The Only Road To Victory In The GM Strike

-By The Editors

The big General Motors strike is 100 per cent effective. That vast billion dollar automotive empire of the du Ponts motionless and inert.

The men are all digging in for what everyone expects will a long and a hard siege.

The GM strike is the spearhed of the unfolding class battles.

Workers Show Grim Determination lies motionless and inert.

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The GM strike is the spearhead of the unfolding class battles now in the offing in America between labor and capital.

The GM strike of 1937 decided the question whether America's mass production industries were to be organized. The GM strike of 1945 will decide the place and the standard of living of the working man in postwar America.

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Labor is in a very strong position. It is superbly organized. It has the strength of numbers on its side. The men are trained and experienced in struggle and they are determined to fight.

All the fears and uncertainties of leading militants as to the temper and mood of the mass of workers has been dissipated in the very first hours of the strike. Their seeming lack of enthusiasm of the past weeks proved completely deceptive. The men know the fight is inevitable and they are willing, nay, they are determined to fight. You can say that they are in a mood

They know the battle will be a tough one and a long one. They know the power of the other side, and they have already resolved to wait it out and to fight it out and to draw in their belts and sacrifice in order to win the victory. And what is of equal importance, their wives are in the same mood and have the same awareness of what is at stake.

There are no illusions as far as the working man and woman are concerned as to the character of the fight they face.

The Position Of Big Capital

Big capital, on its side, has never been in a stronger position for a fight from a purely financial point of view. The carryback provisions of the tax laws, so generously passed by a pliant and accommodating Congress, guarantee the corporations huge profits, even if their plants remain closed for a whole year. And as far as that goes, GM could afford to let the men remain on the streets for many, many months.

But there should be no false pessimism or foolish fears on this score. Let's understand this: the du Ponts cannot throw the keys away and forget about making automobiles for six months or even for three months. That is not in the cards.

Despite their callousness and brutality, despite their haughty unconcern for the fate of the men and women who pile up their millions of profits for them, the du Ponts are not in a position to employ this cruel strategy. GM is too big and its shut-down immediately affects too directly the whole economy of the country. Before many more days elapse, the steel, rubber, glass, and a host of other industries will be forced into partial shutdowns as a result of the GM strike. And soon the whole economy will be in the grip of a creeping paralysis. The country will face a major social crisis.

Role Of Capitalist Government

This spells one thing: the government will be forced to step in and use its state power in an attempt to bring the strike to a speedy end. The government, we must be clear, is not an impartial body which defends the interests of all the people, as school children are falsely taught. The government in the United States is actually the executive committee of the capitalist class as a whole. It will defend and protect the interests not of the overwhelming majority of the people (most of whom are poor) but of the small clique of profit-bloated bankers and industrialists who are the real rulers, the real masters of the United States.

This means that in the present situation one must take for granted that the government will be on the side of the General Motors corporation and against the hundreds of thousands of

Congress Labor-Haters Howl

Why, we already see the time-servers of Big Business in Conress attempting to whip up a lynch spirit against the GM strik ers and the labor movement as a whole. They have already introduced in the House a vicious, a dastardly piece of legislation, whose aim is to strangle the labor movement and to convert the working men and women of America into a flock of sheep, helpless before the predatory might of the Wall Street autocrats.

We now hear these Congressional hyenas beginning to shriek their slanders and lies at the trade unions, beginning to heap filth and mud upon the laboring man and woman. They are trying to turn public opinion against labor. They are trying to shield the criminal rich who have coined gold out of the blood (Continued on Page 2)

Trotskyist Fighters In Forefront Of Struggle To Free Indo-China

A New Point On The Agenda

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ers against the Indonesians fighting for the independence leading role in the battle of the versity at Moscow; the Trotsky of their country. The Allies, for instance, circulated the lie that the Indonesians "colto dispatches in the capitalist underground news sheet titled the Trotskyists are undoubtedly laborated" with the Japanese

the Chicago Tribune, declared sources of food and river trans-

Strike Upsurge **May Soon Sweep** To 1,250,000

Inspired by the nation-wide General Motors strike, within a few weeks a possible 1,250,000 factories. industrial workers may be manning the picket lines in the ulation must go into action and greatest labor upsurge in Amer- refuse cooperation with the ican history.

An estimated 600,000 were on strike throughout the country this week. For the past eight weeks the weekly number of French colonials must be de-

Adding another 83,000 to the strike ranks this week will be some 83,000 Montgomery Ward for the Annamese guerrillas: workers scheduled for a one- "The first duty of our compaweek strike demonstration be- triots is to win the sympathy of war-profits bloated General Moginning November 26. The dem- the people; second, avoid an onstration is timed for the start attitude that might destroy sym-

of the Christmas shopping rush. pathy; third, no troops are en-(Continued on Page 8)

By Robert L. Birchman forces nurtured by these peoples surrender all moneys they have collected for the resistance.

The Trotskyists are playing neef whom studied at Stalin uni-Whether or not CAM TU is Indo-Chinese people for freedom ites, more violent than the other actually a Trotskyist newspaper from imperialist rule, according communist group, who run an cannot as yet be verified. But Cam Tu (Volunteers for Death);

> port." Cam Tu is quoted by the Christian Science Monitor: "This During the Japanese occupation is the hour when every Annamite must participate in our ity of the Communist Party had resistance. Our guerrillas must have the greatest mobility, must | Trotskyists. profit from the slightest relaxation of the enemy's vigilance and continue attacking him

"Death Volunteers must destroy roads, bridges, set fire to

without giving respite.

"On occasions the entire popenemy, not sell him food, preventing him to organize his exploitation of our people. In the long run this action will destroy the enemy. All property of stroyed.

4-POINT GUIDE

The same issue was reported to contain a four-point guide ing a showdown between the On Wednesday, November 28, titled to requisition of food or goods; fourth, guerrillas must

U. S. ARMS MOW DOWN PEOPLE OF INDONESIA

blood of her fighters for free- 500 pound bombs. dom as Allied tanks, bombs, cannon and rockets blast the were flown from Soerabbaja to cities of the Republic which Semarang in ten American-made dares to seek independence from Dakota planes. tary of State James Byrnes now Dutch despotism. The utter SEAMEN ARRESTED

in the following outline of events: time ago, Wedemeyer stated that choked with the bodies of Indo-Thus Washington carried out a Japanese troops were being al- nesians," United Press declared. vicious strikebreaking action THE FIGHT BEGINS lowed to retain their arms in "They estimated the native troops had suffered 'between

troops are now at the disposal 10,000 leaflets giving the 218,000 mitted to shoot anyone bearing of Chiang Kai-shek for the inhabitants of Semarang 90 min- arms, but they had been very bloody suppression of the Chin- utes to evacuate, the British, good' about taking Indonesians flying American Thunderbolt

U. S. Immigration authorities pathy. Almost all supervisory placed 117 striking Indonesian seamen under custody in New November 19: "The Netherland York. The seamen had protested mitteeman was enough to get date one-third of these troops airmen said the Kali Mas, the the suppression of the Indones- them out. Some, however, indiremain under arms. And a short river bisecting Soerabaja, was ian independence movement. cated they would seek permission

U. S. forces in China are dis- 30,000 and 40,000 casualities' in man, according to Associated now, support the picket line; no Press, said that "the Japanese, wage increase for scabs — join family holding companies, etc. November 21: After dropping like the British forces, were per- now; no more buck-passing, this

welded shut by unionists' (Continued on Page 7)

225,000 Unitedly Answer UAW Call For A Showdown

To Defend Union and Win 30 Per Cent Raise

Special to THE MILITANT

strike in the nation's history started at 11 o'clock this morning when 225,000 members of the CIO United Automobile Workers poured out of 102 General Motors plants from coast to coast, to fight for a 30 per cent wage increase.

This strike is a culmination of unsuccessful negotiations begun with the world's largest industrial corporation three months ago in an at-

tempt to bring takehome pay more nearly in ant unrest in the workers' ranks.
All the International executive line with the cost of officers, reflecting the fighting

least 50 per cent in the past three years, hourly wage rates have been frozen and the workweek has now been reduced to 40 hours with overtime pay eliminated.

orporation to negotiate in good faith and goaded beyond endurance by company provocations in the plants, the GM workers have met the corporation's arrogant, insulting, union-busting tactics with the grim determination to fight it out on the picket

While the conference waited for the company's reply, the delegates reported on local conditions, one after another taking there was an atmosphere of subthe floor to tell of the corpora- dued excitement in the plants tion's anti-union offensive in and local union halls. Last minthe plants, its disregard of sen- ute instructions were issued.

Detroit Ranks Prepare for Bitter Struggle

By Kay O'Brien

DETROIT, Nov. 21—The biggest industrial

While prices have soared at

DELEGATES DECIDE

Angered by the refusal of the

This was the unanimous decision of the 200 delegates to the national conference of all GM union locals, held here in Detroit on November 19 and 20.

LAST PROPOSAL

delegates had sent a final pro- made and unanimously adopted Alfred Wagg, correspondent of and the Chinese, who control the of the Annamese people against posal to General Motors ask- amid great enthusiasm. Delegates ing that the wage dispute be spontaneously rose to sing "Solwar, the Trotskyist organization submitted to a three-man arbi-idarity Forever." tration board composed of a corporation and a union representa- their respective locals of the tive plus a chairman selected by the first two.

The union added the proviso that the arbitrators must have full access to the books and re- like wildfire among the GM cords of both parties and should then make a final and binding conference adjournment, all the decision, with any wage increases retroactive to August 18, 1945. when the wage demand was originally submitted. The union captains, establish strike litchdemanded a reply within 24 ens and perfect preparations for hours to its arbitration proposal. an effective mobilization of un-COMPANY'S REPLY

FLINT, Mich., Nov. 21-This vcke strikes, and of the result-

mood of the delegates, spoke militantly.

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

All day Tuesday, November 20, the 200 representatives of the hundreds of thousands of GM workers remained in session awaiting the corporation's reply.

An hour before the deadline, at 4 p.m., the company finally sent to the conference its declaration of war. Curtly and with no explanation it brushed aside the union's demand for a definite

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stand on the arbitration proposal. General Motors informed the conference it would not state its position until Friday, three days later.

Promptly at 5 o'clock, a motion On Monday, November 19, the for a nationwide strike was rushed from the hall to notify momentous decision.

> Although the hour set for the strike was not revealed to the general public, the word spread workers. On the night of the Detroit locals involved held meetings of their strike committees to make final plans, select picket ion strength.

"HERE THEY COME!"

This morning, as the hour approached for the strike to start. iority rights, its attempts to pro- Sound trucks cruised up and (Continued on Page 2)

"Dynasty Of Death" Rules GM's Empire

"Dynasty of Death"—that is the popular title by which the billionaire war racketeers of the infamous Du Pont clan have been known for generations.

It is this family, reapers of a colden harvest from the blood heritance taxes, huge bonuses share of General Motors stock- profits, etc. 23 per cent!

Who are the Du Ponts? They are the tight-knit clan of ndustrial barons, virtual owners of the entire state of Delaware. who hold outright ownership of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company, the giant munitions and chemical trust on which their staggering fortune is based.

industrial holdings of any fam- G. M. Profits ily in the United States, including a controlling interest in General Motors and outright ownership of U.S. Rubber plus scores of subsidiary companies,

They augment their colossal loot by such practices as spurious The Negro Struggle stock transactions to show in- Diary of Steelworker come tax losses, evasion of in-Shoptalks on Socialism

and agony of slaughtered mil- and salaries to themselves as lions, which holds the largest corporation executives, hidden WAR—THE GRAVY TRAIN

Where did the Du Ponts get their money?

They were already multi-millionaires before World War I. on a fortune built up since the early (Continued on Page 7)

ON THE INSIDE

GM Strike Reports The Du Ponts have the largest British Shoot Jewish Children 3

> Stalinist Line in Holland COLUMNS AND FEATURES To bring you nation-wide reports on the GM strike, we have omitted this week Trade Union News and International Notes. Veterans Problems

Dictator Chiang Kai-shek Aided By U. S. Imperialism

United States forces are continuing and extending 9their aid to Chiang Kai-Shek's troops in the civil war that equipment of 19 more divisions strikers has ranged from 400,000 is raging in China. Communist (Stalinist) officials in "is being completed by making to a high last week of 625,000. Chungking declared that Nationalist Government (Kuomintang) "troops making the drive into Manchuria were American armed and equipped."

With superior arms and aid in transporting their troops, Kuomintang forces were able to capture the strategically important port of Hu-® lutao on the southern coast regime they hope to dominate of Manchuria, reported a No- China.

vember 24 Associated Press

dispatch. When the port of Hulutao is thoroughly secured, the United States plans to transport Kuomintang forces to Manchuria by sea. This route will obviate the necessity of passing through areas held by Communist (Stalinist) guerrilla forces in the in-Government transport routes had been attacked more than a hundred times from the DOUBLE-TALK first to the twentieth of No-

Chiang Kai-shek's troops possess superior and greater quan- Business, cynically remarked titles of arms and equipment that the "National Government than the Stalinists. Twenty di- of China is not yet as democratvisions were "completely trained ic as we should like it to be but and equipped" by the United it offers more hope of liberty States, according to General Al- than the totalitarian regime of bert C. Wedemeyer, American theatre commander.

the United States in China daily ing of this double-talk. become more evident. America of full scale military operations against the Chinese Stalinist Manchuria. forces. Through his dictatorial

United States officials have concluded plans for several coastal aero-naval bases, to be built by the Americans and open to their limited use under Chinese Nationalist sovereignty," stated Stalinist leaders in Chungking. These will serve as military strongholds from which United States forces can oper-

In a November 23 editoria, the "N. Y. Times," authoritative spokesman of American Big the Chinese Communists." "More hope of liberty" for American imperialists to dominate and ex-The imperialist intentions of ploit China is the correct mean-

At present, Washington is ever is giving every kind of aid short more boldly equipping, training and transporting dictator Chiang's troops in an effort to seto Chiang Kai-shek's offensive cure Kuomintang domination of

Wederneyer added that

available to the Chinese lend lease material that was either en route to China or in Army storehouses here when war ended." stated a November 24 N. Y. Times dispatch.

Anglo-American

Despots Praise

Japanese Allies

during the occupation.

The Allied imperialists have

spread the most vicious sland-

But the Allies have not

troops against the Indones-

ians, although the Allied ex-

cuse for entering Java was to

Now they praise these

troops. On November 22, ac-

cording to Associated Press, a

British snokesman described

the Japanese as "good troops

"disarm" the Japanese.

who fight well."

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Furthermore, "American cadres have been assigned to assist the Government troops embarking by sea for North China and debarking there," said Wed-

NO WITHDRAWAL

That the United States has no intention of withdrawing from China was made clear by Wedemeyer who said that his instructions from the War Department did not cover an "immediate withdrawal."

Both Wedemeyer and Secreassert that American troops are brutality of the Allies is revealed being maintained in China for the sole purpose of disarming and repatriating Japanese troops who are still there. However, to order to "preclude disorders."

arming Japanese troops slowly, the ten-day battle." if at all. These imperialist

Java is being soaked with the planes, blasted the city with Two companies of Allied troops

against the Indonesian people. November 22: A British spokes-

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in the forefront of the struggle

French imperialism. Prior to the

was very popular in Indo-China.

it was reported that the major-

rejected Stalinism and joined the

The fate of the fighters for

Indo-Chinese independence when

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Spirit Of 1937

Flint GM Strike

By John Darnell

(Special to THE MILITANT)

center of the great 1937 sit-down

victory of the CIO United Auto-

mobile Workers is again witness-

42,000 GM workers, now solidi-

fied stronger than ever, and the

The nation-wide strike called

by the UAW-CIO began here

an hour early, but in perfect

order and calm. The 11,000

working at Buick, where 2,500

were already laid off, began

walking out at 10 a. m. By the

appointed hour of 11 a. m., 12,-

000 were out at Chevrolet, 5,000

at Fisher Body, and 8,000 at AC

About 1,000 AFL construction

tors Corporation.

Displayed In

workers quit GM plants in symemployes also joined the walkout. For those who hesitated a firm command by union comfrom the unions to go back.

Picketing began quickly at all is it; 30 per cent or fight."

Several Chevrolet gates were

ON THE SPOT GM STRIKE NEWS — COAST TO COAST

Auto Strikers Determined

(Continued from Page 1)

down in front of plant gates, playing union songs and explaining the union position.

Precisely at 11 a.m., as whistles blew in the distance and gongs rang out inside the plants, those waiting outside the gates shouted "Here they come!" The strikers began pouring out, first in tens, then hundreds, then thous-

Throughout Detroit, in the space of a few short minutes, all General Motors plants, employing more than 30,000 workers. were completely shut down. On instructions from the union, only power house workers and skeleton maintenance crews remained

"THE ONLY WAY OUT"

At Chevrolet Gear & Axle, the TERNSTEDT WOMEN largest GM plant in this city, the Local 235 sound truck called the strikers to a meeting in a parking lot across from the union hall. Mike Lacey, the local's president, addressed the meeting from the top of the sound truck, explaining that "this is the only way out-it is the only way management understands."

Pointing out that there were many war veterans among the strikers, who had come back from fighting overseas only to be forced by the company to go out on strike. Lacey asked, "Why does the common man have to fight just to exist?" and "How do war veterans feel about trying to rehabilitate themselves on less than \$35 a week?"

Lacey explained that General Motors, richest industrial corporation in the world, had not raised hour since 1942, while GM President C. E. Wilson, who claims to be the "great enemy of inflation", has been getting \$500,000 a year. The Detroit daily papers, to be "enemies of inflation," sucforced on them."

*NO COMPROMISE"

Fleetwood Local 15 likewise held a meeting at its union hall. strike committee and secretary plants. of the city-wide strike committee. presented the plan of strike locals are standing by to give the organization and reported on the GM locals all necessary help. The

Following the meeting, over 500 Fleetwood workers marched across the street to form a double line the entire length of the twoblock-long plant on West Fort Street. As they marched, the pickets could read the huge sign over their union headquarters: 30%-No Compromise-Fleetwood Local 15 UAW-CIO." A union spokesman announced

that a meeting of all Fleetwood war veterans, who are expected to play an important role in the strike, is scheduled for Monday,

FISHER BODY PICKETED

Equally large and well-organized picket lines were set up by storm today, CTO United Autothe strikers of Fisher Body plants \$21 and 23, and the General Motors Experimental Division, within a few minutes after the strike began. Picket captains, wearing Amalgamated Local 157 caps, the nation-wide strike for a livwere stationed every 20 feet inside and outside the lines, directing passers-by to the other side wof the street, watching the gates. and answering the questions and **comments** of the pickets as they marched.

Matt Hammond, militant Local 157 president, assisted in organizing the lines and making immediately available hot coffee and food to the pickets. He re- in the marching circles. ported that an excellent meet- Over 50,000 Buffalo workers in

ing of the strike committee had | won. UAW President R. J. been held the previous evening. All other General Motors plants likewise had pickets at

the gates, which were increased at the time the afternoon shift was echoed by all local union ofwas due to report. spite of the short notice on plant protection men as they left which the strike had been called, the gates, "We'll see you next

issued picket signs right after the spring." As one Chevrolet picket strike began. These read: "30% expressed it, "We're ready to stay OR STARVE"-"NOW OR NEV- out until our belt buckles touch ER"-"WHITE AND BLACK our backbones." UNITED"-"DID WE WIN THE WAR?"—"UNITED RACES AND CREEDS." This small local also had its

strike kitchen already in operation and an announcement went out over the sound truck that the kitchen would be operating 24 hours a day...

Although most of the GM plants here have laid off women workers, and hired men to take their places in violation of seniority rights, Ternstedt, a unit of fight it out and win their just West Side Local 174, proved to be demands. They will not tolerate an exception. This was evident any phony compromises. This from the many women workers on the picket lines, and confirmed by a conversation with picket captain Robert Walker.

He reported that the women comprising about half the Ternstedt employes, were "very solid" and ready to fight the wage issue through to the finish. "They said, "at any proposal from the ed by all the strikers interviewwould holler their heads off," he company to accept the union's ed by the Militant reporter. Many arbitration offer at this late date. of the them also added that They're out and they're going to stay out." Attractive picket hats, designed in beret style especially for women and bearing the Local wages so much as one cent per 174 insignia, were being issued to the women pickets.

LABOR SUPPORT

ranks was augmented by support | war years while their hands were Lacey pointed out, also supposed from the AFL and Railway Brotherhoods. At Fleetwood, 200 coeded in bosting the price of AFL building trades workers their dailies from two to five marched out of the plant side by cents "without a strike. But side with the UAW-CIO memwhen workers try to get a reason- bers. During the day, leading ofable wage increase, a strike is ficials of the AFL Building Trades as well as the Teamsters announced that they would respect the picket lines.

The Railway Brotherhoods reported that a single picket at Leaflets were distributed to the rail entrances to GM plants strikers at the plant gates. At a would be recognized as a picket spirited meeting, John W. And- line and that no rail traffic will erson, member of the Local 15 be permitted into such picketed

Meanwhile, all other UAW-CIO alreay forthcoming.

NO ILLUSIONS

that their strike will be easily American labor.

By Bill Gray

Undismayed by a driving snow

ing wage. Buffalo labor is so-

The 6,000 GM workers walked

out on schedule Wednesday and

closed the plants tight. Only a

few maintenance men and pay-

roll clerks were permitted to en-

ter. Supervision was barred by

the pickets. At one plant AFL

construction workers not only

refused to cross the picket line

but joined their CIO brothers

lidly behind them.

Thomas warned at the GM delegates' conference yesterday that "we have to prepare for a long, hard struggle." This sentiment ficials and was reflected today Chevrolet Forge Local 262, in in the ranks who called out to

> UAW officials have promised to feed the strikers, provide medical care and fight any attempts to evict them from their homes. GM workers know that the coming weeks and months may well be difficult. Nevertheless they walked out to a man rather than put up any longer with the intolerable conditions existing in the plants.

STERN DETERMINATION

The mood of the workers is one of stern determination to pressure of the rank and file is responsible for the statement that Walter Reuther, UAW vicepresident in charge of all GM locals, issued to the press: "We don't care now whether they offer to arbitrate or not, the strike will go on until we have attained our wage demands."

This same feeling was expresswe've got a lot of other grievances which have to be taken care of too, before we'll want to go back.'

They were referring not merely to the more recent company provocations during the wage negotiations, but to the accumulat-The solidarity within the strike ed indignities suffered during the tied by the no-strike pledge.

THE BANNER-BEARERS

Beneath the strikers' determination to win their wage increase and settle accounts on grievances, lies the moral general concern for preservation of their union. They recognize that General Motors wanted a long drawnout strike, in hopes of bleeding the union and eventually smashing it. They understand that the corporation's union-busting tacions and depress living stand- er remained behind.

Therefore the GM workers

BRAVE COLD AND BLINDING SNOW



The Open-Shopper's Lament

Cleveland Auto Strikers Get AFL, Brotherhoods Support

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT ers have cowned tools in the plant management continued a

city are closed tight as a drum. to respect all picket lines. Picket lines of determined auto workers keep a 24-hour guard. pletely shut down the big Fisher a protracted struggle. Soup one. All supervisory personnel Body plant for the first time in kitchens are being set up, port- is turned back by the pickets, its history, although many bitter able shelters and heating facil- and they leave without question before. On the West Side, four Course along Coit Road and 140th is no sight of any, and if they plants of GM's Cleveland Diesel division, struck for the first time, are closed down by Local 207.

In a splendid demonstration of disciplined strength, the work- union is shown by the difference and small maintenance patrols ers downed tools and shut off between the Tool and Die strike may enter the plants, but only machines at exactly 11 o'clock, of '39 and the present general in accordance with certain con-November 21. They immediate strike for a 30 per cent wage in ditions specified by the union, ly marched out of the plant and crease. In 1939 scabs, super- which must be followed to the tics are part of a nationwide Big formed themselves into a giant visors and foremen worked. The letter. Business plot to cripple all un- picket line. Not a single work-

WAVE OF SOLIDARITY

The entire labor movement ganized labor everywhere are CIO understand that the ability watching carefully. The outcome of the UAW to force wage inof this struggle will have tremen- creases will directly affect the GM workers have no illusions dous bearing on the future of chances of all labor to make gains. AFL construction work-

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT struck plants. The AFL teamCLEVELAND, Nov. 24.—All sters and the Railroad BrotherGeneral Motors plants in this city are closed tight as a drum. The struck plants are plants and the Railroad Brotherhoods have pledged themselves with the aid of the local police way. So

in the strike are digging in for Today the story is a different the corporations. ities are beginning to appear or argument. As for scabs, there Street. The families and friends do appear they'll be in for an of the strikers are being mobil- unpleasant reception. ized to feed and clothe the men on the picket line.

The union has agreed that powerhouse and plant protection The tremendous growth of the employes, government inspectors

organization and reported on the negotiations between the International and the GM officials. GM locals all necessary help. The feel that they are panner-pearers for all labor, that their strike is a gigantic test of strength in a wave of solidarity, for the workers in both the AFL and **Bu Charles Reading**

Toledo Chevrolet Pickets

Special to THE MILITANT

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 21-Chevrolet-Toledo, where a bottleneck emphasized that the Chevrolet strike in the spring of 1935 forced General Motors Corporation all labor and deserve all labor's for the first time to recognize a support. union committee, was closed a.m. on the nation-wide call by the historic Auto-Lite strike of 125 local unions have taken or their own strike vote November the CIO United Automobile 1934. Then in 1935 the Toledo

regional director. The audience

UAW Local 25 Shuts Down GM In St. Louis

Special to THE MILITANT

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 21.-Like a disciplined army, promptly at 10 a.m. (central time) the 3,800 workers at Chevrolet and 1,600 at Fisher Body here marched the CIO United Automobile Workers. They are members of the joint Local 25.

of the marchers were war vet-

into immediate session, following which it announced three this, token picket lines will be All contractors and others who continuously, maintained, unless

ber will be strictly limited.

again today when 1,000 produc- Toledo, where the auto workers tion workers walked out at 11 won their first great victory in Chevrolet workers forced GM to Tonight the rest of Toledo auto negotiate and spearheaded the workers were rallied to support auto union's break from the AFL Charles Halifax, UAW-CIO of the strike at a mass meeting bureaucracy and the formation "The Rent, The Rent, of a CIO international union. "30% OR FIGHT"

> erest so far this season, enough pickets remained to keep all but a few authorized persons from the plant. Foremen were warned lunch. The Local 14 commissary pickets. Sympathetic lunch-

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of the battlefields and are now engaged in a conspiracy to drive down the living standards of American labor to coolie levels. This present U. S. Congress is nothing but a stooge, a Charlie Mc-Carthy for the J. P. Morgans, the du Ponts, the Girdlers and

What Washington Has Up Its Sleeve

Now, under cover of this propaganda barrage, the government is calling to Washington the leaders of the GM strikers and the officials of the GM Corporation. Why? What is the government's plan? What does it have up its sleeve?

First let us remember this: Washington, D. C. has been the burial ground of more strikes than any other place in the country. It is an old technique. They call the labor leaders to Washington; the government bureaucrats overwhelm them with their authority; they threaten them, they cajole them, they flatter them, they bulldoze them. They get the tremendous propaganda machine of Big Business into action; the radio and newspapers begin howling with one voice that "the public" demands a settlement; that labor is disrupting the country and bringing on "anarchy," and that the strike must be ended. Of course they never suggest that the corporations should give a wage increase to their underpaid workers.

This technique of government strike-busting has been practiced over and over again. Sometimes it is even done under hypocritical cover of giving help to the strikers, as occurred in the case of Montgomery Ward strike. But the results are always the same. Strikes completely victorious on the picket lines have time and again been lost in Washington, D. C., because of the treachery or cowardice, or stupidity, or ignorance, or bewilderment, or weakness of the trade union officials involved.

First Dangers GM Workers Face

This is one of the first dangers that the GM workers face today in this initial phase of the strike. The government is likely to come forward with the proposal to set up a so-called impartial fact-finding commission or board with full powers to arbitrate the strike. It is up to the strikers to weigh the meaning of such a proposal right now and to prepare their answer to it ahead

Such a proposal represents a mortal danger for the GM strike. The men will never win their 30 per cent increase this way. Such a so-called settlement will cheat the men out of their The two UAW locals involved provoked attacks on the pickets. just demands and represent a defeat for labor and a victory for

The men must be prepared for the fact that murderous pressure will be brought to bear on the union to accept some such phony "compromise." High government officials will threaten that unless the union accepts this proposition, Congress will pass vicious anti-labor laws which may bind the trade unions hand and foot and force upon them compulsory arbitration. The men must be prepared for just this kind of anti-labor barrage.

How GM Workers Must Answer

And being thus prepared, they will turn to their union officers and say: "We are not afraid of government threats. We have the power to fight it out and win. We fought General Motors to a standstill in 1937. We are now better organized and can do an even better job. Go ahead and press for our full demands on that basis. We are here on the line and we intend to stay out here until we win. We are not going to accept any phony government arbitration scheme. We are not going to permit any judge or ward-heeling politician or professor or 'public spirited citizen' to cheat us out of our bread and butter."

If the auto workers resolve to fight on, regardless of pressure or threats; if the auto workers draw on support from the ranks of all labor who are watching this crucial battle in a spirit of complete solidarity, then victory is assured. Victory

It is with this conviction that the auto workers will unquestionably organize themselves for the long fight ahead.

Electromotive Pickets Display High Spirits

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT | for the walk out. When the hour CHICAGO, Nov. 21 - "Wages struck, everything went off like clockwork. The big shots could Up. Hours Down

We Can't Pay The Rent, We Demand The Thirty Percent"

With these slogans on their lips the workers in suburban McCook's Electro-Motive Division of General Motors marched out of the plant today in the nationwide strike and virtually padlocked the doors.

As the members of UAW Local 719 marched out at the stroke of 10 o'clock, they shouted to the foremen, "Merry Christmas, yes they could not return after and a Happy New Year too." They thereby revealed their unserved coffee and food to the derstanding that the strike will probably be a long one.

BIG SHOTS AWED

About an hour before the 10 o'clock deadline, the company to watch developments. By that time the leaders of the local were walking up and down the aisles, giving last minute instructions

Baltimore GM Down As 1,000 Close Two Plants

Bu Dorothy Lessing (Special to THE MILITANT) BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 21.-'GM on strike; don't cross the picket line; 30 per cent or no cars; Wilson got his, we want ours."

With these slogans on picket lines, 1,000 General Motors Corporation workers walked off jobs here at 11 a.m. in response to the national strike call of the CIO United Automobile Workers. Full co-operation was promised by 500 AFL construction workers and the Building Trades Council.

on truck production came out. From Fisher Body, not yet in production, came the skeleton crew of 200. A hundred men regood fight. "We have to win."

live on. Ten veterans of this war were

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the picket lines themselves in mobile Workers resumed mass steel and other corporations.

picketing at seven General Mo-

BUFFALO'S STRIKING WORKERS

Lockport on the third day of night, eve of the strike, pledged speaker. "full moral, financial and phys-United Steel Workers, awaiting served to the pickets.

tors plants here and in nearby

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 23 _ Most of them expect to be on mands. a few weeks and realize a victory sub-regional director, District 9, in the Civic Auditorium, called

will shortly take strike votes 28, said his entire organization Workers. (SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT) under the Smith-Connally Act. is behind the auto workers' de-

over GM will aid them against said the strike is 100 per cent by Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO

solid. A mass strike meeting will be held soon with Walter Reuther, UAW vice president in The CIO Council last Tuesday charge of the GM division, as

Halifax said strike kitchens ical support." Joseph P. Malo- were being organized at the sevney, district director of the CIO en plants and coffee was being

A.F.L. CONSTRUCTION WORKERS JOIN G.M. STRIKERS IN L.A.

By Jean Blake

(Special to THE MILTANT) LOS ANGELES, Nov. 21.—All production stopped at the South Gate assembly plant of General Motors Corporation when 1,100 enthusiastic CIO United Auto Workers walked out as one man at 8 a.m. today, followed by 800 AFL construction workers. By 8:10 lively picket lines were

railroad entrances to the 10acre establishment.

guarding the five gates and two

Plant protection workers, not

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called out by the strike committee, are also members of the out of the plants in response to union, which recently won a the national GM strike call of retroactive pay raise for them. Indicating their complete sympathy with the strike, one of the plant guards pledged his wages the strike fund. WELL-ORGANIZED

voted 100 to 1 for strike, the try. Local 216 was well organhighest percentage in the counized for 24-hour picketing, with erans wearing their military dis-Flying Squadrons, first aid, charge emblems and army unistrike kitchen and strike stra- forms. tegy committee functioning smoothly. In true UAW democratic tradition, picket captains days of mass picketing. After were elected on the lines.

wanted to remove equipment, circumstances warrant change etc., were referred to the nearby in plans. union office for passes. Plant manager Henry Clark's chauf- ployes will be permitted to enfeur was not permitted to enter ter the plant only with a special the gate, so Clark had to walk pass from the union. Their numout to his car to go home.

In a cheerful mood, despite their full awareness of the serifor the duration of the strike to ous battle they face, the workers streamed out of the main employment gate of both plants on Natural Bridge Avenue. Picket South Gate plant workers had lines were immediately established. Strike leaders organized a big

The strike committee went

After this week, office em-

lof 3.000 cheered loudly and long at the declaration that the Chevrolet workers will "stay out 'til hell freezes over." Gosser workers are fighting the fight of

This was in the tradition of

Picket signs, "30 per cent or Fight;" "On Strike, Local 14, UAW-CIO." and "Strike. Stay Away," were ready when the 1.000 Chevrolet workers walked out at their lunch hour. Picket lines were immediately formed at the three gates.

Although weather was the sevroom operators also contributed.

The impending strike had been a topic of conversation for weeks. Many workers felt it was needed big shots appeared in the shop long ago. Production had been speeded up as much as 100 per cent. War veterans were the main victims of the speedup.

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Make McCook A Union Town." only stand and watch in awe, for the union was in complete con-

From Chevrolet, all 800 men

mained to picket before the two gates of the adjoining plants. Most of them have been GM employes many years. Without singing or jubilation, they voiced only determination to put up a Said one worker: "I've been at Chevrolet for 12 years. After I've worked three hours on that assembly line I'm as tired as if I'd done a full day's work. And yet they don't pay us enough to

among the pickets. "Don't forget to mention us GI's on the line," shouted one veteran.

several days of British troop assaults on Jewish demonstrators, was five dead and 68 seriously wounded.

Most of the casualties were youths and even children. Meyer Levin, correspondent of the N. Y. Post, who visited the hospitals, wrote November 20: "Of the 50 persons who were shot, 20 were children 8

to 16, and only 17 were over 20.' The young Palestinians demonstrated in Tel Aviv November 14 in protest against the British ban on further immigration of Jewish refugees from Europe. British imperialism replied by rushing in airborne troops who were ordered to fire to break up the demonstrations. At night British planes dropped flares to aid the imperialist patrols in hunting down the militant Jewish youths.

TERRIBLE PLIGHT

To understand why the Jews are demonstrating in Palestine and other countries against Allied policy, it is necessary to understand the fate of the Jewish people in Europe; for the British use of armed force in Palestine only underlines the terrible plight of these persecut-

Before the war there were some 9,600,000 Jews in central Europe. When the Nazis occupied the countries in which these people lived, Hitler began systematically to exterminate them. The slaughter of the Jews is one of the most horrible episodes in human history. A minimum of 4,-000,000 are known to have been killed by the Hitlerites and their allies. Approximately 1,700,000 "disappeared" under Nazi rule. Another 2,650,000 are listed as unaccounted for."

This leaves only 1,250,000 believed to be still alive. Of this number 100,000 are in concentration camps in Germany. Reports of U.S. Government investigators revealed that conditions in these camps remained as inhuman and | behalf. bestial under Allied supervision as they were under the Nazis. Truman promised to ameliorate these conditions, but last reports indicate there is little or no im-

The Jews outside the concentration camps are largely "displaced" persons. That is, they were torn from their homes by the Nazis and shipped to Germany as slave laborers. The Nazis sold the homes and belongings of these victims.

Now the buyers of these possessions refuse to give them up. They fear the return of the rightful owners. This fear combined with Hitlerite propaganda has given rise to a new wave of anti-Semitism in Europe.

many, they will surely die by lip service to free immigration hundreds of thousands in the to Palestine while keeping the coming winter from hunger, cold gates of America closed.

INDIAN PEOPLE **BACK COLONIAL** FREEDOM CAUSE

The battle of the colonia peoples in the Far East for freedom is awakening profound response in India. "Since Britain seems determined to use Indian troops and material for crushing Asiatic Freedom Movements," reports the Bombay correspondent of the British 'New Leader,' "India feels the time has come to use its national strength in answer.

Already, continues the New Leader, "Nation-wide preparations are . . . under way for rendering succor to its brother peoples."

Azad, President of the Indian National Congress, declared: "Indians . . . cannot but sympathize, and fall in line, with the struggle of the Indonesian and Annamite Nationalists . . . The dock workers of China and Australia have set an example which Indian port workers and seamen can emulate."

and disease. Those able to return to their former homes face victimization at the hands of the anti-Semites.

In this desperate situation they ek escape from the European death-trap. Some want to come to the United States or Great ports are to be believed, seek to go to Palestine. The Jews in Palestine are fighting in their

The demonstrations and protest meetings of Jews in America as well as Palestine indicate disillusionment with the Allies. The Zionists in particular supported their hatred of Hitler, their horrer over the fate of the Jews and their hone that London and Washington would carry out their promises to open Palestine to Jewish immigration.

By centering attention on Palestine as a "homeland" for the Jews, however, the Zionists play directly into the hands of the Allied imperialists. The Zionists divert attention from Washington's callous indifference to the Street's government to permit immigration to the United States. The Jews thus face a frightful | The Zionists thus allow Truman

a idition to French forces there

was destroyed today by Nation-

on Saigon airfield," reported

Nationalists threatened to burn

tend to burn all stocks of goods

November 12: "Some of the

Japanese now engaged in de-

armed only to be rearmed be-

The observations of Christoph-

er Buckley, special correspondent

for the London Daily Telegram

show the well-organized char-

acter of the independence move-

ment in Indo-China. In his Oc-

evidence that the Annamese

forces are working to plan. They

have attacked the power house.

"Yesterday Annamese crews

tober 1 dispatch, he declares:

loss as 40,000 gallons.

activity," declared AP.

WELL ORGANIZED

The Fearful Plight Of Jewish Victims By November 15 the casualty toll in Palestine, after First Belgian Trotskyist Congress Since "Liberation" Notes Big Gains

Chinese Eighth Route Soldiers March



These are soldiers of the Communist (Sta linist) Eighth Route Army in China, now engaged in a life and death struggle with the U. S.-equipped soldiers of dictator Chiang Kai-shek.

French Stalinists Betray **Labor For Cabinet Posts**

Bu Paul G. Stevens

tled their sharp clash with General de Gaulle in the cabinet crisis last week in return for a few minor conces- But in foreign policy they are sions in ministerial posts.

The crisis arose when de Gaulle, at first elected without Comthe Allies in the war because of munist Party opposition as "interim" President by the newly convened Constituent Assembly, fairs, or of the Interior. In a rejecting it and once again enradio speech the general alluded trusting the general with the to the French C.P. leaders as presidency. untrustworthy for such key positions because of their "attachment to Russia.'

The Stalinists thereupon openterrible plight of the Jews in Gaulle, nominating the Socialist ernment. This course is reflect-Europe and the refusal of Wall | Felix Gouin as their candidate tendered his resignation to the Assembly. By this move they prospect. If they remain in Ger- to find an easy escape by paying hoped to wean the French reformists away from de Gaulle's party, the Catholic Popular Republican Movement (MRP) for

pontoon ferry in the Saigon riv-

noses of the Allies, close under

mile from Allied H. Q. They

their pay on the previous day."

In his October 3 dispatch,

Buckley declared of the leaders:

"The inner ring of about a dozen

-lawyers, journalists, doctors.

mostly with a European educa-

tion. Two or three are members

Far Eastern workers, and others

are near communists. One is a

that began a week ago was care-

fully planned; it was not a

spontaneous outburst."

"Several others were noted for

The French Stalinists set- joint action in the cabinet crisis. | ganda;" and (4.) "the manner The Leon Blum reformists are in which de Gaulle is being built under pressure from their mass up in the country as the 'strong following to undertake joint soc-Finally Kartun sums up that ialization measures with the C.P.

allied with de Gaulle's MRP ies of peaceful cooperation of all to pay a heavy price indeed. for the pro-Anglo-American "Western European Bloc" and against the Stalinists' pro-Kremlin policy. Consequently, the Stalinist maneuver did not sucbalked at giving the Stalinists ceed. When the Assembly acted today is not prepared to give up a major cabinet post, such as on de Gaulle's resignation, the an inch of its ground without a Minister of War, of Foreign Af- Socialists joined the majority in fight."

MANEUVER FAILS

When de Gaulle offered to resign) the Stalinists tried to exed a sharp attack against de ploit sentiment for a labor goved in the Paris dispatches of the always careful to stress the authoritative character of his sources. On November 17, under the heading "French Left May Go It Alone" he writes that, in view of de Gaulle's resignation and his hope that a "Left wing" government will discredit itself, the French Stalinists feel "the Socialists, Communists and mighty General Confederation of Labor have the program, ability, popular support and determination to tackle and solve the problems

Undoubtedly the Stalinists were then playing around with "The crews, who had been re- the slogan of a Socialist-Comgarded as trustworthy, sank the munist-Trade Union governvessels practically under the ment. This is a slogan which the Trotskvist Party inscribed at the November 10: "About 20,000 the river bank and not half a head of its banner in the recent elections and which received an made off. They had received extraordinarily wide response from the working class in Paris.

> ENUMERATES TENDENCIES Two days later, Kartun writes is composed of professional men that "the de Gaulle-Communist dispute is the logical outcome of many disturbing tendencies beof the Communist party and have | coming visible in France today." attended the Moscow school for He enumerates these as (1.) "continued Vichy and Fascist domination of the Army." (2.) 'this French Gestapo, the DGER (which) was already active be-Japanese sympathies, one or two fore the liberation and since has for the reverse . . . The rising grown to enormous proportions;" (3.) "marked increase in the in-

man' who can 'save France.'"

the time for comfortable theorment of socialism in France has passed. There should no longer be any illusions about the fact that the ruling class in France

•As is apparent, the Stalinists were retreating somewhat from their delusive and pernicious propaganda about "socialism" to be achieved by "all classes," and were even talking about a "fight" against the capitalists who would not "give up an inch" without it. But it soon became evident that N. Y. Daily Worker. The Paris only in maneuvering for ministerial posts. The very next day (November 21) the Daily Worker correspondent writes:

"I can state authoritatively that the Gestapo understood very the party more than double its that the Communists will not prove unaccommodating on questions of detail, and if de Gaulle is now prepared to respect the will of the nation and give the Communists equal representation, a national government can rapidly be formed."

ALREADY FORGOTTEN

Gone and forgotten are the Fascist domination of the Army," the "French Gestapo, the DGER" etc., etc. The time for peaceful cooperation of all classes" has not passed after all. No government of "the Socialists, Communists and mighty General Confederation of Labor" is needed after all. What has happened? De Gaulle, taking over the Ministry of Defense himself, has given the Stalinists a sub-ministry of "Armaments" while the MRP leader Bidault retains control of Foreign Affairs and the Socialist Tixier, the Ministry of the Interior. The Bonapartist general has graciously consented to throw the Stalinists a sop to help them save face. The November 22 Daily Worker reports a brief cable from Paris:

STALINISTS SATISFIED!

highly satisfied with the governtensity of anti-Communist and ment of real national unity. indeed anti-democratic propa- Though the Communists have powerfully than ever.

"The Communist Party is

defending, from day to day, the of the country as the only revoimmediate interests of the work- lutionary party of the working ers against both their "native" class. The PCR was the only one as well as their "foreign" ex- to warn the partisans in No-

ploiters. Among the outstanding vember 1944 that their organizaagitational campaigns led by the tions were going to be dissolved. PCR were the campaigns during It was the only party to tell the its illegality for the defense of truth about the events in Greece. the USSR, for the support of It was the only party to defend strikes, for the struggle against the workers' rights, to fight strike of May 1, 1944. These were support to the very end and all occasions on which the party against everyone, the striking demonstrated at every critical coal miners of Charleroi, of the moment that it was the only gen- | Center region and of the Borinuine party of the working class. age district.

We pursued this struggle in

Fourth International.

MANY MARTYRS For this activity, the PCR had PAPER BANNED classes in the rapid establish- Twenty of our outstanding mili- central organ, La Voie de Lenine. tants fell in the course of the for appealing for solidarity with illegal struggle. Among them we the German proletariat. But tomourn particularly the loss of day this solidarity has alcomrade Leon Lesoil, the fore- ready become a living realmost leader of the party before ity which the "decrees" of the war, and comrade A. Leon, the governors and ministers can National Secretary of the party no longer suppress. Tomorrow the during the occupation. Of the 10 comrades who successively tion of the PCR in the crisis over constituted the Executive Committee of our party between 1940 fruits, and the slogans of our and 1944, only three escaped ar- party, especially that "For the rest. Four returned to us alive Republic! For the Defense of the from the Nazi prisons. Three oth- Workers' Interests!" will become ers were killed by the Hitlerite the slogans of the entire working butchers. The Presiding Commit- class of Belgium. all this was just empty talk, used tee which opened the sessions of the Congress totalled among BOLSHEVIK CONGRESS themselves alone more than 10 years of captivity in the concen- ally the very important progress tration camps. All this testifies already achieved by our party in only too eloquently to the fact relation to the past. Not only did

> munism. Trotskyism. was its main enemy. Following the "liberation," the party lost no time in considerably expanding all its activities. of the party and its press, its ca-Since then it has occupied a

well that internationalist com-

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made sacrifices, the main difference is the de Gaulle climbdown. They stress the statesmanlike, high-minded attitude of Thorez and other leaders throughout."

"Statesmanlike" and "highminded" are the euphemistic terms the Stalinists use for their shameless exploitation and betrayal of the aspirations of the masses in their mad scramble for the ministerial trough. But the masses of France will yet be heard from. No fake "nationalizations" will appease them. The unity with the Bonapartist bourgeoisie will not long be accepted by them. The cry for a Socialist-Communist-Trade Union government and for genuine socialization will be heard more

Communist Party (Parti Communist Revolutionnaire) progressive transformation of La Lutte Ouvriere (The Worksince the "liberation." It thus gave the party an opporers' Struggle), leading paper of tunity to present to its members and sympathizers, as well the party, into a big popular

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1, 2 and 3. Twenty-four regular voting delegates, a delegate of the European Secretar-

iat of the Fourth International, as well as representatives from the British, French and

Leon Lesoil

The government banned its

energetic and incessant interven-

the monarchy will also bear its

The Congress reflected gener-

membership since the Fourth

Congress held in 1943 in the midst

of complete illegality. In the un-

animous opinion of all the dele-

gates, the present political level

pacity to intervene actively in the

political developments, to speak

in the language of the masses

and to penetrate into ever deep-

er layers of the Belgian working

class - all of this constitutes

a very serious and important step

At the same time, the Congress

submitted the entire political and

organizational life of the party

since the Fourth Congress to

Bolshevik self-criticism. The

Congress drew the conclusion

that the rhythm of development

of the party continues to be much

slower than that of its increase

Drawing the lessons of the past

experience, the Congress decided

upon a much stricter application

of Leninist organizational rules,

in order to bring about greater

productivity in our work, as the

most important task of the party

internally. On the basis of the

opinions expressed by militants

from all the districts who are

most closely linked to the work-

ing class, and taking into account

at the same time the political

framework for the solution of all

political problems, the Congress

set before the party a whole ser-

educational work.

PARTY ORGANIZATION

forward.

in influence.

delegate, sent a wire expressing their fraternal greetings.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Nov. 10-The Fifth National Congress of the Revolutionary

This Congress was the first held by the Revolutionary | Congress likewise decided on the

The particularly encouraging ncrease in recruitment among the youth and the enthusiasm with which young militants manifest their complete devotion to the cause of the Fourth International, permit us to hope that in the coming months all of these projects will be carried out on schedule. Their realization will mean the definitive transformation of our organization into genuine Bolshevik party, concretizing step by step our already wide-spread influence among

POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS While the Congress placed special importance on the organizational questions, it did not of course neglect its political work. which is correctly conceived by party, which produced consistent clarification on all political problems, three main documents were

adopted by the Congress.

A resolution on "The Advance of Barbarism and the perspecdeportations, for the general against civilian conscription, to tives of the Proletarian Revolution" brings up to date the analysis of the present situation and outlines the great alternatives facing decision in the near future: the revolutionary upsurge in Great Britain, considered as the key to the situation, its fusing with the much slower and much more contradictory revolutionary development in Europe: the fate of the colonial revolution; the future of American imperialism; the development of the situation in the USSR.

> Another resolution, "The Present Situation in Belgium and the Immediate Tasks of the Party," which is summed up in the Manifesto of the Congress, draws the balance sheet of the "liberation," analyzes the present "prosperity" as speculative and tenuous, demonstrates the complete responsibility of the reformist and Stalinist leaders for the defeat of the first revolutionary offensive, points out very clearly the dangers for the working class residing in the counter-offensive of the bourgeoisie, of which the question of the monarchy is merely one aspect, and traces the objectives and the methods of struggle which, in view of the recent experiences, are the only ones can able of guiding the working class towards its genuine emacination

Finally, the Congress worked out a Program of Action and adopted a resolution on the uation in the USSR and on the situation in the countries occapied by the USSR.

GREETINGS TO THE INTERNATIONAL

With great joy and pride the closing session of the party Congress reaffirmed its attachment to and complete confidence in the only surviving International the Fourth. The PCR, together with its French sister section. began in 1942 the work of constructing the revolutionary center in Europe and took the nost active part in the work of the European Conference of the Fourth International which united, under the very noses of the Gestapo, the representatives of FIVE different sections somewhere in Europe. Today TEN Enropean sections are already participating in the work of the Enropean Executive Committee, as testified to by the 10 signatures on its Manifesto for the defense of the colonial revolution.

The most encouraging news reached the Congress from overseas, particularly from India and from America, whose particularly active Trotskyist parties were saluted by the Congress as models for our party.

The participation of the international delegates in the work of the Congress only crowned a permanent and fruitful interest of the international revolutionary leadership in the life of our party. At the very time when internationalism has almost disappeared even from the vocabulary of the PCR is merely an integral fidence on their return that the after its publication, more than Revolution, the Fourth Interna-

ject peoples.

Trotskyist.

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"What is most significant is the the docks, the market place and open acknowledgement and braz- mendous fire-power of the Sherthe ammonia factory, which is essential to the cold storage of "Where they could not seize matter what their nationality, dom. permanently they have endeavored, often with see eye to eye in great political Allied brutality is reaching received the task of clearing success, to set fire to them, having previously removed the fire

prisoners rather than killing tensity. On November 23, "Sher- down in cold blood by Nether- rocket-firing planes: "Royal Air With these cynical remarks, for the first time blasted out its of the Netherlands Tenth first rocket strike in Java, cripthe British shifted from accus- 2,000-yard gains in Soerabaja Battalion attacked the Indonesing the Indonesian movement of today," reported AP. "Indonesian ian central police station in Babeing "Japanese - inspired" to resistance melted before the tre- tavia a few days ago." en approval of Allied use of Jap- mans." These tanks were sup- ish command," continued the the N. Y. Times. "The British anese imperialist troops against lied by U. S. imperialism as part dispatch, "were assigned to clear the Indonesians. In the final of its contribution to crushing the eastern half of Semarang analysis, all the capitalists, no the Indonesian battle for free- |. . . Later Japanese units were

crises involving their domination savage heights. On November native settlements east of Semover the workers or over sub- 24, reported AP, "The British arang. The British said that the . . set the torch to native set- Japanese were doing an excel-As the Allies increased the tlements in one locality," report- lent job." succeeded in scuttling four ships, strength of their forces in Indo- ed AP. "British Lieut. Col. H. C. By November 25 Allied vione of 400 tons, two of 200 tons nesia, the violence of their of G. Harding . . . said that 60 Indo-lence reached a crescendo with stations had been destroyed."

"Japanese troops, under Brit-

reported by the British to have

the European war, expressed con-

fensive likewise increased in in- nesian policemen had been shot the use of the most modern man tanks wheeling into action landers and Ambonese when un- Force Mosquitos, making their pled the propaganda machine of the Indonesian extremists. They shot up the Surakarta and Jogjakarta radio stations," reported claimed nine direct hits on the Surakarta station and thirteen

DECISIONS ADOPTED Among the specific decisions adopted were the following: The publication of a printed monthy magazine L'Avant - Garde (The Vanguard); the organization of a campaign of regular political forums in all parts of the reformist and Stalinist reneon that at Jogjakarta. The rock- the country; a program of pub- gades, we are particularly proud et attack was followed up by lication of low-priced agitational of this fact. The Congress procannon fire in strafing runs. pamphlets. The first pamphlet, claimed before all the world that "The crews, led by veterans of dealing with the problem of pensions, met with considerable suc- part of the one and only party, cess. By November 4, the day the World Party of the Socialist

ies of concrete objectives: on recruitment, on the expansion of our press, on trade union work, on work among the youth and in

1700 had already been sold. The tional.

Trotskyists In The Forefront Of The Indo-Chinese Struggle (Continued from Page 1) Dargenlieu stated that 9,000 and a tug. They also sank a that will confront them." they are captured is shown by French troops with the latest the following dispatch in the American equipment will arrive

October 24 London Daily Tele- by the end of the month. In gram: "Nearly 400 Annamite terrorists captured in the national- are now 18,000 British Indian ist fighting in Indo-China were troops. sentenced to 16 to 20 years hard labor for 'associating with crim- gallons of high octane aviation inals and carrying arms' by a gas, practically the entire Royal French court in Saigon, yester- Air Force stock in Indo-China,

A sketch of developments not alists who set fire to a dump previously reported follows:

October 31: "A 33-day strike Reuters. The AP reported the plus a boycott of British and French troops was declared in Cholon today as the result of rubber stocks estimated at 100,charges that Indian and Gurkha | 000 tons. They declared they introops had committed rape, incendiarism and looting in the and raw materials as a measure district." Cholon is the largest of "total economic warfare." Chinese settlement near Saigon.

November 9: "An over-powering French force equipped with fense work previously were dislend-leased tanks of American manufacture yesterday occupied cause of increasing Annamese Tay Ninh, 58 miles northwest of Saigon, opening the first overland link with food-rich Cambodia," Associated Press reported. The French declined to furnish details or estimate the amount of American arms used by their troops in Indo-China.

Heavy fighting broke out at Tan An, 35 miles southwest of Saigon and the United Press reported that the French garrison was forced to request relief by British Indian forces. The Annamese were reported to be using Japanese 75's against the French. Annamese Nationalists were reported to be mobilizing 66,000 troops near Pakse. Admiral

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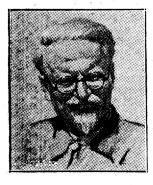
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Only the world revolution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy.

—Leon Trotsky

All Support For The Embattled UAW!

America's capitalist class is rallying to a man behind the billionaire du Ponts in their war against the the General Motors workers.

Every agency and agent of Big Business is mobilizing for the fray. They don't need any "compulsory conscription" act, either. They are voluntarily enlisting "for the duration" in the cause that is dearest to their heartssafeguarding their profit interests by dealing a smashing blow at labor.

No sooner did the GM workers, their patience finally exhausted by the intolerable corporation provocations, launch their strike, than the national spokesmen for the big industrialists leaped into the battle on the side of the du Ponts.

In Washington, where the labor and corporation representatives were going through the motions of rigging up an "industrial peace," the spokesmen of Big Business on the day of the GM walkout let forth an immediate blast of implacable hostility to organized labor. They confronted the union leaders with a series of demands that constituted a virtual declaration of war.

These demands are based on the infamous five-point program advocated by the National Association of Manufacturers. They are designed to limit the independence of the unions by anti-labor laws, restrict the right to strike, place the unions under the penalties of the anti-trust acts, subject the unions to fines and "damage" suits for contract "violations," pervert the National Labor Relations Act into an instrument for harassing labor.

Simultaneously, the Congressional agents of Big Business rushed to their anti-labor artillery posts. The House Rules Committee shunted aside all other measures before the House in order to give immediate right-ofway for a series of union-smashing, laborhating bills embodying the program of the National Association of Manfacturers for "industrial peace." One of the most vicious measures being pushed would permit employers to sue for "damages" where workers strike during the life of a contract, regardless of employer violations and provocations.

That same day, November 21, the day the GM strike began, President Truman found the pretext for baring his teeth against labor. He issued a ferocious attack on striking municipal transportation workers in Washington, D. C. The timing and exceptional violence of this attack leave no room for doubt that Truman's real objective was the General Motors

The Washington strike he called a "blow at the sanctity of labor agreements. It strikes too at the very roots of orderly government." How like the language of the GM officials, the spokesmen of the NAM, the Congressional labor-baiters! Truman demonstratively assails one group of strikers, but his gaze is fixed squarely on the General Motors workers.

This gang-up of the ruling class, its politicians, national spokesmen, press, propagandists of all hues, against the General Motors workers, is not an expression of personal regard for the du Ponts. Everybody knows that amongst themselves the various capitalist cliques are in continual conflict.

But they do not let their internal differences blind them to their general class interests which unite them against their main enemy. the working class. They fully realize the significance for American capitalism of the General Motors struggle. They recognize that if the GM workers force the du Ponts to yield wage increases, all of organized labor will be pounding at the employers for more pay, and fighting on the picket lines to win it.

When American Big Business mobilizes to crush the GM workers, it aims to blunt the sharpest spearhead of American labor now driving to secure decent living standards and permanent security. Big Business knows what a victory for the auto workers will mean for all labor. It is acting accordingly and in strict conformity with its basic class interests.

American labor as a whole, for its part, is duty-bound to rally its forces in defense of its class interests as embodied in the titanic struggle of the GM workers.

Virtually every union in America, AFL, CIO, railway workers and independents, is demand-

ing wage increases. A victory on this issue for the mighty GM contingent of the CIO auto workers will undermine the barriers of the capitalist class and open the way for a labor victory all down the line.

For every local union, for every international, regardless of affiliation, there can be but one answer to the Wall Street offensive against the GM strikers:

"ALL SUPPORT FOR THE EMBATTLED AUTO WORKERS!"

The Same Struggle

The General Motors strikers and the Indonesian people are fighting a common enemy.

In the United States, General Motors is one of the giant corporations of monopoly capitalism whose tentacles strangle American in-

In Indonesia, General Motors is one of the companies of monopoly capitalist imperialism which have long drained super-profits from the people of that land.

In both countries, General Motors seeks to maintain and strengthen its holdings, no mat-

ter what the cost in human suffering. Wall Street's government is backing General Motors both at home and abroad.

The Indonesian people battling for the independence of their Republic, threaten the lucrative holdings of the Allied imperialists, including General Motors. Wall Street's government is aiding the British and Dutch in a ruthless attempt to put-down this Republic and safeguard the imperialist grip on Indonesia. The Dutch and British troops have been given American-made tanks, planes and bombs to carry out this butcher's job. American ships are hauling troops to use these arms against the Indonesians.

The General Motors strikers, battling to safeguard their union and their standard of living, threaten to lower the enormous rate of profit the Du Pont family established during the Second World War. Wall Street's government has underwritten the profits of these robber barons, guaranteeing them in 1946 a minimum of \$160,000,000 through tax rebates even though the Du Ponts shut down the plants for the entire next year. Congress is now preparing vicious anti-labor legislation to dovetail with the union-smashing drive of the giant corporations.

It is clear that the struggle of the Indonesian people aids the auto workers. The militancy of the auto workers on the other hand aids the Indonesians.

The cause of the working class is thus seen to be international. The solidarity of the workers against capitalism transcends all frontiers.

By helping the Indonesians achieve their independence the American workers help themselves.

Express your solidarity with the colonial

Demand the withdrawal of all troops from the Far East!

Operate Idle Plants

We call attention to an important in the box "Our Program" on page five of The Militant.

For the past period we have listed as one of our slogans, "Operate all government-built plants under workers' control!" We raised this demand when billions of dollars were being pumped out of the public treasury to expand and modernize American industry for the production of war goods. Big Business not only shook down the greatest profits in all history through operation of these plants, but the monopolists set out to convert them into their own private property.

With the end of the war, Big Business set all its political wheels in motion to shut down and dismantle the plants it considered "expendable." Those plants Big Business wished to take over were placed on the auction bloc by its Washington representatives.

Thus the closing down of government-built plants threw millions of workers out of work, while the employers, bent on crushing the unions, have forced hundreds of thousands of additional workers into the streets.

To meet these altered circumstances we have changed our slogan to read: Government operation of all idle and gov-

ernment-built plants under workers' control! The main change is the inclusion of "idle" plants. During the war, industry operated at capacity producing the instruments of death. Now, when the entire world suffers from the untold destruction of wealth, America's great industrial plant, under the arbitrary control of Big Business, is being cut down to only a raction of its capacity.

The millions of unemployed cannot be provided the jobs that are their right unless these plants are run at full capacity.

In view of the sabotage by the big capitalists, our slogan calls for "Government operation" of these plants. If Big Business refuses to run the plants, let them be operated by the government!

As before, our slogan calls for "workers' control." This is of crucial importance, Workers' control provides for union inspection of the company books and records. It means an end to business "secrets" including an end to secrecy on the mountainous profits piled up by the bosses. It means the organization of workers' committees, aided by specialists where necessary, who would place the corporations under a magnifying glass.

The present demand of the auto workers to open the books of General Motors illustrates the timeliness of this part of the slogan. Let all the unions place high among their

demands:

Government operation of all idle and government-built plants under workers' control!

"Now are you sure ink eradicator will remove really BIG figures?"

By Ferdinand Lundberg. Pub- to the Romanovs." lished by Vanguard Press, New

Ever since it first appeared, "America's Sixty Families" has been accepted as an authentic source - book on the financial crimes of America's arrogant capitalist class. Lundberg lays bare the family and economic ties of the monopolist clique which dictates the living standards of American workers, and tells how its wealth was amassed.

The auto workers who have hit the picket lines to fight for a 30 per cent wage increase, have good reason to hate General Motors for its union busting monied moguls who rule GM, springs a leak, she needn't stay tactics, its intensive assemblyline speed-up of the workers. non-banking corporations with delivered 14 vessels to the Fisher But every worker in America has an aggregate wealth of \$43 bil- brothers for their seafaring equal reason to hate and fight lions. But we must add to this, pleasure. the economy of the entire na- the financial power of the Mor- ation itself, as a "business enter-

shows, is controlled by the du Lundberg, is directly or indivate railroad car for the com-Ponts, the Fishers and the Mor- rectly manipulated by the Mor- fort of its officials. Average gans. The fortune of the Mor- gan affiliates. gan group was conservatively estimated by Lundberg as threequarters of a billion dollars; the du Pont riches, a cool billion; the Fishers, who are relatively "newly rich," had only a mod- the colossus which whines that many of the accounts which est half billion.

AMERICAN BOURBONS

"The Morgans," writes Lundberg, "may be likened to American Bourbons who have slowly, remorselessly broken down the power of scores that refused to last depression in a fantastic bend the knee, surrounding world of luxury. "A careful sur- first-rate source of information. themselves with a host that ac- vey," Lundberg wrote, "indicates cepts Morgan leadership . . . that the du Ponts own more

AMERICA'S SIXTY FAMILIES, the du Ponts (may be likened) yachts, more pipe organs, more

supporting families."

MIGHTY MONSTER

This is the mighty monster against which the auto workers are directing their fight. This is cent wage to the workers who sweat in its factories. This is the economic power of American while it screams of "poverty."

swimming pools, more ducal es-First of the banking powers in tates, and more bathrooms than America is the Morgan group, any other family in the world toworking through a network of day. They employ more serpartnerships. The Fisher fam- vants than the royal family of ily is one of many whose affairs Britain." And "The Morgan are "handled" by the Morgan family, with town houses and firm. The du Ponts, have their apartments in New York City, own family holding company, the also owns East and West Island, Christiana Corporation, which off the North Shore of Long "gives them the largest indust- Island." The tax assessment on rial participation of any family East Island alone was \$2,256,000, in the United States." But the until after prolonged litigation, du Ponts do not depend on their Morgan senior managed to win own resources alone! "J. P. a million dollar reduction. Bertha Morgan and Company . . . in- M. Fisher, one of the "poor" cludes the du Ponts among its members of the clan, was listed by Lundberg as the owner of a As a triumvirate, the same \$1,250,000 diesel yacht; if it control at least 51 banks and 86 at home, for one builder alone

the powerful GM corporation, for a real picture, the vast num- Individual extravagances, just whose greedy fingers reach into ber of corporations dominated by eccentricities? The GM corporgan group. One-fourth of Amer- prise," could afford to wallow a General Motors, Lundberg ican corporate wealth, says bit, too. It maintained a pricost of such a car is about \$100 -000, with maintenance running as high as \$50,000 more every

> Even more devastating are it "cannot afford" to pay a de- Lundberg gives of the chicanery and trickery, the crushing of business competitors and the pluncapitalism, wallowing in wealth der of the public treasury in war and peace. For anyone who Individual members of the would like to understand how the money clique lived through the GM autocracy got that way, "America's Sixty Families" is a Reviewed by Ruth Johnson

PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS -By CHARLES CARSTEN-

Maimed Suffer, Government Stalls

Men who went through horrible combat experiences in North Africa, Europe or the Pacific, then suffered the terrifying agony of being wounded and losing one or more of their limbs have every human right to expect what they were promised: the best the country can provide.

Through no fault of their own they lost their ability to earn a living in a normal manner. Now they are at the mercy of the government.

What has the government done for them?

It has permitted a \$10,000,000 monopoly of 250 manufacturers "to impede and discourage the development and improvement of the utility and comfort of artificial limbs," according to the Novemher 15. N. Y. Times.

No one was permitted to "impede and discourage the development" of the atomic bomb, nor the B-29! But a viciously mercenary monopoly was allowed to force the price of artificial limbs up to as high as \$2,000 each and prevent their improvement. Both of these facts have been common knowledge for a long time. Why wasn't anything done about it?

This country has the most highly trained scientists, the best laboratories, highly skilled technicians, access to unlimited raw materials, and the most modern light-weight plastics. Under proper direction and planning these resources could be utilized to vastly improve the lot of the amputees.

The government demonstrated what it could do for war. Towns, huge factories, complicated machinery, elaborately equipped laboratories were constructed almost over-night in order to make the atomic bomb. Billions of dollars were spent. Talent from all over the world was mobilized. No patents, no trade restrictions, nor lack of materials were permitted to stand in the way.

How different is the attitude of the government when it's a question of scientific and technical development needed to aid the men who lost arms and legs in the war!

As though no new materials, no new techniques had been developed in the past 25 years, the amputees are given cumbersome, outmoded, nearly useless limbs similar to the ones issued after World War I.

Not until the middle of October, 1945 was any move made to begin research to improve artificial limbs. Then contracts were awarded to private concerns—the same ones that are indicted for a conspiracy to fix "high, artificial, unreasonable and non-competitive" prices, perhaps?-for research and

A Half-Hearted Beginning

Lest amputees raise their hopes only to have them dashed a little later, it should be pointed out: the sum awarded is small; private concerns will absorb a large portion of it as profits; and even the few improvements they make will not be available soon for "actual production will not get under way for possibly two years," according to Dr. Klopsteg, chairman of the National Research Council's committee

This half-hearted, inadequate beginning to improve artificial limbs has been made by the government under the pressure of mounting public indignation over the scandalous treatment of amputees.

Meager research was begun belatedly, not because the government was unaware of the poor quality of limbs given the wounded, but because brass-hats and high officials are callously indifferent to the needs of the men maimed in battle.

Operators Net Millions In Ships "Sale" Steals

The scandalous tie-up between wealthy shipowners and the Maritime Commission whereby public funds are poured out for the purchase of virtually worthless vessels is revealed in the October 19 Congressional Record. Chief link in the shady deals is Admiral Emory S. Land, head of the Maritime Commission, who once flaunted his hatred for labor in a statement that "all union organizers should be shot at sunrise."

Congressman Rich B. Wigglesworth of Massachusetts presented a table of figures compiled from information supplied by the Maritime Commission, the War Shipping Administration and the General Accounting office. These figures disclose some of the enormous profits made by the ship-owners on the Red Sea run and the over-inflated insurance placed upon decrepit ships by the government. They also reveal some of the staggering prices allowed by the Maritime Commission for these rust-buckets, which are today fit only for the junk heap.

In 1941, the Maritime Commission purchased, among other ships, the "Nana", valued at \$55,040, for \$352,669; also, "El Capitan", valued at \$87,462, for \$486,595. In 1942, the Commission purchased the "City of Alma", built in 1920 and bought by the owner for \$81,580, for \$660,300; also the "Malany", valued at \$66,612, for \$400,000. These were Admiral Land's own valuations and far in excess of the cost of these ships to the owners. Thus, for these four vessels alone, valued at \$300,442, the government paid out \$1,999,564.

Purchase prices for other vessels as shown by the figures are equally generous—at public expense. The Lafayette, ex Dryden, built in 1919, cost the owners \$59,597 and made a net profit on the Red Sea voyage of \$296,705. The Maritime Commission, which insured this tub for \$843,000, is now allowing \$676,000 for its purchase.

The Kenowis, built in 1920, with a book value of \$35,492, was insured by the Commission for \$235,-663 and is now given a purchase value of \$686,700. For the Panama City, bought by the owners for \$57,502, the Commission allows \$548,000.

But even this plunder, dished out by the Maritime Commission, is picayune compared to what the Navy can do for profiteering ship-owners. The figures disclose that in 1940, for the "City of Baltimore," built in 1918 and valued at \$52,658, the Navy paid \$1,420,000!

Congressmen At Work'

A burning question faces Wall Street's Congressmen: What spot shall they choose as the "permanent site for the new peace capital of the world" to house the United Nations Organiza-Geneva, Switzerland, is out of

the question, for this was the site of the League of Nations. predecessor of the UNO. The League, as everybody knows, did not bring peace but simply paved the way for the Second World War. "Through no fault of its own, Geneva is not located in an environment of historic peace," Mundt of South Dakota explains. Stewart of Oklahoma proposes Tuskahoma — which by chance

of Oklahoma. His arguments are powerful: "Wild life is in abundance. The people who inhabit this earthly Eden . . . have never been infected with radical isms that plague other sections of our

happens to be in his home state

country." Next in importance is the influence of Heaven: "We in Oklahoma have always suspected the Almighty of keeping this spot for some special purpose and now we are inspired to offer it to the world as the seat of international government."

And finally, weightiest consideration of all: "Tuskahoma persuasive: "If the world capital world capital of "peace"?

SOLEMN COUNCIL



was the capital of the old Chocgates would undoubtedly find pass the pipe of peace around Nations Organization."

the fire. ever, favors the Black Hillsbecome to the world's workers for peace what the Vatican City in Rome is to the believers in

Catholicism."

always possible to construct deep underground rooms for the safereeping of important records or -if deemed advisable-for emergency meetings of the delegates should that become necessary." SAFE SPOT According to Mundt, the Black Hills will be the safest spot for

is adjacent to mountains, it is

the capital of world peace when World War III breaks loose: "Its central location, far from either coast, or any possible military border makes the Black Hills. site immune from military octaw Nation and their ancient cupancy and comparatively safe council house has recently been from attack by scientific weaprehabilitated." The UNO dele- ons of war. Its vast mountains provide ample opportunity for completely safe underground this a great convenience when rooms to the extent, and for any they squat in solemn council and purpose, desired by the United

It is too early, however, to Mundt of South Dakota, how- award Congressman Mundt the brass spittoon for the most realwhich by chance happen to be istic arguments. The Rocky in his home state of South Da- Mountain Congressmen have yet kota: "The Black Hills world to be heard from. And they capital invitation committee pro- have in their territory ghost minposes that an entire new city be ing towns above abandoned especially designed and con- mines with hundreds of miles of structed in this area which will tunnels which could easily be converted into atomic bomb

What safer place in the whole capitalist system could be found Mundt's arguments are indeed than such a shost town for the VOTE TROTSKY IST

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.

Mill Gives Guns To City Police

the Minneapolis Star-Journal of ing the working class today. October 31, which tells a short story about whose power is behind the police department.

new weapons," is a picture of studying imperialist wars, I ac- near future. Police Chief Ed Ryan happily tually saw the utter decay of receiving three Reising model the capitalist system. automatic rifles — "commonly Mills mechanical plant.

gram for Minneapolis police- working class. These demands

Incidentally, the appointment of Police Chief Ryan, vigorously opposed by organized labor, here. was one of the first acts of Mayor Humphrey who was recently

Minneapolis, Minn.

Recommends Class In Socialism

training course given by the Socialist Workers Party. I wish to suggest that all class conscious workers take this course.

are confronted by very miser- acquired a tremendous thirst for able economic, social, and po- an understanding of the prinlitical problems that have arisen ciples of socialism so that I can ping, mud-floored tents, with a one of the greatest munitions out of the present day system of help in overthrowing this dirty, Depressions, wars. death and destruction of all kinds plainly show the inability of the system of capitalism to solve these problems.

The necessity of a change is Censors Hold Up driving the workers of the world Letter Exposing to openly protest and revolt against this decaying system. Discrimination The controlling forces of capital- Editor: ism, in their effort to maintain paring for a Third World War. for itself. The letter was held medics. The number of us who, No worker can overlook the tre- up by the censor and returned to from malnutrition, are developmendous power of the atomic the writer upon his arrival in ing uleers to plague our later

bomb. The necessity of maintaining an existence on this earth will drive workers of all nations to unite under the banner of socialism, the only solution to the Comrade Bob:

In the first class of the basic been very busy combatting ratraining course I learned why cial discrimination, so I hope ties available to us. We are War I, located in a spot that is THE PRETEXT the workers need a revolution- that you will forgive me for not kept constantly "alerted for usually a slough of muddy rainary party, and how, with the writing to you sooner. There have movement" and no passes are leadership of such a party, they been no gains in minority rights. granted. Our "bathing facility" greasy doughnuts. The "the people? Hull was given the names of the revolutionary heroes can succeed in the struggle to We have seen many "White Only" is a portable shower located two accommodates 600 (of our 10,- prize for the leading role he

es, I learned to understand the have died in vain. There is more green sewage. problems of society, why they racial hate and racial discrimina-

CHARLES JACKSON

Writer of 'The Negro Struggle'

The transitional program of known as sub-machine guns," the revolutionary party explains says the caption. He also re- not only the necessity of helping Editor: ceived 50 boxes of cartridges. the masses as they struggle daily The donor in the picture is the to find the bridge between presguard captain at the General ent demands and the socialist PM, from a group of soldiers program of the revolution. The who are completely disgusted The heavy armament is a gift bridge itself should have a sys- with this never-ending war. from General Mills to the city tem of transitional demands that police. It will be used "in an arise from today's conditions, automatic weapons training pro- from the consciousness of the must lead to the conquest of power by the working class throughout the world.

how it affects each member. The China. democratic principles of the So- For 70 days we have rotted Editor:

solution of these problems ate. . Today the workers of the world through socialism. I have also rotten system of capitalism.

C. Perck

The following letter, written their rule, threaten the destruc- to me by a Negro seaman subtion of the human race by pre-scriber of The Militant, speaks jaundice is known only to the

exist and what their origin is, tion today than ever before in stinking hole, recreational fa-

Protest The Massacre

Of The Colonial Peoples!

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I learned how the different the history of the world. To classes of society arose; the continue the war is useless. The growth of the state and how it thing we are fighting against is became the instrument of the tolerated here and in the United I am enclosing a clipping from ruling capitalist class in exploit- States. I would like you to send me a Militant and write me a I also absorbed an understand- long letter about the San Franing of the dangers of decaying cisco Peace Conference, and othcapitalism, in studying fascism er interesting events. Looking With the heading "Police get and how it comes to power. In forward to hear from you in the

Disgusted Soldiers' Letter to Congress

Here is a very significant letter, published November 20 in

Jeff Thorne New York

This is an open letter to the Congressmen of the U.S. A.: Just what more do you blood-- want from us? sucking -Studying the nature of the We fought your damned war, revolutionary party. I under- although few of us know why, stood how the party is formed, noting that you are today startthe discipline of the party, and ing another, with Russia, in

cialist Workers Party make it a in this slimy, garbage - filled true party to lead the workers dump. We are the 85-pointers, of the world in their struggle to the 90-point men, the men-overoverthrow the yoke of capitalism. 38 and over-35 whom you prom-From this basic training course ised to get home "within 90 I have learned not only what days." You lied like Goebbels I have just finished the basic the economic, social and political and with every slow-dragging problems of society in general day that we sit here in this rotare, but have also gained a fun-ting slime, we become more condamental understanding of the vinced that the lie was deliber-

> For 70 days we have sat in nations. deadly idleness, sleeping, without mattresses, in flapping, dripcandle for lighting, while the manufacturers in the world, Al-Stars and Stripes and AFN ra- fred Nobel. And to whom is this dio stations ground out their prize awarded for the year 1945? bright quips about "fully winter- | To none other than Cordell Hull, ized tents" and college-hotels on the man who, as Secretary of

> For 70 days we have eaten salt pork, wormy oatmeal, canned carnage in history in the second meat, powdered eggs, and boiled World War. potatoes. Days on end, weeks on end! The number of men who have been hospitalized for years will never be known.

For 70 days we have been San Francisco shifted from one group or or-June 27, 1945 ceal our status?? to avoid re-

There are no laundry facilisigns. So you may see that thous- miles from the camp center, on Through the six weekly class- ands or millions of dark people the banks of a stream filled with

For the number of men in this

FORISE ZIMBZON W. CILL CORRUR Buy THE MILITANT in pour source

New York Trotskyists' Election Sound-Truck

City Council.

A Caustic Commentary On Hull, Winner Of Nobel "Peace" Prize

mate in hypocrisy by naming one of its chief lieutenants as winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for 1945. The Nobel Peace Prize is supposed to be awarded annual-Iv to that person who contributes most towards "the fraternity of

The fund for the Prize, ironically enough, was established by State, deliberately led the United States into the greatest human

months and years before Pearl they hauled out the new slogan only system of society that can Harbor which was to lead the of the "Four Freedoms" to re- bring permanent peace—socialnation into the purely imperial- place the discredited slogan of ism. chief, Roosevelt, who supposedly used last time. Today these

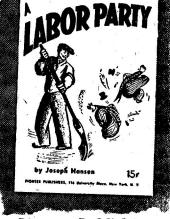
water, foul coffee, and bits of up to pass off this shoddy lie on the opportunity to honor the

> ning of what could be said about what is euphemistically called "The Potato Patch" at Clastres,

The French people and their newspapers have, for months, hinted that we are being delayed in Europe in anticipation of trouble with Russia. We have thought it ridiculous, but they a letter from a member of the Young Communist League in Engpoint out that almost every day the Stars and Stripes gives a Dauge. Dauge had at one time been a leading member of the new and different explanation Belgian Trotskyist organization and rumors had spread that he for the alleged lack of ships. had betrayed the organization under the Nazi occupation. In (One week it was the fault of our reply to the young English reader, we pointed out that the striking dock workers, then the Dauge case was unique in the history of Trotskyism while among the fault of the British for taking Stalinists and reformists there were many cases of betrayal. In

Now we have news of U. S. become a "collaborationist" with the Nazis. That this was in-

And Others Clastres, France.



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keep American boys from par- tions a "thieves' kitchen," and who had just finished reading With the blood of millions of ticipating in wars on foreign soil, the correctness of his analysis

innocent people still dripping Hull carried out the foreign poli- has been proven by the recent Marxism. The following is part from its greedy hands, the capi- cies dictated by his masters, the world conflict. If he were alive

could lead only to armed conflict with other imperialist nations, as is well proven in Li Fu-jen's article in the October Fourth International.

In his capacity as executive the greater aggrandizement of They live instead in the hearts of the country's foreign policies, American imperialism. Because and minds of the toiling masses Hull consciously and knowingly they knew the workers would not of the world as leaders in the helped set the course in the die willingly for such a cause, fight for true peace under the ist struggle. Together with his "fight for democracy" that was Decadent capitalism in its last "hated war," and promised to leeches of society have the un-

000) and averages one Class A picture per month.

Sirs, this is only the begin- | Conference."

two-two, mind you!-ships, etc.) the course of our reply we referred to Dauge as one who had

forces in China actively sup- correct is indicated by the following letter which we have just porting Chiang Kai-shek and the received from a Belgian Trotskyist, who gives the full facts of Kung family against the Chinese Communist armies backed by the Russians. Is it any wonder that we are beginning to suspect you people at home of having ulterior motives in keeping

William A. Elam

talist class today reaches its ulti- plunderbund of Wall Street, as today, he would probably call the they began to drive toward the San Francisco Conference a imperialist conquest of the world. "thieves' paradise," where all the plunder was divided, and the seeds of the next war sown. Yet Today this hypocrite is held up for master-minding this diato a suffering and starving world | bolical meeting of international as a great humanitarian. The brigands, world capitalism be-Pearl Harbor investigations have stows honors and prizes on Cordefinitely shown that the govdell Hull. ernment of Roosevelt and all his Conspicuous by their absence lackeys of capitalism knew that s peace prize winners, during the the policies they were following

years immediately following the first World War, are names like Lenin and Trotsky, who really worked for world peace through the abolition of capitalism, the root of all present day wars. In They knew the war would re- reality, to mention their names sult in the murder of thousands for such dubious honors by the upon thousands of workers for capitalists would be disparaging.

days can play such ironic jokes and on Sunday at our sub mobadulterated gall to print the on the people as naming Cordell progressive and peaceful world under socialism is ushered in, the And what pretext do they dig toilers of the world will then have of the world proletariat as the played in "laying the foundation real humanitarians of their generation.

FRANK BROWN Detroit. Mich.

The sound-truck used by the Trotskyists in the recent campaign for its municipal candidates, is shown here at the headquarters of the Harlem Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, 103 West 110 St. The truck was toured through Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx, in the campaign of Far-

rell Dobbs for Mayor, and Louise Simpson for Jackson's pamphlet "A Practical what it stands for, etc. Program to Kill Jim Crow," are most anxious to become sub-selling subscriptions to The Milscribers to The Militant so they itant since I show them Charles can read his weekly column, "The Negro Struggle."

> of Minneapolis, a national pace- I have been able to sell subscript setter in our present sub cam- tions to workers in the south, paign; "I have had no end of suc- and many leading towns and ess in getting Militant subscrip- cities from St. Louis to New tions while riding on trains. I York." speak to the dining car waiters and cooks and show them Jackson's pamphlet. They buy and the following experience: "One read it, and shortly thereafter of our comrades knocked at a are most anxious to obtain more door in a Negro neighborhood, information. These militant and a man answered. As soon workers know what the score is, as she said, 'I'm from The Miliand when they see our message tant', he said: 'You don't have

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Notes

This week we have an enthus-

iastic letter from Miss Belle Mon-

tague from Cambridge, Mass.,

Leon Trotsky's In Defense of

this masterpiece must of neces-

sity be threefold. First, the di-

alectic. I don't think I fully

realized its importance until I

read this book. Trotsky shows

how one cannot analyze the Sov-

without it. Also I believe Trot-

sky's explanation of it, as ap-

plied to practical affairs, is the

clearest and simplest I have ever

Party pamphlet and even got a

"At the CIO Rally on Novem-

And from Belgium comes a

revolutionaries have gone

through during this war. "Please

send me anything you have by

Marx, Engels, Lenin or Trotsky.

I have just returned home after

five years in an Austrian con-

centration camp. My home and

everything in it had been burn-

is: read this book!"

small contribution.

ilization we sold 30 more."

fet Union - or anything else-

of her letter:

A number of our sub-getters in so concise and lucid a form. inform us that workers they they are eager to learn all about meet who have read Charles the Socialist Workers Party,

"This naturally leads to my Jackson's regular column, "The Negro Struggle' in addition to In this vein, we received the the very many other features following note from Bill Ference our paper carries. In my travers.

> Libby Jones of Buffalo cites to say anything more Ever since I read that pamphlet. A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow I've been wanting to get The Militant.' She told a sub to him, and another to a friend visiting

In addition to the fine job our branches are doing in obtaining new six month subscriptions. they are also sending in an impressive number of one year subscriptions which do not receive special recognition on the score-

This past week the following "I think that any comment on branches sent in the highest number of one year subscrip-

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| New York City | 14 |
| Detroit | |
| Los Angeles | |
| Minneapolis | 5 |
| Boston | 5 |
| Rochester | 5 |
| Chicago | 4 |
| Flint | 4 |
| Pittsburgh | 4 |
| Rudy Rhodes of S | st. Lo |
| | |

read. My advice to every worker who wants to understand the writes the following: "Today was dialectic and why he needs it, a Red Letter Day for The Militant in St. Louis. We had a number of callbacks to make, From Los Angeles we have and every place we revisited we this letter: "At a Stalinist meetsold a subscription. ing celebrating the anniversary

of the Russian Revolution, held 'The Militant' with the wife of November 7 in San Pedro, we an official of the Steelworkers were able to sell six copies of Union. When we went back, her James P. Cannon's The Russian husband asked for a one year Revolution, two of the Labor subscription and remarked that he would like a couple of add'tional subs later for the union local. We stayed about an hour ber 3 we sold 32 JOBS FOR ALL, and discussed socialism with th worker. He told us his wife's parents had been Debs sociai-

New York Militant Labor Forum Ben Joseph will speak on "The Jews In Postwar Europe' Sunday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m. 116 University Place

Our Program:

1. Full employment and job security for all workers

A sliding scale of hours! Reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay!

A rising scale of wages! Increase wages to meet the increased cost of living!

Government operation of all idle and government-built plants under workers' control!

Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages during the entire period of unemployment!

2. Independence of the trade unions from the government!

No restriction on the right to strike!

Withdraw union representatives from the War Labor 3. Organization of the war veterans by the trade

unions! 4. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!

Down with Jim Crow!

5. Working class political action! Establish the workers' and farmers' government!

Build the independent labor party! 6. Tax the rich, not the poor!

No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

7. A working class answer to capitalist militarism! Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!

Trade union wages for all workers in the armed forces! 8. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands!

For the complete independence of the colonial peoples! Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

Join the Socialist Workers Party! SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

☐ To join the Socialist Workers Party.

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Brussels, Belgiun

many Stalinists and reformists openly went over to the Fascists, Fraternally yours

the case before the Belgian courts.

upon again by the fascists to join them.

Lenin called the League of Na-

tion of the case of Walter Dauge.

rested by the Nazis.

BELGIAN TROTSKYIST GIVES

land, which dealt among other things with the case of Walter

In your issue of October 6, you publish an "Editor's Reply"

Dauge never went over to the "collaborationists." True. he

betrayed our organization, but only in abandoning all political

activity and in discrediting himself by becoming a black market

racketeer. But when (Henri) De Man (a reformist leader who

turned "collaborationist") and even Degrelle (the leader of the

Fascist organization known as "Rexists" in Belgium) tried to

win him over for their fascist organizations, he maneuvered clev-

erly enough to escape any declaration in favor of the "New Order,"

without endangering the lives of many comrades known to and ar-

and threatening in it to arrest all the workers who had signed the

Trotskyist election petitions before the war. Dauge answered that

he was ready to affiliate with an organization on the basis of a specific program, and he enumerated the complete list of slogans

of our Transitional Program! Since then he was never called

is at the present time preparing the necessary material to bring

of the Fourth International) does not take the slightest responsibility for Dauge's disgusting personal behavior. Our party expelled him immediately after the reorganization of its underground

movement in 1941 and publicly denounced him in the underground "La Voie de Lenine" ("Lenin's Road," central organ of the PCR).

At the same time, it is more than proud to state that, while so

Dauge was killed by Stalinist gangsters in 1944. His widow

The PCR (Revolutionary Communist Party, Belgian Section

Once Degrelle wrote him a letter urging an immediate answer

to a letter of an English reader which contains a wrong explana-

NOT A SINGLE Trotskyist member or leader joined the Nazis.

"Militant" Sub Drive Hits 77 Per Cent; Workers At Stalinist Meeting Gains 7,663 New Readers In 6 Weeks Defend "Militant" Distributors

By Justine Lang Campaign Director

In the sixth week of our National Subscription Drive we introduced to 7,663 new readers from coast to coast. This represents 77 per cent of our quota of 10,000 new subscribers.

An examination of this week's scoreboard reveals that Baltimore and Cincinnati now join the seven other branches of the Socialist Workers Party which ing who have more than doubled have filled their quota and are their quota. The latter branch

Branches of the

St. Louis

Philadelphia

Pittsburgh

Baltimore

Milwaukee

New York

Minneapolis

Allentown-Bethlehem

Groups, Members at large and

TOTAL .

Portland

Detroit

Seattle

Buffalo

Chicago

Rochester

Cleveland

Youngstown

Los Angeles

Friends

Toledo

Flint

St. Paul ..

Boston

San Francisco

Socialist Workers Party

in progress for three weeks be- as yet, we've received no accep-, obtain the subscription. fore a quota was assigned to the tances. How about it, St. Louis group working there under the and Cincinnati? leadership of Dorothy Lessing. Despite this setback Baltimore find that The Militant has been is now in eighth place nationally. en others which have completed ficult to get away on morning

climbing from tenth place to

BOUBLE QUOTA

Special attention must be called also to St. Louis and Read-With such spirit

101

104

1827

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7,663

Cent

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202

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now in the "over the top" cate- writes, "We are aiming for 300 per cent!" This achievement is par- we're sure they can do it too packing center, and a union ticularly notable as Baltimore en- Incidentally, Reading directed a tered the campaign with a hand- challenge last week at those The campaign had been branches having similar quotas;

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100

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300

300

200

Ernie Drake of Detroit writes: ing majority of return visits we

Similarly, Cincinnati has made 75 per cent or more of their a notable advance this week, quota. Milwaukee, New York.

Detroit and Minneapolis having relatively high quotas are over the 90 per cent mark, and will undoubtedly fill their quota very A. Field of Minneapolis sent

us this interesting experience: 'We decided to try some trail Side Branch. blazing in Minnesota and selected Austin which is a large meat Seven of us drove out, town. worked a few hours and obtained 47 new subscriptions, sold 22 pamphlets and distributed over 300 copies of The Militant to workers who had never seen the

'Due to lay-offs in the plants, some of the workers we canvass don't have the money on hand when we call for subscripitions We make an appointment to call back, and in the meantime leave them a copy of The Militant to read. In the overwhelm-

"We also make arrangements for our women comrades to go Close on the heels of these out in the evening during the "over the top" branches are sev- week as some of them find it difmobilizations.

The pace-setters box this week shows that Detroit and New York are again vying for greater representation. Detroit keeps the lead for the second consecutive week claiming five pacesetters. New York claiming four, of whom three are from the East

As reported previously in this column, special prizes are to be iven to these 20 national pace-The highest 10 will eceive copies of Leon Trotsky's new book, "The First Five Years of the Communist International" and the second 10 will be given "The Revolution Betrayed" by Leon Trotsky.

> Ask Your Shopmate To Subscribe to The Militant

MILITANT PACE-SETTERS

| Name | and will the | ubs Sold |
|---|--|----------|
| Paul Kujak | Chicago | 174 |
| Faul Kujak | Detroit | 137 |
| Ernest Drake | Seattle | 130 |
| Mike Warren | Philadelphia | 109 |
| Therese Stone | St Louis | 92 |
| Rudy Rhodes | Dotroit | 84 |
| Mike Warren Therese Stone Rudy Rhodes Rigo Carli G. Roberts | Dotroit | |
| G. Roberts | | 75 |
| Bill Ference | Minneapons | 69 |
| Sympathizer | Philadelphia | 68 |
| H. Spangler | Conecticut | τ 67 |
| Connie Locke | East Side, New York | 60 |
| Ed Lewis | Conecticut East Side, New Yorl Detroit | .60 |
| Ida Brandt | Dast Diuc, Tion Lou- | |
| Albert Conway | Los Angeles | |
| Margaret Moran | Cnicago | 51 |
| Ruth Brady | San Francisco | 49 |
| T Toron | Detroit | 48 |
| Eloise Gordon | Pittsburgh | 46 |
| Des Persy | East Side, New York | 45 |
| DOIL Dally | Brooklyn, New York | 43 |

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

Seattle Workers

friends of the Socialist Workers ers Party.

ing masses the world over. It is Workers Party:

Party heard John G. Wright

Labor Victory — Its Meaning for

In his speech, Comrade Wright

showed that the overwhelming

electoral victory of the British

Labor Party is an integral part

the product of the utter bank-

ruptcy of the capitalist system.

American Workers."

Hear J. G. Wright

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 16 - | tion of this new leadership is

Fifty workers, members and to be found in the Socialist Work-

speak last night on "The British | taled \$51, Comrade Wright an-

By Milton Genecin

AKRON, O., Nov. 16-Stalinist fforts to prevent distribution of The Militant at a Communist Party meeting failed tonight, when workers entering the hall showed friendliness toward our distributors and dislike of strongarm methods aimed against a vorking class party.

For half an hour almost every erson going into the hall accepted a sample of The Militant. Some insisted upon paying for copies. Suddenly two Stalinists attempted to chase the distributors from the entrance. When the Trotskvists refused to be intimidated, the Stalinists threatened to get reinforcements and "make some trouble." They reappeared with several others, one of whom tried to grab The Militant from our girl comrades.

The distributors held their ground and insisted upon their rights. Attracted by the scuffle, some workers in front of the hall rushed over to see what the trou-

After the collection, which to-

swered numerous questions per-

taining to the Socialist Workers

In summarizing Comrade

Party and the working class

struggle in general.

STALINISTS RETREAT Receiving no support in their efforts to create a lynch spirit against the Trotskyists, the Stalinists beat a retreat. The distribution continued.

that the Militant was "anti-Sem- the Trotskyist point of view. An itic," "fascist," and so on. But observer inside the hall reported the workers were not convinced. that not a single Militarit was They had received the paper, and thrown away. Instead, the crowd had glanced at the front page. coldly heard a Stalinist speaker appeal for subscriptions to the Sunday Worker, Although girls paced the aisles for subs, NOT ONE 'Worker' sub was sold!

The Stalinist attitude towards the distribution of The Militant The friendly spirit in which was not the least of the reasons The Militant was received show- for their sorry showing.

Buffalo SWP Celebrates 1917 Revolution Anniversary

BUFFALO, N. Y .- A successful lish the rule of the workers tion was held at the Militant Forum, November 13 by the Buffalo Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

The chairman, Comrade R. Riley, described the great hissian workers and peasants under the leadership of the Bolshevik party of Lenin and Trotsociety that can lead a successfirst step toward the establishment of world Socialism.

Comrade Bill Gray, Buffalo organizer of the SWP, was main "The only hope for speaker. suffering humanity in an insane peace, for Socialism, is above all world of capitalist destruction," Wright addressed himself to the said Comrade Gray, "is to follow of a powerful sweep to the left many workers present who were the heroic example of the Rusin the consciousness of the toil- not members of the Socialist sian masses of 1917 and estab-

"The key question of the lib- it is harder to get the twos and eration of the working class is threes than the hundreds of Because Wall Street's Imperial- the question of leadership. This thousands. On you falls the duty ism is travelling the same road leadership does not spring up to constitute the twos and the of bankruptcy, a strong move- over-night. It is you who must threes, and around you will form ment for a Labor Party is un- build it by joining the Socialist the thousands and hundreds of folding in this country, parallel Workers Party. Our party is a thousands."

After the meeting three works leadership in the labor move- workers. The whole history of ers made application to join the ment. The most conscious sec- the labor movement shows that | Socialist Workers Party.

meeting celebrating the 28th An- throughout the world." Despite niversary of the Russian Revolu- the criminal actions of Stalin, the main advancements of the Russian Revolution remain. Comrade Gray asserted.

"Because one-sixth of the surface of the world is closed to imperialist exploitation in these toric achievements of the Rus- days when the struggle of the capitalist powers is for more markets, and because the bosses know that the existence of nasky. She pointed out that the tionalized property in the Soviet workers are the only force in Union remains a threat to the system of private property, we ful struggle against capitalist now see the first moves in the war and insecurity, and that the direction of World War Three. Russian Revolution was only the This war against the Soviet Union can be led only by the United. States which is today the might-

iest force for world reaction." In conclusion, the speaker declared that the fight for world a struggle against our own capitalists, the imperialist masters of the world. The meeting adjourned with the singing of The

JOHN G. WRIGHT TOUR SCHEDULE

KANSAS CITY Monday, Tuesday, Dec. 10-11 ST. LOUIS
Thursday, Friday, Dec.

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

responsible and constructive in his attitude toward the organiza- York-ran it for years at a great expenditure of money. While tion. He was very glad to have our cooperation and help in still at Brookwood, he founded the Conference for Progressive handling these wild men, beating them down and making it im- Labor Action (in 1929). Later he abandoned the Brookwood Lapossible for them to disrupt the party work. And he certainly bor College and devoted himself entirely to politics. needed our help. Muste was far too much of a gentleman ever to settled theoretically and politically. All our hopes of letting the for the sake of developing the party's mass work, were blasted by the irresponsible sectarians.

We came back to New York determined to take our coats off and give them a fight to the finish. It is a good thing for the party that we did. The party owes us something for that—that we didn't trifle with sectarianism turned virulent. We mapped out a whole campaign of offensive operations against the Oehlerites. They wanted discussion? We proposed to give them-and single question at issue unclarified. Our objective was to reeducate the party members who had become infected with the sectarian tirely too serious a matter; the Trotskyists mean business. One sickness, and if it proved impossible to reform the leaders, to so isolate them in the party that they could not hamper its movements or disrupt its work. The high hopes we had entertained at the fusion convention naturally began to sag a little bit when

we ran into all these difficulties. But you never get a straight road in politics. People who are easily discouraged, whose hearts sink when they encounter con- activity. The enthusiasm of the unity convention had brought in flicts and setbacks, shouldn't go into revolutionary politics. It is contributions of various kinds, and there was money on hand to hard fighting all the time, there is never any assurance of smooth start with. The boys in New York, while Muste and I were out on sailing. How can that be expected? The whole weight of bourgeois society presses down upon a few hundred or a few thousand headquarters. They rented a grand place on the corner of Fifpeople. If these people are not united in their own conceptions, if they fall to quarreling among themselves, that is also a sign of the tremendous pressure of the bourgeois world on the vanguard officials and dignitaries. They installed a switchboard—not a of the proletariat, and even more on the vanguard of the vanguard. The influence of bourgeois society finds an expression ging it in, while the various officials, editors and functionaries at times even in sections of a revolutionary workers party. Therein | would pick up their phones—I don't know whom they were talkis the real source of serious factional fights. One ought, if he goes | ing to. It looked good while it lasted. But it was a St. Martin's into politics, to try to understand all these things; try to estimate them clearly from the political point of view and find a political for non-payment of rent. We had to make the best of it and rent solution for them. That is what we did with the Oehlerites. We a rather unprepossessing old loft on Eleventh Street. We cut out line. We demanded that the Communist Party, which had been inquestion politically and decided to solve it politically.

Radicalized Workers Attracted to Socialist Party The internal fight was paralyzing the new party. The ob-

The very fact that a Left Wing was arising in the Socialist Party made it more attractive to the radical-minded workers than it had been for years. The Socialist Party was a much bigger symptom, began to notice that workers who were awakening to tialities. radical ideas and other workers who had dropped out of the political movement and wanted to rejoin, were joining the Socialist Party, not our party. They had the idea that the SP was average unemployed worker gets a job he wants to forget about eventually going to become a genuine revolutionary party, thanks the unemployed organization. He doesn't want to be reminded of to the development of the Left Wing. This cut off recruiting to the misery of the former time. Besides that, chronically unemthe Workers Party. It was the warning signal to us that we ployed workers very often give way to demoralization and despair. hoping to exploit ignorance and prejudice. There we had to be must not let ourselves become isolated from the Left Wing of the

Socialist Party. these difficulties and complications. One of the major factors after month and year after year, in the hope of crystallizing hairsplitters, who understood nothing of the realities of the mass

Conference for Progressive Labor Action before it, had been the personal contacts and associations of Muste, and the financial that time, is that the employed workers in the factories are the resources accruing therefrom. Upon his entry into the labor real base of the revolutionary party. That is where the power is, At Pittsburgh, Muste united with Shachtman and Cannon to movement in 1917—in the Lawrence strike—Muste joined the texault of the sectarians. He was able to recognize tile workers union and became one of its outstanding leaders. masses, the unemployed organizations, can never be substituted that their conduct was disruptive. Muste was always extremely Then he founded the Brookwood Labor College at Katonah, New

deal with them the way they needed to be dealt with. We pushed sums of money from various kinds of individuals of means who activity, trying to overlook no opportunities. In that summer the them back a little bit at Pittsburgh, but we settled nothing. We had confidence in him personally and wanted to support his work. strike of the Chevrolet workers in Toledo broke out. Our comrealized that the decisive fight lay ahead and that it had to be He had been able to retain this support through his various activities. That had been a decisive feature in the financing of and exerted considerable influence on the rank and file leaders of party breathe freely for a while, our hopes of maintaining harmony the Conference for Progressive Labor Action and the American the strike. We got a lot of publicity from his activity, but nothing Workers Party. But when Muste joined with the Trotskyists to tangible in the way of organization. That was one of the weakform the Workers Party, these contributors began to drift away. Many of his contacts, friends and associates were churchmen, Christian social workers and do-gooders in general—people from that theological underworld from which Muste himself had come. They were willing to support a union, give money for the unem- to the masses more than a real political leader can afford to do, ployed, finance a workers college where the poor workers could with the result that he was seldom able to crystallize a firm nucget an education, help a "Conference" to do something "progres- leus on a programmatic basis for permament functioning. In practhe party—a thoroughgoing discussion which would leave not a sive"—whatever that might mean. But give money—even to Muste -for Trotskyism? No, that was going too far. Trotskyism is en-

party, fell away. Despite Difficulties We Continue Mass Work

by one, Muste's most generous contributors, on whom he had

counted to help finance the expanded activities of the united

the road, decided that the least we could do was have a presentable teenth Street and Fifth Avenue. I think the rent was \$150 or ican workers in understandable terms, talk their language and \$175 a month. There were offices of all kinds for the different emphasize those events in American history which could be intersingle telephone but a switchboard, with a girl sitting there plugsummer, not a real one. In the summer of 1935 we were evicted the "American approach." As a matter of fact, years back in the did not become discouraged and downhearted. We analyzed the the switchboard and decided to have one telephone—and even spired by the Russian revolution and kept its eyes all the time on that was cut off after a few months for non-payment of bills. But we survived.

We tried our best during that period to develop the mass work of the party. The National Unemployed League, created jective factors of the workers' mass movement were not favorable by the old Muste organization, had flourishing branches in many enough to help us to drown out the internal factionalism with a parts of the country, especially in Ohio, Pennsylvania and parts apply it a little bit in the recent Minneapolis trial. In cross examinabig flood of new recruits. The rise of the Left Wing in the So- of West Virginia. We gave, I think, some real help to the field cialist Party was fatal to our further development along the line workers who had done that great job. We reached thousands of of a purely independent movement, ignoring the Socialist Party. workers through these unemployed organizations. But further experience also taught us an instructive lesson in the field of mass work too. Unemployed organizations can be built and expanded rapidly in times of economic crisis and it is quite possible for organization than our party. And we, watching every sign and one to get illusory ideas of their stability and revolutionary poten-

At the very best they are loose and easily scattered formations; they slip through your fingers like sand. The minute the program should be an amendment to the Constitution; that our I don't know of any task in the revolutionary movement more discouraging and disheartening than the task of trying to keep an or-Difficulties of a financial nature beset us in the midst of ganization like this together. It is a hard job to stick to, month the development of the American Workers Party, as in the something firm and stable for the revolutionary movement.

One sure lesson, I think, to be drawn from the experience of

with the birth of a new, militant party of workers, dominated by

In that period there were rumblings of an approaching strike in the rubber factories in Akron. We went out there, several of us, to try to find a way to enter it through some contacts. Nothing happened. The strike was postponed. I mention the incident only During all that time he had been able to raise considerable to show that we were oriented always in the direction of mass nesses, it seemed to me, of Muste's methods, after I had had a chance to observe his personal traits over a period of time. He was good administrator, and a good mass worker, gaining the confidence of workers very quickly. But he tended to adapt himself tically every case Muste in his mass work did a good job which some other political tendency, less generous and easy-going than Muste, eventually profited by.

Budenz' Jingoistic "American Approach"

In this period of party depression and internal difficulty Budenz began to show his hand. Budenz, as one of the leaders of the American Workers Party, had automatically come over into the We had begun with quite an ambitious program of party new party—but without any enthusiasm. He had been opposed to the fusion. He was sick at the time and never participated in the work. After a few months of grumbling, he began an open opposition on his own account. He accused us of not carrying out the "American approach." That had been one of the emphasized points of the American Labor Party: that we should approach the Amerpreted in a revolutionary way, etc. We Trotskyists had always emphasized internationalism in our fight against the nationalistic degeneration of Stalinism.

When they first began to discuss with us, the Musteites were greatly surprised to learn that we were perfectly willing to accept Communist Party, our faction had waged a fight along this very, Russia, look homeward. We said the party should Americanize itself, adapt itself in every way possible to the psychology, habits and traditions of the American workers, illustrate its propaganda, whenever possible, by events of American history. We were fully agreed with that. I don't know if any of you noticed that we tried to tion, Mr. Schweinhaut was trying to get me to say what we would do if the army and navy turned against the Workers and Farmers government. I gave him the illustration of the American Civil War, what Lincoln did.

We were all for that kind of Americanization, that is, adaptation of our propaganda technique to the country. That is good Leninism too. But Budenz very quickly showed that by Americanism he meant a crude version of jingoism. He came to the National Committee of our party with a proposal that our whole revolutionary program be whittled down to one parliamentary project. It was a terribly capitulatory, a philistine program of the crudest kind. Budenz tried to make some trouble in the ranks. very careful about repercussions, because he had been a field worker and was known to the workers in the field. The word had been assiduously spread that the Trotskyists were theses sharks and movement, and that no mass worker could have anything to do with

HOW TROTSKYISTS APPRAISED THE SOCIALIST PARTY them. We had to be very careful of this prejudice that had been ber. But we were greatly interested in his friends among the field workers who had come from the American Workers Party.

We moved very carefully against Budenz. We didn't expel him, didn't threaten him. We simply opened a very cautious discussion. We began a very patient explanation, a political discussion, a political education,

Budenz Sells out to the Stalinists

I think the political education which we conducted on the Budenz question in that period, was a model in our movement. The results of it were shown when Budenz later drew the logical conclusions from his philistine "Americanization" program and sold out to the Stalinists who at that time were waving the Star Spangled Banner with both hands. He had expected to split the party and carry with him all these experienced and valuable militants in the field. He counted without his host. He underestimated what had been accomplished in the preceding patient discusion and cooperation in common work. At the showdown Budenz found himself isolated and went over to the Stalinists virtually

The field workers remained loyal to the party, and were gradually transforming themselves from militant mass field workers into genuine Bolsheviks. That takes time. Nobody is born a Bolshevik. It has to be learned. And it cannot be learned solely from books either. It is learned, over a long time, by a combination of field work, struggle, personal sacrifices, tests, study and discussion. The making of a Bolshevik is a long-drawn-out process. But in compensation, when you get a Bolshevik, you have got something. When you get enough of them you can do anything you want to do, including making a revolution.

We had various difficulties and internal squabbles, all of which were simply sparks from the main fight over the question of the Socialist Party Left Wing. That was the focal point of all interest. At the National Committee Plenum of June 1935 we had a grand battle over the issue. This "June Plenum" is outstanding in the history of our party. This was no longer a disorganized scramble as at Pittsburgh in March. We came to the June Plenum ready for a fight. We came organized and determined, prepared with resolutions, to make the plenum discussions the springboard for an open fight in the party which would clarify the issue and educate the membership.

We demanded more emphasis on the Socialist Party. Evidence was accumulating before our eyes that our party was not attracting the unaffiliated radical workers, as we had hoped. We gained a few, but the bulk of them were joining the Socialist Party, under the impression that the future revolutionary party would take shape out of its Left Wing. Workers don't like to join a small party if they can belong to a bigger one. They can't be blamed for that; there is no virtue in smallness in and of itself. We saw that the Socialist Party was attracting such workers and barring the door to recruitment for the Workers Party. Even though the Socialist Party Left Wing wasn't consciously competing with us, by weight of their large numbers they were drawing prospective recruits to the Socialist Party, and away from us. The Socialist Party was in our way. We had to remove that obstacle from our

At the June Plenum the old alignments were broken up. Burnham joined us in support of the Cannon-Shachtman resolution on the question of the Socialist Party. Muste and Oehler found themselves together on the other side. At the March Active Workers Conference, Muste had been in a bloc with us, but the political issues there had not been clearly drawn. By the time of the June Plenum Muste had become more and more suspicious that might possibly have some ideas about the Socialist Party mat would infringe upon the integrity of the Workers Party as an organization. He was dead set against that, and he entered into a virtual, though informal, bloc with the Oehlerites. In part, he was pushed into this ill-advised combination by Abern and his little clique: they do not deserve the dignity of the name of faction because they had no principles. These unprincipled internal clique fighters jumped into the situation, and the combination-Musteites, Oehlerites and Abernites—constituted a majority at the June

"Sit-Down" -- Epic Of Flint, 1937 The NEGRO

til 3 p. m., February 3, to vacate

or suffer imprisonment and

At meetings called in the

plants the strikers prepared to

meet the threatened attack. "We,

the workers in the plant," said a

message wired to Gov. Murphy

by the strikers in Fisher No. 1,

"are completely unarmed and to

send in the military, armed

thugs and armed deputies . .

will mean a bloody massacre of

"We have carried on a stay-in

strike over a month in order to

make General Motors obey the

law and engage in collective bar-

gaining . . . We have decided to

stay in the plant. We have no

illusions about the sacrifices

which this decision will entail.

We fully expect that if a violent

effort is made to oust us, many

of us will be killed and we take

this means of making it known

to our wives, to our children, to

result follows from the attempt

"showdown" with the union.

But the roads to Flint were

"Kelsey-Hayes workers never

for the sit-downers to get out,

dows 2,000 strikers waited with

improvised gas masks and home-

made weapons. Windows were

ply, pickets had built a shanty

in which a goodly supply of gas-

made to cut off the water sys-

guns, 37-millimeter howitzers,

looked and decided to wait. The

one another. The sheriff was

The picket lines and sit-down-

The strike ended February 11,

rehire all workers despite union

tion agreed to discuss the union's

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was announced. The corpora- odically.

ordered to take no action.

The union had won.

UNION HAD WON

forget their friends!"

SOLIDARITY FOREVER

heavy fines.

the workers."

🧓 By Bill Morgan

The 225,000 General Motors workers who this week began the greatest labor struggle of auto history are carrying forward the glorious traditions of their sit-down battle of nine years ago. Then 140,000 GM unionists in Flint, Detroit, and other cities first brought the world's largest industrial open-shop corporation to its knees and won union recognition and sole collective bargaining rights.

When the going gets toughest today, let the GM strikers remember how the union fought and won in 1936-37. And above all, let them remember the undying story of the Flint sit-

On November 15, 1936, a strike began at the Fisher Body plant in Atlanta, Georgia, when four workers were fired for wearing union buttons. A month later, the Kansas City plant went down, followed by a walkout of 7,000 at the Cleveland Fisher Body

In Flint, at Fisher Body No. 1, were important dies that might effort to freeze and starve them ever," ringing in the frosty dawn. the people of the State of Michibecome the instruments for out of the plant. If this suc- Thus ended the "Battle of the gan and the country that if this breaking these strikes if moved ceeded, Fisher No. 1, the most Running Bulls." to a less organized place. On De- strategic strike fortress, would cember 30, 1936, night-shift face a similar threat. workers saw these dies being Outside the Fisher No. 2 gates marched into Flint. Negotia- sponsible for our deaths."

Loaded on trucks bound for Pon- the union rallied its forces and tions were begun between UAW In the Durant Hotel the cops tiac and Grand Rapids. The directed activities with a sound officials and management, with and bosses gathered to make men took one look and realized truck. At 7 p. m. the sit-down- Governor Murphy acting as their plans while they drank exthe danger. They walked out ers, by a surprise attack, remov- mediator. A truce was agreed pensive booze and whipped up and set up a picket line, placed ed the police from the main enguards in the clock-houses, took trance and allowed supplies of fected union leaders detected a machine guns pointing at Fishpossession of the gates and oc- coffee and bread to enter.

So opened one of the most inspiring chapters in American labor history.

INHUMAN CONDITIONS

and the open-shop. It was now door hinges, and clubs. or never, and the workers of Flint said, "Now!"

for hourly workers.

labor negotiators.

ments in other companies."

ever. refuses the workers any

nemployment compensation

when they are forced to carry

negotiations onto the picket line.

The government helps the

world's most profitable corpora-

tion put the squeeze on the

CAN PAY INCREASE

GM profiteeering.

\$160,000,000 "tax re- done?

UAW Sitdown Scene In '37



Sit-downers inside one of the struck GM plants during the great '37 struggle for union recognition.

BATTLE BEGINS

A battle followed that will long be remembered. Police were ing the fight and strengthening slowly filling with cars and twice driven off despite the their hold upon the plants. On trucks loaded with union re-inbuckshot they fired into the February 1, 1937, by clever and forcements. From far away thou-For years the unorganized pickets' ranks. Tear gas and careful organization, aided by a sands of union men and women workers in the automotive in- gunfire were met with sticks, diversionary struggle of mili- were coming to swell a picketdustry had been ground down bolts, nuts, metal pipes, soda tants and the Women's Emer- line around Fisher No. 1. By under long, back-breaking hours bottles, coffee mugs and two- gency Brigade, at the Chevvy No. noon delegations had arrived of labor at low pay and inhuman pound steel door hinges. The conditions of work. They had sheriff tried to drive his car gic Chevvy No. 4, tying up the and Pontiac. Akron sent rubber been spied upon by countless into the picket line but it was assembly of all Chevrolets. In workers, shock-troops of the stool-pigeons and professional overturned — its still-burning this plant, too, the workers built CIO. Dodge workers from Definks. GM stood as the fort- lights revealed a battlefield lit- heavy barricades of steel, armed troit marched up in solid ress of entrenched exploitation tered with broken glass, rocks, themselves with improvised wea- phalanxes. A huge banner ap-

the last charge of the police of spring steel; clubs and pikes "Sit down!" became the bat- was routed by a solid stream of were fashioned from various tle-cry. Soon 17 GM plants in water from a firehose directed materials. the country were occupied by by strikers. Under a barrage of ice-cold water and door hinges, ISSUE ULTIMATUM In Flint, on January 11, 1937, the police were driven from the at Fisher No. 2, where the sit- plant. Fourteen strikers wound- hastily conferred with leaders of down had spread from Fisher ed by gunfire were taken to the the National Guard and the po-No. 1, the bosses shut off the hospital but the plant was still lice. Sheriff Wolcott marched up heat, and police announced that in the hands of the union and to the main gate of Fisher No. 2 red and green berets of the Woper cent on the par value of its

Public Funds Finance

GM's Union Busting

The next day, January 12, 1937, to eject us, you Gov. Murphy are 1,500 national guardsmen were the one who must be held reupon, but before it could be ef- their courage. The militia set up planned double-cross and ex- er No. 2 and Chevvy No. 4. posed the GM plot to trick the Everything was set for a union men out of the plants.

Workers in Flint were extend-9. the unionists occupied strate- from Detroit, Lansing, Toledo pons. Ball bearings became am- peared over the heads of an-After three hours of fighting, munition for sling-shots made other great Detroit contingent,

The next day, GM officials no food deliveries would be per- daylight heard the battle song and read off a court order demitted. The strikers faced an of the UAW, "Solidarity For-manding the men leave the

Women's Brigade In '37 Strikes plant. He read a similar order to jeering strikers in Fisher No. The strikers were given un-



The above scene was typical of the UAW sit-down strikes in 1937 when wives and mothers brought food and encouragement daily to the men in GM plants, and fought on the picket lines. The picket sign carried, above, demands equal

"Dynasty Of Death" Rules GM's Empire

racket. Just prior to the first World War (1913) the assets of the Du Pont Company were \$74,-

By three o'clock, the deadline two abreast, circling the lawn the only colors to be seen in that fore America officially entered grim, gray mass of determined the second "war for democracy," workers. Men and women with the Du Pont company made a stove-pokers, lead pipes and end of 1940 that figure was in-

truding hooks, massed their man was in sight. At plant win- lions.

oline was stored for a protective Spirit Of 1937 wall of fire should an effort be Displayed In

sit-down strikers refused to save unecessary picketing." Main HOW DU PONTS LIVE budge in the very face of death. office and personnel building were not picketed. "No cars The bosses looked and decided made there," explained the to wait. The police and militia workers.

Thorough preparations had been made by the unions to prevent rust or other damage to plant equipment during idleness. ers began to celebrate. In Fisher | Heat treat and other furnace No. 1 they played hill-billy songs fires were quenched and guard-

All through the war, when the 1937 when General Motors was infamous no-strike pledge enforced to sign an agreement to couraged management to institute speedups, stall on bargaining and let grievances pile up membership and strike activity endlessly before the War Labor The UAW was recognized as the Board, thousands of Flint workmembers, and in the 17 struck

> Recent wage cutbacks, through overtime, forced the showdown mined to preserve their living

At AC, which had its own first strike last March and had a strike vote in July, the street was so

subsidiaries were indicted by the agreements with the Nazis on war-vital plastics, dyes and patent information, limited American production, fixed world prices, divided the world

No conclusive figures are yet of these deals was brought to worker's bread and butter. strength and raised their voices available as to the amount of light in April, 1942, when it was COMMON STRUGGLE additional blood profits these revealed that Remington Arms, Strikers took over the direc- merchants of death have coined Du Pont subsidiary, had made a tion of traffic as more and more out of this latest war for "demo-patent-pooling agreement with auto worker knows that the carloads of union men and women arrived. Not a single police- runs into the hundreds of mil- benindustrie. This included an with record profits during the black. Now is their chance. By arrangement for paying royalties | war. They know that the bosses | militant fighting and valor in to the Nazi interests on ammuni- have even piled up huge surtion sold to the American gov- pluses that will guarantee them glorious part in wiping out the ernment, even in time of war. further profit during the next cruel injustices of boss-class fos-Remington obtained the pa- period, come what may. They tered prejudice, discrimination tents on tetracene from the Nazi have seen millions of their felcorporation on condition that it low workers laid off as soon as would not license the U.S. gov- "peace broke out." And they ernment to make this best type have seen the living standard of of ammunition priming, without those that remained, driven consent of the German company. steadily down by the rising cost These agreements, it was charged, continued in effect even during the war. These "Armor-

continued to roll in.

Now how do the Du Ponts spend their blood-stained millions?

ers to the Republic" weren't

averse to being also Armorers to

Hitler, as long as their profits

In the Du Pont domain of Delaware are dozens of Du Pont country estates, their palatial splendor making pale by comparison the fabulous Arabian Nights magnificence. The 10million-dollar Henry F. du Pont estate has 150 rooms: 40 bedrooms each with radio installations and costly antiques. Nearand on the streets the pickets ed. Squads wearing union badges by, the Pierre du Pont country estate has 200 rooms, and employs more than 100 servants. This "little cottage" contains a pipe organ that cost \$250,000 and took 14 railroad freight cars to move its 10,000 pipes. Things

like that cost money! Then, too, the Du Ponts own more vachts than any other family in the world. They also bargaining agency for all its ers told each other daily that own more swimming pools, more "after the war there'll have to pipe organs, more bathrooms. be a showdown." Determined The Du Ponts employ more servraising prices, and still could here, were closed today by the let, whom management had plants, as the sole bargaining to win, they approach this ants than the royal family of Great Britain, not excluding the king himself! They have their own private railroads and raildowngrading and elimination of way cars. The family owns 500 private passengers cars! These things cost money!

The fantastically extravagant The fantastically extravagant living habits of the Du Pont clan present a powerful contrast to the living standards of the hundred of thousands of General will. WAUKEE — Visit the Milwaukee branch of the SWP at its headquarters, 424 E. Wells St., any evening from 7:30 p.m. There was little levity as the the living standards of the hunworkers poured out of the plants dreds of thousands of General leisurely, congregating in the Motors workers, who have been streets. Many men wore hunt- forced onto freezing-cold picket ing togs, a common winter gear lines in a bitter fight to wrest of Flint workers, as practical on from these parasites an infinitesa picket line as on a deer run. imal portion of the unbelievable profits these "Merchants of Death" have coined from the crowded the pickets could hardly flesh and blood of these same workers.

STRUGGLE by CHARLES JACKSON

"Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded." -KARL MARK

Solidarity in the UAW Struggle! The current strike battles that are shaping up in the auto industry offer the Negro workers another excellent opportunity to demonstrate in action their granite solidarity with their fellow white workers, and to thereby strike another body blow at prejudice and discrimination. It has been shown time and again that the only ef-

fective way to break down 🏵 prejudice against racial or national minority groups is for the two antagonistic groups to become involved in real struggle, side by side against a common enemy. This is especially true when that enemy is one which threatens the basic existence or economic security of each member of both racial

The pink-tea liberals have been telling us for years that the race problem" will only be solved through "education." no sane person could have any the grocery bill. objection to education. But as cerned, there is education—and 'education."

FALSE STRATEGY

It is perfectly ridiculous and hate fostering indoctrination are just a lot of bunk. that is poured out daily by the dio, and movies. Without doubt- and their immediate security for ing the lofty motives of these a living wage is attained, this liberal advocates of "education," white worker will have a differ-U. S. Department of Justice in it should be plain to all that the ent conception of the Negro. He sheer overwhelming force of will know that the two are in quantity in a capitalist society reality on the same side of the being obtained by this type of ucation, the education of necessimply prevents any results from strategy.

variably been proved through prejudice will ever be broken genuine working class strike action, life-long prejudices can be more chances to demonstrate wiped away overnight when the that we are willing to go to bat white worker sees the Negro in common struggle against the worker lined up on his side in a real oppressor of all working struggle against the forces that men, the whole rotten capitalist One of the most scandalous are threatening that same white system.

In the current struggle

Los Angeles Paper Reprints Pamphlet By Jackson

The 'Los Angeles Sentine' has begun publication of Charles Jackson's new pamphlet, "A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow." It will appear serially, with the original illustrations, by permission of Pioneer Publishers. The first installment was printed in the issue of Wednesday, November

Equality for all people will sure- of living and the shorter workly come," they say, "but it is a ing weeks. They have, themlong, drawn-out process of 'edu- selves FELT the pinch in the cation' which will probably take last few months when it came generations to accomplish." Well, time to pay the rent or to pay

Thus the enemy, the auto corfar as race prejudice is con- porations, in this fight for a 30 per cent wage increase to maintain a decent standard of living, is obviously one which threatens the immediate, basic needs of every worker. For this very reasutterly naive to think that a few on, when a white worker who hundred inter-racial discussion has been miseducated all his life groups or a few hundred thou-and told to hate the Negro, walks sand pamphlets or articles on and fights beside the Negro inter-racial good will, could pos- worker on the picket line, it will sibly counter-balance or over- dawn on him that those ideas come the effect of constant race- he has had for years and years

If the workers win this fight barricades. That is the real edsity and the education of action. On the other hand, as has in- That is the only way that race down and we will have many

> Those Negro workers who are in auto must be in the forefront of this struggle. They must show that they are more than willing to fight for the security leadership, they can do their and segregation.

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urday, 8 p.m. Rm. 203, Studio Bldg., 418 E. 9th St., for study and discus-08 ANGELES-Buy The Militant, 4th

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How General Motors Corpora-, and \$1.09 for GM stockholders tion's union-smashing campaign every hour he worked." Before is being underwritten with public the union it was even worse. funds to the tune of at least Every single original dollar of

\$160,000,000 a year, was disclos- GM investment has since 1908 ed by the N. Y. Times, November become \$500 in stockholdings 4, and again by PM, November and cash dividends drained out of the blood and sweat and tears No wonder GM so arrogantly of the automobile workers. This rejects the UAW-CIO demand can be traced in GM annual remaintain take-home wage ports. Little wonder the corpostandards, but instead calls for ration refuses to open the books price increases and a 45-hour to union scrutiny.

price week to further which the By stock splitting and stock workers and the public. GM dividends and without any ad-President Charles E. Wilson, ditions by the original investor, whose own salary and bonus a single original \$100 share of were boosted 94 per cent from GM stock in 1908 has grown to 1939 to 1943, refuses even to 252 shares, today selling at \$81 arbitrate a 30 per cent raise each, or more than \$20,000 total. In the intervening 37 years this The N. Y. Times, organ of the same original \$100 share has Morgan interests, pointed out paid about \$30,000 in cash divthat if General Motors doesn't idends—about \$750 a year the turn a wheel for a year it can last several years. How is it

bates" from the public treasury. The N. Y. Times November 4, GM would also receive about reported that GM "net working \$12,750,000 profits "from investcapital (quick or liquid assets) ... has increased by \$400,000.000 Out of the public's pocket the since 1941, reaching a total this tapitalist government guaranyear of \$1,100,000,000 hidden tees GM its wartime "base profprofits besides the huge diviits" of \$220.800.000 yearly, even dends and everything else. That's while GM flouts the government how GM's own dollars grew 500 times in 37 years. The same government, how-

Wilson Opposes Wage Raises—But

Charles E. Wilson is president of General Motors, the corporation which is bitterly fighting the efforts of the HAW to obtain a living wage and security for the 300,000 workers who labor for the corporation. Wilson is the leader of the General Motors wolfpack of profiteers which refuses to even discuss the union demands with the UAW leaders.

How did Wilson fare during the war years? His fabulous earnings were:

In 1941, \$406,890 In 1943, \$502,000 In 1944, \$459,041

Translating these enormous earnings into hourly tates, we find that for a 40-hour week and 50-week year, which is a great deal more than Wilson

actually works, he received: In 1941. \$203 an hour. In 1943, \$251 an hour. In 1944, \$229 an hour. From SPICER UNIT NEWS (Local 12, UAW-CIO,

Toledo).

Three GM Plants Closed Tight In Cincinnati Area

Three General Motors plants in were Willis Marrer, local UAW-GM could easily pay the 30 this area, Fisher Body and Chev- CIO president, and Ed Hellcamp, per cent wage raise, without rolet at Norwood, and Delco- bargaining chairman in Chevromake enormous profit in 1946, solid walkout of 1,300 production tried and failed to fire during according to its own doctored workers at 11 a. m., on call by reconversion. annual reports this was dis- the CIO United Automobile closed in part by Walter P. Workers.

Reuther, UAW-CIO vice president, and in part by the press. struck in support of the historic Don Zimmerman, GM plant sign its first union contract. the Congressional Record of Toledo Chevrolet walkout that manager, at 10:50 a. m. "I had October 24 and November 6 car- forced GM to bargain with un- the privilege of telling Zimmerries devastating revelations of ions for the first time. Norwood man this was an authorized GM could always have paid tion. Paid far less than GM hoped the strikers had good much higher wages and charged workers generally, they have shoes — because the rain might lower prices. Reuther cites in been further provoked lately by turn to snow and the last strike disputable figures showing that the company's discharge of the lasted 44 days. in 1941 the average GM worker most militant unionists, under "produced \$1.07 for his family cover of "reconversion" cut-

oacks.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 21 — Thanksgiving holiday. Speakers

his personal pleasure in break-In 1935, the Norwood workers ing the news of the strike to workers remember that tradi- strike." Zimmerman replied he

"I told him this strike might take six months but we'll still be on the picket line because our Marching in good order out of international union has the the plants and to the Plaza thea- economic power to challenge ter in Norwood the workers held this greatest corporation in the a strike rally and planned the United States."

(SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT) picketing to begin after the

Hellcamp passed on some of

1800's out of the munitions ness from any "legitimate" racket. Just prior to the first source—including the Nazis. Thus, in 1942, Du Pont and its

But when the war was over several anti-trust suits, involv-(1918) the company was worth ing international cartel deals \$308,846,297—quadrupled in four with the Nazi I. G. Farbeninyears! That's how they earned dustrie, chemical trust. It was there was a five-mile picket line, the title of "Dynasty of Death." shown that the Du Ponts have In the first World War, the Du maintained world monopolistic man's Emergency Brigade were original stock. During 1939, be- other chemicals. They exchanged clubs and sticks, crow-bars and net profit of \$93,218,664; by the markets into spheres of control,

even clothes hangers with pro- creased to almost \$97,000,000.

DU PONTS AND NAZIS

The Du Ponts are great "patsystematically barricaded and riots." They are ready to sacrihoses laid out ready for instant fice millions of lives in wars for use. Around a street valve which | both "democracy" and U. S. Govcontrolled the plant's water sup- ernment contracts. But they

At Fisher 2 and Chevvy 4, completely cut off by machine Flint GN Strike

and troops shouldering rifles, the (Continued from Page 1)

Chevrolet local also took over 3 p. m. deadline passed. GM of- a restaurant "for the duration" ficials and the government la- and began serving coffee and bor "experts" began to blame doughnuts to pickets.

danced square dances and sang. made inspections tours with supervision to see that no ma-

chinery was left unprotected. agency. A five per cent pay raise struggle seriously and meth-

demands, and subsequently to now, for the workers are deterconditions against GM's insatible appetite for profits.

march at the gates.

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Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky

LETTER TO A FELLOW STEELWORKER

Our first battle is won. The steelworkers of this country have gone to the polls and shown what they want.



The meetings and rallies that we held in our ... districts probably helped in getting the fellows perped up to vote for a strike; but the rotten wages that the steelworkers are now making must have done a lot

more to get them to go to the polls. What else could they do but vote for strike?

Of course we'd have had a much larger vote if all the polls had been easy to get to. Some of them, you know, were miles from the plants. God knows how many of the fellows went right on home after the day's work and took a badly needed nap instead of voting. You can't excuse a unionist for doing things like that, but you can understand how he happens to do it.

Still, Tony, the battle that we've won is only the first! It's the last battle that wins or loses the struggle.

We've been hearing in our local that a big strike vote will make it unnecessary to go out on strike, and I suppose you've heard the same story in your local. Do you agree with the reasoning? I don't, and I'll tell you why.

Here's the way I feel: If we don't have to strike to get our two dollars per day—and all of it—then . . . swell! Who wants to fight just for the sake of fighting? If the companies will look at the results of our strike vote, turn pale, and then run (not walk) to the nearest bank to get the money to hand over to us, I'll be damn well pleased. In fact, I'll pull that stunt every time I go into the office on a grievance. I'll tell old Ellsworth that the boys are ready to walk out and then let him tremble and give the union everything we want.

Only, Ellsworth has never yet been that way since he's been superintendent, and I'll be sort of surprised if the strike vote has changed him any. And I'll be surprised if the vote has changed the companies, because they act pretty much like their superintendents.

No, Tony. If we want to win our demands, we'll have to fight for them. Did the capitalists ever give YOU anything free? We'll have to fight and fight hard for all that we want.

But, you know, Tony, that's just what all the fellows I know are expecting to do. They voted for strike, not because they planned to bluff Bethlehem and U. S. Steel, and the rest, but because they're sore. The steelworkers are flaming mad at the companies, and they're all set to shut them down tight. And that's reasonable enough; because when somebody sits on your neck and takes the very food out of your mouth, it's bound to make you angry.

Yes, all the fellows that I know are all set to walk out with a vengeance. They've got past at China, Palestine and Java. the stage of wanting to scare the company. They want to fight back. They want action. They're sick and tired of following grievances through four steps and then listening to an find those two figures in any arbitrator take sides with the boss.

Today, Tony, we don't know what to expect. There'll be heroes and cowards. We'll just have ism and French imperialism. to wait and see who'll be who. There'll be fellows with cold feet, who'll be running around ish imperialists are simply lendto the hall asking, "When do we go back?" But these will be a damn small minority. There the Dutch imperialist master. may be bloodshed. Ten men died at Republic Dutch troops are shooting, side to organize our union. Men died in 1919 and by side with the British. How in all the other big strikes. Blood is the final could Gropper possibly leave the price that labor always pays for a decent liv- Dutch out of his cartoon? ing; but it is a price that is paid willingly. And you'll see that the boys aren't going to let the abor movement down this time either.

So now there's just one thing to think about. We've voted to strike, and we're ready to go through with it. Let's make it big, make it 100 per cent. To do that, we've got to be prepared, and I think most of us are. Our machinery has to be well oiled, ready to be set into motion at any time. Our local has a strike committee already, has had for some time. We've got to get Ladies' Auxiliaries set up; we've got to have our picket captains ready. Our strike commissary, our first aid stations, all have to be waiting for the S-Day (Strike Day) of the steelworkers. The companies won't be caught flatfooted, and we can't be either.

Doesn't it make you feel sort of good, Tony? Doesn't it bring back the old days of fighting for unionism? The American labor movement has been sleeping these last years . . . but what an awakening it's having!

Best wishes to all the boys. Fraternally.

Ted Kovalesky

Shoptalks On Socialism "Now you take this capitalist system," Pop

By V. Grey

was telling the boys. "It's supposed to be pretty slick. And I guess it is slick-for the slickers. But for us working people a socialist system

be the only hing. "Aw, that would never

"You'd have the same grafters anyhow." "A politician is a politician whichever way you look at him." Every-

body was putting in his two cents worth. "You fellows want to hear how it would work -or would you rather keep on talking about how wonderful capitalism is?" Pop asked. The fellows allowed they'd just as soon hear Pop's story. So Pop began:

"I'm not talking about people. I ain't saying whether people are good or bad. All I know about people is that most of them eat and sleep, raise families, and make friends. I'm talking about SYSTEMS. Some systems for doing things are better than others.

pretty slick and modern around here. You see these six blast furnaces turn out 30,000 tons of cast iron a week. You see the engines carry the ladles, full of 50 tons apiece, right over to the open hearth. You see them pour it out of the open hearth into the ingot molds and then they scoot it down the narrow gage to the blooming mill—and it keeps rolling along till it gets to the strip mill or the bar mill or the others. That's the assembly line stuff, conveyor belt stuff. But it ain't so modern as it looks.

"All big plants have assembly lines or conveyor belts of one kind or another—whatever

The Radcliff subcommittee of the Senate

the House.

to the ship operators

than did a similar bill

passed some time ago by

The Senate bill pro-

vides construction dif-

ferential subsidies for

ships operating in the

Committee on Commerce has approved a ship

sales bill which makes even greater concessions

already protected Alaska trade. It knocks down

the price on government-owned tankers to 75

per cent of their "depreciated prewar domestic

cost." For dry-cargo vessels the new bill fixes

the sales price at only 50 per cent of their "de-

preciated cost." (The joker here is that al-

though "depreciation" of 8 per cent is allowed

by the bill, this will be finally determined by

the operators' own agents in the Maritime Com-

mission.) Liberty ships, which are not wanted

by American operators, will go for 311/2 per cen-

No restrictions on "use of vessels" is con

tained in the new bill. This allows American

operators to buy the ships at cut-rate prices

and to operate them under foreign flags or to

immediately offer them for re-sale at a hand-

The AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific and Sea-

of cost, or around \$500,000.

some profit to foreign companies.

name they might go by. And those belts are longer than they look. They only seem to stop at the freight gate where the steel plates or autos hop off the line. They really go right

that invisible belt. You'd think that the harder you worked and the more you produced, the more stuff would go down the belts to the folks who wanted it, meaning you and the wife and

has a lot of side belts that take things to the wrong places. When you produce like all hell the side belts empty the surplus into warehouses—and some more side belts empty it into the ocean, or take it underground. Then you get laid off to starve until there's a shortage which must preserve the Dutch

"Socialism is a system with a MODERN belt laborators and setting them up And you do

"Of course you wouldn't want all these plates, wasn't an oversight of the art- the Stalinists. When Stalin is

"The more we put onto the belt, the more we'll take off at the other end. We'll all be better off because we'll have a better system."

on out the gate, only you can't see them. They go right on to the stores and people and other factories that need them. "But there's a lot of old-fashioned kinks in

kids. But it don't work that way.

"Instead of doing that, the darn contraption again. That's the hard way of doing things.

line. The line goes right from the factory to as an "independent" government your home. And there isn't any fork in the WITHIN THE EMPIRE. belt taking the 'surplus' to a warehouse to rot. depression either.

bars and rails to pile up in your back yard ist. Even in the sharpest mo- being annoyed with British injust because you made them. We'd fix the ments of their recent spat with terference in the Balkans. the belts up modern so the steel went straight to de Gaulle, the French Stalin- Stalinists start shouting about the people who needed steel. And the steel ists never mentioned the ques- British imperialism in Palestine the people who needed steel. And the steel ists never mentioned the quesproducts (like autos) went straight to the people tion of Indo-China. Now that and Java. Tomorrow if the Bristol Workers who need them—that's you and me.

The fellows said it sounded too simple. But they sort of figured it might be worth a try.

Stalinists Silent On French And Dutch Imperialist Butchery In Asia Colonies

Full Of Fight And Ready For The Showdown!

With great enthusiasm the workers in Chevrolet's Gear and Axle plant in Detroit pour into the streets as the 11 o'clock

strike deadline is reached November 21. The plant was completely shut down as strong UAW picket lines took up their march.

\$6 Wage Boost Won By Illinois Telephone

Workers Through Militant Six-Day Strike

By Felix Morrow

The November 22 Daily Worker publishes a powerful cartoon by Gropper. It shows British and U.S. imperialism shooting Very powerful, indeed. But there are two figures missing from that cartoon, nor will you other cartoons these days.

We refer to Dutch imperial-In the case of Java, the Briting a helping hand to reinstate

The answer is not that the artist was absent-minded. The answer is that the Stalinist line is NOT opposed to Dutch imperialism.

LINE IN HOLLAND

In Holland, where the question is really crucial, for it is up to the Dutch working class to stop the Dutch imperialist slaughter of Indonesians, the Communist Party makes very plain that it is OPPOSED to the Dutch getting out of Indonesia. As we reported in this column last week, the Communist Party in Holland openly says that it has abandoned since 1937 the old revolutionary slogan, "Indonesia Loose from Holland Now," and continues to abandon that

The Dutch Communist Party's manifesto on the Indonesian struggle (which is NOT published by the Daily Worker) says:

"Our government must now without delay and unambiguously take measures to introduce democratic rule (in Indonesia); to form an independent Indonesian government: to convoke a temporary parliament in collaboration with the democratic national parties, and institute similar governments in the municipalities and districts.

"If it fails to do this, if it continues to hesitate or attempts to play a double game, then it carries the full responsibility for the disastrous consequences which can lead to a complete loss of Indonesia for the Dutch Empire."

To the Stalinists the Queen's regime is "our government," Empire by finding native col-

Gropper also left out of his Gaulle about their imperialism. cartoon Indo-China. That too Bottomless is the cynicism of they've patched it up with de Kremlin and Downing Street Gaulle, the Daily Worker has come to a new agreement in the stopped writing about Indo-Balkans and elsewhere the pact stopped writing about Indo- Balkans and elsewhere, the pact China altogether.

Yet—if one is to make any distinction at all between imperialist crimes—the French imperialist blood-bath in Indo-China is Stalin finds a new compromise already far more ruthless than on some of the present disputes. anything that has yet happened in Java and China. Chiang Kai- of the way in which the Stalinshek and his U. S. advisors are ists are covering up the crimes negotiating with the Chinese of Dutch and French imperialbut in Indo-China the French government is openly trying to ism is transformed into wipe out the nationalist move-

Obviously, then, it isn't the time being out of joint with the softer policy of the Dutch and Kremlin. French imperialists which moved Gropper to keep them out of gles of our time are cynically strike ranks, the plant, employhis cartoon. What, then, is the used by the Stalinists solely from

the point of view of advancing The explanation is that, just the reactionary interests of the as until yesterday the Stalinists Kremlin.

reopen wage negotiations any cago clerks who continued to the Cake," "Ma Bell's Wealth is CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—Win- time the union wants to. The work. ning their demand for a \$6 a Illinois Telephone Traffic Unweek wage increase and othfurther pay increases.

of the Illinois Bell Telephone distance operators in 42 states. striking girls picketed exchanges tant six-day strike at 6:10 locals for strike "should the Illinois Bell . . . remain unreas onable . . . " active to May 9, and \$2 more

> SUPPORT VOTED The company provided cots,

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er concessions, 8,700 long

distance and toll operators

Company ended their mili-

The victory includes an im-

nediate \$4 a week raise, retro-

not later than February 1. The

length of service necessary to

reach the maximum rate was

will be sealed by the Stalinists

lapsing into silence about the

crimes of British imperialism.

Likewise with Washington, when

Is this not the plain meaning

So that, for the Stalinists, the

struggle against world imperial-

the (temporary) attack on any

imperialism which is for the

Thus the most heroic strug-

of \$33 for nine years.

p.m. today.

cut from nine to eight years. After February 1 new operators hours a day. Yet more than will start at \$26 a week, instead half Chicago's local telephone of the present \$21, and the minimum for those employed for service had been shut down, as well as the long distance service, eight years will be \$38, instead well as the long distance service, when local operators refused to Seattle is now without a daily great number of the newspaper The company also agreed to cross picket lines. Also about 4,500 maintenance workers in the Illinois Union of Telephone were saying nothing about U.S. Workers honored the picket lines. imperialist oppression of Porto Rico or the struggle of India for independence from Britain, so operators "morally, physically Star, and the Times. today the Kremlin has good reaand financially until the strike sons not to embarrass Queen is won." Wilhelmina, and General de

2,000 members not to cross picket ly average pay of \$54. The ownlines and had voted 1,405 to 4 to ers of the kept press have ofassess a \$50 fine against 33 Chi-

In First Strike

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

BRISTOL, Conn., Nov. 21 ture bearing plant, members of Local 626, CIO United Automobile Workers, punched out in a now. matter of minutes as the 11 a.m. GETS SUPPORT zero hour struck today for the UAW national offensive for a 30 per cent wage increase. This is the first time this plant has been struck, but the workers conducted themselves like vet-

By nightfall, when the second and third shifts join the mittee. Two thirds of the town's workthe struck plant. The remaining third belong to other CIO Strike Upsurge unions which are solidly behind the strike.

Picket lines were quickly established at the plant's 12 gates and the main office entrance. These will be maintained on a 24-hour schedule, and will be United States conciliators to set-strengthened during shift-CIO Steelworkers numbering

Plans were perfected for a strike are demanding a \$2 a day wage

The local's most dependable men are organized in a special back of their jackets the insignia, "UAW-CIO Local 626— Flying Squadron.'

War veterans, in uniform and civvies, were among those doing picket duty. One bore a placard reading, "Yes! I risked my life overseas, but not to be pushed around by GM. I'm in favor of

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ion has indicated it will demand tant determination of the oper- Some Delay 'Till We Get Enough ators won the strike, generally Pay-\$6," and "The Voice With This settlement headed off a recognized as a test of strength a Smile Will Be Gone for a general sympathy strike of long of the telephone workers. The While." Take, Now We Want to Share a union member?"

This solidarity and the mili- Never Shown," "There Will Be

The girls stopped delivery J. J. Moran, president of the throughout Chicago, with ban- trucks and cars entering the Federation of Long Lines Tele- ners reading "We've Handled the buildings, urged drivers not to phone Workers, had alerted all Business For the Company's enter and asked them, "Are you

Typos Close Boss blankets and cafeteria meals to keep supervisors in exchanges 24 Press In Seattle

Special To The Militant newspaper as 250 members of workers are finding employment Local 202, AFL Typographical in job shops, which have been Workers Union, are on strike shorthanded throughout the

A unanimous decision of the The struck newspapers are the war. TTUW pledged support to the Post-Intelligencer (Hearst), the feeted unions is a labor daily to asking for a 28 per cent wage of the strike and to take the

Clerks of Illinois had advised its increase over their present weekfered an increase amounting to only half of the union's demands. In addition the union is demanding vacations with pay and sick leaves, both of which the newspaper owners have turned

The typographical workers on the three daily papers have received no increases in wages since the beginning of the war because Some 4,000 first shift workers at of the Little Steel formula. They the General Motors New Depar-rightly believe that they are entitled to a 28 per cent increase

The strike shut down the three boss dailies tighter than a drum. It is receiving the full support of the CIO Newspaper Guild and of every other union connected with York and Chicago, Samuel Wolthe newspaper business. It is led by a rank-and-file strike com-

Strike leaders predict that if ing 12,000, will be sewed up tight. the employers don't yield this

May Soon Sweep house is located, will participate in the strike. According to To 1,250,000

Union strike committees vote involving 766 steel companswung immediately into action. ies, including Big Steel. They

increase to offset drastic loss of

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take-home pay. Some 200,000 CIO Packinghouse Workers are scheduled to unit, and proudly wear on the take a strike vote shortly. UPWA Local 16, Kansas City, has already set a strike deadline for December 3.

> Other strikes pending involve 16.000 Westinghouse Electric workers, in New York and New Jersey, taking a strike vote November 28; 4,000 Railway Express Agency employes of New York City and AFL teamsters of Newark, N. J. The latter dispute may involve 7,500 truck drivers and helpers in seven other major

week for the sake of the Christ-SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 21.— mas advertising, the strike will

Now being discussed by the afbe put out by the labor move-Typographical workers are ment in Seattle for the duration

Labor-Hating

Special To The Militant

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—The battle between the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes, CIO, and Sewell Avery, labor-hating mogul of the Montgomery Ward empire, will be renewed Monday morning, November 26, when the union starts a one-week strike demonstration expected to involved some 80,000

workers. In a statement issued in New chok, international president of the union, called for the demonstration "in order to demonstate effectively the workers' restlessness over Avery's refusal to bargain in good faith and his refusal to submit to arbitration.*

About 8,000 workers in Chicago, where the main mail order house is located, will participate Leonard Levy, vice-president of the union, "nearly 70,000 other Ward employes will be involved throughout the nation."

In cooperation with other CIO unions, the URWDSE will set up 640,000 will take an NLRB strike picket lines in front of all the company's 631 stores and 215 catalog offices in the country.

> St. Louis JOHN G. WRIGHT

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Postwar Notes For Seamen By F. J. Lang farers International lobbied for a provision in the ship sales bill restricting use of these government-built ships. They wanted a guarantee Stalinists, likewise there are pre- ism? that the American wage scale must be paid if tenses of negotiations in Java, these ships go under foreign-flag operation. The Senate committee ignored this demand of these

> Present income of the ship operators is pretty good proof as to who is really befriended by the Democratic and Republican Congressmen The Atlantic Gulf, & West Indies Steamship Lines is typical of the present financial condition of the shipping industry that in 1936 was broke. The net income of Agwiline for the three nonths ending September 30 was \$354,289 after axes and charges. This compares favorably vith the \$344,840 clear profit for the correspond-

> ng period last year. In nine months of this year this one shipping ompany—and not a very big one at that howed a profit of more than a million dollars. This is what happened to big chunks of the 325-billion which has been taken out of the public treasury by the Maritime Commission and poured into the maritime industry. During the war the shipping companies have been fattened up at public expense. Congress ap-

The pending legislation on ship sales is an additional gift by Congress to the ship operators of the more than 4,000 government-owned ternational roller-bearing trust, damage suit and injunction petiships-if the ship operators can find use for determined to smash the union, tion sought by the SKF Industthem. At present there are so many excess ships, that hundreds have been dismantled and the union officials to arbitrate and the injunction will resume laid-up for the duration of the "peace".

However, Congress is so concerned about profitable government contracts to ship builders the solidarity of the picket lines the strikers at a meeting last that the fast disappearing ship construction was a paid advertisement in the Tuesday, November 20, reiteratwork will not come to a halt until 94 more of Philadelphia Inquirer wherein ed their determination to carry the same type ships that are now being sent to the company repeated its die- on until their fight is won and, a 30% increase." the boneyards are completed and delivered this hard attitude that the men must furthermore, started proceedings year, and 100 next year. These will probably return to work before any nego- to take a strike vote in support be consigned directly to the boneyard without tiations take place. ever making a trip, as were many ships after SKF officials and attorneys tional policy for a two-dollar-World War I.

Workers Solid As SKF Strike Enters 3rd Month

By Max Geldman (Special to THE MILTANT)

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22.— coming court decisions. The bitter SKF strike, now over two months old, continues in given strength when Common commissary, picketing schedules.

the dispute. The latest attempt to break

continue to boycott attempts by a-day raise in pay.

tle the strike. The corporation change hours. continues to place its hope on This reactionary policy was

Pleas Court No. 5 denied a mofull force with no settlement tion of the United Steelworkers immediately apparent. The in- of America, CIO, to dismiss a persistently refuses to meet with ries, Inc. Hearings on the suit on Monday, November 26.

Far from being demoralized. of the United Steelworkers' na-

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