

Delegates Call On CIO To Convene Immediate National Emergency Conference In Capitol

> By Kay O'Brien (Special to THE MILITANT)

DETROIT, Dec. 8 — Representatives of 225,-000 striking GM workers, meeting here today at the National Delegates' Conference of the General Motors Department, CIO United Automobile Workers, unanimously and defiantly rejected both President Truman's strikebreaking demand that <sup>s</sup>the GM strikers return

crease.

to work and the corpora-

tion's insulting counter-

offer of a 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cent an

hour raise instead of the

demanded 30 per cent in-

Sternly determined to continue

their just struggle despite the

# Flint Strikers **Urge Emergency CIO Conference**

By Jerry Kirk (Special to The Militant)

strikebreaking pressure and in-FLINT, Mich., Dec. 6-The tervention of the administration, C.I.O. United Automobile the 200 delegates reaffirmed their original demand for a 30 per cent wage raise. In addition. they called for an extension of the strike to all GM plants under the jurisdiction of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and that a National CIO Emergency Conference be convened immethe anti-labor campaign now issuing forth from Congress.' against the Big Business-Gov-**URGE UE ACTION** ernment assault on the labor

However, while favoring the This proposal came in the extension of the strike to UE orm of a resolution to the GM plants, the conference was persuaded by top UAW officials to limit the scope of the strike insofar as office and supervisory employes were concerned. A motion to permit the top negotiating committee to negotiate an

agreement with the corporation "1. To mobilize the Amer- on admitting the office force and ican people against the anti-la- supervision into the plants was finally passed, but only with the "2. To lay the groundwork proviso that the company im-

# On GM Strike Windsor Local Rejects Gov't Arbitration **Gov't Arbitration**

By Kay O'Brien (Special to The Militant)

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 3.-

which of course was accepted

promptly by the company, called

This week has been a climactic one for the General Motors strike, for the labor movement as a whole. One important event has piled up on top of the other, neces- After three months of picksitating new decisions on the part of the GM workers and | eting, during which the huge Ford Motor Company of Cantheir leaders. ada has remained completely

-By The Editors-

First, President Truman came forward, as we had shut down, the 10,000 strikpredicted from the first, with a proposal that the General Motors workers call off their strike and go back to work ing Ford workers, members of Local 200, CIO United Autoin the "public interest." In return, he would set up a mobile Workers, have given re-Fact-Finding Commission which would study the case and newed evidence of their deterrender its opinion. Had the labor movement accepted this mination to FIGHT TO THE slippery strikebreaking formula, it would have found it- FINISH by voting to reject a self bound in a straitjacket of compulsory arbitration, de- proposal to return to work on spite the fake "voluntary" features of the Truman plan. the basis of government arbitra-Had the labor movement accepted Truman's formula it tion. The arbitration proposal which would have taken a long step down the road toward comcame from Canadian Minister of plete regimentation of the trade unions. Labor, Humphrey Mitchell, and

## **CIO** Leadership Reacts Sharply

for the following: The official leadership of the CIO reacted admirably to Truman's brutal intervention in the GM strike. Philip Murray, CIO president, took to the radio and over a and negotiations were to be renationwide hook-up spoke brave and true words of de- sumed between the company and fiance. He told how the big corporations had piled up fantastic profits. He related how the workers had suffered wage cuts since V-J Day, ranging from 23 to 50 per cent. He told about the official government reports which 10 days, if no agreement were proved, black on white, that the corporation can raise wages 24 per cent and still make more than twice the be referred to the government profits they made before the war. He told how Congress arbitrator, whose decision would had callously done nothing for the working man while it had rushed through tax laws, at breakneck speed, which THOUGHT STRIKE ENDED will enable the plutocrats to extract additional billions from the U.S. Treasury. "To all this arrogance," Murray declared dramatically, "the Federal Administration vields in abject cowardice. Its rancor is confined to labor."

## Words Not Matched By Actions

Murray concluded that the design of the Truman-proposed laws can only be "to weaken and ultimately to de-

The strike was to be ended, the men were to return to work the union, with some Supreme Court Judge of Canada, as government arbitrator, sitting in on the negotiations. At the end of reached, the whole matter would

be final and binding.

It was also proposed by Mit- for the labor movement. chell that an umpire go into the plant immediately on its reopening to handle the large list of grievances which had acthe strike started.

tervention against the General Motors workers and his ministration pledged for after call for legislation to restrict the right to strike signal- the war have been exposed, as izes political developments of far-reaching implications lies.

Certain facts of vital signification with the government now cance are already made plain by unions, with the government now the Truman's virtual declaration of acting undisguisedly as the fight back with ever greater fury CIO national emergency confercumulated for some time before war against militant unionism, tack.

**By Art Preis** 

issued December 3. 4. At one stroke, Truman's ac-Buckling under the pressure 1. For the first time in 13 years tion has virtually shattered the of the government and the la- a President of the United States myth, which the union leaders CM has dared to strip from his fac

President Truman's demonstrative strikebreaking in- ment, decent wages and per-

Organized labor, and particuthe CIO, have been compelled to spearhead of the anti-union at- simply to retain the same level ence for the following purposes:



manent security which the ad- movement.

larly the industrial workers of of take-home pay and restore

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By Evelyn Atwood

(Special to The Militant)

DETROIT, Dec. 7.-While 100

# bor conspiracy in Congress.

against labor."

delegates' conference in Detroit December 8. The Flint militants recommended that the GM conference request the calling of a

Workers City-Wide Strike Committee of Flint, representing 40,000 striking General Motors workers here, today urged that the CIO convene an immediate national Machine Workers, and urged emergency conference in Washington to prepare for and mobilize a nation-wide fight on diately in Washington "to smash the economic and political field

CAPITO Truman Drops "Friend Of Labor" Mask; Forces Break With Unions

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# **SWP Cables Demand** To Legalize 'La Verité'

The first paper to appear in the French underground after the Nazis conquered France is having difficulty securing legalization from the de Gaulle regime. Throughout the occupation the publishers and distributors of this paper, La Verite, (Truth) were hounded by the Gestapo.

Packinghouse **Workers Favor Strike Action** By Leigh Ray

(Special to The Militant)

Many of them fell before firing squads. Others were tortured and transported to concentration camps.

Now de Gaulle is reluctant to authorize publication of this heroic paper of the French Trotskyists. Apparently like the Nazis he too fears its militant advocacy of revolutionary socialism.

The Socialist Workers Party

on December 3 cabled Charles

de Gaulle. President of France.

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The Socialist Workers Party

learns with astonishment that

La Verite, central organ of the

the cable follows:

CHICAGO, Nov. 30. - 25,000 packinghouse workers here thronged to the polls today to vote strike and join the hundreds, and Andre Malraux, his Minister of Information, demanding imof thousands of other workers mediate removal of the legal obstruggling throughout the counstacles now shackling publicatry for decent wages. The Unittion of La Verite. The text of ed Packinghouse Workers, CIO, has been unable to make any progress in extended negotiations with the "Big 4" packers in the demand for a 25-cent an hour increase.

Parti Communiste Internation-The Armour local made a gala ale, is refused authorization to event of the strike vote. Stew- appear as a fully legal newsards lined up entire departments, paper. and marched them to the union La Verite was the first organ hall for the vote. Hundreds of to be published in the under-

banners were carried as they ground in resistance to the Nazi "100% CIO for 25 invader. La Verite has been marched. Cent Raise!", "Down With fighting all forms of fascism Scabs," "Every Worker A Un- and oppression. ion Member." Evidence of sol-Refusal to grant this organ of idarity among the marching the Parti Communiste Interna-

workers was borne out in the tionaliste full freedom of press vote, which was overwhelmingly appears to advanced workers in for strike in all locals, and in this country as unpardonable visome plants was 100 per cent! olation of democratic rights.

Hormel, Morrell, Raft and a We urgently request you cornumber of other independents rect this injustice and grant full have granted a 171/2 cent in- freedom to La Verite. crease, with the additional 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> We propose to acquaint the en-

cent held in abeyance pending tire labor movement of the union negotiations with Armour, United States with the conduct Swift, Wilson and Cudahy. of your government in this im-Meanwhile, strike strategy com- portant case. mittees are being set up in each

James P. Cannon, National plant and the workers are set Secretary, Socialist Workers for an all out fight. Party.

bor-hating press, all officers of Local 200, as well as the local the "friend of labor" mask and truct for 13 years, that the Demothemselves have helped to consnegotiating and policy commit-tees, had gone on record in favor Big Business against the Amer-big Business against the Ame tees, had gone on record in favor Big Business against the Amer- above the interest of both capital of accepting Mitchell's treacher- ican labor movement. our arbitration proposal. The newspapers thought the strike

was over. They thought the capitalist press commentators disputes. strike had been effectively side- have observed, has given the "green light" to the Congressiontracked by this phony "compromise."

unrestrained legislative assault Under cover of the company's on labor's rights. propaganda barrage, the pro-

posal was presented to the local an intensification of the Big organized labor will now take. (Continued on Page 2) Business offensive against the

# SWP HITS 'FACT-FINDING' ACT; DEMANDS HEARING

The following telegram, denouncing the proposed "Labor Fact-Finding Boards Act," and requesting an appointment to testify against the bill before the House Committee On Labor, was sent December 6 by the Socialist Workers Party to Mary Norton, Chairman of the Committee.

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The Socialist Workers Party denounces the "Labor Fact-Finding Boards Act," initiated by President Truman, and now before the Committee on Labor in the House of Representatives. This bill is directed against the rights and the interests of the American workers and their trade unions. It infringes on the right to strike and is deliberately calculated to stab in the back the American workers who are fighting for a 30 per cent wage increase to compensate for the increased cost of living and sharply reduced take-home pay. This bill can give aid and comfort only to the arrogant, defiant, power-drunk monopoly corporations like General Motors and U.S. Steel who are already emboldened by fat war profits and generous tax rebates guaranteeing continued super-profits.

Instead of passing legislation that would compel the corporations to open the books to the trade unions, as demanded by the auto workers, which would prove that the corporations are able to pay the wages demanded, President Truman has proposed and Congress is in great haste acting upon legislation that would impose involuntary servitude on the workers. The provisions of the "Labor Fact-Finding Boards Act" are a direct attack on the democratic rights of the workers in this country, and are equally an attack on the rights of free speech and free press, since the proposed Act declares that "It shall be unlawful for any person to coerce, instigate, induce, conspire with, or encourage any person to interfere with or prevent such work or operations by lock-out, strike, or otherwise."

The Socialist Workers Party denounces this bill because it is a coldly calculated attack on labor and a blow at the democratic rights of the American people.

I have been designated to appear before the Committee on Labor in the House of Representatives to testify in behalf of the Socialist Workers Party. Please inform me when I may be heard by your Committee.

FARRELL DOBBS, Representing the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party.

and labor and can be relied on as **Compensation** 2. His action, as numerous an "impartial" arbiter in labor

5. Truman's declaration has forced top CIO and AFL union al agents of Wall Street for an officials to make their first break with the administration in 13

war effort."

slower transport.

years and has raised sharply the indignant veterans picketed the 3. Truman's declaration means question of what political road offices of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission at Woodward and Man-CONFLICT'S DEVELOPMENT

chester this afternoon, John W. The administration through-Anderson, Chairman of the out the war struck one blow af- UAW-CIO City-Wide Veterans' ter another against the workers. Committee, heading a delegation But with the aid of the trade of seven, presented to Chairman union leaders and the camou- Dr. Robert M. Ashley and other flage of patriotic propaganda the top officers of the MUCC the government was able, to a large demand for immediate payment extent, to represent its invasions to the veterans of unemployed of labor's rights and conditions benefits. as necessary but temporary sac-

Some 14,000 Michigan war vetrifices in the interests of the erans, affected by the General Motors strike, are aroused be-The promises of full employcause they have been given the runaround instead of the \$20-a-

week benefits to which they are **Jim Crow Rules** entitled under the GI Bill of Rights. MASS MEETING

**Slow Return** The demonstration today was **Of War Veterans** called by a mass meeting last night of 1,000 veterans, at UAW-A Negro quartermaster truck CIO Local 157 Hall, McGraw and company composed of high point 14th Street, at which the veterveterans eligible for immediate ans voiced their deep resentment discharge were denied passage and demanded immediate action to the United States on the fast to end the present intolerable U.S.S. Croatan by Jim Crow situation.

navy officers. This mass meeting, under the The officers said "there were chairmanship of John W. Anderno segregation facilities on the son, of UAW Fleetwood Local flight deck of the baby flattop," 15, was addressed by R. J. according to the December 5, Thomas, International President; N. Y. Herald Tribune. Walter Reuther, International Following objections of the Vice-President in charge of Gennavy Gold Braid the men were (Continued on Page 8) transferred to another, much

ON THE INSIDE However, six Negro service-

men were said to have been ov- U. S. Imperialism In The Philippines erlooked. Their race was not Smith Meeting Picketed ..... discovered until after they were aboard the ship. Despite the How Auto Barons Get Rich ......8 objections of the commander and **COLUMNS AND FEATURES** executive officer, they sailed on To bring you nation-wide rethe Croatan. ports on current labor news, we The other 123 men in the have omitted this week Trade Negro truck company are being Union News and International delayed in getting home from Notes.

the war for "democracy" because Veterans Problems the navy and the U. S. Govern- Workers Forum .... ment insist on following Jim The Negro Struggle Crow practices. Diary of Steelworker

for the formation of a labor mediately start negotiating within the plants on plant party. "3. To mobilize a great mass grievances.

march on Washington to halt In his report to the conference the congressional offensive on the progress of the strike and on the negotiations with the ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE corporation, Walter Reuther. This action of the four power- UAW vice-president and head ful GM locals here, Buick 599. of the General Motors Depart-Chevrolet 659, Fisher Body 581 ment, called for "more heat on and AC Spark Plug 651, has met GM." He pointed out that while with an immediate enthusiastic GM." He pointed out that while response from the rank and file. all the auto plants of General It is taken as an indication of Motors had been closed down

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**GM** Resolution On **CIO** Conference

WHEREAS: The City-Wide Strike Committee of Flint. Michigan, representing 40,000 GM workers, adopted on December 6 a recommendation to this GM Conference that we call on the national CIO to convoke an immediate conference in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of mobilizing the American people against the antilabor conspiracy that is now being hatched in Congress by the enemies of labor, and

HEREAS: President Truman and his administration have lined up with General Motors and the other major corporate interests to break the General Motors strike and thus to defeat the just demands of the GM workers for a 30 per cent wage increase, as well as the just demands of the whole labor movement for a living wage, and

WHEREAS: President Truman's ultimatum to the auto and steel workers and his advocacy of anti-labor legislation, coupled with the furious campaign in Congress to rush through legislation designed to destroy the independence and integrity of the trade unions, has confronted the CIO with a deadly threa<sup>+</sup> to its existence, and immediately menaces the Genral Motors strike, and WHEREAS: The outcome of the GM strike will determine the outcome of the fight of all American labor for a decent standard of living, and

WHEREAS: This deadly threat to our strike, as well as to the independence of the labor movement can only be adequately met by a nation-wide mobilization and counter-offensive on the part of organized labor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That this GM Conference calls upon the leadership of the CIO to convene immediately in Washington, D. C., an emergency conference, with the broadest representation from every CIO local in the country. This conference shall have the duty of organizing labor's counter-offensive to the corporation-government assault upon organized labor. This conference can succeed in arousing the people to the danger and thus smash the anti-labor composing now issuing forth from Congress.

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# The Truman Attack On GM Strike

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step for even more savage legislative repression."

that "the CIO would mobilize its entire membership and be met and defeated! There is no time to lose. Murray the full glare of the Kleig lights and the public gaze, negothe American people to defeat this specific measure and obviously hasn't the courage to give leadership at this tiations that were finally climaxed by the strike of 225,000 the rank and file was frustrated. all similar attempts directed against labor." Brave words! critical moment. Fighting words! MURRAY HAD BROKEN WITH THE TRUMAN ADMINISTRATION! Murray had issued to his organization the call to arms! That was the meaning of this important radio speech.

But the mobilization of labor by its leaders and the lalized. Murray has not implemented his speech. Alas, Murray's words are not matched by his actions.

# Three Courses Open To CIO Leaders

There are only three courses that Murray and the other top leaders of the CIO have available to them after their open break with the Truman administration. First, offensive. Such a conference, boldly conceived and mil-Murray can turn to the Republicans, as John L. Lewis did itantly led, can stop the Congressional labor-haters cold in 1940. This course is excluded for the CIO because of in their tracks, and can lay the groundwork for the formathe avowedly reactionary character and make-up of this tion of labor's own political party. That is the way to outspoken agency of Big Capital.

in forming an independent labor party, or even a third CIO leaders and the Truman administration. party. But Murray and his lieutenants, today, lack the courage to embark on this road.

to the Truman administration and attempt to patch up from Congress, are instead holding themselves in readithe "disagreements" and to cook up some kind of rotten ness for a new "deal" with the Truman administration. "compromise." Murray, to all appearances, hasn't broken This interpretation of the events is further buttressed by Very likely to try to cook up some "reasonable compromise" with the Truman administration for keeps. Murray, to all the sequence of events which has taken place inside the supearances, is like the bride who after a tearful scene, labor movement this past week. packs up her grips and rushes home to mother. But she doesn't mean it. She is sitting expectantly waiting for for a 30 per cent wage increase, or the reduction of hours the phone to ring. That is Murray today. He is anxiously with no reduction in pay, or to put it in still another waiting for the White House phone call. He is ready to way, labor's fight to maintain its standard of living, bemake up.

ises that he gave to labor in his radio speech. That is the AFL unions, all began negotiating for wage increases. to the meaning of the crisis. That is why he has pro- out on strike. The oil union, however, proved too weak were limited to the resumption of negotiations." posed no steps to halt the arch-reactionary threat that to lead this immense battle and found its strike quickly is coming from the legislative halls of Congress.

The GM strike for a 30 per cent wage increase and perties under provisions of the Smith-Connally Act. strey labor union organizations. It can be but the first with it the whole drive of labor for a decent standard of living is today menaced by Congress. These labor-hating point of a labor crisis only when the GM workers began presence of the 9-man Negotiating Committee, elected by

### **GM Strikers Have An Answer**

Conference in Washington, D. C. broadly representative of become bound up with a victory in the GM strike. every CIO local in the country, hits the nail right on the head.

Such a conference will have the duty of taking all necessary steps to mobilize the people for a great countermeet this danger and overcome it. That is the way for Or. Murray and the CIO top leaders can take the lead | labor to widen the breach that has developed between the

We see that the top officers of the CIO, instead of giving Therefore, Murray has no alternative but to turn back American labor the necessary lead to meet the threat

Let us begin right from the beginning. Labor's fight gan immediately with the ending of the war. The steel

That is why Murray is not making good on his prom- union, the auto union, the electrical union, the oil union, squelched by Truman's government "seizure" of the oil pro- with GM acompanied only by several of his paid organ- it will prove invincible.

scoundrels in Congress, now unleashed by Truman, pro- their remarkable series of negotiations with the General the GM union representatives from all over the country. And Murray climaxed his militant speech by promising pose to put the trade unions in irons. This threat must Motors corporation, negotiations that were conducted in

GM workers. What happened, in effect, was that the leadership of labor's fight for a decent standard of living was taken over by the GM strikers. And Walter Reuther, The Flint workers and the GM strikers have, however, UAW-Vice-President in charge of the GM department, as well as R. J. Thomas and Addes are hostile to the union already provided the answer as to what must be done. who directly led this remarkable series of negotiations, demands in the GM negotiations that the corporation "open This mortal threat to labor can be stopped by a DISPLAY found himself catapulted again into the national limecounter-offensive against Labor's enemies has not mater- OF STRENGTH, by a DEMONSTRATION OF POWER. That light, and this time as the leader of the momentous wage no increase in prices as a consequence of the wage inis why the demand for the calling of an emergency CIO battle of labor. Reuther's career, in a certain sense, has crease. There exists a strong suspicion among many of

### "Mysterious" Pittsburgh Conference

A minor aspect of Murray's radio speech, therefore, was the attempt on his part to regain the moral, the national leadership of labor's vital wage fight. Murray's are as follows: The Stalinists in the UAW are going through speech was followed by the calling of a "mysterious" con-ference in Pittsburgh on the initiative of the Stalinist res that they are really very militant. They are trying to leadership of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine make the auto workers forget their strikebreaking work Workers, and of Murray. This conference was attended by the UE leaders, Murray, Murray's personal lieutenants, as well as the leaders of the UAW; Thomas, Addes and Reuther, and the officials of the General Motors corpora-tion What was the numous of this conference? It was tion. What was the purpose of this conference? It was to take the initiative out of the hands of Reuther, and PLANTS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION. This is a scandal through Thomas and Addes to put the initiative into the with the General Motors Corporation.

Very likely, Murray and the Stalinists tried to shift negotiations from Detroit and to resume them right then plants organized by the UE shut down? Let the Staland there in Pittsburgh. Listen to this statement of inists answer! Reuther, part of his report to the union on the Pittsburgh Conference:

Motors Department, of not negotiating wage or other on their wage demands and in arousing the labor movewhy he has proposed no plan of action to mobilize the But this fight did not take on a really serious character issues in the current dispute without the presence of the ment to the necessity for a national counter-offensive to broad masses of labor and to arouse the American people until the oil workers cut through the red tape, and went Top Negotiating Committee, our discussions in Pittsburgh halt the Congressional conspiracy against labor. The

izers. Today, surrounded by hostile associates in the union The fight for the 30 per cent increase reached the movement, he insists that he cannot negotiate without the

Thus the negotiations were brought back to Detroit

### **Treacherous Role Of Stalinists**

It is an open secret that Murray and the Stalinists its books," as well as to Reuther's insistence that there be the militants that both Murray and the Stalinists as well as a section of the UAW top leadership are looking for an easy "out" in this strike. They are getting scared by the big tough fight that looms ahead.

This suspicion of the militants has grown into fierce resentment against the Stalinists. The reasons for this of the past period, their sell-outs, their advocacy of the no-strike pledge, Bridges' campaign for a postwar notime, has its members CONTINUE TO WORK IN GM that must be dragged out into the light of day and given the widest publicity. The GM conference has now called upon the national leadership of the UE to declare a strike at the GM plants under its jurisdiction. The Stalinist leadership can no longer evade the issue. Why aren't the GM

The GM workers today have the enormous job of forcing this extension of their strike: of being vigilant "In line with the established policy of the General against all attempts to put over any rotten "compromise" tasks are enormous, but the labor movement of today has In the past, Reuther never hesitated in negotiating enormous power. Once its power is brought into play.

## Telling Off Labor-Hating Avery

# **GM** Ranks Spurn Strikebreaking Order From Truman To End Their Just Battle

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ized labor." duction was continuing in the Ray Tucker, chairman of the

tion.

The only sharp debate report-GM appliance plants employing bargaining committee of Flint 30,000 CIO electrical workers. Fisher Body Local 581, introdu-egates arose over the question When John W. Anderson, of Whether John W. Anderson, of Wational CIO Emergency Con-ference in Washington, which also passed unanimously. This resolution, similar to one passed to permit these salaried em-ther the UERMWW to Not the city-wide strike committion asking the UERMW to by the city-wide strike commit-price all GM plants under their tee in Flint on December 6, burisdiction, cries of "support" stated that President Trunce 6, lines and return to work. Tho-Aurisdiction, cries of "support" stated that President Truman mas stated that the refusal to cent hand vote. went up from all sides of the and his administration have admit the office

The resolution carried unanim- ter-offensive to the corporation- Finally, Tex Owens, president up traffic for blocks. From the government assault upon organ- of Flint Chevrolet Local 659, GM Building, the cavalcade asked whether it was understood moved on to picket City Hall in that any such agreement would the same fashion.

ed among the 200 GM local del- be made contingent on the com- The 200 delegates to the GM pany's immediately starting ne- Delegates' Conference also were prior to the strike.

This broad comr



conference hall.

Anderson's resolution pointed and other major corporate in- ness" in getting the company to to accede to the company's de- sentatives of church groups, conout that the CIO electrical terests to break the strike. workers were likewise negotiating with GM for a wage increase, and that pressure on the corpo- the "furious campaign" in Conration would be greatly strength. gress to rush through such legened if those plants were shut islation, the resolution proposed "Thus," the resolution an "emergency conference with stated, "a quicker victory would the broadest representation from not only got to know how to from other auto plants in the It backed the union's stand att of all GM workers, both in This conference shall have the the UAW and in the UERMW." duty of organizing labor's coun-

# Walkout Staged At Westinghouse

### By H. Newel Special To The Militant

incentive workers, and other revisions which would make the union ineffectual.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.-Some 7,500 workers, the entire profits-swollen corporations, is John DeVito, a recently returnpersonnel of the huge Westinghouse Electric Co. in suburban iness policy of union - busting. Fisher Body Local 45, warned Philadelphia, staged a two-hour Local 107, one of the leading that office workers and super-

The stoppage was called to of the looming struggle. prepare for an NLRB strike vote James Price, Business Man- strikes, and it would happen here on December 13, as a result of ager of the local, pointed out at too, thus leading to violence. He the deadlock between Westing-house and Local 107, United meeting for its demands. The machinery bointed out that the union had meeting in the union had injunctions before and knew how to fight them. DeVito ad-vised the top committee that it wised the top committee that it demanded a basic increase of \$2 kitchens, picket squads, etc. has ground" before it took any move a day. The company has issued already been set up. Motions for which would weaken the morale a provocative counter - proposal a special strike fund and to auof the strike.

calling for revision of seniority thorize union officers to act on STRONG OPPOSITION provisions, two-cent an hour re- the forthcoming strike vote, Others who spoke in opposiductions in basic wage rates for passed unanimously.



While the top force and su lined up with General Motors pervision was the union's "weak- were persuading the conference ciologists, business men, reprenegotiate. He called on Mau- mands on "legal" picketing, De- sumers' leagues, the NAACP, Referring to Truman's advo- rice Sugar, UAW attorney, to ex- troit auto workers were giving YWCA, research organizations, cacy of anti-labor legislation and plain "legal aspects" of the ques- their answer to the strike-bust- and other public bodies, stated ing tactics of the corporation. that it would be a contribution

Sugar waved the threat of an | Led by Ford Local 600, a cav- to public understanding of the injunction before the delegates alcade of one thousand cars dispute if the transcript were and advised them that "you've filled with picket reinforcements published.

fight but you've got to be smart." city sped to four GM plants and that the corporation's ability to The attorney's concept of a reinforced the picket lines. pay a wage increase he made a "smart" strike was to concede The cavalcade then reassem- basis for negotiations, and stated to the company the right to di- bled, and the thousand cars that "no convincing evidence has vide the workers into separate formed a mobile picket line been submitted by the Corporagroups and categories and to around the huge General Motors tion to show that the Union's office building, where they tied wage proposal cannot be met."

"We Stand United Against Slavery" (S. L. Avery), reads one of the signs carried by pickets before a Chicago plant of Montgomery Ward & Co. The one week demonstration strike conducted by the CIO Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes ended on December 1 and resulted in forcing labor-hating Sewell L. Avery to raise minimum hourly rates from 45 to 60 cents an hour. ACME Phot

production workers only Militants from various locals took the floor to protest against any move to weaken their strike and a Ford Strikers Vote Fight To Finish; Westinghouse, one of the war and reduce its effectiveness.

pursuing the consistent Big Bus-iness policy of union - busting. Local 107, one of the leading CIO unions here, is well aware visory employes have always

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George Addes, secretary-treas- | tlement. urer of UAW-C1O, George Burt, UAW regional director, and Roy England, President of Local 200. all urged acceptance of the artion to admitting office workers and foremen into the plants included Bob Carter, president of get" and that "we'll get something worse a month from now." Flint AC Spark Plug Local 651. Nevertheless, in the face of favoring were the exact opposite and Ed Gurske, of Amalgamated this heavy pressure, the mem- of those to which they had Local 216, Southgate, Cal., elected from his region to represent bership in a secret ballot VOTED agreed in Ottawa. The govern-

man top negotiating committee. cent. Of the active members on crossed them. Gurske also spoke on the im- the picket line, the vote was portance of maintaining the mo- probably about 90 per cent for the local agreed to submit a rale of the pickets to win a rejection.

strike. As soon as the office The rank and file revolt was government-appointed arbitra- strikebreaking activities, the SOLID AS EVER force and supervision were al- led mainly by a militant group tor, Judge Roberts. It was then lowed to go back, rumors would of stewards who have been the they learned the bitter lesson: 200, met this threat of violence spread as to the kind of work real leaders of this strike, and they received no gains from the against the strike, by organizing they were doing, leading to vio- who were joined in their fight arbitrator's decisions. It was a huge blockade of thousands of they were doing, leading to vio-lence and permitting police to move in. The reason, Gurske Tom McLean, McLean received the plant. said, that there has been no an ovation when he told the an improvement in working conbloodshed up to now is that meeting. "You'll be a bunch of ditions which led to the pressalaried workers have not been damn fools if you accept this ent strike. et through. proposal. Stick it out and you'll

Even George Addes, UAW sec- get what you want." When it DETERMINE TO FIGHT although he pleaded that "ne- expressed it.

gotiations depended on it."

November 29, at a big mass They are right in placing no house as well as the rest of the tical days, there was even the

ernment terms for a possible set- two weeks' vacation pay. So solid has been the strike, so

certain government proposals to rest of the labor movement, so solidarity forestalled attempts to they cannot be intimidated by the local, the delegation return-ed to Windsor only to find that small business men and other The "outside" police remained side" police, nor tricked by bitration proposal. They argued Dominion officials had com- middle-class elements in Wind- in their barracks for a few days, fraudulent schemes of governthat it was "the best we can pletely reversed their position, sor, that city police were power- then silently left the city, with- ment arbitration. and that the terms which the less to break up the picket lines. Out the fanfare which had herunion delegation was reported as MEET POLICE THREAT

Early in November a large four weeks, and only today rethe West Coast on the nine- DOWN the proposal by 52 per ment officials had double- Mounted Police and Ontario strike had served its purpose and Provincial Police were rushed to that they could now best aid

Windsor for the purpose of herd- the Ford strikers by returning ing the men back to work. On to their jobs and making larger November 5, before the "out- financial contributions to the number of important issues to a side" police could begin their cause of the Ford strikers.

workers of Windsor, led by Local trucks, cars and busses around in from all over Canada. The

retary-treasurer, who spoke at was reported that the steward's After more than a year of CIO, consisting of Chrysler, GM week for man and wife, and \$2 great length repeating argu- body of Local 200 had previ- fruitless negotiations with Ford, and other workers, who walked for each child in the family, ting under way," said one of the ments made by Thomas and ously gone on record opposing the union came to the conclu- out in a SYMPATHY STRIKE. During the strike, all paid of- stewards, "we couldn't accept Sugar, could not convince the the arbitration scheme, "you'd sion that only an all-out fight Moreover, the whole labor ficers of Local 200 have been government arbitration and guit delegates that they should make have thought the roof was going on the picket lines would win movement of Canada, AFL as turning their pay-checks over to the fight now. We'd be letting

The Windsor Ford workersbitration was rejected, and they Ford strike. Funds began pour- efits as the rest of the mem- victory.

| have plenty of ground to mis- went out on strike early in Sep- ing in to the strike treasury of bership. It was reported that membership for approval on trust government intervention. tember, closing down the power the Ford local. In the most cri- regional officers are likewise

This magnificent demonstra-After agreeing to recommend strong the support given by the tion of union strength and at stake. They have shown that

remained out in sympathy for contingent of Royal Canadian turned to work feeling their on an arbitrator's decision. We'll make our own union security." At strike headquarters across the street from the main gate, pickets expressed as much concern for the GM strike as for

their own. Several were wearing the familiar blue and white buttons bearing the slogan "30 Per

The men on the picket lines Cent or Fight" which they had report that their strike is as obtained while picketing at strong and solid as ever, with Chevrolet Gear and Axle a fer financial aid continuing to pour days before.

In a sense. Ford strikers nere local has maintained from the regard themselves as the spear-The mass picket lines of Ford outset of the strike a 24-hour-a- head in the fight of the Canastrikers, in addition, were rein- day strike kitchen. Pickets put- dian-American labor movement, forced by 8,000 members of ting in a full week of picket duty which has now spread out to en-Amalgamated Local 195, UAW- receive food vouchers of \$5 per compass 225,000 GM workers.

this concession to the company, to blow off," as one of the men their demands. A last-minute well as CIO, rallied in superb the union treasury and have down the whole union." This is offer of further government ar- fashion to the support of the taken only the same strike ben- the spirit of labor solidarity and

contributing a large portion of their pay to the strike fund. All this has contributed great. ly to the morale of the strike, and the rank and file on the picket lines have responded with a high degree of militancy. They are

fully aware of the grave issues

alded their arrival. Local 195 "We haven't picketed for 12 weeks only to gamble our strike SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1945

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# Wheeler Attacks The Soviet Union By Joseph Hansen

T. The November 27 speech of Senator Burton K. Wheeler expresses the fear of an important section of the Americanican capitalist class before the stormy world-wide revolutionary wave they are certain will follow in the wake British R.C.P.

of the Second World War. Something terrible is happening to America and to the world," confessed this spokesman of the former "isolationists." "The best-laid plans of vanquished and victor have gone awry . . . The whole world is getting out of hand . . . We confront the greatest crisis in human history."

#### CRISIS WORLD-WIDE

This crisis is not only world wide, but it is developing with extreme rapidity, Wheeler observed. "No one dreamed the inevitable consequences of this war would so swiftly mature . . the terrifying fact is that the most enthusiastic, optimistic opponents of American neutrality are frightened out of their wits by what they see. It now turns out that if the consequences of the last war bred disaster, this

war has bred monsters of catdifference, or misguided revenge, and the socialist movement in astrophic proportions which have or plain blundering." broken their leash and are now

In China, where U. S. imper- the Daily Herald go to show that at large.' ialism is intervening in the civil the British military authorities Wheeler represents that wing war in behalf of dictator Chiang, are openly collaborating with of the capitalist class who feared Kai-shek under the excuse of the Japanese authorities in putthat war with Germany would disarming the Japanese, Wheel- ting down the revolution of the crush Nazidom as a bulwark er revealed that "there are more popular masses. against the Soviet Union and than 1,000,000 Japanese still un-

the European socialist revolution. der arms." These capitalists wanted to con-

"In French Indo-China," concentrate on the Far East and tinued Wheeler, "where Annawe support the Indonesian peo-Australia, seizing the fabulously rich heritage of the decayed mite natives are in open revolt ples in their struggle, against European colonial powers and against the return of French subjecting China to Wall Street's colonial rule by the imposition domination. They wanted to of force, the instruments . . block the expansion of Japan- have come from American lendthe oppressors is entirely conlease stock piles." trary to the interests of the ese imperialism in this arena.

"In Indonesia . . . our kindly working class. It serves to dis-At present they are the most rabid and bloodthirsty of im- and peace-loving British allies credit the Labor Government in perialists, particularly in con- are massacring civilians with the eyes of the oppressed peoples nection 'with the Soviet Union. American-owned armaments and of the world. Such a policy can Pursuing this political line in guns." With similar caustic re- only succeed in creating a gulf

his speech, Wheeler ridiculed the marks, Wheeler commented on of mistrust and a wall of hospropaganda of the majority sec- other areas where violence has tility between the mass of the ial masses for freedom from military forces are here at the tion of the American capitalists flared since the "conclusion" of oppressed colonial people and imperialist rule. that the United Nations Organ- the Second World War.

ization is an instrument of peace. SOVIET UNION MAIN TARGET this country. "The United Nations has already, But the principal target of or very nearly already blown, to this imperialist spokesman was say the least," he remarked. "As the Soviet Union. He very a-I see this legislation, it leads droitly left out the role of Wall us inevitably down the road to Street in the antagonism bethe annihilation of an atomic tween world imperialism and the war.

degenerated workers' state, sing- the desire of all class conscious This imperialist politician who This imperialist politician who voted both for the Second World ling out Britain to receive the workers in demanding that im-blame attaching to Anglo-Amer-mediate steps be taken by your tian Science Monitor. Walker's turing the city and its vital net-Organization underlines the fact "Now we are faced with a rivthat "there is no peace." He quotes extensively from the cap-italist press to show that he is not alone in this view. He notes d-mouthed ..... This bitter rivalry between of government. Great Britain and Russia has "interventionist" and supporter torn the world in two. This rivalof the war as columnist Dorry has destroyed all semblance of othy Thompson now declares, the old balances of power and "There is no peace." leaves the small nations of the He thus confirms, months world cringing as puppets, satellater, the famous V-J Day headlites, and slaves under the towline of "The Militant," "There is ering shadow of the two mightno peace!" In his four-hour speech Wheeler reviewed the world situation. He quoted from columnist David Wheeler, however, spends lit-Lawrence to show what is hapif American news photographers ain. He launches into a savage organ of the Internationalist Communists, Spanish section tle time criticizing Great Britdo an honest job. as there is ing as his peg the many terrible kyist paper is published in 9 the American people will soon crimes of the Stalinist bureau- France. The following are ex- management of the economic see movies of starving German cracy. For instance, he says tracts from an interesting forces, Spanish economy requires men, women, and children which nothing of the many perfidious article on the condition of the will rival in their horror the pic- actions of British imperialism, workers in fascist Spain. but he places in the Congrestures of Buchenwald concentration camps. But these will be sional Record, a long list of the ple have for Franco and his repictures of torture inflicted by treaties which Stalin has broken gime," states Lucha de Clases, reason of an allied policy of in- and violated. What really disturbs this po- whole series of factors. First

# **U. S. Imperialism Tries To Crush Movement For Philippine Freedom**

Fighters For Freedom Of Indonesia



A vast crowd. massed behind the colors of the Republic of Indonesia, attends a youth meeting in Java. Most of these young people are armed with nothing but sharpened bamboo poles. Only a few carry rifles with which to defend them selves against the assault of American-made bombers, American-made tanks, and American-made artillery.

# The true interests of the Brit-ish working class demand that we support the Indonesian peo-Far East Colonial Prize Dutch and French imperialism. The policy of your Government, in intervening on the side of Sought By Wall Street

#### Despite mounting resentment of troops overseas and <sup>®</sup> the people at home, U. S. imperialism is moving deeper into ing absorbed into the Nationalist hap's membership range as high the Far East. Wall Street's objectives are clear. The war forces," George Weller of The as 100,000. Most of them are tion because, officers say, "it profiteers want a firm grip on the fabulously rich colonial $\begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 28 \end{vmatrix}$ . areas. They want to strangle O-

the aspirations of the colon-an: "The fact is that American

Wall Street's method of ob- ist Government . . . If in guardthe working class movement of this country. We believe that the over-whelming majority of the work-whelming majority of the workers and middle class people who aid to French and British colodence'.

"The American part in OCCUPY CITIES

China's undeclared civil war ap- U. S. Marines occupy key Government and we are voicing pears almost certain to increase cities. "If in the process of fulrather than taper off in the fu- filling this task the Marines. in ture," declared Gordon Walker, effect, are helping to prevent staff correspondent of the Christ Chinese Communists from cap-Government to stop this imper- December 5 report is authorita- work of heavy industries, that, ialist intervention, to withdraw tive, for it not only passed the too, is something officially 'un- Withdraw The Troops!

Walker reveals precisely how floot units land

### By Charles Carsten

"The Philippines today are a powder keg," reports an October 29 dispatch to the N. Y. Times. "The Hukbalahaps (People's Anti-Japanese Army) and other 'unrecognized guerrillas' roam the land with rifles on their shoul-

ders and ideas for government in their heads and with animals. He finishes the year, according to N. Y. Times correshatred of the landed aristopondent Robert Trumbull, "with cracy in their hearts." 150 to 200 pesos in the clear for A secret U. S. Army intellifeeding his family and his car-

ence report, made public durabao (water buffalo) and for ng the trial of General Yamamaintaining his house and tools." shita, declares that the Hukbalahaps' "policy is definitely Comharvest time in rice when the munistic and . . . its plans inprice is low, landlords force tenclude the establishment of ' a ants to repay as much as five Communistic government in the times the amount borrowed. The Philippines after the war, on the landlords hold this rice until the early Russian model." price soars.

Wall Street fears the move-During the war many landment for freedom in the Philiplords moved to Manila, virtually pines and hopes to crush it. The abandoning their farms. The U. S. Army asserts that the tenants continued to work the Hukbalahap is "a semi-political land: Now the landlords are deand semi-bandit organization." manding the 50 per cent they This is the language the imperdidn't receive during the war. ialists always use to slander any They want to eject tenants who movement that hopes to better don't pay. condition's for the masses But the tenants refuse to zive the land back to the landlords.

SAME SLANDER It is the same slander used by And "they are in the saddle,"

he Dutch and British against says Trumbull, "because they the Indonesians and Indo-Chin- have physical possession of the ese who are fighting for freedom farms. They are armed and they from the yoke of imperialism. simply refuse to be ejected." When the Allied powers tried to Adding to the hardship and crush the Soviet Union after the discontent in the country is the October Revolution they sland- rising cost of living. Black marered the Bolsheviks as "ban- kets are flourishing. Items esdits." Churchill labelled the sential to everyday living are Greek people as "brigands" last more costly than they were even year when they defended them- six months ago. Meat has risen selves from Allied bayonets. Who are the Hukbalahaps?

from the prewar price of 70 centavos a kilo to five pesos, an in-They constitute a vast organizacrease of more than 700 per cent. Estimates of Hukbala-The U.S. Army is trying to crush the Hukbalahap organiza-N. Y. Post reported November armed. High army officers com- owes no allegiance to the United There are about 600,000 mended their fight against the States, the Philippine Common-Nonetheless, after wealth or Japan, and has conaround to court-martialing its General Douglas MacArthur had stituted a problem not only to

Through loans to be repaid at

immediately launched war on the rilla organizations. By "loyal guerrillas" the Army means those collaborating with The U.S. Army arrested two United States imperialism

leaders of the Huks, Casto Ale- against the anti-American Fili-Wall Street's role in Indo- jandrino and Louis Taruc, Mac- pinos. China is as reactionary as it is Arthur's subordinates disarmed This organization which Army in China. A Batavia dispatch two Huk squadrons and sent officers slanderously label as "semi-bandit" is struggling for to the N. Y. PM declared "Trav- them home after Manila's capelers arriving by air from Singa- ture. While the disarmed men some of the things Roosevelt pore today reported that eight were passing through the town proclaimed as Washington's

Victory ships docked at Saigon, of Malolos, which was in Amer- aims in the Second World War. ican hands, they were attacked "This group," says the intelliby followers of a former Japan- gence report, "declared for freeese collaborationist named Mac- dom of speech, press and aslang who is now collaborating sembly."

"liberated" the Philippines, he the Japanese but to loyal guer-

Although the Hukbalahap is with the Americans. More than 100 Huks were killed. the largest and most powerful organization of Filipinos who are

pondent. David Boguslav, states



Javanese people.

. . .

DISCREDITS GOVERNMENT

the working class movement of

the reactionary imperialist pol-

icy now being pursued by your

voted Labor into power, oppose nial despots.

Cuban Trotskyists

litical representative of Ameri-among these are the abominable can imperialism is clear in the living conditions in which the following passage: "By some aw-laboring masses find themselves **Demand Expropriation** ful mistake, Russia is being left in our country. Unemployment is

Of Nation's Railroads in possession of the greater pro- constantly increasing. Wages portion of the agricultural, eco- have hardly risen at all in nine Thirty-two people were killed nomic, and industrial resources years, but the cost of living is and hundreds wounded in the of both continents (Asia and three times what it was in 1936. most tragic railroad catastrophe Europe)." "The small farmers have been

that Cuba has suffered, says the Wheeler then gets down to the ruined to the profit of the land-August issue of Revolucion Pro-Itaria (Proletarian Revolution) that to stand for a principle now are obliged to labor an exhaustorgan of the Cuban Trotskyists. means war . . . I cannot believe ing ten-hour day in order to ob-The rapacity of imperialist t means war . . . I will not be- tain a miserable living. Hunger companies was the underlying lieve that Russia wants war or and misery exist everywhere in cause of the tragedy. These comdares to go to war against the Spain. panies have been able to increase

United States.' their incomes fabulously. They

have overburdened the railroads PREPARING GROUND but have not employed any more

times

workmen than during normal pares the ground for the war not invented by Franco and the and placing them at the service which he envisages against the Falange, nor by the Army of of the planned economy. . . "This collective murder," Soviet Union: "We must quit ap- playboys and vagabonds, nor by

states Revolucion Proletaria, peasing Russia and let her know the Civil Guard, but that they will be the beginning of the strug-"has been the unique and excluse once and for all we did not fight are inherent in the capitalist gle for a socialist society. It is ive product of the criminal neg- this war to let her enslave the system. They know that Franco ligence of the railway company. people of Europe. She agreed to and his regime maintain and It was due to the condition of our high principles in her hour strengthen the capitalist system the roadbeds and rolling stock, of distress. She must abide by through a terror unsurpassed in It is no less certain that their full which have been extremely over- them now." the history of Spain.

worked without allowing time Wheeler's sinister declarations for maintenance and repairs." about war with the Soviet Union struggle against Franco; but The Cuban Trotskyists de- were received with sympathy by without stopping in the middle mand key industries beginning his fellow Senators although of the road, they will continue it with the railroads, be nationaliz- they did not vote for the amended without compensation and ment he proposed to United Naplaced under the control of the tions Organization procedure. that gave birth to him-capital-Wheeler undoubtedly expressed ism. workers.

They demand workers' control the real sentiments of the over-"Certainly, the fall of Franco. because without it, they say, na- whelming majority of these rep- in and of itself, will not resolve tionalization would merely serve resentatives of the capitalist the economic evils that weigh on the corrupt government bu- class. It is only considerations the Spanish people, evils made reaucracy. But workers' control of diplomacy which prevented worse by the Falange bureauwill assure technical efficency, them from admitting this agree- cracy. In the face of the consafety and economy of operation. ment. fusion, ruin and wasteful mis-

Yours truly. Jock Haston For the Political Bureau, RCP. Stalinist-headed armies of Yen-

# **Trotskyists Fight** lest political, economic, ideolog-ical, and military powers the Spanish Fascism world has ever seen."

The sixth issue of Lucha de Clases (Class Struggle), attack on the Soviet Union, seiz- of the Fourth International, arrived recently. This Trots-

tion.

"A Plan that would place all "The hate all the working peothe resources of the country at the service and for the benefit of the people . . . The Plan must "is the political expression of a be based on nationalization without indemnity of the key industries, expropriating from the robbers-both citizens and foreigners-the wealth produced by the efforts of generations of exploited. . .

laboring masses, the proletariat moment, institute Workers' Conof the bookkeeping and commercial operations of all the companies, large and small. The banking system must be unified CAPITALISM RESPONSIBLE in a National Bank, thus facili-

"Every conscious worker knows tating the control of all the fi-With these words Wheeler pre- that this list of 'kindnesses' was nancial resources of the country

"The period following Franco certain that the adoption of such measures cannot be put aside if the proletariat hopes to survive. realization entails the destruction of the capitalist system."

troops.'

GIVE THIS MILITANT TO YOUR SHOPMATE ASK HIM TO SUBSCRIBE TOI CTPET

munist forces, that is something operational plans." Continues Walker: "The Un- Europe. Before reaching the Maclang but held him only three Huks may number as many as ited States 'unofficially' is very embarkation ports, the ships days. Later he was made mayor 600,000 and cannot be less than much interested in the progress were turned over to the Brit- of Malolos. ish under a charter and then of the Nationalist armies." But "Generalissimo Chiang- ordered to Marseille where they Kai-shek's Nationalist armies picked up 16,000 French troops their program calls for the ary movement," he declared. for Indo-China." just are not strong enough to do the job they are attempting."

the marines guard Nationalist movement which will ultimately Chiang is to succeed, he must Indo-China.' The ability of French imgiven "military supplies be which presently are rotting in perialism to stamp out the insupply dumps in New Guinea dependence movement of the

Indo-Chinese people is thus and the Philippines." again shown to hinge in large EXTENSIVE U. S. AID degree on aid from Wall Street. The extent of Wall Street's aid Likewise in Indonesia. U. S. to Chiang, the dictator butcher imperialism is acting as the arof the Chinese masses, is reveal-

ed in the November 30 Foreign despots in putting down the up-Policy Bulletin: "By the middle rising of the Javanese people. Central Government troops to Washington (obviously someone

North China . . . Chiang-Kai- high in the Truman Administra-"In order to stop capitalist shek's forces, armed with lend- tion) that the "U. S. A. is equally subotage of reconstruction and to lease materials, have pushed responsible with the British for raise the living standard of the their way into southern Man- overall strategy in Indonesia . . .\* churia . . . technical superiorernment's side. This superiority the following atrocity: On Dectrol of production- principally is reinforced by the presence in cember 6, a British plane dropped North China of over 50.000 Un- 1.000 leaflets over the city of ited States marines, who have Bandung, which has a populamade possible the entrance of tion of about 167,000. These Chunking divisions by holding leaflets warned the civilians to certain cities for them until their evacuate the city immediately arrival, jointly patrolling these Precisely six minutes later the centers with the Central troops

thereafter. and guarding stretches of railway in the Peiping-Tientsin area." Independence movement. While U. S. warships moved

Chiang's troops, Washington parently decided to move in who owe them thanks for their Workers Party, for instance, sent spokesmen cynically told war still deeper in Indonesia. The heroic fight against combined a message of protest to de Gaulle, veterans demanding early re- Navy is already establishing French and British imperialism." demanding immediate withdrawturn home that this was not headquarters in Java, according possible because of the "ship- to the December 7 N. Y. Times.

ping bottleneck." The official excuse of Wash- is "expected to arrive soon in ington in thus intervening in Southeast Asia." China is to "disarm Japanese Miswaukee Walker revealed however:

"Looking at the problem real-Protest The Massacre of istically, some 50,000 marines. The Colonial Peoples! together with the United States Seventh Fleet, are at present do-Hear ing very little to demobilize and **Charles** Jackson repatriate the Japanese here." Author of "The Negro Struggle" Chinese armies who fought to-

gether with the Japanese against Monday Dec. 17, 8 p.m. their own country "have pur-Socialist Workers Party chased their immunity from nor-424 E. Wells St., Room 215 mal penalties of treason by be-

Filinings "hlame the the U. S. Army supports Dictator alist troops where they can out- unloaded 2,000 French troops cans for the massacre," Louis fighting against imperialist rule, Chiang Kai-shek against the flank or attack Chinese Com- equipped with American arms.. | Taruc told correspondents, be- other similar groups likewise re-"The vessels are reported to cause "they know American mil- tain their arms. PM correswhich did not appear on official have left the U.S.A. originally to itary police were there." take American troops home from United States troops arrested that all guerrillas including the

such troops. "When China gets Japanese.

"they will all be wearing Allied Hukbalahaps.

renegade generals and pro-Jap

army officers," remarks Weller.

campaign ribbons as they step

Indo-China, Friday and each

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200,000. "They would form a powerful American officials hate and fear the Hukbalahaps because core in any possible revolution-In addition to these armed breaking up of the widespread According to the report, "this feudal farming system inherited forces, thousands of soldiers in Consequently, not only must was the first contingent of a from the Spanish dons. the Philippine army are strug-Under this system the tenants

LEADERS ARRESTED

gling to maintain a bare excommunication lines, but if take 60,000 French troops to and landlords share the proceeds istence. Their pay of 18 pesos of the crop on a fifty-fifty basis. monthly "is just about enough But the tenant must pay half for a meager cigarette ration," the expenses, which include hir- said Boguslav. These terribly ing the help necessary for plant- oppressed men will be a powering and harvesting. The tenant ful ally of the revolutionary

must furnish the tools and work- movement.

# imperialism is acting as the ar-senal for the British and Dutch despots in putting down the upof November United States war-ships had moved over 100,000 ported a "reliable source" in Back Indo-Chinese

#### SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

PARIS, France, Nov. 27.-More than 1,000 workers rallied at a mass meeting here last Saturday to protest the What this strategy looks like brutal imperialist slaughter of the Indo-Chinese people. gist of his speech: "We are told lords and the banks. Workers can and must, from the first ity is clearly on the Central Gov- in practise can be judged from The gathering was called by the Parti Communiste Inter-

nationaliste, French section of Trade Unions) for the imof the Fourth International. mediate activation of the Con-Comrade Beaufrere keyneted stituent Assembly."

the rally with a dynamic speech Comrade Beaufrere emphathat was enthusiastically re- sized the fact that in France ceived. "The Indo-Chinese na- only the Trotskyists consistently tionalists," he declared, "sent us oppose the capitalists and de-British began bombing the city, a letter thanking us for our un- fend the workers and colonial selecting as their target the conditional support. They even peoples. "In the United States headquarters of the Indonesian enclosed a financial contribution likewise." he pointed out. "only to help us in our work. We want the Trotskyists follow this same U. S. imperialism has ap- them to know, however, it is WE militant policy. The Socialist

The meeting was opened by al of all imperialist troops from Comrade Schwartz, Trotskyist Indo-China.'

In addition an American general candidate in Isere in the recent Referring to the Australian general elections. He pointed longshoremen who "refused to out that only the Trotskyists load armaments on ships bound defend the interests of the work- for Indonesia," Comrade Beauing class without reformist or frere asked, "And we French class-collaborationist illusions. workers, who are so proud of our Comrade Demaziere, General revolutionary tradition, shouldn't Secretary of the PCI, sharply we do the same?"

criticized the heads of the Stal-In spite of the handicap of inist and Socialist parties. He semi-legal conditions forced on charged them with "capitulat- the Trotskyists by the de Gaulle ing" to the capitalists. "We ask regime, the attendance at the the members of these parties, meeting exceeded all expectaas well as trade unionists, to tions, thus testifying to the fight for the program presented growing popularity of Trotskyby the CGT (General Federation ism in France.

"The workers will begin their

with all their force until they destroy the economic system

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

Only the world rev-

-Leon Trotsky

## **Build Labor Party!**

The break between Truman and the trade union leaders poses sharply the question: "What next for labor in the political field?"

The CIO United Automobile Workers statement against Truman's strikebreaking scheme speaks of rallying "our full political power to block such legislation."

To what "political power" are the UAW leaders referring? Is it the CIO Political Action Committee which was so successful in mobilizing the votes of the American workers to elect the very politicians who are now stabbing labor in the back?

Is it the PAC which expended labor's resources and energies in support of this very administration now promoting anti-labor legislation?

It's as clear as day that Truman is the legitimate offspring of labor's political surrender to the Democratic Party. This surrender has never been profitable to labor. It served to disarm labor in advance and leave it politically impotent.

Where are all those "friends of labor," from the President on down, for whom the PAC campaigned so vigorously? Everyone, including Truman, stands openly on the side of Big Business howling against labor.

If all the energy and money and resources that went into the election of these capitalist politicians had been used to really build labor's independent political power, to really build a labor party, we could then truly speak today of rallying "our full political power."

and oceans, tread the soils of conquered lands and rule for the glory of American imperial-

ism by the might of arms. Hand-picked puppet rulers, the scum of re-

action, their regimes held aloft on the tips of American bayonets, lord it over the peoples. Like vultures and scavengers picking among the ruins and the dead, the agents and emissaries of American Big Business have alighted everywhere on the despoiled earth. Amidst the starvation and misery, they prepare to establish their way-stations, to which the tribute of the continents will come, and from which the spoils of the globe will be dispatched to the voracious, insatiable Wall Street monster at home.

And those who have returned from the struggle for "glory"? The unfit, the hurt, the sick are jammed away in cramped, crowded hospitals, dirty and smelly, without decent medical care. The fit-the lucky ones-are tramping the streets looking for jobs, being insulted with offers of wages and conditions no self-respecting worker would take unless he were starving-or they are reentering the plants in the very midst of a hurricane of wage-slashing, down-grading, and intolerable abuses.

Their "glory"? Their glory, like that of the workers who sacrificed to the breaking point during the war, is to walk on the picket lines today demanding a living wage, decent working conditions, union security from the American Big Business plutocracy-that plutocracy which has emerged from the war the wealthiest and mightiest power ever known, which is moving to realize world aims that Hitler merely dreamed about and which is now ruthlessly attempting to consolidate its reign-the vaunted era of Pax Americana.

And for this glory of Wall Street, its predatory global ambitions, its towering profits and privilege, the workers in uniform and on the production lines must now pay-and pay -and pay. A savage administration and Congress turn on them like ravening wolves to break their strikes for just demands, to threaten and intimidate with anti-labor bills, to undermine their unions, to smash their democratic rights.

Abroad, the "glory" of America is the fear and loathing of the conquered millions and enslaved colonies. At home, it is the beating down of living standards, unemployment, repression of liberties.

ers.

And surveying the terrible fruits of the imperialist war, the colorful rind stripped off the rotten core, millions upon millions are beginning to cry: "WHAT PRICE THIS GLORY OF AMERICAN MIGHT AND WORLD DOM-**INATION NOW?"** 

# Withdraw The Troops

The Atlantic Charter declared that Washington's aims in the Second World War were to bring freedom from fear, freedom from want, freedom of religion and freedom of speech to the oppressed peoples of the world. Among the "enemies" blocking the accomplishment of these aims, according to Wall Street's spokesmen, was Japan. The flower of American youth were thrown on the battlefields to defeat this opponent. Yet today United States Marines, reports the capitalist press, are standing guard on railroads in northern China shoulder to shoulder with "Japanese soldiers of the same kind they were fighting against on Okinawa only five months ago." They are standing guard against the Chinese people who want to get rid of the hated dictator Chiang Kai-shek.



My husband says we must be prepared for a knocked-out dragged. down tight against the unions---and here I am all out of condition!



VALUE, PRICE AND PROFIT, ing, of which the majority never make a profit? This is also by Karl Marx; 128 pp., 25 have enough. So the prices of clearly explained. Labor-power, cents. Available through Pionthese articles will rise. But that Marx points out, is also a comeer Publishers. modity, for it is sold by the

is not the end of it. Whenever workers demand a workers to the employer. The Higher prices attract more wage increase the boss press, led by Wall Street's N. Y. Times, competitors, who cut the price of this commodity is called wages. Like the prices of all sets up a howl. They oppose back to and sometimes even low- other commodities, wages are dewage increases not-heaven forer than it was originally. Thus a termined by the amount of labor bid!-because they are for the wage increase does result in the necessary to produce laboremployers and against the workworkers actually getting more of power, that is, the amount of Higher wages, they say, the necessities of life at the ex- labor necessary to maintain the bring higher prices which will pense of the profits of the capi- worker and his family. The cancel out the wage raises. So, talists. And this is the real amount of labor that goes into "give up the fight for higher reason why the capitalist press the production of food, shelter wages," is the friendly advice so and clothing for the worker and opposes higher wages. generously given to the workers his family determines the wages PRODUCTS OF LABOR

by Wall Street's newspapers. of labor. Thus, if the average Marx goes on to explain the daily cost of the necessities of This line of argument is not real nature of prices and profits. life is \$5, that will be the average new. It was presented as long ago as 1865 by a member of the All commodities—that is, all wage. But the worker produces General Council of the Inter- things that are bought, sold and more than \$5 in one day. With national Workingmen's Associa- exchanged—are exchanged in a modern productive equipment it tion (First International). No certain proportion to each other. takes but two or three hours less than a member of the lead- This is their exchange-value or labor to produce what a worker's ing body of the international (expressed in money) their price. family consumes. But the workworking class was misled, by his A bushel of wheat, for example er labors not three hours-he ignorance of economics; into ad- is worth certain amounts of labors eight hours. The produce vocating an end to strikes and shoes, sugar, coal, etc. What de- of the extra five hours' labor termines the amount of this goes to the employer. That is even to trade unions! exchange-value? ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES his profit.

Karl Marx answered these There is one thing, Marx What the worker sells is a arguments and explained the points out, which is common to day's labor power. In return for fundamental principles of econ- all commodities; they are all the a day's sustenance-which takes omics in a famous address to the product of labor. Nothing which Council of the First Internation- has not been worked on has any agrees to give a day's laboral. This address is printed in exchange value or price. Air, for eight hours work. And he cana pamphlet, Value, Price and example, although very useful, not do otherwise; if he does not Profit. Marx showed that the has no exchange value. Com- agree he and his family will capitalist cannot raise prices any modifies are exchanged in pro-starve. time he chooses, but must con- portion to the amount of labor Marx describes the results of form to the condition of the which goes into them. This ex- this wage-slavery-the constant market. If he charges too high a plains why American automobiles struggle between the workers and price one of two things will hap- are cheaper than French, even the bosses over wages and hours pen. Either the consumer will though American workers are of labor, the constant rise in not buy, or if the demand is so paid more than French work- productivity of labor, which ingreat that the capitalist can ers. A certain number of Amer- creases the power of capital over charge a high price and get a ican workers produce more autos labor. Finally, Marx points out high profit, then other capital- in a day or a week than the the only permanent solutionists will enter the field, increase same number of French workers. abolition of wage slavery and the Thus less labor goes into each construction of a socialist sothe supply and cut the price. When workers get a wage in- American auto. ciety.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1945



The Housing Crisis Mounts Congressmen have heard a rumor that veterane who can't find homes threaten to march on the capital. This has made them a little nervous, but they haven't become worried enough to take any action that would solve the terrific housing shortage. They are "studying" the situation and considering bills for the appropriation of money to make emergency housing units available to cities. All tentative plans fall far short of the need.

According to William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, "at least 6,000,000 veterans' families will need housing within the year." Representative Wright Patman of Texas hypocritically talks about the housing crisis but offers no. real solution. "It should be a source of shame and disgrace to this nation," he said, "that we could permit such treatment of men who so recently fought for us on every battlefront of the world."

There is little chance that the housing situation will be improved unless something drastic is done to spur Congress into action. The most optimistic authorities say that not more than 430,000 homes will be built in 1946. This will leave a shortage of at least 1,700,000 homes even according to Representative Patman.

Not only is there an acute scarcity of homes, but the prices of homes are soaring to unprecedented levels. "Unscrupulous speculators are piling profit on profit at the expense of the home-seeker." mid Patman. There has been an average increase of 56 per cent in the price of homes during the war. And for those in the low-cost field, homes that veterans might be able to buy, the increase has been 100 per cent.

The housing crisis did not arise overnight as Congressmen are attempting to make it appear. Experts long ago warned that the shortage was becoming acute. But Congress did nothing about it.

Congressmen are more responsive to the voice of Washington representatives of financial and real estate interests. These lobbies insist that the ceiling on rents be lifted before they build. They demand that price restrictions on new homes be removed.

#### The Real Estate Lobby at Work

"One of the most powerful of the lobbies that now infests the capital is the real estate lobby," wrote Marquis W. Childs in the N. Y. Post, November 19. "It is made up of two wings, the National Assn. of Real Estate Boards and the National Assn. of Home Builders. They are fighting rent control on new housing construction and price controls on new home

Congressmen, fearing the demands of Big Business more than the protests of unorganized veterans, demagogically speak about the housing shortage. While they "study" measures to correct the situation, hundreds of thousands of veterans are home-

From every section of the country come reports of the need for dwellings. Los Angeles places its current demand for additional homes at 100,000. Mayor Kelly says that Chicago needs 50,000 additional homes. Every city is faced with a similar situation.

Veterans in New York are so desperately in need of homes that they are willing to live in the thoroughly hated barracks surrounding the city. The city plans to remodel these flimsy buildings into miserments. And officials have the gall to d mand that veterans pay rent for living in barracks! Big Business has demonstrated its unwillingness to build the homes that are needed. They will only build if they are guaranteed fabulous profits. The only solution is immediate passage of legislation for large-scale, low rent, government built, owned and operated housing projects.

Many precious years have been wasted with this policy of company-unionism in politics. The American workers have paid a heavy price for their political submission to Big Business and its parties.

There has been and can be only one way in which "our full political power" can be mobilized and directed effectively in labor's interests: The immediate independent organization of the workers on the political field as they are so effectively organized now on the economic field!

In every local union and in every central labor body, in every gathering of workers' organizations, the militant trade unionists must raise a mighty clamor: "Build The Labor Party NOW!'

## What Price Glory?

We were told we went to war for glorythe glory of the flag, the nation, the American people. We were spreading the "American Ideal"-democracy, liberty, equality, four freedoms-throughout the world.

While millions of American workers in uniform wallowed in the stink, mud, noise, blast, blood and death of battle, the voice of the capitalist politician and propagandist spread unctuously over the land. Over the blind, the maimed and the forever silent, the priests of Wall Street intoned: "Everlasting Glory!"

And at home, the workers on the production lines drained away their energies, their very lives, in grinding toil, driven long hours by remorseless speed-up to feed a never-ending stream of supplies and instruments of death to the workers in uniform. "Heroes of Production," they were called, "sharing the glory" with the boys "over there."

The workers had to pay a big price for this "glory" during the war. They were stripped of some of their most elementary democratic rights, the right to change their jobs, the right to take any job they pleased, the right to strike. Staggering taxes were levied on their wages to pay for this trillion-dollar var. Their food and clothing was rationed, diverted to the black market, dribbled out from under the counters at fantastic prices. Their wages were frozen by government decree.

And now-now-comes the pay-off, the dividends on this "glory" the American people have won through the agony of the millions who were dragooned into uniform to fight and die, and the toil, sweat, tears and sacrifice of those who remained at home.

Over the whole world, like a blight, flies triumphant the flag of Wall Street. The masters of the American people have become the masters of the world. Millions of American troops, in Europe, Asia, Africa, the islands of the Pacific and the islands of the North seas

Wall Street is deploying the Marines against a new "enemy." This "enemy" is the very people most desirous of securing the Four Freedoms!

Not only in China, but throughout the Far East, American imperialism is bolstering brutal despotic regimes. American imperialism is supplying the decrepit old colonial powers with unlimited arms to enable them to retain their enslavement of hundreds of millions of people.

American-made arms are mowing down the heroic colonial fighters whose only "crime" is determination to win freedom and independence for their native land.

A few short weeks following V-J Day were sufficient to expose Wall Street's real predatory war aims.

What the profit-bloated American capitalists want out of the Second World War is spheres of influence, markets, super-profitsin brief, a vast colonial empire and domination of the entire globe.

That is why Wall Street is strengthening all the dictatorial rulers under its control in the Far East.

That is why Wall Street is utilizing all means, including the imperialist troops of the late Japanese "enemy" to crush the colonial masses.

Far from bringing democracy and freedom to the Far East, the Wall Street rulers are setting up a despotism which does not differ in essence from anything contemplated by German or Japanese imperialism.

The reality of the Atlantic Charter is visible in the blood-soaked soil of the colonial lands.

The colonial masses face the same enemy as the American working people-monopoly capitalism. American labor thus has everything to gain from uniting forces with the colonial peoples against this vicious foe.

Let labor express solidarity with its heroic colonial allies.

For the complete independence of the colonial peoples!

Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

crease they naturally will buy If all things are sold at their more and better food and cloth- value, how does the capitalist,

Reviewed by S. Ryan

**Congressmen At Work** 

Anthropologists make expedi-

tions to central Australia to study primitive religions. But if they want to study capitalist gods and the strange cult which worships them, they should make an expedition to Wall Street's Congress.

Wall Street's Congressmen, like most savages, are bothered by certain devils and demons. Representative Clare Hoffman of Michigan, for instance, rears up on his hind legs every time he hears of union men and pickets:

hears of union men and pickets: "Mr. Speaker, you better be frightened. I am. You will be, too if you do a little thinking."
That mouthful of abracadabra is intended to stop any strike caused by starvation wages! too, if you do a little thinking. Then we all, once we have HOFFMAN BRISTLES thought the situation through, The hair bristled straight up employers go on strike, for inmay be able to reach the inevit- on Hoffman's back as he de- stance, Henry Ford I, and Henry

may not all hang together-if "Sidney Hillman with his Po- money than he can possibly use, we do not all stick together- litical Action Committee, Phil having no reason to work, so far we may all be hungry, lack the Murray, R. J. Thomas, Walter as I know except a desire to necessities of life, and come, as and Victor Reuther, and Richard Carry on the business which they did France, to civil strife . . ." Frankensteen, with their UAW- have founded and to provide jobs "If 150,000 General Motors CIO in effect over the years for their employes, autos and employes go out on strike and have been telling employes who farm machinery for their custhey, with perhaps a half million have been receiving higher wag-or more others — automobile es, under better working condi- work. Ford II, III, IV, and so dealers, salesmen, mechanics- tions, and for shorter hours than on down the line, do not need those dependent upon the auto- any group of employes anywhere to work. They have more money mobile business for their liveli- in the whole world, that the men than they can spend. So why hood-all lose their pay checks; who gave them employment were should they fight and why should if the demands of the CIO steel- greedy, selfish, arbitrary, unfair, they quarrel and why should

production of steel is cut off and iteers." a million or more others go unpaid for a week or two, someone terests considers this heresy, sac- mined to close if they cannot -in fact, several million some- rilege and blasphemy. To him rule?"

ones besides myself --- may be the rich profiteers are nothing Why the Ford dynasty should hungry, either through lack of less than benevolent spirits, rule, the devout Hoffman leaves checks or a scarcity of food," household gods protecting hearth a holy mystery.

and home. Sometimes he gets down on his belly and crawls before these gods:

"Under our system of government, the barefoot boy, with little more than his cheek of tan, has had and now has the opportunity to reach the White House . . . Henry Ford and others have demonstrated that here it is possible to acquire millions, to do it honestly, pay a fair wage, give the public more for its dollar."

The mysterious might of these hosannahs and hallelujahs: "I wonder what will happen if the able conclusion that, while we scribed the "Satanic" hordes: Ford II, each of whom has more workers are not met and the unpatriotic, and inhuman prof- they be worried in an effort to keep open the factories which Hoffman, tool of the auto in- Thomas and Reuther are deter-



General Motors workers, on strike to maintain a bare living wage, have bought and paid for the entire corporation at least 50 times on the basis of original investment, several times even at present inflated valuation. No wonder the corporation refuses to open the books even for stockholders to investigate this world's most profitable corporation! Just since the 1937 sit-down strikes, GM's net profits have totaled \$2.5 billions, far above its \$2 billions valuation. And GM expects to do even

better beginning in 1946 than in the last 81/2 years. These facts can be gleaned with difficulty from GM annual reports, Moody's Industrials Index and other business reports, but a real labor union investigation \* could reveal scandals probably without parallel.

There is no evidence that as much as \$40,000,000 new or outside money was ever invested in GM. It just grew out of the sweat of the workers, by paying them only part of the value they produced, until today GM is valued over \$2.182.000.000. From \$40 millions (it was probably much less) to \$2 billions is a growth of 50 times or 5,000 per cent, almost entirely since, 1917 when the du Ponts took over the corporation.

Most of the profits, of course, went to stockholders in dividends. But over and above the dividends and fancy salaries and bonuses and depreciation allowances and taxes and what-not, over \$1 billion of profits have been kept in the business since 1908.

GM fusses no end about its taxes. But the taxes are high because the profit is so terrific. GM could save taxes by paying higher wages.

It may be said the stockholders were deprived of the surplus profits retained in the business. But first that billion had to be extracted from labor Only labor produces anything.

What about the stockholders' rights? One GM share, now \$10 par value and selling at \$76, represents an original investment of far less than 40 cents. It pays \$2 to \$4 a year dividends or 500 to 1,000 per cent-all sweated out of the workers. And most of these shares belong to the billionaire du Ponts, 50-odd executives, a few banks and to other millionaires who have to have occasional wars to find new places for investments.

Meanwhile half of GM workers are laid off and the rest are forced to fight on picket lines-not for a raise but only to maintain a meager stand. ard of living.



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

#### **Soldiers** Cheer **Striking Workers** Editor:

between France and England, ers in action on the picket line. cuses. against the Soviet Union. De The men were very glad to see A couple of days ago we were Gaulle threatens to resign be- us and the comments we heard

corner close to the Hyatt Plant important cabinet post. He fears Militant! Give us one here, girls. in Harrison, N. J. The pickets that he would offend England Now we've got something GOOD in front of the plant were march- and the U.S. if he yielded to to read!" ing in file with their placards such a demand. The Anglo- Many men asked for extra copraised high. There was a meet- American powers refuse to set up ies so that they could give one fair play at all times regardless ing of the union to be held an international trustee - ship or two to a buddy. shortly and the workers were over Italian colonies, for this either just arriving or standing would invite the Soviet Union kitchens of the different locals cient support from the Negroes around before going into the to exert an influence over an and all the union halls. And in in Harlem to build a strong ormeeting. Besides this group, the area in which England feels she these places, too The Militant ganization. Crucible Steel Local was to have should monopolize. The U. S. was taken gladly. It was a sight a meeting about a block away. This made quite a crowd of work-ion to have an equal voice in the we were leaving the different ers along the street, and what affairs of Japan. In the Bal-halls—the men were reading the Poet Inspired By my comrade and me distributing Here the Soviet Union is dom- ing up, and some reading while Labor Unity The Militant, and the workers inant. The Balkans, before the they ate the food that had been Editor: milling around, there was quite war, was in the "sphere of in- prepared by volunteers in the fluence" of England and France. strike kitchens. A little activity.

Now the Pennsy (Pennsylvania) With the end of the war and **E.R.**) runs on an elevated track the advent of the atomic bomb, the men really know our paper on this page-Ed.) I wrote it right by the plant. And just differences between the big pow- and what it stands for. st this time along came a troop ers were accentuated. Their rain from New York loaded with mutual distrust became more GI's who had debarked from evident. Therefore the U.S. Surope and were on the way to announced its intentions to keep will fight to the bitter end to day when I have completed the separation centers. As the train the atomic bomb secret, and it win this strike. passed the plant the GI's threw continues production of this terspen the windows and gave a rible weapon in order to get a mentary on the fine union work tremendous cheer, as only the head start over its "peace loving that has been done here by our GI's on their way home can, and allies." The USSR extends its own Flint comrades. waved to the pickets. The pick- totalitarian system as far west ets waved their placards back, as Germany. Its main purpose striking, fighting UAW men! and an answering yell rose up is to create a buffer between itfrom the workers across the self and the Western powers. street near the hall. By following such a course of

The striking workers got a action it had antagonized the sreat kick out of this event and masses and created hatred of I wish that all G. M. strikers the Soviet Union.

could have witnessed it. And The English government by its the next best they can do is to imperialist policy in Palestine, read about it in The Militant India, Hong-Kong, Indonesia, which is why I am writing this. etc. and by calling out troops to

R. Kirk

#### **Only One Solution** For The World Editor:

On V-J Day we were told the war was over! Millions of warand Korea. weary people celebrated. It was Indeed a happy day! Weren't World! we going to usher in a new J. F. world of peace, abundance and of course, democracy? Weren't we to be free from fear and want?

over whether to contribute to Editor: UNRRA, and how much, millions

This week I went out looking of people throughout the world face the prospect of disease and for work and I found a vivid starvation during the coming is awful close to real unemployTHE MILITANT

international plane. 2.-Adult study classes in economics and political science. 3.-Courageous and intelligent leaders.

The Negro is gradually waking up and is learning to use his vote carefully where it will do the most good. If you want the Negro vote you must teach the Negro what your party is and what it stands for: its history. its record and its future plans.

These plans on any problem must be presented by representadistributing. The Militant on a cause the Stalinists demand an most of all were: "Oh, yes, The tives of the Negro race if they concern the Negro people.

> If the Socialist Workers Party is willing to agree to this and prove it is out for justice and of creed or color, I can see no We went to all the strike reason why you cannt get suffi-

> > E. B. New York.

paper-some sitting, some stand-

Would you care to publish this description of LABOR in The The best part of it all is that Militant? (It appears elsewhere some time ago, as one of a num-The militant spirit of the UAW ber on the "coming era of the men was evident everywhere we common man," which I hope to went, and we know that they have published in a book some series. So much is about to take

place, that I wait those events. This experience is also a comdone if the UAW gives in now, say: because General Motors begins

Solidarity Forever with the to feel the pinch, and is unable to supply parts and fulfill its Ruth Franklin contracts. It is heartening to

# **Marxism And The** Negro: A Letter

Dear Comrade Jackson: I am very much interested in

political parties and organizations and their program for continue the Tory policy. Its reaching the Negro. The recent policy in Greece is no more dem- election and the Trotskyist Soocratic than the Soviet Union's cialist Workers Party contact policy in the Balkans or Amer- with the Negro in Harlem, proves beyond a doubt that the SWP does not know the Negro and his conditions or his way of

> To begin with, to form an organization or run a candidate you should first introduce to the people what socialism is: its

such little support at the polls because most of the voters never heard of socialism or of Trotsky,

struggle is, or what capitalism

### LABOR

He stirs, and gazes fixedly, where kings Cower in terror of the thing he is; Awake at last, and freed from iron gyv He looks at them across the gulf of years, The banner of his freedom is unfurled, The hunger of the helpless from his face, Has vanished. He, is master of the world.

This thing has taken life. From whence, we ask. It thinks, it moves, it feels its age-long wrongs, Will it make waste, and desolate our homes, Revolting from the tyranny that claims The sacrifice of common wealth to kings? Is this that form, that leaning on its hoe In Millets' picture, made such grave appeal To man's humanity, through Markham's lips? Is this that image, only multiplied, By thousands and by thousands of its kind?

We fear this desperate shape, this Nemesis, This boomerang, the greed of man hath wrought The poet truly says that it is filled With threats and torments of the times, and fraught With menace for the chains that fetter men. Its shadow veils the future, and its breast Is bared to show the wounds that gape therein.

Shall we regard this menace with disdain? The mills of God are grinding slowly on, And devastations, terrible as war, Will shake the earth, if he stretch forth his hand, He stretched it once, and laid it on a throne. And that throne crashed, and men went frenzy mad For kings must reap the evil they have sown.

But we do wrong to measure him with hate. He beareth that which shall our pride condemn; His name is LABOR, circling the world, ind none shall ever shackle him again. The fire of life is racing through his veins, The wine of life is mounting to his head. He hath inherited a giant's brood. And the whole earth will tremble at his tread. SAM BROWN.

take, although I would like to ago, you stated that the Jews

The work of years will be un- add the following to what you do not want to go to Palestine to the Marxist classics will make but they were being sent there by ideal Christmas gifts, Books

Government ownership of all the Zionist leaders and in a production and distribution! more recent article you state Government production for use that according to surveys made instead of for profit! I would among European Jews, they did remember the aged; the grudging want to emigrate to Palestine. help they give us, such I have It seems to me this contradicts received for the last 10 years, is your former statement. Furery revolutionary.

We have already received many overthrow of the present form that the overwhelming majority of government by the people. It of Jews favor a Jewish homeadvance orders on both books, can be done if they all get to- land in Palestine and the fact not only from most of the Sothat the Jews have created thriv- cialist Workers Party branches

Enclosed is a money order for ing, progressive communities and from friends of the party which please enroll me on your there, I think it will take more here, but from Canada, Cuba scribe very much, but couldn't resubscription list. I would do bet- than a pronouncement in your and countries as far away as ter but my old age assistance editorial to convince Jewish Ceylon, England, France, and won't allow it. I, like the CIO, workers or anyone else for that South Africa.

matter that Jews do not want | The Revolution Betrayed, or-Palestine. Nor will you rally iginally published in 1937 and the Socialist Zionists who may long out-of-print, is a valuable have become disillusioned with aid to the Marxist student for subscription cards. He told us: the policies and leadership of a complete understanding of Tve taken The Militant into my the Zionist Organization and Stalinism, what it is, how it op- shop and three of the men I work who may be considering differ- erates, its social base and its with also want to become subent alignments of forces in which deadly menace to the world rev- scribers. And I want to keep a olution.

Leon

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The First Five Years of the

I want to begin by saying that as to believe that the policies never before printed in English, I am in agreement with your for Palestine will be decided by written by Trotsky in 1919-23 the face of all obstacles. As the basic assertion that the Jewish pledges or moral consideration when the Communist Interna- following letter illustrates, nothproblem, like all other social rather than imperial interests. tional under the leadership of ing seems to faze them.

tionary organization.

We know our readers will be new readers, the regular paid very pleased to learn that the circulation is increasing steadily press run of The Militant for the week after week. We are nearing past two weeks has been 68,000 the goal of 50,000 regular paid copies. The increase over our circulation set by the November regular run is attributable to 1944 Convention of the Socialist

the fact that Socialist Workers | Workers Party. Party branches from coast to coast have ordered larger bun-Al Cutler of Boston writes: "In dles for distribution to striking spite of inclement weather, four of us went out last Saturday and

distributed about 300 copies of The Militant in a working class area in Roxbury. On Sunday we had a full mobilization with very favorable results.

"In fact, comrades reported that some of the workers who were visited said they had read the paper the night before, and were waiting for The Militant salesmen."

An excellent plan, which we

tant books by Leon Trotsky, The Mili Adams of New York: "It Revolution Betrayed and The didn't take me long to decide First Five Years of the Com- what to give my relatives and munist International. Both of friends this Christmas-a onethese books are now being bound year combination subscription to and will be ready for distribu- The Militant and the Fourth Intion before Christmas. 'The re- ternational. I can't think of anylease of the books has long been thing they would enjoy more, not delayed, due to circumstances only for the immediate holiday beyond our control. season, but for an entire year

These two valuable additions to come."

Rudy Rhodes of St. Louis rehave always been the most prized ports these two very interesting of gifts, a warm bond between incidents: "Last week we revisitthe donor and recipient. Espe- ed a home where we had left a cially is this true when the gift copy of The Militant. This worker is a new addition to a Marxist had asked us to come back when library-the working tool of ev- we originally called as he was short of cash that day. When we arrived he remarked: 'I am sure glad to see you. My wife cleaned up and accidentally threw away the copy of The Militant you had left. I was afraid you wouldn't call back and I wanted to submember the address of your paper.'

> "We also visited a Militant subscriber. He informed us he liked the paper very much and wanted us to give him four blank spare card on hand.'

> Our Militant sub-getters are known for their persistence in

ican policy in the Philippines

thinking.

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break the dock-workers' strike. Newkark, N. J. is showing that it is going to

There is only one solution: The United Socialist States of the · New York.

Tacoma Workers Today, while Congress argues Face Unemployment

ness against economic aggression as much as it does against political aggression. It is a fine paper. I would we had more so

Flint, Mich.

**To Charles Jackson** 

outspoken and inspiring. Strange how afraid our dailies are of letting the people voice their opinions in their columns, and how cautious they are in

their editorials. Don't they know that the future belongs to labor?

Nothing can stop this eventuality, but the day can be put off by disunity in the ranks. Your paper can be praised for many fine things, but your in-

read The Militant every week

and find that it stands for firm-

gether, is one of the finest. On that depends everything. Shall the new 1946 be ours? It can be, if we will it so; but YOU and its objectives. You received know this better than anyone. off the steam of indignation that

almost blows one up sometimes.

you do not need it; but to let

Sam Brown Boston, Mass.

a shame. I would advocate the thermore, in view of the fact

gether. am fighting for an existence!

Universal, Ind. sistence on unity, all pulling to- Asks Discussion On Jewish Question

Editor:

C. T.

In the recent issues of The to work. Militant there were several ar- ... I'd like to point out that there ticles on the Jewish Question are elements in the Zionist Communist International conupon which I wish to comment. movement who are not so naive tains manifestos and articles

problems resulting from Capital- Therefore, the Roosevelt letter Lenin and Trotsky was a world P. Mertens of St. Paul writes:

workers of the General Motors Corporation. With the excellent work our comrades and friends are doing in introducing The Militant to Pioneer

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Elsewhere in this issue is an know many of our friends will advertisement of Pioneer books, want to follow, is contained in

listing among others two impor- the following letter.

# Notes



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If you will survey Harlem you ment. The significant thing is

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es as the second most powerful Christmas in the past few years

ter another. Stalin's policy of number of people at the State things and is willing to take ac- your paper for the stand you In an editorial of a few weeks thorough analysis of the Jewish non-intervention in Spain led to Unemployment Insurance office. tion when he finds the proper I hit the shipyards, steel, ma- organization and is led by quali-Franco: in Germany. to Hitler: Franco: in Germany, to Hitler; and in China, to Chiang Kai-chine shops and not even a sign field leaders. The weak point is field leaders. The weak point is but this strong of its point is in the minorshek. His theory of "Socialism of a job. There are no tool and that this group is in the minorin one country" has led to his die shops here at all, so I am ity and lacks power and influ-

betrayal of humanity. Are we free from the fear of trade.

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"another" war? Hardly! The smake of this war has scarcely begun to clear, when the longsmouldering hatred of the ex- Flint Strikers ploited colonial people against

their oppressors has burst forth. Get The Militant The imperialists in their zeal for Editor:

profits have wasted no time in This morning, at six o'clock in put socialist candidates up for their attempt to suppress the re- the cold, gray dawn of Flint, office and ask the Negro for his goes, the Negro is held at arm's children off the street-Boogie Michigan, we went out to dis- vote. bellion.

Already the United Nations tribute The Militant to the strik-Organization is beginning to fall ing UAW workers at all the GM | Harlem need: 1.-Official organ- slightest misstep. ization of all Negroes on an eduapart. Like the old bankrupt plants in that area. League of Nations the UNO will This was one of the greatest cational, cultural, political and

will find that most of the people Veteran Socialist not layoffs so much as the fact there have had little education Editor:

perforce compelled to leave my ence over the masses who don't

yet understand.

history of socialism.

usual congested crowds of pre- few have ever read their books.

The Negro must be taught Editor:

useless as well as senseless to ing white man.

nation, has taken its place in the in the downtown department the Negroes lack this knowledge. first vote for James B. Weaver. the fundamental Zionist probled the masses to one defeat af- a slow gradual increase in the knows and understands these the people waking up, and I like self determination of the Jews. it would be advisable to make a

'What Did We Fight For?"

(Negroes from remaining there for what capitalism is, in action; After serving five years and any period of time.

the class struggle in action; un- three months in the U.S. Navy, ion organizations in action; the including time in the reserves, I and staff members, were located still find the Negro is nothing but in this town, the wagging tondon't belong! Break the glasses

length, not only for inspection. Men are in town!

The community of Medford de-To begin with the Negroes in but for condemnation for the termined to rid itself of this "scourge." The Medford Cham-I can report the case of a

wounded white Marine, who reber of Commerce wrote to Washington, "Get them out," or more fused life-saving blood just belikely, "get rid of the Niggers." cause it was a Negro's. Needless to say, the Marine died. Think of Washington intervened. The white commander of the Naval the suffering of his poor parents, his wife and children, just Hospital at Medford Camp had because he had been educated to to act and act quickly. The Ne-

the false idea that Negroes are groes were shipped a long distance to a community where Negroes lived, when liberty might have been arranged for them at

a town closer to Medford. of Saipan and Iwo Jima. I watch-The Negroes were told "as Navy ed Negro Seabees shot down in men you go where you are orthe Philippines when they were dered. But it is for your own performing their jobs as fighting convenience. We have no recreamen of the United States. I hold tional facilities here for you." So several decorations from the the Negro sailors, many of them United States. But I'm ashamed | battle-wounded, were forced out to wear them. I'm not ashamed of Medford, even though the exof the United States, I love her. ecutive officer admitted that But I am ashamed of the kind their work and conduct in the of home the greedy individuals Navy had been excellent.

We all fight for existence. But have made it for me. I could name several places if there were another war, I still that discriminate against the Ne- wonder what I would be fightgro where I have been, places ing for. Could I get fair treatment in the South where he can't ride for my loved ones and myself? a train, places in the North where Or would I still have to eke out he can't eat. But it reverts back a mere existence, a pittance, have to the question of Government nothing but the crumbs left over from my so-called superior, the policy.

We depended on the Govern- white capitalist who teaches and ment, and were located at a hos- commands the lower class whites pital in Medford, Oregon. By to obey. What did I fight for? hook or crook, the white leaders of the community prevented all

ism replaces this imperialist sys- prise or the "damaging blow" you tem. However, while your ar- suggest, for they never consid-

or political knowledge. I have I have been in this economic ticles showed how the Jewish ered Roosevelt's support decisive talked with them. Only one out struggle many years. I read the people evere betrayed by the im- in realizing their aims of a Jewof a hundred has ever heard of Appeal to Reason for a long perialist policies of the Allies, ish Homeland in Palestine. You I have noticed the lack of the Karl Marx or of Lenin, and very time, then the American Guard- and condemned the Zionist or- seem to attach more importance ian for a long time, and now ganization and their leaders, you to it than does the Zionist move-This does not mean that all take The Progressive. I cast my haven't in any way touched upon ment.

It seems to me that because of field of power politics. It has stores. Each week, I have seen The educated Negro of Harlem I still feel there is some hope of lem of Jewish homelessness and the urgency, at the present time,

> Question. The problem of a homeland should be discussed from the sociological, cultural and historical phases. In fact it would be a good idea to review the entire National Question from a Marxist point of view. Every radical I speak to includ-

ing Trotskyists seem to be very When Negro sailors, patients much confused on that issue. I want to add that in 1937 Trotsky issued a statement to Until that is done it will be the servant of the superior-feel- gues got busy. Get them out, they the effect that history has not justified assimilation; that the Whatever he does, wherever he they drink from! Keep your Jewish nation needs a land of its own; and that the Jewish problem will be solved through territorial concentration. I would very much like to see that statement brought to light and analyzed along with the entire ques-

> group. I realize that this is quite an assignment, but no responsible revolutionary movement can take a position without studying these

tion of Jewish survival as a

A. G. Newark, N. J.



Leon Trotsky, clothbound \$2, night run to La Crosse. When he got there in the morning he The First Five Years of the should have gone to bed. Instead Communist International, by he went subbing in a pouring Trotsky, clothbound rain, and sold seven subscrip-\$2.50, paperbound \$1.50. tions, in addition to three 'John Order from Pioneer Publishers, For All' pamphlets. We are quite 16 University Place, New York pleased, and think he did a good job.'

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# "Militant" Subscription Campaign Nears San Francisco Bay Area Hears Goal With 9,324 New Readers Gained John G. Wright On Labor Party

By Justine Lang **Campaign** Director

the conclusion of our drive for 10,000 additional readers. Final results will appear in next week's issue of The -Comrade C. Raymond. Militant.

Thus far 9,324 new subscribers now being challenged by St. to circumstances beyond their have been obtained, representing Louis. The following note is control they got a very late start 93 per cent of our national goal. from Rudy Rhodes, who inciden- in our present campaign, but This week's scoreboard re- tally is a national pace-setter, in they write us that despite this veals that Allentown-Bethlehem sixth place: "We didn't want to handicap, they will meet their and Boston have now joined the a c c e p t Reading's challenge quota. other 13 branches of the So- while we were at the top of the PLAN CELEBRATIONS have reached 100 per cent. Most we are neck-and-neck, we accept scoreboard for the second time. p.m. Comrades from Reading,

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of the remaining branches have the challenge. We might advise dition, the two teams with the written to tell us that they are also that we are going to fight highest scores will be awarded concentrating all their efforts to get back on top." As this story goes to press, and all their forces in these last This column continues to put forth to m prior to our last National few days of the campaign, to maintain its neutrality by sim- such a huge Red Sunday Mobilization on meet their quotas and become ply adding-may the best sub- assigned the December 9, we are nearing part of the "over the top" group. getters win! Reading maintains its lead on | Our readers will note two in- seventh week our scoreboard for the second teresting developments when consecutive week, and has a na- they examine this week's score- are planning a

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tional pace-setter in fifth place board. First, San Diego has wind up the sent in 26 subs, thereby fulfilling ebrate the qu However Reading's position is 52 per cent of their quota. Due sure will be re Max Geldm writes the fol ing note: "Ph ebrate the su

the sub drive ebration Dinner at the Embassy Restaurant, 619 W. Girard Ave. cialist Workers Party which score-board. However, now that Kansas City appears on our on Saturday, December 15, at 8

This group of comrades and Allentown and Baltimore are exfriends recently began canvass- pected to be present to cheer the ing the area for subscribers, and obtaining of 10,000 new readers to date have sent in seven subs. for The Militant, and their own Due to their late start, they are good work in making the cam-

not being assigned a quota, but paign a success. we feel sure they will make a "All readers of THE MILIgood showing in our final listing. TANT are invited to celebrate Local New York says: "We are with us the latest achievement planning an elaborate dinner of the devoted members and consisting of turkey with all the friends of the Socialist Workers trimmings, a program of enter- Party. Reservations should be tainment including brief made in advance at our headspeeches, songs and skits. In ad- quarters, 405 W. Girard Ave."

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#### independent labor party in this for power," Comrade Wright said country. Approximately 45 workers, most of them trade unionists, in San Francisco, and 35 workers in Oakland, nearly half of them new readers of The Militant, had come to the lecture on "British Labor Victory and U.S. Labor

scribe the development and vic-

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Party Prospects" because they wanted a "scientific, and therefore, Marxist, analysis," of what had happened in England. "The British workers want rev-

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Party. But now they find that their leaders want revolution by consent of the capitalist class. They find that Bevin was much

### By Della Rossa and R. Marshall

ECONOMIC hands are not long

This is a period, he pointed

out, when conservative unions are

passing resolutions to open fac-

tories under workers' control.

**BUILDING A NUCLEUS** 

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enough."

SAN FRANCISCO --- Intensely, more radical when he was in the (there was the tremendous growth interested Bay Area audiences, same government as Churchill of the powerful CIO, you can in San Francisco on November and therefore was forced to show sec what the sharpening cona difference from him." flict in the next period will mean 23 and in Oakland, November "Revolution by consent," will in the growth of an independent 25, heard John G. Wright, asso- never be possible. Comrade labor party.

ciate editor of The Militant, de- Wright pointed out, and this real-The real struggle in forming a ization will lead the British work- labor party, he said, is not in tory of the British Labor Party ers toward a new leadership. getting the thousands and the "In this new strike struggle in millions but in building the basic has given the drive toward an America, the workers reach out nucleus.

Comrade Wright's ability to in indicating the revolutionary attract and recruit workers was possibilities of our own working once more demonstrated in San class. "And they find that their Francisco when at the close of the meeting a worker came forward with an application for membership.

Huge banners reading. "Build" an\_Independent Labor Party,' covered the front of the halls at both the San Francisco and Oak-"When you consider," he said, land meetings. Around both balls 'that until recently the Ameri- were displayed the slogans. can workers had the Gompers "Down With Jim Crow," "Sub-'medieval guild' for a union, and scribe to the Militant," and "Join. that then in a five-year period the Socialist Workers Party."

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THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN TROTSKYISM - by James P. Cannon

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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 trikes of 1934. In 1935, the Trotskyists turned their attention to a growing left wing tendency in the Socialist Party.

# HOW WE ENTERED THE SOCIALIST PARTY IN 1936

smith shop back home where we boys used to stand around, fascinated by the blacksmith, a heroic figure in our eyes. He took his time, smoked his pipe very leisurely, talked to people about the weather and local politics. When a horse was brought around to without interview into the transformation of the party sup-ported the proposals of the Cannon-Shachtman caucus for entry into the Socialist Party. Our proposal also had the support of Trotsky. This was a considerable factor in reassuring the rank and file of the party that it was a good factical step not to be conweather and local politics. When a horse was brought around to without intelligence. They don't understand why anybody should be shod, the blacksmith slowly pumped up the bellows under the thing it strange.

Meantime our own party was moving toward its convention. It was soon revealed that the decisive majority of the party sup-

These organizations have a pseudo-democracy which permits a great deal of talk and criticism as long as this talk and criticism doesn't in any way menace the control of the organization. But the moment their rule is challenged, they come down every time with the most brutal bureaucratic repressions against the majority. This is true of all of them, of all kinds and colors of opponents of Bolshevism in the field of organization. Even the sanctified Norman Thomas was no exception, as I will demonstrate later on.

Incidentally, this is also true of all the sectarian groups without exception who split away from the Fourth International, who raised a great hue and cry about the lack of democracy in the Trotskyist movement. The moment they set up their own organizations, they established real despotism. The Oehler group, for example, was no sooner constituted as an independent organization than the people who had been lured by his appeals against danger that the Lovestoneites, who were certainly closer in political the terrible bureaucratism of the Trotskyist organization got a rude shock. They encountered the most rigid and despotic caricature of bureaucratism.

The split in New York of the Right Wing of the Socialist Party heralded the national split—that was clear to us. The Right Wing of the Socialist Party were determined, for reasons of their own, to disconnect themselves from the militant rank and file and youth elements in the SP who were talking about revolution. They considered this out of date. They were looking toward the 1936 national elections and already in their own minds had undoubtedly arrived at the position of supporting Roosevelt. They were only looking for a good pretense to break their relations with to dissolve the church of the Lord and go and join the heretic the rank and file militants and youth who were still taking Socialism seriously. This split in New York showed us that the time had come to act without delay. It happened that I was in Minneaolis when the explosion took place in the New York organization of the SP. Here was a striking repetition of the procedure of 1934. The impulsion to speed up the fusion with the American Workers Party came from a discussion held there during the strike. Now, for the second time, the initiative for a sharp political turn came from an informal conference which I had with leading negotiations with these papier-mache heroes were a spectacle for comrades in Minneapolis.

We came to the conclusion that we must move, without one day's unnecessary delay, to get into the Socialist Party while it remained in a state of flux, before a new bureaucracy would have time to crystalize and before the influence of the Stalinists could be consolidated. The whole leadership of our faction, the Cannon-Shachtman faction, was agreed upon this line. The rank and file of the faction had been well prepared and educated in the long internal fight and had entirely assimilated the political line of the leadership. They supported this plan unanimously. They had overcome all prejudices about the "French turn," about the principle of "independence," and all other shibboleths of the sectarian phrasemongers. When the opportunity arose to take a turn which offered the prospect of political advantage they were ready to move. The moment had come to act.

Then everything hung on the question of acting without too much delay, without playing around, without indecision or hesitation. Routine propaganda, which is carried on all the time, is by no means sufficient in itself to build a party and enable it to grow rapidly. The routine exposition of principles is not enough. A political party must know what to do next, and do it before it is too late. In this particular case the thing we had to do next, if we wanted to take advantage of a great fluid situation in the vanguard of the workers movement. was to move forthwith into the SP, seize the opportunity before it slipped away, take a step forward by effecting a fusion of the Trotskyist workers with the militant rank and file and young people in the Socialist Party who right he ran into some young Socialists who were traveling to the had at least the subjective desire to be revolutionists and who left, and for the moment they seemed to be in agreement. But it were moving in our direction.

There is an expression, a good American motto, about striking while the iron is hot. I don't know how many of you realize how trouble was that he had no character. He could stand up and vivid that expression can appear to one who understands its mean- debate the war question from the standpoint of Lenin with one ing in the mechanical sense. It has always been a favorite motto of the Stalinist leaders-and state the Leninist position quite ference, of evasiveness, we kept after them and kept the negotiaof mine in politics, and it always calls up the vision of the black- correctly-and then go to work for the Needle Trades fakers, do- tions alive.

forge, still taking it easy until the fire reached a certain white heat and the horseshoe became red hot. Then, at the decisive moment, the blacksmith became transformed. All his lassitude thrown off, he seized the horseshoe with his great pincers, lifted it onto the anvil and began to pound it with his hammer while it was red hot. Otherwise the horseshoe would lose its malleability and he could not fashion it into the proper shape. If we had allowed the opportunity in the SP to cool, we would have missed our chance.

### We Strike While the Iron Is Hot

We had to strike while the iron was hot. There was danger that the Stalinists, who were pressing upon the SP very heavily, would get in ahead of us and repeat their feat in Spain. There was affinity to the American Socialists than we were because they were nothing more than centrists themselves, would learn what their next cue was and step ahead of us into the Socialist Party.

We had two small hurdles to jump over before we could effect the entry. First, we had to have a party convention to get the sanction for such an action. Second, we had to get permission from the heads of the Socialist Party before we could join it. Frior to our convention we had to go through one more fierce factional struggle with the Musteites who summoned their cohorts for a last stand to save the "independence" and "integrity" of the Workers Party. They fought with holy zeal against our proposal Socialists. They defended the "independence" of the Workers Party as though it were the Ark of the Covenant and we were laying profane hands upon it. It was certainly a furious fight that had in it elements of semi-religious fanaticism. But it availed them nothing. The large majority of the party members were clearly on our side from the start.

We began negotiations with the leaders of the "Militants" over the terms and conditions of our entry into the Socialist Party. The gods and men. "I will never forget them. I believe that in all my long and somewhat checkered experience, which has ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous, and vice versa, I never encountered anything so fabulous and fantastic as the negotiations with the chiefs of the "Militants" caucus in the Socialist Party. They were all transient figures, important for a day. But they didn't know They saw themselves in a distorting mirror, and for a brief period imagined themselves to be revolutionary leaders.

Outside their own imagination there was hardly any basis whatever for their assumption that they were at all qualified to lead anything or anybody, least of all a revolutionary party which requires qualities and traits of character somewhat different from the leadership of other movements. They were inexperienced and untested. They were ignorant, untalented, petty-minded, weak, cowardly, treacherous and vain. And they had other faults too. They were in a quandary over our application for admission to their party. They wanted to have us in the party, most of them, to counterbalance the Right Wing and to help ward off the Stalinists whom they mortally feared on one side and tended to approach on the other. They wanted us in the party and were afraid of what we might do after we came in. They didn't know for sure, from the beginning until the very end, what they really wanted. In addition to everything else, we had to help them make up their minds.

There was Zam, ex-Lovestoneite and renegade Communist who was turning back to Social Democracy. On his way to the wasn't really so: they had merely met at the crossroad.

There was Gus Tyler, a very smart young chap whose only

There was Murry Baron, a bright young college boy who also got a job as a trade union leader on the sufferance of Dubinsky. He lived well and considered it important that he continue to do so At the same time, he was dabbling with the task of leading a revolutionary movement, like someone who takes up a hobby on the side. There were Biemiller and Porter from Wisconsin, young fellows who at the age of thirty had acquired all the senile qualities The Great Majority in Favor of Entry of the European Social Democrats. Having lost the flame of idealism, if they were ever touched by it, they were already settling down to the business of labor faking on weekdays and pretending to be radical on Sunday. They were nearly all of the same type,

and it was a very poor type. Yet they were the leaders of the Left Wing of the Socialist Party and we had to negotiate with them all, including Norman Thomas who was head of the party nominally, and who, as Trotsky very well explained, called himself a Socialist as the result of a misunderstanding.

Our problem was to make an agreement with this rabble to admit us to the Socialist Party. In order to do that we had to negotiate. It was a difficult and sticky job, very disagreeable. But that did not deter us. A Trotskyist will do anything for the party, even if he has to crawl on his belly in the mud. We got them into negotiations and eventually gained admission by all sorts of devices and at a heavy cost. It was not simply a question of calling them on the phone and saving. "Let's meet at two o'clock on Tuesday and discuss matters." It was a long, involved and torturous process. While we were negotiating formally and collectively, we also had several separate, individual angles working.

One of them was Zam, the renegade Communist who seemed to think, because we wanted to join the Socialist Party, that we were going to do a little renegading too. He had personal reasons for wanting us in the SP and he facilitated our admission. He was mortally afraid of the Stalinists, and thought we would be a counterbalance and antidote to them. Private discussions with him always preceded the formal discussion with the leaders. We always knew beforehand what they were planning to do.

Hard Conditions Attached to Entry

In addition to all the other things, they had no internal solidarity or respect for each other and we naturally took advantage of that. Another independent side-line operation, preceding the entry, was with Thomas himself. The arrangement of the rendezvous between Thomas and the Trotskyists was the last progressive act in the life and career of Sidney Hook. Perhaps he felt that he owed us one more favor. Possibly he was moved by sentimental was a pretty good thing. Be that as it may, he arranged a meeting with Thomas which increased the pressure on the "Militants" caucus. They finally agreed to admit us, but they made us pay.

They made very hard conditions. We had to give up our press despite the fact that it had been the tradition of the Socialist Party to let any faction have its own press and despite the fact that the Socialist Call had started as a faction organ of the "Militants." Any section or state or local organization in the SP that wanted its own press had been free to have it. They demanded special conditions of us, that we should have no press. They made us give up The Militant and our magazine, the New International. and being received as a body. No, we had to join as individuals, leaving every local Socialist Party branch the option of refusing to admit us.

We had to join individually because they wanted to humiliate us, to make it appear that we were simply dissolving our party, humbly breaking with our past, and starting anew as pupils of the "Militants" caucus of the SP. It was rather irritating, but we were not deflected from our course by personal feelings. We had been purpose of staging man-hunts but as the occasion to explain contoo long in the Lenin school for that. We were out to serve political aims. That is why, despite the most onerous conditions, we never broke negotiations-and never gave them an excuse to shut negotiations off from their side. Whenever they showed signs of indif-

strued in any way as a repudiation of principles, as the Ochlerites had represented it. The convention of March 1936 which had to put the seal on the decision was a formality. The majority in favor of the proposal to enter the Socialist Party was overwhelming. The opposition was reduced to such a small group that they had virtually no alternative but to accept the decision, submit to discipline and go along with us into the Socialist Party.

At this convention there was a kick-back from some unprincipled politics that had taken place in the summer, a cruel penalty for unprincipled combinationism. In this case it was the aftermath of the Allentown incident which is quite famous in the history of our party, and is still alive in the memories of those who went through the struggles of those days. Allentown had been one of the main centers of the American Workers Party. The entire organization there, which was quite large, and which was in the leadership of a very substantial movement of unemployed workers organized in the National Unemployed Leagues, was composed of former Musteites. Most of the Allentown members had been in the movement only a short time. They had come into the American Workers Party through the unemployed activities and were in need of Marxist political education, in order that the fruits of their mass work could eventually be transformed into political gains and a firm political party nucleus established there. We sent in some comrades to assist them in this respect. For the youth a young comrade named Stiler was sent in. For the adult movement, Sam Gordon was sent. Their function, while participating in the mass activities, was to assist in the Marxist education of these Allentown comrades who showed a strong will to become completely fused with us in ideology as well as organization. The faction fight arrested these plans and Allentown was a center of infection all through the period.

One of the worst complications arose from the treachery of Stiler. He was sent in there with the trust of the party, but he succumbed to the backward environment. He became an instrument and defender of the worst elements in the American Workers Party who had a center there in Allentown. A man named Reich, another named Hallett were closely connected with one of the Musteite national leaders, named Arnold Johnson. They used Allentown as a base for opposition to every progressive trend in the party. Time and time again, the Allentown organization would deviate from the party line in the mass work, in the direction of Stalinism. Sam Gordon would intervene and a big fight would take place locally. Then, either the National Committee representreminiscences of his youth when he had thought the revolution atives would go to Allentown, or a delegation would come in to New York, for a discussion of the issue. We would speak and explain for hours on end in an effort to clarify the question and educate the Allentown comrades. We suspected nothing at first, but as one incident followed another, we couldn't help noticing that every flare-up had one and the same distinguishing characteristic.

No matter how each fracas started, or what the immediate dispute might be over, there was always a taint of Stalinist ideology in the position of the Allentown comrades. We thought it probable, in the beginning, that the deviations were only tendencies, the expression of the pressure of the Stalinist movement weighing upon them, and not the deliberate work of real Stalinist agents in our They wouldn't allow us the honor and dignity of joining as a body ranks. We continued to give them the benefit of the doubt, even when they began to manifest organizational disloyalty, breaking the discipline and unity of action of the Workers Party and working in unison with the Stalinist caucus even against their own comrades in the Unemployed Leagues. We kept fighting it out with them, but our aim was purely educational.

> It has always been the policy in our movement to use incidents like these, errors and deviations from party principle, not for the cretely and in detail the doctrines of Marxism and thus aid the education of the comrades. Many comrades in the party have received their real education in the meaning of Bolshevism from these educational discussions conducted on the basis of some concrete incident or other. We tried the method in this case. (To Be Continued)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1945

# 1,000 Workers In San Francisco **Picket Fascist Smith's Meeting**

(Special to THE MILITANT)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2-More than 1,000 anti-fascist workers this afternoon picketed the first meeting here of Fiscist Gerald L. K. Smith, who after a month of legal maneuvering was granted the use of the Commerce High School auditorium. Another 1,500 sympathetic on-lookers lined the streets in support?

of the anti-Smith demon- plain clothesmen and deputized "reserves" were on hand to prostrators. tect America's No. 1 Fascist. Two

Pickets formed two blocksteel cables, strung the whole long lines circling before the en- length of the block, provided a trance to the school auditorium, clear path for those wishing to while a third line covered the enter the meeting, forcing the rear of the building. When picketers to march in the street. would-be fuehrer Smith arrived Policemen lined along the cables, in his limousine and was escortmassed at the street corners and ed into the building by his bodythe stadium wall across the guards and a big police detail, street, and swarmed inside the the picket line surged in his dibuilding and around nearby rection and a chorus of boos and strategic points. hisses filled the air.

#### BANNERS ON LINE

Represented on the picket ers were kept moving. Both mililines were the banners of the tary Police and Shore patrol AFL Pile Drivers Local 34; Ma-Ane Firemen, independent; CIO the picket lines were questioned Marine Cooks and Stewards; CIO about their political affiliations. National Maritime Union: AFL Office Employes Local 36; AFL a month-long fight by unions Miscellaneous Employes Local and other anti-fascist organiza-110; Federation of Architects, tions failed to prevent Smith Chemists and Engineers; Social- from securing use of a public ist Workers Party (Trotskyist); school auditorium to spread his American Youth for Democracy; Workers Party; and the Califor- pealed to the State Supreme nia Labor School.

Banners of the Stalinist-led GIO Longshoremen's union and the Communist (Stalinist) Party were conspicuous by their absence. Although the call for the

picket line was sent out by the ROLE OF STALINISTS CIO Council, and Stalinist officials of the CIO, including Harry Bridges of the ILWU-CIO, put in an appearance on the picket notify interested organizations line to "make the record," it was of the picketing. In major local quite evident that Stalinists and unions, such as CIO Longshore-CIO leaders had made no effort men's Local 6 and 1-10, which to swing the bulk of the CIO into alone could have put more than action.

Approximately 500 policemen, mention of the picket line was

# **Rubber Workers Back GM Strike**

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT anti-fascist picket line with the AKRON, O., Dec. 2.-The reg- call for a protest at the Board ular membership meeting of of Transportation to oppose a CIO United Rubber Workers proposed increase in street car Goodrich Local 5 here today en- fare. thusiastically adopted a resolu-

tion pledging "all possible support to the General Motors the Socialist Workers Party disstrikers."

Militant Local 5 in its resolution further "serves notice upon the auto corporations that the rubber workers are solidly behind other organizations to picket the UAW-CIO." meeting. A s

Workers Picket Fascist Meeting

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1,000 anti-fascist workers in San Francisco picketing the December 2 meeting held by Gerald L. K. Smith, America's No. 1 Fascist. The San Francisco Local of the Socialist Workers Party was active on the picket line which included AFL and CIO unions. Photo by The Militant

# Flint GM Committee Initiates Call For CIO Emergency Conference

ing telegram to Thomas stating: this strike by violence through (Continued from Page 1) the desire of the representatives of the workers on the picket lines back-to-work agreement for any or that pretext, they have anothto go on the offensive against portion of our people. Our plant er think coming. We are better cal colleges who are accusing the

Largely because of Stalinist gress.

influence, only the minimum discussion of the proposed recomsteps were taken by the CIO to mendation, delegates from AC and Fisher Body pointed out the success of the veterans' bonus unanimously condemned Thomarch of the early 1930's in a- mas' stand. Thomas subserousing mass sympathy for their demands. Almost without ex-10,000 pickets on the line, no ception the delegates felt that

with the CIO behind the march, made at regular meetings. The tremendous pressure could be ex-Labor Herald, CIO paper, carerted on the boss-controlled ried only a brief, obscure notice. Congress and that the whole The Stalinist 'Peoples World' anti-labor campaign could be gave only perfunctory notice to smashed. The proposal for the forma-

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the forthcoming action and combined the announcement of the tion of a labor party was discusexpressed the opinion that CIO broken with Truman but not

SWP SPREADS CALL The San Francisco Branch of

squads stood by. Servicemen on

The picket line was called after

fascist propaganda. Smith ap-

Court, which directed the school

board to permit Smith the use

of a school auditorium any time

school sessions were not in pro-

gress and without posting any

bond.

tributed 10,000 leaflets at key labor's own party. points in the city, at trade union halls and on the waterfront. announcing the call of the CIO and All Militant Readers Invited To

General Motors and the union- is down 100 per cent and we in- organized than ever before. The students of 'Red Faseism,' and ment does not in the end work repeat the performance now. General Motors and the union-hating administration and Con-gress. Intell to the advantage of the white until our just demands are won." Flying Squad is bigger and better intell to the advantage of the white just as they did in Germany "The are splitting the united front intell to the advantage of the white The answer to this perti-AC PAPER'S WARNING

That same night the Greater Flint CIO Council, representing strike!" 60,000 CIO members here, also quently beat a hasty retreat and

stated that his views had been "misrepresented." Warning against any move to weaken the strike by dividing the workers and making concessions Against Labor to the corporation, AC Local in a special strike bulletin declared:

"GM is attempting to whittle away at the strike piece-meal. sed at length. Some delegates As long as we remain united, 300,000 strong, no power in the President Philip Murray had world can smash us. GM knows that. For this reason, they want with the Democratic Party. The to split us, disunite us, divide us

"We vigorously protest any the use of injunctions, on this prepared to defend the picket

lines. GM can never bust this

**Truman Drops Mask In Attack** 

(Continued from Page 1) union rights snatched away during the war.

majority of the delegates con- and at the next stage smash us. tended that the time has come ..... We intend to win this fight leave itself undisputed master. to break entirely with the two by the united action of all GM TRUMAN SHOWS HAND Big Business parties and form locals, together, on the picket

The Truman "fact-finding the General Motors strike. The Weiss counterposed to this the ination clause in any agreement he also surrenders that hidden committee" proposal has met owning class, with an inflated Trotskyist program for a united that is reached. Employment dagger of racial discrimination

lishment of compulsory arbitra-



#### Another Angle on G. M. Strike

The powerful CIO United Automobile Workers Union has demonstrated its ability to close down, from one end of the country to the other, the profit-mad General Motors Corporation. The workers have backed this strike almost to the man and have given one of the grandest demonstrations this country has seen in working class soli- employers who ordinarily are

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29 .- A darity. capacity audience of 260 work-Black and white alike both ers jammed Folks Hall in East know that a 30 per cent wage Los Angeles tonight to hear the

Trotskyist answer on how to dethe present combination of a feat fascism in America and stop rising cost of living, widespread fascist demagogues like Gerald cutbacks and a shorter work L K. Smith. Another 50 had to week, with consequently greatly been set up for the purpose of reduced take-home pay. Issues (such as the demand

The meeting was called by the for the corporation to open its Socialist Workers Party, Los books) which have been injected Angeles Local, and its youth or- into no previous /strikes have ganization, the Socialist Youth been brought out in this class action. That trend will become Club, in answer to a vicious increasingly evident as the Amerslander attack against the Trot- ican workers realize the full neskyists by the Communist (Stal- cessity of all-out struggle against

inist) Party. the capitalist class on an ever-Blasting the Stalinist lie that the Trotskyists are "fascists" and also make it plain to them that mighty GM giant to his knees. "even worse than fascists," Mur- now is the time for them to inray Weiss, member of the SWP sist on the inclusion of a no- from early union days, that when National Committee, replied: "The Stalinists by thus blurring contract for which they are the dividing teeth of racial disover the real nature of fascism fighting.

**Answers Slander** 

By Al Lynn

**Against SWP** 

be turned away.

align themselves with the react-WEAPON OF THE BOSS ionary witch-hunters in the lowhen Hitler came to power."

**HUSH-HUSH TO FRAYER** 

Characterizing Stalinist policy ground, they should certainly rethroughout the local labor campaign against Gerald L. K. Smith as "from hush-hush. to picketing, to prayer," Comrade Weiss pointed out that only under the greatest pressure both from their own ranks and from the labor movement did the Stalinists agree to picket the recent Smith meetings here.

When Smith held his first American Big Business, drunk meetings, the Stalinists proposed with world power and embold- to give him the "silent treatened by the whole spectacle of ment." Now that they have been determined to beat down the the anti-fascist forces because of plants in other parts of the automobile manufacturers must workers, undermine and ulti- their numerical superiority in the mately destroy the unions, and labor movement which led the Los Angeles Sentinel of Novemstruggle against Smith, the Stalber 15: inists are advocating, as the means of combatting Smith, that SITUATION IN GM

The conflict that is unfolding the workers call upon their minbetween capital and labor has isters and rabbis to pray against GM plant illustrates the need he not only agrees to return to reached its first crucial phase in Smith when he speaks. Comrade for insisting on a non-discrim- you part of his plunder but until

militant anti-fascist labor strug-

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rabidly anti-Negro in their employment policies, are frequently the first to import inexperienced increase is the only answer to the deep south as strikebreakers in the event of a clash with the union . . . Already in this city, scab employment agencies have

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hiring Negroes as non-union workers.'

### Ask Your Shopmates to Subscribe to THE MILITANT

Thus we see that when workwidening scale. Careful consid- ers stand together, black and eration by the GM workers will white, they can bring even the discrimination clause in the new the ranks of labor are torn by strength can only suffer and the boss class exploiters can only

Discrimination against Negroes profit. On the west coast the and against women in employ- bosses are evidently preparing to

is a dangerous weapon of the issue then must be a second deers have the exploiter on the mand incorporated in the total increase. The workers must inmove this dagger, discrimination, from under his cloak, so that sist upon a no-discrimination when he gets back up he will clause in the new contract with be robbed of one of his most the bosses. In the words of the Sentinel editorial. to which we thoroughly subscribe, "The UAW As reported here in a recent issue, the Gear and Axle plant of GM in Detroit openly discriminated against women-and esreached in the present negotiapecially Negro women-as soon tions. In the interests of the as "peace" broke out, with the white auto workers, as well as perialists. Even worse practices in the interests of colored worksurrender of the Japanese imhave been reported from GM ers and of the union itself, the throughout the country."

cerpts from an editorial in the Leaders of the GM workers now demonstrating such valiant picket line solidarity: You now have the thieving giant on his "The situation at the local back! Do not let him arise until

SWI "We inform all locals of Genleaflet was addressed to the AFL eral Motors, UAW, that should membership urging the AFL to they be in need of aid we stand participate in this action. ready to do whatever is in our The Trotskyists here have set power," declares Local 5. themselves the task of educating The resolution calls upon the the ranks of the labor movement Akron labor movement "to sponto a greater awareness of the sor a rally in the Akron Armory menace of fascism. They plan to 8 n.m.at the first opportunity in order popularize in every section of the

to acquaint the Akron workers Bay Area the slogan that "the with the grave importance of the fight against faseism is the fight 3M strike," and proposes to inof all labor." vite UAW President R. J. Thom-

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as and Vice President Walter Reuther to address the rally. "The auto workers," says the resolution, "are spearheading the fight of all labor."





BLOCK SPLIT MOVE During the past week, the GM locals here have gone into action to forestall moves that Now on Sale might weaken the strike. The

UAW President R. J. Thomas and the international executive board's strategy committee as well as at General Motors. When it was reported that crease." Thomas had accepted a GM

proposal to work parts-plants talk of GM getting an injunction and the administration in prosupplying parts to GM's "compe- against the UAW for "illegal jecting it. titors," Archie Myers, AC Local picketing." Ben Woodard, Buick president and Bob Carter, chair- Local president, put the position man of the AC strike committee of the Local officers very bluntand chairman of the Greater ly.

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arbitration. If we go along with In this situation, Truman was ities in the anti-fascist struggle. the fact-finding committee we impelled to reveal unambigu- Giving color to the meeting were (Fair Employment Practices class. It is to YOUR benefit to will wind up at best with a 10 to ously the class interests he really the posters strung along the Committee) directive-and has demand the elimination of the 15 per cent wage increase. The represents. His proposal for the walls. These posters had been gotten away with it.

The first and third proposals carried almost unanimously. a similar proposal."

lines.'

ASSAIL TRUMAN

Bob Carter stated: "I am tion through industrial "factagainst arbitration and will op- finding boards," is the propopose the setting up of fact-find- sition, with but slight modifiwhen Chairman Jack Holt, UAW ing committees. Anyone ac- cations, advanced by the corpregional director, called for the quainted with the labor history oration spokesmen at the Labor-

of this country knows that the Management Conference. The promptness with which fact-finding committees are used by the political stooges of the the National Association of Mancorporations to cheat the work- ufacturers endorsed the priners out of their just demands. ciple of Truman's proposal and Let us follow the example of the the indecent haste with which explosion was directed against Ford workers of Canada who re- the notoriously anti-labor Conjected arbitration even though gressmen have swung into action they had been on strike for more to embody it in law, make transthan 80 days. That's the way parent the real origin and purwe'll get a 30 per cent wage inpose of Truman's strikebreaking

scheme as well as the obvious There has been considerable collusion between Big Business

acter of the government.

to modify its anti-labor course.

Their hopes, of course, are in

UNION REACTION The apparently bitter reaction of the top union leaders to Tru-

the left."

vain.

and the auto workers will reject ing-off" period and the estab- picket lines against Smith.

there is in the hands of the which he hopes to sink into your company. As a result of union back at a later date. Color dis-Other speakers dealt with the pressure, they promised to hire crimination in hiring and jeb role of the youth, the women, Negroes in production. But they opportunity, as you have seen the parents and the racial minor- have not lived up to this promise. before, is aimed THROUGH the "The company has flouted this Negro AT the entire working union busting tactles of dividing oil workers turned that down enforcement of a 30-day "cool- carried in the recent giant labor "Meanwhile, as many instan- Negro and white, women and ces have amply demonstrated, men.

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# Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky

As you plod through the snow on the way to the steel plant, you look down the street and see the huge corrugated iron shed of the open hearth



looming over the town, and suddenly the power of the great steel companies stands out harshly in your mind. The open hearth with its tall stacks pouring their smoke into the dirty sky sits solidly on the snowy earth, and

the dusty, poverty-ridden

steel town kneels before it like a miserable little slave before a brutal king.

The open hearths, the monstrous, howling blast furnaces, the coke ovens shooting great geysers of white steam up into the gray sky, the squatty, rambling mills mean millions upon millions of dollars of cruel, uncompromising capital. And before them, scattered and piled together on the snow covered land, fouled with the dust of the furnaces and the smoke of the stacks, lie the rickety flats and tenements of the steelworkers.

The division is great, and it is obvious: on the one side, the smoky riches of the steel company; on the other, the smoky poverty of the men and women who work there.

But there is something else in the picture that perhaps not everyone would see . . . and that is the determination of the steelworkers, it is our will to struggle. You see, our wealth is not like the wealth of the companies. You can't count it, sell it, or put it in the banks. It has no dollar sign. Our wealth, our power, rests in our huge numbers, organized and unyielding; we are strong in our courage and in the knowledge that we are right.

#### The Plant Begins to Hum

Our strength has penetrated into the very stronghold of our enemy. Within the gates of the mills, on the furnaces, in the locker rooms you can see it. Old John, the janitor in our locker room, tells me concerning the strike vote, "I go over and vote YES. I no vote for company!" Slim had half the walls in the department chalked up, "Vote YES Nov. 28." Mike, the wild man of the organizing days, is beginning to get

interested again and talks enthusiastically abou "pulling the pin." Our whole department, our whole plant, is beginning to hum with growing tension. The air is charged with an electric quality of waiting for action. All that is a manifestation of our power.

But one of the things which seems most significant to me is that men who have taken no interest whatsoever in the union have begun to turn out. The dollar men, those who paid their dollar on the checkoff every month and never went over to the union hall from one year to the next, have been coming up to those of us who have been active and asking, "Well, when are we going to walk out?" Their feeling seems to be, "Look, I don't know much about the union. I stay home or go to the show on meeting nights. I let you fellows, stewards, committeemen, and officers run the local, because I don't want to be bothered. But I know it's good to have a union. I worked here before the plant was organized, and it was tough. I don't want that anymore. So I'm with you, brothers. If there's going to be a fight, I'm going to be in it. I'm no scab.'

#### This Is Our Power

In every locker room in the plant you'll hear them reminiscing. "I was up there at No. 2 Gate in the big one when the cops came around," says somebody. "A big cop comes up to me and says, 'You can't keep these guys out,' and I says back, 'Brother, that's just what we're doing'." Before he finishes talking, somebody else is interrupting with another story of bravery, tragedy, or even comedy on the picket line during the last "big one."

That is our power. It is an invisible power that doesn't loom over the town like the great open hearth. You can't see it, but it's here, everywhere. It's behind the fierce grins of the boys at the strike committee meetings. It's in the conversation of the steelworkers cashing their checks at the bar in Emil's Place. It's in the heart of every man and woman who voted YES on the 28th . . . and most of those who didn't get to the polls to vote at all.

This power is enough and more than enough to win the coming strike. But it won't stop there. Some day-and remember this-this very same power is going to tip over the world and make out of it a place fit for human beings to live in.

# Postwar Notes For Seamen By F. J. Lang

If the bill for compulsory peacetime military training is pushed through Congress, some of the conscripts may be assigned to Maritime Service. The U.S. Mar-



tion calling for such a corps of young men. According to the commission, the draftees would

be placed in a maritime pool for "shadow crews."

These "shadow crews" are for the "ghos" fleets" of thousands of laid-up ships for which the government can find no use between wars Even though there will be little use for the laid-up ships, it is certain that the "shadow crews" would be called into service in the event of a maritime strike. That is war, too And the bosses are not particular whether their conscript army is used abroad or at home. It all depends upon where such an army is need. ed most at a particular time to protect the interests of the employing class.

\* \* \$ A major battle between maritime labor and the shipping interests of this country, with the government spearheading the drive age chant seamen, will develop soon, just as wa: the case after World War I. Seamen are now beginning to realize what a monstrous hoay was the much-hailed "\$45 a month wage increase" granted by the WLB last July. Instead of being an increase, it actually amounted to a 30 per cent cut in the seamen's wartime earnings. Every maritime union in the country is now demanding wage increases and improvements in conditions to off-set the deep inroads that are being made in the seamen's pay checks by the rising cost of living.

tion of a more vigilant and aggressive policy in the interest of the membership.

in any other industry. One of the signs that the Stalinists in the One of these millionaires, unions will now make a show of militancy while John Anderson, died two weeks continuing to disregard the immediate interago. ests of the union memberships was the oneday work stoppage on December 3 called by NMU President Joseph Curran on the East Coast and CIO Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union President Harry Bridges on the West Coast. Neither seamen nor longshoremen so well. under the leadership of these puppets of the Stalinists were allowed to fight against the war-

time encroachments of the bosses. Nevertheless, these same men who have seen their unions weakened during the war were asked to make a one-day demonstration to help the high point GI's get back home.

it raises the question of why the Stalinists can huge dividend. "On this part- its of the millionaires. Ander- tors Corporation. call a strike on an issue approved by the Krem- icular night," Anderson said, "I son got his share. lin, but prevent the seamen from conducting a arrived at my hotel in Geneva,

tions for themselves. In this sense, the NMU there and we had dinner in our The story of John Anderson is sites that if they all disappeared that if they all disappeared the battlefield of the battlefiel militant, consistent struggle for decent condi- Switzerland. My children were NO EXCEPTION

leaders cynically used in a strictly limited ac-tion the sentiments of the sentences tion the sentiments of the seamen for bringing cablegram was handed to me I ception. This is the way all the in fact, it would continue without a ripple. In awa, Iwo Jima and Anzio must ber 29 Detroit News reads: would continue without a ripple. In fact, it would only then really make their "homes" in dirty "Mansion Owners Beg for Tax

# Detroit Veterans Denied Even Slum Housing; No Relief In Sight As Mayor Double-Talks

### Spirited GM Picket Line In Cleveland

DOESNI G.M. OPEN ITS BOOKS? 

GM's Fisher Body plant in Cleveland picketed by striking CIO auto workers who carry signs demanding that the company open its books to reveal the extent of its war profiteering and its ability to pay a 30 per cent wage increase. AP Photo

# How A Typical Idle Auto Baron Sucked Millions From Workers

#### By Larissa Reed

Probably more millionair- to consolidate his family's em- ers. They decide whether men likes-employed couples, with es were created in recent pire. He paid Anderson \$12,- shall work or starve. They de- references and steady jobs. Re- Sunday, Dec. 23, 2:15 p.m. years through the sweat and 500,000 for his holdings. The cide at what wages men shall cently-returned veterans have a Sunday, Dec. 30, 2:15 p. m. toil of the auto workers than government later contended that toil and for how many hours. very difficult time locating a flat Anderson owed \$1,438,826.35 of They even decide whether, to or apartment.

crush Wall Street's foreign rivthis in additional taxes. There were other "disting- als and build up ever greater family have a still more difficult The newspapers paid him uished" lawyers defending the profits, men shall die on foreign time to rent a home. Veterans billion dollars could be earlavish homage. It is illuminat- group of millionaire Ford stock- battlefields.

ing to see how much brains this holders, including Joseph E. Davtypical auto magnate really had ies, former ambassador to Mos- dead and Henry Ford is getting on strike against the General sand of dwelling places and and just what he contributed to cow and author of that infam- old. But their "brainy" sons Motors Corporation, or may be hundreds of thousands of human the industry which paid him off ous pack of lies, "Mission to Mos- keep a firm grip on their dyncow." The Ford millionaires and asties. Today a 28 year old ig- have no chance at all.

In 1903 Anderson, an attorney, their slick lawyers of course won noramus of a playboy rules over invested \$5,000 in the Ford Com- the suit. The judges decided the billion dollar Ford empire and pany. Ten years later he was that not only had Anderson and decides the fate of a million men. a multi-millionaire. He himself the other original stockholders His only accomplishment is that once described how it happened. paid enough income tax when he is the grandson of Ford. His In the spring of 1913 while An- they sold out to Ford, but that first "contribution" to the auto ers, brothers and sisters. Those ans of Detroit and other cities. derson was disporting himself in they had paid too much. So industry is to begin locking out still less fortunate are driven Such a demand and fight for the return of Europe, his law partner cabled \$3,000,000 of the taxpayers' mon- Ford workers, in support of his into drab, dirty, dismal, subthe troops is 100 per cent correct in itself. But him that Ford had declared a ey went to swell the super-prof- capitalist ally, the General Mo-

> So "indispensable" are these millionaire and billionaire para-

#### By Grace Carlson

DETROIT, Dec. 1-Last week, one of the Detroit papers published a cartoon, showing a veteran and his family living in a fox-hole which had been dug in the backyard of a crowded apartment building. The cartoon was any titled. "Home At Last!"

This is the artist's dramatiza- | ers, plenty of money was availtion of Detroit's scandalous able to build them-Government housing crisis. Veterans return- money. No one proposed then ing to already-overcrowded De- to delay the military program troit at the rate of 10,000 a until private capitalist interests would inaugurate the necessary month are finding it almost imhousing projects. Millions of possible to find decent homes. dollars of the taxpayers' money Every day, the "Wanted To were spent at Willow Run alone Rent" columns in the local pato build the houses required for pers are filled with ads like the workers in the Ford Bomber following: Plant. Since the shut-down of the

"After 31 months Japanese internment camp, couple want plant a few months ago, about living quarters. Winter months 2,300 dwelling units at Willow or permanent. Box 2662. Detroit Run have been empty. Veterans News 31."

"Desperate Veteran with wife ing units be moved to Detroit. and year-old-child needs apt., But this proposal has met with flat or house. Will pay up to \$80 opposition because so far, neither month for house. Good references. Reliable, permanent Detroiters, Hogarth 5663." WORST HOUSING NEED

unit to disassemble these houses A recent report of the United | and set them up within the city States Department of Labor limits, but to date, no money characterized Detroit as "the na- has been appropriated to carry this through. tion's city most in need of housing. A MINIMUM of 200,000 housing units is needed immedi-**Detroit Readers:** 

ately for Detroit's present population. This number increases daily as more and more veterans return to the city. Detroit is a Landlord's Paradise! Every apartment owner 'The Political and Labor

has hundreds of applications in his files. From among these, he can select the kind of tenants he

Veterans with children in the who have returned to work in Muti-Millionaire Anderson is the auto plants, and are now out sulted in the destruction of thoucalled out in the coming months, beings! But the government,

### THEIR "REWARD"

Veterans with families in Detroit are forced to move into the ally necessary construction of already-crowded homes of fath- low-cost homes for the veterstandard houses - buildings which have been condemned by the city's health authorities. Men who thought that they Pointe mansions, the industrial

Situation Today' Station WJLB-1400 kc. Two billion dollars were found without the slightest difficulty to build the atomic bomb. Two marked for a project that re-

have proposed that these hous-

the city, state nor federal gov-

ernment will agree to pay the

moving costs. It is estimated

that it would cost \$2,500 per

Hear Radio Talks By

SWP Organizer

ARTHUR BURCH,

so lavish in the disbursement of funds for the purpose of destruction, is very miserly about expending money for the critic-

RICH KEPT SNUG But the millionaires for whom the veterans fought the Second World War are not homeless. Safe and snug in their Grosse

very well-housed Grosse Pointe

millionaires are not concerned

over the plight of Detroit's work-

er veterans. They do not offer

-and how they can cut the liv-

As plant workers, Detroit's

The real problems facing merchant seamen have long been ignored by the Stalinist leadership of the CIO National Maritime Union. However, a fight has now developed in the top circles of this leadership over precisely this ques-

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home the troops as a substitute for a miliopened it and it said '500'. tant fight all down the line for the seamen's "I WAS VERY HAPPY" just demands. The dividend was so large that

at first Anderson thought there GI's are not the only ones that are stuck in foreign places while U.S. imperialism prepares to launch the next phase of its drive for was true. So after the good news. world-wide conquest. Right now there are at he said, he took Mrs. Anderson least 40 merchant ships full-loaded with am- out to listen to a band playing munition in the Pacific atolls, and nobody knows in a nearby square. Then to a **Bristol Strikers Oppose** when the crews on those ships will get home when the crews on those ships will get home. restaurant where he ordered One of the excuses given for not bringing champagne.

these ships back is that there are not enough "I was very happy," he said West Coast port facilities to handle these ships I toasted Mr. and Mrs. Ford, and so there is no use hurrying them home. Mrs. and Mrs. Couzens, the stockholders and the Ford car." The real reason for keeping these floating ammunition dumps in the Pacific now is to inthousands of toiling, undersure supplies for the troops now being kept in

In fact, it would only then really fantastic fortunes of America's 60 ruling families were made. A few of them, like the du Bonts and the Fords, control vast em-pires which reach all around the Without their brains and skill had been an error. He went to pires which reach all around the the cable office to check. But it globe. They control the lives and work, it would cease to ex- from want and fear now live in and destinies of millions of work- ist. ings.

# **GM Parts Production Move**

BRISTOL, Conn., Dec. 7.-A to feel the pinch and need credit Mr. Anderson did not toast the packed meeting of striking work- or cash relief, have found the proposals have been made by soers of General Motors New De- union's backing promptly thrown cial service, medical and civic privileged auto workers who were parture Bearing Company, mem- behind them.

producing the thousands of Ford bers of Local 626 UAW-CIO, vot- SOLIDLY SUPPORTED cars as well as his enormous div- ed unanimously last night. There have been a few isolated public housing projects. idends. "I think if a Ford had against any partial return to and ineffective attempts made to gone through the square I would work by GM strikers. "Either lower the morale of the picketing have gone out and hugged it," he we all go back, or none," was workers through publication in acute housing shortage has made said. But you may be sure he the determined conviction ex- the local press of anonymous it necessary to postpone any talk

wouldn't have hugged a Ford pressed by those present. anti-strike letters from company of a slum clearance project. This worker. Those Ford workers who This local of 8,000, engaged in stooges, but they have been is no time to move people from lived under the terror of a prithe first strike in this town in quickly and effectively countered their slum homes, according to vate army of armed thugs and 50 years, is doing a splendid job by the union's publicity. The Jeffries, because substitute were drained by the most merci- in strike organization, that can town generally, and veterans housing is not available. The less speedup system ever devised. compare favorably with more particularly, are solidly support- man who pleaded with Detroit's voters before November 6 to elect experienced locals of the UAW. ing the strike. him and "save City Hall from

An example of the fine spirit John Anderson told this Though most of the members are of militancy and solidarity that Frankensteen and the CIOtouching story of how he became new to unionism and strikes, a millionaire to an interested they have by now, in their 17th is typical of Local 626, was the PAC," admitted that he was no solution to the critical problem audience in Detroit's Hotel Stat- day of action, achieved a well- appearance of a delegation of the MUCC headquarters. The qualified. He further admitted that the top officers of the ler in 1927. The gathering in organized and smoothly func- the Local's flying squadron in of housing Detroit's homeless veterans. the swanky hotel was not, how- tioning strike machine. support of a public strike meet-

The picketing system is work- ing of their sister UAW Local in "improvised courtroom." ing smoothly. A strike commis- 133. Local 133 is now in the Anderson was a witness in his sary at upion headquarters and eighth week of its action against wn behalf in the suit of the U. field kitchens out at the picket the arrogant Fafnir Bearing Co. S Treasury to collect \$34,000,000 lines are in full operation, sup- of New Britain. The appearance additional income tax from the plied by the many friendly store- of Local 626's uniformed pickets Ford stockholders on the basis keepers of the town, a few of at the meeting served as a great of the profits they made when whom are throwing feeds for boost to the morale of the hard-

picket line to accompany Ander- part of the corporation to divide Bradley was not in town and the It was in 1919 that Ford began Union members who happen strikers.

begin to thrive. For the only in- shanty-type dwellings in De-Relief." The story tells of the dispensable men in the auto in- troit's slums. Men who had been appeal of the owners of 90 Grosse

JEFFRIES' "PROGRAM"

Twenty per cent of Detroit is to house homeless veterans in their huge, marble-lined manconsidered a slum area, according to the latest report of the sions. They are not agitated about slum-clearance and lowcity's Governmental Research Bureau. Another 10 per cent cost housing projects. Quite the contrary! These greedy capitalof the city's area shows signs ists are thinking only of how of "economic blight." Scores of they can hang on to their wealth ing standards of the workers. groups to clear these slum areas and make way for huge low-cost

housing in Detroit."

veterans helped to build up the auto magnates' fortunes. Then, On November 22, Mayor Jefas conscriptees, these workers fries announced that Detroit's went abroad to fight to protect the billionaires. Today, for these homeless worker veterans, the words of the second verse of "Solidarity Forever" seem particularly appropriate:

"Now we stand, outcast and starving Midst the wonders we have

made."

### Spending for "Peace"

Testifying recently on inflationary pressures before the Sen-All that he would promise the ate Banking and Currency Com-, veterans' committee, which mittee, OPA head Chester Bowles sought his aid, was that he would "explore the possibility of revealed the Army and Navy interesting Eastern financial plan to spend \$41-billion in the sources in investing in low-cost 12 months following V-J Day. compared to total military ex-

During the war, when training penditures of \$33-billion for all centers were needed by the Army of /World War I. Asked, "What pressed but determined Fafnir or when housing projects were do they want to spend it for?" required for defense plant work- Bowles replied he "didn't know."

**Striking Vets Picket MUCC** (Continued from Page 1) beginning on Monday, each of rest with General Omar Brad-

China.

eral Motors Department; August the 4,500 GM veterans who have ley, Veterans' Administrator in Scholle, Michigan CIO Regional already filed claims for such Washington. Director; Robert Carter, Chair- benefits, will receive a notifica- Thereupon Anderson demandman of the Flint AC Spark Plug tion as to whether or not he is ed that the Commission tele-Local Strike Strategy Commitentitled to such benefits. tee; Matt Hammond, President Under direct questioning by there to ask him directly to cut of UAW Local 157; and repre- John W. Anderson and other all the red tape and instruct the HOW IT CAME OUT sentatives of the Veterans' Bu- members of the delegation, Mc- MUCC to pay out the benefits reau of the International Union. Cluskey admitted that all GM immediately. McCluskey de-At 2 p.m. today the picket workers covered by their bar- murred that he did not have line began forming in front of gaining agreement would be dis- authority to take this step. but veterans carried placards de- that only salaried workers and Commission were at that moson into the MUCC offices; E. the supervisory and salaried em- matter would have to wait until M. Lakanen, Local 235; Ocious ployes from the production work- he returned. "But this is a Con-McMillan, 262; Homer Coleman, ers. 174: John Martinow, 735: Aug-

ust J. Golas, 163; and Helen RED TAPE IN APPEAL Golas, army nurse, 163. **VETS "DISQUALIFIED"** 

'The deligation was received by of the bill, not one of us who tion." J. L. McCiuskey, Chief of Oper- are GM production workers will ations. He gave a lengthy and ever receive this compensation," ambiguous "interpretation" of Anderson pointed out. Mrs. Go-Section 800-B of the GI Bill of las added: "Evidently all that rewho comprise part of a labor dis- ers' relief!" pute in which they either "partion of wages is involved, are in appealing the "interpretation" get satisfaction through the lo-"disqualified" from receiving un- of the bill. At the end of this, he employed benefits. He said that said, the final decision would template taking further steps."

manding: "Bring the Boys Home perhaps some maintenance work- ment in session and he would ever, for social purposes. It was Now," "GM Gets Tax Rebates: ers covered by separate bargain- refer the request to them. We Want Our Unemployment ing agreements, would not be af- He took the delegation to Dr. Compensation Under The GI Bill fected. McCluskey was silent Ashley's office where the Comof Rights." Other placards dem- when Anderson pointed out that mission was in session. Pressed onstrated that these veterans directly before the strike oc- by Anderson, Ashley telephoned were also GM workers on strike. curred, GM had increased the his "liason man" in Washing-Six delegates from various lo- wages of the salaried employes ton and asked him to contact cal unions were selected from the in an anti-labor move on the General Bradley. But General Henry Ford bought them all out. the pickets, "on the house."

Republican National Committee, "Thus, it is plainly obvious | "and I feel sure it will have to that under your interpretation be changed by Congressional ac-

gressional law," said Ashley, who is one of the top leaders in the

phone General Bradley then and

"Well, then, it may be necessary to change the law," replied Anderson. "We GI's notice that Congress is getting very fast Rights. He stated that veterans mains for the GI's then, is paup- these days when it comes to passing laws against labor. We'll Upon request from the dele- find out if they will act equally ticipate" or even are merely "in- gation, McCluskey described the fast in changing this law in favor terested," and in which the ques- lengthy, legal red tape involved of labor veterans. If we cannot

cal MUCC, we will have to con-

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