socialist Workers Parin my city. (Please Print) Name Address ····· City

F. P. O. San Francisco. "The Bosses Will Lose . . . " Editor: Yesterday I met on the street a man with whom I had worked at Wright Aeronautical in New

cant:

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over there.

Editor:

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1945

SWP Set For Action In "Militant" Drive

By Justine Lang Campaign Director

Enthusiastic acceptances of can surpass it. We have selected plan to involve present readers quotas and a "rarin' to go" spirit six points to work in, planning a of The Militant in this new campermeate the responses received week's concentration in each. paign. Judging from the many from the Socialist Workers Party branches nationally in the new for All' Red Sunday Mobiliza- from friends of present readers; subscription drive for 10,000 new | tion to lay a base for sub work in Hazelwood. We will leave a copy readers of The Militant.

This will be an intensified six- of the paper with each person week drive commencing with a to whom we sell a pamphlet, and National Red Sunday mobiliza- will promise to return in a couple tion on October 14, and conclud- of weeks."

St. Paul writes: "Of course we ing on November 25. Pittsburgh adds this plan of plan to get more than 100 subs-

Guerin Article On Fascism Featured In September F.I.

A timely and important ar- | economies into outmoded naticle by Daniel Guerin, author of tional frameworks and how such "Fascism and Big Business," is attempts are accompanied by Sunday evening for publication dered 25 second-hand pup tents featured in the September issue fascism. "Decadent fascist naof Fourth International, just off tionalism, preparing volcanic exthe press. Written in March 1945 plosions and grandiose clashes as the preface to a forthcoming in the world arena, bears noth-French edition of this work, it ing except ruin," Trotsky prophbrings up to date Guerin's evalu- esied with remarkable insight ation of fascism begun in 1934, eleven years ago. Other features of the current "while the phenomenon of fasof development (above all in article on "The Big Three at |

Potsdam," by William F. Warde, Germany.)" Guerin reaffirms his funda- in which is clarified the countermental analysis of the essential revolutionary role of these ennature of fascism. "Rereading slavers of the working masses. it, 'Fascism and Big Business'," An article on the atomic bomb he states, "we are impressed with by William Wallis defines the the fact that its real subject is chemical properties contained socialism much more than it is within this most recent destrucfascism. For what is fascism, at tive weapon of the capitalist bottom, but the direct product class.

of the failure to achieve social-**REPORT FROM INDIA** ism? In "The Wavell Plan-A New

ARTICLE BY TROTSKY Form of Old Slavery," Comrade

An article by Leon Trotsky K. Tilak, one of the Indian Troton "Nationalism and Economic skyist leaders, analyzes the mov-Life," written in 1934 for For- ing forces on the Indian politieign Affairs, authoritative politi- cal scene.

cal quarterly of the American Reports on the Trotskyist capitalists, and published in this movement in other countries, issue of the Fourth International, and the editorial "Review of the is just as timely today as it was | Month" round out the highly ineleven years ago. Trotsky points formative and educational conout how catastrophic is the at- | tents of the September issue of tempt in this epoch to force world Fourth International.

action to its quota acceptance: but this will be a start. Send us 'We accept the quota of 100 another 100 sub cards." subs with the conviction that we

Many branches inform us they "We are going to use the 'Jobs subscriptions that have come in

> Ask Your Shopmate to Subscribe to

The Militant it should be an easy task to get our friends' and sympathizers' whose husband is now on his

aid in our new campaign. live in a tent!" WIRE RESULTS After the initial mobilizations next Sunday, branches are re- the telephone and called an quested to wire in their results Army and Navy store and or-

in The Militant. Socialist competition will be a what the tents are-pyramidal feature of the campaign and or pup," said Capt. Monroe Sills, challenges are expected to fly fast wearing four battle stars. Mrs.

Carlsbach did have three apartand furious. Our hardworking technical ments available. One, furnished, staff, consisting of Naomi Kane, was \$300 a month. Two, unfur-Mili Adams, and Sara Ross are nished, rented for \$8,500 a year. cism was still in the full course Fourth International include an geared for action. New machi- The veterans had to take the nery has been installed, and pup tents.

we're prepared for a bang-up, DENIED EVEN THE PARK fast moving campaign to spread Park Commissioner Moses, The Militant to 10,000 new readhowever, hastily vetoed the use of the park "for such purposes." ers.





NEW YORK - Deluged by a waiting list of 5,000 veterans and their families desperately in need of housing, and with new hundreds jamming her offices every day. Mrs. Herbert L. Carlsbach, chairman of the housing division of the Officers Service

Committee here, last week made an offer to 100 of these veterans; "If I had tents to pitch in Central Park, would you live in them?" she asked. Every veteran said he would. One remarked: "It's cleaner than a foxhole." Another added. "It's better than Okinawa," One woman, who expects a baby in five weeks and

way to Okinawa, declared: "I'll Mrs. Carlsbach apologized: "The tents are out because it's a ques-So Mrs. Carlsbach picked up tion of wives and families." Besides, she belatedly pointed out: 'New York climate is not conducive to sleeping in the park." at \$3.98 a tent. "Doesn't matter Behind this scandalous and needless housing crisis lurk the profit-seeking real estate wolves.

now baring their fangs in earnest. On October 4 the National Association of Real Estate Boards, with a powerful pres-

sure lobby in Washington, threatsure lobby in Washington, threat-enerl a "sitdown strike" on all CLEVELAND housing construction unless gov-TOLEDO ernmental rent controls were DETROIT lifted. Their intent is to force up rents by deliberately main- FLINT

up rents by deliberately main-taining a housing shortage. In their hurry to boost rents and pile up profits, the big land-lords are engaged in an "all-out Twin CITIES offensive" against the OPA. offensive" against the OPA. They demand that the Price Control Act be wiped out at the very latest when it expires next June, and that no other rent con-trols be instituted in its place. Monday to Friday, Nov. 5-9 SEATTLE Tuesday to Friday, Nov. 13-16 PORTLAND Sunday to Tuesday, Nov. 18-20 SAN FRANCISCO Friday to Monday. Nov. 23-26 LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO Thurst Nov. 29 to Wed Dec 5 trols be instituted in its place.

Vote Trotskyist! for **DOBBS & SIMPSON** In the Coming

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International, is speaking this meetings held in New York state

at Rochester and Buffalo. Lecturing on the subject of "The British Labor Victory—Its cover Youngstown, Akron and ALL! on the October 7 National Cleveland where the audiences Red Sunday Mobilization. will include mainly workers in mass production industries. A Portland 41; Seattle 60. leading feature of these meetings is the Question and Answer 223 pamphlets sold; Newark 110;

period following the lecture, Pittsburgh 66; Boston 140; Philwhen members of the audience adelphia 254; Buffalo 225. are invited to present questions to be answered by the speaker. Next week Comrade Wright Toledo 198; Akron 51; Detroit will continue the Michigan-Ohio 108; Chicago 325; Milwaukee leg of his tour, with meetings to 20; Minneapolis 267; St. Paul be held in Toledo, Ohio, and 70. Flint and Detroit, Michigan. EXCELLENT RESPONSE

JOHN G. WRIGHT TOUR SCHEDULE

On his coast-to-coast tour, John G. Wright, associate edi-tor of The Militant and Fourth Preis Pamphlet Sale week in the Ohio area, after Totals 2,689 in Day

Workers In Three Ohio Cities

With returns still incomplete, Pittsburgh where, as in many telegrams from 18 branches of other cities, the pamphlets were the Socialist Workers Party re- sold door to door, they report: port the highly successful sale of "We left MILITANTS at each Meaning for American Workers," 2,689 copies of the new Pioneer place as a base for our coming Comrade Wright will this week Bublishers pamphlet JOBS FOR subscription campaign."

The report from Minneapolis contained the enthusiastic com-From the far west Los An- ment that the "campaign methgeles" reports the sale of 347 od opens great vistas for the sale steel, rubber, auto and other pamphlets; San Francisco 175; of all Pioneer pamphlets . . . our comrades are waiting for the In the east. New York reports next one!"

Art Preis, labor editor of The Militant, is the author of the pamphlet JOBS FOR ALL!

Detroit

The branches in the middle west report the following sales: Buy THE MILITANT

AT THE FAMILY THEATRE NEWSSTAND

Most of the branches reported an excellent response. Average Opposite the Theatre



THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN TROTSKYISM - by James P. Cannon

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.

As you know, and as it will be related in the subsequent s approach and these negotiations eventually culminated in a fusion of the AWP and the Communist League, and the launching of a united political party. This was done not without political efforts and not without overcoming difficulties and obstructions. When you stop to think that in the leadership of the American Workers Party at that time were such people as Ludwig Lore, who is one of the chief jingoists in the democratic front today, and that another was such a man as J. B. Salutsky-Hardman, you can readily understand that our task was not easy. Salutsky, the literary lackey of Sidney Hillman and editor of the official organ of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, well knew who the Trotskyists were and wanted no truck with them. His role in the American Workers Party was precisely to prevent it from developing into anything more than a plaything; to prevent its developing in a revolutionary direction; above all, to keep it free from any contact with the Trotskyists who mean business when they talk about a revolutionary program. In spite of them, the negotiations began. We were active on other sectors of the political front. On March 5, 1934 was held the historic debate between Lovestone and myself in Irving Plaza. After five years, the representatives of the two warring tendencies in the Communist movement met and crossed swords again. The score was evening up. They had begun by expelling us from the Communist Party as Trotskyists, as "counter-revolutionists." Then, after their own expulsion, they deprecated us as a little sect with no membership and influence, while they had a comparatively big movement to begin with. But, in those five years, we had been gradually cutting them down to our size. We were growing, becoming stronger; they were declining. There was quite a wide interest in our proposal for a new party, and the Lovestone organization was not free from it.

TROTSKYIST ROLE IN MINNEAPOLIS STRIKES

or four times bigger than we had been accustomed to in the five union bureaucrats.

The success of this debate set the stage for a series of lec- |led by militant elements. The unemployed organization in Toledo, tures on the program of the Fourth International. Illustrative of which had been formed and was under the leadership of the the upsurge of our movement was the fact that we had to get Musteite group, practically took over the leadership of this Autoa bigger hall for the lectures than we had used before. We Lite strike and raised it to a level of mass picketing and militancy had to move to Irving Plaza. The audiences at lectures were three far beyond the bounds ever contemplated by the old line craft

The Minneapolis strikes raised the level even higher. If

was a politically directed campaign. The tactics were guided by the general policy, hammered home persistently by the Militant, which called on the revolutionists to enter into the main stream of the labor movement represented by the American Federation. of Labor.

It was our deliberate course to go along the organizational line the masses were travelling, not to set up any artificially constructed unions of our own in contradiction to the impulse of the masses to go into the established trade union movement. For five years

Call For a New International

As a result the Lovestoneites found it necessary to accept our invitation for a debate on the subject. "Strike out for a new party and a new International"-that was my program in the debate. Lovestone's program was: "Reform and Unify the Communist International." This was nearly a year after the German debacle. Lovestone still wanted to reform the Communist International, and not only to reform it but to unify it. How? By first having the Lovestoneites taken back in. Then we, the Trotskyists, who had been so unceremoniously kicked out, should be readmitted. The same on an international scale. But by that time we had turned our backs on the bankrupt Comintern. Too much water had passed over the mill, too many mistakes had been made, too many crimes and betravals had been committed, too much blood had been spilled by the Stalinist International. We called for a new International with a clean banner. I debated from that point of view. That debate was a tremendous success for us.

There was widespread interest and we had a large audience. "The Militant" reports that there were 1,500' people, and I think there must have been very close to that many: It was the biggest audience that we had ever spoken to on a political issue since our expulsion. It was something like old times to be fighting once again before a real audience with an old antagonist, although now the struggle took place on a far different, on a higher plane. In the audience, in addition to the members and adherents of the two organizations represented by the debaters, were many leftwing Socialists and Yipsels, some Stalinists and a good many independent radicals and members of the American Workers Party. It was a critical occasion. Many people, breaking with the Stalinists, were wavering between the Lovestoneites and the Trotskyists at that time. Our slogan of the new party and the new International was more in accord with reality and necessity, and it gained the sympathy of the great majority of those who were turning away from Stalinism. Our program was so much more compelling, so much more realistic, that we swung practically all the wavering elements to our side. The Lovestoneites could not make much progress with their outmoded program of "unifying" the bankrupt Comintern after the German betrayal.

extending for the first time all the way to the West Coast. His March 31, 1934, the whole front page of "The Militant" was devoted to a Manifesto of the International Communist League (the world Trotskyist organization) addressed to the revolutionary socialist parties and groups of both hemispheres, calling upon them to rally to the call for a new International against the ankrupt Second and Third Internationals.

Trotskyism on a world scale was on the march. We in the United States were in step. In truth, we were at the head of the procession of our international organization, taking advantage of every opportunity and confidently advancing on all fronts. And when our really great opportunity came in the trade union movement, in the great Minneapolis strikes of May and of July-August 1934, we were fully ready to show what we could do. and we did it.

Awakening of American Workers

The year 1933, the fourth year of the great American crisis, marked the beginning of the greatest awakening of the American workers and their movement towards union organization on a scale never seen before in American history. That was the background of all the developments within the various political parties, groups and tendencies. This movement of the American workers took the form of a tremendous drive to break out of their atomized state and to confront the employers with the organized force of unionism.

This great movement developed in waves. The first year of the Roosevelt administration saw the first strike wave of considerable magnitude vield but scanty results in the way of organization because it lacked sufficient drive and adequate leadership. In most cases the efforts of the workers were frustrated by governmental "mediation" on one side and brutal suppression on the other.

The second great wave of strikes and organization movements took place in 1934. This was followed by a still more powerful movement in 1936-37, of which the high points were the sitdown strikes in the auto and rubber factories and the tremendous upsurge of the CIO.

Our lecture tonight deals with the strike wave of 1934 as represented in the Minneapolis strikes. There, for the first time, the effective participation of a revolutionary Marxist group in actual strike organization and direction was demonstrated. The basis of these strike waves and organization movements was a partial industrial revival.

This has been mentioned before and must be repeated again and again. In the depths of the depression, when unemployment was so vast, the workers had lost their self-confidence and feared to make any move under the ominous threat of unemployment. But with the revival of industry, the workers gained new confidence in themselves and began a movement to wrest back some of those things which had been taken away from them in the depths of the depression. The ground for the mass activity of the Trotskyist movement in America was, of course, laid by the action of the masses themselves. In the spring of 1934 the country had been electrified by the Auto-Lite strike in Toledo in which some new methods and new techniques of militant struggle had been introduced.

A political, or at least semi-political grouping, represented by the Conference for Progressive Labor Action, which had set up Workers Party, had led this tremendously significant strike in Toledo through the medium of their Unemployed League. There was shown for the first time what a great role can be played in the struggles of industrial workers by an unemployed organization

Trotskyism was putting itself on the political map in those measure by all standards, including the decisive criterion of days and was striking hard, full of confidence. "The Militant" political direction and the maximum exploitation of every posof March and April 1934 reports a national tour by Shachtman, sibility inherent in a strike, we must say that the high point of the 1934 wave was the strike of the Minneapolis drivers, helpers subject was: "The New Party and the New International." On and inside-workers in May, and its repetition on a still higher scale in July-August 1934. These strikes put American Trotskyism to a crucial test.

For five years we had been a voice crying in the wilderness, confining ourselves to criticism of the Communist Party, to the elucidation of what appeared to be the most abstract theoretical questions. More than once we had been accused of being nothing ary, these unions may be. The workers fear isolation. but sectarians and hairsplitters. Now, with this opportunity presented in Minneapolis to participate in the mass movement. American Trotskyism was put square to the test. It had to demonstrate in action whether it was indeed a movement of goodfor-nothing sectarian hairsplitters, or a dynamic political force capable of participating effectively in the mass movement of the workers.

We Organize the Truckdrivers

Our comrades in Minneapolis began their work first in the coal yards, and later extended their organizing campaign among the general drivers and helpers. That was not a pre-conceived of Minneapolis were not by far the most decisive section of the American proletariat. We began our real activity in the labor movement. movement in those places where the opportunity was open to us. It is not possible to select such occasions arbitrarily according to where a door is open. A chain of circumstances made Minneapolis trade union field. We had in Minneapolis a group of old and tested Communists who were at the same time experienced trade unionists. They were well-known men, rooted in the locality. When the opportunity opened up to organize the yards they seized it and quickly demonstrated their capacities in the successful threeday strike. Then the extension of organizing work to the trucking industry generally followed as a matter of course.

shop town. For fifteen or twenty years the Citizens Alliance, an organization of hard-boiled employers, had ruled Minneapolis with an iron hand. Not a single strike of any consequence had been successful in those years. Even the building trades, perhaps the most stable and effective of all the craft unions, were kept on the run in Minneapolis and driven off the most important conunion movement.

The coal strike, mentioned in our discussion last week, was a preliminary skirmish before the great battles to come. The smashing victory of that strike, its militancy, its good organization and you should grab it and make the most of it. its quick success, stimulated the general organization of the truckdrivers and helpers, who up to that time and throughout the years of the depression, had been cruelly exploited and without benefit of organization. True, there was a union in the industry, but it was holding on to the ragged edge of nothing. There was only a lead them in battle. But our comrades were new members in this small handful of members with some poor kind of contract with union. They weren't in there long enough to be officers: they one or two transfer companies—no real organization of the mass of truck drivers and helpers in the town.

The success of the coal strike uplifted the workers in the truckthe bosses always go too far-and the ground-down workers heard the union message gladly.

Our trade union work in Minneapolis. from beginning to en

had waged a determined battle against the ultra-left dogma of "Red Unions;" such unions set up artificially by the Communist Party were boycotted by the workers, thus isolating the vanguard elements.

The mass of the workers, groping for organization, had a sound instinct. They sensed the need of help. They wanted to be in contact with other organized workers, not off on a sideline with some howling radicals. It is an unfailing phenomenon: The helpless, unorganized mass in industry have an exaggerated respect for established unions, no matter how conservative, how reaction-

Trade Union Bureaucrats Fear the Trotskyists

In that respect they are wiser than all the sectarians and dogmatists who have tried to prescribe for them the exact detailed form of a perfect union. In Minneapolis, as elsewhere, they had a strong impulse to get in with the official movement, hoping for its assistance in the fight against the bosses who had made life pretty tough for them. Following the general trend of the workers, we also realized that if we were to make the best of our opportunities, we should not put unnecessary difficulties in our path. We should not waste time and energy trying to sell the workers a new scheme of organization they did not want. It was far betplan worked out in the general staff of our movement. The drivers | ter to adapt ourselves to their trend, and also to exploit the possibilities of getting assistance from the existing official labor

It wasn't so easy for our people to enter the American Federaion of Labor in Minneapolis. They were marked men who had whim or preference. One must enter into the mass movement been doubly expelled, doubly damned. In the course of their struggles they had been thrown not only out of the Communist the focal point of our first great endeavors and successes in the Party, but also the American Federation of Labor. During the "Red Purge" of 1926-27, at the height of the reaction in the American labor movement, practically all of our comrades who had been active in the trade unions in Minneapolis had been expelled. A During the depression they worked together in the coal yards. year later, to make their isolation complete, they were expelled from the Communist Party.

But the pressure of the workers toward organization was stronger than the decrees of trade union bureaucrats. It had been demonstrated that our comrades had the confidence of the work-Minneapolis wasn't the easiest nut to crack. In fact it was one ers and had the plans whereby they could be organized. The pitiof the hardest in the country; Minneapolis was a notorious open- | ful weakness of the union movement in Minneapolis, and the feeling of the members of the craft unions that some new life was needed-all this worked in favor of our people making their way back into the American Federation of Labor through the Teamsters Union. In addition, there was the fortuitous circumstance, lucky accident, that at the head of local 574 and the Teamsters Joint Council in Minneapolis was a militant unionist named Bill Brown. struction jobs. It was a town of lost strikes, open shops, miserably He had a sound class instinct, and he was strongly attracted by low wages, murderous hours, and a weak and ineffectual craft- | the idea of getting the cooperation of some people who knew how to organize the workers and give the bosses a real fight. That was a fortunate circumstance for us, but such things do happen now and then. And when an accident comes your way-a good one-

We certainly made the most of this accident, the circumstance that the President of Teamsters Local 574 was that wonderful character, Bill Brown, who held open the door of the union to the "new men" who knew how to organize the workers and were just members when the fight began to pop. So not a single one of our people—that is, members of the Trotskyist group—was an official of the union during the three strikes. But they organing industry. They were tinder for the spark; their wages were ized and led the strikes just the same. They were constituted as the Provisional Committee for the formation of the American too low and their hours too long. Freed for so many years from an "Organizing Committee," a sort of extra-legal body set up for any union restraints, the profit-hungry bosses had gone too far- the purpose of directing the organization campaign and leading the strikes.

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N. Y. Trotskyists Back Ben Davis The NEGRO As Second Choice For City Council STRUGGLE by CHARLES JACKSON

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(Continued from Page 1) |gro people, shows that Daviso inevitably betray the struggle of cannot be relied upon to conduct because he and his party have the Negro masses for equality. any militant and uncompromis- anything in common with real "Benjamin J. Davis appears ing fight in the interests of the Communism, but solely because

on the ballot as a candidate of Negro masses. the Communist Party, He was "His policy of collaborating ticket of a working class party. first nominated and then public- with the agents of Wall Street The method of proportional reply repudiated by the corrupt is part and parcel of the treach-Tammany machine. He is run- erous policies of the American ning as an independent candi- Communist Party. The Stalindate despite his readiness to be ist Party, of which Davis is a the candidate of the Democratic national officer, functions as a of the various candidates. Party of New York City. His servile tool of the reactionary willingness to accept the nom- foreign policy of the Stalinist ination of the Democratic party bureaucrats in the Soviet Unwhich includes among its leaders ion. During the war the Stalthe bitterest enemies of the Ne- inists urged the Negro people to subordinate and sacrifice their CIO Red Caps

Simpson Scores Anti-Negro Role Of Big Business

Negroes in the United States. NEW YORK. - "The recent WHAT WAR BROUGHT outbreak of violence against Ne-"Contrary to those false promro students and workers stems ises, the war has resulted in the from the union-busting campaign spread of race hatred and the of Big Business and its stooges intensification of discrimination in government," declared Louise and oppression. American im-Simpson, young Negro trade un- perialism has extended its Jim ionist and Trotskyist candidate Crow practices into countries for New York city council. which have been relatively free

"The fountainhead of race of such abominations. The Nehatred," Comrade Simpson add- gro people both here and abroad later than October 30 for initial ed, "is in the very heart of have gained neither democracy the nation's capital. From the nor freedom. Halls of Congress there has been spewed forth a venomous stream the struggle against race disof incitation against minority crimination, the Stalinist party groups in general and Negro peo- still pursues the pernicious policv of collaboration with the ple in particular. capitalist class and its political

SPREADING HATE

agencies which has already had "Bilbo, Rankin, Eastland and such disastrous consequences for their cronies have used Congress the Negro people. The so-called as a forum to spread the most Communist Party long ago disvicious and provocative type of carded all the principles and anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti- practices of communism. The labor hate propaganda.

revolutionary struggle for a so-"To successfully combat the cialist society which holds out 'divide and rule' tactics, of Big the only hope of salvation for Business and its political ag- the Negro people is championed ents," Comrade Simpson con- in this election only by the Trotcluded, "the unions must take skyist candidates: Farrell Dobbs the initiative in the formation for Mayor and Louise Simpson of a genuine independent labor for City Council.

party, that would unite the Ne-"We call upon the workers and gro masses and other minority all progressive forces in New groups in a 'war for survival' York to cast their second choice against their capitalist enemies." vote for Benjamin J. Davis, not



By Larissa Reed

In launching the October challenging Minneapolis and 4 Militant subscription came winning with 925 subs to 252 for which will kick out capitalist often may belong to the very equar opportunity for training. A most far-reaching restric-able Negro attorneys. That is important, but it's not whom we just spoke who live in stymied is in finding the correct 14 Militant subscription cam- | winning with 825 subs to 253 for

Capitalist Legislation he is a Negro candidate on the Fosters Race Ghettos resentation governing the councilmanic elections permits the voters to indicate their order of

By Jean Simons preference opposite the names (The Second of Two Articles) Any history of the drive to "For City Council yote for force Negroes into hell-holes like Louise Simpson Number 1, Benthose which segregated Jewish people in Europe, gives the lie to what capitalist politicians say about their wars.

Established nationally during the First World War "for democracy" the drive to shove Negroes into ghettoes has grown by leaps and bounds during the Second World War "against fascism." As we pointed out last week,

Special to THE MILITANT CHICAGO. Oct. 2.-Redcaps, the capitalist politicians got around the Fourteenth Amenddining-car and Pullman laundry workers today demanded a 50 ment to the United States Conper cent wage increase to ad- stitution by legal trickery. Using the eld howl about "individual" just widespread wage inequalirights they "illegally" decided ties among these low paid workthat while all individuals are ers. The CIO United Transport Service Employes, to which the equal under State law, indiviworkers belong; sent a notice to duals can discriminate against whom they please. more than 60 railroad companies

If you can't follow the reasonasking that they set a date not ing, don't worry about it — it's tops in hypocrisy.

conferences to open negotiations By the Second World War, many States had established seg-In addition to asking for the regation "laws" that varied only adjustment of wage inequalities, in detail.

the union made a demand for a STATE LAWS 15 cents an hour increase above

In Alabama, Colorado, Kansas, the adjustment rates to off-set Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma the rise in the cost of living. By adjusting wage inequalities the and the District of Columbia, it is "legal" to bar Negroes from union seeks to increase the present hourly wage rates from 57 buying or leasing property in "white" areas. In California, cents to a minimum of 85 cents. Virginia and Ohio it is "illegal" The UTSEA-CIO is also demandto bar them from buying property ing a reduction of hours for dinin a restricted area but "legal" ing car workers from 240 hours to bar them from living on their per month to 160-a 40 hour property once they have bought week-with no reduction in take-

Willard S. Townsend, president the wording of the restrictive There is also some variation in of the UTSEA-CIO, in announc- clauses. In most states "Negroes" ing the new wage demands de- or "persons of African descent" industry exist among the low- of such property to "Caucasians" paid service employes, which in- in order to bar other races as well cludes redcaps, dining car em- as Negroes. The first restrictive add up to one thing: Ghettoes. ployes and pullman employes. covenant suit in California Today there is no real econom- (1892) involved a Chinese. In ic justification for this condi- Los Angeles in June 1945, Judge Myron Westover ruled that prop-

tremendous rise in the cost of dians.

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VALUE OF TEXTS PROPERTY in which their life-savings may be invested, simply because a fow ambitious JAPS OF FRONDES DESIRE TO LIVE HERE:

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Sincerely.

S. D. Warner

L. D. Mason, Liomood Real Rotate Broker, 809 Hos Ringeloy Drive, L. A.

The above is a sample of the propaganda fostered by Jim Crow advocates in their drive to establish walled-off ghettoes in America for the colored people. See accompanying story.

Hindu, Armenian, Astatic, or in the packed courts is as futile clared that the "major areas of are specifically barred, but in native of the Turkish Empire, or as trying to clean up a cesspool

> But the colored people aren't suits. just "taking it."

Centered in Los Angeles where class solidarity to break the reconditions are particularly vici- strictive residential "race" claus-"The maintenance of static erty restricted to use by Cauca- ous, the legal fight against race es by refusing to observe them.



As A Man Thinketh . . .

If you think racial prejudice is born in a person and can never be changed, if you are not convinced that it is the rules, the regulations, the customs and the teachings of society which mold a man's way of thinking and his likes and dislikes, you should ponder a moment on the "strange ways of white folks."

Take for example their de-Ocidedly different way of think- is not nearly so significant as ing as far as the question of the fact that they consider all race is concerned. Look at how this to be the natural thing. To their outlook varies in different them, Negroes are supposed to parts of this country and how catch hell just as sure as the they are misinformed by the sun is supposed to rise on a sources of public information. cloudless day. To them a "Nig-There are, without a doubt, ser" is just a dog and that is millions of white people through- as it should be. You' can give out the North who do not even him a pat on the head when he know that such a thing as Jim licks your boots and wags his Crow exists. They have read tail but don't forget to dish out and have been taught that this to him a kick in the hindquaris a democracy in every sense of ters every now and then just to the word. They have no idea remind him that he is still a dog. that a ten per cent segment of If you told them that all sciour population is mercilessly entific investigation has proved discriminated against and forc- that the black man is the equal ibly segregated into American of the white man in every reghettos. They do not know that spect, they would be convinced if your skin is the "wrong color" that you were "teched in the you can no more enter a down- haid." In fact, to state that a town theatre in the nation's cap- Negro is not a dog would elicit ital than "a rich man can enter about the same consternation in the kingdom of heaven" or to the average southerner as would come down to earth, than a poor a statement that there is no man can enter the kingdom of God in Heaven. economic security. TWO BELIEFS

STRANGE EXPERIENCE

America.

Thus we see two entirely dif-Many Negroes have agreed ferent beliefs neither of which that this is one of life's strang- is based on the truth. In each est experiences. To go through case the individuals have come life living in terms of Jim Crow to accept as part of their "knowlevery moment of the day and edge" that which they had read then come North and meet a lib- and heard. These kinds of beeral small-town white person liefs can be changed just as easwho states that he cannot con- ily as they are established. ceive of such conditions even In the middle we have the Neexisting in this United States of gro who, even though he may

be illiterate and may not have. Because, you see, they have had the advantage of all the been indoctrinated to believe stack of scientific evidence to that way, they would swear on bear him out in his conclusion,

a stack of Bibles that this IS in will yet instinctively know that truth and in practice the "land he is any man's equal if given of the free" and that there is the same chance to learn and "equality and justice for all," develop.

They would bet their bottom dol-He may "Yes Suh!" or "Yes lar that you were lying when you Mam!" all the white folks on say that the 14th and 15th am- the pullman train because at the Any successful fight against endments to the Constitution time that is the job to which he All these restrictive clauses the Jim Crow restrictions must and the sacred Bill of Rights is driven by economic necessity. are being openly violated in But you can bet that he knows America each and every day of and will say so to those he trusts, that he never once truthfully

On the other hand let us take thinks that another man for all a look at the millions of white his fine clothes and his white people in the deep South. They skin is a better man or has more wage rates in the face of the stans is barred to American In- restriction has been conducted It must call for a Labor Party belong to the same species and brain matter than he - given with energy and devotion by cap- which will kick out capitalist often may belong to the very equal opportunity for training.

wage inequalities in the railroad California covenants restrict use descendant of above named per- with a pound of salt. go beyond the arena of "legal"

It must call upon working the year.

paign it is instructive and Minneapolis. In fact, West Side stimulating to review some led every other branch in the of our past campaigns country.

through which we can observe the steady growth of a week and round ap more than the Socialist Workers Party. twice its goal of 3,000. And we Eleven years ago when, as the achieved this splendid score de-Communist League of America, splite the fact that 18 of our leadwe first took the road of an in- ing comrades were imprisoned dependent party, The Militant in Roosevelt's jails. 'cleared the decks" for a sub campaign in January, 1934. A RED SUNDAYS

goal of 1.000 new readers was set "for a limited time" on a speour 18 comrades from prison, cial offer of 25 cents for six we launched a three months months. Two and a half months campaign for 10,000 new readers. later we went "over the top" with beginning February 25, 1945. We cffered 26 weekly issues at the re-1,014 subs.

These were the days when our duced price of 25 cents. The drive comrades were leading the great began and ended with National strike struggles of the Minne- Red Sunday mobilizations. The apolis truckdrivers. Mineapolis first Red Sunday brought in 1,challenged New York and tri- 526 subs; the last 3,430. Every umphed with 404 subs to New branch went well over 100 per York's 128. It wasn't until ten cent of quota. And a smashing tional. years later that New York "got total of 22,437 subs-more than even.'

MINNEAPOLIS LABOR CASE

In 1941 we launched another big campaign to see how many combination subscriptions to The Militant and the Fourth Intermonths' time. Eight issues of The International were offered at the special price of 50 cents.

This was the period when the government was preparing for American entry into the Second World War. In the summer of 1941 came the FBI raids upon the Trotskyists and the arrests Ruth Grayson forward for na- workers." and convictions of our comrades tional Youth singles champion. in the famous Minneapolis Labor Ruth rolled up an impressive to-Case. This campaign wound up tal of 150 subs. But L. Leo of with 798 new combination sub- Los Angeles came from behind to scriptions.

Two years later, the Roosevelt administration, in its wartime in the Senior singles with 859 witch-hunt against revolutionary socialist ideas, cancelled The in second with 415. Militant's second class mailing TRAIL-BLAZERS rights. We fought this violation of freedom of the press so vigorously that the Post Office De-

THREE-MONTH DRIVE

One week after this victory, we launched a three month subscrip- successful despite wartime retion campaign offering a special pressions, are an indication of price of 25 cents for 13 issues. what can be expected from our The branches entered into spirit- present Militant drive which ed competition with each other. takes place in a period when N. Y. West Side local made up workers throughout the country INTERNATIONAL for New York's earlier defeat by are on the march.

The present basic minimum wage rate of 57 cents per hour does not half way assure decent liv-The party averaged 662 subs

a week and rolled up the grand revision of the basic wage structure of the industry."

home pay.

Trotskyist Runs Coinciding with the release of For Office In **British Election**

The British Trotskyists are running Herbert Bell for office in the Wallsend Ward election blue waters of Little Pleasant at Newcastle, according to the September Socialist Appeal, official organ of the Revolutionary Communist Party, British tions from the staff and the Section of the Fourth Interna-

Comrade Bell, declares the Socialist Appeal, "played a primary

in this campaign! role in the building of the Labor Youngstown challenged Cleve- Party and the Independent Laland won with 901 subs over bor Party, in several areas being 807. Philadelphia challenged the founding member. He was Bayonne and won with 285 subs one of the first Labor Councilnational we could get in two over 182. Akron challenged all lors at Newbiggin. At Scarboro the other branches to achieve 500 in 1929 he was Labor Party agent Militant and two of the Fourth per cent of their quota, asking and increased the vote from 800 cockily: "Are there any takers?" to 7,600. At the close, this branch led all

"Today he is a leading memthe others with 692 per cent. ber of the Revolutionary Com-Which branch is going to outpace munist Party in the North East. Akron in the coming campaign? Having lived and suffered on Among the individual pace- Tyneside as a worker between setters, the M. Y. Trotskyist the two world wars he is familiar the Twin Cities headquarters of Youth Group put 16 year old with the problems of the Tyne

> ADVANCE OWN PROGRAM In their first election leaflet the Newcastle Trotskyists declare that although they took win with 185 subs. Mike Warren. active part in the fight for a West Side, N. Y., was top-man "believe that the Labor Party subs. Jerry Kirk of Detroit came

Eloise Black and Rudy Rhodes, the pioneer Militant Trail-Blazers, set the pace for their trailpartment was compelled to re- blazing successors. In Allentown, will at every stage advance our store our rights in March, 1944. Bethlehem, Pittsburgh and Roch-

double the goal-was rolled up

ester, they garnered 899 subs. The past two campaigns, so

railroad service employment. Fresno, California, which bars enough. Trying to wipe out ghet- working class representative "any Negro, Chinese, Japanese, toes by winning a few victories sworn to abolish ghettoes.

ing standards ... the best cure Midwest Vacation School **Inspires Stirring Report**

sons,"

time, some comrades may have wondered whether it would equal their expectations. The first sight of the camp buildings on the wooded rise overlooking the Lake sixty miles from Detroit was reassuring. Then came, the

warm greetings, the eager quespreviously-arrived guests. And by the time the genial manager, NEW IDEAS

Oscar Coover, with his omni-

felt at home. was from the profit-gouging en- militants in the unions, the sigterprises and "restricted" resorts nificance of the recent shift in catering to the well-to-do. Here the Stalinist line, the fight were men and women who had against Jim Crow and the weldsweated the year round in the ing of the alliance between the auto plants, the steel mills, the white and colored workers. had come not only to refresh in close connection with the po-

country air and healthful rec- Workers Party in all its phases reation but to stimulate their from recruiting new members to spirits and their minds through ways and means of getting more the education, congenial com- subscribers for The Militant. panionship, and enthusiasm to Through the clash of ideas, the

be gained from a more conscious exchange of experience and the socialism.

Labor Government, they do not BASIC COURSES

The program of activities was program is, or ever can be ade- designed to satisfy these requate to solve the major crises quirements. The mornings were

which lie ahead, and while we devoted to courses on the theory minds became more and more wholeheartedly support every ac- and history of the revolutionary purged of the false conceptions LITERATURE SOLD tion against the capitalist system movement. Under the trees and prejudices implanted there But the most valuable aspects selves. better accousinted with the basic own independent program."

READ instructor explained the fundamentals of Marxist economics THE FOURTH

on the blackboard.

By William F. Warde | ical materialism gave worker- | and their relations to it in Approaching the Midwest students a clear insight into the very different light. I recall a Approaching the Midwest School and Camp for the first ist thought. Lectures on the his- "I never realized there was so tory of the Third and Fourth much to the socialist movement. Internationals critically reviewed I had a notion there was a lot the outstanding political events of theory behind Trotskyism and class battles of the past from the way your members thirty years. These battles gave worked in my union but only birth to the Trotskyist move-ment, the sole authentic contin-uator of communism as taught of." Here is another. "I never Wed., Fri. 7 to 9 p.m. uator of communism as taught of." Here is another. "I never and practised by Marx and Len-in. But the set of the s

that you lose interest in learn-In response to the demands of ing. But the classes here have present pipe, had checked you the students discussions were opened up a new world for me. in and assigned you a room, you held in the evenings and some- From now on I'm going to keep times on rainy afternoons on on studying socialism. I've got It did not take long to dis- the most urgent problems of the to and I want to so I can keep cover how different the atmos- labor movement: the building of in step with the future of the

> One index to the educational stimulus imparted by the courses is the fact that \$273 worth of books and pamphlets were sold by the Pioneer bookstore in the

their bodies with good food, pure litical work of the Socialist school ran for nine weeks, from with different backgrounds and from various unions and sections of the country felt themselves

which the Labor Party takes, we small groups of workers became by capitalist society. They as- of the Midwest School cannot similated the new, life-giving be registered in statistics. These School was so successful an eduideas of Trotskyism under the ideas of Marxism gratefully as are the intangible assets every cational enterprise. That is why direction of an experienced com- a growing tree absorbs the rain person there derived from per- its beneficial effects will be evirade. In a class held on the and the sun. They became con- sonal acquaintance and inti- denced for years to come in all wide windswept veranda another vinced that communism was the mate association with fellow- departments of party life. And hope of the world and only the fighters for socialism, knowing that is why so many comrades revolutionary road charted by them as individuals, as party- are already making plans to rewith the aid of simple diagrams the Fouth International could activists, as comrades. The turn with their friends and lead the workers to that goal. summer wove unbreakable ties shopmates when the Midwest

we just spoke who live in stymied small towns in the North. Those program and the right people people of the "dear old South" who can help him realize the not only know that there is such truth which he holds within his a thing as Jim Crow but they mind. It will be a great day actively take a part in carrying when the Negro masses find the program of the Trotskyists, the it out. program that will liberate them

"NATURAL THING"

The fact that they know of and white workers too with the such a practice in America and inevitable Socialist reconstructhat they help carry it out daily tion of Society.

Socialist Workers Party **Branch Activities**

ilton Streets, Allentown,

BOSTON-Office at 30 Stuart St., open-evenings (except Sundays) until 9:30; also Monday and Saturday afternoons. Come in and get acquainted. Complete stock of literature.

BUFFALO-Open house every Saturday night at the Militant Forum, 629 Main St., 2nd floor.

CHICAGO-Visit the Chicago SWP head-quarters to obtain The Militant, Fourth International, Marxist books and pau-phlets, as well as information about the SWP. 160 N. Wells, R. 317. Open

ships and the shipyards. They These problems were considered camp canteen. In all 189 adults localities, between veterans and and 23 children attended. The newcomers to the movement.

These experiences served to en-July 1 to September 1. Most of rich the meaning of a revoluthe branches of the Socialist tionary party built on Leninist Workers Party were well repre- lines, a band of communist sented, with members coming fighters united on a national from as far west as San Fran- and world scale into a single discisco and as far south as Mem- ciplined and powerful army participation in the fight for pooling of information, workers phis. New York City with 42, through their common ideas, Detroit with 33, Chicago with 28, program, and aims. Their deand Minneapolis with 14 sent the termination to play a worthy and most sizeable delegations. Eight responsible role in this emancisympathizers who were guests at pating movement and their abilthe camp signified their inten- ity to do so, was enhanced a hundred - fold. They left the

That is why the Midwest

The more advanced courses on These ideas and experiences of sympathy and solidarity be- School opens its third season Marxist philosophy and histor- placed the Trotskyist movement tween the comrades from various next July 1.

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Sunday. Tel. Dearborn 7562. Friday, Oct. 12, 8 p.m., Public meet-ing on Reconversion and the UAW; speaker, M. Bartell. DETROIT-All Militant readers invited to the SWP Open Hause held every Saturday evening, from 8 p.m. on. Music, dancing, cards, refrectments. Admission free. Room 21, 3513 Weed-ward.

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Admission ifee. Room 21, 3513 wees-ward. Forums on topical questions every Sunday 8 p.m. Refreshments. No admission charge. Basic Training Class in Fundamental Principles of Marxism every Thursday

Saturday, October 13. October Bara Deace, music and program of enter-tainment. . . .

LOS ANGELES. Buy The Militant. 44b International and other Marxist books and pamphlets and get information about the SWP at the following places in the Los Angeles area: LOS AN-GELES, Socialist Workers Party, Rooms 200-05, 232 S. Hill St. VA-7936. GAN-PEDRO, Socialist Workers Party, 1008 S. Pacific, Room 214.

MILWAUKEE - Visit the Milwhukes. branch of the SWP at its headquar-ters; 326 Plankington Ave., Room 21, any evening between 7 and 9:30 p.m.

NEWARK-Lectures are held every Fri-day at the Progressive Workers' School, 423 Springfield Ave., at 8:30

p.m. Friday, Oct. 12; 8p.m., "Impressions of a Country-wide Tour," by Grace

PHILADELPHIA-SWP Headquarters, 405 W. Girard Ave. Open forums every Friday 8 p.m. on current topics. Socialist Youth Group meets on al-ternate Saturdays, 8 p.m. All young people invited.

PORTLAND, Ore.-Visit SWF headquar-ters, 220 S. W. Alder St., Room 509, open 1 to 4 p.m. dally except Sunday, and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday. Oct. 21-"Un How to Fight It." Speaker: C. M. Hesser, Saturday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m. Social. All Militant Readers invited.

* * * SAN FRANCISCO-Visit the San Fran-cisco School of Social Science 305 Grant Ave., corner of Grant and Sutter, 4th

floor: open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TOLEDO-Forums held every Sunday evening at 905 Jefferson Ave., Room 304, 8 p.m. Open House every Saturday night; dancing, refreshments.

camp with greater confidence in the party's future and in them-

As the days went by, their tion to join the SWP.

grow a head taller.

phere of this working class camp a Labor Party, the tasks of the American working class."

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It has been said that the rain falls upon rich and poor alike, but that is a lie. Nothing ever happens to rich and poor ALIKE. There is always a difference.

Autumn is here, and the dust of the steel towns has turned to a red-brown paste in the autumn rains. Rain pelts the pavement with a soft, monotonous murmur that rises to a hissing whine as the automobiles race by flinging water and mist in their wake. Great pools of dirty water lie in the hollows of broken sidewalks before the saloons, and little pools of somewhat cleaner. water grow beneath old, blistered ceilings that have seen too many seasons without repair.

Sheets of rain sweep across the vast lawns of the rich, soaking them, bending for a little while the soft shoots of thick, green grass. Raindrops hammer lightly at the great, bright windows of their drawing rooms so that the rich, sitting inside, hear the incessant murmur and are glad that they don't have to go out.

Paddy Noonan and old Stanley Kopera huddle their heads down into their coat collars, twisting their whole bodies as they peer down the street into the glimmering blackness watching for the bus to take them to work. They

look forward to a long night shift in the rain. Old Stanley, Stash, as they call him, coughs deeply and mutters to Paddy, "Ah, this goddamn rain. I get cold alla time when it rains like this!" Paddy shivers and nods his head. Then he sways his body leftward again, his eyes searching the dark, rain-shining street for the bus that will take them to the steel plant.

"They're A Bedraggled-Looking Lot"

A day or so of sunshine, and then more rain. The morning sky is gray as the long, low, sleek limousine glides up to the mansion. The Great Man steps gingerly out of the door in his well tailored trench coat and Stetson. The marquee shields him from the downpour as he enters the car. James lets out the clutch, and the car surges forward through the rain like a breaking demonstration prove swift launch. The Great Man leans back in the warm upholstery, lights a cigar, and hums under his breath. The long sedan moves swiftly through the traffic toward the office, where James pulls up to the curb and helps the Great Man out. Rain drops spatter on the expensive trench coat for a brief moment, and then he's under the shelter of the building. But the Great Man has been dare to fight for a greater share outside long enogh to see the first part of the daily crowd of of the huge profits sweated out working men and women that come to the State Unemployment of the workers during the war. Office for their checks. "They're a bedraggled looking lot," the Great Man thinks to himself.

A shivering Italian with only a short leather jacket to protect him from the rain shuffles rather meekly into the elevator. The Great Man wrinkles his nose and moves away from him, thinking, "They ought to have a separate elevator for those unem-The Italian gets out at the third floor, and the Great ployed." Man rides disgustedly up to the ninth to preside over his board they secured at the beginning of meeting.

Mrs. Otis Crawford, wife of a colored steelworker, hugs her shawl over her head and runs through the downpour all the way to the super-market. "Lord, Mrs. Smith," she says to a neighbor at the meat counter as the clerk wraps up her headcheese. "I sure hated to come out in this rain!"

"You should have sent your maid, Mrs. Crawford," says Mrs. Smith, and they both laugh a little as they start for the door.

The Great Man's wife has a guest in her drawing room. With a malicious smile the guest says, "My husband was telling me those strikers have been out in the rain EVERY minute for fear some loyal worker would get into the factory. It would serve

them right if they all got pneumonia." The Great Man's wife is religious. "Yes," she replies. "The



tion, the troops "took over" the stockyard area. They set up machine guns at all strategic points and entrances. Some of the troops advanced in armored cars. Others overran the district with bayonets at the ready. They even entered one plant. All workers entering or leaving the area were halted and forced

CHICAGO, III - Some 2.000

fully armed troops of the state

militia recently rolled into the

stock-yard area of this city and

treated the scores of thousands

of packinghouse workers to a

"dress rehearsal" of how the big

packing interests and their poli-

to show identification to prove they were employed in the stockyards or one of the packing plants. Although many of the militiamen in accordance with their instructions, refused to talk to the workers, some disclosed that they were out for practice

in military strike breaking. One is reported to have said they were preparing for "race riots" because "there are too many blacks working in here."

NOT ACCIDENTAL All the circumstances of the timing and place of this strikebreaking demonstration prove that it was not accidental, but intended, as the indignant unintended, as the indignant unionists charge, to intimidate the workers and threaten them with bloody reprisal if they should Conditions in the packing industry here are notoriously bad. the troops back home, Wall

With the reduction of hours from Street's Congressmen have 48 to 40 and the consequent loss hit upon a slick way of getof overtime, the stockyard work- ting rid of the letters. ers are now getting in most instances the same take-home pay the war, although prices have

skyrocketed since. In some cases, the workers are drawing wages for only 36 hours, the guaranteed contract minimum. Sentiment has been growing for strike action to force the packers to in-

crease wages. UNION PROTESTS

Union men (and women who | This might appear simply to were on the scene during the be a method of cutting civilian militia demonstration immedia- stenographers out of jobs. But

bughout the yards demand- says Pearson. "Not only do they their constituents. "The WACs who objected to doing the work

Letters to Congress pro- forces who writes his Congresstesting the delay in demob- man is subject to court-martial. ilization are steadily mount- Thus a soldier who trusts a caping in volume. But instead of italist Congressman enough to enacting legislation to bring write him about his problems may find his letter used in courtdischarged, if and when, the martial proceedings as "evi-

> dence. SINISTER IMPLICATIONS Consequently the brass hats are providing the Congressmen

Drew Pearson, in his column September 28, reveals that with efficient service. "Maj. Gen. "Andrew J. May of Kentucky Edward F. Witsell, Adj. Gen.," and other Congressmen" are reports Pearson, "is taking great sending "bushel-baskets of solpains to do a good job for the diers' mail . . . over to the War Congressmen. The WACs work Department, where 400 WACs, directly under him, and two are who thought they enlisted to practicing his signature so all help win the war, now have to letters can be signed as by Withelp the Congressmen's elections sell.' by answering soldiers' mail."

"GETTING VOTES" The WACs assigned to this At the same time, the Conwork have been given no opporgressmen hope by this means to tunity to protest. "Col. William tely notified their union officials. there is a catch. "War Depart- impress the servicemen with M. Clarkson threatened to take A petition was circulated ment brass hats are delighted," their diligence in "helping out" away all rank from any WAC

SHOP TALKS ON SOCIALISM

What great dignity the average human being has! When you consider how the capitalist system grinds his soul into little pieces, it's a wonder how even the littleness that is left still refuses to be dust.

With what tenacity and through what suffering a man will hold onto his position in life! How hard he will work for the extra dollar that means new furniture for his home, or sneakers and gym suits for the kids in school. And yet it would be so very easy to slip down a notch-take things slower-work for day-work instead of piece-work, or muddle along generally.

In the labor gang you get \$6.24 per day. But it's often easy to dog it on the job. A third helper on the blast furnace gets 90 cents more per day, and his job is just a red, smoky hell. But men rush to quit the labor gang and be third helpers at the first opportunity.

There are more expenses as a third helper. You have to eat heavier for one thing. You have to put double soles on your shoes so you can stand in the scorching slag runners and tear loose the leavings that have hardened in the trough. You have to buy gloves and shirts oftener. You're not very much farther ahead. And you work harder than any human being should.

But the third helper feels that he's doing a man's work. He's out of the labor gang! He's Bill or Ed or Jim-not "Hey you." He's with the same fellows every day. He works on the same job with them and begins to learn from them until the day he can hold his own with the rest of them.

What Would He Think of Himself?

He knows he'll never get much more money. But he works hard to keep his place and is careful not to slip back into the labor gang. What would the other fellows think of him if he did? What would he think of himself?

Some men are even anxious to be second helpers, although they have to work even harder than they did as third helpers. And the second helper gets only a lousy 40 cents per day more than the third!

But the second helper (he has to have anywhere from five to ten years' seniority) is an "old hand." He's a Man. The old timers don't figure he's just a fool for doing all that work. He's a blast furnace man, that's all.

When people can be so heroic in their daily lives and reach out so hard for the tiny comforts of capitalism, and set so high a price on the good opinion of their fellow workers, it gets you sore to hear Scissorbills say that people are not good enough for socialism.

The wise guys try to say that under socialism we'll all lie around like beachcombers and lazily reach out a hand to pick a pineapple, or catch cocoanuts as they fall, etc., and do nothing else. We'll all turn into fat hogs, they say.

But even though a great many workers will deserve a year's rest living under the cocoanut trees, and even though we'll make such a rest possible for them under socialism, very few workers will want it.

And when they see that the steel they make is for their, children to have a better life with, and not be shot to hell with -when they see that not just the furnace workers but all of society respects them-then they'll be prouder of their jobs than ever.

on Sept. 1, 1944, when we had **Militant Strikes** yet to cross the Rhine and still to approach the Philip-**Sweeping Jersey** Sept. 24, 1945

By Harry Robinson

playing their traditional fight-

who are demanding a two-dollar-

In a veiled threat to use state NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 4.—The Edge declared through a spokeswave of militant action sweeping the American labor move- man, "If the Governor feels that ment has struck this area with all existing democratic processes full force. Nearly 30,000 North have been exhausted in an ef-Jersey workers are on the picket fort to bring about settlement. lines defending their unions and then he will act. He will not the most powerful corporations permit any dispute, to continue which threatens to critically afin the state. In a series of resolute actions, the unions involved fect the daily life of the state's consumers.' are giving a mighty demonstration of the power of organized VEILED THREAT In a telegram to Walter E. Margetts, chairman of his Three thousand members of Local 184, Bakery Drivers & phony State "Mediation" Board, Edge further declared "It is ab-Salesmen's Union, with a demand for wage increases, have solutely essential that you insist that all workers return to reduced Newark's bread supply their jobs immediately." to five per cent of normal. Two Margetts, who serves as a hundred and fifty stores of the "public" member of the State A&P food trust have been shut down by the AFL Teamsters and Board, and who recently retired Retail Clerks who are demand- as an employer member of the WLB, was forced to report back ing a union contract for the that every union that appeared company's warehouse workers. before him refused to return to The refusal of the Public Serwork until they got a settlement! vice Corp., the powerful utilities The New Jersey labor movement interests, to grant union recog- is on the march. The bosses will nition and a 10 per cent wage need more than their stooge increase to 600 members of the Edge to stop it.



Giving A Good Tip To Scabs

to six scabs who try to ride through a mass picket line at the Conestoga Transportation Company car barn. This determined strike has halted city transportation for nearly a month.

G.I. Writers Of Protest Letters

Militia Strikebreaking Practice

Held In Chicago Stockyards

THE MILITANT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1945

rain seems like a visitation, doesn't it."

The picket line is soaked to the skin, but the pickets walk their post, coat collars turned up. Mike says, "What the hell, if I was working, I'd be out in the rain anyhow," and Eddie answers, "Yeah, but it burns me up when I think of them damn executives sitting in their nice, dry offices trying to figure out how to bust this strike."

The rain falls steadily, growing constantly colder, for it is autumn.

NEW HEIGHTS REACHED IN LABOR'S UPSURGE

(Continued from Page 1) towards the workers, that it will during the war, while labor was rely solely on "voluntary" combound by the no-strike pledge, mitments for "industrial peace" compulsory arbitration and the -the presumed purpose of Truwage-freeze. Today take-home man's forthcoming governmentpay has been sharply cut. Labor | capital - labor conference - is is fighting for higher wages to speedily being belied. If the maintain its minimum living workers thought that the warstandards.

Many strikes, however, are di- time anti-labor curbs were just rected against corporations and temporary, Truman last week government union - busting, to showed that that is far from the preserve the very existence of case. unions or reinforce their bar-

Big business and its governsey-Hayes strike fought direct ment intend to make perman- Ask Conference gaining power. The bitter Kelunion - smashing. The present ent these "temporary" curbs. coal mine walkouts are to force Thus, Truman last week broke recognition of the bargaining the oil workers' strike with a in this area, Local 501, United rights of foremen and supervisory employes.

GOVERNMENT ACTIONS The fiction that the government intends a kid-glove policy of the war effort!"

New York Voters! YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO REGISTER! October 10, 11, 12-5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

ing.

Toledo and elsewhere.

October 13-7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

WHO CAN VOTE? All citizens who, on Election Day-

....Are 21 years old or overLive in the state one year preceding election. ...Live in county, city or village for

four months.

vote is offered, for 30 days.

Members of Armed Forces October 15 is the last day to mail application for war ballot. November 5 - Your war, ballot should reach office of War Ballot Commission, Albany 1, N. Y.

Before Noon

ing an immediate apology from urally, company officials and Mayor Kelly, of Memorial Day gressman about his superior of- answer'." (1937) Massacre fame, denied ficers is spelled out in black and

knowledge of what had transpired, while the army officials claimed this was just "ordinary" maneuvers and for only one day. But this is the first time such

"maneuvers" have ever been staged inside the city at an anticipated scene of action. The union held a protest meeting exposing the real purposes

of the militia demonstration. A meeting of representatives of all packinghouse locals and the District Council also was held. Plans were laid to combat the threat. Thousands of leaflets explaining the real meaning of the "maneuvers" were distributed to the workers, Individual and group protests are flooding the Mayor, Governor Green and President Truman.

Buffalo Unions

Special to THE MILITANT BUFFALO, N. Y .- Two unions Navy "seizure" of the struck re- Automobile Workers, CIO, and Local 2601, United Steel Worker fineries. Truman's order directof America, CIO, have recently ed the action "in the interests passed resolutions calling for a national conference of all labo organizations to conduct a unit-Combined with government at-

tempts to impose tricky "concili- ed campaign to provide jobs and decent living standard for ation" to whittle down the deworkers and veterans. mands the workers might win. These resolutions indicate the on the picket lines, are the old growing resentment in the ranks tried-and-true methods of terof labor here at the failure of

rorism and violent strikebreak-Congress to enact legislation to protect workers and their fami STRIKEBREAKING TERROR lies in the reconversion and post-Local and state armed forces war crisis.

This coincided with similar acare supplementing the efforts of the federal government. Mount- tion taken by the UAW's naed police recently brutally rode tional General Motors Conferdown and clubbed the Parker ence in Detroit, representing strikers in Cleveland. Detroit more than 300,000 GM workers, police cracked the heads of un- which called for a united Conionists picketing a fascist rally. gress of American Labor to meet Troops engage in demonstrative | in Washington to fight for a realLive in election district, in which strikebreaking drills in Chicago, program against unemployment and wage cuts.

The resolutions passed by the But organized labor has tremendous power. It can win- two locals also call for a 30-hour provided it trusts only in its own week with no reduction in takestrength, refuses to permit its home pay, trade union wages hands to be tied by government for unemployed workers and vetagencies and back-room dealings, erans, and government operation and defends itself to the utmost of the idle plants under workers' against strikebreaking assaults. control.

make friends in Congress, but have been admonished to rethose responsible for this strike- they get a chance to see who the member," says Pearson, "'You're Pearson reports. He adds that wage standards against some of breaking, terroristic threat. Nat- trouble-makers are in each camp. getting votes for Senators and All a GI pours out to his Con- Congressmen whose letters you

The brass hats do not forget begins: 'Hon. Andrew J. May, white for War Department per- in the process to soft soap the usal and can be sent back to the Congressmen. "One officer, Capt. C. Bunn," declares Pearson, "adsuperior officer."

monished the girls: 'Be careful The sinister implications are clear. A member of the armed to be nice to Senators and Con-



thousand government-ships is fixed far below their rary rank and station? Are many owned ships are on the auction worth, the trade - in allowance men and women being kept in block in Washington. The Mari- for old ships is set much above the service today in order to time Commission is determined their present value. to get these ships off its hands.

That is why the "sale" of them The old ships that are now beis one of the biggest farces of ing offered in trade for new vesrecent years. Haggling over sels were built at government exprices centers upon how little the pense during World War I or ships shall go for, not what they during the period between wars. Title to them was acquired by are worth.

the ship - "owners" through sleight - of - hand "sales" and Two bills are now before Conconstruction subsidies similar to gress — the Senate Bailey Bill and the Bland Bill in the House those now being proposed in -for the disposal of ships. If Washington to get rid of the these bills become law, Ameri- present government-owned fleet. can ship-"owners" will get their

pick of the huge wartime fleet, There is general all - around which cost the American people agreement in Washington that a cool \$25 billion, for a list price only a fraction of the ships on each ship of about half its needed for war purposes can be prewar domestic construction used by the American capitalist cost. This "cost" price can then class in its peacetime trade with be paid by the ship-"owners" other nations. Highest estimates over a 20-year period out of place the figure at about 1,300. "earnings." These so - called This is roughly one-fourth of the "earnings" are in turn guaranteed by government subsidies paid to the ship-"owners" for

. On September 25, John W. "All ships remaining unsold and Snyder, director of the Office not required for the reserve of War Mobilization and Re- should be tied up and scrapped bill authorized the acceptance of destroyed in a more "orderly old ships on a trade-in basis scrapping program."

operation of the ships.

from U.S. nationals and author-National Maritime Union of- areas of New York City. In ad- family, influential shareholders forestall the move of the comizes the Maritime Commission to count the value of these ships ficials claim that U. S. Lines dition 3,000 copies of the SWP in Standard Oil, Edge has ener- panies to reinstitute the pre-war against the cost price of the tried to reject a veteran of this election platform and sample getically but unsuccessfully at- policy of having men hanging a-(new) ships that are being sold." war for a steward job because copies of The Militant were dis- tempted to drive the workers off round the docks all day for an Whereas the price of the new he had lost an eye in the war. I tributed.

because of its political nature," "The WACs have been given neatly mimeographed form letters which they must retype. One

-The Progressive,

Revealing Figures

On Demobilization

"Despite all the whoopdeedo

fed the press on who will be

simple fact remains that on

Sept. 1, according to the War

Department's own figures, we

still had an army of 8,050,000,

or only 53,000 fewer men than

gressmen. They appoint gen-

pines."

erals'."

Chairman of the Military Aflabor. fairs Committee, has personally requested me to reply to your letter of recent date in which you asked concerning----.'

The character of the mail flooding Congress can be judged from the remarks of Representative Byrnes of Wisconsin (Congressional Record, p. 8772):

FAMILIAR QUESTIONS

"Are large numbers of men and women being kept in the service today in order that high officers can obtain their tempo-

avoid unemployment problems? Are the services sincere in their fitters Union, AFL, has caused statements that they want to reduce the number of their personnel to the point of actual need just as soon as possible? These questions are familiar to you. Members of Congress find them every day in their mail." Representative Bunker of Nevada declared on the same day York longshoremen. (Sept. 17): ". . . The unexplain-**BIG INDUSTRIES HIT** able delay in demobilization has caused a wave of indignation The five major oil refineries among servicemen and their rel-

atives that is approaching serious proportions." Despite these remarks, how-

everything except speed up the process of demobilization.

New York SWP Continues Sales In Negro Areas

Calculating Co. Workers Party sold 800 copies dulent character of the present a period of years." Thus, what World War" and "The Struggle ship "sale." Snyder says "the is not destroyed by war will be For Negro Equality," in a 45- Walter E. Edge, who has emminute street sale Saturday erged as their chief strikebreak-

the stoppage of maintenance and repair work on gas lines. The loading and unloading of vessels at Port Newark has been In N. Y. Fight bers of the International Long-shoremens Union, AFL, extend- For Safe Loads ed the strike action of the New

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olic Youth Organization hall, on 17th Street officials of Local 791 explained the situation to memin the area have shut down as bers of other locals, and then more than a thousand members adjourned to their own meeting of the CIO Oilworkers Union hall where the membership votwalked out in support of their ed by a slim margin to return to ever, the Congressmen are doing International's demand for a 30 work pending further negotiaper cent wage increase. Dis- tions.

> WHAT WORKER'S WANT ing spirit, 6,000 Paterson textile

Besides the demand for a workers have joined the strike maximum safe sling-load the movement for higher wages. Mass picket lines of 4,000 members of longshoremen are also demand-Locals 407 and 431, United Elec- ing two instead of three shapetrical & Radio Workers, CIO. ups per day, a minimum of four hours work for each period hired and double-time for all meala-day wage increase, have comhours worked. The demand for pletely shut down the Thomas two shape-ups, at 7:55 a. m. and E. Edison Co. and the Monroe 12.55 p. m., will make it possible for men hired for the night shift

In the face of this powerful to know in the middle of the day offensive the struck corporations whether they will be required have rallied behind Governor that night.

This demand, coupled with the one for a minimum of four night, September 29, in the Har- er. A reactionary politician hours work for each period lem and Bedford - Stuyvesant who married into the Sewall hired, represents an effort to the picket lines. hour or two of work.

Members of the Socialist

5,000-odd ships used in the war. The Snyder letter to Senator Bailey states precisely what has been agreed upon as regards the 3,000 "expendable" ships:

conversion, sent Senator Bailey in an orderly scrapping program of the party's anti-Jim Crow a letter which exposes the frau- that would undoubtedly last over pamphlets, "Negroes in the Post