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Rally Protests **Allied Butchery** In The Colonies

By Charles Carsten

NEW YORK, Nov. 30—Despite bitter weather more than 350 people tonight participated in a rally sponsored by the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party to protest the Allied massacre of the colonial peoples of Indonesia, Indo-China and the imperialist intervention in China. The meeting was held in the Hotel Diplomat.

The assembled workers responded enthusiastically to the | "Freedom for the colonial milcall of the speakers for protest lions would not only right a teraction against the murderous im- rible wrong," stated Comrade perialist aggression against the Jackson, one of the principal colonial people. The meeting speakers at the mass meeting, was addressed by Charles Jackson, well-known writer of "The Negro Struggle" column in The ration from economic insecurity Militant; Farrell Dobbs, editor of and racial discrimination." The Militant: and George Novack, National Secretary of the Civil Rights Defense Committee. James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers

Party, was chairman. The speakers emphasized that the struggle for freedom of the Negroes here, were told they colonial peoples is being conducted against the same Wall brave, new world that would Street monopolists and imperialists who in this country are try- that world so beautifully painted ing to smash the unions, drive down wages and divide the work- Freedoms and wrapped with that ers with vicious race hatred. General Motors was cited as a Charter. typical exploiter of both the colonial peoples and American ples found, however, when they

"but it would also be a sevenleague step toward our own libe-

"HOLLOW WORDS"

Comrade Jackson pointed out that the Negroes in this country and the colonial peoples face a common enemy. "During the war," he declared, "the peoples of the Far East, as well as the would gain their freedom in the come from an Allied victoryin the brilliant hues of the Four glittering tinsel of the Atlantic

"Each of these subject peo-

Javanese Fiercely Resist Imperialists

The heroic battle of the Indonesian people for their about the outcome of the LSW's freedom from imperialist rule is reaching tremendous proportions. Correspondents of the capitalist press, impressed by the vast size and determination of the uprising, declared December 2 that the "Indonesians were in firmer condemned as playing into the control of Java than they 9

were when the British ar- with an ultimatum that any

The effort to reinstate the des-Potic colonial rule of the Dutch shot on sight. has become virtually a full-scale United Press, "that the British ployed eight - inch naval guns war. "Observers believed," said would have to occupy every city,

the railways, telephone lines and carry out mopping up operations IWA acceptance of the 121/2 other communications and move "sent a message," reports the cents settlement, however, was freely about the island," stated press, "congratulating the Sus- correctly condemned by the the dispatch, "making it difficult sex on the accuracy of its fire LSW-AFL as undermining the for the British to carry out their against that town." operations."

ALLIED FEROCITY

The Allied imperialists, how- ing Indonesia is to "disarm" the ever, are proceeding with ruth- Japanese forces. However, inless fury. Well supplied with stead of disarming the Japanese can-made tanks, American-made welcome allies. The N. Y. Times, Java all the horrors of modern in a November 25 editorial: "Af-

The ferocity of the Allies is alism broke forth and the reindicated by their attitude to-sulting violence produced the ward truces. A few weeks ago, paradox of 500,000 or more Japwith annihilation, they asked for arms . . . A British spokesman a truce from the Republic of described them as 'good troops' Indonesia. President Soekarno who fought well. The British flew to Soerabaja and obtained obviously had need of them;" the truce, thus saving the be- added the Times cynically. "They leaguered British force. When were in plenty of trouble with the Indonesians at Bandoeng the 47,000,000 Javanese in their asked for a truce, however, on attempt to salvage their ally's November 28, the British replied colonial empire.'

and bombs, the British again em- members out on strike.

CYNICAL STATEMENT The British excuse for invad-

American-made planes, American-made they have converted them into Seek Solidarity bombs and other war supplies, mouthpiece of American Big of All Colonies they are inflicting on populous Business, observed approvingly ter the war the fires of nationwhen their first landing forces anese troops in southeast Asia Aung San, one of the Burat Soerabaja were threatened being deliberately kept under mese Nationalist leaders

RESOLUTION DENOUNCING SLAUGHTER IN COLONIES

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the mass protest meeting held in New York on November 30 to demand withdrawal of American troops from foreign

To President Harry S. Truman White House, Washington, D. C.

We, 350 workers of New York, assembled in mass meeting at Hotel Diplomat on the call of the Socialist Workers Party, voice indignant protest against the imperialist massacre of the peoples of the Far East who are fighting for their liberties and independence;

We condemn the use of American tanks, planes, ships and troops in these criminal actions and the intervention of the United States in the internal affairs of China, Indo-China, Indonesia and Korea:

We wholeheartedly support the struggles of these Oriental peoples against the Allied enslavers. Their cause is our cause. Their fight for freedom is bound up with the fight of the American workers for their rights against the common enemy; the monopoly capitalists of Wall Street.

We call upon you to withdraw all American troops from foreign soil! Hands off Indo-China, Indonesia, China and Korea! Stop the undeclared war against the colonial peoples!

Lumber Strike Nears Victory Auto Ranks Spike Move In 9th Week SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT SEATTLE, WASh., Nov. 29— By GM To Split Strike

The nine-week-old strike of lumber workers in the Northwest is on the way to victory. Twenty-five operations in Tacoma, several in Portland, and several in Seattle have signed contracts with the striking AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, granting 15 cents an hour wage increases to all categories of workers and establishing an hourly minimum of \$1.05.

Some 60,000 members of the LSW began their strike September 24, demanding an hourly increase of 20 cents and a minimum of \$1.10.

The recent settlement involves approximately one-third of the AFL lumber workers in the Washington and Columbia River areas. The compromise contracts will probably be the basis for settlement in the rest of the

Among the firms that have settled are not only small operators, a few of whom settled for the union's full demands in the early weeks of the strike, but also large mills. Several members of the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committeepowerful association of employers which, at the beginning of the strike, refused even to discuss wage increases with the LSW—have signed contracts.

STALINIST LIE

The spread of successful settlement of the lumber strike gives the lie to the Stalinists who, in their paper The New World, made dire predictions action. According to their theory the employers were preparing a lockout of the industry, and, by innuendo, the LSW's strike was

hands of the employers. The Stalinists instead, praised rived after the Japanese sur- Indonesian found in the north- the action of the leadership of ern section of the city after noon the CIO International Woodon the following day would be workers of America which was demanding an hourly increase of 25 cents, but refused to call its

The IWA-CIO itself was able during the past week, bombard- to settle peacefully with the eming, among other towns, Ungar- ployers in the fir areas for an an, 12 miles inland. Japanese increase of 121/2 cents an hour The people control "most of forces ordered by the British to thanks to the strike of the LSW. wage demands put up by the AFL workers.

Indo-Chinese

The independence movetablished mutual relations. 39 American-trained divisions. ese East Coast areas. called for an "immediate 'Asiatic Potsdam Conference' of plan a united campaign to achieve freedom within the shortest possible time," according to an October 31 Reuters dispatch.

In reply, Ho Chi Minh, President of the Viet Namh Government of Indo-China sent a radio message to Aung San on November 5: "Annamites are watching with bated breath the Burmese struggle for independ-

ence." ed by the French imperialists. begin to emerge. They quoted it as proof of the "existence of some sort of liason strictly company smell, to incite GEARED FOR ACTION between Annamites and Burmese which has been suspected initiated today through a Capt. locals, Buick 599, Chevrolet 659, leaders somewhere in the vicinity of Rangoon."

The British officials in Burma added, said the same dispatch, a square deal, but I am not al-"they vaguely suspected that Indonesian nationalist strike." leaders also had consultations with the Burmese and that all ing an active part in the strike (Continued on Page 2)

Howling At The Gates

American Imperialism Supports Dictator Chiang In Chinese War

Despite official denials and tight censorship, news dispatches from China every day bring added evidence of Washington's active intervention in China's civil war.

ist controlled Yenan radio that "several hundred American officers are attached to each Kuomintang (Nationalist) Army, partaking in, planning and executing" Chiang Kai-shek's offensforces in North China. This report forced Gen. Wedemeyer to assert that U.S. officers were "no longer" working with Kuomintang forces. It appears that their participation with Chiang Kai-shek's troops ended, if at all, when the news became pub-

According to General Wedemeyer, American arms and amwith American-made arms.

All the combat planes in the India-Burma theater are being Organize Aid All the combat planes in the flown to China. The transfer of flown to China. The transfer of 700 fighter planes was carried For GM Strike out in such haste that fliers were forced to complete the mission ive against Chinese Stalinist under hazardous weather conditions. At least 11 of the aircraft

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crashed. The number of men killed has not been revealed. Chungking sources disclose munition will be delivered to the that troops and material are now Motors strike. Both here and in in the whole period ahead. Chungking Government under being landed at the newly cap-Lend - Lease extensions until tured port of Hulatao by the U. heading these anti-labor camments of Indo-China, Indo-March 2. This materiel is be- S. Seventh Fleet. United States paigns. nesia and Burma have es- ing used to arm 19 more of the Marines are holding vital Chin-

Twenty of these divisions are All of these measures have already in the field fighting substantially influenced the (Continued on Page 8)

the subject people of Asia to GM Seeks To Incite Vets Against Strikers In Flint

By Jerry Kirk (Special To The Militant)

FLINT. Mich., Nov. 28—As the nation-wide General Motors strike enters its second week, the walkout in this key GM center continues to gather momentum with the shutting down of the office buildings at Chevrolet and AC

Spark Plug. At the same 9-

A crude attempt, having a veterans against the strike was saying, "Management gave me housed and fed.

The hundreds of veterans tak-"square deal" General Motors

The four powerful Flint GM

since a few weeks already by high Jack Packard. Packard, an air Fisher Body 581, and AC Sparkranking British Burma officials," force pilot without overseas plug 561, are geared to action in reported the Christian Science service and on terminal leave, anticipation of the corporation's ON THE INSIDE Monitor. These officials "said a was employed for two weeks at next move. The strike strategy GM Strike Reports few days ago at Rangoon that AC. The local papers today came committees of all locals have set Austrian Elections they were convinced that secret out with big blurbs about his up veterans' committees. These Steel Strike Vote conferences had taken place be- planning to canvass the report- committees are handling the vari tween Annamite and Burmese ed 3,300 veterans on the GM pay- ous problems of the veterans, rolls here for an anti-strike ranging from compensation to movement. Packard, who is not the setting up of a central heada union member, is quoted as quarters where veterans will be A soldier released from the

lowed to work because of this Army a short while ago is chairman of the union's city-wide Workers Forum veterans' committee. Bob Car- The Negro Struggle of them were maintaining some here are testimony to the kind of ter, chairman of the strike com- Diary of Steelworker (Continued on Page 2)

UAW Veterans

By Evelyn Atwood (Special To The Militant)

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 30-General Motors interests have initiated a strikebreaking venture by attempting to whip up a vicious anti-labor campaign among the veterans.

There are 14,000 union veterans in the Michigan area alone Flint vigilante groups are spear-

The CIO auto workers are alrealize that the strike is becomwhether the big corporations the rest of the workers, and turn them into a strikebreaking

In Detroit, a UAW-CIO GM Veterans' Committee has been formed with John W. Anderson of Fleetwood Local 15, UAW-CIO, elected as chairman. Anderson told me today in an interview Committee, of which he is secretary, is determined to countertime, the first strikebreak- has given the overwhelming act any move on the part of the This radiogram was intercept- ing moves of the corporation majority of returned veterans General Motors Corporation to along with the rest of the GM utilize the veterans to break the

For this reason, he said, at a meeting on November 27 the City-Wide GM Strike Commit-(Continued on Page 2)

Stalinist Line in NMU

COLUMNS AND FEATURES To bring you nation-wide re-

Veterans Problems

Block Scheme To Produce GM Parts For Other Firms

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

DETROIT. Dec. 3.—A scheme designed to whittle away the General Motors strike by reopening GM plants which are working on parts for other manufacturers has just been spiked here by an alert rank and file.

In an interview with the press on Thursday. November 29, CIO United Automobile Workers President R. J. Thomas stated that the union officials had discussed the possibilities of working

on GM products that go Union Council was likewise unto other auto manufactories in its opposition. Rob-"that General Motors and bloodshed." will say no."

president, addressed a letter to Thomas proposing that Special Detroit Dispatch GM be permitted to open its plants that manufacture parts for Ford, Chrysler and other auto companies.

Next day Thomas replied by complimenting Wilson on GM's 'generous" proposal which mes to me as a welcome surprise." Thomas then stated: "I shall, of course, accept the of-

being endangered. Experienced militants went into action. That night the Strike Strategy Comufacture of parts, unanimously

turers. "I predict here ert Carter, chairman of the AC Strike Committee, stated: "It and now," said Thomas, could only lead to possible riot

MANEUVER STYMIED GM quickly seized on this GM's Saginaw Malleable Divis-Soon afterward, the local at stupid statement. On Fri- ion, Saginaw, Mich., second maday night, C. E. Wilson, GM | jor plant involved in the manu-

> On GM Strike By Kay O'Brien See Page 2

facture of parts for non-GM producers, took the same stand as the Flint AC local. "There is an atmosphere of extreme distaste among the officials of the Immediately the word spread local and members of the strike like wild-fire among the auto committee toward Thomas reranks that the GM strike was ply to the GM proposal," the Saginaw UAW regional director announced.

mittee of AC Spark Plug Local Thus, for the time being, the 651, in Flint, at one of the main stupid maneuver of Thomas and other top UAW officials, a maneuver that could only weaken the strike, seems to be pretty ef-

The Greater Flint Industrial fectively stymied.

The GM Strategy--How To Defeat It

- By The Editors -

The General Motors strike is going into its tenth day at this writing. It is becoming clearer to everyone that this strike is the spearhead of a monumental struggle now going on between who are affected by the General labor and capital: a struggle that will continue to rage in America General Motors Corporation is part and parcel of that tiny

inner clique of top bankers, industrialists and coupon clippers who own and control the wealth of America and run its affairs. This clique of billionaires is today absolutely drunk with power. These ready in action to counter this Wall Street pirates have plans of exploiting the peoples of half menace to the GM strike. They the globe and wringing riches out of slave labor. They are sending their agents into Arabia, Persia and throughout the Near ing a test case to determine East to preempt for themselves the unlimited oil resources of that section of the world. They plan to convert the Chinese masses will succeed in their efforts to into work slaves of the Wall Street money changers. No spot divide misguided veterans from on this whole earth is escaping their attention.

This gang of Wall Street profiteers is now putting into effect plans of world imperialism that make the British imperialists look by comparison like a bunch of small time racketeers.

Their Brutal Aims At Home

This ruling class of America has more power and disposes of more wealth than any previous ruling class in history. And possessing all this power and wealth, consumed by limitless greed that the City-Wide GM Strike and fired by visions of world empire, this ruling class is now, with redoubled fury, turning its attention to home. The American imperialists have resolved to lay the proper

foundation for their world ambitions by "cleaning house" right here at home. They want to make clear to everybody that they are the bosses, they are the masters, and it does not pay to challenge their authority.

The American plutocracy has come out of this war with the feeling that the very existence of this solidly organized, self-confident and militant labor movement is an intolerable challenge to Wall Street's plans of world imperialism and aggrandizement. The plutocracy does not want to tolerate in its home industries a powerful workers' organization with aggressive stewards' bodies and committees, suspiciously eyeing the plans of Big Business and attempting to control its movements. The American plutocracy feels that its whole world position remains insecure and may at any moment be seriously endangered by this labor movement which can challenge its rule and at a moment's notice halt the

wheels in its far-flung economic domain. That is why one detects in the utterances and proposals of ports on current labor news, we American Big Business leaders the note of brutality and the rehave omitted this week Trade actionary content of the fascist mentality and outlook. The Union News and International plans, schemes, plots, hopes and backroom conspiracies of the "big boys" unquestionably add up to a desire to completely smash the union movement and return to the "good old days" of the open shop; the "good old days" when the working man and wo-

man were treated like dirt. But there is a big gap between what these moneyed auto-(Continued on Page 2)

General Motors Violates Local Agreements In Maneuvers To Weaken Strike Solidarity Detroit UAW Veterans Fight GM Union-Busting (Continued from Page 1) (Continued from Page 1)

By Kay O'Brien (Special To The Militant)

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 30 Axle plant in Detroit, pickets are -In an attempt to drive a chafing under the police order through the picket lines.

Hoping to intimidate the CIO the end of the day. United Automobile Workers top In Saginaw, Mich., payofficials into making such an masters were withdrawn entirely agreement, C. E. Wilson, presi- in an attempt to break up a undent of General Motors, has resorted to terming the peaceful outside the plant by UAW memand orderly picket lines at all bers. Pickets met this chal-GM plants "illegal picketing". He lenge to their union rights in threatens to obtain court in- militant fashion. They announjunctions against the pickets and ced to those inside that reentry demands that "illegal picketing" would be denied if they left must first cease as one of the the plant for lunch, thus forcwage dispute with the union.

This arrogant action on the part of the company is a direct | LINES RESPECTED vielation of agreements made be- Despite these attempts to distween the local unions and GM organize the picket lines, Genplant managements at the outset eral Motors is faced with the of the strike. At the national fact that the vast majority of conference of all GM locals held salaried workers are respecting in Detroit on November 19 and the strike and refusing to report 20, it was voted to permit each for work. Therefore it is putting individual local to decide the heat on top UAW officials and a circular was sent out by and foremen. the International notifying the locals of this decision.

VIOLATES AGREEMENTS

of November 21, before the strike International Executive Board started, agreements were reach- which met in Detroit on Novemment representatives of each that "all employes not covered mitted to continue working.

it was agreed that power house Reuther, UAW-CIO vice-presiemployes and a skeleton crew dent in charge of GM locals, beof maintenance men be kept on, gan negotiations with the Genas well as a small office staff eral Motors officials on the alto handle employe hospitaliza- leged "illegal picketing." tion and insurance. Office work- PRESSURE OF RANKS ers in most cases were given several days in which to finish up their work and to take care of pressure is making itself felt

The company itself indicated that it did not expect its office lines. Telegrams have been comworkers to continue working after the first few days when it announced that all salaried employes would receive their reg- Strike Committee voted overular weekly pay by check mailed whelmingly to ask the Interna-

CREATING "INCIDENTS"

entrance for employes not cover- | STRIKERS' ATTITUDE

Indo-Chinese Seek Solidarity

(Continued from Page 1)

ing solidarity of the colonial peo- is precisely what the company ple is of great significance. In has in mind. conjunction with promises of aid to the Indonesians from heads hand, that in local after local, of the Indian Congress, they re- office workers are approaching veal that more than half of hu- the pickets to say that they want manity, facing the armed might to be kept out, that they don't of Allied imperialism, is begin- want to cross picket lines, that ning to seek united action. GROWING SOLIDARITY

teeming millions in bondage. ers.

ed by the agreements, and trying to create incidents. At the Chevrolet Gear and

wedge between the 225,000 which restrains them from placing their lines squarely across striking GM workers and the the building entrances and 73.000 salaried office workers forces them to picket on either and foremen, and to create side of each entrance instead "categories" of workers to be of being in one big united line. divided against one another, At the Chevrolet Forge plant, officials of General Motors also in Detroit, only one pay-Corporation have demanded master was provided for the several thousand workers, who were that the union permit all thus forced to stand in line in salaried employes to pass an icy rain for hours on end, with many remaining unpaid at

ion dues drive being conducted conditions for negotiating the ing several hundred salaried employes and executives to remain in the building for fifteen hours.

whether office workers should be to get the union itself to open allowed through the picket lines, the lines to all office workers

The International officers appear to be not as firm as General Motors officials, and have weakened under the barrage. strike purposes, "Management Accordingly, on the morning The last meeting of the 22-man ed between union and manage- ber 26 and 27, took the stand plant as to who should be per- by the union contract" should be permitted to enter the struck In practically every instance, plants. On November 30, Walter

Already a big rank and file against permitting either office workers or the supervisory employes to walk through the picket ing into the UAW-CIO national office from Flint and elsewhere.

to their homes in the event that tional Negotiating Committee they were denied entrance to the not to permit anybody to walk In characteristic fashion, the show some effect. Negotiations corporation proceeded to violate with the GM officials today the agreement from the very broke up without any results and outset, attempting to force an the issue is still hanging fire.

are active every day on the ter the plants. picket lines, view any such concession to the company with great dissatisfaction. They claim that even though the office workers and foremen do not perform any of the strikers' jobs, their entrance through the sort of inter-Far Eastern liason." picket lines will tend to lower These indications of the grow- the morale of the ranks, which

> they want to help the union win its wage demands.

coordinating its forces behind workers into a vast organizing GM is operating. the revolutionary program of so- drive which would bring them cialism, its victory is assured. into the union, establish an un-No weapon in the arsenal of the breakable solidarity between imperialist despots will any long- them and secure the fruits of a er be capable of holding these union victory for all GM work-

"No Compromise" Say These GM Strikers



"30%-No Compromise" and "We Did It In '37-We'll Do It Again" read the banners of these picketing members of Fleetwood Local 15, UAW-CIO, in Detroit, expressing the spirit of grim determination of the General Motors strikers.

GM Attempts To Incite Veterans Against Solid Strike In Flint

All locals are permitting a

just returned from the navy.

has been informed that we are reduce the need for pickets. prepared to meet any situation ificant that Fisher Body local and a meeting for veterans arranged several days before Packard's statement was played up in the press.

STRIKE STRONGHOLD

This center of the historic GM | couple of minor skirmishes took sitdown battle of 1937 is once place which the Flint Journal, more a strike stronghold. All locals have strike kitchens feedng the men and women who are union woman went to the police marching in shifts on the pick- with her tale of woe, but was et lines. The kitchens are set advised by the sheriff's office up in restaurants near the to join the union if she wanted Fisher local has estab- her pay check. plants. lished a kitchen in its headquarters. Union Foraging Committees are soliciting friendly maintenance workers in the farmers, merchants and profes- plants. At Fisher Body, members Today the Flint City-Wide GM sionals for food, clothing and permitted to work are volun-

> Skeleton picket crews are checks for the strike fund. because the workers, although when two workers came in, or- man's opinion." prepared to respond to any dered coffee, discussed a while Tex Owens, president of union men.

Chevrolet local, informed this "This is the best organized now up to the corporation.

reporter that 300 workers rallied strike in the history of the lomittee at AC Spark Plug, has to the picket lines to shut down cal," said Ben Woodward, presthe office building. Only a few ident of Buick local. "That's personnel men attempted to because we had the benefit of Everett Francis, president of cross the lines, but they were working together since the sitthe Fisher Body local, stated stopped cold. The workers have downs." Everett Francis, Fisher in regard to the company's at- welded the gates together in local president, explained, "We to the sinister attempts now betempt to use veterans for anti- front of several of the 10 Chevro- have behind us a background of ing made to divide the veterans let plants for the duration to experiences which enable us to from the other workers. UAW-At AC Spark . Plug several various activities of this strike." workers. They are an integral

> picketed the entrance of the for 44 days. plant in an all-day driving "BEST ORGANIZED"

rain. They refused entrance for There is a great deal of discollection of final pay checks to cussion in the ranks about a posanyone who could not show a sible move to settle the strike paid-up union dues receipt. A through arbitration. * The posi-GM mouthpiece, blew up to sharply by Bob Carter, chairman headline proportions. One nonof the Greater Flint Industrial Union Council and chairman of the AC strike committee.

small crew of powerhouse and swing the big club. There isn't told that about 120 attended the any such animal as an impartial meeting, perhaps 40 of them arbitrator. We got our stomach union veterans. full with the War Labor Board teering 10 per cent of their pay

remark on the differences be- The attitude of the AFL ranks often a great decider in a man's replied: "Through Gestapo tween then and today. Mass is reflected in the incident at opinion. The GM corporation methods, of course!' picketing has not been required the Chevrolet strike kitchen has a lot of money to buy a

a contribution from two AFL workers here, it is becoming ap- heard.

call upon capable people for the CIO veterans are also UAW-CIO hundred union men and women Fisher Body was tied up in 1937

tion of the men, if GM attempts the Ku Klux Klan is sending its this move, was expressed most hate letters to members of the "We gave the corporation the from our local went to the Ku

turned down," said Carter. est, to hear what their leader, "From now on we are going to Hathaway, had to say. I was partial."

tee went on record to proceed at once to set up a veterans' committee. "We therefore told the delegates present to notify their locals to send a representative of their local veterans' committees to Local 157 Hall the fellowing night to a meeting at which they could be organized,' he said.

Eleven delegates from GM locals attended the meeting, including representatives of Locals 262, 235, 735, 15, 157, 163, 174. Ten of the delegates present have been overseas. Some of them had been in the army for as long as five years," Anderson He himself was in the army for 29 months, serving for almost two years in the South

UNION VETS' AIMS

Anderson explained the main erans' Committee. "First, to give the meeting was adjourned. Af- TO HOLD MEETING ms of the newly organized Vetall-out support to the General for a 30 per cent wage increase is a just one.

"Second, we demand that the OTHER GROUPS unemployment compensation due the GM veterans under the GI Bill of Rights be paid immediately by the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission. Instead of getting these unemployed benefits to which they are entitled, the union veterans have been subjected to legal quibbles, red tape and runarounds.'

Above all. Anderson repeated one of the chief purposes of the Veterans Committee is "to alert the entire body of GM veterans part of the strike."

KU KLUX KLAN POISON

Anderson then briefly disclosed some of the actions already taken by vigilante groups to whip up anti-labor hatred here. "We received ominous reports that UAW-CIO to poison against the union. Last night the secretary of our Veterans Committee and some of the men chance to arbitrate which they Klux Klan hall at 89 West For-"Hathaway boldly advocated

which was suposed to be im- mobilizing forces against the vigil at all plant gates. Many vigil at all plant gates. Many veterans of the 1937 sitdowns of the 1937 sitdowns of the 1937 sitdowns are respectively from the face of the CIO carfer, just returned from up to ask: 'How do you intend of unusually severe weather. United Automobile Workers. Service, continued: "Money is to break this strike?" He bluntly Since the strike heart and the strike weather. Since the strike heart are as continuing in the face weather. Since the strike heart are as continuing in the face weather. Wall with the face of the CIO service, continued: "Money is to break this strike?" He bluntly since the strike heart are as continuing in the face weather. Wall was also continued to break this strike? He bluntly since the strike heart are as continuing in the face weather. Wall was also continued to break this strike? He bluntly since the strike heart are as continuing in the face weather. Wall was also continued to break this strike? He bluntly since the strike heart are as continuing in the face weather. Wall was also continued to break this strike? He bluntly since the strike heart are as continuing in the face weather. Wall was also continued to break this strike? He bluntly since the strike heart are as continuing in the face weather. "At this point a one-armed

With the further extension and rushed toward the speaker. ever, are functioning more doubt many of them felt that emergency call, are confident and placed a five dollar bill a- and deeper entrenchment of the A big commotion followed in Militants in the GM locals, who that no one will dare try to en- piece in the collection cans as strike among the 45,000 GM which indignant shouts were parent that the next move is protected by private body- ning to send in financial con- for higher wages which they had guards, quickly called out that tributions. Many are preparing so powerfully begun.



John W. Anderson chairman of GM Veterans' Committee, UAW-CIO.

ter the meeting was broken up, of the newly organized veterans that Motors strike. We insist that the the veterans marched out in a committee, Anderson said that body singing 'Solidarity For- a five-man executive committee

lieutenant by the name of John hoff, and Charles Spanswick. Packard, falsely parading under the title of Captain, was defeated last night at a meeting he called Thursday, December 8. It will to try to mobilize the veterans be held at Local 157 hall. I have behind his vigilante group. "We ordered 50,000 handbills for disare determined that all other tribution throughout the entire fascist type groups will fare no city. We are inviting all union

ectly upon the big corporate ing." He said that prominent nterests, he declared: "We warn CIO leaders and veterans will the corporation that we will speak at the meeting, which he vigorously fight their attempts to will chair.

use the veterans as a catspaw in their conspiracy to discredit and undermine our union."

Regarding the American Veterans Association which held a meeting here on November 27 at Northern High School, attended by about 80 veterans, Anderson said: "The day after the meeting the Amvets presented their demands to Cyril Smith, GI Bill of Rights administrator here, and picketed the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Comnission. There were about 30 trade unionists in the picket line, but they carried Amvet placards. This is one of probably many veterans' groups which will make a bid for the veterans." He said that the UAW-CIO GM Veterans' Committee would not seek affiliation with any veterans' organizations. "But we call upon all veterans to back our fight for

representing Detroit GM locals was elected, consisting of himself as Chairman, William Wind-In Flint, Anderson told me, a schief, Bruno Kosloff, O. Warn-

"We have already arranged for a city wide mass meeting next veterans, not only those from Pinning the responsibility di- GM, to attend this mass meet-

Many Returned Vets March In Buffalo GM Picket Line

By Bill Gray (Special To The Militant)

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 30the picket lines in large numbers is one of the outstanding developments of the General Motors strike locally. Wearing their discharge buttons as they take their turn on the line, the veterans are demonstrating in action that

have been two snowstorms, one speaker. yesterday of blizzard proportions with plenty of cold rain in be- deeply interested in the outcome union veteran leaped to his feet tween. Strike committees how- of the steelworkers' vote. No smoothly every day.

to send delegations from their shops to take part in picketing. Outstanding in this are the CIO steelworkers who only Wednes-Participation of veterans on day voted five to one to take strike action to win their own

Other important manifestations of union solidarity are the actions of the Railroad Brotherhoods and the AFL Teamsters who are co-operating wholeheartedly with the GM strikers. Charles Halifax, CIO United

they are union men first and Automobile Workers sub-regional director in charge of the strike Picketing at all plants in this here, said plans had been comstrike. One veteran present got area is continuing in the face pleted for a mass strike meeting

Men on the picket lines were soon there might be large rein-The speaker, probably Other local unions are begin-forcements entering the battle

General Motors' Strategy -- How To Defeat It

crats want to do and what they can do. It is just not possible after the last war.

up to now has been the divisions maintained by the imperialist to such gestures of solidarity by from their present fighting positions. They aim to dishearten the working man and woman, to dampen their militancy, to tame rulers. If the bulk of mankind, living in the Orient, succeeds in living in the Orient, succeeds in lar workers from the factory to move in for the kill. That is the master blueprint from which not and cannot be won by "super-clever" maneuvering with Gen-

This explains the studied insolence, the stiff-necked obstinacy, the pig-headed intransigence, the arrogance and the unrestrained viciousness of the General Motors statements and positions in this strike. The GM executives are not trying to convince anybody of their sweet reasonableness. In contrast to the union officials they are not trying to prove that they are vege-

fear into the hearts of the laboring people. It is trying to im- against the strikers and how, under cover of this anti-labor barpress everybody with its invincibility. It is trying to hypnotize rage, the White House would probably step in and propose to everybody with its might. It is saying that if the plutocracy is set up a so-called impartial Government Fact-Finding Commischallenged, they can summarily shut off the economic lifeblood sion with full powers to arbitrate the strike. We pointed out that of America. GM, as we see, views the present strike not as an such a proposal, if accepted by the union, would represent a incidental conflict over secondary issues, but as a fundamental big set-back to the labor forces and would produce demoralizastruggle upon whose outcome will depend the whole future course tion in the ranks. of the relations between labor and capital in America.

"Super-Slick" Strategy Of UAW Tops

And for this reason, if for no other, the strategy of R. J. Thomas, Walter Reuther and the other top leaders of the UAW of "isolating" GM, of enabling its "competitors" to operate full money. However, this danger that we have discussed continues to blast, will not prove very effective. Such a strategy of utilizing the competitive element in industry to bring added pressure to bear on a given company very often proves useful and valuable Canada UNDERLINES this. in the case of minor strikes, especially against small firms. Its usefulness, however, is always very sharply limited in such a Canada have been on strike at Windsor (located right across the the Ford strike in Canada. Let us hope that the GM strikers highly monopolistic field as the automobile industry.

The "Big Three" in auto-GM, Ford, Chrysler-are not fighting with Canadian mounted police. We all know what happened. each other. There is no point in kidding ourselves on this. The

They point out, on the other TODAY to destroy the CIO auto workers union or the other mass Rouge for a week, possibly longer, under the threadbare pretext Even a general strike was threatened. A huge automobile barriproduction unions. The unions are too strong. The solidarity of a lack of parts. Immediately afterwards, Hudson shut down cade was set up around the Ford plant. That week the Canadian of the workers is too unbreakable. The corporations know it. And for a week or longer. The major parts manufacturers have al- workers wrote labor history. so do the union men and women. Despite their union-busting ready threatened to close down. What are we witnessing exdesires, the Big Business moguls cannot repeat the story of strike- | cept a series of partial lockouts on the part of the corporations | by this fighting power, the government was forced to back down. breaking, vigilantism and terror that they were able to put over in an attempt to demoralize the workers? This cold-blooded anti- The Ford strike continued solid. union strategy of the manufacturers reached its high point when in keeping GM "isolated!"

cers is not worth a plugged nickel. Obviously the GM strike will quickly accepted the proposal. And to their shame, the UAW eral Motors' "competitors." It will only be won by hard fighting. The union leaders must learn to fight as hard, as firmly and as unyieldingly for the interests of the workers as the GM executives are fighting for the interests of the coupon clippers. Then the arbitration proposal. The Ford workers of Canada are

Lesson Of Ford Strike In Canada

Last week we discussed the dangers facing the GM workers. No, GM is trying to terrorize the public. It is trying to put | We pointed out how Congress is attempting to whip up a lynch spirit

> The GM strike, of course, has thus far been slow moving. That is understandable because both sides are very strong. The union is so powerful that its ability to close down the plants has thus far not even been challenged. The corporation is powerful because it is gorged with money, in a society that is ruled by retain all of its importance.

What has happened this last week in the epic Ford strike in

As we all know, the workers of the Ford Motor Company of river from Detroit) for over three months. First the Ford Com-And even this minor element of pressure, we might as well pany tried to starve them out. When that didn't work, the comadmit, is MISSING in the present gigantic engagements between pany called on the government to bust the strike. The governlabor and capital whose focal point is the General Motors strike. ment obligingly moved in and tried to smash the picket lines the ranks.

The Canadian trade union movement rose up as one man mon policy to fight the unions. Every day proves this anew. | workers went on a sympathy strike. All local unions, both AFL FIRMLY,

Just a few days ago, Ford announced the shutdown of River and CIO, began pouring money into the Ford strikers' treasury.

Frightened by this display of labor solidarity, and amazed

As the Ford strike could not be defeated by violence, the What the Wall Street "brains" now seek to accomplish is GM the other day requested the UAW to permit it to resume the Government-Big Business conspirators decided it was necessary ness in the colonial movement tants, the union should respond to deal a strong blow at the unions, and force them to retreat manufacture of parts in order to keep GM's "rivals" working! to defeat it by trickery. Long conferences between the union Apparently not only the union but even GM itself, is interested and government officials ensued, and finally they came up with their treacherous proposal: appoint a government arbitrator with Obviously this "super-slick" strategy of the top UAW offi- full powers to dictate a settlement. The Ford Company, of course. top policy committee, likewise accepted. The Detroit papers were already running streamer headlines that the Ford strike was over. But they reckoned without their host. A mass meeting of the Ford strikers of Canada, despite all the pressure, turned down continuing to fight! The Ford strike which originally started as an isolated dis-

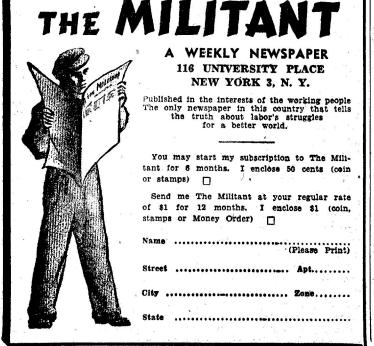
pute on a plant basis, has now become completely merged with the GM strike, a part of the momentous battle between the workers and the auto magnates. The solidarity and the loyalty that the Canadian workers are displaying today in connection with the Ford strike is sure to be duplicated on this side of the border on a ten-fold scale. That is because the unions are better organized in the United States; because all labor is up against the same problem of slashed wages in the midst of price-inflation: and because all labor is today simultaneously girding itself for the battle for a 30 per cent increase in wages, for a decent stand-

Labor Has The Power To Win

The GM strike will duplicate the experience of the Ford Strike in Canada in still another respect. Here, too, the government will move in and try to break the strike by violence and by trickery. But the order will be reversed in the case of the GM strike. No one TODAY can hope to crush the GM strike by violence. That is why they must first try trickery. That is the first danger facing the GM strikers.

Let us hope that all of us will learn from the experience of will voice their sentiments against any phony government arbitration "settlements." And let us further hope that the international officers of the UAW will heed these sentiments of

LABOR HAS THE POWER TO WIN A DECISIVE VICTORY IN THIS FIGHT. ALL THAT IS NECESSARY IS THAT THIS "Big Three" have a common understanding. They have a com- and said: "Hands off the Ford strike!" Chrysler and other auto POWER BE, EMPLOYED WISELY, COURAGEOUSLY AND



Reaction In Italy **Boots Out Parri**

-By Joseph Hansen-

The Parri regime in Italy, set up with the approval of Allied Military authorities last June, fell November 24. A new puppet of the Allied conquerors, Alcide de Gasperi, became premier November 30. This shift in premiers registers the mounting strength of Allied-bolstered reaction

The working class, alarmed at the growth of reaction, indicated its readiness to give battle. On November 23, the day the Liberal, Christian Democrat and Labor Democrat parties in the Parri coalition cabinet precipitated the political crisis by resigning, the Rome workers staged a half hour general strike. More than 170,000 union members stopped work and a majority of 250,000 unorganized workers joined the demonstration. They protested the high cost of living.

On the following day, a crowd of 2.000 swelled to tens of thousands in half an hour and marched to the Viminale Palace, demonstrating in favor of Parri. A huge crowd gathered outside the Committee of National Liberation building. Their placards litical crisis. Recently Amadeo demanded, "Out with the House P. Giannini, Chairman of the of Savoy," and "Down with the Board of the Bank of America

15 minutes as a political protest. clared: "Winter is near. Italy At Leghorn, Florence and Rovigo has no bread and no governthere were two-hour general strikes. At Bari on November stabilized you can receive char-30 armed marchers paraded. They seized government food no co-operation. stores, burned down the tax office at Bisceglie and threw threat with a tip-off to the bombs at the offices of the As- Rightists: "They tell me you sociation of Land Owners. Many have statesmen like De Nicola, other cities likewise witnessed Nitti, Orlando, Corbine (all dismilitant demonstrations.

Hundreds of telegrams from workers organizations pledging support "in some cases with added that Italy would "have to arms if necessary" poured into have a strong government if it Parri's offices.

LEADERS TREACHEROUS

But the treacherous leaders of the Stalinist and Socialist parties refused to respond to the demands of the working class for suggestive remarks. action against the growing Rightist danger. "Leftist leadpondent, "issued specific instruc- can. The Vatican in turn is a fidious policy of sabotaging the having even issued a special disworkers' struggle for a socialist pensation allowing nuns to vote

gone down with Mussolini, had the Jesuits are especially active absence of a functioning national not the Allies intervened. As in the campaign against "com- organization, were organizing one of the Rome papers pointed munism." Recently the Pope locally. I met a printer, formerly fact about the Armistice . . . is the cause of the House of Savoy. ist party, who had been im- miles to go. I shook hands with know 'our' Stalin.' that it gave and still gives the Allied relief in Italy, reports Allies the power to do what they the Christian Science Monitor, litical and financial matters." through Roman Catholic official The Allied military authorities channels in the hope of buttress- report to the Political Police have protected former fascists ing the position of the Vatican in daily. Years of suffering had BEGINNING OVER AGAIN from the wrath of the people, the eyes of the Italian masses." turned his hair white. The SS

the Allies are pursuing a "hands- served as a loyal agent for the prisoners had been subjected. off" policy. It is only when Allied conquerors was forced to The printer had been only a eight and a half years. workers' revolutions or colonial admit: "Beware of civil war . . . | rank-and-file member but he movements for independence the perspective that is now op- had used his shop to print illegal when you return?" I asked. threaten, that the Allies believe ened . . . is the perspective of literature after the Nazis took "Begin the fight against capi-America and the Far East at tion which can be defined as pre- viving revolutionists in his town swered.

SOLDIERS OBJECT TO APPOINTMENT OF MARSHALL

American soldiers in Shanghai don't like Marshall's appointment as Ambassador to China. It means deeper involvement in the civil war, they believe.

"Looks like we'll be here a long time," one man told correspondents. "They ain't send-Marshall out here to take us

Another veteran declared: "Home by Christmas doesn't look so likely now. Marshall will mean business out here."

in precipitating the present poin San Francisco, visited Italy. In Milan all workers quit for At a press conference he dement. As long as the lira is not ity from Allied government but

> He followed up this brutal tinct Rightists). Try them out

Then for good measure he wished the backing of foreign capital." Mussolini's regime was the last one of that type in Italy.

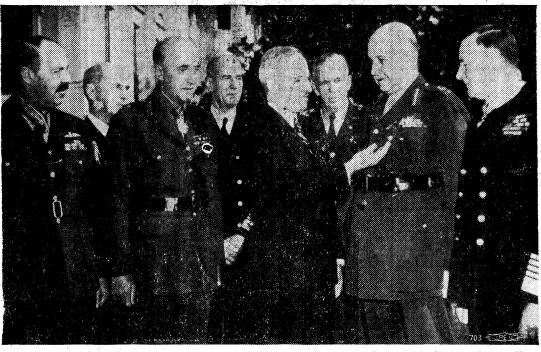
The Rightists toppled the Par-

is a Christian Democrat and has reported 'PM' corres- close connections with the Vatitions to their followers to pre- fountainhead of reaction in Itserve the peace." These mis- aly. The Vatican is taking an leaders thus continue their per- extremely active part in politics, in ordinary clothing. Monks and Italian capitalism would have priests have been mobilized, and Stalinist Party who, in the November 7: "The salient publicized a letter championing a member of the German Stalin-

"intervention," as in Latin 1921 and 1922. This is a situa- power. He told me that the sur- talism all over again," he an-

Mass Hatred Of Stalinist Policies

Decorating Butchers Of Colonial Peoples



At the White House on November 27, Truman pinned Legion of Merit awards on the chests of Colyer, Macready and Somerville. He decorated Sir Henry Maitland Wilson with the Distinguished Service Medal. These militarists, members of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, are in charge of over-all operations in the Far East, including the slaughter of the Indonesians. A few weeks ago the Republic of Indonesia appealed to Truman for help in the struggle for freedom from imperialist despotism. Truman's answer is medals for the butchers of the colonial peoples.

Nazi Terror Survivors Vow End To Capitalism

By Edward Stern

While I was in Germany, I talked with Germans of every ri cabinet following Giannini's class, foreign workers who had been imported for forced labor, and prisoners of war taken by De Gasperi the new premier, the Germans. I was able to see for myself that twelve years of Nazi rule and the destruction wrought by six years of war had not wiped out the revolutionary spirit and traditions of the German working-class.

In town after town I met former members of the German lease he had been compelled to fraternization policy this time.

Another participant in the tory of betrayal. conversation was a former In the same town where I met HALT TRANSPORTATION agreed with the printer.

ended, I met a group of about lence. fifty former German political When the Nazis invaded Rus-

1935 and had been in prison

"What are you going to do

comfortable for the Nazi officials Stalinist Party that they regard- a reaction of the Indian people who were being retained by the ed it as still revolutionary and against the role American im-

Reichswehr soldier, discharged these political prisoners, I met a because of combat injuries. He Russian woman who supported ported that a political strike of tral Europe away from the Sovthe views of Trotskyism. It was some 20,000 municipal workers let Union? A few days after the war an unusual and inspiring exper- was called on Friday, 'November

prisoners from the Dachau con- sia, this woman had been driven centration camp. They still had into Germany with her children. the yellow stripe of the political She told me Stalin had declared prisoners sewn along the outside that Russians who had been imseams of their trousers. They ported into Germany for forced were on their way home—on labor would be deprived of their foot, since the great American Russian citizenship. When I said "democrats" furnished no trans- that I didn't believe Stalin was portation for these victims of capable of such an outrageous

up as she answered, "Trotsky month's pay as a bonus and the was like Lenin. Things were en- transportation company was One of the released prisoners tirely different under their rule. forced to reinstate three dis-The shift to the Right is ob- guards had knocked his teeth was from Hanover, a former But in the last fifteen years, the charged workers. chy and fostered the most vic- vious to all observers. The ex- out. His cheeks were hollow. He citadel of the German revolu- best factory chairmen, the most prisoned, exiled or executed."

"What about the Old Bolshe- number of munitions workers in viks?" I asked.

"The few who are left are very quiet," she replied. This woman was a real inter-

nationalist and understood that fascism, or preparation for fas- were discussing, reorganizing It is clear from the attitude of the German workers were her their ranks and making life un- such members of the German allies, the German capitalists But they are NOT taking it lying her enemies. When I visited her, down. French soldiers and German civilians were in her room. It was not the first time that I had seen German workers on friendly major blow-off. terms with the foreign slave

Under Hitler's rule, a maxithe German workers refused to regard themselves as a Herrenvolk (Master Race). They recognized their kinship with the CHICAGO, Nov. 25. — Two funds for rebuilding the ruined workers whom the Nazi propagandists labelled Untermenschen (sub-humans). Once, when I visited a factory Stalag (living the use of Allied troops in suptant the use of Allied troops in suptant perfectly what the Trotquarters for the slave laborers which were established on the work of the work premises of the factory where workers and peasants of China, that the German workers are German girls exchanging ad- auspices of the Washington Park gians to slavery; that the coal ple. Meanwhile American soluation in the certainty that the dresses with French prisoners of Open Forum. war who were leaving for home.

daily in the European Theater of of history." Operations, admitted that foreign workers, that there had independence being conducted by diers' guard. But we promise ope edition: been many a tearful parting the masses of Indonesia and you we will NOT work." when a foreign worker left his Indo - China is Japanese - engi-German shopmates.

Strikes In India **Protest Rule** Of Imperialism

Austrian General Election Reveals

rule exploded into a political the new parliament. strike in Calcutta and violent mass demonstrations against both the British and American military last week. other U.S. Army officers.

The renewed upsurge for in- Nazis. dependence was touched off by who sought and obtained Japanese aid. Students initiating the protest were joined by the Moslem League, the Communist Party, the Hindu Mahasabha party and the Sikhs.

The demonstrators marched through the streets, closing business establishments and, according to the United Press, "attacking American and British military vehicles and skirmishing with any who blocked their way.' The press service also reports that demonstrators "attacked the American Officers Club when U. S. Army men were holding a Thanksgiving dance. A bloody battle was fought." The outbreaks are undoubtedly in part American Military Government. did not yet understand its his- perialism is playing in India.

A partial file of the Times of tories. India just received here reports tember and October.

important demands on wages moral devastation."

Other strikes included a "stav-

atam and a walkout by a large Cossipore protesting layoffs.

Workers of India, just as workers in the United States, are

imperialist lid over India rests that they do not hold the civilians from helping the Geruneasy. Shortly it may face a German workers responsible man slave workers. The gov-

Chicago Forum

hundred and fifty workers at a villages of Ardennes, etc." meeting this afternoon protested But such arguments just don't SHIPPING FRENCH

Robert L. Birchman, contributor to The Militant, one of the principal speakers, declared that SHOW SOLIDARITY Long after every GI had been the "masses of the East are risable to see things like this for ing like a tidal wave to sweep town of Anderlues, German pris- date. himself, Stars and Stripes, army imperialist rule into the dust bin oners have backed Belgian min-

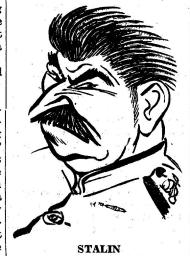
from the Far East.

The November 25 general election in Austria constitutes a crushing indictment of Stalin's perfidious policies. The Conservative People's Party in 89 provinces received 1,500,467 votes; the Socialists 1,353,047; and the Stalinists only 168,856. The Stalinists thus received a pare rive per cent of the total vote. Under the proportional representa-

By Robert L. Birchman the Stalinists obtained barely Army soldiers were indoctrinate The pent-up hatred of the enough votes to win three ed with the spirit of narrow na-Indian people for imperialist representatives out of 165 in tionalism—in direct opposition

Latest casualty reports are the Red Army when it first en-125 wounded and 18 dead in- tered their lands. On top of buy all available commodities. cluding a major and three this, Moscow has dominated the "Worthless marks have been country since the defeat of the pumped into the country by the

The vote in Austria is not a the trials of Indians who had freakish or isolated phenomenjoined the "Indian National on. The November 4 Hungarian Army" of Subhas Chandra Bose elections in which the Stalinists



The United Press further re- the faces of the people of Cen- ple. The heroic defense of the

23, "crippling Calcutta's water with the Kremlin. Stalin has spite all the hideous crimes of supply" and halting transporta- pursued a policy of looting and the Kremlin bureaucracy refurplundering the occupied terri- bished the Soviet Union in their

that these latest demonstrations 600,000 to 800,000 troops in Aus- As in the past, the Stalinist buwere preceded by a great strike tria," reports the November 2 reaucracy proves to be the deadly wave which swept India in Sep- British Tribune. "They live on enemy of the workers' state

all workers will receive a red against the German people agents.

tion system, which gives the during the war. Instead of minority parties a fair break, advancing as liberators, the Red

to the internationalist policy of The full impact of this re- the days of Lenin and Trotsky. pudiation of Stalinism does not On top of this, Stalin withbecome manifest until it is re- held years of pay from the solcalled that the peoples of Cen- diers only to give it to them in tral Europe joyously welcomed lump sums in occupation cur-

truckload," reports the Tribune.

The Tribune's special correspondent describes the widespread plundering: "Lower Austria has been despoiled. The typical open cellars on the road from Vienna to Bratislava have, without exception been broken into and cleaned out. Those were the farmers' stores for the winter and spring . . . Pigs, horses and chickens have completely vanished from the countryside . . . In Eastern Syria . . . actual figures have been established: 10,-000 horses, 70,000 head of cattle, 100,000 pigs and 250,000 chickens have been requisitioned by the Red Army."

The article concludes that this policy has "produced estrangements with the Russians on an inprecedented 'scale."

ALIENATE MASSES

Stalin's counter-revolutionary policy is thus bearing its inereceived only 14 per cent of the allies for the Soviet Union, the vitable fruit. Instead of building vote, revealed the same tendency. Generalissimo in the Kremlin is What has happened to turn alienating great masses of peo-Soviet Union waged by the Russion people inspired the masses The responsibility lies squarely throughout the world and deeyes. But already Stalinism is "The Russians have between dissipating this priceless capital.

the land in more senses than In the countries occupied by In mid-September Calcutta's that they requisition food and the Red Army, the hatred of the traditionally militant street-car cattle. In the zones they have Stalinist bureaucracy extends to fascism. Many had hundreds of action, she replied, "You don't workers completely tied up the occupied, they have left behind all its native apologists and repcity's transportation and won them a trail of economic and resentatives. That is why, in Austria and Hungary, the people and working conditions. Under This is one of the results of turned out to the polls to overwill with Italy in military, po- "has been distributed chiefly centration camps. After his re- brass try to enforce the non- "What do you think of Trots- an agreement reached October the Stalinist propaganda of hat- whelmingly defeat Stalin's local

German Workers by and fostered the most victure wious to all observers. The exposure reaction. The present political crisis in the present p

By S. Rochal (Special to THE MILTANT)

CHARLEROI, Belgium, Oct. 30.—An inspiring demonbeing thrown into the ranks of stration of international working class solidarity is takthe unemployed now that their ing place among Belgian mine workers and German slave services are no longer needed to laborers. Despite the all-out anti-German and chauvinistic campaign carried on by bourgeois, Socialist and Stale

inist parties, Belgian work-9 All indications are that the ers are showing in action "spat upon" for trying to stop

> and its Socialist and Stalinist lieutenants have left no stone ers are "untimely." unturned in their effort to justify the disgraceful use of German their actions the miners are workers as slaves to swell the showing that nothing is more profits of the mine owners. "The timely than international workunpaid wages of German prison- ing class solidarity. ers" they lie, "will augment

prisoners as strikebreakers.

In another town in Charleroi neered and inspired." He brand- (Trieu-Kaisin) recently, Belgian, ations for the lack of shipping, The imperialists want to pre- out on strike in support of the that demands some explanation. perialism, makes it our task to serve and extend their oppres- Germans. They walked out be- Today the Victory ship, Amherst, extend a comradely hand to the sive rule over the peoples of cause the bosses failed to send sailed from Marseille carrying mand that the Allied armies be | On November 18, the Washing- remove a German prisoner who | This is the first trip for this withdrawn from German soil so ton Park Open Forum sent a had been seriously injured in a ship since being converted for

complains that soldiers were Staging Area, Nov. 11."

ernor, one E. Cornez, protests The Belgian capitalist class tility to the military and fraternization with German work-

But he protests in vain Rv

SOLDIER RESENTS

American ships are hauling French troops to Indo-China to they worked), I saw several Indonesia and Indo-China. The distriction of the Markets are not responsible for Nazism which reduced both Germans and Belloweement of the Annamese people of the Markets are not responsible for Nazism which reduced both Germans and Belloweement of the Annamese people of the Markets are not responsible for Nazism which reduced both Germans and Belloweement of the Annamese people of the Markets are not responsible for Nazism which reduced both Germans and Belloweement of the Annamese people of the Markets are not responsible for Nazism which reduced both Germans and Belloweement of the Annamese people of the Markets are not responsible for Nazism which reduced both Germans and Belloweement of the Annamese people of the Markets are not responsible for Nazism which reduced both Germans and Belloweement of the Annamese people of the Markets are not responsible for Nazism which reduced both Germans are not reduced by the Markets are not reduced by the Mark bosses want to use the German diers in France are being told by the Brass Hats that a "shipping bottleneck" prevents re-For instance, at the mining turning them home at an early

The indignation of the Amerers striking for holiday pay. The ican soldiers can be judged from He attacked the pen prosti- Germans put it this way-"We the following letter to the edithrongs of workers had been tutes of imperialism who "are are forced into the pits," they tor, printed in the November 22 waving farewell to the departing screaming that the struggle for said, "because we are under sol- Stars and Stripes, Western Eur-

"We have read many explan-

Polish and Spanish miners went but today we saw an incident an ambulance quickly enough to 1,900 French troops to Saigon. troop transport. It is still unreorganization of the German cials demanding the "immediate This fraternization goes even der our control. How many more revolutionary movement and for withdrawal of all American deeper. A particularly revealing ships are being deployed from

Activities Of Fourth International

FIVE YEAR BAN FAILS TO SILENCE **AUSTRALIANS**

After five years of suppression, The Militant, organ of the Revolutionary Workers Party, Australian Section of the Fourth International, has reappeared.

"In June 1940, the Federal Government (Australia) declared our Party illegal," states The Militant. "Our rooms and Fourth International alone put homes were raided; books and forward consistently a correct "FRENTE OBRERO" cutions were launched against members of our Party and three war. As a result we have emcomrades were sent to jail for erged from the war period betterms from one month to six ter organized and better equipped

. The Australian Trotskyists continued their political opposition to the war. They fought SOUTH AFRICANS against military and industrial FIGHT RACIAL conscription, against the wagefreezing regulations, against the DISCRIMINATION gigantic tax burdens placed on the workers' backs.

against the labor bureaucrats and discrimination. The October is- (PORS) was formed, the name Stalinists who urged speed-ups, sue of Workers' Voice, national of the paper was changed to penalties for "absenteeism" | organ of the South African Sec- Frente Obrero. who betrayed strikes and sup- tion of the Fourth International. ported both military and indust- carried the following in its edirial conscription."

The Revolutionary Workers their majority, . . . have been Party carried on the fight for better working conditions. It

READ THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

"The bureaucratic and repressive refusal of the 'Labor' Gov- nace even without a club. ernment to issue us a permit to print (or even mimeograph) a paper did not stop us from appearing in one form or another.

"Throughout the war we of the policy on the war and the workers' problems arising out of the REAPPEARS IN than when we entered it."

The Trotskyists in South Af-Members in industry struggled against segregation and racial Revolutionary Socialist Party torial:

> trained in an atmosphere of color-hatred. They are the S.S. is not a 'red.' But to non-olutionary movement. Europeans (colored people) they

put out mimeographed papers- | peans as a race of a lower order | mit that our unwavering aspira-The Metalworker and Workers than man, and gives the police tion, maintained through hard News-which achieved fame as wide powers. With intense color- battle for many years, has not the only publications supporting prejudice, raised to a ferocious yet been fufilled. We are still mum penalty of death was imthe only publications supporting the struggles of the workers for the struggles of the workers for training in 'handling' non-Euro- working masses. We have now the foreign workers. Nevertheless,

"But armed with the latter their feelings can be freely expressed, and the usual host of these unwelcome guests is the

ARGENTINA

Frente Obrero (Workers' Front) has re-appeared in Buenos Aires for the first time since advanced workers will rally its suppression one week after the Rawson-Ramirez military invaluable support. In this way OUR TASK TODAY dictatorship seized power in Argentina (June 4, 1943).

In 1937 a group of revolutionary Socialists published the rerica are fighting vigorously view Inicial. When the Workers

The paper was suppressed by the Argentine military dictatorship for two years—two years of convulsions. The editors of Frente Obrero say that the commen of South Africa. To a ing period is "filled with possi-European they are polite, if one bilities and dangers" for the rev-

"Our paper," continues the ed- Speaker: Victor Powell behave brutally, savagely arrest- itorial, "is the expression of a ing and maltreating in prisons. movement which aspires to be-"They are helped by the law come the party of the Argentine Admission Free 7:30 p.m. the eventual creation of a Soci- troops, arms and equipment" leaflet by a "socialist" governor redeployment? Lt. S. K., Calais itself which treats non-Euro- working class. But we must ad-

training in 'handling' non-Euro- working masses. We have, nevpeans, they are a sufficient me-ertheless, a program which has withstood the test of events.

"We have a general program, the core of which is contained in the main thesis of the Founding Conference of the Fourth International, and is amplified in the resolutions of our International Conferences and the first four Congresses of the Communist International.

> "We will begin applying. this program to the national sitaround our paper and lend us we will progressively transform 'Frente Obrero' into the organ which the Argentine proletariat

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Strike" 103 W. 110 St., Room 23

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

-Leon Trotsky

An Answer To Ford

Ford Motor Company and other corporations in the auto industry are conducting guerrilla, warfare against the auto workers in an endeavor to further the union-busting drive spearheaded by General Motors.

Under the pretext of a "parts shortage", these "competitors" of GM are trying to undermine and sap the morale of the workers through a calculated series of lockouts.

Ford, for instance, arbitrarily dumped 40,000 workers out of its plants for nearly a week. Then, the corporation decided it had sufficient parts after all, and recalled the workers last Monday.

In this same fashion, hundreds of thousands and millions of workers are constantly threatened with victimization by the parasitic cutthroats who rule American industry.

Through their control over the means of production, this voracious, tiny gang of capitalist owners hold the power of life and deat over the whole populace. Whenever thei whims or their interests dictate, they can cast out millions to starve. They can conver the factories which produce the goods needed by the people into deserted barns. They can and do strangle industrial development and production whenever they see fit.

Yet these Fords, and du Ponts and the other capitalist overlords, produce nothing. They contribute nothing to production, neither technical skill, inventiveness, or labor. Their sole function is to exploit the labor power of the workers and drain endless profits from the laboring people.

These leeches and saboteurs, who idle and fatten the more the workers toil and starve, are the most deadly menace to the welfare of the people. Their overlordship in industry confronts the masses with unemployment and starvation wages.

Their control must be broken. And there is one sure way to begin. If an anti-labor tyrant like Ford tries to bust the union with a lockout, or other profiteers close down plants under any pretext, the workers must demand:

GOVERNMENT OPERATION OF ALL IDLE PLANTS UNDER WORKERS' CONTROL!

International Solidarity

The militancy of the American working class inspires the workers of other lands. When they learn about picket lines in America, they too are encouraged to fight militantly for their rights. Since all the workers of the world face a common enemy-international monopoly capitalism—they must struggle unitedly.

This is vividly indicated by an article in the October 15 Front Ouvrier (Workers' Front), Marxist paper of France.

"American imperialism is the great victor in the war," begins Front Ouvrier. The Stalinist, Socialist and Trade union heads in France try to frighten the French workers with this fact. They argue that the American capitalists will surely intervene in case too stiff a fight is waged against the French bosses.

Front Ouvrier then calls attention to the strike wave in the United States. Analyzing the cause of these strikes, the paper points out how the American workers face the same problems of long hours, low pay, unemployment and a rising cost of living that is faced by the French workers.

By throwing cold water on the militancy of the French workers, the mis-leaders "renounce the political heritage of the great workers' internationals." These traitorous officials do not see "the possibility of the solidarity of the exploited of all countries even in the limited frame of trade union demands. They do not take into account the aid which we can receive from the workers in other coun-

tries."

"We must understand," continues Front Ouvrier, "that it is necessary through our trade unions to extend our hand to the American strikers, to aid them to the full measure of our means. And these means are summed up in a very simple thing: to carry out against our own bourgeoisie the same struggle which they are conducting against the American bosses. They understand that to 'go to work first, demand later' is at least a bad formula. Against our weak bourgeoisie, should we not be able to win demands which the American workers are fighting for against the strongest bourgeoisie in the world?"

Front Ouvrier thus demonstrates that international solidarity is a real power. Divided, the workers of the world lay themselves open as isolated units to the concentrated attack of monopoly capitalism. But united, the workers are invincible.

Hurley's Resignation

What is the real meaning of the storm aroused by Maj. Gen. Hurley's resignation as Ambassador to China? The press claims that he took this action because of basic differences in the State Department over U.S. foreign policy. This is false.

Hurley himself made clear that he has no disagreement with Washington's support of the brutal, hated dictatorship of Chiang Kaishek. He even emphasized his approval of Truman's saber-rattling Naval Day Address with its scarcely veiled threat to use armed force wherever Wall Street's imperialist aims were resisted.

The dispute touched off by Hurley arises from a difference within the ruling circles of the capitalist government as to how these imperialist aims can best be promoted under the present circumstances. Hurley, the Brass Hat representative of the oil interests, speaks for that section of the monopolists which wants to use America's overwhelming military might to complete its conquest of the world at once and without ceremony. This gang of impatient and reckless imperialists is ready right here and now to knock down anyone who stands in the way of its drive toward world domination. That is the significance of Hurley's brutal challenge to all other imperialisms, colonial and "Communist." That is why he insists that the United States couple its "logistical strength with our foriegn policy to obtain commitments . . ." Hurley's resignation was designed to strengthen the most aggressive interventionist elements within the administration.

Truman's appointment of General George C. Marshall as his special envoy to China to replace Hurley, shows that this pressure produced results. Truman plans to continue and even speed up militarily its intervention in the Chinese civil war. But the President cannot afford to speak so bluntly about Wall Street's objectives as Hurley. He is obliged to proceed more cautiously.

Truman must pursue this course out of diplomatic considerations in order not to antagonize the Allies and close the doors to further bargaining with them. Above all he ha to take into account the state of public op inion here at home. The American people are indignantly protesting Wall Street's back ing of Chiang Kai-shek. Letters are pouring into Congress demanding an end to intervention and the immediate return of American soldiers. These are the main reasons which compel Truman to camouflage his imperialist maneuvers in the Far East.

The Uruguayan "Plan"

The Uruguayan government on November 22 submitted a "plan" to other governments of Hemisphere calling for "interthe Western vention" in any American country which violates "essential rights" or fails to fulfill "freely contracted juridical obligations." This vicious "plan" coincides squarely with the interests of Yankee imperialism

Wall Street is counting on at least a billion dollar a year trade with Latin America in addition to profits from its vast investments. John B. Glenn, President of the New York Board of Trade and the Pan American Trust Co., revealed this at an October 18 luncheon in the Hotel Belmont Plaza, New York.

Glenn's speech underlined Wall Street's need for Latin American governments willing and able to oppress the people in partnership with Wall Street.

Discontent, however, is mounting by leaps and bounds in Latin America. "U. S. diplomats don't like to think about it," declared the Associated Press on November 17, "but the hard fact is they expect more revolutions in Latin America".

AP quoted a "veteran" U. S. diplomat "recently returned from South America" as follows: "Undoubtedly there will be more revolutions in Latin America because of our cut backs on war contracts and the after-effects of the This "veteran" diplomat in all likelihood was Spruille Braden, who has been spearheading Wall Street's diplomatic assault on Argentina.

The Uruguayan "plan" was undoubtedly cooked up by Wall Street. Even Associated Press remarked that "one of the closing paragraphs" of the Uurguayan note "was written in language much like that which Mr. Braden frequently used."

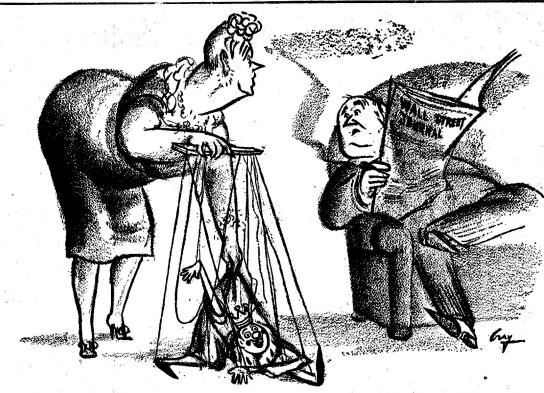
This conclusion is confirmed by the unseemly haste with which Secretary of State James F. Byrnes announced the "unqualified adherence" of the United States government to the "principles" of intervention in Latin American countries. Although the Uruguayan "plan" completely reverses the "good neighbor" policy of the velvet glove, Byrnes characterized it as of "fundamental importance" only five days after its release.

The N. Y. Times in a November 29 editorial let the cat a little further out of the bag. This authoritative spokesman of Wall Street brazenly announced: "If necessary, military force would be used."

Clearly Wall Street is carefully laying the basis for armed intervention in Latin America. The workers of the United States suffer exploitation under the domination of Wall Street just as do the people of Latin America. The American workers, consequently, have everything to gain by opposing with all their energy

Wall Street's imperialist plot. One of labor's key demands should be, Hands Off Latin America!

THE MILITART



"No wonder those puppet governments are always falling—this is terribly difficult!"

by Frederick Engels. 64 pp., 10 ite amount of productive labor cents. Available through Pi- power." oneer Publishers.

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To the economists and politicians of Wall Street, economic movements are a complete myspletely unawares by the "Panic" of 1929; they could find no way out of the subsequent depression except through a world war; unfounded promises.

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In this pamphlet Marx takes ing class.

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WAGE-LABOR AND CAPITAL, commodities with which the cap- ods and machines, on pain of By Karl Marx; introduction italist buys for himself a defin- being wiped out. "Whatever the power of the

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troduction to the economic doc- exist only by working for and this problem by creating a socadding to the wealth of the own- | ialist society, a clear understand-

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means of production may be, He then points out the first competition seeks to rob capital

"He does not even reckon labor italist will have won nothing by Henry Wallace? Or will there as part of his life, it is rather a his own exertions but the obli-

to the land but eight, ten, twelve, velopment of machinery, by altery. They were caught com- fifteen hours of his daily life lowing one worker to do the work belong to him who buys them. of ten, increases competition "... The worker, whose sole among workers, reduces the need source of livelihood is the sale for skilled labor, brings into the of labor power, cannot leave the factory women and children, cuts only with guesses, prayers, and whole class of purchasers, that wages, lengthens hours, and creis, the whole capitalist class, ates unemployment. The dewithout renouncing his exist- scription of this process is one But there is no real mystery ence. He belongs not to this or of the finest sections of the

"We have portrayed here, in a hasty sketch," writes Marx, "the showed that it is governed by certain definite laws which could be discovered and verified in practice, in the same way that chemistry, physics and birthat chemistry by discharging the army of laws always exist, but is only the certain definite laws which which could be discovered and verification among people; that it by discharging the army of laws always exist, but is only the certain definite laws which could be discovered and verification among people; that it is provided to the capitalists among themselves; this war has the peculiarity that its battles are well as the peculiarity that its battles are well as the peculiarity of laws are well as the peculiarity that its battles are well as the ists, compete with one another as plained these laws so that they | Capital consists first of all of to who can dismiss the most sol-

"Wage - Labor and Capital" portrays the basic antagonism of time still further deepens the misery and exploitation of lawhich is still today the best in- Under capitalism, Labor can bor. In order for labor to solve ing of the underlying causes of

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Congressmen At Work

Sometimes those Congressmen who were born with ambition find it a tough job to run the country for Wall Street. The rest of the Congressmen are so interested in vacations, holidays, recesses, time off, legitimate absence and sneaking out, that the ambitious ones can hardly get things done. For instance, when Senator

Connally of Texas moved consideration of action on the United Nations Organization, Senator White of Maine objected: "There is hardly a handful of Senators in the Chamber at this time." White wanted to defer happy thought: "I believe that Mr. President; I wish to say action until they could round up if the Senator will talk with the have referred have not gone to the Congressmen.

"But," said Connally, "this is only Tuesday and to postpone action until Monday . . ."

HOLIDAY TIME

White insisted: "Tomorrow is the day before Thanksgiving; the next day is Thanksgiving | "Senators know that we cannot and the day after is the day following Thanksgiving. We shall when they are in the city. Tosee a complete exodus of Sen- day we had a discussion on a ators from nearby States during very important matter, and only the next three days."

fun: "It is not my purpose to we get them here." compel any Senator to return." the "handful" couldn't go ahead be necessary to meet tomorrow?" as usual without bothering about the absentees.



leaders, they will be willing to night clubs in New York." make the session on Friday a business to transact."

Connally still wanted to go ahead without the absentees: keep Senators in the Chamber

Taft had another happy in-But he couldn't understand why spiration: "Mr. President, will it in with a weighty contribution: done.

"Let me suggest that the Senate take a recess until Friday."

Connally, however, still seemed worried about getting things done for Wall Street: "I simply say the Senate should not be run by absentees. The Constitution contemplates that the business of the Senate will be conducted in this Chamber, not in a Pullman car or in a fishing lodge or in a night club in New York."

Wherry stuck up for the boys who had already scrammed out Senator Taft of Ohio had a of the halls: "Just a moment,

"Of course they have not," purely formal session, with no agreed White, apparently having the inside dope on what city the night clubs were in.

JOB WELL DONE

Finally Connally threw in the sponge: "I have arrived at a solution of this very difficult and knotty question.'

Connally's solution was imabout 15 Senators were present, peccable from the viewpoint of Connally skillfully avoided We cannot drag them here, and any Wall Street Congressman. getting black-listed as a spoil- we cannot keep them here after He asked for a recess until Friday, call the calendar on Friday and then "recess until Monday."

> The "handful" of Senators adjourned with the righteous satis-Wherry of Nebraska chimed faction of a day's work well

PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

-By CHARLES CARSTEN-

The American Legion Convention In all essential respects the American Legion's recent Chicago convention followed in the pattern of previous assemblies. The resolutions were precisely what the top bureaucracy of the Legion wanted. The

convention was fed a steady diet of speeches by "dis-

tinguished" government officials and brass hats. True to form, a member of the Legion bureaucracy was elected National Commander. "The king-makers" previously agreed upon former Governor of Illinois, John Stelle, who framed the infamous "G.I. Bill of Rights." They also settled on veterans of the Second World War for two of the vice-commanderships. The first a "railroad executive who reputedly made a Wall Street fortune," according to the November 20. New York Post.

Although there was opposition, as usual in a Legion convention, the delegates didn't have a chance. The election was held in the closing hours of the convention. Half the delegates were running for their trains. Those who remained to vote were given slips of paper containing the bureaucracy's "approved"

Thus, the American Legion perpetuates its "democracy" - the "democracy" of the brass hats and Wall Street interests.

After a careful study of the American Legion, William Gellerman declared in The American Legion as Educator that the leaders were either Big Businessmen or were closely connected with them.

"As members of the privileged class in American society," he said, "their outlook on life and their reaction to current social and economic problems has been that of the class to which they belong."

The men who manipulated the Legion convention are the ones who approved a proposal to accept \$20,-000,000 from corporations for an Americanism program and agreed to campaign for laws to prohibit the closed or union shop in the United States.

They comprise the bureaucracy listed time and again by the American Civil Liberties Union as the number 1 enemy of civil liberties.

Now they have made a bid for World War II veterans. Their goal is 5,000,000 by 1947. They claim 600,000 have already joined. In order to lure veterans of the Second World War into their organization a few proposals for mild reforms of veteran legislation were adopted.

But the real program of the Legion was expressed in other, more brazenly brass-hat and pro-Wall Street resolutions. The military training advocated by President Truman, "was recommended without a voice in opposition," according to the November 22 New York Times.

The Legion called for strengthening of veterans' preference in employment. This makes it possible for the Legion leadership to increase its support of the reactionary, anti-union policy of super-seniority for veterans. As all union men know and as The Militant has previously pointed out, super-seniority is sponsored by Big Business in the hope that World War II veterans can be pitted against the union

That the American Legion convention acted in the interests of Wall Street and the brass hats is not surprising. But it serves to emphasize the need for organization of the veterans by the union movement. Through the Legion leadership, Big Business is able to mislead thousands of veterans and prevent them from adopting a program in the interest of the overwhelming majority of veterans.

Time and again, World War II veterans have shown their will to struggle on the picket line. The next step is formation of a veterans' organization by the trade unions in which veterans and workers can work unitedly for a common goal.

Penicillin Scarcity Created By Profiteers

– By Frank Brown –

During the past few weeks many critically ill patients have been denied the magic drug, penicillin, even though they suffer infections which this drug could cure. This has happened despite the fact that penicillin had been available in almost unlimited quantities but a few months previously.

Why have these gravely-ill patients, some of whom have died, been deprived of this life-saving drug? Penicillin is a product of the growth process of a common mold, prevalent everywhere, but the drug is extracted and purified by a very complex process. At first it was scarce and very expensive. It was reserved especially for battle casualties in the war.

Because of the great civilian need and demand for penicillia, and its high price, many drug manufacturers set up large laboratories to make it; not, of course, for humanitarian reasons, but for profits. Soon large amounts began to pour out on the market, sufficient not only for military needs but for civilian use as well.

With more experience in its production, new methods were discovered for yielding greater amounts of the drug. So great was the output, that the price fell from about \$12 to \$1.25 a bottle. The drug became available to the great masses of hospital patients in need of it.

But in very short order the drug again began to get scarce. What was the reason for this? Couldn't the laboratories produce it any more? Had the country run out of the mold necessary for its production? Was there some new and more urgent need for it besides curing the ill? After all, the battle casual-

ties had dropped off. No. The answer to this tragedy lies in the profit motive that is basic for production in capitalistic economy. When the price was high, the capitalists rushed into production to make big profits out of the high prices. But then increased production and newer methods of mass production flooded the market and forced the price down. This cut down profits.

The answer of American Big Business to that situation was to cut down production, either by discontinuing production by some concerns, or by holding the drug off the market by others. In this way, the manufacturers hoped to curtail the amount produced, raise the price and restore high profits. Despite the crying need of suffering society for the wonder drug, an artificial scarcity was deliberately created, in order to protect that capitalist "holy of holies"-profits.

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 jaddress. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

Indonesian Freedom Letter Withheld

Editor:

a note to the "Everybody's the benefit of the majority, and ago in regards to the Militant Idea's" column in the Minne- the cause of industrial accidents makeup and its effect on newsapolis Star-Journal. As yet it has can be eliminated, only when in- stand sales. I stated then that not appeared. As I made no copy dustries are owned and operated I had discovered the headlines of it, I will quote from memory:

leaders went to Jap Schools.' measures to safeguard them-Now I wonder where General selves when they produce goods George Washington went to for use instead of for greedy school, to make him and others profit. set up a republic in these United States of America?"

The wording may not have been exactly that, but it was Soldier Writes of nearly so. I think the Indonesian people have even more right to Trotskyists Abroad set up a republic in their own Editor: land, than we had; and yet it A friend of mine in the Eurowas done in America, and no- pean theater, who never evinced body today will deny the merit very much interest in Trotskythereof.

paper,

Minneapolis

Letter From A GM Worker

Editor:

I think you may be interested in a letter sent to me by a friend working in a struck General Motors plant in Cleveland:

"This is just the occasion to write to you as I stand by, these couple of hours, waiting to get started on my first picket duty, as a picket captain in a newborn strike at this General Motors plant

"Prior to the strike there was a two-day conference in Detroit, mine who are "free lance radiof all GM locals. . . We struck at 11 a.m., Nov. 21. Even the bosses Jackson's column, "A Worker's had something to say, such as Fortune," which appeared in The Make sure you finish it by Militant November 24. eleven' or 'Happy Christmas,' or See you next Christmas some-

"Then came our meeting in the evening. Almost everyone smiles (also for a change).

and passed a resolution to the desires. effect that the local was for the Now, the party I have joined with the new street racks which derous Ku Klux Klan's night working man 100 per cent and is a revolutionary party which is I made for them, we have a good riders thunder through the that the International would dedicated to changing society as opportunity to build up sales, South. Democracy, where 'fine

striking the plant, as a sort of never did anything but THINK decipher. sideline to be qualified for our along these lines. I have gone job when the storm has subsided into this thing, wholeheartedly, tach so much importance to fellow human beings but aniand the work is resumed."

Boss Press Ignores Industrial Accidents

Editor: total unconcern of Big Business ten about how I feel. I really to the workers. I am thinking at didn't think I had it in me. the moment of the tragic ex- The Socialist Workers Party is has been hurt!

Commission is on the side of And how! have been involved in such set- important things in life. trements and feel their resent—You and John have such won—inated union administration, ment and rage at being given the derful minds and could really Rank and File candidate Bert to win the votes of the Negro all this is going on — in the for a partially disabled hand.

cidents it is not the fault of the this looks like it. Or am I? Yes, conditions, long working hours, average in intelligence. You or unguarded machinery. These could do so much to benefit conditions are forced upon the mankind, that it seems a shame amassing of greater profits for wandering around. themselves and keeping down I offer your lives a purpose. In an endeavor to find the immediate organization of the immediate organization out a militant struggle for better the standard of living of the I offer you the world. Think it own discredited ticket, the pre- of a Labor Party. class without whose productive over. power their profits would not be It is hard, tough work but I ministration permitted only one slate, which had been unsuccess- ever, some questionable elements played an important role in the conceivable.

Now with the discovery of atomic energy which could make life more leisurely for the working people, nothing is being done for them at all. Most of

the money designated for atomic On the Make-up tests and destructive purposes. Of The Militant The amazing energy potent in Editor: A couple of weeks ago, I sent the atom can be put to use for by the workers. The workers "Latest news: Indonesian will certainly take the necessary

Milwaukee.

ism, wrote me: "I've noticed saw a big factory on whose walls was painted in giant red letters, 'Vive La 4th Internatio-

nale!' In Birmingham, England, I happened on an open-air meeting. The platform was plastered with Socialist Appeals, the paper of the English Trotskyists. I had my camera and was able to take some shots of the meeting which I'll send you."

Ford Nelson, New Haven, Conn.

Open Letter to 'Free Lance' Radicals Editor:

This is a copy of a letter

cause):

came, dressed to kill for a vinced me, when you couldn't?" change and they all exchanged If I remember correctly, you two paper can be opened before ica. didn't tell me anything. All I handing out. "The executive board made knew were your own personal Almost all of our stands dis-

a job or a part-time job while proletariat. The two of you require profound deliberation to stand on the floor of Congress be very true! Bob Kingsley in it so thoroughly that today demonstrate from our records Cleveland, O. nothing else matters. I have that, without exception, every

the ones who convinced me. After reading two or three books on Socialism and attending While the capitalist-owned weekly forums, I decided-This press splatters its front pages is for me. And I've never been and headlines with details of happier. I myself am amazed to bobby-sox misdemeanors and see how differently I feel about hatchet killings, it deliberately the things I read and what a new suppresses or hides in the back- aspect I've gained and how page fine-print sections of its easily I can see these things paper, cases of industrial acci- through different eyes. This is dents, due in most instances to really the first time I have writ-

was seriously (it could easily gram for following out the ideas way. have been fatal) hurt working of Marxism. I am sending you at unguarded machinery, the a part of our newspaper. If you dangers of which she had not are really interested, send me a inexperienced. Guards are put to you wherever you are or may up and devised after someone be. If not it is o.k. too. You. yourselves, have never taken the "Just another industrial ac- trouble to explain these things, cident" is all it means to the maybe because you didn't unfactory owner today, unless of derstand them, and your ideas course his own private property were purely selfish. In that is damaged or destroyed along case how could you really try with it. As for paying compensa- to convince me of something tion to totally or partially dis- you barely had a conception of abled victims, the Industrial yourselves? Have I changed?-

management, and therefore it In the Negro struggle column, makes its "unbiased" decisions change Negro to Jew and you at Kearney and Port Newark, N. J. accordingly. You can talk to will know how I feel. Why not anyone unfortunate enough to come in and help fight for the

runaround by company doctors do marvelous things for youror offered a flat \$25 settlement selves and the world. Isn't that important? I'm not trying to sell In the majority of these ac- you a bill of goods, although worker himself; but of speed-up I am. I know you are above the working people by industrialists, to see you bury your talents the whose only concern is the way you have been, aimlessly

don't care. I am doing something day for elections instead of the ful in the two previous elections, had attached themselves to it. struggles of New Jersey labor, worthwhile for a change and it's customary three days. Despite the Local 16 members signified The Stalinists misled many has the opportunity of playing wonderful. Think it over.

Yours for the Revolution,

I wrote to you a few weeks to have a direct bearing on the sales of the stands.

Since my letter, we have gotten three new stands in the mouth harden into such deep, Negro district. When the issue came out with the following H. Burns, paragraph for a headline: more fixedly out of the window. PROFITEERING AUTO AND At first I, thought he had no STEEL BARONS ARROGANT-LY REJECT WAGE DEMANDS, these new stands (and also the gan talking in a low voice: other ones) registered a sharp decline in sales under the previous week. This, despite the in hopes that their kids wouldn't facts that this issue had been be brought up under any handion all the stands for two weeks, caps. But they found out soon that the previous issue was the With best wishes for your quite a bit of the Fourth Inter- first week for the new stands, national in Europe. In Paris I and that, for the first time, the



Militant was displayed full page on news racks in the street at these new stands. With all of favorable factors, the stands sold less than they did the previous issue.

You stated in answer to my which I wrote to two friends of letter that you did not want to PEARL HARBOR sacrifice the quarter-fold make cals." It was inspired by Charles up for the open page. In my experience, the stands that dis-Comrades (I hope in the same is only the stands that display is to unite with their white the full page that sell well, and You say in your letter to me, it is my opinion that the make- off to war, and die-in order to "how come someone else con- up should be designed for them. win glory for their race, and

play the full page now, and a whole, internationally, because providing the headlines do not Southern gentlemen' like Bilbo

100 per cent, because I believe headlines, but I can easily mals. Democracy and hypocrisy these same ideas and they are headline, there was a phenom- ask for much-just a decent enal decrease in sales. In contrast, every week The Militant bore a good headline, there was they won't have to go through a phenomenal increase in sales the hell I have. Where they've been an exception to this rule. good schools because they're for the quarter fold impression is GUARANTEED and an edu-

page concentrated upon. Those carry the quarter fold display Penn Station. will probably soon be carrying the full page display, and if HATE-PROPAGANDA they don't their sales will prob-

Successfully opposing the .

The winning slate won by a

Harrington, trustee.

Special To The Militant

Workers' Forum | A Negro Veteran Seeks Solution To Rate-Hate And Discrimination

after 31/2 years in the South they told the people that the Pacific. My sister decided to Germans ate babies. The masses were HOME.

"Hi, hero," I called gaily. 'How does it feel to be home?" He turned quickly, a somber look on his face. "Rotten."

Wondering and anxious to know what it was that could make such a fine, young firm bitter lines, I asked: "Why?" He made a wry face and gazed

intention of answering. But I

waited patiently. Finally he be-"My parents were born in the South and migrated to the North enough that New York was no

"I was born right here in Harlem and I've felt the sting of profited by the wars that their discrimination since the day I was born. As a kid it was constantly drilled into me that I shake off.

promised land of opportunity.

"The papers, radio, schools, public they soothed the people's | fight them! eelings by yelling how the **HOMECOMING** Negroes are progressing, making a place for themselves, and sweeping all obstacles out of matter how hard our efforts.

play the quarter fold sell so few izations begin to preach 100 per Dix Separation Center, the colthat it would not matter whether cent Americanism. They tell the ored were herded into one barthey were sacrificed or not. It colored masses how important it brothers, shoulder guns, march As, for the distributions, the keep 'democracy' alive in Amer-

> "Democracy!" He gave a cynical laugh. "Democracy, where the mur-

and denounce the Negroes, Ital-It may sound ridiculous to at- ians and Jews as if they weren't walk hand in hand."

He lowered his eyes, then conplace to live. A place where I can bring my kids up so that Unless I am badly mistaken, white only. Where racial equality should be ignored and the full cated person won't have to lower himself to such menial labor as stands in other cities that still working in a baggage room in

LOCAL 16 SHIPYARD ELECTIONS

president; Aaron Trachtenburg, es; removal of the annual wage of the Rank and File candidates

vice president; Ken Cobleigh, ex- review from the Shipbuilding for top posts, Doris Thomas and

ecutive secretary; Bert Lanigan, Stabilization Committee and for Arthur Harrington, are Negroes

cording secretary; and Arthur company; an end to the appeare- File spokesmen took a public

In an endeavor to limit the vot- other racial discrimination; and for the grievance committee.

dustrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, rep- and after the war.

My brother returned recently win it abroad. In the last war other.

throw a welcome-home party for wouldn't fall for that one again him. Everyone was having a so they had to find another have taken all of these actions Party anxious to place The Miliwonderful time, or so I thought, scapegoat. The Japanese. Before silently, but things have tant in every worker's hands, until I perceived a young soldier being shipped to fighting zones changed. I've fought for my right but in addition, present Militant gazing intently out of the win- we were told that the Japanese to be an American citizen. subscribers introduce the paper ing class to the evil force that is captured American prisoners, Proved it - by sweating and to a stream of new readers. used them for bayonet practice fighting and going through hell and when they got tired of this so that I could go to any damn from letters we've received reveal III.: "I'm enclosing \$1; fifty

"Well, thoroughly indoctrinated, we went overseas. We found us wonderfully, sometimes better slammed in his face. than we had been treated in the States. Any hatred we had for dies and I mean to have what them previously, melted away.

"We found that they were human, peaceful, friendly people, controlled and driven by the Japanese war mongers, who, like the leaders in our country. greed had brought about. A new light dawned in me and I saw who my real enemies were. The Wall Street bankers and bosses hits you it's pretty hard to who gained through setting ANOTHER WAY gentile against Jew, protestant

changes. Negro and white organ- whole, But as we went to Camp spells 'Freedom'.'

sport, cut them up and ate them. restaurant or night club I want- the regard our readers have for "Some atrocity stories were ed to and be served; proved it The Militant. enough to make the blood run while those big, fat congressmen cold in your veins, and hatred and senators sat back and bask- Minn.: "Enclosed you will find for a new subscription to the take possession of your whole ed in the glory that should \$3 to cover 3 one-year subscrip- enclosed name. I am trying hard rightfully be mine. Well, I'm not tions for the following three to sell subscriptions for this going to take it. I'm not going to forfeit my life for a discrimeverything the opposite of what inatory system that fattens on we had learned. The poor class of Japanese and German people of decent employment that a we came in contact with treated colored fellow turns to is

"The war is over and my budwe're entitled to. We were taught to fight dirty in the army. Now we can put that learning to a practical use. We're not gonna be kept down any longer and we'll kill if necessary to get our liberties. We'll such enthusiastic response all make our own Constitution and over the country, goes to press Bill of Rights, or damn it, we'll next week and will be ready for go down fighting. There's no

against Catholic, and yes-male two pamphlets-"Negroes in the ing Pioneer with orders for the

"Life overseas wasn't bad. but it isn't individual violence. letters we have had on the warm take a peek at it." There was little if any discrimi- It's fighting, yes—but in a de- response to the pamphlet is the their path. Yet the people aren't nation. The plane that brought termined, organized manner. following from the Buffalo dumb, and we know we're not us back to the States on our way The only way to accomplish any- branch: getting very far by ourselves no to the Separation Center was a thing is to get rid of the capimixture of both colored and talist system that runs the son's pamphlet we had several enclosed subscriptions was given white troops. We ate together, country now. The workers of all heartening experiences. One col- to us by a present subscriber, for talked and slept together and races must unite and fight to- ored man, who hesitated to buy her nephew. She told us her "Then Zowie! Along comes asked each other's advice on per- gether. Call it revolutionary or it first, ten minutes later ran af- nephew is so anxious to read The Pearl Harbor! Everything sonal matters—we acted as a any term you like, but to me it ter our comrade and asked for Militant each week that he goes

Camden Housing Shortage Causes Misery And Illness

shortage, no letup seen before ing shortage here, but it seems the end of '46." This is what that the real estate agents are the headlines of the Camden so independent that they don't Courier are saying. The first want to repair the few homes "They suggested that we get that is the only hope for the contain so many words that they and Eastland and Rankin can part of this headline, I know to we have here so that people can

ren and according to the rules, the fire insurance by now, yet met some grand people with week The Militant bore a bad tinued in softer tones, "I don't of the project, could only rent he hasn't done one earthly an apartment. They now have thing toward repairing the house. three children, and according to Here is the result: the roof the rules, are entitled to live in leaks; there is a large hole in a house with three bedrooms. the kitchen floor (which has no They have tried to get a house cellar under it) and the wood-(especially when headlines were got a chance to develop their but to no avail. These friends work that the firemen tore out, in large print). There has never talents and won't be kept out of of mine tell me that all five of has not been replaced. Cold air them sleep in the same room. blows in everywhere. Plaster fell Is it a wonder that we have so from the ceiling in the kitchen

many epidemics? could understand why there was badly injured that she has been a housing shortage, but now that unable to work steady since it is over, I see no excuse what- then. soever, except that the rich peo- Now my 18-month old daughter ple want to stay rich and leave is also ill, with a bad cold. "Before we went overseas, our the poor people poor. They can ample where an under age girl the only party with a true pro- ably be of no significance, any- officers drilled into us that the get materials now that they still in the Service, I can re-Japanese and Germans were our couldn't get during the war, and ceive no priorities in getting my Bill Palmer, mortal enemies and that before they can get help now as the home fixed-nor can any other

bers signified their desire for a

"Camden has its worst housing Not only do we have a hous-

live decently. Take my case for larged and will be a 24-page The Militant and when I asked I have a friend living in one example; the oil heater exploded pamphlet. It will sell for 10 the steelworker who came to the the Government projects. Her in our dining room on April 1. husband is in the Army. At the 1945 (Easter Sunday morning), sent in now, to be filled immetime that she and her husband setting fire to the house. I am moved there, they had no child- sure that our agent has received

and struck my mother on her Before the war was over I back (Sept. 1944). She was so

Even though my husband is Los Angeles, we could think of winning the Army and Navy are releasing poor person in Camden. Of course we have to pay our rent or else the agent will have us evicted. Maybe if we would picket the City Hall and demand a few things we could get somewhere. Thousands of others here in Camden are in the same situation that I am. Some are prob-

ably even worse off. Of course we can always re-JERSEY CITY, N. J., Nov. 21.—The Rank and File militant program. They elected port these conditions to the slate, running on a progressive program of action, yester- a slate which to them had stood Board of Health, but they have day won the union elections in huge Local 16, CIO In- for such a program both during told me that they can't force the agent to fix the place. resenting 15,000 workers of the Federal Shipbuilding plants | The Stalinists injected a pois- They can condemn the houseonous note into the election which would mean the tenant campaign by falsely accusing the would be forced to move, and "Progressive - Unity" candidates The basic program of the Rank Rank and File group of fostering no one else would be allowed to "Progressive - Unity" candidates of the basic program of the Kank of the incumbent Stalinist-dom- and File slate called for oppocirculated in a desperate attempt paired. Where would I live while Carkhuff was elected Local 16 boards and any no-strike pledg- workers. But the fact that two street?

Mrs. A. O. Camden, N. J.

treasurer; Doris Thomas, re- direct negotiations with the and that the leading Rank and caucus. If the Rank and File group ment policy of the local and na- stand against Jim Crow, caused wishes to win the support of the tional union leadership and for the Stalinist slander to boomer- good militants now misguidedly a militant policy in fighting for ang. Leading Negro Stalinists following the Stalinists, it will 750 majority of the total 5,000 the union's demands; a vigorous openly voted on the union floor have to rid its ranks of any disvotes cast in a one day election. fight against Jim Crow and all for a Rank and File candidate creditable individuals and opportunists, and seriously carry basically dominated by progres- conditions.

vious Stalinist - controlled ad- In electing the Rank and File sive and militant workers. How- Local 16, which in the past has the interest in the elections, their disgust with the whole do- honest militants, repelled by an even greater role in the commany thousands of workers nothing record of the Stalinist- these questionable individuals, ing battles of New Jersey work-Francis Kirby, found it physically impossible to led administration. In repudi- into believing that these elements ers and the shippard workers Philadelphia vote in the single day alloted, ating the Stalinists, the mem-dominated the Rank and File nationally.



The following two quotations

F. W. Schultz of Austin. names. After having been abroad

Pioneer Notes

A second, enlarged edition of the pamphlet by Charles Jackson, A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow, which has met with distribution by the end of the month.

Without a word I brought him ers Party which have been flood- tions. "When we distributed Jack-

four more copies. We had very to her house, and borrows it be-Grace Wayne, few refusals—only two or three fore she has a chance to read it New York. out of 30-and about 50 or 60 of herself. She then is forced to the pamphlets were sold to pas- run over to his house to get it sersby on the streets. Six people back, but sometimes he has alwe saw that day, who had never ready loaned it to a friend. heard of our party before, came

> Militant distributions and pamphlet sales. At two Steel rallies we sold 50 copies of Jobs For All and 40 of A Practical Program cident from Pittsburgh: "We to Kill Jim Crow. Half of the canvassed an area where steel-Jackson pamphlets were sold to workers live and had some very white steel workers."

> diately upon issue of the pam- I'm going to take it to the mill

A Practical Program to Kill New York 3, N. Y.

Not only are comrades and for 2½ years helping destroy "Once upon a time I would friends of the Socialist Workers fascism, I have to commend your paper for the job it is doing in awakening the American workendeavoring to enslave it."

William Koch of Naperville, cents to cover my renewal to The Militant, and the balance badly needed paper."

A comparatively new area for Militant subscribers is Baltimore.. The interest our subgetters report they have already received from potential subscribers is very encouraging.

Dorothy Lessing sent this communication: "This Sunday we canvassed a project inhabited by shipyard workers in East Baltimore. Despite the fact that many of them were laid off, and tucky, Tennessee, etc., we sold a number of subs.

"In addition, we covered a This will be good news for the small UAW Local meeting at branches of the Socialist Work- which we sold three subscrip-

"We would like to raise our churches and organizations all against female. I knew whom to Post-war World," and "The pamphlet and requests for its bundle order to 100. Have found played up the racial angle. In fight but I didn't know how to Struggle for Negro Equality." I reprinting. The first edition of that by Monday of each week said, before he could question 10,000, published in August, was we are hoarding one or two entirely sold out within three copies of The Militant and just "There is another way out, weeks. Typical of the numerous letting our potential subscribers

> The following amusing incident was reported by Libby Jones of Buffalo: "One of the

to our forum two nights later. . . the above, and added: For heavcovered three CIO meetings with Militant distributions and name his own copy of the paper."

Eloise Gordon reports this ininteresting experiences. We had The new edition has been en- previously left sample copies of cents. Advance orders may be door what he thought of the with me and I know just the guys to give it to.'

"He bawled me out when I Jim Crow, by Charles Jackson. began to write up a six-month Second, enlarged edition, 10 sub and said he expected to he cents. Order from Pioneer involved in the class struggle Publishers, 116 University Pl., longer than that! So I let him have a year's subscription."

Our Program:

1. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!

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 Board!

3. Organization of the war veterans by the trade 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!

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To join the Socialist Workers Party.

To obtain further information about your organization. To attend meetings and forums of the Socialist Workers Party in my city.

Name	(Please Print)
Address	***************************************
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"Militant" Subscription Campaign Hits "Fourth International" Exposes 86 Per Cent Of Quota In Seventh Week Imperialist Role In Middle East

By Justine Lang Campaign Director

An impressive total of 8.-647 new readers of The Militant has been recorded at the conclusion of the seventh week of our national sub- per cent of its quota. Evidently scription campaign. With 86 per cent of our goal realized, it appears to be merely a matter of days before we will reach our objective of 10,000 new readers.

Milwaukee - New York - De-

Branches of the

Socialist Workers Party

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Groups, Members-at-large and

Friends

Kansas City

the 100 per cent quota mark last | Harry Gold, campaign direc- | have adopted for themselves for week, leaped over the hurdle and tor of Local New York sent in Western Pennsylvania is 500 new joined the other nine branches this interesting communication: subs and renewals. Needless to which had already gone "over "These past few weeks we have say we have a tremendous adthe top."

this high percentage has frightened would-be-contenders from accepting the challenge Reading directed to branches with similar quotas a few weeks ago.

which have not as yet completed the subscriptions he obtained be their quota, reveal that they are troit - Minneapolis, the four going all-out in the next few branches of the Socialist Work- days to insure the obtaining of ers Party which were closest to the 100 per cent goal, and more.

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He incidentally insisted that all breakers. credited to the Minneapolis pride the other day in Califor-

in last Sunday's issue on over. That's for sure!" Trotskyism indicates how fran-

the labor movement. "The quota the Stalinists ters each.

Ernest Drake

Mike WarrenSeattle

Rigo Carli Detroit

G. Roberts Detroit

Ed Lewis Detroit

E. Logan Detroit

Eloise Gordon Pittsburgh

Albert ConwayLos Angeles

Rudy RhodesSt. Louis

Joe Simmons Philadelphia

Connie Locke East Side, New York

Ida BrandtEast Side, New York

been putting special emphasis on vantage. To the extent that it Reading heads our scoreboard procuring subscriptions in the is known, The Militant has a this week having attained 256 boroughs of The Bronx and proud record of integrity and Brooklyn, with the object in fidelity to the cause of the workmind of organizing new branches ing class, while to thousands in those areas in the next per- (tens of thousands of workers iod. We have been ably assisted in this area if we include the in this work by Comrade Bill coal miners) the Worker is Ference, who obtained 41 subs. known as the voice of strike-

> "It gave me a real swell of Branch of which he is a mem- nia, Pa. to hear one miner after another refer to THE MILITANT From Pittsburgh, Eloise Gor- with profound respect and interdon writes: "I'm sure you've est. I've already mentioned the noticed the Daily Worker is Stalinist CIO functionary whom launching a sub drive, and one several steel workers have redoesn't have to be too sharp to ported is pulling his hair out bedetect the effect of our suc- cause so many, rank and filers cessful campaigns on the so- are MILITANT readers. We'll called 'communists.' Their article give 'em some more to groan

> Detroit is the undisputed leadtic the Stalinist bureaucrats are er with five representatives in over the growing influence of this week's pace-setter box. Chi-Trotskyism and The Militant in cago, New York, Philadelphia. Connecticut have two pace-set-

> > Branch

Subs Sold

Workers.'

sixteen workers. During the question and answer period there was an interesting discussion. Several listeners expressed interest in the Socialist Workers Party, and on the following day one put in his application for

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

Portland Workers Hear Lecture By John G. Wright

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18,-John G. Wright, Marxist writer and translator of Trotsky's stance, is a real eye-opener. "For works, tonight spoke to an audience of Portland workers, on "The British Labor Victory and Its Meaning for American

The meeting was attended by membership.

A second meeting arranged at a private house, and attended CINCINNATI by nine people, was also followed by a lively discussion.

The December issue of Fourth ounted to 105.6 million pounds." hour day . . . Discipline is kept International will carry an un- But this is not all. The im- according to a military system. usually informative article on perialists drive a hard bargain: Palestine and the adjacent lands "It is interesting to note Egypt where bloody outbreaks have re- received only 60 million pounds cently been attracting world at- of this debt, the rest being taken sleeping in three shifts on five tention. The article is the first by different financial manipu- mattresses." of a series, "The Middle East at lations." the Crossroads." The author, T. Cliff, is a resi- ing the same 28 years, the Egyp- tember 1943 four people were

dent of Jerusalem. Comrade tian fellah (peasant) paid a sum trampled to death when alms Cliff's Marxist training gives his of 30 million pounds in order were being distributed and in on-the-spot coverage of events to maintain the occupation army March 1944 an Egyptian woman rare thoroughness and compre- in Sudan for the sake of the hensiveness. Without the facts English plantation companies." and analysis presented by Com- DEVELOPMENT STIFLED rade Cliff it would be impossible to understand in all its ramifications the complex struggle now developing in the Middle East.

The first article of the series describes the role of imperialism in this area. "The Arab East," declares Comrade Cliff, "is important to the imperialist powers for four main reasons: first, as a route to other regions second, as a source of raw maerials; third, as an important market for manufactured goods; and fourth, as a field for capital investment."

The analysis of imperialist domination of the Middle East is done graphically and with a wealth of supporting data.

The description of imperialist exploitation of Egypt, for indozens of years, the main investments have been the loans to the Egyptian state, which kept its formal independence. This was a very tidy source of plunder. Thus during the years 1883-1910 the interest alone on a dept of 95 million pounds am-

JOHN G. WRIGHT TOUR SCHEDULE

Sun., Dec. 16 to Tues., Dec. 18

And then on top of this, "Dur-

Allied imperialism deliberately holds back the development of the Arab East. "Seeing that the profits of imperialist capthe profits of imperialist capital are dependent on the low Branch Enlarges wages paid to the Arab workers and the low prices paid for the products bought from the peasproducts bought from the peasant, imperialism is interested in keeping the countryside in the -India, Australia, China, etc.; it will be an inexhaustible reservoir of labor power and cheap raw materials."

Comrade Cliff exposes the role of imperialism in all its sordidness: "Imperialism is further interested in this for socio-political reasons; firstly, because only backward, illiterate, sick masses dispersed in tiny villages far away from one another can be ruled easily, and secondly, because the imperialist fifth column in the colonial countries, its most faithful agents, are the feudal landlords."

TERRIBLE POVERTY

and agricultural laborers, the headquarters will be fully reauthor reveals, are the very re- modeled by the conclusion of the "Unemployment is very widespread and the conditions of the town workers are very bad." ST. LOUIS
Thursday, Friday, Dec. 13-14 Comrade Cliff cites specific instances: In one industry "the workers have one day of rest Thurs., Dec. 20 to Mon., Dec. 29 every two weeks and work a ten-

There are also constant fines . . . Fifteen workers live in one room

The poverty of Egypt is indicated by two incidents: "In Sepsold her daughter to a merchant immediately after birth—for 20

Seattle SWP

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 21most backward condition, so that To keep in step with its recent growth, the Seattle Branch of the Socialist Workers Party is remodeling its head quarters, making available for many purposes the large loft previously reserved for storage.

The cheerful meeting hall at 19191/2 Second Avenue will soon be supplemented by a reading room, social room, mimeograph and filing section, and a kitchen. In support of the current lumber strike, no new wood has been 1purchased. Instead, ingenuity plus second-hand lumber are be-

ing used to do a first-class job. Friends and sympathizers are being asked to contribute fur-The condition of the workers nishings for the new rooms. The verse from that made out by the Militant subscription campaign. imperialists, who paint them- and a gala New Year's Eve dance selves as "benevolent" patrons, will formally open the enlarged quarters.

> Ask Your Shopmate To Subscribe to The Militant

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 Minneapolis Strikes of 1934. In 1935, the Trotskyists turned their attention to a growing left wing tendency in the Social-

TOTAL 10,000

We began the great struggle against sectarianism as a minorship and in the membership. Our program in instructing our members to establish personal contacts among the than ours. Left Socialists, and try to get them interested in questions of in the interests of the Bolshevik education of the Left Wing.

time even if the whole party had wanted to. The Right Wing, us in the minority but on the offensive to the last moment. in control in New York, would not have permitted it. But we realized that the SP was in great ferment and that things might change radically on short notice. We wanted to be prepared for sectarian faction. After four months of internal discussion it was the Left Wing will be expelled from the Socialist Party and come to join us or unite with us in a new party. It may be that the Right Wing will split away and so open up the situation in the Socialist Party that we will have to join it in order to keep the Stalinists from grabbing the movement. Let us keep the question open and await developments."

That would not do for our opponents. The Oehlerites came forward with an absolutely positive and definite proposal, as sectarians always do. They said: "Don't join the Socialist Party, now or ever, as a matter of principle." Why must we mortgage the future in June 1935? Why? "Because the Socialist Party is affiliated with the Second International which became bankrupt in 1914 and was denounced by Rosa Luxemburg and by Lenin. The Communist International was organized because of the bankruptcy of the Second International. If we join the Socialist Party with the petty-bourgeois opposition, Shachtman wrote another -now or in the future-we will be bolstering up the Social Democracy, and giving new credit to the Scheidemanns and Noskes who killed Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg."

That is about the essence of Oehlerism, fairly stated. Explain to them that there have been tremendous changes, new people, new factors, new political alignments? It is very difficult to explain anything to sectarians. They demanded that our party repudiate in principle the "French turn," the name given to the decision of the French Trotskyists to join the Socialist Party of France. The Oehlerites rejected that policy for all countries of the world. We fought them on the line of principle. We defended the "French turn." We said that under similar circumstances we would do the same thing in America.

A Party Cannot Be Maneuvered

They accused us of deliberately planning to join the Socialist Party, of concealing our aims in order to maneuver the membership in stages. Many party members believed this accusation for cracy, grew more and more aggressive in the fight, and finding a time but there was no truth in it. It was impossible at that themselves in a minority, split away on their own initiative in Detime, as we understood the situation in the SP, to take a more cember 1935. This created an entirely new situation in the Social- to be the Socialist Party or the Workers Party which will really definite position. We did not propose to join the SP at that time ist Party. The split-off of the Right Wing gave us the opportunity be the heir to the radical movement of the United States. Let us but we refused to bar the way to such future decision by a declaration in principle against it.

A party cannot be maneuvered; it must be educated—that is, M you have in mind the building of a revolutionary party. I would

THE 1935 DISCUSSION ON ENTRY INTO THE S.P. say that a leadership that plays that kind of game does not de-

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serve any confidence at all. I never would identify myself with that kind of politics. If you believe in something, the thing to do is to begin propagandizing it right away so as to get the education abroad as quickly as possible. A party that does not act con- The relation of forces at the June Plenum had radically changed sciously, with the full knowledge of what it is doing, and why it after four months of discussion and factional struggle. The is doing it, isn't worth much. To keep quiet and hope that some brief was this: major attention to the Left Wing and all develop- way or another you can smuggle a program through—that is not ments in the Socialist Party. How was that major attention to Marxist politics; that is petty-bourgeois politics, of which the be expressed? (1) By numerous articles in our press analyzing the moralistic Professor Burnham later gave us several examples. The developments in the Socialist Party addressing ourselves to the whole purpose of any faction fight, from a Trotskyist standpoint, Left Wing workers, offering them advice and criticism in a is not simply to gain the advantage and win a majority for the friendly way. That would facilitate our approach to them. (2) By day. That is a perverted conception; it belongs to another world

This June Plenum was thrown open to the membership. The principle, political discussions, joint meetings with us, etc. (3) discussion grew so hot we couldn't keep it within four walls. The Form Trotskyist fractions in the Socialist Party. Send in a group whole membership was seething with interest. They were all at -30 or 40 members—to join the Socialist Party, and work inside the door anyway. We went at it, debating night and day. There is some peculiar physical quality about Trotskyists—I don't know These three points constituted the first half of our program. What it is. Normally they have no greater physical endurance than The second half was to leave organization perspectives open for other people, sometimes not as much. But I have noticed more than the present. This apparently put us in a somewhat defensive posi- once that in political fights, when it is a question of fighting for tion. We didn't say, "Let us join the Socialist Party." On the other | some political idea, Trotskyists can stay awake longer and speak hand, we didn't say that we would never under any conditions longer and more frequently than people of any other political type. join the SP. We said: "Let us keep the door open on this point. A part of our advantage at the plenum was a physical one. We Let us maintain the Workers Party, try to build it up by inde- simply wore them out. Finally, at about four o'clock of the third pendent work. But let us establish close relations with the Left morning, exhausted, the majority shut off debate. They presented Wing in the SP, aim to fuse with them, and wait to see what the the motion to end the discussion at three o'clock. Then we talked future developments will bring on the organizational side of the for another hour on the ground that this violated democracy. By that time they were so tired they didn't care if it was democratic In fact we could not have joined the Socialist Party at that or not, but we were fresh as daisies. They closed the plenum with

From the plenum the discussion was taken to the ranks. We were determined to defeat the sectarian policy and to isolate the any developments which might occur. We said: "It may be that evident that we had succeeded. The Muste-Oehler bloc was broken under the hammer-blows of the discussion, and the Oehlerites were isolated. In the course of further developments, the disloyalty of the left sectarians became manifest.

They began to break the discipline of the party, distributing their own publications at public meetings despite the prohibition of the party. They came in with theses demanding the right to set up a press of their own as an independent faction. At the October Plenum we passed a resolution explaining that their demand was impossible to grant from a practical point of view and false in principle from the point of view of Bolshevism.

The Oehler Bloc Breaks Party Discipline

Shachtman wrote this resolution showing why their demand was wrong and why we could not grant it. Later on, in the fight resolution showing how it was correct in principle and necessary for his faction to have an independent, dual organ. That contradiction was nothing strange or new to us. Shachtman was always distinguished not only by an extraordinary literary facility, but also by no less an extraordinary literary versality, which enabled him to write equally well on both sides of a question. I believe in giving every man his due, and Shachtman is entitled to that compliment.

The October Plenum rejected the demands of the Oehlerites, and on the motion of Muste, gave them a stern warning to cease and desist from further violations of party discipline. They disregarded the warning and continued with systematic violations of party discipline. On that ground they were expelled from the party shortly after the October Plenum.

In the meantime, while all this was going on in our ranks, things were rapidly coming to a head in the Socialist Party. The Right Wing, which was concentrated in New York around the Rand School, the Daily Forward, and the trade union bureauour hands were free by that time and we were ready to grasp Party." Under such conditions it was extremely difficult to recruit | file. the opportunity. into the Workers Party.

CHAPTER XI

PITTSBURGH

The last lecture brought us up to the conclusion of the internal struggle with the Oehlerite sectarians at the October Plenum, 1935. minority at the June Plenum had gained the majority in the ultra-left Oehlerites and the Musteite forces which had confronted us at the June Plenum, had been broken by the time of the plenum in October. There Muste himself found it necessary to introduce the resolution, which the Muste faction and the Cannon-Shachtman faction had drawn up jointly, laying down the conditions under which the Oehlerites could remain in the party. In view of the disloyal attitude they had taken, it was understood that this would signalize their departure from the party. That was the case. Their failure to comply with the disciplinary regulations of the October Plenum resulted in their

Political Lessons of Unprincipled Combinations

One could draw a certain political lesson from the experience of Muste in his ill-starred bloc with Oehler. Combinations which cut across the lines of principle inevitably result in disaster for a political group. Such blocks cannot be maintained. Muste's error in playing with the Oehlerites at the June Plenum, and afterward, had greatly weakened his position in the party among those who took political programs seriously. But it must be said that he extracted himself from his untenable position in a much more creditable manner than Shachtman did later in his unprincipled bloc with Burnham. Muste, as soon as it became clear to him that the Oehler faction was disloyal to the party and was breaking with us, unceremoniously broke his relations with them. Then he joined hands with us to push them aside and eventually to expel them from the party. Shachtman hung onto Burnham's coattails till the very end-until Burnham shook him loose.

Following the departure of the sectarians, an uneasy truce prevailed in the party between the two factions: the Muste faction, which had the support of the Abernites, and the Cannon-Shachtman faction which by this time had become a majority both in the National Committee and in the ranks of the membership. It was an uneasy truce based on a sort of pseudo-agreement on what the practical tasks of the party should be. The specter of the Socialist Party Left Wing still hovered over the Workers Party. The problem was still there, but the means of solving that problem had not yet matured. Even after the October Plenum, 1935, we still made no proposal to enter the SP. This was notas we were accused so often, and perhaps as some comrades are still inclined to believe-because we were dissimulating and trying to maneuver the party into the SP without the knowledge and consent of the membership. It was because the situation in the Socialist Party at that time did not permit the possibility of our group joining it. So long as the Right Wing "Old-Guard" had control of the organization in New York, the entry of the Trotskyists was mechanically excluded. The "Old-Guard" would never have permitted it. Consequently, we made no such proposal.

Just about that time, in fact, there had been a meeting of the National Committee of the Socialist Party where the weak-kneed "Militants" disgracefully capitulated to the Right Wing. The rank and file of the "Militant" caucus rose up against the action and their pressure pushed the leadership to the left again. It was not vet possible to say with assurance what would be the outcome of the fight in the Socialist Party. We could only wait and see. The fundamental problem of the Socialist Party remained unsolved on our part because the situation in the Socialist Party had not yet

During all this time the attention of the advanced workers, the unaffiliated but more or less radical and class-conscious workers, was concentrated on the Socialist Party because it was a bigger party. They said: "Let us wait and see whether it is going we needed to establish direct contact with this developing Left Wing. see if the Socialist Party will really turn to the left. In that case Thanks to the definitive settlement of the score with the sectarians, we can join a revolutionary party that is bigger than the Workers

There was continual friction inside the Workers Party over the Socialist Party question despite the fact that at that time there were no proposals of one faction as against the other. All of us presumably were going along building up the WP, conducting our independent agitation, and so on. We said we had no proposal about joining the Socialist Party. They could not have opposed such a proposal from a principled standpoint, since they had endorsed the "French turn." Nevertheless, there was a difference in the way the problem was viewed by the two factions. They ooked upon the ferment in the Socialist ranks of the party. In addition to that, the tacit bloc of the some question, something to be avoided. Every time something of interest drew new attention to the factional fight within the SP, they would resent it because it distracted attention from our own organization.

They regarded the Socialist Party as only a rival organization, and didn't see the conflicting currents and tendencies, some of which would be destined to march together with us. It was an organizational approach. That is, I think, the proper way to characterize the attitude of Muste at that time. "Pay no attention to the SP: it is a rival organization." Formally that was the case. But the Socialist Party was not a homogeneous body. Some of its elements were irreconcilable enemies of the socialist revolution: others were capable of becoming Bolsheviks. Organizational loyalty and pride is an absolutely indispensable quality in a revolutionary movement. But organizational fetishism, especially on the part of a small organization which has yet to justify its right to leadership, can become a disorienting tendency. So it was in this case.

Organization Questions Are Subordinate to Program

We approached the problem from another standpoint, not so much from the organizational side as from the political side. We saw in the ferment in the Socialist Party not a troublesome diversion from the work of building up our own party. We saw it rather as an opportunity to be seized upon for the advancement of our movement regardless of what organizational form it might eventually take. Our inclination was to turn toward it, to try to influence it in some way. As I said, the practical proposals at the moment were not very different between the two factions, but the difference in attitude toward the problem of the Socialist Party was fundamental, and bound sooner or later to bring us to a clash. The organizational question is important, but the political line is decisive. No one can succeed in creating a revolutionary organization who does not understand that politics is superior to organizational questions. Organization questions are important only insofar as they serve a political line, a political aim. Independently they have no merit whatsoever.

During the particular period, while the issue in the Socialist Party remained undecided, the Muste position appeared to be more positive and clear-cut than ours. The simple prescription of Muste was appealing to some comrades. "Stay away from the Socialist Party, build our own party"—clear-cut and positive. But the superiority of the Muste formula was only the superficial appearance of things. The minute something new happened in the SP—and this was the ever-lasting bedevilment of the Musteites; something was always happening in that boiling cauldron—we would have to turn our attention to it and write about it in our

And something happened this time. A new turn of events resolved all doubts on our part and put the issue of entry or non-entry into the SP very squarely. The faction-ridden Socialist Party began to split wide open in December 1935. The Right Wing, which was in control of the apparatus in New York, was confronted at the City Central Committee—a body of delegates from branches -with the growing strength of the Left Wing and its majority there. The Right Wing, instead of recognizing this majority and letting democratic processes operate, showed their teeth as professional Socialist "democrats" always do in such situations. As a matter of course, they turned around, expelled and reorganized a number of the "Militant" branches, and the split was precipitated. In this case, as in past instances, we see revealed the real essence of the so-called democracy of the Socialist Party and of all petty-bourgeois groups who holler to heaven about the dictatorial methods and harshness of Bolshevism. All their talks about democracy is shown up as a pretense and sham the minute it is put to a test. They speak against Bolshevism in the name of democracy, but when their interests and their control are at stake, they never yield to the democratic majority of the rank and

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cannot emancipate itselj

STRUGGLE by CHARLES JACKSON

Java? . . . Or Georgia?

stir up racial hatred against these non-whites. We were

given to believe that the gallant Anglo-Saxons always

played fair (in conducting their wholesale murder) while

those despicable brown-bellied bastards, the "dirty Japs,"

human that they used a type just as here, is a constant threat

of treachery and torture and a constant reality.

were so heathen and sub-9-

commensurate only with un-

barbarian behavior.

to gain independence, bear quite

During the war with Japan every attempt was made to

-KARL MARX

Huge Vote Cast For Steel Strike

Pittsburgh Area **Workers Record Urge For Action**

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. one for strike action in the noes. greatest strike poll ever held in this country.

This thundering vote for strike served notice to the steel war, alone the percentage in favor of arbitration, voted an eight to one profiteers that the union ranks strike was much higher than the are eager and ready for a show- total votes indicate. In some BIG MASS MEETING

sylvania area, the country's 50 ratio or even slightly more major steel center, the vote for against the strike, reduced the strike at approximately 300 total percentage for strike. plants was reported today at VOTE BY PLANTS about 114.000 to 29.000.

ers who cast ballots was a tri- votes for strike of any plant in ed the area announcing the bute to union spirit of the steel- the area, voted 5,750 for strike, meeting. As a result, the largest workers, who braved generally 911 against it. Office workers bad weather and in many here were ineligible to vote beinstances traveled considerable cause they have no contract. distances to vote because many Moreover, Republic workers companies refused to allow bal- have a bitter hatred for the corloting on company property. | poration because of their ex- | The mass meeting committee

Youngstown Steel Workers Vote Strike Overwhelmingly

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Nov. 28.—CIO steel workers in this important steel area poured out in unprecedented 29—Demonstrating their de- numbers to vote by more than 4½ to 1 in favor of strike termination to put up a real action to win the demand of the United Steelworkers of battle for their \$2 a day wage America for a \$2 a day raise.

Carnegie-Illinois, a U. S. Steel

Canton, who recently ended a 33

day strike with the issue going to

The steel locals in the area

conducted a splendid joint cam-

paign to get out the votes. Last

Sunday, November 25, the locals

for the first time organized a

mass meeting in collaboration.

Leaflets were distributed at all

held in the Mahoning Valley

James Quinn, steel union dis-

ed by Sam Camens, Carnegie-Il-

in mobilizing the meeting.

WORKERS ELATED

turned out.

raise, steelworkers through- The overwhelming "yes" vote periences in the Little Steel out the nation voted five to totalled 26,538 against 5,955 Strike of 1937.

This tremendous strike vote subsidiary, voted 4,250 for strike surprised steel management to 1,250 against, the latter in-With more than 65 per cent which had put on a determined cluding a large number of office of the eligible workers at 766 campaign against the poll. Ap- workers. Youngstown Sheet and plants casting ballots, 390,922 proximately 70 per cent of the Tube workers voted 4,942 to 1,called for strike action as com- Youngstown area workers eli- 458. Elsewhere in the state, Timpared to only 80,778 who voted gible to vote cast their ballots ken Roller Bearing workers at -a remarkable turnout.

For the production workers plants, office workers who tend-Here in the Western Penn- ed to split their votes on a 50-

Republic Steel workers, castage of the 640,000 eligible work- ing the highest percentage of plants, a loud-speaker car roam-

Midwest Steel Labor Votes 6 To 1 In Favor Of Strike

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT was higher than the national CHICAGO, Nov. 29—Balloting average of five to one. in the nation-wide strike poll, Unionists at 43 plants in the militant fight for the \$2 a day CIO steelworkers in this second Indiana-Illinois area cast a raise. Following the meeting an vote assumed landslide propor- wanna and surrounding towns. the steaming java with cheerful est and lowest paying job that British Colonial Office frequentlargest steel area yesterday re- thumping 48,745 votes for strike extensive four-day drive was put corded a more than six to one to 7,799 against. Of 70,023 workmajority for strike action to win ers eligible to vote, 56,544 cast by the results today. a \$2 a day wage boost. This ballots, or nearly 88 per cent.

Pittsburgh

JOHN G. WRIGHT Noted Marxist Writer Translator of Trotsky's Works

will speak on

British Elections"

Militant Reading Room

5905 Penn Ave. E. Liberty

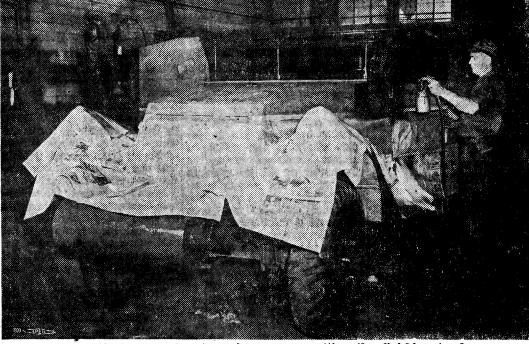
The steelworkers here have given overwhelming and conclusive ex- dough trying to sabotage the pression to their desire for a vote. Youngstown Sheet and militant struggle to gain their Tube sent personal letters to

at East Chicago, scene of a mili- would be fired if there were a

every employee. Republic Steel In Gary, Indiana, center of ran full-page ads in the daily U. S. Steel's giant subsidiary, press. U. S. Steel President Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corpora- Fairless's speech against the vote tion, the majority for strike at was sent to all U. S. Steel workthe Gary Works was 8.806 to ers, and company propaganda 1,665 and at the Sheet & Tin was plastered on bulletin boards The Meaning of the Mill, 3,580 to 1,177. The vote at at Carnegie-Illinois. Company- the struck General Motors cor-South Chicago Works was 7,030 inspired rumors were circulated poration, refuses to discuss wage that of Charles S. Mott of Flint, outh Chicago Works was 7,030 inspired runners were circulated increases. Instead he calls for through the district to the effect increases. Instead he calls for men "some consideration" to the 426,—aside 500,000 of his 576,000 GM

tant strike several months ago, strike. turned out a vote for strike of In spite of all this the vote for ers know he can't possibly mean 6,003 against 862 opposed. strike was overwhelming. There them. Their dividends are only Youngstown Sheet & Tube is general elation among the peanuts. workers voted in favor of strike steelworkers at the wonderful showing of solidarity

What "Free Enterprise" Offers Labor



A Cleveland Police Department repair crewman putting the finishing touches on an armored car, mounting two machine guns. The city acquired two of these vehicles from the army on the claim that they were needed to frighten "racketeers." Cleveland labor organizations protest, however, that the bosses are really aiming to use these instruments of war to terrorize striking workers.

Militant Buffalo Steel Workers Roll Up Landslide Strike Vote

trict director, was chairman. BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 29 was composed of the militant local union presidents, and chairlinois Local 1330 president. Both he and the committee were comin wages. In the largest strike "yes"! mended for their splendid work At the conclusion of the stir-"no", out of 27,923 eligible. | the vote. ring meeting the workers rose en

masse and pledged to carry on a effective job was done is shown voted "yes", 654 "no." At Repub-"yes" and 148 "no". The corporations spent big

The Truth About

GM Stockholders

CIO steel workers in 49 plants one majority, but particularly

vote ever taken here, 16,414 Steel unions in this area put voted "yes" and only 3,099 on a real campaign to get out

tions of ten to one! Of 10,511 Leaflets were distributed at smiles.

As voting started at 6 a.m. lic, of 2,400 eligible, 1,333 voted yesterday, union members appeared at balloting places bear-

to fight for a living wage was in- To-day". A union sound truck that are being used by the im- equality as "irresponsible eledicated not only by the five to was busy urging a "yes" vote. perialists against those colored ments," they are now calling the in this area yesterday voted by the fact that approximately Wives and daughters of steelmore than five to one to 60 per cent of all workers eligible workers were on the scene with has been subjected by the interest of "maintaining law strike for a \$2 a day increase to vote, marked their ballot hot coffee for their men. It came Southern whites over here.

colored steelworker had his wife ed to exist on starvation wages It is also informative to note

A Correction

only 80 such blocks of stock to of United Mine Workers Local sign so familiar to every Negro Crow.

in mighty handy as the weather SIMILAR CONDITIONS was very cold and rainy. One

P. Molony said that a strike, if farm. The overwhelming vote of the of both is much lower than that British thieves. steelworkers indicates however, of the better-housed and betterthey certainly are ready for ploits their labor. win their just demands.

"voted to strike." It should have years.

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oppression."

civilized animals. But, Glory conducted in India against the

The frame-up trials now being

Be! What are we witnessing liperation leaves with Be! What are we witnessing Shandra Bose remind us of the infamous courts-martial of the The British and Dutch and Negro sailors of Port Chicago French and Americans are ruth- and others who were falsely conbombing, strafing and victed of "mutiny" because they burning defenseless brown Indo- actively demanded more nearly nesian men, women and child- equal treatment. But the Army ren-without mercy and without and Navy Brass Hats said that shame. In China, Indo-China, Negroes who thus struggled Indonesia, colored peoples are against Jim Crow were criminals being slaughtered for having because they were "interfering committed the crime of attempt- with the war effort." The British ing to govern themselves. This leeches also slandered those Inpresent massacre of the colonial dians who took up arms against people certainly proves over imperialism, by calling them again that the "heathen" dark- traitors and seditionists. New er races have no monopoly on they are preparing to put them behind bars—just as those Negro In fact the whole plight of the boys who dared to speak out colonial people as well as the against descriminatory condicharacteristics of their struggles tions, are today behind bars.

a resemblance to the struggle of

the Negroes in America to gain | Just as they try to brand the Readiness of the steelworkers ing huge signs reading "Vote Yes equality. Many of the methods most militant fighters for Negro people are the same type of bravest Indonesian youths "tertreatment to which the Negro rorists and extremists." In the and order", of course, such persons must be liquidated with Just as the colonials are forc- Sherman tanks.

and four daughters working while performing the most dif- that the imperialists will use lies At Bethlehem and Republic, Mass meetings were held prior the two large plants, the "yes" to the vote, in Buffalo, Lacka- on the coffee line, handing out Negro forced to accept the dirtiis available, be it sweeping the ly gets out statistics to show how Discussing the vote result the floor in an industrial plant or much they have "improved" the union's District director Joseph plowing by hand on a tenant plight of the "uncivilized" colonial people by the erection of so As a result, among both the many hospitals or so many it takes place, must be author- colonial and the American col- schools or so many churches. ized by the Wage Policy Com- ored people, tuberculosis and The final deduction you are supmittee of the Union. He contin- other diseases in which malnu- posed to reach, of course, is that ued "and I pray that there will trition is a contributory cause are it is to the benefit of these peoextremely prevalent. For the ple themselves that they remain be no necessity for such action." same reason the life expectancy under the domination of the

> In much the same way the that while some might pray, fed white ruling class which ex-liberals over here are always pointing to the increasing numwhatever action is necessary to In neither place is there per- ber of Negro lawyers, Negro mitted any vestige of social preachers, or Negro undertakers equality. In the native home- to show how much "progress" is lands of the Asiatics and the being made under the prevailing Orientals, one may find res- conditions, that is, under the in-The Militant of November 24 taurants, hotels and clubs be-sulting status of second-class

2399 in compelling the company from the South. From these. The barbaric burning of an to reinstate William Patterson places of business the dark skin- entire native settlement in Java after his release from imprison- ned natives are forcibly barred. by the British who claimed that exceed \$2,000,000 yearly. That's ment under the Smith-Connally Jim Crow over there just as over one of their officers was capturanti-strike law. The story in- here, is as much or more in sway ed and shot, is strangely recorrectly stated that the local than any time in the past 75 miniscent of the many Negro districts which have been set to read the local membership "un- Furthermore, any colonial up- the torch in Georgia, Mississippi

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AKRON - Visit The Militant Club, 405-6 Everett Bldg., 39 East Market St., open Tues. and Thurs. 2 to 4 p.m.; Mon. Wed., Fri. 7 to 9 p.m. Campaign mobilization every Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

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

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CHICAGO - Visit the Chicago SWP headquarters, 160 N. Wells. R. 317. Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Sunday. Tel. Dearborn 7562.

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KANSAS CITY - SWP Branch meets Saturday, 8 p.m. Rm. 203. Studio Bldg., 418 E. 9th St., for study and discussion,

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203, Los Angeles 12, SAN PED-RO. Socialist Workers Party, 1008 S. Pacific, Room 214.

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MINNEAPOLIS—Visit the Labor Book Store, 10 South 4th St., open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Attend the Twin Cities Sunday Forum held every Sunday. 3.30 p.m.

NEWARK - Open forum every Friday at the Progressive Workers' School, 423 Springfield Ave., at 8:30. Dec. 6-Political Tasks of

American Workers. NEW YORK—Sun., Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m., meet at 116 University Place for Militant Subscription Campaign.

Classes: Registration open at 116 University Pl. for classes in Principles of Marxism, Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure.

Harlem Discussion Group meets every Sunday night 7:30 p.m. to discuss "Labor and Negro Struggles," at 103 West 110 St., Room 23. Office open Wednesday, Saturday, 1 to 5

PHILADELPHIA — SWP Headquarters, 405 W. Girard Ave. Open forums every Friday 8 p.m. on current topics. Socialist Youth Group meets

on alternate Saturdays, 8 p.m. PITTSBURGH-Militant Reading Room, Seely Bldg., 5905 Penn Ave., corner Penn. Ave. & Beatty St., E. Liberty. Open Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, 7

to 9, and Saturday 2-9 p.m.

Circulating library. Class on

Fundamentals of Marxism every Sunday evening.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Visit the and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday. Sun. Dec. 16: "Economic Pros-

pects for 1945. Speaker: Joyce Hesser, 8 p.m.

day through Friday.

cialism.

ST. LOUIS-Visit our headquarters, 1023 N. Grand Blvd., Rm. 312, open Monday through Saturday from 12 to 2 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8 to 10 p.m.

TOLEDO-Forums every Tuesday. 8:45 p.m., Roi Davis Bldg., Room 304, 905 Jefferson Ave. Open evenings, 7-9 Thursday Classes: Fundamen-

Tuesday and Saturday after- holders. noon from 2 to 5; also 7:30 to

Thursday.

tals of Marxism, 7:30 p.m. His-

tory of 3rd International, 8:50

000 GM stockholders. But at least 400,000 of these stockhold-

By Jeff Thorne

The billionaire du Pont family gether. The du Pont "take" "some consideration" for a single family! Most of the 426,000 stockholders are just window dressing.

shares, while at the other ex- 1937 auto strike. SWP headquarters, 134 S. W. treme 92 per cent of all the Washington, 3rd Floor. Tel stockholders own only about 22 HOW THEY GOT IT ATwater 9-3992. Open 1 to per cent, split nearly 400,000 President Wilson's yearly pay

THE SMALL FRY

These small fry include thousands of past and present GM SAN FRANCISCO - Visit the workers who formerly were per-San Francisco School of Social mitted to buy a few shares with Science, 305 Grant Ave., cor- pay deductions. Thousands of ner of Grant and Sutter, 4th them are on the picket lines tofloor; open from 12 noon to day, fighting for a decent wage. 3 p.m., Monday through Sat- For it is wages they have to live urday, and 7 to 9 p.m. Mon- on. The few stocks a worker could buy, pay almost nothing.

When one of these workers SEATTLE-Study groups every dies from overwork in a GM 1919 Second Ave.; 1. Imper- Then GM boasts its stock ownialism; 2. Introduction to So- ership is spreading wider and wider-really only thinner and thinner on the fringe.

> THE REAL OWNERS Ownership is actually concen-

hands of management. The board of directors, including du dividends and bonuses. Pont representatives, owns over 30 per cent of all GM common stock. Directors and other high executives have various joint of GM shares.

lions of shares each, really own dends. YOUNGSTOWN - Youngstown GM and rake in the profits. They hope there will be no School of Social Science, 225 total but a small fraction of 1 repetition of the minority stock-

9:30 p.m., Monday through ing facts the workers would learn \$4,500,000 of bonuses. "Some in detail if their union represent- consideration!"

atives could open the company books.

Charles E. Wilson, president of Largest single individual GM stockholding for years has been shares as a trust fund for his wife and baby. It would take carried a story about the action decked with the "for white only" citizenship and official Jim

The Mott dividends from GM owns more GM stock than all the "some consideration!" Besides 392,000 smallest stockholders to- he has huge banking interests, land holdings and a Florida suranges around \$50,000,000 a year gar concern which a few years in dividends, bonuses and in- ago was indicted for holding crease in GM assets. That's Negro workers in peonage—that is, old-fashioned slavery.

AlfredeP. Sloan, Jr., chairman of the board of GM, also owns decision of the members present. ing arrest." So lynch law there, this next week. about 500,000 GM shares. His The du Ponts own 23 per 1936 salary and bonuses of over cent of GM's 43,500,000 common \$600,000 were exposed during the

4 p.m., daily except Sunday, ways. About 392,000 stockhold- is nearly \$500,000—more for one ers each own only one to 100 day than thousands of workers get for a whole year's hard factory work. "Some consideration!"

How did they get that way? Chairman Sloan wrote in the Saturday Evening Post that his Motors and United Motors to General Motors, Sloan became a multi-millionaire.

C. S. Mott also got in on the ground floor with his \$30,000 arity between the treatment Weston-Mott company at Utica, dished out to the colonial people ples. start, Mott's share of the \$30,000 grew about 2,000 times in 39 years, to well over \$50,000,000.

their huge profits from World outstretched, grasping arm—imtrating more and more into the War 1. But each share grew many times over through stock

MORE "CONSIDERATION"

Last May 29 the legal quorum holding companies and private of the common stock. By the trust funds owning huge blocks happiest coincidence, 30 per cent of the stock is owned by the di-A handful of millionaires and rectors, who annually vote thembillionaires at the top, owning selves huge bonuses besides salhundreds of thousands and mil- aries and expenses and divi-

N. Phelps St., open to public per cent of the 426,000 stock- holders suing them, as was done in 1942 when top executives were TROTSKYISTS TELL TRUTH These and many other reveal- forced to return to the company

Denounced By NY Rally

tried to cash in on these lofty solidarity." Describing the fight for the promises," continued Jackson,

Butchery In Colonies

gression against the colonial peo-Friday, 7:45 p.m., at Seattle plant, his 2 or 10 or 20 shares N. Y. By tying up with Buick and that accorded us as Negroes | He showed to the assembly School of Social Science, are divided among his family. and General Motors from the right here in 'democratic' Amer- Trotskyist papers from all parts ica," because "our overlords are of the world solidly supporting boon brothers of the ruling fam- the oppressed peoples in their ily—that family whose coat of struggle for freedom. These patheir original GM shares, out of arms is the greedy gourmand of pers, Dobbs made clear, are bemonopoly capitalism with his

> perialism." Jackson vigorously attacked the Allied butchers who "kill just as many natives over there as is directed to the government necessary to continue their rob- authorities: for stockholders meetings was bery of the richly endowed coloreduced from 50 to 30 per cent nial countries. And they will further stigmatize, crush or exterminate the Negro minorities here if that becomes necessary for their continued exploitation of the labor resources of this country."

> > The gathering vigorously apolauded Comrade Jackson's stirring appeal for aid to the embattled colonial peoples.

Farrell Dobbs declared that for reactionary ends. We want "only the Trotskyists tell the no more of it." truth, only the Trotskyists carry | The meeting unanimously singing of "The Internationale."

aloft the banner of international

"that these slogans of freedom colonial masses that the Trotfather put less than \$50,000 into and emancipation were only hol- skyists are making in all parts Hyatt Roller Bearing company, low words which covered the of the world, Comrade Dobbs But by selling Hyatt to United same cruel blade of merciless 11 European sections of the quoted the manifesto signed by Fourth International which de-Comrade Jackson pointed out mands the withdrawal of troops that "there is a distinct simil- from all colonial lands and an immediate end to imperialist ag-

ized action wherever possible.

RINGING DEMAND

George Novack, concluded his speech with a ringing demand "Stop your war against the

peoples of the Orient! Hands off their fight for independence! American troops for the slaughter of the colonial men, women and children. You are committing a crime not only against

the Oriental peoples but against

the American people.

Rally in Chicago To Protest Colonial Slaughter

Charles Jackson, writer of the widely read column, "The Negro Struggle," will be one of the speakers at a mass meeting at Buckingham Hall, 59 East Van Buren St., Chicago, December 16 at 8 p.m. Comrade Jackson is author of the popular pamphlet "A Practical Program to Kill Jim

The meeting is sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party to protest the Allied massacre of the colonial peoples. The SWP demands the withdrawal of Allied troops from China, Indonesia and Indo-

adopted a resolution vigorously protesting the imperialist slaughter of colonial peoples and demanding that all American "You have no right to use troops be withdrawn from for-

eign soil. Further demonstrating their solidarity with the oppressed colonial millions and the anti-imperialist program of the Socialist "We demand that this be stop- Workers Party, the rally conped. There has been more than tributed \$227 to further the enough blood shed and lives lost Trotskyist fight against imper-

ialism. The meeting closed with the

LETTER TO A FELLOW STEELWORKER

A strike means no wages coming in each week. It means a chance of getting your head bashed in by the cops. It means a possible chance of



being killed, shot down on the picket line. But -an overwhelming maiority of the nation's steelworkers voted to strike in the recent NLRB poll. And there is little doubt that the great majority of those

who for one reason or other neglected to vote or were prevented from voting are also in favor of strike. The steelworkers WANT to strike. Why?

I don't think the reason is that the workers are angry because the steel industry has made such immense profits during the war . . . an increase over peacetime profits of 276 per cent before taxes and 113 per cent after all deductions have been taken out. No, the average steelworker feels, true enough, that the companies have made too much money, but that doesn't bother him, at least, not directly. He's interested in his family, in his standards of living, and the figures of profits, sinking funds, and tax rebates for the steel industry impress him chiefly when the companies refuse to let him make a decent living for himself and his

So it's not just because the steel companies have been greedy and have stuffed themselves full of gold that Jimmy and Tony and Stash and you and I have voted and are ready to risk our hides on the picket line. The reason is that we have no other choice. The risks that we face on the picket line are balanced by certain slow starvation if we don't fight.

Some of us are "well paid." There are rollers in the mills, first helpers in the open hearths, and some crane operators throughout the plant who make enough money to have a modest little home, a car, warm clothing for their children. and a lot of the other things that make life livable. But these men are a small minority in our ranks. Thousands, tens of thousands, of

"People are never satisfied. Suppose you did

200. And when they got

Yes. It's because we

working people aren't

satisfied that we want

socialism. We know we

can produce more things

and better things for

ourselves under social-

'200 - etc., etc."

have socialism and everybody got 100 dollars

a week. They wouldn't be happy until they got

ism. We know we won't have wars and depressions

under socialism. We won't see our kids starving

one year and blasted to hell the next. We're

not satisfied with the way things are today.

People always will want something better.

They'd only be cattle if they didn't. But under

capitalism it doesn't do them any good to want

something better. They only go broke betting

on the horses, or wind up in jail. They cer-

tainly don't get better things by working harder

for them, because the harder you work under capitalism and the more you produce, the sooner

you make a surplus that cannot be sold, and

Producing is about the only way that work-

stop to think of it, it's the only way wealth is

ever made at all. When you win a hundred dol-

lars on the right horse, the money doesn't come

out of thin air. It comes out of the guy who bet

on the wrong horse. And he got it the same

Working people have to figure out how pro-

ducing more on the job will produce more on the

table, produce more for the home, for the wife

and kids and the car. They're dissatisfied all

right. But their dissatisfaction isn't getting them

anywhere under capitalism. They need a new

system. They need a sort of pipe-line, a conveyor

in all major oriental ports, bringing Ameri-

can business men and tourists and taking away

Finally, in 1938, although the same ships with

the same names followed one after another on

their round-the-world voyage, the Dollar sign

was gone from their stacks. It had been replaced

with the letters APL. Behind this change in

company name from Dollar Lines to American

President Lines is a long story of corruption,

mismanagement and swindling of government

funds by the Dollar interests. The record was

so bad and the company was teetering so near

the brink of bankruptcy that the U. S. Maritime

Commission was induced to take over 93 per

cent of the voting stock and re-organize the

company in order to relieve Dollar and the

Anglo-California National Bank of their finan-

The Dollar family culled millions from gov-

ernment subsidies after World War I. It was

able to operate Dollar Steamship Lines, Inc.,

Ltd, always at a loss and recoup these losses

In 1923, the Dollar Line bought seven of its

"President" type passenger ship from the gov-

ernment for \$550 000 each. They cost the Amer-

tean taxpayers \$4,128,000 apiece to build. Four

freighters were built by Dollar in China at a

cost to the U.S. Government of \$21/2-million

Dollar made a real business of "buying" gov-

ernment-built and government-owned ships. The

company "bofight" 17 ships from the govern-

ment for less than \$14-million. In the deal Dollar himself received commissions of \$635,493.75

and another \$73,014.69 for interest charges. Gov-

ernment mail subsidies paid the operating costs

of these ships and allowed Dollar to show a profit of \$6,746,759.33 for the five-year period

Dollar was one of the

great rulers of the West-

ern world. Big Yankee

ships with a Dollar sign

on the stack and named

dents called every week

after American presi-

place you got yours — out of production.

That's why we want socialism.

you're out of a job.

fabulous cargoes.

cial obligations.

each.

from the Federal treasury.

us earn the base rate, 78 cents per hour, for 40-hour week. That means twenty-five to thirty dollars to take home each week . . . and it means

a lot of other things besides. Cheap Food—Not Enough of It

It means cheap food and not enough of it. It means cheap clothing that will be worn threadbare, patched, and worn some more, and then taken into the plant to be worn on the job until it is tattered and ripped to shreds. It means houses that are not fit to live in. It means crowded, poverty-ridden neighborhoods that breed disease and crime, where the steelworkers' children must grow up.

But not only those of us at the very bottom of the list have a tough time. On a blast furnace, for instance, you earn up to a dollar an hour. What can a man with a family do with a take-home check of thirty or thirty-five dollars? How many mouths will that feed? How many bodies will it clothe?

A third of the steelworkers in America still use outside toilets! One-sixth have to go out to a well or pump to get water. Almost threetenths depend on old ice boxes to keep their food from spoiling. Telephones? Only four steelworkers out of ten can afford this luxury. These men labor under the toughest conditions, sweating and chilling on the furnaces, freezing in the windswept, snow-covered yards, inhaling gases in the coke ovens, sickening with colds. pneumonia, tuberculosis, dying crushed and burned in horrible industrial accidents.

For the labor of the steelworker there is little recompense. Debts accumulate daily. Hazardous work pays unbelievably low wages. So the steelworkers are fighting mad. We have been faithful to our union, even if many members haven't been very active in it so far.

Now the time for action has come, and we are grateful. The battle lines are being drawn up, and we are poised and ready, eager to hit back at the organized might of the steel companies, which have been grinding us down for so long. Yes, a strike is full of hardships and dangers, but the great steel strike can't come

Shoptalks On Socialism belt like Pop was talking about last week-a chute from the shop to the house—so when they produce more, the surplus slides right down that chute to the wife and kids instead of piling up in the bosses' warehouse to make a depression.

That way it would do a man good to be dissatis-

By V. Grey

How It Would Work

fied, instead of making him bitter.

It wouldn't be a matter of piling steel plates, sheets or bars in your back yard, of course. The people would get together and have a sort of central clearing house so that steel went to the places that needed it. and autos, Frigidaires, etc., went to the people that needed them—that is, to you and me. So the more steel the steelworkers made, the more cars and ice-boxes would slide down that chute into their backyard. The war, a policy of finking on every more cars were produced, the more steel the wartime strike that was called and long a Stalinist front-man, workers who got the cars would produce. There'd by the workers in this country. be more clothing and furniture — and ice cream cones and candy for the kids.

and cars they wanted, they'd still be unsatis- through correct mobilizations of acy within the NMU. "We now fied, of course. They'd want their homes a nicer the rank and file behind a fight- have dictaphones and eavescolor — and paint would come sliding down ing policy and program, even droppers," he said at the NMU that chute. They'd want roses in the garden, a during wartime, the wages and National Office Meeting, and shek. playground and maybe a swimming pool. Yes conditions of our membership asked Joseph Stack, New York ing people can make any wealth. In fact, if you sir, that would fit into the chute too!

People still won't be satisfied when they | Even though the policy of col- prepared to say what had produce all this. Maybe the poor people of today laboration with the employers stated in a telephone conversawould be, because they are too ground down by was supposedly repudiated by the tion between Stone and Jack overwork to even imagine any satisfaction beyond a few little animal comforts. But with the Browder as head of the Ameri- Stack answered: "If it betremendous production under socialism-with that chute getting wider and wider, and things coming faster and faster, people wouldn't need to work so hard. They'd have time for reading, for art, for education — REAL EDUCATION. They'd have time to grow up into human beings with yearnings and desires to be satisfied in a future that we can hardly imagine today.

Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky Clash Between CIO Maritime Union Leaders Reflects Conflict Within Stalinist Party

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By F. J. Lang

A long-standing and bitter factional fight among the Stalinist leaders of the CIO National Maritime Union has finally been forced into the open through a series of resignations by top officials of the NMU. This fight in the union is a reflection of the 9

Fuel is being added by a dissatisfied rank and file in the by those Stalinists in the unions NMU who have been unable to who took the militant phrases improve conditions under the of Foster seriously and thought domination of the Stalinists in that the old policy of collaboratheir union. The struggle is especially embittered because the differences have so long been

the Communist Party.

bottled up in the top committees of the Communist Party fraction in order to prevent any rank and file expression from the union Latest resignation is that of

Ralph Rogers, a National Director of the NMU. A statement by Rogers, together with charges and counter-charges by other officials, was carried in the November 23 issue of the "Pilot." official NMU paper.

OPPOSED COLLABORATION

Rogers states that his decison to resign "was forced upon me by a series of events over the past year." He relates what happened during this period in the course of his work. First, he opposed a campaign by the

union organizing drive on the rivers, and charges that Howard Council of the union. McKenzie, one of the Stalinist vice - presidents, connived with company officials there to pre- NMU membership of the differ-

McKenzie and Smith (all lead- trumped-up charges. Thus, teling Stalinists) have felt that ephone wires at the union ofway to handle the seamen's and labeled as "red baiting" by Mcwas the official policy of the present themselves as the rea Communist Party during the Stalinist spokesmen,

When people got all the furniture and clothes he "always maintained that claims that there is a conspircan be greatly improved."

Stalinists when Foster replaced Lawrenson, another official. can Communist Party, it has comes necessary."

Browder-Foster struggle in | caused little change in the party's trade-union work. This has given rise to open criticism tion was really finished.

Rogers notes that "the continued domination of union policy by those who preached collaboration with the shipowners in the past expresses itself today in the failure to mobilize the rank and file behind our present de-

Because Rogers opposed the official policy of the Stalinists. even though his opposition was confined to the closed circles of the leading committees, a typical Stalinist slander campaign was directed aginst him. He relates how he was met with the accusations "that I was a phony, that I had sold out to Lundberg, (president of the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific) and that I was a Trotskyite."

OTHER RESIGNATIONS

Other officials of the NMU have had the same experience. NMU National Council to sell the This has forced the resignation 1944 WLB decision to seamen as not only of Rogers, but of Thoma "victory" when actually it as Ray and Harry Alexander, granted nothing. Following this, both old-time Communist Party Rogers was exiled to the rivers members. Hedley Stone, Nabecause of his opposition to Na- tional Secretary of the NMU, has tional Council policy. He found stated that his resignation will complete break-down of the be submitted December 10 at the next meeting of the National

In order to prevent a thorough-going discussion by the vent organization of the river ences in policy between the two factions, a case is being pre-Rogers claims that "Myers, pared to expel the dissidents on collaboration with our worst en- fices are tapped, officials are emies, the shipowners, was the shadowed, and any opposition is river boatmen's grievances." This Kenzie, Myers, Stack & Co., who houses from Denver to Ver- hailing this partial victory, the

Joseph Curran, NMU president now claims his telephone con-Rogers says that he and oth- versations have been checked. ers opposed this policy, and that Stone, the national secretary, port agent, if he (Stack) was the extremely tight Chungking sue of PM, from a marine in while still in uniform, was ar-

These returned veterans turn thumbs down on the employers' anti-labor propaganda. They took the lead in picketing the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Philadelphia during the recent strike of AFL Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach

All-Vet Picket Line In Bus Strike

Demonstration Strike Wrings Pay Boost From Labor-Hating Avery

By Robert L. Birchman

CHICAGO, Dec. 1—Forcing labor-hating Sewell L. Avery to break a precedent by offering a general wage raise, Montgomery Ward & Co. workers tonight ended their one- been carrying on for years week demonstration strike on schedule, ready for another against Ward's decadent labor round soon if Avery does not fully meet their demand policy, will be carried forward for a 15-cent an hour raise®

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martial."

to protect."

SUPPORT DICTATOR CHIANG

mum pay.

Employes picketing that closed two dozen stores and ware- employes 5 cents an hour. While GM STRIKERS AID

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other support from Chiang Kai-

and 65 cents an hour mini- mont. Splendid solidarity of AFL, CIO and independent un-Avery capitulated on the third ions in several cities helped win Wolchok, international president 60 cents an hour and raise all ployes of America.

zle is in place. The boys are

passing sarcastic remarks about

'whose property's they are here

The significance of these pro-

tests from American servicemen

in China cannot be overempha-

light of the management's astounding proposal," said Samuel

as final.

day of the militant CIO Retail, the victory. Avery offered to of the CIO United Retail, Whole-Wholesale and Department Store raise minimum rates from 45 to sale & Department Store Em-Both AFL and independent

Ward workers did not accept it

"That fight, which we have

with even greater vigor in the

teamsters of Chicago and railroad workers refused to handle Ward shipments. A CIO veterans' picket squad of striking General Motors workers joined the URWDSEA pickets here, as stated, "for we were told to paint did farm equipment, textile, steel. course of the war. And the the American insignia over with shoe, electrical and other union United States has no intention brown paint." Americans refus- workers. of withdrawing either troops or ing to fly the planes, he said,

On Thursday, T/Sgt. Alvin "were threatened with court- Heaps, recently returned from abroad, who joined the Chicago A report which leaked through | Another letter, in the same is- | workers' fight for living wages North China, states that "things rested by MP's after a heated ica is intervening in China, even are back to normal here, with argument with police, but was to the extent of building a large the news that 26 Standard Oil soon freed. He wears a Silver naval base in Shanghai." This men are in town and ready to Star with Oak Leaf Cluster. Purreport has not been denied by take up their duties . . . now ple Heart and Presidential Unit the last piece of the jigsaw puz-Citation.

At Kansas City, Mo., there was mass picketing and 16 pickets were arrested when a truck was overturned and clothing was torn from girl scabs. All but one sized. To voice their objections of the pickets were released, to the latest moves of American however. First day of the strike imperialism, these men are virtu- here. Irving Abramson, national them the United States would ally forced to violate discipline. organizational director of URWD Although only a relatively small SEA, and Robert Morgan, striknumber have been able to make ing electrician, were arrested, themselves heard, thousands of charged with assaulting a scab. others share the same opinions. Morgan was also fired by Avery.

censorship discloses that "Amer-

American officials. Construction of such a base is another evidence of the United States' long range perspective in

The latest excuse for the retention of American forces in China came from Secretary of State, James F. Byrnes, who referred to a secret agreement with Japanese generals promising see their troops safely home.

While Wall Street keeps faith with the Japanese militarists thousands of American soldiers and marines are writing home, tion of complaint from the bitterly protesting the participation of American troops in China.

Their letters contain stories that can't get through the tight from China. The December 2

censorship on news dispatches Kunming, China: 'U. S. LIES"

own country lies, even as German it permanent. Nazism lied to the German peo-

COMPLIANT JUDGE AIDS SKF IN BITTER THREE-MONTH STRIKE

PM printed a letter from an SKF Industries today won, with ed Steel Workers, CIO. The ex-Army Air Force man stationed in the aid of a compliant judge, an tent of SKF influence over the injunction prohibiting mass pick- courts can be judged by the fact eting at its plant located at Front that this is the first time in Street and Erie Avenue. The in- seven years that an anti-pick-"We hear news reports daily junction, granted by Judge Smith eting injunction has been issued over the radio," he declared, of Common Pleas Court No. 5, is in Philadelphia. "about the Chinese war and the for 10 days. A hearing will be Despite brutal police assaults, United States intention of stay- held at the end of that period to despite SKF refusal to even meet ing out. We know now that our decide whether or not to make with the union or to submit dif-

Kai-shek's forces. Unmarked, he three-month strike being con-strike.

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30. — ducted by Local 2898 of the Unit-

ferences to arbitration, the work-Thus the international ball- ers have maintained solid ranks. bearing trust strikes another Union attorneys will appear be-Homeward bound pilots are blow in its relentless campaign fore the Common Pleas Court assigned to fly "unmarked of intimidation and legal trick- December 10 and deny the planes," north to help Chiang ery to break the courageous court's jurisdiction over the

Protest The Massacre Of The Colonial Peoples!

CHICAGO MASS MEETING SUNDAY **DEC. 16**

8 p. m.

Demand The Withdrawal Of Allied Troops From China, Indonesia And Indo-China Speakers:

CHARLES JACKSON Writer of 'The Negro Struggle'

59 E. Van Buren St.

Chicago Organizer, SWP

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shipping when the dock workers in Shanghai faulted on its payments to the government for thought Captain Robert he "President" ships.

Postwar Notes For Seamen By F. J. Lang

A Senate investigating committee then found that government mail subsidies had been withdrawn secretly by Dollar and converted into profits. The Pacific Lighterage Corporation, a Dollar interest representing only \$10,000 in physical assets, drew a subsidy. In five years this tiny Lighterage Company paid a million in profits to Stanley Dollar, his wife, Esther, Harold Dollar and A. F. Haines, who were the sole

During the years of the depression between wars Dollar was notorious for low wages. In 1933 the company paid as low as \$35 a month to able seamen. Low-paid Chinese labor was employed in the stewards' department on the large President

When Dollar finally decided to unload the financial shambles of the Dollar Steamship Company onto the Government in 1938, the U. S. Maritime Commission came out of the deal with a \$91/4 million mortgage against the former Dollar fleet. Besides this the Government spent another \$4½ million to repair the ance and get the soldiers off. The at Hiroshima or Nagasaki. All

The American President Lines, as this outfit has been known since it passed to the control of the Maritime Commission, now has assets estimated roughly at \$9 million. This, of course, represents part of the \$25 billion World War II government expenditure in the maritime industry. And now that the company is back on its feet financially, the Maritime Commission has offered it for sale,

R. Stanley Dollar now claims that he is the I owner of the government-held stock in APL and has filed suit against the government to prevent sale of the stock. He claims "a special interest in the property which represents an inheritance in an industry which was founded by the father . . ."

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Baltimore Police Attempt To Harass GM Picket Lines BALTIMORE, Nov. 28.—Three mit to build an outside toilet

incidents have occurred here for the strikers in a lot near which show on whose side the the picket line. On the 26th they Baltimore police stand, in the received a letter saying that the struggle between General Mot- permit had been revoked because ors and the CIO United Automo- of "police complaints." When bile Workers. As one officer of the union committee demanded LATEST EXCUSE UAW Local 239 put it, "They clarification of the Police Comseem to be doing everything missioner he at first feigned igthey can to try to break up our norance of the matter. picket line."

The first incident occurred on office workers not to go through offering him police protection. ly. The union is firmly intent workers, in either of the two the strikers. GM plants here, are crossing the picket line.

'POLICE COMPLAINTS'

Next, observing some soldiers soldiers were all veterans, so this attempt failed.

asked for and was given a per- Oct. 29.)

Then he said it was a questhe second day of the picket- health department. The com-

ing when strikers were urging mittee showed him the letter of revocation, clearly stating that the line. A police lieutenant ap- the complainants were the poproached each office worker, lice. He then promised to inurging him to cross the line, and vestigate the matter immediate-These provocative actions were on beating back each attempt of ineffective. None of the office the police to "make it hard" for

Barbarism, Inc.

on the picket line, the police ter can not be created or dewe did was to change its form." On November 24 the union (Rep. McDonough, in the House,

hunted up some MP's hoping stroyed but only altered in form, they could provoke a disturb- then we did not destroy anything

"Applying the theory that mat-