Stalinists Forget Murder of Panto

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AUTO BARONS SMEAR LABOR

3,000 Picket Meeting Of Fascist In Oakland

Special To THE MILITANT By Robert Chester and Della Rossa

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—Over 3,000 marching, singing, chanting, booing anti-fascist workers and youth last night picketed "Fuehrer" Gerald L. K. Smith's meeting across the bay in Oakland's Technical High School. Chanting "Who Pays Smith?", "Down with Fascism!", "Drive Smith out of California!" the united front of unions, fraternal organizations, workers'

political parties and stu-9

The picket line, called at 24 leading to the school steps. With of the Fourth Army, which is rounding areas. high spirit the marchers kept commanded by the Stalinist up an almost continuous chant | Yenan regime, fired on the about the developing civil war is that reached its climax of boos, barge of an American Admiral. catcalls, and derisive cries of The fire was returned by the States armed forces. At least most notorious fascist, escorted lized what may now occur on a by his bodyguards and police, wide scale, skirted the line and hurried up the school steps.

to the 75 or so Smith followers inist sources, quoted by the The meeting inside, which, after civil war was raging in at least can marines "cannot continue the entrance of many hecklers, 11 provinces of North China." reached a possible maximum of The Chiang Kai-shek govern-150, was often drowned out by ment "has concentrated 800,000 the noise of the pickets.

LABOR SOLIDARITY

the placards of Pile Drivers Lo- week's battle alone, 15,000 gov-34, Office Employes Locals 29 and 207744, Marine Firemen, Marine Cooks and Stewards, Na-(Continued on Page 7)

William Patterson offensive. Ends Prison Term of Chiank Kai-shek's henchmen, who gave a press interview re-Special to THE MILITANT

Bu Eloise Gordon

William Patterson, Pennsylvania clared that "there are records coal miner imprisoned in June of from 40 to 50 engagements in Meeting In L.A. under the notorious Smith-Con- a single day." nally anti-strike law, was released from the Fayette County CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S Jail at Uniontown at six o'clock STRATEGY this morning. I had the privi- The New China Daily, organ lege of being in the welcoming of the Stalinists, said that Govgroup that greeted him at his ernor Fu Tso-Yi of Suiyuan

As we drove later into the war." (Continued on Page 2)

dents gave Smith, No. 1 American Fascist, a hot Civil War Flares reception similar to those he recently received in Northern China

hours notice, filled the whole involved in the civil war which occupy the strategic points, obblock before the school and en- broke out last week in north tain control of the railway lines circled the wide center area China. On October 27 soldiers and then move out into the sur-"Heil Smith" when America's barge. This exchange symbo- 60,000 American troops are sta-

The extent of the war between Chiang Kai-shek and Yenan be-This same treatment was given came known October 28. Stalwho ventured through the lines. United Press, said "undeclared Shanghai admitted that Ameritroops in the area to wipe out communist forces.

The Chiang Kai-shek govern-Represented on the line were ment admitted that in one twoernment troops were killed. In North Shansi 50,000 Yen- U. S. IMPERIALISTS

an troops were attacking the INTERVENE Tatung rail junction. In Sui-

According to Marshal Yen, one cently, "the Communists massed cently, "the Communists massed 64 regiments against Changchi Huge Picket Line and took the town in fighting that started September 21 and October 8." Marshal Yen de-DAISYTOWN, Pa., Nov. 1.— October 8." Marshal Yen de-

province, was the "starter of civil

The paper declared that Chi-

BRITISH DOCK STRIKERS AGREE TO MONTH TRUCE

The brutal strikebreaking pol-|forces as strikebreakers on the icy of the Attlee Government has grounds that many of the strikecompelled the national strike bound ships carried perishable dence, armed even to helmets committee of the rank and file food cargoes. This argument, and gas masks. Some 500 of EVASIVE STATEMENTS British dock workers to recom- which is commonly used by ship- them forced the picket line to

go back to work on November 5 trade. Among the items sched- Inside the meeting, police were mood to enforce their demands to "give the Government a uled for export to be handled by standing shoulder to shoulder, chance to adjust differences, but the soldiers were automobiles. lining the walls of the auditordeclared they would go out Attlee handled the strike as a jum and filling every aisle both again and carry with them all crucial showdown with British downstairs and in the balcony. dock workers, if negotiations labor. The strikers had de- Anyone who booed or made any

however, in the declaration of against the employers and in be- and pushed so that they could Minister of Labor, George Isaacs half of the strikers. Attlee re- scarcely keep from falling downthat the strikers' decisions would fused. Instead, he used troops stairs. not change the Government pol- to intervene in behalf of the em- In the early summer, Smith this week as white pupils at icy of dealing only with the rec- ployers.

posed the strike from the be- shoremen argue, he said, that Anti-Smith leaders arranged mittee of 13. sinning and unsuccessfully at- this Labor Government is "our for a meeting at the nearby tempted a number of times to government and we can use it Olympic auditorium, following termed a "boycott" against race-hate action, led by the same the loser."

bow to superior power, when the betraying us." This report is people gathered in the hall, giv- charges of "maladministration" handed a mimeographed an-Attlee Government increased the undoubtedly an accurate reflec- ing further expression to their number of soldiers ordered to tion of the minds of the British anger over Smith's appearance, ents. Negro student activities night of white parents of Froedress from Wiesbaden, Germany, Trades Council (employers' as- Trade Union Notes act as strikebreakers to 20,000 longshoremen. and announced this number By backing up the British cap- school board in permitting him Negroes were not allowed to erty owners at Spanish Hall. tion, fear of disease and fear of and the Stalinists have been un- Veterans Problems would presently be doubled.

defend the use of the armed people.

The longshoremen agreed to gin loading cargo for the export and the use of sound trucks.

from London on the attitude of demonstrative exit of hundreds Their anti-Negro action is be-The heads of the TGWU op- the dock workers. The long- when Smith began to speak.

italists in this strike, the Att- use of the auditorium. Previously, spokesmen of the lee Government has betrayed its

American forces are directly ang Kai-shek's strategy was to

What is particularly ominous the participation of United tioned in the area. It is only a question of time until they become directly involved. By October 30 U. S. Marines at Tientsin were "alerted." and a high American Army officer at without serious trouble."

Gravest of all is the fact that American planes and American troop ships are being used to rush Chiang Kai-shek's troops into these areas. This constitutes the clearest possible evidence that Wall Street is backing Chiang Kai-shek

A Yenan official, asked what yuan province another 100,000 could be done to avert the civil Yenan troops opened a general war, declared: "Among other things it depends on the attitude (Continued on Page 7)

Bulletin to THE MILITANT By Lois Saunders

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 3.—Between 25,000 and 30,000 workers, youth and members of minority groups formed a mass picket line around Polytechnic High School here where Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith was speakng tonight. In addition many hundreds entered the hall, boofinally making a demonstrative exit as Smith himself took the microphone.

Police were everywhere in evi-

manded that the Labor Govern- remark against the speakers was The vicious attitude of the ment which they voted to power promptly yanked out by hulking Attlee Government was revealed, should intervene in the strike policemen. Many were shoved

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Truman Says Labor Must Accept Reduction Of Take-Home Wages

President Truman's October 31 radio speech and di rective on administration wage-price policy has spread more confusion than light. Anyone can interpret it the way he sees fit and everyone is doing so.

To the main question before labor, what is the attitude of was a factor Truman had to take the administration on la- amply into account. bor's demand for the mainhome pay, Truman an-

same take-home pay for labor Truman didn't say. a drop."

faces a \$20-billion slash.

Truman made his speech in 39. the midst of a tremendous strike wave that has swept this counworkers are determined to maintain their standards of livingthe corporations.

Thus, while telling the work-

tenance of wartime take- ers they would have to accept Dr. Walter E. Spahr, a New slashes in take-home pay, Tru- York University economist rep- to work crews short-handed. man at the same time sta "We must understand that we price structure for business as merce, told a House committee to enter the plant in order to pieces. cannot hope with a reduced a whole to grant increases in hearing that "there is no reason make out pay checks, etc. But work-week, to maintain now the wage rates." How much room, for strikes. Labor should accept the company, which issues a pink

the war. There will have to be from any reference to the report submitted to him the week be-Truman failed to state how fore by the Reconversion Advismuch of a drop. He merely add- ory Board revealing that the ed: "But the Nation cannot af- corporations will be in a position ford to have that drop too dras- in 1946 to raise wage rates 24 tic." He did admit that the per cent without raising prices total wage and salary bill now and still make more than double their profit after taxes in 1936-

Instead, Secretary of Commerce Wallace issued a report try ever since V-J Day. All ef- in which he stated that the corforts of the administration to porations could pay a 10 per halt this upsurge of labor strug- cent increase generally and 15 lustily at the wrong places, and gle have proved fruitless." The per cent in the auto industry. er Britain or the Netherlands to Without taking official responsibility for fixing a limit on wage even at the expense of the ac- increases, the administration is cumulated titanic war profits of clearly attempting to establish a maximum bargaining point for ged it as U. S. equipment." (Unit- 55,000 other workers affected by Hook, has preserved the union. the unions at a half to two- ed Press, Oct. 24.) thirds below the 30 per cent in-Truman's speech was there- crease the unions generally are mend a "30-day truce" in the owners the world over in mari- form into two sections, leaving fore calculated to give some re- demanding. In this fashion, the strike which has paralyzed Brit- time strikes, was exposed as a the entrance clear for Smith's assurance to labor that its de- administration is attempting to ish shipping for some seven fraud when the Attlee Govern- followers. They also prohibited mands for higher wages would force labor to accept such wage ment ordered the soldiers to be- picketing on the school grounds receive some consideration. That increases as the capitalists themthe workers are in a position and selves are prepared to grant un-

ENEMIES OF LABOR INCITE GARY STUDENT RACE-HATE Special to THE MILITANT

Bu Robert L. Birchman

hatred burst into the open here was able to attract an audience Froebel High School for the sec-

this segregation gradually in re-

cent years. His attempt to develop student activities on a non-segregated basis is back of GARY, Ind., Nov. 2.—Race the charges against Nuzum.

In the first mass truancy, from September 18 to October ognized union, the Transport and General Workers Union.

Peter Lyne, staff correspond- here of more than 5,000. At his ond time refused to attend school meeting tonight there were because they must share school students from the removal of Negro Monitor," reported October 31 scarcely a thousand after the facilities with Negro students from the school, dising supported by a parents' com-

start a back to work movement. to insist that our grievances are termination of the picketing at Principal R. A. Nuzum, who had elements as in the September ac-The strikers were forced to met. If it does not act it is 9:00 p.m. Approximately 7,000 been exonerated of previous tion, each white student was Food Would Also Help preferred by students and par- nouncement of a meeting that Gen. Eisenhower, in an ad- ernment, the California Metal COLUMNS AND FEATURES and protesting the action of the have been segregated at Froebel. bel school children and prop-said "suspicion, hunger, priva-sociation), the AFL bureaucrats, International Notes take part in the school band, The 400 parents in attendance death," threaten world ruin "un- able to stifle. During the war Workers Forum ... A resolution, passed unani- orchestra and dramatic club. at the meeting were urged to less international cooperation Lodge 68 refused to surrender The Negro Struggle Attlee Government had tried to trust and the mandate of the mously, commended the school Nuzum has attempted to end pay \$1 to join the association meets this challenge with firm- any of the hard-won terms of Diary of Steelworker (Continued on Page 6)

Freedom To Starve

IN THE NEWS

esenting the National Associaworkers can quit."

But It's OK To Shoot "Secretary of State James F.

Byrnes announced that British and Dutch officials had been asked to remove U. S. insignia from lend-lease military equipment being used in Indonesia against native independence United States had not asked eithstop using the lend-lease equipment in Indonesia but only to remove the emblem which tag-

Everything's 'Oil' Right

Reporting the quick U.S. recognition of the new Venezuela government, which overthrew the previous regime in a violent when investigation by our Am- off" period. bassador in Caracas, Dr. Frank P. Corrigan, reported that no difficulties appeared in sight relations with Venezuela

Short But "Sweet"

Admiral Halsey, commander of houses. the U.S. Third Fleet, told Navy missal of Principal Nuzum and Day rally in St. Louis that the shops approximately 45 employnext war will probably not last ers signed up with the union six months and that there will immediately. This returned some The present truancy has been On the first day of the present be "practically nothing left of 2,000 machinists to work, but did ON THE INSIDE

Use Race-Hate, Red-Baiting **Against Detroit Workers**

DETROIT, Nov. 3.—Class war more bitter and on a scale greater than even this industrial battleground has ever seen before is developing here in the center of the huge multi-billion dollar. war-profits gorged automotive industry.

and Big Business are being swiftly massed. In

Veterans Lead Picket Line In Timken Walkout Special to THE MILITANT

CANTON, O., Oct. 26-Led by some 40 veterans of World War II, 800 pickets today sucinvolving 8,000 CIO Steelplant here.

This unity in action between the returned veterans and the rest of the striking workers gave a fitting answer to the attempts HUGE CAMPAIGNS of the company to pit the exservicemen against the union. The veterans carried banners of their own announcing their support of the strike.

The strike against Timken, a corporation, linked with international cartel interests which did business with the Nazis, is entering its third week. The company has refused for over two committee and settle the grievances leading to the strike. Main issues in the walkout are the company's contract violations, including arbitrary changes in work schedules and attempting hate, race - hate incitations

Until today, the strikers had "there is room in the existing tion of State Chambers of Com- been permitting office workers reasonable arbitration. If the badge to the office employes and hoodlums, the fascist rats begenerally that it has had during But he significantly refrained results are not satisfactory, a green one to production work- ing mobilized by such elements (Continued on Page 8)

The opposing battle lines of the working class

the foreground of the aroused Detroit workers are the CIO auto unionists pressing forward for a 30 per cent wage increase in their showdown struggle against the arrogant, power - drunk auto barons.

This week the contending class forces were moving to a cessfully halted the attempt climactic engagement on the poof company finks, disguised litical field, with all the forces as office workers, to break of capitalist reaction, united bethe picket line in the strike hind the auto corporations, making an unprecedentedly vicious workers Union members at and scurrilous assault upon lathe Timken Roller Bearing bor's campaign to elect CIO United Automobile Workers Vice-President Richard T. Frankensteen as mayor in next Tuesday's elections.

The financial and industrial overlords have thrown all their vast wealth and resources into the drive to defeat Frankensteen mon Council, Doll, Hill and Edwards. Their kept press, their radio stations, their political agents who have ruled this city for decades, have unloosed a campaign of anti-labor incitation of

This campaign is being conducted not only through the regular propaganda channels. Big Business is spreading its laborthrough a thousand hidden

The underworld scum of prostrikebreakers

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Machinists Strike In San Francisco

Special to THE MILITANT SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31,-

ioint AFL and CIO machinmovements. Mr. Byrnes said the ists strike, begun October 29, has here, put 12,000 workers on the picket lines and broken the labor "truce" in the Bay Area. The striking unions' appeal to the the strike to respect their picket WORKERS' DEMANDS lines has been complied with in all but a few minor instances.

CIO Steelworkers East Bay Ma- full straight-time pay, nine paid chinists Local 1304 are demand- holidays, straight-time pay for ing a 30 per cent wage increase. the first five days of lost time When the employers refused due to industrial accidents, and anything above a 10 per cent a guaranteed weekly income for coup d'etat, the N. Y. Times, raise, the militant machinists permanent employes after 60 October 31, relates: "The action voted to strike, ignoring the days on the payroll. The wage of the United States had been Smith-Connally Anti-Strike Act demands are 48 hours pay for forecast almost from the first, provision for a 30-day "cooling- 40 hours work, to raise base pay

INDUSTRIES AFFECTED

The industries affected range days and holidays. with respect to oil properties or from 15 shipyards, including five other matters involved in our major yards here and seven in Council, representing some 270,-

> Of the "uptown" machine Council's conservative leadnot visibly affect the wide scope SKF Strike

IAM-AFL Lodge 68 has a tra- Why Tresca Case Lags dition of militancy that the gov- Stalinist Line in Elections ness, forebearance and wisdom." its agreement. It was necessary Shoptalks on Socialism

, for the government and employers to place the shops under Navy control in order to break the strike. From early 1944 to the closed approximately 200 plants present, the members of Lodge 68 have been working without a written agreement. Only the complete unity of the rank and file behind their business ag-Bay Area labor movement and ents, E. F. Dillon and Harry

Machinists are now demanding signed agreements which in-AFL Machinists Lodge 68 and clude two weeks' vacation with from \$1.28 per hour to \$1.65 per hour, and double-time for all overtime and Saturdays, Sun-

The Bay City Metal Trades the East Bay area, to at least 000 AFL workers in affiliated 185 foundries, machine shops, unions, has in the past negotimarine engine, rubber, oil and ated master agreements with other plants and some ware- the shipbuilders and the WPB's Wage Stabilization Board. The

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Allies Betray Jewish Masses

SKF Strikers In Philadelphia Continue Militant Battle Against Police Terror, Injunction Threat

By Max Geldman

strike here against the SKF inphia area is teaching workers the fundamental lessons of labor solidarity against police brutactics of Big Business.

Frank Smith of Common Pleas Court No. 5 intervened in an effort to effect a settlement. Judge Smith endeavoring to reach an agreement before court hearings were started, laid aside SKF's mages against the union and the injunction proceedings to prevent mass picketing. It seemed as if a working agreement was about to be reached whereby SKF would agree to negotiate if the union withdrew its mass picket lines to allow office and executive personnel to enter the

SKF TACTICS

However, the vicious tactics of and summer of 1943. Walter Gordon Merritt, SKF's New York counsellor, split the negotiations wide open. He insisted that no judges be present at coming mediations and no representatives from the Philadelphia Mediation Tribunal be permitted to sit in. He further maintained that the company had the right to take "disciplinary" measures against any strikers. Thus the "good faith" of the SKF Trust was established-union-busting pure

the strike illustrates the extreme | man of his caliber anti-unionism of the SKF management. He was the company attorney in the famous damage plete farce. Although 20 union indignation at his imprisonment. suit against the Danbury hatters 40 years ago when the of the Jones and Laughlin Steel vicemen's communications re-Sherman Anti-Trust Act. He faced the LaFollette Senate Investigating Committee as the corporation mouthpiece when the Pennsylvania mine owners purchased \$17,000 worth of tear gas in 1936.

PICKET LINES SOLID

While court proceedings continued, each day saw demonstrations of solidarity from shipyard workers, auto workers, transport workers, steel workers and others. Daily parades of workers from different unions have been features of the picket

tions. Over 1,000 workers from from the Tobacco Workers, CIO. who themselves are on strike. circled the main SKF plant in a der sufficient pressure from the to take an unreasonable chance ated has not as yet given its convoy of automobiles and then workers. icined the picket line. GE Local from a picket line, kept repeating: "Here I am right back where I started from."

INJUNCTION THREATENS

Since the mediation has been support to this important strugunsuccessful, hearings for the gle. company's two-million dollar anti-union suit and for the in-

Support for the strike is coming from all sections of the labor movement of Philadelphia feels wages. movement, both AFL and CIO. that this strike must and will be A district convention of the CIO | won, and that it will be won Steelworkers last Sunday voted where it started—on the picket to give full moral and financial line.

THE MILITANT

or stamps)

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 1. — Patterson Released strike here against the SKF international roller-bearing trust is now 31 days old. Day by day this key strike in the Philadel-

(Continued from Page 1) streets of Daisytown here where He was anxious that organized the Patterson family has its labor should launch a serious eftality and the union-busting home, heartwarming greetings fort to smash the vicious antihailed the return of Bill Pat- strike law, which, having victim-This week Presiding Judge terson. From all directions the working men who know him best, lily be used against others. gave vent to their joy at his release.

union fighter for the rights of imprisonment, when he followed his fellowmen, has been locked its affairs in the daily press and suit for two million dollars da- behind prison bars like a petty in The Militant, but in the first criminal. Yet, his only "crime" few hours after his release from was his refusal to cross the pick- jail, his conversation continualet line of his union brothers.

Indicted and convicted in 1943 terests. under the Smith-Connally antistrike law, along with a score of other coal miners. Bill Patterson was placed on probation by the Federal Court. Their prosecution arose out of the strikes of barons, he remarked, "Well, the the miners during the spring

LABOR-HATERS

BEHIND IMPRISONMENT In May, 1945, the labor-hating had won him the bitter enmity tem."

sion of his probation was a com-pressed solidarity with him and brothers from the Vesta 4 mine He pointed out that these serdefense, not one was permitted in this country shrouded it in to present evidence.

struggles of the working class ized one worker, could more eas-

Not only did Bill Patterson maintain a lively interest in the For the past five months this problems of labor throughout his ly revolved around the same in-

CONTINUES FIGHT FOR LABOR

I hope they get it!'

Of the coming struggle between the Detroit workers and the auto auto workers had that no-strike pledge hung on them by their 'leaders' during the war. Now

when they go after a wage raise.

He was interested in the curcoal operators and their court rent plotting of the corporationagents set the machinery of the minded politicians around the law into motion against Bill Pat- Smith - Connally Act, observing terson when a technicality pro- shrewdly, "They will make a few vided the pretext for a charge amendments to it and make it a of probation violation. Bill Pat- permanent law to use for their terson's record of 18 years of advantage, to restrain individuuncompromising struggle in de- als and progressive groups from fense of the miners' interests interfering with their rotten sys-

of the coal operators. They were He told of numerous letters he The appearance of Merritt in out to "make an example" of a had received while in jail from silence.

The labor-haters succeeded in Listening to this miner as he jailing Bill Patterson. But if talks of the problems of the SUPPORT VOTED they hoped such persecution working people, one cannot but would weaken this miner's deter- be impressed by his deep honesmination to carry on the strug- ty and calm assurance in labor's gle for labor's rights, they mis- cause. His dignity and selflessjudged the man. This reporter ness under persecution are marks had the opportunity to visit the of a true son of labor. Bill Patimprisoned miner on several oc- terson's imprisonment, far from casions during the past few curbing his spirited concern with dent during each visit that Bill fied his determination to con-

Last Wednesday, October 31, saw one of the largest demonstra- Slashes In Take-Home Pay General Electric, whose strike was just settled yesterday, and Upheld By Truman Speech

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"Industry," he promised, "will creases."

AFL unions continue to co-

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not be asked by the Government

in absorbing such wage increas- approval to the strike, nor has For the profit-fat corpora- es." Where wage increases are the International Association of THE JOKER 119, UERMWA-CIO, members tions, which under any circum- granted, "after a reasonable test Machinists taken a position alcarried their own banners, one stances are guaranteed "normal" period which, save in exceptional though Lodge 68 has requested of which read: "GE has 262 mil- profits through the operation of tional cases, will be six months, lion reserve; how much have the tax laws in the next two if the industry has been unable ists have received the sanction ply ships. An attempt on the you?" A veteran who had been years, Truman indicated a way to produce at a fair profit the of James Thimmes, California part of the machinists to predrafted into the army practically to rob the workers of any wage entire wage increase will be tak- director of the Steel Workers vent the repair of ANY vessel to rob the workers of any wage entire wage increase will be tak-director of the Steel Workers vent the repair of ANY vessel increases through price increas- en into account in passing upon and President of the State CIO could be construed as a violaapplications for price ceiling in- Council.

The capitalists know what the operate and augment the CIO of billions in war profits into press in an attempt to underjunction against picketing will solidarity with their own con- their kitties. They know what mine the strike. They have tried of the Stalinists to take control start this Monday, November 5. tributions of food and money. a fraud "price control" proved to to minimize the machinists' de- of the strike out of the hands of racial service at the New Mount ing to grant and the 30 per cent The workers in the meantime In addition, the AFL unions are be during the war. Truman's mands, denigrate their leaders the striking unions and scuttle are holding their picket lines providing refreshments and en- assurance of price rises to pro- and arouse sentiment against it, because Bridges and his pals on the grounds that it is "illegal tenaciously and intend to keep tertainment at union rallies. vide "fair profits" is good enough the picket lines, so far without are fearful that the unions they and dangerous" for white people the SKF plants closed until Friends of The Militant are as- for them, even though they howl their union is recognized and sisting the union committee to about his vague admission that raise supplies and money for the the workers should get some commissary. The entire labor more - but not much more -

STOCK MARKET UP

was immediately indicated in the stock market. "The stock mar- ing." The capitalist government, ket responded yesterday to Pres- which assumed the power to ident Truman's wage-price pol- freeze wages, claims it has no icy statement with the most power to raise them. bullish show of enthusiasm in a month," reports the financial page of the N. Y. Times, November 1. ". . . Followers of the stock market placed an inflationary interpretation on his address . . . Financial circles felt that notwithstanding the plea to hold the price line, the plan for wage increases must eventually result in higher prices."

What Truman in his speech really told Wall Street was: something—as little as possible, can get increases if they can area struck 14 plants and prom- ment of race prejudice." of course. But don't worry. Six get them. The auto workers must ised to close other plants promonths from now you'll get it all still battle General Motors, gressively if the companies failed back and more through price Chrysler and Ford. The steel to sign proposed agreements. increases. Right now we've got workers must still battle U. S. to appear to make a concession Steel and Bethlehem. in order to get the workers back

off the picket lines." war froze wages by decree. Not picket line.

cil to which Lodge 68 is affiliit. The East Bay CIO machin- fied as troop ships or troop sup-

rank and file of both the AFL ers a pretext for ordering their administration means by a "fair and CIO, the Stalinist union members to work on ships with profit." They know how readily leaders have combined with the scab machinists. their government poured scores AFL bureaucracy and the boss

Stalinist strongholds are chief-

only does Truman deliberately fail to say how much wages should be raised, but he indi-Wall Street's real interpretation cates no way for the workers to f Truman's wage-price policy get such increases except by "fair and free collective bargain-

STALL WORKERS

and free collective bargaining," of course, is locking a union negotiating committee up in a room yers and government "mediatficials out of them.

But the only "fair and free collective bargaining" these la- BRIDGES COMPLAINS

Mack Truck Workers Flock To Strike Poll

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Oct. 31.—A typical scene today are these workers lined up for a strike vote. Here hundreds of Mack Truck workers, members of CIO United Automobile Workers Local 677, are crowding into an empty store, transformed into a polling place, to vote overwhelmingly for strike action to back their contract demands. The union is demanding 23 improvements in the contract, including a 30 per cent wage increase, the union shop, union dues check-off and vacations with pay.

AFL And CIO Machinists Unite to "make an example" of a had received while in jail from union brothers overseas in the unio

(Continued from Page 1) increase, double-time for over- enjoined to support a treacherous time, and vacation pay.

when the question of supporting this "6-point program." the machinists' strike was raised. one rank-and-file delegate after main proposals: (1) The estabanother urged support, declaring lishment of a "joint strategy that "now is the time" to join committee" comprising repre-The only opposition was voiced indirectly affected by the strike; 30-day "cooling off" period. The meeting concluded with general support of the strike, and voted to set up a strategy committee to prepare for strike action themselves if their demands are not met by November 15.

The AFL Central Labor Coun-

What Truman means by "fair mands or talking the union of-

So far as Truman's talk means anything, it means as one ob- strike members of AFL Machin- playing working people against We'll have to give the workers server put it, that the workers ists Lodge 115 in the East Bay each other through encourage-

ly in the maritime unions. Un- one case," it wails, "125 machinership and conciliatory policy der the lead of the CIO Inter- ists are keeping 2,000 warehouse-Supreme Court handed down a Corporation where Bill Patter- ported that the press in Europe during the war compelled Lodge national Longshoremen and men idle." However, pickets ruling (later reversed) that son had worked since 1927, ap- gave considerable attention to 68 to withdraw from it. Now Warehousemen's Union, domin- have been avoiding loading-docks strikers could be sued under the peared in court to testify in his his case, while the newspapers the Metal Trades Council is ne- ated by Stalinist Harry Bridges, and ships where machinists are gotiating for a 40 per cent wage the other maritime unions were not employed.

"6-point program." The AFL the U.S. Conciliation Service Sailors Union of the Pacific was called in and both striking alone has come out in full sup- machinists unions agreed to sub-At a meseting of the Council port of the strike and against mit their grievances.

This "program" contains two the machinists and take action sentatives of unions directly or grievances and wage demands months and it was clearly eviment, has fortiby an International vice-presiand (2) Guarantees that there
arbitrated. The rank and file
arbitrated. The ra dent who complained that the would be no interference with of all unions, AFL and CIO, are Truman's orders, took over the felling." For a Rising Scale

Of Wages to Meet Rising Living Costs

the movement of troop ships and troop supply ships. In return the Stalinists agreed to "support" the strike.

One joker in this "program" is that ALL ships can be classition of this program, thus pro-Despite the solidarity of the viding the Stalinist union lead-

The proposal for a "joint strategy committee" is a scheme ist agreement with the employers for "peace."

When the Stalinists' proposals were turned down by a machin- ishioners out of the church where ists' meeting, the kept press went into action to smear the machinists. One of the plants struck is the American Can Co., enforcement of Jim Crow was which makes wax paper milk exposed by the Workers Defense containers. The press raised a League after Rev. Downey lodged clamor of a "milk shortage" and a protest against the flagrant followed it up with misleading violation of religious freedom, headlines designed to whip up "guaranteed" under the Bill of sentiment against the strike. Rights. Mayor Lapham, former presistitutions admitted they could friendlier and whose amity is a

Today the total has gone up to 27 plants with a complete East Bay tie-up looming.

being hit hard by the strike. "Including Fort Lauderdale."

On the third day of the strike,

The general fear among the labor bureaucrats and Stalinists is that the present walkout will spread into a general strike hopes that the machinists will

Defeat for the highly skilled machinists would mean an offensive against all the craft unions by the waterfront employers and then a movement against the other maritime workers. Victory for the machinists will mean a tremendous drive of the rank and file in all unions to achieve their present demands for a 30 per cent wage increase. Letter working conditions and unemployment benefits.

Anti-Jim Crow Church Service

FORT LAUDERDALE Fla. Local police broke up an inter-Olive Baptist Church October 7, control may be swept into mili- to be in the Negro section after tant action despite the Stalin- dark. The five policemen, driving up in two squad cars, ordered white Rev. Edward P. Downey to get his 32 young par-Negro and white youth were holding a joint service. This vicious and high-handed

Rev. Harrington, spokesman

dent of the American-Hawaiian for the WDL action committee, Steamship Co., even called a pointed out that the police action meeting to resolve the "milk cris- was also "an attack on the Neis," although officials from the gro and white people of Fort ors" and stalling the workers' de- veterans' hospitals and other in- Lauderdale, who are getting obtain milk in bulk containers. threat to the politicians and em-On the second day of the ployers who keep in power by Refuting the police slander

that Negro areas are "unsafe." Rev. Harrington continued: "The attempt to convince white people that Negro sections of the city are unsafe is belied by the continued experience of inter-It is significant to note that bor - hating corporations recog- Bridges' ILWU raised the racial WDL branches and other the administration during the nize and submit to is a mass complaint that its members are groups in southern cities, in-

By Joseph Keller

but in vain through several issues of the New York newspaper PM for some account of the strike which began November 1 at the huge Marshall Field & Co. department store in Chicago. Surely, we thought, this would be right up PM's alley. PM has made quite a noisy and profitable racket out of the profession 30 Hour Week of liberalism. This strike, moreover, has all

'bleeding heart" treatment in which PM specializes. The strike involves some 800 service employes, among the worst paid workers in a notoriously low-pay industry. Their demands include a 65-cent hourly minimum wage (PM has printed reams about raising the minimum wage in this country). They want a 15 per cent general wage raise (PM has sold a lot of copies because it suports the claim that vages can be raised substantially in this country). They want a union shop (PM has deplored the moves to pass open-shop legislation.)

We also recall all the scathing words PM has published about Montgomery Ward and Sewell L. Avery, competitors of Marshall Field. And we hear an echo of Avery, which PM hasn't seen fit to report, let alone comment upon, in the words of William S. Street, Marshall Field's vice-president and general manager, that the issue is "not wages but the closed shop" and "the question of joining or not joinng a union is one for the individual to decide.'

PM can't claim it doesn't have access to information about this strike. As a matter of fact, this is one story it should find an easy scoop. For, after all, the president of PM, Inc., is Marshall Field III himself, multimillionaire merchant prince, whose fortune comes from Marshall Field & Co. as well as Southern sweat-shop textile mills about which The Militant has the union leaders, has fulfilled previously written.

Fruits Of Oil "Seizure" drive for the 40-hour week with no reduction in wartime takehome pay, are learning first- Board have no confidence in hand the true purpose of plant themselves nor in the operation struck refineries and broke the strike.

CIO Oil Workers President O. A. Knight, who ordered the strikers to return to work, now complains that Navy control of properties of 26 companies "makes it possible for the managements to stall collective bargaining indefinitely."

"Under Navy seizure the status quo prevails," charged Knight. "The 48-hour week has not been reduced to 40 hours, thus preventing the rehiring of thousands of returning veterans. Further, there has been no assurance that there will be no reduction in take-home pay when a "labor" cover. As moribund the hours are reduced."

While the government, in taking over the oil plants and breaking the strike, ruled that the companies should bargain only on the question of the difference between the 15 per cent increase they said they were willdemanded by the union, the

Where Liberalism Stops corporations are simply sitting We have searched diligently tight. Their agents continue the actual running of the "seized" plants, their fat profits continue unabated. And the government does them the service of preventing the workers from taking any action under the penalties of the Smith-Connally antistrike act.

Reflecting the increasing pressure from the AFL ranks. AFL he elements for that type of President William Green has been talking "radical" in the past few weeks. In Chicago on October 25. Green spoke up for the six-hour day, 30-hour week as an "economic necessity" or we will be faced with a serious unemployment problem."

The demand for the 30-hour week had been endorsed by all sections of the labor movement before the war. But, as with every other demand which the labor leaders endorsed in principle, they made no effort to mobilize a powerful, united militant drive of the organized workers to win the 30-hour week. The entry of America into the war, was the signal for Green and the rest to shove all of labor's demands into the cupboard "for the duration."

It is also interesting to note that Green recently announced that the AFL delegates to Truman's tri-partite conference, starting November 5, will be "unalterably opposed" to any "no-strike pledge and compulsory arbitration." But that's no guarantee the AFL leaders, along with the CIO, won't agree to the usual "voluntary" commitments to some new form of government "mediation" and "arbitration" machinery which will serve to stall labor action and tie the union demands in red tape.

Afterthoughts On WLB

Now that the War Labor Board with the participation of its function of clamping the wartime wage freeze on labor. the AFL Executive Council comes out in opposition to it. The CIO oil workers, whose The Council adopted a wage strike in 15 states several weeks policy statement at its recent ago sparked the national CIO meeting in Cincinati stating that "those who desire prolongation of the National War Labor

It doesn't take much courage to beat a dead dog. But it is symptomatic of the kind of "courage" evidence by these union leaders that they are still members of the WLB. If they wanted to make sure that the WLB is not "prolonged," or revived in some new form under a new label, all they have to do is get off it.

Agencies for curbing the unions and binding them to government arbitration, such as the WLB, could not exist for a minute if the union leaders refused to serve on them and give them and discredited as the WLB is. the union officials, CIO and AFL, still cling to it.

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International Indonesian People Fight Heroically NOTES

Trotskyists Forge Ahead

ficially constituted. The Euro- death of Leon Trotsky. pean Executive Committee of But the government failed to

power. The Trotskyists worked against the Trotskyists. incessantly to convince the Social Democratic and Stalinist France Parties that they should unite to combat the danger. Their defending the Indo-Chinese peowarnings went unheeded.

Trotskyists, the representatives The October 4 La Verite (Truth) of the program of revolutionary calls for "Complete Solidarity" mortal political foe. When he China!" declares the main headseized power, the Gestapo per- line. sistently tracked down the Trot-

The re-emergence of Trotskyism as an organized force on the Greece German political scene is one of the most hopeful augurs for the success of the working class revolution in Germany.

Switzerland

1941, the Swiss Trotskyist organ- the activity of the Trotskyists: ization survived the war and is now in position to make rapid

a despicable role in these ar- Metaxas dictatorship the hall rests. Agents of Stalin's secret was filled to overflowing. The service, the hated GPU, made a president of the union reported list of all people whom they the falure of the union's committhought might have any connectee to reach an agreement with tion with Trotskyism. A person the bosses' association. overheard so much as mentioning the name of Trotsky was dent, that the employers' phi- would cost as much as one dol- Although not using German orders and decided to fight." written down on this list. When lanthropic sentiments would pre- lar in the States. I bought a machinery, the AMG is effectiveit had been completed, the GPU vail and make them yield to roll of 35-millimeter film for one ly preventing the German worksent it to Russia. En route, how- some of our demands, but noth- mark and 20 pfennigs (or 12 ers from using it. The United His plane was fired upon as he ever, the Swiss Intelligence ing happened after 25 days of cents). An inferior roll of film States wants, not merely to dethrough a "lucky" break caught discussion. Finally the presi- in the States now sells for a stroy German war potential, but lenced on landing was nothing this particular agent on this dent asked the members of the little more than \$1. Legal rob- also to destroy future German to what we received on taking

down all those suspected of Trot- not.

Holland

ber), official organ of the Com- sations with the employers did bought a Leica camera for 350 cconomy. Allied domination of warned "that any attempt to ists, Dutch Section of the Fourth the workers for 25 extra days, equivalent of \$600 in France. International, is now reaching paying us starvation wages in France, you see, is undergoing famine this winter.

printed, four-page weekly which in the humanitarian sentiments portunity to full advantage. Had their policies. That is why country to the fullest extent, and cut measures with the Indoreflects the growth of the Dutch of the bosses—in spite of what he wanted to, though, he could Germany's transportation sys-Trotskyist organization. During the leaders of our union think— have brought the Leica home tem is being partially restored have passed the birth stage, and to such incidents." the Nazi occupation of Holland, have the courage to take upon with him and sold it for \$200. the Trotskyists printed 46 issues themselves the responsibility of In addition, there is the "right raise crops. However, the Al- of our individuality envelops us. picketed the Dutch Consulate in limited to one sector of Paris lied victory, are reactionary. of their paper in the under- the strike and therefore it is not ci the conqueror" to help him- lies are not motivated by hu- Other free peoples of the world ground despite ferocious repris- necessary to vote secretly on the self. Strictly speaking, looting manitarian considerations. They have encountered and won U.S. AIDS DUTCH als by the Gestano

The latest issues of "De Rode the Indonesian people for free- applause. The whole assembly the G. I. simply follows suit. a German working class in re- er of British troops in Socradom. The Dutch Trotskyists at- then and there decided unani- Moreover, he has been taught volt, a German working class tack the imperialists of Holland mously by voice and a rising vote that Germans are not fit to live. that will arouse the sympathy for attempting to reestablish to go on strike without further their yoke on the former colon- discussions with the bosses. "De Rode October" solidar- "A strike committee was elect-

Belgium

gle), was in danger of suspension. The September 22 issue. which has just been received here, reports the status of the

The government suspended La Voie de Lenine, central organ of those following the devious turns ers, and some 3,000 people jamthe Parti Communiste Revolu- and twists of the Stalinists. tionnaire, for solidarizing with Miguel Aleman is the presithe German working people. The dential candidate of the capital-Trotskyists have campaigned for ists of Mexico. He is likewise did not dare take the stand. A the removal of this ban. Mean-supported by the Gold Shirts, Stalinist official of the French while they published La Lutte the fascist movement in this Communist Party took the floor Ouvriere without an official country. government permit.

M. Mundeleer, Minister of National Defense, promised "more Aleman? None other than the or less" to have the suspension Stalinists. lifted. However, the Trotskvists received instead an official make a united front with the nationaliste) intervened. Point- | Parti Communiste Internationalwarning that "measures would Gold Shirts' of the ARM, the ing out that they had been the iste in the elections and (since

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THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL'

be taken" against La Lutte Ouv riere if it continued to appear We have just received news without authorization. While the that a number of German Trot- Trotskyists followed up on all skyists exiled in France, Bel- the steps necessary to secure this gium. Switzerland and Holland authorization, they ceased printrecently held a conference at ing La Lutte Ouvriere and put which the German Section of out instead a special bulletin on the Fourth International was of- the Fifth Anniversary of the

the Fourth International rec- authorize the publication of La ognized the new party and gave Lutte Ouvriere. Unable to wait it representation on the Com- any longer, the Trotskyists began publishing the paper once The German party is now elab- more. Freedom of the press is orating its program for the recognized by the Belgian govsocialist revolution in Germany. ernment in theory. In practise, The German Trotskyists have however, this puppet governsuffered terrible persecution. ment has proved exceedingly re-They did their utmost to warn sponsive to the pressure of the the working class of the danger Stalinists who are conducting a of Hitler long before he seized tremendous camapign of slander

The French Trotskyists are ple in their struggle for free-But Hitler recognized that the dom from French imperialism. with the Indo-Chinese, "Long socialism, constituted his most Live Free and Independent Indo-

The major part of La Verite is skyists, pursuing them even in exile. The Stalinists and the imperialists in other lands joined how important the French Trotthe Gestapo in this foul work, skyists believe it to be to strugdealing terrible blows to the gle against their own capitalist Trotskyists. But not even this class in support of the oppressed powerful combination of reac- colonial peoples, for the ration tionary forces could stamp out on paper so limits space that the revolutionary ideas of Trot- La Verite must seriously limit its consideration of other vital is-

The June 3 issue of Epsatikh Ranh (Workers' Struggle), organ of the Central Committee of the Workers' International Party of Greece, Greek Section of the Fourth International, carries the Despite a series of arrests in following informative article on

of the Typographical Union took Our Paris correspondent re- place in the Athens Labor Cenports that the Stalinists played ter. For the first time since the

"'We hoped,' said the presiunion to decide by secret ballot bery is a simple matter in Ger-The list was then used to track whether they should strike or many, especially for the "brass," ket. However, the same steel porter who accompanied Soe-

"One of our comrades then movement. took the floor. He told the PROFITEERING OFFICERS members that the union offi-De Rode October (Red Octo- cials by prolonging the converthe meantime. He said that 'all inflation and this officer, like so

question.

who want to chose their own form of government.

Trotskyists Lead Fight union heads compromised with the bosses and instead of 1200 drachmas daily wages demanded Against French Fascists The Militant reported recent- drachmas daily wages demanded ly that the newspaper put out by the strikers, they accepted by the Belgian Trotskyists, La the bosses' offer of 960 drachmas Lutte Ouvriere (Workers' Strug- a day and ordered the workers back to work.'

Mexico

The Mexican Trotskyists have on July 10, 1940, organized an calling that he had been likeexposed a political combination election rally yesterday. Labor that will prove interesting to all organizations warned the work-

And who is found side by side ber of the Socialist Party and spoken, Comrade Alice Bourhis with the fascists in supporting a member of the Popular Re-

"The Stalinists have had to Party (Parti Communiste Inter- ist explained the position of the most rabid enemies of the work- first to warn the workers of the Trotskyists were unable to said the killing of General Maling class," declares Lucha Ob- Nader's maneuvers, they derera, organ of the Mexican Sec- manded a speaker too. tion of the Fourth International. "Certainly it is a moving spec- agreed upon, a Trotskyist, a So- La Verite (official organ of the British have insisted that their tacle: at Aleman's election table cialist and a Stalinist. Another French Trotskyists) and pamph- role was simply to restore law Gold Shirts and Stalinists are speaker was then added, a for- lets of the party were received and order and then turn the eating out of the same plate." mer inmate of the Mauthausen with sympathy.

Against Brutal Imperialist Assault Misery In Germany



Two boys haul a cartload of coffins through a Berlin street. Since this picture was taken, fuel has become so scarce that, according to one report, use of wood in making coffins has now been banned. Winter is expected to take a heavy death toll in ruined Germany.

Allied Rule Savage In Ruined Germany

By Eugene Varlin

American soldiers are paid in 'marks" issued by the American government. American government purchases in Germany are made with these same "marks." In terms of what Germany gets in return, these marks are worth no more than the paper they are printed on.

By decree of General Eisenhower, the German people must accept these "marks" as equal in value to their own. Hitler "On May 20 a general meeting wor, the universal hatred of occupied Europe by following the same financial policy.

What is more, Washington fixed the value of the German mark at 10 cents. Its pre-war value was 23 cents. When our the hapless writer among them, entered Germany, we found that we could purchase goods for one mark that

seems to him a lesser crime than class brothers.

QUIMPER, Sept. 22 - The

mer deputy from Concarneau,

who voted full powers to Petain

Nader's followers, impressed

by the workers' demonstration,

and proposed as speakers a mem-

Members of the Trotskyist

Three speakers were finally munist Party.

med into the hall.

publican Movement.

fascist Nader, reactionary for- NADER EXPOSED

killing them. And the "brass" made it his first task to locate occupation currency. These are all the available liquor supplies in a town for his officers and then assigned enlisted men to guard these supplies from their

All Germans must register with the labor exchanges of the Allied Military Government. Among the first essential tasks are—making the conquerors comfortable-waiting on them. cooking for them, cleaning their quarters. German prisoners of war were still doing this work work because they were at least assured of a noonday meal in the barracks areas.

Production, even production bels vita! for the existence of the nation, is almost at a standstill, arms, had defied Moestopa's since they have freedom of needed for war is also needed karno. for bridges and railroads.

The partition of Germany into DEFY DUTCH four spheres is an additional fac-I know of one Major who tor in the disruption of German

De Rode October is a well-the workers who have no faith many others, used this little op-orities fear the consequences of ly. We intend to open up the base in southern Java, "to work nificant, for they are a sample is punishable by courts-martial, are accustomed to inflict suf- through these same experiences "The words of our comrade However, when the "brass" set fering upon "their own" Amer-October" defend the struggle of were received with deafening the example and go unpunished, ican troops. What they fear is Taking a few of their belongings and solidarity of their American

was shot at Chateaubriant.

wis deported. But an inmate of

the same camp reported the

shameful conduct of Nader

Pierre Gueguen, the Trotsky-

ist speaker, revealed Nader's re-

sponsibility in the arrests of

revealed additional facts about

In conclusion another Trotsky-

among the prisoners.

Gueguen and Bourhis.

Nader.

rang notified Soekarno they objected to negotiations with Netherlanders until Java's independence was recognized. Hatta, Vice-President of the Republic, said Soerabaja was do-

flowing again to British and American industry.

the Nationalist movement in India, denounced the use of Indian troops by the British freighter. The freighter carried against Indonesia and declared the "people of India will stand by the Indonesian demand for independence and will give all the help they can."

A rally of 3,000 people in Capetown, South Africa, supported the Indonesians and cabled a protest to the British Government, lead the way. One colonel I knew | demanding cessation of "British intervention on behalf of the Dutch Government."

October 29: The Indonesian when I left Germany, but they reached the headquarters of the were being replaced by civilian Indonesian forces. "He perslabor. To tell the truth, the uaded the young radical leaders starved Germans were glad to to call off the attack," said As-

After negotiating the truce, Soekarno flew back to Batavia. competition on the world mar- off," said Ralph Morton, AP re-

troops or Indonesians." Translated from La Verite, or- concentration camp, whose son, gan of the French Trotskyists.) the Trotskyist, Marc Bourhis, Nader tried to gain sympathy from a group of unemployed, re-

> The British Broadcasting Corporation said Soekarno had ordered "cessation of all opposition to the Allies" and declared "The Allies are not the enemies of the Indonesians, although the Indonesians regard the Netherlands East Indies civilian ad-After the representatives of the ministration as their enemy." Socialists and Stalinists had The British Exchange Telegraph said Soekarno is now acting under British orders and that the script of his radio speech was "dictated by the British."

> > "REPRISALS" THREATENED British officials in London

run candidates in Quimper) urg- laby may necessitate "reprisals." ed everyone to vote for the Com- A wireless to the N. Y. Times said: "From the beginning the

By Joseph Hansen

The struggle of the Indonesian people for freedom from imperialist rule reached new pitches of violence during the past week as British troops inched forward against the population. In the camp of the nationalists, differences of opinion on policy in fighting the imperialist bandits seemed to be sharpening. Some of the Nationalist leaders appeared to be calling for appeasement of the imperialist plunderers. The armed people on the other hand appeared insistent on acting before the armed forces of British imperialism reach overwhelming strength.

A sketch of the week's events

That intention was reiterated October 28: British Indian here tonight." troops who invaded Soerabaja Nationalist leaders in Sema-Friday found themselves under bitter attack when Indonesians refused to surrender their arms as ordered by the Allied Com-

British and Americans, following the troops in Java, were doing their utmost to get the that "not even Mr. Soekarno rich raw products of the East and his ministers were safe in Indies, such as oil and rubber,

Nehru, one of the leaders of

BRITISH DESPERATE

fighters revealed such strength that the British commander in Soerabaja appealed for help, saying his garrison of 1,600 was in a "desperate plight." British headquarters in Batavia asked Soekarno, president of the Republic of Indonesia, to intervene. He agreed. Via British plane and British truck and under cover of the Indonesian flag, he sociated Press. An Indonesian school teacher taken captive by the British said "the young rewere Communists, and, when told to lay down their

October 30: Hasa, the Indonesian Governor of Sumatra The American military auth- economic system moved too slow- jakarta, nationalist military and the farmer encouraged to now the struggle for recognition -so will we."

Brigadier Mallaby, commandbaja was killed. The Indonesian Government later said he was caught in a crossfire between British and Indian troops and "it is not clear whether he died from shots of British Indian

October 31: Cristison, commander of Allied forces in Java, ordered warplanes into action against the Indonesians and announced that unless the Indonesians cease their "extremist actions" he "intends to bring the whole weight of sea, land and air forces under my command and all weapons of modern war against them until they are crushed.'

area over to the Netherlands.

How Allies Betrayed The Jewish Refugees

-By Dan Shelton -

(The first of two articles)

More than 200,000 angry and embittered Jews crowded into Madison Square Park Wednesday, October 24, in the largest protest meeting against Britain's White Paper ever held in this city. Bitterly assailing Britain's continued refusal to open Palestine's gates to homeless Jewish refugees from Europe, the huge crowd showed its temper by wildly acclaiming the more militant speakers on the platform.

With countless factories and chairman of the N. Y. State In- Czechoslovakia. dustrial Union Council, CIO, and other countries. Thomas Murray, president of the N. Y. State Federation of Hitler's horrors and of the Al-Labor, joined in pledging that lies' refusal to help European the labor movement would not Jewry, have only one thought, "stand idly by" while the Brit- according to recent surveys ish labor government continues | made among them: Emigration the Tories' colonial policy of from Europe and Immigration Magelang. A squadron of tanks preventing immigration of Jews to Palestine. into Palestine.

REAL MEANING

The real meaning of this demonstration consisted of someing Soekarno's order "to cease thing more than a rally for Palestine. Confined by its Zionist fighting," intensified their atsponsors to a protest against the MILITANT—that these masses tacks in central and western White Paper and for a Jewish The Indonesian radio homeland in Palestine, the meeting in reality represented a cry fiantly to Soekarno's order. deof anguish of a tormented peoclaring: "real revolutionaries ple at the treatment accorded to will not by any means accept it by its own "allies."

With almost eight million Jews wiped out by Hitler, the true meaning of Jewish "libera- | war" against "imperialist treachtion" by the victorious Allies is ery." becoming clearer every day. The several hundred thousand Jews left in Europe live in utter destitution and misery, even worse peoples of Europe, because most of the Jews are in concentration camps maintained by the Allies. Conditions in these camps are "shocking" and "reminiscent of Hitler's regime," according to a recent official report to Pres-

These figures are very sig-

and to the city of Grenoble.

st "democracy."

The number of voters who

supported the Trotskyist cand-

idates furnishes an additional

argument for the legalization of

the Parti Communiste Interna-

tionaliste. "But we have no il-

lusions," say the Trotskyists.

"The Stalinists will not hesitate

now to organize an offensive

against us, especially in the event

they get the Ministry of the

The French Trotskyists are

"and most of all to our role in

the days of social struggle which

treachery of Socialist and Stalin-

The Export-Import Bank at Washington, D. C. announced a **Trotskyist Gains** second \$50,000,000 credit had been granted the Netherlands Government. Impressive In November 3: A second division

of British troops landed in Java Indonesian troops, concentrating in central Java, were reported by British pilots to number about 100,000.

minated by "extremists" and

Soekarno began "informal"

alks with representatives of the

War prisoners in Batavia be-

gan unloading a United States

U. S. Army stores which had

been turned over to the Dutch.

November 1: British warplanes

strafed Indonesian forces at

"Extremist" Indonesians, ac-

cording to an AP dispatch, defy-

station at Soerabaja replied de-

The Netherlands Government

at The Hague repudiated any

discussions with Soekarno and

November 2: The Dutch esti-

mated about 30,000 Indonesians,

were in the outskirts of Batavia

A statement of Dutch policy

presented to the Nationalists at

the conference with Soekarno

"was withheld at the request of

Nationalist leaders who feared

that its publication might

further excite the Indonesian

whom they labelled as "bandits,"

refused to be bound by them.

Soekarno's peace talk."

was unloaded at Soerabaja.

"NO PEACE"

Dutch colonial despots

the city."

Soebardjo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, said that the policy of International has demonstrated was due to their "preoccupation" the Soekarno government is "full its vitality. Despite the worst with the war and due to the Tory cooperation with Allied landing pressure of the combined bourforces." Referring to clashes be- geois-Stalinist persecution, the mittee of Revolutionary Marx- nothing but help them exploit marks (\$35) and sold it for the Germany is contributing to the take over the administration will tween British troops and the French Trotskyist candidates recertain prospects of widespread be at their own risk." He add- Indonesian people, Soebardjo ceived 8,113 votes in Paris and tion that once the war is won. ed: "The former Dutch colonial said Soekarno had visited Jog- 2,704 in Grenoble. improve the living standard. We nesian army for putting a stop in France. The Trotskyists Tory government in Britain. could run only two lists of candi-

November 4: Liberty ships at according to an AP dispatch.

Approximately 1,000 youths at on occasion. A further limita-Indonesian and Indo-Chinese independence movements.

November 5: The British poured reinforcements into central candidate. Java. In Batavia they fought off Indonesians, killing them with Bren guns, rifles and hand the streets. It was avidly regrenades. At Soerabaja the ceived by the workers. The British were reported to have in- police did not bother the disflicted 3,000 casulaties in the tributors, apparently not wishfighting which led to the death of a British general.



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stores closing at 4 p.m. to per- ident Truman. Anti-Semitic mit employes to attend, the outrages-not Hitler's "inventremendous demonstration had | tion," but one of the vile outthe full support of the AFL and growths of capitalism in its de-CIO, many of whose unions par- cay—are still being perpetrated, Louis Hollander, according to recent reports from

The grief-laden survivors of

Yet even at this late date there has been no help and no lifting of immigration restrictions by the Allies. It is this general pattern of "Jewish liberation" by the Allies-long ago predictand analyzed by THE came to protest against. It is this rapid deterioration of the situation following Allied victory that prompted some of the more "militant" Jewish protest rallies recently held, at which the pressure of the masses forced the leaders to "declare

BETRAYING MASSES

But "militant" declarations of the Zionist leadership do not than that suffered by all the change their basic course of betraying the real interests of the Jewish masses. These treacherous misleaders of the Jews are continuing their despicable role of promising a homeland and "paradise" to the Jews under capitalism if they will only protest enough and collect enough

money for Palestine. We Trotskyists long ago pointed out the futility of such endeavors. We exposed the class ists who throughout the war stifled any real fight for Jewish rights, by their abject submission to the Allied war machine. We exposed their lies that the Al-PARIS, France, Oct. 23.—The French Section of the Fourth lies' refusal to help the refugees Churchill government alone.

We must now expose the Zionists' equally treacherous predicthe White Paper will be abrogated, and that the U.S. ("continuing Roosevelt's policy") with of the popularity of Trotskyism | help the Jews, as will an Anti-Some 50 Indonesian seamen dates. The vote, therefore, was rosy future for Jewry, come Al-

pipedreams.

The Attlee Labor government, The Trotskyists, however, suffered the severe handicap of an having come into power with Batavia were unloading great illegal press. To this day, the a clear-cut Labor Party Resoluquantities of uniforms, medical de Gaulle regime has refused to tion in favor of a Jewish Homesupplies, food and trucks sold to authorize La Verite. On top of land in Palestine (May 1945), is the Dutch by the U. S. Army, this de Gaulle has persecuted openly betraying its promises by the Trotskyists, arresting them brazenly continuing the Churchill White Paper of NO Jewish rally in Tokyo supported the tion was placed on the election Immigration into Palestine. The activity of the Trotskyists by "generous" Mr. Truman has felt the regulation requiring the compelled by public opinion to posting of 20,000 francs for each ask Mr. Attlee for a "grant" of 100,000 visas to Palestine-instead of proposing to open the During the election the Trotdoors of the U.S. to these reskyists distributed La Verite in fugees. Attlee, in typical business fashion, has countered with an offer of around 1800 visas a month and may perhaps grant a few other "concessions" hypoing a scandal during the eleccritically empty gestures in the tion that would expose the face of mass starvation. fraudulent character of capital-

But the basic policy of the Attlee government remains unchanged—a straightline continuation of the imperialist foreign policy of the Churchill government. As long as the labor government rules on the basis of a capitalist Britain, instead of transforming the empire into a socialist commonwealth, it will be forced to continue all the vile policies of British imperialism.

The truth of this Marxist interpretation of the labor govnow setting out to educate the ernment's refusal to help the new recruits gained as a result Jews is further verified by such of their election activity. They recent events as the use of Britare looking forward to the next ish troops in Java and Indoelectoral campaign of May, 1946, China, and Britain's continued refusal to grant independence to India. The government in inevitably will come when the power may change; but the con-French workers understand the tinuity of imperialist aims persists as long as the capitalists remain the ruling class.

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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

Detroit Election

Even the limited step forward on the road to independent labor political action being made by the Detroit workers in their campaign to elect UAW Vice-President Frankensteen as mayor, has evoked the most frenzied resistance of the corporations and their agents.

The smallest effort of the workers to enter as a class upon the political arena signifies for the handful of ruling capitalist profiteers a deadly threat to their political monopoly and rule.

No means are too vile for the capitalists to employ against the efforts of the working class to assert itself as an independent political force in behalf of its own interests.

Thus, in Detroit, the bankers and industrialists and their political agents have not hesitated to use the vilest and most notorious propaganda methods of the fascists to frustrate the political aspirations of the workers.

While their official press and political spokesmen conduct a labor-baiting compaign in a more "dignified" tone, they are conducting a simultaneous and related campaign of the most virulent and unrestrained red-baiting, anti-Negro, anti-Semitic propaganda through "unofficial" channels.

The capitalists of Detroit, and of the entire country are conducting a frantic and fearful drive to smother the developing movement for independent labor political action as expressed in the campaign for Frankensteen. They understand its implications fully.

Just so must the workers understand, from the standpoint of their interests, the significance of the Detroit elections. The campaign to elect Frankensteen is a limited and hesitant step in the direction of independent labor political action. But it provides a powerful springboard for labor to leap with both feet into full independent political action through a genuine labor party.

A labor party would provide a powerful political instrument for the working class. That the bosses know. That is why they resist with such fury the smallest step in this direction. The workers, for their part, must boldly travel this road to its very end.

They must not limit themselves to running an occasional candidate like Frankensteen from labor's ranks. They must build their own powerful political organization, a party, based on the trade unions independent of all capitalist ties, a party which every hour and every day will challenge the political rule of Big Business and drive to establish the political power of labor.

Two Sliding Scales

The Militant has repeatedly pointed out that the only "solution" capitalism really offers for the problem of mass unemployment is recurrent imperialist war and mass slaughter.

That this is a factor of which the ruling class is fully conscious is demonstrated by a proposal recently advanced by the N. Y. Daily News, a paper with over 2,000,000 circulation. An editorial entitled the "Jobless Problem

Coming Back" was published in the Daily News, October 19. "What to do about it?" asks the Daily News. It supplies the answer: introduce a "Sliding Scale for Military Training."

"Why not put the yearly military training quotas on a sliding scale? Up to now, the general idea has been to call up a fixed number of men for training each year. Why not modify that plan, by calling up a large number in years when jobs are scarce, and a smaller number in years when jobs are plentiful?" asks the News.

In short, the capitalist "solution" for unemployment, as proposed by this powerful mouthpiece of Wall Street, is to wall off the unemployed, particularly the youth, in barracks and prepare them to serve as cannon-fodder in World War III.

The Militant and the Socialist Workers Party have for years advanced the slogan of a SLIDING SCALE of wages and hours to eliminate unemployment. Our slogan is the polar opposite of that advanced by the Daily News.

We call for a program of the universal 30hour week with no reduction in weekly takehome pay. We call for the utilization of the labor of every worker in the production of

goods for the needs of the people and for wages that will provide a full measure of decency and comfort to the workingclass.

Our "sliding scale" answer for unemployment is to reduce the hours of work to a point where every worker will have a useful, productive job and to raise wages to a point where every worker will have sufficient income to secure, in the form of the necessities and comforts of life, the fruits of his labor.

In these two contrasting slogans based on the concept of the "sliding scale" are embodied the two mortally contending programs of Trotskyism and Monopoly Capitalism. Our slogan of the sliding scale of wages and hours is the way to life. The Daily News slogan for a sliding scale of military training is the road to barbarism, destruction and death.

Ship "Bottleneck"

The hypocrisy of the Wall Street militarists and their supporters is nowhere more evident than in the excuses they cook up for their slowness in bringing the troops back home.

The big "bottleneck," they claim, is transportation. There are not enough ships --"available." There are not enough planes— "available." When a strike breaks out, the Wall Street militarists move heaven and earth in an attempt to "prove" that the strike cuts down the "available" transportation.

But the truth is, hundreds of ships are now being laid up by these same Wall Street militarists. Drew Pearson has revealed that transport planes are being used by the Brass Hats for personal pleasure and for hauling blooded cavalry horses to the United States from Germany. The press reports that hundreds of ships are returning from overseas in sand ballast instead of bringing troops back home. In the Far East additional hundreds of ships are riding idle at anchor.

Most outrageous of all, however, is the use of regular transport ships and transport planes to haul the troops of Chiang Kai-shek to northern China. While the Wall Street militarists lied to the public about the transportation "bottleneck" and blamed strikes for tightening transportation, they themselves earmarked an undisclosed number of transports and planes for the use of Chiang Kaishek in the civil war in China.

Strong protest is in order against Wall Street's plan for a long "duration" and a snail's-pace demobilization. Demand the withdrawal of all American troops from foreign soil! Demand the full utilization of all transport facilities to bring them back as rapidly as possible!

"Ready For Self-Rule"

The imperialists attempt to justify their oppression of colonial peoples with arguments that bear the dust of centuries. One of the most common of these arguments alleges that the colonial peoples are not "ready" to assume the "responsibilities and functions of a free and independent nation." The imperialists promise "eventual" freedom when the people become "ready." Meanwhile, of course, the imperialists will govern. The "burden" of rule naturally is not assumed by the imperialists simply out of charity. They squeeze fabulous profits and taxes out of their colonial subjects-undoubtedly to spur them on to the road of self-rule.

But what happens when a colonial people demonstrate beyond all question their "readiness" for self-rule? In Indo-China, for instance, the Annamese people organized a widespread nationalist movement called the Viet Minh. They set up a republic which they name Viet Namh. The government of the Annamese people began administering affairs of the nation. Imperialist investments were threatened.

Did the French, the British or American imperialists recognize this government? By no means. Instead, they rushed tens of thousands of troops to Indo-China by warship and airplane. With tanks and bombs and artillery and Japanese auxiliaries, they moved against the Indo-Chinese people—to reduce them once again to the status so beloved by imperialists of not yet being "ready" for self-

The same thing happened in Java where the Indonesian people organized a tremendous nationalist movement. They set up the Republic of Indonesia and prepared to move forward as an independent and free nation. Imperialist investments were threatened.

Did the Dutch, British or American imperialists recognize this Republic? As in Indo-China, the British and Dutch, utilizing American lend-lease arms and Japanese auxiliaries, opened warfare on the Republic of Indonesia and right now are slaughtering the Indonesians—to reduce them to their former status of not yet being "ready" for self-rule.

In strange contrast to the attitude of the Allies toward these great revolutionary movements of the Indonesians and Annamese, which involve millions of people, is the attitude of the Allies toward "revolutions" in South America. Here a government can be toppled overnight by a tiny clique of officers. The latest instances are Venezuela and Brazil. Within a few days the new government is recognized by the imperialists. The question of the representative character of the new governing clique does not even come up for consideration. The only question that arises is the intactness of imperialist investments and imperialist control over the country's economy.

As interpreted by the imperialists, it is thus clear that "readiness" of a subject people for self-rule really means the "readiness and ability" of native agents to guarantee the domination of foreign despots. But if imperialist investments are threatened, then no matter how democratic or widespread the movement for independence may be, fire and sword are administered to teach the subject people they are not yet "ready for self-rule."



"Isn't it wonderful-now you don't have to worry about sending your son to college!"

ignorant of Marxism.

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there is nothing new under the embarrassing truths. sun — not even in Hollywood.

to Sylvia Sidney.

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Here is where Marxist analy-

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been necessary to explain Stalin's

Joseph Hansen

Congressmen At Work

The other day someone sent Rankin of Mississippi a circular letter signed by Dr. Albert Einstein, the world-renowned mathematician. The circular called for a break in diplomatic relations with fascist Spain. Rankin, whose cultural background goes straight back to the heydey of the old slave-holding aristocracy, rose to the occasion:

"Here is this man, Dr. Albert Einstein," he orated, "urging us to break relations, which would likely mean war with Spain, and probably war with the entire Spanish-speaking world."

ism throughout the world . . . It is about time the American people got wise to Einstein. In my opinion he is violating the law and ought to be prosecuted . . . to stop this man Einstein . . ." ord continues:

Cox of Georgia likewise recently demonstrated in action is not all of it. how cultured the Southern Bourbons are. When Cellers of New there was more than that. York denounced America's native fascists, Cox responded: "I more sentence. It is on another



was reminded that pretexts are never wanting when hypocrisy the hem of the lion's skin.' Why did Einstein sign a letter wishes to add malice to falsehood against Spanish fascism? Be- or cowardice to stab a foe who Speakercause, explains the cultured cannot defend himself. I thought Rankin, Einstein is trying "to I detected beneath the hem of further the spread of commun- the lion's skin that the gentle- sary to repeat all that the genman wore the tail of a calf." Cellers demanded that Cox's

words be taken down."

Rankin cut in with a slick er wanting when hypocrisy "point of order" that necessitat- wishes to add malice to false-Here is a man using the mail to ed a roll call of the House. When propagandize us into breaking the roll of 435 members had fin- who cannot defend himself.' The relations with Spain . . . and ally been called, Cellers repeatyet these Communists and their ed his demand. The clerk read cally referred to the gentleman fellow travelers are attacking us | back Cox's declaration, but hesifor maintaining a Committee on tated when he came to the liter-Un-American Activities. I call ary gem contained in the final that those remarks are not parupon the Department of Justice sentence. The Congressional Rec-

"Mr. Rankin: Mr. Speaker,

page. The Clerk will read. The Clerk read as follows: 'I thought I detected in the lion's skin that the gentleman wore the tail of

"Mr. Cox: Mr. Speaker, that is inaccurate. That is not an accurate transcript. I said: 'I thought I detected beneath the hem of the lion's skin which the gentleman wore the tail of a

"The Speaker: The language here is: 'I thought I detected in the lion's skin that the gentleman wore-

"Mr. Cox: No; I said 'beneath "Mr. Celler: In any event, Mr.

"The Speaker: The Chair is

ready to rule. It is not necestleman from Georgia said. The Chair reads these words: 'I was reminded that pretexts are nevhood or cowardice to stab a foe gentleman from Georgia specififrom New York (Mr. Celler). The Chair is compelled to hold

liamentary." With that, Mr. Cox was satis-"Mr. Cox: Mr. Speaker, that fied. "Thank you, Mr. Speaker." He had proved his point. Maybe the poll-tax Congressmen are too ignorant to be parliamentary "The Speaker: There is one but you can't say they aren't

PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

By CHARLES CARSTEN

Why Demobilization Is Lagging

G.I.'s in every part of the world are burning with resentment because of the snails pace of demobilization. Newspapers and columnists are being flooded with their bitter denunciations of Brass Hat and Gold Braid attempts to keep enlisted men in service. Congressmen have been deluged with protests from G.I.'s and their families.

In a manner typical of almost every Washington politician, Senator David I. Walsh, after reading excerpts from "thousands" of letters he has received, told the Senate that he "dared not" read aloud many of the others. Why? Although he didn't say so, because they would present a thorough denunciation of demobilization policy.

In spite of a lot of ballyhoo to the contrary, the army and navy are doing nothing to speed up demobilization. Officers of the army and navy offer as an excuse the claim that there is a shortage of shipping space. But actually the government has ships to burn. Some 300 merchant ships, which could be converted to troop carriers in about 40 days, have already been laid up and others are in the same process.

When it was a question of moving millions of men to the battlefronts. GHQ quickly solved the shipping problem. And it did so at a time when ships were in far greater demand. Now GHQ has a completely different attitude toward the movement of

Congressmen may be deluded by the "explanations" of Brass Hats, but G.I.'s are not. A letter from a soldier on Okinawa, relayed to The Militant. is typical of thousands: "We know that the army and navy have the ships and planes," he says, "but we also know of the usual custom of having them lying at anchor for weeks and even months at a time. On this island only a few of the high point men have left so far. They have hardly touched the 80 and 85 pointers, much less the 40 and 38 year olds. As for me and the rest 35 years and over, we haven't even filled out forms yet."

What are the real reasons for the slowness of demobilization? Hansen Baldwin, military analyst for the N. Y. Times and authoritative spokesman for Wall Street, enunciated the actual policy of Washington in the N. Y. Times, October 17. He cautioned against haste in demobilization and said that "the United States still needs strength and perhaps our greatest-need of strength in the foreseeable future will be in the dangerous interim period - between war and peace - that has now started. The lethal tendency toward division into two political blocs already too far advanced - must be checked if there is to be any hope of international peace, but it cannot be checked by American diplomatic or military weakness."

In other words American imperialists want the army and navy kept at wartime strength as long as possible. Fearing public reaction to the open declaration of such a policy, the army and navy chiefs hypocritically assert that the "reason" for slow demobilization is a lack of facilities. In reality they are making no attempt to speed it up.

That is why G.I.'s have seen merchant ships, which were good enough to carry men on invasions, sail for the United States without passengers. That is why naval vessels remain tied up in ports for weeks instead of being used to transport weary men home from godforsaken islands.

Men who were drafted to fight against the "totalitarian countries," are now - after the complete defeat and devastation of these countries - being kept in the armed forces so that American imperialism can use a mighty army and navy to force its will on the rest of the world.

Navy Officers Accused Of Huge Meat Theft

Approximately \$1,000,000 worth of government purchased meat intended for the armed forces, was stolen during the war and sold on the black market by high-ranking Navy officers in Hawaii, including an unnamed Admiral, according to charges lodged with the Senate War Investigating Committee on October 25. This scandalous thievery was going on "undetected" and unpunished while the American workers were being urged to tighten their

Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan said he had evidence that officers disposed of sides of beef to local hot dog stands and taverns and that a total of \$500,000 worth of ships' stores had been lifted from one submarine base alone. He asserted that the unnamed admiral himself sold \$9,578 worth of Navy meat since August 1942.

This scandal broke out as an aftermath of charges brought last summer against Commander Laurence Blodgett by Colonel Ivan Stickney, whose duty in part was the policing of food supplies. Blodgett was charged with "misappropriating" 1.441 pounds of Navy meat and 520 pounds of Navy butter. In the court-martial which followed, Blodgett claimed that part of this meat and butter, which was segregated in the Naval Depot as his personal property, was condemned and he wanted to use it as bait for deep sea fishing. He said part he had killed on hunting trips and part he bought from native sources.

Just before the trial, Blodgett threw a little "luau" beach party with attractive hula girls for entertainment, and roast pig to feast upon. To this party he invited the legal counsel appointed to prosecute him. Thereafter the court whitewashed him of the crime. Colonel Stickney, who preferred the charges, was transferred to another command by Capt. J. S. Dowell on the ground that he was "beyond the age limit for the strenuous physical requirements of the present war."

In the Senate War Investigating Committee hearings. Senator Ferguson pointed out "there was something awry in a system under which officers brazenly kept private stocks of meat at a naval station. while an enlisted man in the same territory recently was disciplined by a deck court for having a 25-cent can of meat and noodles.'

But what chiefly occupied the Committee in its three hours of hearings, was the question of "who stole the pig" that the officers and hula girls ate at the "luau" party. At the end of the hearings, it was decided that "possibly the roast pig was a private one . . . inasmuch as it had no Government stamp or insignia on it."

As for the vast black market operations in which high ranking Navy officers are incriminated, that is dismissed with the assurance that "the Navy is thinking of revising its inspection and judicial

WORKERS' TORUM

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.

Letter to SKF - -Refused Publication By Boss Press

I am sending to you the enclosed "Open Letter To The Management of SKF" which I unsuccessfully tried to get pubished in the Philadelphia daily papers."

SKF Worker Philadelphia, Pa.

(Editor's Note: The following is the letter which the Philadelphia papers refused to print. a bitter strike for more than

I forwarded to you (SKF) letters to tell you "I told you so," I am Editor: referring to your dealings with telling you now: "I TOLD YOU your employes and their Union. SO!"

Because you and the National Association of Manufacturers are An Answer To ism. you failed to heed the plea 'Christian Front' not to enter into the path of Union-Balting Activities and you turned a deaf ear to the warning of the consequences which would result from such activities on your part.

I tried to publish my previous letter in the only liberal paper Philadelphia boasts. But even Nazi beast is again raising his there your evil influence and head. the advertising space you so generously buy to throw sand into the eyes of the public, caused my original copy to be conveniently "lost" and a second copy was marked "too long for

our limited space." But all this will avail you nothing. For while you need bold gilt-edged type to put across your attacks, we may accomplish our end, revealing the

blurred mimeographed leaflet. You think you can starve us Into submission. Again you are organized on an ethical basis. part in what's going on today,"

interest or taxes. But did it occur to you that head by himself. we could starve you out sooner than you can us? Just suppose od of kosher slaughter was de- other housewives of Toledo. that the Union milkman and veloped to reduce the suffering wares at your door, or the Union knife could be used. Maybe the grocery clerk refuses to sell to method is a little old-fashioned, New Subscriber your maid or to your wife? How but the old Jewish tradition long would you last—you, who didn't produce a Hitler or a Scores Rankin cannot even dress without the Goebbels.

aid of a valet (also a worker)? We live to work; are proud and eager to work. For we are inventing an easy death for the gave me the following letter creating for mankind, even Jewish "barbarians." Perhaps, which he had written to Reprethough you manage to retain they will take as their model sentative Rankin: for yourself the greater share Hitler's up-to-date gas chamof our products. But you live bers. In an emergency, however, disgusting letter to the Daily only to waste, to destroy, to they wouldn't hesitate to use a News regarding the case of arravage, and to contaminate all dull knife. that is beautiful in life. You would destroy life itself, if it profited you!

and injunctions. Even these at the Jew. will gain you nothing, since no Do they really represent the to your ignorant ravings and

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work against his own will. Be-| satisfied themselves also with cause we are united, we are Folish blood; with Russian powerful and strong. It is you blood; they had a little respect who walk alone and whistle in for American blood; but Jewish the dark. Whistle you must be- blood was a veritable gift from cause your courage is sinking, the gods. your knees are buckling, your hunger-pains for profit and gold are even sharper than our hunger-pains for bread.

You and your little selfish should stop this pretense of huworld are doomed to destruction. Your golden-roofed temple is too top-heavy for the crumbling and and show us their claws and decomposing pillars of your class. fangs! You may succeed in cutting the working-class Samson's hair, but The SKF workers have been in he will finally gather his full strength, level your temple and Woman's interest crush you beneath it. Since you On April 2 and August 28 last, shall not then be around for me inspires Comrades

Éditor: I saw in your newspaper an expose of the vicious propaganda about "Jewish barbarism"-presumably shown in "kosher slaughter" - which is being put

out by the "Christian Fronters." The old-new "Black Hundred"

As in the old times, the newly the house, who was home at the organized "Christian Fronters" time because of the present Libcombine pogromist actions with bey-Owens-Ford strike. After

The main cause of all man- cal reasons why he should subkind's troubles are, of course, the scribe to The Militant, he said Jews. The proof: "Jewish barbar- he wasn't interested. ism" shown in "Kosher Slaugh-

Despite all the "progress" of in. She said she had read the the world, the Jew still exists. paper and was impressed with truth to the people through our The sentimental "Christian it. "My husband doesn't take any Workers' Press or even 'by a Fronters" want to put a stop to interest in the labor movement, his barbarism.

Jewish barbarism is, at least, sity for wives to take an active wrong. Workers are used to Among us Jews, not everybody she said. hunger. Even in the prosperous is a killer . Only professional Not only did she subscribe, but days we are only half-fed. Our siaughterers, selected by each she assured us she would try to Editor: homes are mortgaged to your community, can slay animals for sell some subscriptions to her banker friends and quite often food. Even a backward farmer, friends, many of whom are emwe are evicted in default of rent, if he is the least bit religious, ployed in the factories today. would not cut off a chicken's

The whole theory and meth- set a ringing example for the breadman refuse to leave their of the animal. Only a razor-keen

The "Christian Fronters" are so soft-hearted that they are Militant subscription from me.

When the religious Jewish gallant un-American leaders of "barbarian" is depressed, he the DAR. prays to God. But the "Chris-You may resort to court suits tian Fronters" throw everything that an intelligent public, both The speaker answered his every

od stands throughout

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This woman, near sixty in

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years, but young in spirit, has

One of the men who bought a

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tist Hazel Scott Powell vs. the

Editor:

DAR?

zen."

We had talked to the man of

canvassing.

Morris Zucker

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Three Stalinists

Buy The Militant

Last Sunday a group of comrades went to Hopkins, Minn. where the Moline plant is located. After two hours' work we wound up with 18 subs to The Militant, which in itself is ex-

One of the people I ran into was a Stalinist who hurried to tell me, when he came to the door, that he was a Communist and opposed to the Trotskyists I simply asked him-"Why?"

He said Trotsky was opposed to the Soviet Union and always feught against it. I asked him if he read any of Trotsky's works. Theirs are the false teachings He said he did. So I called his of demagogues who are afraid bluff. I pulled out my billfold and told him I would bet my \$10 against his penny that he manitarianism! They should couldn't show me any place in come out with the real goods Trotsky's writings which would show that Trotsky considered himself an enemy of the Soviet

Union. I told him that we Trotskvists have always been for the defense of the Soviet Union from its enemies within as well as from the

capitalist enemies without. I traced the Stalinist policy Today we sold a Militant sub from the basic fight between to a housewife whose views on Stalin and Trotsky through the the class struggle were an in-Stalin-Hitler pact—the French spiration to Comrade McGowan government's capitulation to and to me in our house to house

Hitler and Stalin's role there through the Stalinist support of Most of the housewives we the imperialist war. After a have visited in this and past lengthy discussion I handed the subscription campaigns have Stalinist The Militant and defied him to show me one sentence in the paper that would affected by any of the struggles show that this was an anti-labor their husbands, brothers, or sons paper.

Well. I didn't sell the Stalinist the sub, but I sold him the Labor Party and the Jobs for All pamphlets.

Before I left he told me who was who in the neighborhood. He told me to see one fellow who he said, "was a militant trade unionist." I went to see this worker. He was a subscriber to the Daily Worker. I sold him a sub - not for six months - but for one year. Also, I sold two subs to the Stalinist's immediate neighbors.

Jake Cooper Minneapolis, Minn.

Workers Defend Trotskyist Speakers

I would like to relate an incident that I participated in at an election street rally for the Trotskyist candidates in the Bedford Stuyvesant area in Brooklyn, Friday evening, October 26.

While I was distributing The Militant there was a disturbance by the platform. A bunch of hecklers tried to disturb the street rally. As far as I can Grace Carlson gather one heckler was a war veteran. He talked about unions being all rackets and resented the fact that the Trotskyists were allowed to speak on the street. I couldn't get the complete details of what he said because

Ask Your Shopmate to Subscribe to

"Just how long do you suppose I was distributing The Militant.

The Militant

white and colored, must listen question. In the course of the meeting

a time like this, with so many it. At first this drew a curious colored veterans returning to this crowd. But after a half hour of country in disabled conditions heckling, we thought we would acquired while fighting for the run into serious trouble; this security of the likes of you and heckler went up to the platform Eastland and Bilbo and the and demanded the right to speak from it. At a moment's notice "You were humble enough to we all gathered around to defend beg Negroes for their services the platform and we proudly when you were scared to death stood in defiance. The speaker of losing the war, and now that was ably answering the heckler your sacred south is secure and convinced many in the crowd

again, you have the gall to start of our program. making hillbilly 1910 wisecracks In the course of this disturb-"America would do well to rid "Scornfully yours - A Citi-

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esting incidents occurring during the election campaign.

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This is an open letter to the workers of Allentown. Although the "War to End All Wars" and to destroy European fascism has ended, in just two short months we see in America once again the seeds of fascism spreading through the country. We see again the working class forced to fight at home against this dread cancer.

After four long years of war which have exhausted the spirit and warped millions of the flower of our youth, after being told that "peace would be a lasting one," the working class is now faced with a war at home! A class war! The capitalist class told us "you fight our war, and we will all have Utopia"; they told us that ripital and labor alike would sleep in a bed of roses; that

our world, yours and mine, would be a different place to live in. Yes, it's a different place all right, for us ir the working class in America and throughout the world. Too soon we were a working class suburb of Pater- and before I could speak said: to find for ourselves the truth. We saw it in our newspapers; and son. While the driver was chang- 'So you're selling The Militant. we heard it on our radios. We saw this "different world" - we saw so-called Democracy at Work!

Our headlines read like this: REV. GERALD L. K. SMITH (America's No. 1 Fascist) HOLDS

MASS MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. Our answer, the workers' answer is: Workers, trade unionists veterans! Picket fascist meetings, register your protests.

HARLEM GHETTO FORCED UPON NEGRO WORKERS:

WHITE WORKERS INTIMIDATED AND THREATENED IF SEEN IN HARLEM. The workers' answer: Two thousand copies of a pamphlet, "A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow," sold by Negro and white

workers in Harlem. Headline:

WORKERS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY DEMAND SHORTER HOURS WITH SAME TAKE-HOME PAY. BOSSES CLAIM THEY CANNOT MEET DEMANDS. THEY CRY ABOUT HIGH TAXES, SAY IT IS IMPOSSIBLE.

Workers' answer:

A mass wave of strikes. On the European scene we see another picture, although it is the same class war; the strike of the dock workers in England. The Labor Party government of England refuses immigration of Jews to Palestine, and rouses the Arabs to massacre the Jews in the land that was to be their sanctuary and home.

Hundreds of Greek Trotskyists are massacred by Stalinist henchmen of the boss class, because the Trotskyists are Marxists and revolutionists.

This is the general picture of the "world of peace." Our Goddess of Peace sits high upon her throne. But still we have no peace. We have never had peace nor can we be fooled into thinking we will have peace as long as the capitalist class reigns.

The whole history of this despicable class proves this to the working class.

Let us not be fooled. Let's find out the truth: the real reasons for the class war. A great percentage of you read The Militant branches. A letter received toand have subscribed to it because you thought the paper was a good one which told the truth. Now let us all prepare ourselves and fight that infamous and degraded individual who has the gall to call himself a reverend-Gerald L. K. Smith. Let us be on our toes and prepare to fight like the workers

have done in other cities. By the time this is printed I hope we workers in Allentown will have heard Harry Robinson, Socialist Workers Party organ- sell pamphlets, and the total for

izer of Newark, a leading anti-fascist fighter, speak at our Labor Forum. You and I must take seriously the threat of fascism in pamphlets." America.

J. Doyle Allentown, Pa.

San Francisco Comrade Writes To Dear Grace Carlson:

ing their gates in the faces of thousands of workers, I've been shoved into a Negro's usual position. Yes, capitalist society has slapped the kitchen or else in my face — so now I'm a bus boy. However, I have a more powerful weapon to fight with than all the Allies have put to-

No weapon is greater than truth. And Trotskyism is that truth. It is my weapon against all of capitalism's agents. And some day it will be in the hands and control of all the workers. court can force a worker to Gentiles? Their Nazi friends rantings of white supremacy at this heckler kept on disturbing How I desire to see them cringe hefore the militant masses. Yea,

I live for the revolution. Grace, if you only knew of the hate and bitterness that seethes within me against the so-called big-shots who deceive the masses into utter submission. Comrade Jackson hit the nail on the head. This is no democracy, but a lousy mockery of democracy.

(The lousy is my own.) I feel I must congratulate you on the wonderful accomplishments you've made on your tour. ance there were many workers On behalf of the workers, I

the world over. We concluded the meeting tri- It would do your heart good umphantly. As the result of this to see the progress our branch defense, we got names at this is making in the education of hotels and laundries, because of meeting of people wanting to our individual members and newknow more about The Militant el comrades. We've really had and the party. One man was a some rousing good educationals lately. We intend to start a youth I would like to see more letters group as soon as we can alin the Workers' Forum of inter- though we've been fairly busy lately what with two discussion groups, selling Militant subs. A. Davis working in the unions, organizing a new branch in the East Bay, etc. Grace, I've just about decided our branch may some day lead the field - excluding

> Long Live Trotskyism! M. S. San Francisco, Calif.

For Quotations From The Past

I regard The Militant as the foremost champion of the wage go up during the war? slave in America. However, as gest that The Militant inter- in home costs during the war.

sperse other articles with short er great socialists who have passed on.

I heard Debs (whom I knew personally) say that all of the JOBS FOR ALL!—A Fighting compassion possible for one human to have for another, he held for the unwilling slave; but for the willing slave he had but contempt. Follow this with the comment that giving support to capitalist political parties denotes willing slavery.

When you reprint the many appreciative impressions, as I am sure you will, do not do it as the Progressive and other snide publications do: The Militant does not need to blow its own horn!

Yours for socialism. Robert H. Miller Carbon, Ind.

QUESTION BOX

Q: How many women were employed in the United States during the war as compared to before the war, and how many want to continue to work?

A: Almost 18,000,000 women were employed in the U.S. when war ended in Europe. This was in the audience who protested say, thanks for a job well done. 6,500,000 more than in May 1940. this heckling and came to the I am indeed glad to be a com- according to the Bureau of Ladefense of the Trotskyists. There rade of yours and the others in bor Statistics. Many of those were many expressions of sym- a movement that some day will who were already working shiftpathy from the crowd and they be paramount in the minds of ed over to war industry and in admired the Trotskyist defense freedom-loving men and women shipyards, including half of those who previously worked in stores and restaurants and twothirds of those who worked in the higher wages.

Four out of five women want to continue working because they need the jobs to support themselves and dependents.

Q: How much did the U. S spend for new plants and equipment out of its total war expenditures?

A: Out of a total war cost of \$341,940,000,000, the sum of \$27,999,000,000 was spent by the U. S. Government for new plants and equipment. This compares with \$195,429,000,000 for munitions and \$118,062,000,000 for non-munitions (that is-to pay, feed and transport the armed forces).

Q: How much did home costs

A: A survey by the National the wage slaves in general are Association of Real Estate Board, far lacking in understanding as covering 300 cities showed an regards their status, I would sug- average increase of 50 per cent



reporting many interesting ex- canvass the entire suburb." periences as they obtain new readers for the ever growing this week's mail:

to Paterson to try out some ter- quickly. I knocked on the door, ritory there prior to a full branch | arranged my papers and took a mobilization. While driving out deep breath they had a blow-out in Clifton, ing the tire, the three girls with Damn good paper. I've gotten him decided to sell some subscriptions. In less than a half tions. I'm a militant man myself, hour, six subs were sold. The and I really know what's going

Pioneer **Notes**

Every day brings more letters from abroad with orders for Fioneer literature. During the immediate past we have had orders from as far away as Ceylon and South Africa. Leon Trotsky's books and pamphlets are especially in demand. But there have been several instances when the writer just asks "send me one copy of everything you have in stock." Hunger for food isn't th, only starvation which has struck the Fourth Internationalists all over the world: their homes destroyed, their libraries burned, they hunger also for the literature which to them is like a guiding light in the wilderness.

Philadelphia is setting a record for literature turnover among the Socialist Workers Party day, enclosing another order for Negroes in the Post-War World and The Struggle for Negro Equality, says: "As you see, the literature goes fast in Philadelphia. On the Militant subscription mobilizations we also the last three Sundays is 109

Reading, Pa., was also heard from this week. Our agent writes: "The two latest pamphlets are still going well. As a sayings of Marx, Debs, and oth- plant where I work are beginning to come and ask me for JOBS FOR ALL!"

> Program for Labor, by Art Preis, 10c. Negroes in the Post-War World

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Our comrades and friends are | warm that we are now going to

Clara Kay of Chicago: "After Militant Army. We quote from selling seven subs in about an hour, I had only one sub blank Harry Robinson of Newark: left and decided to summon all Four people were on their way my eloquence in order to sell it

"A worker opened the door, several copies at plant distribureception of The Militant was so on in the world, and The Militant tells it the same way. I'll take it for a year.' I had actually not said a word, but had obtained a one-year subscrip-

> A new subscriber, R. Wehle of Milwaukee, sent us a sub blank with this terse comment: "Good paper. I found a copy on the Lake Front and would like a one year subscription."

> A new York City subscriber who requests a change of address, writes: "I am entering a school of Industrial and Labor Relations, and thus will greatly depend on your paper for the facts and information that the daily papers dare not print."

> An enthusiastic reader of The Militant sent on this paragraph from a letter received by heri "The paper is wonderful. I never realized before what a wealth of information it carried. I often used to feel it unnecessary to read an article because I felt familiar with its contents. Sometimes I was irritated by what seemed needless repetition. Now I reach for it eagerly to see what we have to say about China, etc. Evelyn Atwood's interviews and sketches are particularly good. I wish some of them were offered

Cleveland Russian Revolution Anniversary Meeting SUNDAY, NOV. 11

Speaker: matter of fact, workers in the T. Grant, SWP Organizer PECK'S HALL 1446 E. 82 St.

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3,666 New Readers Gained As "Militant" **Subscription Drive Gathers Momentum**

By Justine Lang Campaign Director

The close of the third week of the subscription campaign records a total of 3,666 new readers to The Militant, 37 per cent of the 10.000 quota

Although our comrades and union movement; are fighting ters of Detroit, Los Angeles and 200 per cent—maybe more." elsewhere; and are running two candidates in the municipal ers, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, San elections of New York, never- Francisco, Connecticut and New theless week by week the sub- York are above the half way scription campaign has gained mark, and undoubtedly will over-

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scriptions were sent in repre- pleted. senting the largest weekly total

An examination of the scorebranches, St. Louis and Philafriends are active in the trade | delphia, have gone "over the in the person of have over-subscribed our origi- The 20 subs I am enclosing scorers, and even pace-setters— G. L. K. Smith in the large cen- nal quota and are heading for

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momentum. In the third week subscribe their original quotas er with the captains and city of the campaign, 1,503 new sub- before the campaign is com- campaign director comprise 28

> the workers to The Militant and Young, to mention just a few. I am sure there will be many

est quota to fill, 2,000, has comry Gold, campaign director exas follows: "Local New York

"The branch directors togeth- doubt but that we'll successfully

comrades. The cooperation be-A new city, Baltimore, ap- tween these comrades in planpears on the scoreboard, with a ning and directing the camquota of 100. Dorothy Lessing, paign deserves high praise. board reveals that at this early a national pace-setter in our These comrades plan and direct stage of the campaign two spring subscription campaign the campaign, and in addition now working in the area writes: fully participate in the work of "Will accept a quota of 100 obtaining subs. A number of Philadelphia writes: "We new subscribers for Baltimore. captains and directors are high represent a warm response by Ida Brandt, Al Hamid. Rose

> paign these comrades realized Local New York with the larg- that since Local New York was engaged in an election campleted one-half of its goal. Har- paign and is carrying on other necessary and important activplains this excellent achievement | ities, the success of the sub campaign would rest entirely on reached the half way mark of them, on the seriousness with 1,000 new readers in the first which they would apply themtwo and a half weeks of the selves to their tasks. Now in the third week of the campaign, it "The system of allocating spe- can truthfully be said that New cially mapped out territories of York comrades under the leadthe city to each branch, with ership of their captains and smaller area subdivisions for each branch directors have been fully captain, helped materially to this up to the mark in discharging their obligations. There is no

"At the very start of the cam-

Each figure reading "The Militant" represents 500 subscriptions sold. Each blank figure represents 500 scriptions not yet sold.

meet, if not over-subscribe our quota of 2,000 new readers." **BRANCH CHALLENGES**

Last week's column recommended that branches with similar quotas challenge one another, thereby injecting some socialist competition into the Philadelphia has challenged Minneapolis at the start of the campaign, and although the former branch now leads, Minneapolis has climbed steadily from nineteenth place at the beginning of the campaign to ninth place this week. Pittsburgh wired a challenge: '66 SUBS TO DATE. CHAL-LENGE CONNECTICUT TO OBTAIN MORE SUBS. CON-FIDENT WE WILL WIN."

Sandy Robertson of the New York Trotskyist Youth Group advises: "With 70 subs already sold we are well on our way to will receive a copy of Leon Trotachieving our quota of 200 new sky's new book, "The First Five readers in this campaign. We Years of the Communist Interhave heard quite a little brag- national" and the second 10 will CINCINNATI ging from the Los Angeles be given "The Revolution Be-Youth Group which also has a trayed" by Leon Trotsky.

Flint Workers Appreciate Lecture by J. G. Wright By John Quinn FLINT, Mich., Oct. 24 — John

Gary Labor-Haters Incite

he asked: "Who's putting the the taxes of all citizens."

Civil Liberties League and the white Parent-Teachers organiza-

Student Anti-Negro Action

ish Labor Victory — Its Meaning to American Workers."

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kindling on the fire? Why the

ANTI-LABOR PURPOSE

The meeting in this "General Motors town" was attended by 35 workers, most of them active

quota of 200 subs. Therefore, challenging them, and are confident we'll obtain more subscribers. We plan in addition to house-to-house work, to step up our sub-selling at the schools. Better look out, Los Angeles!"

The pace-setters' box this week | and enthusiasm. reveals some new names and new cities. In the lead is Therese Stone of Philadelphia with 80 subscriptions sold. Therese has maintained this top position since the beginning of the campaign. Local New York has the greatest representation with six pace-setters, Detroit and Philadelphia have four each.

As announced last week, the first 10 national pace-setters

trade union militants from UAW-CIO locals in General G. Wright spoke tonight to an Motors, Chevrolet, Buick and extremely interested and sym- Fisher Body. For the first time problem, Gary's Democratic city pathetic audience on "The Brit- these workers had the opportunity to hear a leading Socialist U. S. Steel. The present anti-

listened closely as he made a

complete and scientific analysis

truancy in September as "in-

Danch was the head of an all-

of the British labor victory. It was one of the best gatherings we have had in Flint. Many we are undertaking the task of members of the audience remained after the lecture to discuss r;any questions with Comrade Wright and other party members. When they finally departed it was with great reluctance.

JOHN G. WRIGHT TOUR SCHEDULE

Sun., Nov. 18 to Wed., Nov. 21 Friday to Monday, Nov. 23-26 unity of white and Negro work-

Thurs. Nov. 29 to Wed., Dec. 8
KANSAS CITY Monday, Tuesday, Dec. 10-11 demonstration in the form of ST. LOUIS Thursday, Friday, Dec. 13-14 Sun., Dec. 16 to Tues., Dec. 18 labor, Jim Crow forces in this

Association refused to grant it a

"In Gary not only the former known Bundists are active, but also followers of Father Coughlin, Gerald L. K. Smith and members of the Ku Klux Klan. of the 11th Avenue district white spired by pro-fascist anti-demo- All have a stake in this Froebel property owners now being or- cratic adults," and named Julius School strike and they are act Danch, City Hall Custodian, who ing accordingly," said Norma is "known for his leadership in Jensen, of the National Associ-John Jadrnak, chairman of promoting racial dissension." ation for the Advancement of the meeting, revealed its under- They asked that Danch "be dis- Colored People, in a report on lying anti-labor purpose when missed from his job paid for by the situation.

The Gary Citizens' Committee. including representatives of the Steelworkers, the CIO anti-dis-Whose welfare are they tion which was disbanded last crimination committee, churchyear after the CIO Steelworkers es, etc. charged that certain pub-The Gary Civil Liberties Com- exposed it as anti-Negro, and lic officials openly encouraged mittee condemned the first mass the National Parent - Teachers the action. They stated that the police department "has publicly commended the strikers by praising their conduct . . . it has supplied the strikers with the counsel of one of the officers (Captain Billick) whose attitude toward them was favor-

The mayor and the school board have been passing the ball back and forth and have taken no positive action to solve the administration is controlled by Workers Party speaker. They racial tension started at the same time that the United Steelworkers demanded a \$2 a day increase in wages, and launched a membership drive.

Joseph Goins, sub-regional director of the Steelworkers, member of the Gary Citizens' Committee, declared: "This disturbance is meant to break the unity of Negro and white workers and defeat their efforts to after expressing their interest improve their standards of live

The CIO, although on record against the Jim Crow forces, has as yet taken no decisive action. In a letter to the Chicago CIO DATE Council, M. Bartell, organizer of the Chicago local of the Socialist Workers Party, pointed to the tremendous stake which organized labor has in the fight to preserve and strengthen the ers. He called upon the CIO council to initiate a united front

huge mass meeting to give a

powerful answer to the anti-

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Name	Branch Subs	Sold
Therese Stone	Philadelphia	80
Mike Warren	Seattle	51
		46
A. Ference	Minneapolis	42
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	Detroit	34
Albert Conway	Los Angeles	33
Ruth Brady		32
		31
Ed Lewis	Detroit	31
Ida Brandt	East Side. New York	30
Connie Locke	East Side New York	30
Connie Locke Pearl Spangler	Connecticut	28
Max Garber	Philadelphia	25
Rose Young		24
Don Barry	East Side New York	22
Don BarryAl Hamid	Harlem Branch N Y	22
Larissa Reed		22
Jerry Kirk		22
Goldy Fishler		22

MILITANT PACE-SETTERS

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 beginning of mass work.

It was characteristic of Salutsky that he didn't join the He didn't want to join the underground CP but only to form, together with us, a new party with a moderate, strictly "legal" program. He joined, so to speak, through the back door in 1921, through this fusion we made with the "Workers Council" to form our legal party, the Workers Party. That fusion happened to coincide with our purposes at the time. The Communist Party of the United States was underground and we were trying to force it back into the open by degrees, as I have already related. At that time we wanted to form a legal organization, not as a self-sufficient party, but as a cover for the underground movement and as one step in our fight for legality. It served our purposes very well to effect a unification with half-and-half groups such as Salutsky's organization, the "Workers Council" and to launch a legal party in which the Communist majority was firmly assured. This legal domination of the Communist Party. Everybody knew that it was the legal expression of the Communist Party. Salutsky, and other people such as Engdahl, Lore and Olgin, were willing to join this legal organization, but not the underground Communist Party. It was a sort of shamefaced adhesion to the Communist movement that Salutsky made. But he didn't stay long. When the Workers Party, under the direction and the influence of the Communist rather than a Communist at heart, who had slipped backwards, began to slink away. Salutsky had no stomach for that sort of

It is one thing to make a lecture on Sunday about socialism and the class struggle: to explain the contradictions of capitalism and the inevitability of the revolution. It is another thing to engage in practical revolutionary action which brings you into conflict with the labor fakers, thereby endangering your chance to in our movement headed by Oehler and Stamm. We heard the old serve them in well-rewarded positions.

Salutsky presently quit the Workers Party, or was thrown out -I don't remember which. It doesn't matter. Salutsky, however, could not quit playing with the ideas of socialism and revolution. He joined the Conference for Progressive Labor Action, the predecessor of the American Workers Party. He helped give the CPLA a certain political direction, and sponsored the idea of transforming it into a party, but he wanted a pseudo-revolutionary party, not a real one. He wanted no clash with the labor burgaucrats. Above everything else he feared a union with the Trotskyists.

Nothing that Salutsky could do to sabotage the unification was left undone. He knew, as many others knew, that characteristic of our movement which I have mentioned in previous lectures: Trotskyists mean business. Salutsky knew that once a fusion of the AWP with the Trotskyists took place, all further possibilities of masquerading as a socialist with a pseudo-radical party would

In the negotiations we met with Salutsky as enemies, polite, of course, as is the prevailing custom for negotiators, passing the YWCA girls, Bible students, assorted intellectuals, college profestime of day, making a few jokes and concealing your knife-at least in the beginning. I recall the first day that we—Shachtman and myself, and I think Abern, or Oehler-I am not sure which —walked into the office of the American Workers Party to meet | Provocation On the Russian Question by appointment with Muste, Salutsky, and Sidney Hook, the New York University professor then dabbling with socialism. As we were exchanging pleasantries before the meeting came to order, Salutsky said to me, with that mirthless smile he seemed permanently to wear: "I always read the Militant. I like to see what Trotsky has to say."

It was on the tip of my tongue to answer that I always read the Advance because I like to see what Hillman has to say. But I to our second proposal for negotiation, contained a provocation on let it pass. We were on our best behavior, determined to accom- the Russian question, unquestionably inspired by Salutsky and plish the unity with as little friction over incidentals as possible. Budenz. I quote a few sentences from that letter to give you an Salutsky tried to sabotage the unity by every means, but he lost idea of what the provocation consisted. It said: "We must take the game in the end. Instead of his pulling the American Workers care that our criticism of CI and CP policies not only is not, but Party away from the Trotskyists, we pulled it towards us, into an is free from any appearance of being, an attack upon the Soviet eventual unification, and he was thrown aside like an old dish- Union. However justified the CLA criticisms of certain policies of cloth. That ended Salutsky's activities as a "socialist." He quit the Soviet Union may have been, they have stood out in the public side of the fusion, a side which concerned a number of them very the party, and radical politics altogether. Now he is in the Roose- mind as an expression of an antagonistic attitude toward the much. We offered them a fifty-fifty arrangement all up and down welt camp—and that is where he belongs.

HOW TROTSKYISTS NEGOTIATED UNITY WITH Budenz Looking for a Chance to Sell Out

at that time was a man named Louis Budenz. He had been a anti-Soviet. When we read this letter in our National Committee social worker to begin with. His interest in the labor movement meeting we hit the ceiling. Here, we felt—this was our subjective Communist Party outright and forthright, either in 1919 or 1921. for years was that of student-observer and publisher of a sub- reaction—we have been defending the Soviet Union since 1917. sidized magazine which gave advice to the workers but represented no organized movement. Eventually, through the medium of the Conference for Progressive Labor Action, he became engaged for the first time in the mass movement for which he unquestionably had considerable talents.

Mass work is hard work and it devours many people. By 1934 Budenz, who had no socialist background or education, was a 100 percent patriot, three-fourths a Stalinist, tired and somewhat sick and looking for a chance to sell out. He was a vicious opponent of the unification. Budenz was already looking toward the Stalinist party, as indeed, a considerable section of the AWP organization had been. Only the vigorous intervention of the Trotskyists and the pressure of our unity negotiations prevented the Stalinist party from gobbling up a large section of the AWP party-known as the Workers Party-was completely under the at that time. I might add that Budenz eventually found his opportunity to sell out, is today the editor of the Daily Worker and for years has been doing all the dirty work they pay him to do.

And then there was Ludwig Lore, well known to us from the old days of the Communist Party. Lore, one of the original Communists in the United States; one of the editors of Class Struggle, the first Communist magazine in this country; a Left Socialist the New York Evening Post as a super-patriotic columnist. Lore

was against the unification. These were some of the leading figures in the AWP. In discussing in our ranks the question of unifying with the Musteites, we encountered an opposition, the beginning of a sectarian faction familiar arguments of sectarians who see only the official leaders of organizations, not the membership, and who judge accordingly. They asked: "How can we unite with Salutsky, with Lore, and so on?" If there were nothing to the American Workers Party but Salutsky, Lore and Company there would have been some logic in their opposition.

Behind these fakes and renegades we saw some serious people, some proletarian militants. I have previously mentioned the comrades who led the Toledo strike. They had numerous elements of this type throughout Pennsylvania and the Middle West. They had built up an unemployed organization of considerable size. These proletarian activists in the AWP were the types that interested us: these together with Muste who we thought could be made into a Bolshevik. Besides Muste, who was a type by himself: besides Budenz, Salutsky, Lore, there were others in this heterogeneous mass called the American Workers Party: The Toledo people; the rank and file militants in the unemployed movement, and some rank and file trade unionists. In addition, to round out the roll call of the American Workers Party, there were some sors, and some nondescripts who had just wandered in through

Our political task was to prevent the Stalinists from swallowing up this movement, and to remove a centrist obstacle from our path by effecting a unity with the proletarian activists and the serious people, isolating the frauds and fakers, and discarding the unassimilable elements. That was quite a large order but in the end we succeeded, not without great effort and difficulty.

I mentioned that the AWP letter, which had been sent in reply Soviet Union."

They went on to say in the letter that there must be a clear Another outstanding leader of the American Workers Party understanding that, in uniting with us, they were not going to be These people for the most part have just discovered it and yet they presume to lecture us on our duties in regard to the Soviet Union. In white heat we sat down and knocked out a blistering reply to get it out of our system. After we had written this reply, telling them where to get off at, we cooled off. We recognized it for what it was: a provocation. It would be foolish for us to be caught in a trap like that and lose sight of our political aims and tasks. We thereupon outlined in the committee meeting another reply which would: (1) state our position on the Soviet Union firmly; (2) pretend not to notice the provocation; and (3) again emphasize the necessity of unity. This kind of reply was designed to make it harder for the provocateurs to halt the trend towards unity in the ranks of the AWP.

While we were sitting at the meeting in our headquarters on Second Avenue, discussing the points of this outline and deciding who should draft the statement, we received a visit at the headquarters from Professors Hook and Burnham, who were both members of this fantastic national committee of the American Workers Party. They were for the fusion. That was very advantageous for us- to have a couple of professors on the AWP committee in favor of fusion regardless of what their real motives might be. Hook wanted the fusion in order to get the AWP off his hands Party, opened up a campaign against the labor bureaucracy, he was then passing through the AWP on his way to complete re- and end his brief adventure in party politics. He wanted to reconciliation with bourgeois democracy. He finally landed a job on | tire to the side lines, the only place where he has ever felt at home, and which he ought never to have left. Burnham as later events showed, wanted unification with the Trotskyists because he was the past in the Communist Party. then taking a step forward, getting a little bit more radical: he wanted to put his toe a little deeper into the icy water of proletarian politics while firmly bracing himself, with his other foot, on the bourgeois shore. The two doughty professors warned us of the provocation. They were afraid that we would reply in kind and to visit us. They were greatly pleased and relieved when we gave them the second outline of the draft of our reply.

> **Lovestone Group Loses Members to Troskyists** While all this was going on in our camp, things were stirring verywhere, in all organizations, under the impact of the developments of the mass movement. We were beginning to attract small groups of people from the Lovestoneites and other circles at that time. There was a notice in The Militant of September 8: "Lovestone group cracks in Detroit. Five join the League." The same issue of The Militant reported that Herbert Zam had quit the Lovestone organization, and that Zam and Gitlow were going to ioin the Socialist Party. The Militant of September 29 reported: "The French Bolshevik-Leninists have joined the Socialist Party of France as a faction." This was the first big action taken in carrying out the line of Trotsky's "French turn" which directed that our comrades join, wherever possible, those reformist socialist organizations which might be open to them in order to establish contact

> new party. Our organizational proposals, which we submitted to the American Workers Party in our third meeting, went a long way to facilitate the unification. We always believed that the program decides everything. A group which is assured of the adoption of the Marxist program does not need to fight too hard over every organizational detail. It is a common error made by inexperienced militants in politics to exaggerate the organization question and deprecate the decisive role of the program. In the early days of the American Communist movement many of the fights and even splits were unnecessarily caused by an exaggerated concern of the different factions for organizational positions which were considered posts of vantage for the faction. We had learned something from that experience, which now served us in good stead.

> with the developing Left Wing and, thereby, lay the basis for a

When, in the course of the negotiations, we found the Musteites coming closer to us on the question of the program, we came forward with a complete set of proposals for the organizational the line. By that time we were stronger than the Musteites numeri-

cally. When you came to a showdown of the dues-paying members of the organization, we had more forces. They had perhaps a bigger movement in a nebulous form, perhaps more general sympathizers, but we had more actual members. Our organization was more compact. But we disregarded all that and offered them an arrangement whereby the official positions in the party would be divided equally between the two sides.

Moreover, in each case where there were two posts of relatively equal importance, we offered them the choice. For example, in the two leading positions we proposed that Muste should be National Secretary, and that I should be editor of the paper. Or, if they wished it, the other way around, I would be National Secretary and Muste, the editor. It was very hard for them to object. We knew what it meant to them, with their overemphasis on purely organizational matters, to have the secretaryship because the secretary, theoretically at least, controls the party machine. We were more interested in the editorship because that shapes more directly the ideology of the movement. Similarly, with the posts of labor secretary and educational director. We proposed to take the latter and give them the former, or vice versa

Our Organization Proposals Facilitate Unity

The National Committee was to have an equal number from each side and all other organization questions which might arise were to be settled on a parity basis. Such was our proposal, Its obvious fairness, even generosity, strongly impressed Muste and his friends. Our "organization proposals," instead of precipitating conflicts and deadlock, as has so often been the case, greatly facilitated the unity. As I said, we were able to do this, and to eliminate at one stroke what has so often been an insuperable obstacle, because we had learned the lessons of the organization struggles of

We took a liberal and conciliatory attitude on the organization question, reserving our intransigence for the question of the program. A joint committee was selected to draft the program. After two or three drafts had been drawn up, discussed and amended; after a little pressure and conflict, a program was finally that this would upset the apple-cart. That is why they had come agreed upon. This became after ratification by the joint convention, the "Declaration of Principles" of the Workers Party of the United States, which was characterized by Comrade Trotsky as a rigidly principled program.

> Meantime we got some advice from the Stalinists who had been sleeping on the side lines while the despised little "sectarian" group of Trotskyists had entered a field which they thought properly belonged to them. They had fully intended to absorb the Muste organization and had more right to expect success than we had. But we had beaten them to the punch; we had acted at the right time—time is of the essence in politics—and were deep n the unity negotiations with the AWP before the Stalinists realized what was going on. When they woke up they broke out in their press with both warnings and advice. The headline of The Militant of October 20 reports: "Stalinist Press 'Warns' AWP Against Unity With Us." The reference was to an article in the Daily Worker by the notorious Bittleman, who, under the title "Does the Amercan Workers Party Know With What It Is Uniting?" gave a freenearted warning to both sides. To the Musteites the Stalinists said: "We must warn the workers who follow Muste and his American Workers Party against a trap that is being laid for them by their leaders, the trap of counter-revolutionary Trotskyism." And then, to show their impartiality, in the same article they turned around and said: "To the few misguided workers who still follow the Trotskyists: Cannon, Shachtman and Company are leading you into unity with Muste, the champion of bourgeois national-

We answered them: "If the Trotskyists are counter-revolutionists" and the Musteites are bourgeois nationalists, you might as well throw them all together in one sack. No harm can come from it because neither one can be made any worse for the fusion." We thanked them for their impartial, two-sided, double-acting advice -and went on with the fusion. The two organizations began to collaborate in practical activities. We held joint meetings before the fusion. The Militant of October 6 reports that Muste and Cannon spoke at a joint mass meeting of the CLA and AWP in Paterson, New Jersey, to 300 silk workers, discussing the lessons of the strike.

(To Be Continued)

What is Behind The Official Silence In Unsolved Murder of Carlo Tresca? STRUGGLE by CHARLES JACKSON

NEW YORK.—Charges that Assistant District Attorney Louis Pagnucco, heading the Italian end of the investigation of the Carlo Tresca murder, was closely associated with SWP Pickets At Oakland Meeting Fascists in the past, received honors and awards from them and was praised by Mussolini's regime, have been made public by the Tresca Memorial Committee, headed by Norman Thomas.

Tresca, noted anti-fascist edi- ords, the committee revealed, ter of Il Martello and a militant had been presented to District working class opponent of both Attorney Frank S. Hogan in the Fascists and Stalinists, was August 1944, over a year ago. shot down in the dim-out at "The Militant" has received Fifth Avenue and 15th Street from the Tresca Memorial Comon January 11, 1943.

Shortly after the murder, po-Carmine Galante, convicted gunter the car which two hours lat-



CARLO TRESCA

er was used for the getaway of Tresca's assassins. Police discovered the garage where the a block from where Galante was Subsequently, when he learned a picked up.

FASCIST 'INVESTIGATOR'

District Attorney Pagnucco's Lipsky was suddenly pulled off were spotlighted by flashlights wherever I go, protesting my Immediately, the San Franpast Fascist connections, the the case without explanation and lustily booed. One couple meetings on Americanism." Tresca Memorial Committee has assigned to another. "Since paused on the steps, listened to When he announced that ten to Workers Party sent out the call raised the question of the pos- then," the committee points out, the arguments of the pickets, twenty thousand pickets had to all unions and other antisible bearing this has on the fail- "a deep fog of official silence and then walked down again demonstrated against his last ure of the police investigation to has settled over the Tresca slay- and joined the picket line. make any headway. These rec- ing."

mittee a photostat of the award made in 1929 to Pagnucco by the lice apprehended as a suspect Italian Chamber of Commerce of New York for his City College man on parole. Two parole of- thesis: "Italian Financing in the freers declared they saw him en- American Market." The engraved document, citing the award, also announces the presentation to Pagnucco of a gold medal from Mussolini's Ministry of Finance in Italy.

In 1936 Pagnucco was one of the recipients of a cash scholarship from a fund collected by Generoso Pope, Italian-American publisher who himself had intimate connections with the Fascists. In a speech of thanks Pagnucco said, "The hour has arrived for the Italians of America to get a place in the sun, as the victorious Duce of New Italy

He was Guest of Honor No. 2 at a "fraternal club" ball in 1939. at which the Fascist Consul General Vecchiotti was high patron and Generoso Pope was Guest of Honor No. 1.

When the facts were first placed in Hogan's hands, he refused to do anything about it. ernor Dewey to appoint a special prosecutor, Hogan agreed to Nevertheless, no indictment launch a new inquiry.

was ever brought. The investi- Another assistant, Eleazor gation has been bogged down Lipsky, was put on the case. for over two and a half years. After months of delay he began In making public the docu- to call witnesses. A few weeks the high school here to hear Smith said at the Oakland meet- at the Technical High School in prepare picket lines against any mentary records of Assistant later, in March of this year, Faşcist Gerald L. K. Smith, they ing, "at the demonstrations held Oakland on the 27th.

AUTO BARONS LAUNCH "SMEAR-LABOR" DRIVE

as Gerald L. K. Smith, the revived Ku Klux Klan and terror- policy of Mayor Jeffries' housist Black Legion, are scurrying around with their pockets well white howing permit negroes moving into hold a meeting there, they joined have cost at least two dollars lined by the corporations, spewing their venom of racial, religious and national bigotry to divide the workers. ANONYMOUS ATTACKS

Business campaign to prevent the election of a labor mayor and crush the auto workers' drive for higher wages is revealed not merely in the torrent of antilabor slanders in the daily press and the election statements of Republican Mayor Jeffries. It is revealed even more clearly in The bosses are fully aware that around 50 of the pickets were said, "I don't care whose signs HALLS REFUSED the scores of "neighborhood" newspapers, anonymous leaflets and broadsides being circulated by the hundreds of thousands everywhere.

genuinely fascist-like propagan- meetings, leaflets and a series series of "neighborhood" tabloid the class nature of the election newspapers running to expensive fight and the significance of a 40 to 50-page issues. They all Frankensteen victory as a spring- of America. We consider the operation of Wall Street. At nied the application. have the same make-up, head- board for independent labor po- Americans are intervening in Chinwangtao, the Kuomintang lines and "stories" and obvious- litical action and the formation ly come from the same source. of a labor party nationally.

radical, anti-Negro spread aimed cist, anti-labor, anti-Negro, antiat arousing vicious hostility to Jewish scum, being made over Frankensteen and the Detroit the radio by Arthur Burch, Delabor movement in general.

The main headlines in both Workers Party. these papers read: "New Violent Group in Frankensteen's Camp—night over WXYZ, Burch con-Trotskyites, Already on Ram- nected the red-baiting, Negro- cent hourly wage increase, with page Here, Want Power." An- hating, terroristic forces of fasother banner head reads: "Fos- cism now spreading like vermin for 100 per cent union memberter. Spurring Detroit Commun- through this area directly with lent, lying stories is that the tempts of the auto-corporations was held today at all entrances record of ruthless reprisals the attack was a statement by pensioners." As long as the Frankensteen to spread "violence and terror" in Detroit.

anti-Negro pogrom incitations. against Frankensteen and the "Negro Votes Are Going to auto unions is a direct measure ship cards to work at all times. Frankensteen" screams one of their fear. The auto barons headline intended to arouse ig- know the power of the mighty protest against the recent strike- the imperialist interests of B'nai B'rith, NMU-CIO, Com- out his host. The militant labor norant and prejudiced whites auto workers who humbled them breaking drill held in the stock- America. That is why Washing- munist Party (Stalinist), Work- demonstrations against Smith in against the "Negro menace." before. They know that that yards area by the state militia. ton is doing its utmost to ers Party and others testified San Francisco, Los Angeles, De-Another is an "open letter" to power is being mobilized for de- (See The Militant, October 13.) strengthen his hand. Frankensteen asking him if he cisive action again. They are is elected to mayor "will you trying in desperation to bog the bers and stewards who particicontinue Mayor Jeffries' policy auto workers down in a sticky pated in the picket lines at the north helps prepare military group of bodyguards, legal "Fuehrer" who tries to impose of protecting property values in sea of slander, mutual suspicion dozen or so gates were enthu- bases for possible future use in mouthpieces and supporters fascism upon the American restricted white neighborhoods and racial and religious hatred.

white housing projects?" aganda and politicians are howl- "Down with Smith!" ing against the "Trotskvites." Mayor Jeffries himself went out

Frankensteen's candidacy.

conscious, devoted and uncom- cer with two hash marks was Smith!" promising opponents of Big Business. The Trotskyists have Typical of the sinister and the election campaign through

Two of them are "The Home Not the least reason why the Gazette" and "The Redford Rec- Detroit Trotskyists are being singled out for attack and a Both these rags, in 40 and 44 smear campaign is the scathpage editions respectively, on Oc- ing exposure of the links betober 25, feature a rabid anti- tween Big Business and the fastroit organizer of the Socialist

In his final radio address to-The tenor of these viru- the panic-stricken, frenzied at-"reds" are moving in behind and Big Business to smash the to the Stockyard area. Leaflets against the Chinese masses the CIO Council which traced crisis continues, the danger of unions and drive down wages.

an the front page are openly of the capitalist campaign picket line and advising union to build a free and independent tives of the Lawyers Guild, So- he boasted: "When California



Bearing banners of the Socialist Workers Party, these workers and youth are part of the 3,000 anti-fascists picketing the meeting of Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith in Oakland, California, on October 27.

Labor, Students, Sailors **Make It Hot For Smith**

ers" sneaked through the picket in general, line and walked up the steps of

High School searched out their who entered the meeting after principal and bombarded him the line was disbanded, that with questions, demanding to Smith could not speak for sevknow why Smith was permitted eral minutes. to use their high school. He had no answer for them.

ing committee which refuses to learned a fascist was trying to commercial art knows they must stoppage."

Two Shore Patrol stood conof his way in a radio address to spicuously on the steps of the meeting were signed, "Labor Do-The real character of the Big single out the "Trotskylte com- high school during the picket- nated." munists" for attack. This agent ing. "What's this all about?" of the international automobile one of them asked. "We were Trotskyists are not accidental. detailed there, however, for of a revolutionary party, he turn again." the Trotskyists are the most Navy men. A Chief Petty Offi- they are, just so I can picket

greeted with such loud and con-

looked, he could have seen that looking signs at the Oakland

ing here." There was a kind of carry one. When it was pointed

been driving home the lessons of CIVIL WAR FLARES genuinely fascist-like propagan-da sheets being peddled are a of radio addresses, pointing out IN NORTH CHINA

(Continued from Page 1) China's internal politics." However, Chiang Kai-shek's

Workers Gird For Showdown

CHICAGO, Oct. 26-The CIO packinghouse workers here are preparing for a show-down fight against the meat trust for a 25an intensive organizational drive

A mass picket demonstration members to carry their member-

The hundreds of active mem-

siastic about the response.

army continued to enjoy the cotransports under cover of "dozport group rapidly followed.

Chiang Kai-shek's troops are ican Garand rifles or Browning cisco school auditorium. automatics. In addition, they CLASH AT HEARING were equipped with mortars,

China is one of the great prizes of the Second World War. Chi- to testify against granting Smith fied and dispossessed middle and union dues card inspection ang Kai-shek has a long bloody the use of a school. Leading off class, the dispossessed "old age had previously been distributed whenever they have sought to Smith's anti-labor, fascist back- fascism remains. When Smith The violence and unrestraint urging all workers to join the better their living conditions or ground. After him, representa- left Los Angeles the first time, China. American Big Business cialist Workers Party (Trotsky- has a million unemployed I'll be counts on using Chiang Kai-shek ist), National Association for the back and I'll get them all." This demonstration was also a as a puppet which will further Advancement of Colored People, But Smith is reckoning with-

At the same time, the strengtha war against the Soviet Union. Speaking in his own behalf, he workers.

In Oakland Picketed tional Maritime Union, District made a demagogic appeal to the Council of Carpenters, Socialist Board to permit him "freedom Workers Party, American Youth of speech." Whipping himself For Democracy, Workers Party, into a frenzy, he attacked the been and will continue to be international. The statement Young Peoples Socialist League,

Fascist Smith Rally

Many unionists whose organizations were not officially represented came in response to the call of leaflets issued by the Socialist Workers Party to join the contingents of other organizations and express their opposition to fascism. A sound truck. contributed by the CIO, informed passersby of the meaning of the S. F. UNIONS PREPARED picket line and invited them to participate. About 30 police panearby. The pickets preserved admirable discipline.

mighty refrain that filled the

CLIMAX OF FIGHT

climaxed a two weeks' running invade this area broke Sunday, October 14. Sponsored by the Payroll Guarantee Association, the "Ham and Eggers," a speak-OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 27.— giving full expression to what ing tour for Smith was schedthe state, climaxing with a meet-

> cisco Branch of the Socialist OAKLAND BOARD WILTS fascist organizations to "help infascists at a moment's notice." With the example of Los An-

"It's the rich revolutionists Monday afternoon meeting of the call for a picket line.

been handled in the past."

CIO Council issued the state- was sent out. ment that "it is the purpose of As the Socialist Workers Party the CIO Council to keep Smith Party and other political organtrust and the National Associa- told to be on hand at Technical picket signs were being unload- away from this city. If he does izations that broke the information of Manufacturers complains High School because Harry ed from a car, a passer-by come, it is the purpose of the tion to a majority of the workers about "outsiders" supporting James was supposed to be play- walked up and asked if he could CIO to so impress him with the in the plants and the streets of hostility of the San Francisco the East Bay Area. That the The public attacks on the logic in the Shore Patrol being out that they were the banners residents that he will never re- workers were ready and eager

and other organizations, the onstration.

Oakland Board unanimously de-

The following day, October army landed from American 18, the morning after the tre- geles and San Francisco labor, mendous Los Angeles anti-fascist many of the smaller California demonstration of 20,000, the cities have also picked up the ens of United States carrier management of the Odd Fellows' fight against Smith. In Sacraplanes." A second large trans- Hall in San Francisco denied its mento his meeting was picketed use on the grounds that "Smith from the outside and met with obtained the hall surreptitiously heckling from the majority of and without our knowledge." Im- the audience inside. The city of 'well - clad and well - equipped. mediately, Smith's backers ap-Most of them are carrying Amer- plied for the use of a San Fran-

flame-throwers and pack how- ing the following Tuesday, Octo- is not through. His propaganda ber 23, both sides sharply clashed. breeds on the economic crisis: Over 100 people, representing unemployment, the declining many organizations, were ready standard of living, the dissatisagainst Smith.

"trained seals" who sought to prevent him from spreading his

grant the use of the hall "because my son has been wounded twice in the war.' The Board voted 3 to 2 to deny the application, although

trolled the sidelines while an Lawrence Allen, leader of the "Dear Comrade Jackson: estimated 150 remained on call Payroll Guarantee Association, offered to post a \$400,000 bond to cover any possible damage to tint. It really smacks of racism. When the strains of "Solidar school property. Upon the The more I read your column the ity Forever!" rose from one sec- Board's denial of the permit, more I suspect that you are falltion, immediately workers and Allen threatened to take court ing into that oblivious chasm of And we are members of and we students, white and Negro, Jew- action for "malfeasance in of- isolationism. And that is the support the latter (workers') ish and Christian, joined in the fice," against the members vot- last thing that a militant working for the denial.

Thursday night, recognizing iously present at the Board of are following to the letter. As the dribble of "Ham and Egg- he thought of Smith and fascism uled through the central part of Education hearing attended. ALL EXPLOITED Preparations are under way here ing in San Francisco at the Odd to intervene in Smith's court ac-"I am continually amazed," Fellows' Hall, October 26, and tion against the Board and to San Francisco meeting that Smith might call.

tion of its counsel, reversed its Great Britain and Europe, the Los Angeles meeting, he was itiate and organize a permanent former position and granted colonial slaves of India, and the united front organization cap- Smith permission to speak the disfranchised people of Stalin-Students from the Technical tinuous applause from pickets able of mobilizing against the following Saturday night. Thurs- ized Russia. day, a meeting of the Council of "Marx, Engels, Trotsky and Civic Unity, on which the CIO, the other revolutionists were not es that might interfere with our geles labor before them, the un- NAACP, Jewish Federation, and interested in one particular ions here took up the fight Council of Ministers were all group of workers at the tender against Smith without delay. A represented, decided to send out expense of the workers of other

Other students, passing by in bus, saw the picket crowd and "At Los Angeles there must have "fascist-minded Smith . . . not cil endorsed the call, the Stalin- for the convenience of expres- "Being black". in?" and "will you centinue the got off to see what was going been 5,000 picket signs, and any-only with a giant picket line, but ist leaders appeared to have been sion? Nevertheless, I am im-brown or yellow is merely incion at their school. When they one who knows anything about also consider a city wide work interested in only a token dem- patiently awaiting the day when dental, so I beg you to come out onstration against Smith, rather the word 'worker' will suffice. The AFL Sailors Union of the than a mass outpouring of the "It is obvious that when Karl the picket line and were among each. Now where did they get Pacific that same evening re- unions. If they had made a Marx made the statement La-More and more the boss prop- the most vociferous in shouting that \$10,000?" If Smith had solved to "handle fascist-finky serious effort to get their mem- bor with a white skin cannot G.L.K. Smith the same way as ber unions to participate, the emancipate itself where labor the dozen or so professional other labor-hating phonies have picket line would have been of with a black skin is branded, tremendous proportions. No leaf- he identified the two with each The Wednesday meeting of the let or widespread official call other, hence the former and the

> to participate was evident to the Wednesday afternoon, the Dakland School Board met an avalanche of protests at its meeting to consider the Smith application to use the school auditor
> SWP members and sympathizers who were out distributing the SWP leaflets announcing the mass picketing call and urging all anti-fascists to participate.
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> Unionists stopped to read, asked
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> Werett Bidg., 38 East Market St., open Tues. and Thurs. 2 to 4 p.m.; Mon., Wed., Frl. 7 to 9 p.m.
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> Campaign mobilization every Sunday at 2:00 p.m., 405-6 Everett Bidg., 39 E.
>
> Market St., Supper after mobilization at 5:30 p.m. SWP members and sympathiz-Oakland School Board met an the SWP leaflets announcing the avalanche of protests at its meet- mass picketing call and urging ing to consider the Smith appli- all anti-fascists to participate. cation to use the school auditor- Unionists stopped to read, asked ium. Under pressure of the CIO, questions of the distributors, AFL Building Trades, Jewish helped distribute the leaflets. Federation, Council of Ministers, and promised to attend the dem-

FIGHT IS SPREADING

Following the lead of Los An-San Jose has refused the use of its auditorium. Thus Smith has found the going increasingly dif-

However, this aspirant to the At the Board of Education hearrole of "the American Fuehrer"
obtract—All Militant readers invited
to the SWP Open House held every
study evening, from 8 p.m. on
the componing crisis.

troit and elsewhere are only a Smith himself attended this foretaste of what is in store for ening of Chiang Kai-shek in the hearing, surrounded by a small Smith, or any other would-be

No Negro Struggle?

Through this column we have attempted to give a Marxist analysis of those events which have a specific bearing on the Negro people. This particular segment of the working class, deprived of many basic democratic privileges which are still granted to the also economically oppressed white workers, has always been tenaciously defended by mature revolutionists.

Nevertheless, such defense has "communists" and Jews and misinterpreted by many individ- can be turned around and still Negroes, whom he termed uals who do not yet understand make sense. We can by no "trained seals" who sought to the interconnection of the strug- which is intrinsically interna-"gospel of Americanism to the gles of oppressed peoples with the tional. Christian Americans" in the struggles of the entire working "There is no Negro Workers' state. He ended with a super- class. Following our policy of struggle without the white workpatriotic plea to the Board to publishing criticisms of this col- ers' struggle. The white workumn with as much relish—if not black workers' struggle, hence, more—as we do the remarks of there is no 'Negro struggle.' those from the "amen corner," There is but one struggle - a we reprint a recent letter along workers' struggle. this line.

Struggle, has a chauvinistic down to two economic groups, er is desirous of doing.

"The spirit of our philosophy that this victory over Smith was is internationalism. Just try to ism recognizes no boundaries. It The Saturday night picket line only a temporary one, the San visualize what there is in store sheds light on the plight of all Francisco CIO Council sent out for us as the result of dividing workers and would not dare fayfight to prevent Smith from a call for a united-front organi- our class into Negro and white, or any one group because of meeting in the Bay Area. First zation of unions, political, fra- This is precisely what is going some bourgeois-reformist type of information that Smith would ternal and religious organiza- on today and the exploiters are pseudo-sympathy. These fickletions to form a more permanent having a picnic at our expense. minded reformists magnify the body to fight Smith or any other The net result of this would be 'progress' of one group of workfascist menace in San Francisco. our inability to overthrow out- ers. Do not be taken in by Most of the organizations prev- moded capitalism. And this you them. They are spitting in our

license to infer that the Negro devoid of all boundaries and diworker has a monopoly on being visions and where the worker brow-beaten, exploited and en- is conscious of his contribution slaved? This alone spells shortsightedness on your part. In order to insure internationalism equitable return for such. He Meanwhile, in Oakland, the the world must also know about will no longer be forced to be

parts of the world.

who are behind these demonstra- the CIO National Maritime Un- Though the Stalinist-domin- "May I use your terms of and fight for the perpetuation

latter are the same-identical, swer to this letter will be pub-

"It is quite imperative that we get away from the old bourg-"Your article, "The Negro eios sub-divisions and boil them namely, the 'haves' and the 'have-nots,' or, the bourgeoisie and the workers, respectively.

REFORMIST ROLE

"The spirit of internationalface and telling us it's raining.

"We will see a better world "Secondly, who gave you the only through Socialism. A world known to man-labor.

"It is necessary that we workers, in the spirit of internationalism, recognize no encumbrancprogress. We must annihilate in toto all of our acquired prejudices that were so subtly instilled in us. We must arise

"Being black, white, of your limited surroundings and enlighten us of the progress, trials and tribulations of the workers of the world. Long live Bolshevism!

> "Internationally yours. "Comrade Thomas."

(Note: Comrade Jackson's an-It was the Socialist Workers integrated, interdependent and lished in next week's column.)

Socialist Workers Party **Branch Activities**

ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM-Public cussion meeting on current topics every Thursday, 8 p.m. at Militant Labor Forum, S. E. corner Front and Hamilton 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.

night at the Militant Ferum, 629 Main St., 2nd floor.

CHICAGO—Visit the Chicago SWP head-quarters to obtain The Militant, Fourth International, Markips books and pam-phiets, as well as information about the SWP. 160 N. Wells, R. 317. Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Sunday. Tel. Dearborn 7562.

Music, dancing, cards, refreshments. Admission free. Room 21, 3513 Wood-

Forums on topical questions every sunday 8 p.m. Refreshments. No Sunday 8 p.m. Refreshments. No admission charge. Basic Training Class in Fundamental Principles of Marxism every Thursday

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MILWAUKEE — Visit the Milwaukee branch of the SWP at its headquar-ters, 926 Flankington Ave., Room 21, any evening between 7 and 9:30 p.m.

MINNEAPOLIS—Visit the Labor Book Store, 10 South 4th St., open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. dally. Attend the Twin Cities Sunday For-

Hear a Marxist analysis of the "News Behind the Headlines."

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

NEW YORK—Sun., Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m., meet at 116 University Place to sell meet at 116 University Place to self-subscriptions in The Militant Cam-paign for ten thousand new readers. Harlem Discussion Greup meets every Wednesday night 8 p.m. to dis-cuss "Labor and Negro Struggies," at 103 West 110 St., Roem 23. Office open day and evening 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. also 7 to 9 p.m. Books and pamphlets on sale.

Trotskyist Youth Forum Fridays, \$ p.m., at 116 University Place. Nov. 9, "Longshoremen's Strike-Report of a Participant." Nov. 16, "Real Issues in French Elections." All Marxist books and pamphlets on sale at the bookshop, second floor, 116

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

PORTLAND, Ore.—Visit SWP headquarters, 220 S. W. Alder St., Reem 509, open 1 to 4 p.m. daily except Sunday, and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday.

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

SEATTLE—Study groups every Friday,
7:45 p.m., at Seattle School of Secial
Science, 1919½ Second Ave.; 1. Imperialism: 2. Introduction to Socialism.

ST. LOUIS—Visit our headquarters and The Militant Labor Forum at Peoples Bidg. Room 318, cor. Jefferson Ave. and Market Place. Open every evening,

TOLEDO—Forums every Tuesday. 8:45 p.m. Classes every Thursday: Funda-mentals of Marxism, 7:30 p.m. and History of the Third International, at 8:50 p.m., at 905 Jefferson Ave. Office hours: Every evening from 7 to 9 p.m.

YOUNGSTOWN—Youngstown School of Social Science, 225 N. Phelps St., open to public Tuesday and Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5; also 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky



about the standard of living and the attitude the companies were taking concerning the wage demands of the unions, when Slim began to get

"Those lousy companies don't give a damn if you starve or not," he exploded. "We ought to have a revolution and shoot 'em all like they did in Russia."

I almost jumped. "Holy smokes, Slim! Where did you hear all that baloney?" I asked. "Look," I added, "I'll tell you what happened in Russia if you'd like to hear about it.

"It was twenty-eight years ago, Wednesday, the seventh of November, 1917. The people in Russia—people like you and me working long hours for low pay, fighting in muddy, watery trenches for the capitalists - well, they got sick of the way things were going and decided that they were going to run the government their own way and have peace, good working conditions, plenty to eat, security, and happiness for all people. So they got together and took over the government. There was 'a little scuffling,' a handful of people — only a few — got killed. And that was the Russian Revolution."

"Are you kidding?" Slim asked. I grinned at him. "What do you want for your

money - mass murder?" Jimmy had come up while I was talking, and he now joined in. "You see how easy it is,

In answer to Slim's distrustful expression I went on. "Of course, it wasn't quite that simple, Slim, but it wasn't a massacre like the boss press makes out. And the Russian people weren't led around by the nose by a little gang of fanatics.

"Here's how it was. There was a revolutionary party called the Bolsheviks, and they wanted a workers' government just like the Socialist Workers Party here in this country does. At the start of things they were just a small group. But when the people got together in March, 1917, and kicked out the Russian czar, the Bol-

ing man look out for himself anyway? These

1. He can forsake the working class and

2 (A). He can forsake the working class and

be a capitalist. Or, 2 (B), He can be a capitalist

stooge-job-killer, peg-setter, scissorbill or scab,

3. He can advance the struggle of his own

class against the boss class-making all the

working people including himself and his fam-

There is only one way for a worker as a worker

But what's wrong with getting out of the

working class, you might say? It's a free coun-

try, they tell you, and who wants to work for

deeper just to accommodate the scabs, skunks,

and ne'er-do-wells that try to leave the work-

ing class. And maybe it's all right if they can

get away with it. But the point I wish to raise

is that they just don't get away with it—at

Take No. 1—the worker who becomes a crook.

That is, a legitimate crook—one who steals and

calls it stealing-a second-story man, pickpock-

et, penman, etc. Modern capitalist police meth-

ods, fingerprint bureaus, prison and parole sys-

tems, are organized to the nth degree with mil-

lions of dollars and thousands of cops arrayed

against the individual worker who tries to es-

cape his chains of slavery alone. "Crime," as

Take No. 2—the worker who becomes a cap-

italist to live comfortably off the backs of the

workers. Of course that's only in the movies. And even there it's not an ignorant mechanic

the capitalists smugly say, "does not pay."

I guess the caverns of hell don't grow any

to look out for himself. That's No. 3. Any

other way is to desert his class.

a living anyway?

least not very far.

are the only recipes that I can think up:

Shoptalks On Socialism

"You spend all your

time agitating for so-

cialism, and what does

it get you? You're al-

ways worrying about the

other guy. Me — I'm

ooking out for myself

But how can a work-

and my family."

sheviks began growing pretty fast.

"The people had set up what they called 'Soviets.' That's the Russian word for Councils ... you know, something like the CIO Council, where all the different local unions from the plants around here are represented by elected delegates. Well, these councils, or Soviets, had representatives of the soldiers as well as the workers, so the great majority of the Russian people had a voice in what was going on in the

"Now, since the czar had been kicked out by the combined might of the people, who left their jobs in a big strike, held demonstrations against the monarchy, and forced him to abdicate, the government vas in pretty tough shape. None of the so-called leaders dared to set up a real people's government. They were sort of like Murray, Thomas, Green, and the rest of our labor leaders who don't dare to come out for a Labor Party, because they are afraid of the workers' strength.

"But the people were clamoring for action. They looked more and more to the Soviets for leadership and less and less to the national government. The Bolsheviks raised the slogan of 'All power to 'he Soviets,' and the people began to say the Bolsheviks were right. Finally, on November 7, after the great majority of the workers, peasants (you know, small farmers). and soldiers were on their side, the Bolsheviks, who were now a majority in the Soviets, proclaimed the Soviets to be the national gov-

"But how about all the fighting?"

"Well, Slim, nobody gives up privileges without a scrap. The capitalists, who had been kicked out, raised up an army and made war on the Soviet Government. America and Britain and the other big countries financed the reactionaries in Russia; you can thank them for the bloodshed in the Civil War. But the Soviets won out. That was the revolution. What happened later is another story.

"The Bolsheviks under Lenin and Trotsky led it in Russia. The Socialist Workers Party will lead it here. And when it happens, we'll just take them over and run them for ourselves; and we'll have peace and plenty for all of us.'

or steel worker, like you or me. It's a clean-

cut young college boy, poor but honest, who

then wakes up to find himself married to a

Or take the worker who takes that movie

seriously. He scrapes together a few hundred

bucks to start a gas station and run it up into

a whole chain of stations just like Clark Gable

or somebody did in the movies. Well, he works

fourteen hours a day and makes his wife and

kids work too, and after ten years they're still

working fourteen hours a day on the same cor-

No. 2 (B) offers the surest immediate cash

payment. But you have to have certain quali-

fications. Your knees and backbone have to be

be a stooge, it's hard to be a successful one,

working people aren't trained for it like the

more educated middle class.

because the competition is very severe. And

It seems as though the surest bet is No. 3.

high as twenty to one for strike, it shows they

the phony baloney of capitalist wish thinking.

Their self interest is the interest of their CLASS.

The worker on the picket line sees where his

bread is buttered, too. As he fights for his

his children grow hungry in the long strike he

fights more fiercely against the boss class which

starves them. He fights for higher wages and

shorter hours, so his children, when they go to

Millions of workers are like that. And yet

only a few today are revolutionary socialists.

But these millions will become revolutionary so-

cialists as they begin to see that socialism means

they look out for themselves and their families.

work, will be less slaves than he.

where their bread is buttered. It's bu

ner-if Standard Oil hasn't run them out of

million dollars, etc., etc.

business.

Criminal Election Policy Of N. Y. Stalinists Blocks Step Toward National Labor Party

By Felix Morrow

The New York mayoralty campaign is over, but no worker should forget the criminal policy of the Communist Party which deprived the labor movement of an extraordinarily favorable opportunity for a big step ahead toward a nation-wide Labor Party.

There was little labor sentiment for LaGuardia's choice of couldn't be done, simply covera successor, Newbold Morris, and ing up for O'Dwyer. still less for the Democratic candidate O'Dwyer or the Republican Goldstein.

Here, then, was the opportunindependent ALP candidate.

got that vote despite Roosevelt's | As for any claims that O'Dwy-Bennett in that election.

ALP PRESTIGE

That show of strength in 1942

meets a nice girl, falls in love with her and have been the leader of one of ALP line. the big unions affiliated to the ALP - Curran of the National REVEAL OWN ROLE Maritime Union, Quill of the Transport Workers, etc.

But the Communist Party, securely in control of the New York machinery of the ALP, tion from Tammany-O'Dwyer, ruled otherwise. It insisted on then it is plain how valuable making a deal with Tammany would have been a big ALP vote to support its man, O'Dwyer, who | for an independent labor candiin the course of the campaign date. A big ALP vote for O'repudiated the councilmanic candidacy of Benjamin Davis, reneged on practically everywell oiled and very limber. While it's easy to

COVERING UP

On its side, however, the Communist Party carried out the he saw marked for O'Dwyer, etc. deal to the bitter end, trying to Whereas votes for an independ-

tered on their own side, and not spread with the phony beloney of capitalist wish thinking **Hear Trotskyist Youth Speakers** class he fights for himself and his children. If

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 - The Trotskyist Youth Group held highly successful street corner New York last week, to discuss what is at stake for youth in and instead sold out the ALP to staad's son from a Nazi concen- the same work. To prove this, resolutions in support of the the New York City election campaign. These meetings attracted attentive gatherings of 50 to 150 a better world for their children and the end students at City College, Brookof slavery altogether. And they will make great lyn College and New York Unisacrifices of time and energy precisely BECAUSE

Members of the Trotskyist Youth Group and the Socialist Workers Party spoke. The audiences were full of young people who were interested in the problems of conscription, war and unemployment. Many young Stalinists and other leftist youth were there. Students were generally attentive and genuinely interested in the Trotskyist proquestions and joined in discusists made militant points.

These meetings not only spread the ideas of socialism to hundreds of students, but they also showed clearly that American youth

Against Fascist

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Jose and San Diego where Smith waterfront. was refused use of the schools, the doctrines of fascism."

which comprises some 200 labor. local office of the LLA. minority and liberal organiza-Brotherhood unions.

The climax of this vile policy came the last week of the campaign when the Republicans, for their own reasons naturally. ity for the American Labor Party | spilled the story of how O'Dwyer to run its own candidate. Even had smothered the investigation if not elected, he would have of the murder of Pete Panto, been certain of a big vote, con- militant leader of the Brooklyn sidering whom he would be run- longshoremen. Elsewhere on this ning against. At the least, he page you will read the story of would do as well as the miser- how the Communist Party has able nobody, Dean Alfange, who covered up O'Dwyer even in this got 18 per cent of the New York instance, although in 1940 and City vote in the 1942 guberna- 1941 the Communist Party itself torial elections, running as an proved that O'Dwyer had done in the Panto case just what the Remember, too, that the ALP Republicans now say he did.

appeal to the workers to vote for er's election would bring prothe Democratic candidate Ben- gressive results, the Communist nett. And despite the fact that Party wound up the campaign Hillman and the Amalgamated with the arguments concerning Clothing Workers broke away the horrors which would result from the ALP and supported if Goldstein got in but with as much silence as possible concerning what will happen when O'Dwyer takes office.

The one half-way plausible for an ALP candidate who did argument proferred by the Stalnot also run on any capitalist inists had nothing to do with ticket gave the ALP the prestige O'Dwyer at all but with the good which its leaders have since then effect of having as many votes been trading away in election as possible cast (for O'Dwyer) deals with the capitalist parties. on the ALP line of the voting This year, with Roosevelt and machine. As one after another LaGuardia out of the picture, the of the Communist Party's pre-ALP had an even better oppor- tenses of O'Dwyer's progressivetunity than in 1942. Nor was ness were punctured, the Stalinthere need to run a nobody like ists concentrated more and more Alfange. The candidate could on the value of a big vote on the

Precisely this argument, how-

ever, reveals the crime of the Communist Party. If a big ALP vote means to draw a distinc-Dwyer is at best an ambiguous cheap trick and became really the picket line. thing, with O'Dwyer's gang be- angered. The veterans came to ing able to argue plausibly that the local union hall in a body most of such votes are for O'- and asked to be placed at the Dwyer rather than for the ALP, No. 1 main gate to stop the com- of the veterans, union officials that many a good Democrat just | pany's strikebreaking maneuver. | stated: "During the war, Tim- of the inspiring example of the happened to pull the first lever They picketed in a group with ken Roller Bearing advertised in That's what the majority of working people explain away O'Dwyer's anti- ent labor candidate on the ALP through the picket lines?" The thing under the sun for the vetseem to think today anyhow. When they vote as labor actions or, where even that line would have been unambig- pickets showed their contempt erans, rebuild and revamp maubus votes against the capi- for the scabs by tossing pennies chines so crippled veterans can

> independent labor candidate of the pickets, who had fought Utopia at Timken Roller Bear- tor strikers. Truck-drivers here would have brought powerful in Europe, walked up to Um- ing. pressure on the trade union of- staad, president of the corporaficialdom to launch an inde- tion, and showed him the ban- turning, all the company has pendent Labor Party in time to ner he was carrying. Umstaadt done is try to use Vets against campaign in the next state and sneeringly insulted the veteran. the non-Vets to create dissennational elections.

Tammany.

Veterans Leading Picket Line



This group of World War II veterans hasn't fallen for the propaganda of the corpora-

War Veterans Lead The Picket Line In Walkout At Canton Timken Plant

ers, tried to pull a fast one. It supplied scab production workers with pink office-help badges and sneaked them into the plant. VETS SHOW UP BOSS

at them, shouting, "Here's your carfare, now go on home!"

Whereupon the worker-veteran sion. In many instances the com-That this didn't happen is the explained the banner to Umstaad pany has placed Vets on jobs meetings at three colleges in crime of the Communist Party, and reminded him how he and and then paid them 25 cents an trust, SKF, in Philadelphia. It which had the power to do it other soldiers had rescued Um- hour less than non-vets doing is urged that local unions pass

been escorting scabs through the dissention. lines, made themselves scarce before the workers' show of pany failed to pay equal wages strength and militancy. The to the vets the union has fought The strike pickets, among strikers put pressure on the whom were the World War II mayor, who is up for reelection, shouldn't the vets support the veterans, soon caught on to this not to use the police to attack union?"

EMPTY PROMISES

placards reading: "Are you go- the daily papers for an entire recently struck and forced the ing to let us down by going year, 'We're going to do everyhave jobs, etc. The company promised double seniority and, in Columbus, Ohio, have come During this demonstration, one in fact, were going to have out in full support of the Can-

"Since the boys have been re-

No one, including Umstaadt, union has won, providing equal was permitted to enter the plant. pay for vets. This shows the The police, who previously had company's attempts at creating

"In every case where the comthe cases successfully. So why

Timken refuses to negotiate while the workers are on strike. But the workers are more deter-Explaining the union solidarity mined than ever to settle the issues before they return because Republic Steel workers here who company to negotiate while they were still out.

WIDE SUPPORT

Some 5.000 Timken workers are supporting the strikers by respecting all picket lines.

Strikers point out that the issues in this fight are similar to those in the bitter battle against the union-busting international we have arbitration awards the Timken strikers here.

Postwar Notes For Seamen By F. J. Lang



Ship operators and their Admiral friends are afraid the U.S. Maritime Commission may be absorbed into some other federal agency-probably the Department of Com-

merce—under powers which may be granted to President Truman by government reorganization measures now pending in Congress.

Admiral Vickery of the Maritime Commission rebuked the ship operators at their recent Merchant Marine Conference in New York's swank Waldorf-Astoria for their apparent lack of interest in the fate of the Commission. The Admiral had good reason to be peeved, considering the billions in government funds he has helped divert into the coffers of private shipping companies. "To jealously watch the factors that basically are going to effect the industry which supports you," the Admiral told his friends, "is the least you can do."

As if to show the Admirals that the ship-

CHICAGO

Russian Revolution **Anniversary Meeting** Sunday, November 11 Hear:

JAMES P. CANNON National Secretary, SWP **BUCKINGHAM HALL** 59 E. Van Buren St.

"owners" are not asleep where their interests are concerned (regardless of the Maritime Commission's fate), Basil Harris, president of the U. S. Lines Co. and spokesman for bigtime operators who enjoy heavy government subsidies, has listed six demands. Among them is the demand for representation in Truman's Cabinet through creation of the office of Secretary of Transportation. Harris says his demands "might sion. Even many young Stalinbe termed a Bill of Rights founded on past experience and future well-being of our industry."

Past experience shows that the ship operators have always found an open door to the federal is rapidly becoming disillusioned treasury. The old Dollar Line was notorious for in American capitalism, which its raids on the public treasury after World can only produce war, depres-War I, and exposure of its steals threatened to sion, and misery. scandalize the entire industry. This outfit is now laying claim to the government-built and now laying claim to the government-built and government-owned American President Line Huge Picket Line which has been reorganized since 1938 by the Maritime Commission from the remnants of the bankrupt Dollar Line. R. Stanley Dollar now claims that he is the "owner" of APL because an original four-and-one-half million dollars Meeting In L.A. in government loans has been repaid from wartime operating earnings of APL. No mention is made of the fact that the government loans were repaid with more government funds. However, all action on sale of APL is being held up while Truman makes a personal study of reports from Attorney-General Clark and the Maritime Commission on the Dollar claims.

The ease with which the ship-"owners" are able to get the President's ear seems to indicate that these people are hardly in need of a "Bill of Rights." What they need is a Bill of Particulars, listing their thievery, profiteering is the Los Angeles CIO Council, known gangsters including memic ic organization and close conand exploitation of the workers, and this should as well as AFL and Railway bers of the infamous Murder, nection between officers of the the Stalinists formed an allibe drawn up by the maritime unions.

Stalinists Forget Murder of Panto In Wild Effort To Cover Up O'Dwyer kick - back and other rackets, chine, certain authorities were the workers to vote for O'Dwyer

By Bill Morgan

lican Party machine in this city.

In a frantic effort to smear lican Party brought to light the unsolved and almost forgotten W. Gerson in the Daily Worker to the identity and connections | Every New York newspaper murder of Peter Panto.

file leader of about 1200 long-International Longshoremens' Association and a leading member of Tammany Hall. Panto was a member of the Communist DAILY WORKER Party. The rank and file re- ATTACKS O'DWYER volt against Ryan was given full

and demanded that use of school disappeared. No trace of him Brooklyn waterfront?" In the halls in Los Angeles henceforth could be found. The Daily same article it said, "Already be barred to "anyone who spews Worker demanded the District Brooklyn politicos are worried The picket line and the Olym- the case and prosecute the gang- for the Murder of Panto?" B. pic meeting were both called by sters with whom Panto was last M.) which bids fair to rival emthe Mobilization for Democracy, seen in an automobile outside a barrassing questions asked in

Inc. who were involved in the Association and the Kelly ma- ance with Tammany and urged

revealing example of Stalinist it was obvious that the officials Panto murder mystery." treachery and degeneration came were stalling. In 1940 William In the election campaign of of those responsible to light in the recent election O'Dwyer, an ex-cop and a Tam- 1941 in New York City the Stal- Even after Republican policampaign mud-slinging between many Hall stooge, became Dis- inists attacked O'Dwyer in a ticians, who like Tammany, are gram. They asked important Tammany Hall and the Repub- trict Attorney and he ordered the statement by Pete Mazzi, a long- not interested in justice for longcase dropped.

of January 31, 1941, "a mass of of the murderers of Panto."

til his death . . ."

Attacking O'Dwyer for laxity, support by the Daily Worker Gerson, in the Daily Worker of This struggle occurred during February 1, 1941 asked, "Why authorities in San Francisco, San 1938 and 1939 on the Brooklyn doesn't O'Dwyer clean up gangsterism, racketeering and kick-On July 14, 1939 Peter Panto backs which still exist on the Attorney of Brooklyn investigate about the slogan ("Who Paid the notorious Druckman case. The District Attorney began With at least one ILA official forgot the Panto case once the tions. Prominent in the group an investigation and several high in the Brooklyn Democrat- election was over.

were brought in for questioning. understood to be nervous about -the same O'Dwyer who had NEW YORK.—A shocking and Some evidence was obtained but any wide investigation of the ordered the Panto case dropped

Jersey. The body was, said S. a mass of "concrete evidence as ists remained silent.

longshoremen whom he led un- publicly months ago that he O'Dwyer are called a "smear"! knew the names of those re- Thus the Stalinists today covsponsible for this brutal crime. er up for the same O'Dwyer O'Dwyer has done nothing to whom they accused four years clean up the vicious kick-back, ago of covering up for the murloan-shark, loading and other derers of Peter Panto. The Murder, Inc. rackets and gang- Stalinists have long ago abandsterism on the Brooklyn water- oned all principles and genuine front. O'Dwyer's connections Communist aims, In the Panto with America First, Hearst and case they stand exposed as outother alien-baiters, anti-Semites right betrayers of even their own and Negro-haters make him an members. enemy of the overwhelming ma-

jority of the longshoremen . . . STALINISTS NOW SUPPORT O'DWYER

O'Dwyer was defeated in the 1941 election. The Stalinists

In the 1945 election campaign

even though he "knew the names

shoreman who took over the shoremen or any other workers. The body of Panto was dis- leadership of the rank and file dug the Panto case from the files O'Dwyer, the Stalinist supported covered on January 29, 1941 in committee after Peter Panto was to prove their charge that O'candidate of Tammany, the ma- a frozen claybank on the Pas- murdered. Mazzi charged that Dwyer has connections with chine politicians of the Repub- saic River near Lyndhurst, New O'Dwyer had failed to act upon Brooklyn gangsters, the Stalin-

carried headlines on the Panto Peter Panto was the rank and mouldy bones and rotting flesh "District Attorney O'Dwyer" case on October 29 and 30. exencased in a block of frozen continued Mazzi in the Daily cept the Daily Worker. The shoremen who attempted to earth and quicklime, a literal Worker of October 22, 1941, "has Daily Worker ignored the issue combat the dictatorship of Jos- skeleton in the Brooklyn politi- brought neither the paymasters completely until its second edieph P. Ryan, President of the cal closet, his remains a banner nor the murderers of Pete Panto tion on October 31, where on of struggle to the rank and file to justice though he has stated page five the charges against

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