West Coast Negro Family Burned To Death After Vigilante Threats

Mother, 2 Children **Dead In Blaze Of Suspicious Origin**

By Jean Simon (Special To The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21-Two weeks after a vigilante VOL. IX - No. 52 threat of violence to O'Day H. Short if he didn't vacate his property at Fontana, 50 miles from here, a fire of unexplained origin completely destroyed his home and burned his wife and two children to death. Short himself is so seriously injured that it is not yet certain he will live.

The case has already focused state-wide attention on the segregation of Negroes and official cooperation with vigilante racial terror that®wanted to know who the vigi-

exists in Fontana. vented by race restrictions from threatened Short through Suth-Short, a Los Angeles man prefinding a home in Los Angeles, bought property in Fontana and proceeded to build a home for himself and his wife and two children.

REPORTED THREATS

real estate dealer J. Sutherland the burned glass.

land, Louis Helfman, who delivered the threat from the vigilante committee on December 3. Short reported these facts to The Sentinel, Los Angeles Negro weekly, the next day.

According to the sheriff's own absolutely no agreement, written report, Deputy Cornelison and or oral, with the white Cham-Deputy Glines had told Short ber of Commerce to segregate "that he was out of his bounds and advised him that he contact been fighting such segregation. the colored Chamber of Commerce and get together with the white Chamber of Commerce and Sutherland as stating to him, at the Public Music Hall by see if a lot of disagreeableness "Mr. Short, I don't mean to the Cleveland Industrial Un-

tions to his presence had been at once." expressed and that an agree-

Chamber of Commerce and pro- and was told, "Yes." minent Negroes in the community provided that Negroes should live only in the Baseline district.

REPORTER'S FINDINGS Fontana police claimed that

acording to Short the explosion occurred when he was filling a coal oil lamp,

I visited the scene of the fire tion for the Advancement of and file. three days after the event, examined the ruins and the lamp ing of all interested parties supposed to have caused the ex- Thursday night, December 20, to sal that GM strikers go back to plosion. I interviewed the col- collect information and plan work pending the deliberations ored Chamber of Commerce com- further action. mittee and a number of Negro workers in the area.

I examined the lamp in the office of the Tri-County Bulletin, local Negro weekly in the Fontana area. No one can explain

house, he was visited by local mained almost intact except for and the former owner of the VIOLENCE THREAT The committee of the colored Chamber of Commerce led by John Lee, local president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stated indignantly that they had

> Local Negroes have Negroes. In his report to The Sentinel rally here in support of the on December 4, Short quoted General Motors strikers. Held

frighten you or insult you, but ion Council, the meeting was Short told The Sentinel that the vigilante committee had a the first indication he had of op- meeting on your case last night, the opening gun in a camposition to his presence was a and they are a tough bunch to paign to mobilize the entire visit from the deputy sheriff, deal with. If I were you, I'd get resources of the Cleveland who informed him that objec- my family off of this property CIO movement of 125,000 mem-

ment between the Fontana violence would result if he didn't **OPPOSE WHITEWASH** Aroused by the violence in

Fontana, numerous individuals and organizations proceeded to President R. J. Thomas and CIO investigate the situation this week.

Attorney Thomas L. Griffith, president of the Los Angeles speeches, attempting to match Branch of the National Associa- the fighting mood of the rank Colored People, called a meet- WONDERFUL SOLIDARITY

responsibility as Britain for the

After hypocritically speaking

tions of the Indonesian peoples"

Dutch and British in supressing

More important than the as-

The essence of the State De-

After he had moved his fam-ly into the partially completed such a serious explosion yet re-**Labor Rallies** To GM Strike SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT CLEVELAND, Dec. 17 -

More than 1,000 CIO members and friends braved zero weather on Sunday night, December 16, to attend a bers for the embattled GM Short then asked if physical and Murray-Ohio strikers, and

impending strikes in steel, etc. A relief fund of \$100,000 was set as the goal of the drive. Speakers at the meeting included CIO United Auto Workers Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers President Albert Fitz-

gerald. All leaders made militant

Referring to Truman's propo-

CIO Rubber Workers Convention Myra Tanner Weiss, Los An-R. J. Thomas said, "Frankly, I of a "fact-finding" committee,

Workers Of The World, Unite?



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FORD UNION GROUP FLAYS wanted to know who the vigi-lantes were who had openly threatened short through Suth-erland, and why the police had failed to take action against them instead of warning short.

Big Game Hunter



Press Steel Unit Meeting Denounces Vicious Proposals

> By Roy Weston (Special To The Militant)

DETROIT, Dec. 17. — The regular monthly mass meeting of the large Press Steel Unit of Ford Local 600, CIO United Automobile Workers. on December 15, unanimously adopted a resolution denouncing the treacherous company security

Flint Pickets Halt Attempt To **Break AC Line**

By Jerry Kirk (Special To The Militant)

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 20 -The powerful UAW General Motors locals of Flint this

picket line at AC Spark Plug | Empire. in answer to police violence. Their action prevented office and supervisory employes from entering the plants by this move, shifted its at- an "unauthorized" work-stopthe court.

plan offered the Ford Motor Company by the top officials of the union's Ford Department. Some 1,200 workers attended the meeting in Western High School.

This resolution, introduced by David Averill, Three-Year Trustee of the Press Steel Unit, blasted the National Ford Negotiating Committee, which for more than a month has been inweek demonstrated their volved in futile negotiations fighting powers in a mighty with the agents of the Ford

The company security plan presented by the union's bargaining committee was the "counter-proposal" to the company's arrogant demand that the day after Flint police the union should allow the comhad forcibly opened the pany to discharge any "instigapicket lines. The General tor" of a "wild-cat" strike and Motors Corporation, stymied that any worker participating in tack from the picket lines to page or slowdown should be fin-the court.

Universal feeling both in Fon- Workers Party, proposed at that tana and Los Angeles is that meeting the establishment of a the fire was the result of vigi- broad committee of inquiry to lante action and "law enforce- combat any attempt to whitement" agencies are making every wash the vigilante terror in the effort to whitewash the whole Short case, and to mobilize mass affair. Everyone I spoke to (Continued on Page 7)

Wall Street Plunges Deeper Into Far East Colonial War

By Charles Carsten

The colonial peoples of the Far East continue their 🔊 valiant fight for freedom from imperialist oppression. Arrayed against them are imperialist troops armed with the most modern equipment, supported by airplanes, tanks and Steel Workers long-range battleship guns. The people's armies, fighting with only rifles and spears.

are supported by colonial to free themselves from the yoke a masses who prefer death to of imperialism. Washington bears as much

them.

enslavement. The British command in Sin-

policy being followed in Indogapore recently announced its nesia. The State Department addecision to "use a strong hand in mitted an already well known Java." As if their burning of fact when it declared December villages and bombing civilians 19 that troops were "assigned to were not "strong" enough! the Southeast Asia Command,

British artillery from both war- on behalf of the Allies." ships and land batteries are BRAZEN HYPOCRISY pounding the Javanese. "Royal Air Force Mosquito and Thunabout the necessity of disarming derbolt aircraft carrying rockets the Japanese troops in Indonesia, and 500 pounds bombs" blasted Washington asserted that it nationalist positions according to hopes for a "peaceful settlea December 21 Reuter dispatch. ment." The United States "recognizes" the "natural aspira-

IMPERIALISTS FEARFUL ...

Britain is determined to avoid giving the impression of yielding to native forces. British imperialists are afraid this might inspire nationalist revolutions in their farflung empire. They fear that any signs of compromise in Indonesia might be the signal for an all out struggle by the starving, disease-ridden, masses of India.

Fear of colonial peoples and of Government continues to supply the mounting indignation of British and Dutch armies with people throughout the world American-made equipment. The against the brazen violation of Thunderbolts that fire rockets the "principles" for which and drop bombs on defenseless Roosevelt and Churchill said the Javanese are from the American war was fought, has caused the arsenal. Dutch Marines, reported imperialists to screw the lid off the Malayan coast on their down even more tightly on news way to Indonesia, were trained from the Far East. The little leaking through the tight censorship and coming from people partment's declaration on Indowho have returned from the emnesia is that Wall Street recogbattled countries, indicate that nizes Dutch imperialist rule over by the steel workers in keeping the people, fighting against tre- the Indonesians, which the Dutch up the morale of the local GM | Ford's at Edgewater, N. J., and ets and sing "Solidarity For- organization dominated by the mendous odds, are determined

hope to drop dead if I should tell GM workers to go back to work in a situation like this." UE President Fitzgerald stated the "UE workers will soon be on the picket lines with the GM workers." This promise was

greeted with prolonged applause. William Donovan, Regional Director of the CIO United Steel workers, brought the house down when he said, "What labor needs is a fact finding committee to investigate President Tru-

The meeting responded to a (Continued on Page 2)

Aid GM Pickets In Harrison

By Richard Kirk (Special to The Militant) HARRISON, N. J., Dec. 20-Steel workers from Crucible Steel Local 2194, CIO, United

Steel Workers, joined the CIO auto union's picket line in front of General Motors' Hyatt Roller Bearing plant here today at 4 p.m. in a demonstration of solidarity.

"We're out here on the line for two purposes," stated John Everett, Jr., President of Local 2194, "to demonstrate the solibut at the same time aids the darity of the steel workers with their auto brothers, and as practice for our own strike. We haven't been on a picket line in pirations of these colonial people | a long time, so a little rehearsal will get us in shape for January

in Wall Street's mind are the 14th." "legitimate rights and interests The striking auto workers gave of the Netherlands." Therea hearty welcome to their brothfore, although the State Departers from the nearby Crucible ment gives lip service to "peaceplant. The extra pickets enabled ful settlement" the United States

the Hyatt Local to send several tery of giant Klieg lamps played bus loads of pickets over to the demonstration in New York bright streams of light over the Conspicuous during the pickmarching thousands, and from eting were office workers when they left the plant. It is the pol- resounded militantly in the icy of the Hyatt Local to per- sharp cold city streets. mit office workers through the lines as long as they do no work members on the line. Delega- guarded the building and es-

cil.

and armed in the United States. of hourly-paid workers. Strike captains and local UAW officials stressed the importance

strikers. (Continued on Page))

Witnesses Fight For Leadership

By Milton Genecin (Special To The Militant)

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 18 - The CIO United Rubber Workers witnessed a pitched battle for leadership at its tenth annual convention held here this week. On one side stood the progressive, militant section of the union, spearheaded by the Akron locals, and on the other Not Fussy Servants

a Stalinist machine headed by National Organizational Director Harry Eagle and his staff of paid organizers plus George VI waltzed with his butsome of the small local unions.

Issues and program took a sec-

ondary place to the main ques- U. S. Rubber chain and some footman. Princess Elizabeth tion of leadership of the Inter- scattered locals. Neither the Ak- danced with a chef from the palnational union. All sections of ron militants nor the Stalinist ace kitchen. It was the annual the union support the 7-point machine could take control of below the stairs Christmas party wage and hour program which the union by themselves. An at- at Buckingham Palace." calls for a 30-cent an hour in- tempted bloc between the Akron

crease and a basic six-hour day locals and other anti-Stalinist and 30-hour week. In contrast delegates failed because of the

to previous conventions, this great pressure and threats Chrysler Corporation announcyear's produced no differences of brought to bear by the Stalinist ed December 21 a Christmas boopinion on policy or program. organizing staff, upon whom nus of \$45 to \$90 to each of its The balance of power among most of the locals outside of Ak- 41,316 wage workers. However,

the delegates was held by Pres- ron depend. ident Buckmaster whose middle-The Stalinists, who came to place of paid vacations next year.

of-the-road position was sup- the convention with an ambitious ported by large sections of the (Continued on Page 7)

3,000 NEW YORK WORKERS PICKET AT GM BUILDING By Bill Morgan

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 — | large contingent from the CIO | veterans already released were Singing "Solidarity Forever!" Fur and Leather Workers Union not seeking work, difficulties in more than 3,000 CIO United paraded into the line en masse. Auto Workers, members and AID TO GM STRIKE

sympathetic workers march-Two large trucks carried signs ed four abreast around the calling for food for the GM strikhuge General Motors Build- ers. The trucks were soon filled ing at 1775 Broadway this to the brim, not only with food evening in an inspiring pick- but with Christmas packages doet line organized by the nated by many. The fur workers contributed one truck load alone. Greater New York CIO Coun-

For an hour and a half the gigantic line circled the GM build-As darkness gathered, a bating and then marched into Columbus Circle, a block and a half away, where speeches were made by various CIO officials

three sound trucks, union songs During the picketing and the demonstration hundreds of po-

tions from 24 international un- ccrted the white-collar workers would have less than half the inions came carrying their union out at quitting time. Some of fluence of either India or China. banners. Veterans of the army, these white-collar workers broke We would have less influence gled with Flying Squadrons from the line to march with the pick- Lindbergh, calling for a world present fight.

other near-by auto plants. A ever!"

IN THE NEWS

"LONDON, Dec. 19 - King

ler's wife last night, and Queen Elizabeth did a turn with her

. . .

Capitalist 'Santa Claus'

it was explained, this would be in

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What They Fought For ing jobs, the latest Commerce the fact that peak separations

had not occurred and that many reabsorption (placing in civilian.

jobs) had begun to emerge during September and October."

Wants Only the 'Best'

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Press dispatches last week reported that Dictator Chiang Kaishek has requested Allied apgrade" Japanese troops in China

AFL members joined with CIO lice and plain-clothes men the nations of largest population. In such a state, our country

Western Powers.)

On Tuesday, December 18, the fines to be paid from the some 2,000 UAW pickets and flyunion's treasury.

ing squad members from Buick, WHO BUGAS IS

Fisher Body, AC and Chevrolet This union-busting propose locals formed a picket line at AC | was presented for the company plant a quarter of a mile long. by John S. Bugas, a former FBI This was the strikers' answer to agent whose knowledge of police police clubbing of several work- and spy methods qualified him ers the day before, when the cops to replace Harry H. Bennett forcibly opened the picket lines head of the notorious Ford Perfor the frightened office workers sonnel Department. The plan who, either duped or afraid that offered by the UAW leaders difthey would lose their jobs, had fered from Bugas' proposal only

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The top officers of the CIO auto union are following out to the bitter end their strike "strategy" of "isolating" GM and "playing ball" with Ford, the "independent" of the auto industry. This "strategy" has proven itself over and over again to be unrealistic, out of line with the facts, dan-

Disclosing the increasing dif- gerous to the strike. It has already resulted in one backficulty veterans are having find- ward step after another on the part of the union. It has already weakened labor's national fight for a decent wage Department's "Survey of Cur- standard. It has already put strong weapons into the hand rent Business" states: "Despite of the labor-hating industrialists.

But the bewildered top auto union officials have stubbornly continued on their original course. They permit themselves to get sucked deeper and deeper into the dangerous waters, in the vain hope that they can thus out-maneuver the General Motors Corporation, and through Ford, break the "log-jam" on wages.

But with every further step of this screwball "strategy," the UAW leaders further disorient the GM strike, demoralize the workers and endanger the very foundations of this crucial labor struggle. That is why it is proper that all of us take special time out right now to analyze what has been going on and to take the necessary steps to proval for keeping some "high- retrieve this situation, and plant labor's feet on the right road, the road that can and will lead to victory.

How "Strategy" Has Worked Out

Thomas, Reuther and the other UAW leaders worked "It is obvious that a world state out a strike "strategy" which stated in effect that GM, based on the complete equality Ford and Chrysler are competitors, that the union would of man would be controlled by close down GM but permit its "rivals" to keep working. Then, by special concessions to Ford, who for some unknown reason was presumed to be an "independent," the union would succeed in winning wage increases from him and thus set a "pattern" for the industry. This represents of the solidarity demonstrated navy and merchant marine min- away from the cops and joined than Russia." (Col. Charles in a nutshell the Thomas-Reuther master-plan in the

> Has it worked out in practice? To ask the question (Continued on Page 2)

'Danger" Of Equality



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Next Stage In GM Strike

is to answer it.

common understanding with the General Motors Corpooration on the strategy to be employed against the unions. behind their coldly calculated plan to put the unions in irons as preparation for more drastic attacks later on.

Ford and GM are not fighting each other or pursuing contradictory or even independent courses. No, they are just putting on a clever act, the hard-cop soft-cop act. The policies of GM and Ford are the same. The two corporations, by prior agreement, are simply employing different techniques. GM launched its all-out head-on "toughguy" attack on the union. Ford, in turn, moved in with flank attack. Ford wasn't like GM-oh, no! Ford was polite. Bugas, the ex-G-man, who is Ford's personnel director, never said any nasty or mean things to Leonard. the union's Ford director. Under the guise of "friendship," "reasonableness," "politeness," "fairness," Ford kept stringing the union leadership along, all the time squeezing, squeezing, squeezing.

Ford and the industrialists of America soon found out that they had some pretty good milch cows in Leonard and the other top UAW officials. Leonard gave a bigger yield than the industrialists themselves had probably expected. Leonard, in the name of the union, proposed to convert the great UAW, which had been built at Ford's after so much sacrifice, fighting and bloodshed, into a pitiful, housebroken "shop union." Then, after making this vicious sell-out proposal, Leonard and Thomas and Reuther stood, with their tongues hanging out, waiting expectantly for the blessed "wage offer" that they counted on to solve their difficulties in the GM strike. They waited and waited. And finally Ford, the great "independent," spoke. What a "wage offer" he made! It was even worse than the "wage offer" of GM!

Ford's insulting offer of a 12.4 per cent wage increase was tied up with half a dozen jokers, such as the speedup, union guarantee of production levels, weakening of seniority and other union rights, plus a complicated calculation scheme which would leave whole sections of the Ford workers without any wage increases whatsoever. And it was for this "wage offer" that the UAW leadership proposed to sell the union down the river.

This Danger Must Be Fought.

Thus we see the picture emerging of Thomas, Reuther and the other super-clever "military strategists" setting out on the field of battle to surround and isolate GM and winding up by walking smack into the trap set for them by the enemy.

The union's offer to Ford to put chains on the working men and women in the shops, had immediate repercussions throughout the country. It immediately weakened labor's fight and was instrumental in putting it on the defensive. Immediately, one after another, the other corporations, GM and then General Electric (and others will offered to Ford.

It is now clear that the "big boys" are today solidly united UPON THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND IN THOROUGHLY labor aims. BUREAUCRATIZING AND THUS HOUSE-BREAKING THE GREAT CIO UNIONS.

great outcry arises from the depths of the union movement the tax returns. The industrialists, we said, are prepared -not only in the auto unions but in every union of to disorganize the economy up to a certain point. That is America: if a mass demand is voiced that this treacherous | why labor can win this fight, not by dragging it out indefiproposition be withdrawn and condemned, then and only nitely, but only by a sufficient show of strength, a show of then will this danger be removed. That is the task facing strength that will bring to a head the economic crisis. the militants in the CIO.

Along with the treachery at Ford's that came out of labor's own house, we hear today a lot of defeatist talk either by trying to break the strikes or by making conabout the GM strike as well as oblique attacks against it. cessions. And, as of today, it is not in the cards for the John L. Lewis launched such an attack against the GM capitalists to simply smash strikes by violence and terror. strike when he decided, at a time when labor was under Labor is too strong. Such a course would be too reckless. heaviest attack from Congress, to condemn the UAW even for the power-drunk gamblers of Wall Street. leaders as "stupid" for calling the strike at this time. Of course all Lewis proved by this "blow below the belt" is their solidarity, their spirit, their morale, their readiness that he is not a great labor leader, as some militants mistakenly believed but a narrow-minded ambition-crazed old bureaucrat. Last week we again heard a large number of stories, this time, emanating right from CIO President Murray's own office, that "Reuther jumped the gun" and 'upset" the CIO strategy. In other words, the GM strike should not have been called.

Was It "Stupid" To Call GM Strike

What is this all about? Why was it "stupid" to call the GM strike and precisely what "strategy" did it upset?

Here is how the argument of the bureaucrats runs: The great corporations are not interested in producing in 1945. The tax laws are so rigged that the billionaire corporations can make more money by waiting until 1946 before they really start production. That is why it was poor strategy to call a strike in 1945." That is the argument of Murray, John L. Lewis, and others. For all its superficial persuasiveness, the argument isn't worth anything. It is defeatist. It is wrong.

Of course, it is true that the big corporations are not producing very much in 1945. Of course it is true that the tax laws are rigged in their favor. But if we are going to gear strikes to the tax laws, then the situation isn't very good even in 1946, or for that matter, even in 1947. Because the robber tax laws passed by Congress, guarantee the corporations high profits (their 1936-1939 average) for the next two years, regardless of production. To be thoroughly consistent, one would have to postpone all strikes until 1948! But by then the labor movement would, in all probability, be too weak to strike.

The truth of the matter is this: the great corporatoday literally choking with money. They are power-drunk January 1st! Not the 14th. scon follow) proceeded to cancel their contracts with the and united in their anti-labor campaign as never before.

tional front. They are fully prepared to sacrifice in a mone- upon today to exert their efforts not only on their own At the moment, the union leadership's treachery at tary way, even if that is necessary, for their larger aims behalf but on behalf of all labor. They are called upon Ford's represents the greatest danger to the GM strike of house-breaking the unions. They are fully prepared to to broaden the strike front and thus to ensure the imand with it to labor's whole struggle. AT THE MOMENT go even further and disorganize the economy of the whole portant victory that labor is in a position to win.

THERE IS A REAL DANGER THAT THE CORPORATIONS, country and bring on a national crisis, up to a certain point, It is now clear that from the very first Ford had a WITH THE CONNIVANCE OF ALL THE TOP CIO OF- in order to attain their union-breaking objective. Such FICIALS WILL SUCCEED, IN EXCHANGE FOR SOME is the broad picture from which they view this battle with KIND OF A WAGE INCREASE, IN FASTENING CHAINS labor. So far are they prepared to go to achieve their anti-

> That is why it is so ridiculous and reveals such narrow-mindedness and ignorance to try to establish a time-This danger must be fought right at its source. If a table for strikes on the basis of the calendar governing posal to fine "wild-cat" strikers.

> > This will force the capitalists, or more correctly their top over-all executive agency, the capitalist government in will eventually handcuff the en-Washington, D. C., to move in and settle the strikes quickly, tire labor movement. They char-

> > That is why the militancy of the American workers, Director Richard Leonard. to fight is a 100 per cent more important consideration in weighing the calling of a strike than all the tax laws of the country combined. That is why the union was right in calling the GM strike when it did. That is why all this talk about the GM strike being "timed wrong" or the GM strikers. The AFL Seafarers Instrikers "jumping the gun" is false and reactionary. The GM strikers deserve not blame but the highest praise. tion adopted unanimously on They are entitled to the fullest support of all labor. The November 22 in New York. working men and women in the shops have demonstrated that they understand this full well. The top officials of UAW-CIO strikers are "engaged the unions who spread in the corridors miserable slanders in a legitimate beef, which is about the great GM strike, do so nine times out of ten, only to alibi their own criminal inaction.

Strike Front Must Be Extended

And all this brings us to the question of the projected steel strike. If the labor movement is going to bring the bers of three Buffalo GM UAW national wage fight to a head, as it must; if the labor locals in the third week of the movement is to defeat the corporation's game of tiring out the working man, then the strike front must be extended. And the one union that is the present key to bringing the wage fight to a head is the steel union.

The steel workers are ready to fight. They have demonstrated that already. They are ready to close down at a special meeting. the empire of the J. P. Morgans, and to fling the challenge at America's malefactors of wealth that, tax laws or no tax laws, American capitalism cannot continue until it has signed a wage settlement with the workers. Why then, do Murray and the other leading steel union officials postpone the calling of the steel strike until January 14? That is a long way off. Even on the basis of the phony tions, as a result of labor's retreats during the war, are tax law argument, Murray should have called the strike on 3 Policy Committee in the De-

The key to labor's national wage fight is a prompt shutunion and to demand the same "security" that Leoard had They are fighting a united battle against labor on a na- ting down of the steel mills. The steel militants are called



Oppose Strike Fines

Ford Motor Company.

CIO United Auto Workers long history of the mine work-Mack Local 677 in Allentown, Pa., mittees, a form of arbitration was one of the first UAW bodies was used to steal the just deto condemn the treacherous pro- mands from the mine unions by stalling strikes for months and months . . . made by UAW officials to the

"There is only one way we can win our just demands. THE

sold the workers out. In the

In a brief but sharply worded PICKET LINE MUST BE resolution the members of Local MAINTAINED TILL OUR DE-677 say any offer to permit the MANDS ARE MET. EVERY company to fine workers for "un-SUCCESSFUL STRIKE HAS authorized" strikes or stoppages BEEN WON ON THE PICKET LINE. That is where this one will and must be won. So, the acterize this reactionary proanswer to our problem, the anposal as strikebreaking and call swer to your problem is: PICKET upon the UAW International or PERISH." Executive Board to likewise con-

demn the proposal and re-....

pudiate its author, UAW Ford More AFL Support

Recognition of the vital importance to all labor of a CM strike victory has been voiced SIU Aids GM Strike by still another AFL union, Lo-Many AFL bodies have voted cal 209, AFL Sheet Metal Worksupport for the General Motors ers International Association, railroad division, of St. Paul, Minnesota.

declare its support, in a resolu-Without one dissenting vote this local passed a resolution giving "whole-hearted support The AFL seamen declare the by word and deed to the Auto Workers Union in their struggle." The resolution was sent to the concern of all labor, regardthe national headquarters of the less of union affiliation." UAW and to the press.

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Strikers Stand Pat Urge CIO Convention

On December 13, the mem-Milwaukee Local 283, UAW-CIO, went on record urging an emergency CIO Convention. On strike voted to a man to reject December 16, the Local 283 President Truman's strikebreakmembership seconded the call of ing "request" that they return the striking Flint auto workers to work empty-handed while a for an immediate national con-"fact"-finding board reaches a vention to take up the problem decision. The voting took place

of fighting the anti-labor drive of Big Business and its governmental agents.

The resolution stated that Picket or Perish President Truman is cooperating. In Flint, Michigan, the ofwith the giant monopolies in ficial publication of UAW Chevan attempt to shackle the labor rolet Local 659 is The Searchmovement and that the CIO light, a lively and interesting must answer this challenge to paper. An article by the Plant its independence by mobilizing cember's issue sums up the GM its full forces at an Emergency CIO Convention with full local strike situation as follows:

"Today in our strike struggle representation. for 30 per cent, don't look to Copies of the resolution were Washington for a just settlesent to other UAW locals in ment. As far back as labor history is first recorded up to the Milwaukee, to CIO President present day, 'Arbitration' always Philip Murray and to the press.

No One Crashed This Line!

Fint Pickets Halt Move To Break AC Line

guard the gates. At a few min- to crack the line by driving past use of radio and press, and de-(Continued from Page 1) shown up for work, on company utes before working time, the the pickets. One car had a fend- spite the fact that it was com- fight even though GM had an police wedged their way through er-guard ripped off. mon knowledge that the regional call.

This strikebreaking maneuver the thin picket lines, arrogantly of the corporation had been clubbing and shoving pickets fice workers surveyed the huge city manager on what would be carefully planned for over a who attempted to re-form their picket lines from across Dort considered peaceful picketing, EXPERIENCE OF '37 week. It started with a move to lines.

open the Chevrolet personnel of- UAW ANSWERS

fices on Friday, December 14. Acting on orders from the top eral Motors" police was a chal-**UAW-CIO** strike strategy comlenge to the UAW and was im- don't you get your GM cops to mittee and in violation of the recent GM Conference decision, city-wide strike meeting was is- have 20,000 pickets here tomorthe local union officers permitsued in short order. The meeting ted the salaried help to return endorsed the stand of the AC to work. At this point the stage had been set for an attack on the AC Local which was the only local keeping the office workers

out

local and went on record stating 'HEART LIKE A ROCK' 'that the power-drunk, profitbloated GM Corporation is mak- with a copy of the latest issue parts to 54 warehouses through- go through that experience or ing a test fight to break the of The Militant. He carried a out the country. If permitted to have conveniently forgotten it. strike at AC." The strike committee, repre-

row.

CALCULATED MANEUVER For two days AC management senting all locals, went on to say a scab has a heart like that," advertised, asking all salaried that it "endorses the position of pointing to the stone. In high spirits the men sang thwarted by a mass picket line necessary to mobilize the UAW help to come to work. The AC the AC Spark Plug Local 651 in strike strategy committee re- keeping the office and super- "Solidarity Forever" and "We of Chevrolet workers. sponded by issuing a bulletin visory employes out of the plant Shall Not Be Moved." After the calling on the strikers to rein- and calls upon the International office workers dispersed, the TURN TO COURTS Executive Board of the UAW to mass picket lines were reduced force the picket lines.

This action of the Flint "Gen-

It was apparent early Monday mobilize the powerful United with the flying squads returning that the union lines could not morning that the AC workers Automobile Workers in support to their respective locals. had been confused by the city- of the AC workers." Despite the confusion of the tack to the courts by applying wide policy which permitted Tuesday morning from six o'- top leaders which permitted for a restraining injunction at

Chevrolet office workers to work clock on, the picket line formed, Chevrolet office help to return AC Spark Plug. while AC was keeping the of- in below-freezing weather, to work while AC pursued a diffice buildings closed. This, coupl- stretching along the length of ferent policy, despite the fact strike committee meeting coned with near-zero weather, re-the AC factory gates. Irate UAW that the top leaders in the UAW sisting of two representatives of quake at the mighty power that ed with near-zero weather, re-sulted in only a couple of hun-workers turned back two at-regional office made no real ef-sold the committee on the presentatives of each local, the regional office fense of the union and the dred pickets being on hand to tempts by management officials fort to mobilize the members by sold the committee on the necessity of opening the picket lines

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injunction and the aid of the Several hundred shivering of- office had made a deal with the state troops.

Highway. Pickets shouted across the big turn-out to bolster the

The fear expressed by top ofthe street: "Why don't you get AC picket line indicates the deficers and regional officers is wise? Don't you remember when sire of the local UAW ranks to you worked for 35 cents an fight provided they are offered hour?" Others called out: "Why leadership hour?" Others called out: "Why leadership.

seasoned fighters of the sitdown This past week, Chevrolet strikes who remember vividly mediately accepted. A call for a take you in today!" or "We'll management, meeting success in that in 1937 the strike leaders getting office workers in, made a tore the injunction to bits in stab at bringing supervision into the face of the police officials. the Chevrolet parts and service Many of the present leaders in One worker marched in line plants No. 3. This plant supplies the regional office either didn't good-sized rock. From time to go unchallenged, supervision In 1937, thousands of CIO time he should out: "You know could have performed the work workers poured into Flint to beat of production workers and down the threat of police and driven a wedge in the strike. state militia violence. In order The return - to - work call was to repulse the corporation it is

ranks to the danger of the injunction and its possible use in a back-to-work movement. If GM corporation makes an

outright attempt to break the picket lines the full strength of the UAW will come out in the open. The ranks are ready. They are waiting for the call and when

CIO United Auto Workers pickets are shown massed before the main gate of GM's AC

Spark Plug plant in Flint, Dec. 18. The day before, 150 office workers were rushed through the token picket line by the police. When the workers turned out in force, the police developed a more respectful attitude and no effort was made to escort office workers through the line.

RALLIES TO (Continued from Page 1)

Cleveland NAACP has already last week against Fisher Body watching for the first move of with an injunction would go the collection appeal with \$1,057 in contributed \$100 to the GM strike Local 45, to Local 207 at the West Side Diesel plant. On De-

The kind of local support be- cember 18 the Diesel plant oftion to back the pickets. This turned back all office and super-

port of the strikers. Particularly locals in the northeastern sec- management ran to the Comtaken by the National Associa- the police terror in the recent granted, on December 21, an in-

tion for the Advancement of Parker Appliance strike. The Colored People. Speaking be- Council is prepared to support Diesel pickets to 60. The injuncfore the annual election meeting Fisher Body Local 45, UAW, with tion provided , however, that of the Cleveland branch this similar mass picket action should should the management attempt month, National Field Secretary GM attempt any back-to-work to resume production, the union Daisy Lampkin said, "If labor movement.

could petition for a "modificadoesn't win this battle against GM BATTLEFRONT tion" of the restriction. Locals 207 and 45 feel con-

capital this time they may never | On the GM battlefront itself, have a chance again. We should the corporation continued its ef- strained to abide by the injunc-Sunday, Dec. 30, 2:15 p. m. be with them. We are the poor forts to weaken the strike by ex- tion provisions for the time bepeople just like them." The tending an injunction, secured ing, but are vigilantly alert and 8

the part of the corporation to attempt any production with

salaried personnel. Local 45 has hundreds of sea soned union militants, veteran '35, '37 and '39. These steeled unionists face the New Year with Following this defeat the GM present battle out to a finish.

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The corporation, recognizing

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at AC. They argued the way to "beat" the injunction threat was

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troops when the Governor is a CIO locals made weekly pledges, hind the GM strike is illustrated ficials ordered all salaried per-Republican and anti-labor. But the highest coming from Amal- also by the Collingwood Shop sonnel to return to work the folthey also stated in contradiction gamated Local 217, UAW-CIO, Council which called a meeting lowing day. Local 207 responded of the great strike struggles d that if a move were made to which promised \$1,000 each pay last week to mobilize united ac- with a mass picket line which Many fraternal and national council is composed of CIO, AFL, visory employes who showed up. grim determination to fight the

groups are rallying to the sup- Railroad Brotherhood and MESA noteworthy was the position tion of Cleveland which halted

mon Pleas Court and Judge Day

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Eyewitness Tells Of Life In Maylaya Special To The Militant

SINGAPORE, Malaya, Nov. 21-Everyone is surprised it the build of the Japanese soldier. On the average he is many times better built than the British soldier. Official propaganda had led us to believe that he was undernour-

ished, a small fellow, etc. Before arriving here a few be based on British cigarettes. of the "old hands" boasted of Soldiers barter them at the rate their intentions to maltreat the of 70 cents for 10 cigarettes. In Singapore they are again sold Japanese. It was an idle boast. by the Chinese for a still higher As was to be expected, the backward elements were for being price.

Scarcity brings along the black rough. A few cases have been market. Prices are fantastic. A reported to me of soldiers making prisoners "double" when go- hair comb costs \$1.40, as does a ing on an errand. But by good small can of shoe polish. One example the others put a stop egg costs 57 cents, carbonated to it. I have even seen cases of water 23 cents, a bar of soap our fellows being embarrassed \$1.17 and so on. The shops are empty. Anything salable is beat having to order the Japanese yond the means of working peoto do a job.

The working people are ex- ple and soldiers. tremely poor and suffer untold MASSES STARVE hardships. The British made With no work, the masses are Malayan economy dependent on starving. Before the war, Marubber and tin; they neglected lava imported 60 per cent of its agriculture. Today the two inrice, almost all its milk and meat dustries have not yet started up and most other foods. and I see in the press that Big Here in Singapore some 300,-Business-of various nationali-000 people face starvation. Those ties_demands higher prices belucky enough to get on the relief fore beginning production. rolls receive only \$15 a family. CAPITALIST JUSTICE Because of the high prices this

The Singapore dockers who recently demonstrated in support of the independence movement of the Indonesians met with extreme measures from the ruling class. The rubber and tin owners on the other hand enjoy press support and will certainly win their demands. So much for cap-Italist "justice."

The Japanese annulled British currency, and issued what became known as the "banana" dollar. The British then annulled this currency. The poor suffered, as any savings were undermined. The rich of course just dug up the British currency, and continuing with "business as usual," switched back to partnership with the British. During the occupation Big Business collaborated with the Japanese. The leading British daily, the Straits MISERABLE "PAY-OFF" Times, I notice, thinks it unfair for the collaborators to be "chided" by the masses. Just chided!

A Chinese friend told me that in Kluang the police force was handed over to the Japanese to keep "law and order." This police force together with Japanese troops raided his home and assaulted his family and the neighbors for aiding a British officer and some soldiers to escape.

BRITISH "BANANA"

The parents of my Chinese lish he told me that the British friend were killed and he was are no good. His logic is just forced to hide in the jungle. Now what we expected it to be. It that the British are back, he has took four armies to beat the Japbeen rewarded 50 Malayan dol- anese, he said, but the Japanese

Manifesto Of The Fifth Congress Of The Trotskyist Party In Belgium

1. Balance Sheet Of The "Liberation"

Editorial Note: The following manifesto has been translated from the November 17 La Lutte Ouvriere (Workers Struggle), organ of the Parii Communiste Revolutionnaire (Revolutionary Communist Party), Belgian Section of the Fourth International. The Fifth Congress was held November 1-2-3, 1945, at Brussels (See "The Militant," December 1). The first section only of the manifesto is printed below. The second section will appear next week.

Two years ago under the most difficult conditions of illegality, some 20 delegates elected by all sections of the Revolutionary Communist Party, assembled at our Fourth Congress. Expressing the profound aspirations of the widest ranks of the working masses, these delegates proposed three slogans essential for your struggle: Peace. Bread. Liberty.

To attain these objectives, our party pointed out a road completely different from the one indicated by the traditional parties. The Socialist and Stalinist leaders said that you could conquer these objectives through the victory of the "democracies," through collaboration with the "liberal" bourgeoisie, through "national

unity." They called the immediate struggle for socialism, for the revolution, "fruitless babbling." We said that bread, peace and liberty cannot be conquered under the regime of rotting capitalism; that, to conquer them, the working class must act, a struggle must be conducted against all the forms of the capitalist regime, the struggle for socialism. Under the Socialist and Stalinist leaders, what has been gained?

Peace?

Was peace assured when the atomic bomb transformed the future war into the certain destruction of humanity? When the great powers, armed to the teeth, are dividing the world, haggling over strategic positions and naval bases? When the imperialists, with the utmost brutality, are trying to drown in blood the independence movements of the colonial peoples? When, in the center of Europe, faminine and pestilence threaten to cut down millions of human beings? When there are so many powder kegs ready to explode in the Balkans and in the Far East?

Why should we argue with you, citizens Larock and Coenen, over the "forms" of Belgium's future army? Have not your friends, Spaak and Lahaut solemnly declared that with the defeat of fascism, war has been banished from the globe? As Spaak stated over the radio on August 16: "Have not the independence of the peoples, the liberty of the world, been conquered forever?" And as Lahaut declared to Parliament: "Isn't the organization of the United Nations an effective instrument for the defense of peace?" Or don't you yourselves take your own speeches seriously? Isn't it true that you too are convinced the peace of Potsdam and of Tokyo, like the Versailles peace, will prove to be nothing but an armed truce which will end, unless revolution intervenes, in a Third World War finally destroying human civilization? And that the sixty million victims of 1939-1945, like the thirty million victims of 1914-1918 who thought they were dying for "German socialism" or for "democracy," really died so that one capitalist group instead of another might dominate the world?



"For the Punishment of the Traitors" reads the placard borne in this Nov., 1944, demonstration of workers protesting in Brussels, Belgium, against the British-sponsored Pierlot government. The Pierlot government has since fallen, but the Allies continue to dominate Belgian politics-to the detriment of the workers.

15 demonstrations, like Van de Meulenbroeck, 1 as their Catholic colleagues did. who mobilizes police-protection for Leopoldists, like Henricot, the epitome of the rapacious boss.

But while the bourgeoisie has openly mob-

ilized its forces, the "worker leaders" have done

on the monarchist question. They refused to reply to the action of the bourgeoisie by direct action of the working class. They carried the struggle from the streets into Parliament, and left the initiative completely in the hands of he Leopoldists. For months they hid their files from the people. Tied to defense of the bourgeois regime, they understood that to discredit or destroy the monarchy would mean striking a blow directly at the heart of the bourgeoisie. Their fear of the laboring masses completely paralyzed their activity.

But the bourgeois offensive is only in its first stage. Already the coal bosses at Anderlues, at Beaulieu, at Tamines, have demonstrated their desire to lower wages. Already the Christian Social Party is endeavoring to prepare a great election victory which will bring it back to power, utilizing "social" demagogy with the working men and women, "democratic" demagogy with the middle classes, and speaking the 'language of law and order" to win over the bourgeoisie. Already crimes of violence are mounting, to terrorize the proletariat and force its "leaders" into new capitulations.

Working Class Must **Prepare** New Offensive

Wherever the bosses try to lower wages, H is necessary to immediately organize a work stoppage as the reply. Wherever the bosses refuse to carry out or delay applying the decisions of the Conference du Travail (Labor-Conference), they must be forced to comply by the united action of all workers. The lowest wage scales-those of the unskilled, the women and the youth—as well as pensions must be raised so that everybody receives at least a minimum wage which will permit the purchase of all rationed products, of warm clothing, and coal for winter.

Wherever reaction provokes the proletariat by mobilizations of its forces — marches, demonstrations, and meetings, or by fomenting acts of violence against working class leaders - a working class reply must be organized immediately. The working masses must be mobilized in great counter-demonstrations through the transformation of the "Comites de Vigilance" (Defense Committees) and of the "Entente democratique" (democratic alliance) into real committees of struggle, by expelling the bourgeois "liberals," and introducing revolutionary militants and delegates elected by plant and neighborhood. The workers' militia must be organized, the neo-fascist bands tracked down and disarmed, all suspicious traffic in weapons must be stopped, the maneuvers of the secret police must be foiled - that secret police which yesterday collaborated with the Gestapo and today covers up the plots of the neo-fascists.

In order completely to frustrate the plans of the bourgeoisie, to prevent forever the return of a reactionary dictatorship, to assure at long last peace and liberty for the laboring masses, to reconstruct the country (not at the expense of the workers and to the profit of the trusts ---which could only be a "reconstruction" preparatory to a new and terrible crisis), to reconstruct it soundly in the interest of the whole working population; for this a new and general working class offensive is necessary. The workers must draw the lessons from the events of the past

is virtually nothing. Naturally looting is prevalent. I heard that 25 bags of flour sent from Singapore reached Kluang 60 miles away, 18 bags short. Armed bands are reported roaming the countryside raiding trains. All who violate the British laws are dubbed "Communists" by the "high and mighty." Looting, whether for food or arms,

is ascribed to the "Communists." The Propaganda Corp of the Stalinists, however, have plastered up slogans as "Welcome to our Allies," etc. I visited the headquarters of

the AJA (Anti-Japanese Army). On the walls pictures were displayed of Stalin, Lenin, Marx and a Malayan.

The AJA is being disbanded. After years of struggle, living in

the jungle under horrible conditions, their families killed or imprisoned by the Japanese, this army that harassed the Japanese troops with few weapons is being paid off by the British at the rate of \$150. This would not keep a Chinese family for two weeks.

What the people are thinking can be judged by the remarks of a Chinese boy. In broken Eng-

lars. The Malayan dollar is ac- all alone chased the British. quiring the name of the British This Chinese boy didn't favor the Japanese. He wanted China "banana" dollar.

The exchange today seems to to conquer her enemies.

French Trotskyists Fight For Legalization Of Paper

The first paper to appear in the French underground movement against the Nazi conquerors is still fighting for legalization under the de Gaulle regime. The paper La Verite (Truth) is the organ of the Parti Communiste Internationaliste (Revoluworking class tendency and as

tionary Communist Party). In the campaign for authorisation. Albert Demazieres, General Secretary of the PCI, addressed the following letter to Andre Malraux, Minister of Inquently, Mr. Minister, that you formation in the de Gaulle govauthorize La Verite to appear as ernment: a weekly, printing 50,000 copies.

such it appears impossible to prevent it much longer from legal appearance. Believing in your democratic sentiments, I demand conse-

So he visited the Tokyo rail-

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tion the next day proved condi-

tions were much better. No

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undernourishment alone."

I have addressed your predecessors Mr. Teitgen and Mr. Only 9 Deadobtain authorization for the pubobtain authorization for the pub-lication of La Verite, organ of the Rest! Community International No Starvation, Parti Communiste Internationaliste (France section of the Fourth International). I never Says Brass Hat received a reply.

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Permit me today to appeal to you in the hope that you will vince some brass hats that the put an end to a situation which masses under their rule in ocplaces such a grave reflection on cupied lands are suffering intensely. When the press reported the democratic principles which you wish to 'inspire.

I should like to remind you to make a personal inspection. that 73 underground numbers of La Verite appeared during the four years of the German occuno justification" for the unpation. Our paper was the first to oppose Hitler (No. 1. August 1, 1940). The militant members of my party paid a terrible price bodies." for their defense of the anti-Nazi politics carried on unintersuptedly by their paper. But it proved, reported Colonel Weaver, seems, to judge from the quantithat "pneumonia was the cause

ty and diversity of newspapers authorized, that this criterion has no great value. the nine deaths not more than

In addition I should like to call your attention to the following facts:

1. The PCI is a legal party (declaration of the Police Prefecture, June 7, 1945).

bodies were found by the Colonel 2. During the election rallies and only 3 people had to be and meetings which we were perhauled to the hospital. mitted to hold last September, tens of thousands of workers demanded the legal authorization of our paper.

S. La Verite is the organ of a

Bread?

Are your daily bread and a decent standard of living assured? True, certain Belgian shops are filled with goods, but people are slowly dving of hunger in a dozen European countries. And can you, the worker, employe, civil service worker, craftsman, or small peasant, can you buy a pair of shoes costing 1,300 francs, clothing that costs 2,500 francs? Are you earning even the minimum that was hardly enough before the war? Or has a small improvement in the regime of starvation been represented to you as "prosperity?" Go talk about this prosperity, you Belgian journalists, to the street car conductors. civil service employes, textile workers, working women, the shamefully exploited youth, the pensioned and the homeless! Go talk about it to the hundreds of thousands of fathers of families who can't even buy the products that are rationed! And even before daily bread has been assured, while the wage index remains far below the price index, it is already possible to see the infamous scheme of the capitalists, who are seeking to drive down wages in order to produce more cheaply, so as to regain their export markets at the expense of the working class.

Liberty? It takes a great deal to con-

Has liberty been assured? While Degrelle and Leopold III, the heads of Belgian fascism, can freely plot outside the country? While neither "wholesale starvation" in Japan, the army, nor the top clergy, nor the top judi-Colonel J. U. Weaver decided ciary have been purged of their pro-fascist elements? While the revolutionary press is gagged and the trusts are free to set up as many antiroad terminal. There he "found labor propaganda organs as they wish? While armed gangs of the dictatorship are being repleasant reports, he declared. On constituted under the cloak of royalist militias? the evening "he visited the While Leopoldist slogans cover the walls of Flemplace" he found only "nine ish villages? While the whole press, all news services, and the entire state apparatus remain Furthermore, not all the nine in the hands of the 125 families, incubators of died of starvation. Autopsy yesterday's fascism and of tomorrow's? While acts of violence against working class leaders

are multiplying? No, Messrs. Demany and Terfve, it is useless for you to lament the dangerous agitation of the MNR (National Royalist Movement) and the AS (Secret Army). We warned you during the occupation that the MNR and AS were white guard formations, future anti-labor shock troops. At that time and for a long time afterwards you accused us of "breaking the unity of the patriots" because we proclaimed truths. which you are forced to recognize now when it is too late. At that time and for a long time afterwards you participated in a government alongside people like De Schrijver and Du Bus de Warnaffe, initiators of neo-fascism. Even now you support the coalition with bourgeois "liberals" like Mundeleer, who forbade the July

like Charles Emm. Janssens, manager of the Solvay trust, who donated 20 million francs for neo-fascist propaganda. The capitalists want to throttle liberty, just as they want to take away your bread, just as they refuse you peace. And the reformist and Stalinist leaders who collaborate with the capitalists, willingly or unwillingly, help them accomplish this task.

How Stalinists Sabotaged Workers' Offensive

The working class, however, wanted battle immediately after the "liberation." Do you remember the first activities of the United Trade Union: do you remember the great strikes of the miners and metal workers?

Why did they fail? Why was there no decisive conquest? Why has there been no fundamental change? Because the reformist and Stalinist leaders, prisoners of their coalition with the bourgeois parties, sabotaged the offensive of the workers. Because they did everything to apply the brakes to the movement. It was the "Communist" minister Marteaux who signed the decree which dissolved the partisan formations. It was the "Socialist" Prime Minister Van Acker who prohibited strikes and inaugurated civil mobilization. It was the Stalinist party which said to the workers: "No work stoppages, step up production," when wages were frozen. It was the Socialist Party which said to the workers: "Do not unleash the general strike against the Leopoldist conspiracy until the Prime Minister issues the call." precisely when the Prime Minister was professing his lovalty to the monarchy. It was the Socialist Party and the Stalinist Party who refused to take power when the Catholic ministers left the government, and on their own volition introduced new bourgeois ministers, direct representatives of the trusts, like Godding of the Comtpoir Colonial, in order to maintain the coalition at any price. It is the Socialist and Stalinist leaders who are responsible for halting the workers' offensive, for the disgust towards politics which has invaded the working class, for the strengthening of reaction. The cowardly and capitulatory policies of the Socialist and Stalinist leaders made possible the counter-offensive of the bourgeoisie.

First Stage Of Capitalist Attack

In seeking to impose the return of Leopold III on the country, the bourgeoisie desired not only to demoralize the proletariat and institute dictatorship. It prepared at the same time the lowering of wages; a hard policy of deflation which would enable it to regain its markets at the expense of the working class. Behind Leopold III stood not only the "traitors." but also all the economic collaborators with the Nazis, the banks, trusts, big capital. The bourgeois "liberals" in the anti-Leopoldist camp served only to hamstring all real action, to tie the hands of the "worker" representatives, and in this way served the Leopoldist cause just as much Carl 13 it was more than the

everything to paralyze those of the working year. In drawing up the balance sheet of the class. They shamefully capitulated before the monarchy and refused to begin the struggle for the Republic. They refused to tie the social demands of the working class to their demands

"liberation" of September 1944, they must resolutely pose the objectives of genuine liberation, of working class, socialist liberation. (To Be Continued)

British Trotskyists Defend Oppressed Colonial Peoples

The Trotskyists in Great Britain, the very heart of Othe British Empire, are defending the interests of the such militant action, the British colonial people and opposing their imperialist oppressors. Trotskyists demand:

The Attlee Government, elected by the workers to end the rule of the capitalist class, has betrayed the mandate of the voters. It is . treacherously continuing the workers' indignation in mild brutal colonial policies of speeches and empty gestures, while washing their hands of Churchill.

any effective action." "If the Labor Government in Britain represented the interests WHAT IS NEEDED

of the British working class, they "Under these conditions," say would have intervened, not on the British Trotskyists, "it is nethe side of the Dutch imperial- cessary for the workers to take ists but on the side of the Indo- independent action in defense nesian masses," declares the of their interests, which are the Mid-November Socialist Appeal, same as the interests of the Inorgan of the Revolutionary Com- donesian People." munist Party, British Section of

the Fourth International. GOVERNMENT UNMASKED

the government and force it "to end the slaughter in the East, to Germany. Unmasking the role of the Labor Ministers, the Socialist withdraw troops and allow the Appeal states that their actions Indonesians to choose their own "clearly reveal them as the form of government. But at the agents of the British imperial- same time the workers must be ists who are shaking in their shoes lest the fires of colonial is required to carry out these

revolt spread beyond Java, into demands." The Socialist Appeal calls at-Burma, India and other British tention to the support the Austerritories."

Voicing their indignation at tralian and British workers gave the disgraceful actions of the to the Indonesians. The Aus-Labor Ministers, the British tralian longshoremen refused to winter. They will get them if Trotskyists declare, "it is not handle supplies for the Dutch. these dogs continue to treat us enough merely to utter a few British seamen refused to sail meek words in protest," as about ships carrying Dutch troops. 60 Labor Members of Parlia-The Australian dockers and

ment have done. If these representatives of labor "were really serious in their ers of Britain" and the rest of they need; they all have a car the world. support of the Indonesian people, they would demand the im-

ntediate withdrawal of all British troops."

They would prove their seriousness by calling on the workers to mobilize their full Empire"-right-hand top head- for us." To describe how they strength and help in forcing the line, Page 2, N. Y. Times, Nov. do this, the soldier declares, Cabinet to change its policy.

But, like the leaders of the "RAF Planes Bomb Central able book." Stalinist party, the Labor Mem-Java City"-left-hand top headbers of Parliament hypocritical- line, Page 2, N. Y. Times, Nov. that "some day I'll be able to ly voice their sympathy with the 21.

"Not a man, not a gun for the imperialists! Hands off Java! Solidarity with the colonial peoples in their struggle for free. dom!"

BATTLE VETERAN HITS BRASS HAT LUXURY LIVING

The privileges enjoyed by officers and their autocratic actions toward enlisted men are bitterly denounced in a letter. printed in the November 30 Congressional Record, from a soldier stationed in Heidelberg.

This soldier who spent 142 days in a combat area, says that his commanding officer acts as prepared to take whatever action though he had "taken his training under Simon Legree."

"I once read in the paper," continues the soldier, "that some Congressmen expect riots and mass desertion over here this the way they do."

In contrast to the privations suffered by the enlisted men, the officers "have all the liquor or means to command a vehicle." He states that "the hotels and houses where they live are nothing but houses of prostitution."

In spite of their privileges, "Wilhelmina Urges Changes In the officers "make life miserable would require writing a "size-

> The letter ends with the hope even the score a little."

British seamen "set a noble and Quick Change Artist





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

-Leon Trotsky

The Minneapolis Case

Two years ago, on December 31, the 18 defendants in the Minneapolis Case began serving sentences in Federal prisons.

The "crime" of these Trotskyists consisted solely of political opposition to imperialist war. They were victims of the Wall Street warmongers just as the great American Socialist leader, Eugene V. Debs, was a victim of Wall Street in the First World War.

The Minneapolis Case gained national prominence. The Civil Rights Defense Committee organized a tremendous campaign of protest against the indictments, the trial and the imprisonment. Before the case was ended, labor organizations representing more than 5,000,-000 workers supported the Trotskyists in this battle. Only the Stalinists, who rabidly supported Wall Street's war, were conspicuous by their absence. They lined up with reaction against the prisoners and even howled for severer penalties.

The case began July 15, 1941, when Roosevelt's agents indicted 29 Trotskyists and trade unionists for "seditious conspiracy." The United States was still at peace. But Roosevelt was heading the country straight for war. The persecution of the Trotskyists was a reactionary political move, designed as a blow against the working class. It was part and parcel of Roosevelt's war drive. However, while Roosevelt railroaded the Trotskyists to prison, he publicly proclaimed his love for democracy and peace.

Today it is obvious to virtually everone that Wall Street's sole concern in the war was over

The answer of the treacherous Stalinists came a few days later. The Daily Worker, December 13, stated that despite an overwhelming strike vote "the union (UE), which charges managements seek to force a strike before Christmas, has announced there will be no walkout authorized against the three companies (General Electric, Westinghouse AND GENERAL MOTORS) this year.

No sir, the Stalinists will never be "forced" into a strike "merely" to discontinue aid to a union-busting corporation trying to crush 225,000 workers engaged in a titanic, backto-the-wall battle.

The Stalinists may play "Santa Claus" and cynically "explain" about keeping 30,000 workers on the job in a struck corporation, despite the willingness and readiness of the UE members to join the picket lines, because of 'Christmas," but every honest and sincere unionist will brand these Stalinist UE leaders for what they are-scabby tools of the employers.

Crocodile Tears

According to legend, the crocodile is not only one of the most savage representatives of the animal kingdom but also one of the most hypocritical. While devouring a victim-claims the ancient story-the crocodile in sympathy with its sufferings sheds copious tears.

But the crocodile has nothing on Congress when it comes to pure unadulterated hypocrisy. This is shown in its attitude toward Hitler's Jewish victims.

The few remaining Jewish people who survived the Nazi terror in Europe now face extinction. Renewed anti-Semitism hounds them. Starvation and disease take a mounting toll. By simply revising the reactionary U.S. immigration laws, Congress could save these people from death.

The political representatives of American imperialism, however, prefer to shed tears while the Jewish people die. Out of sympathy for the sufferings of these victims, Congress on December 19-just before recessing for Christmas—passed a resolution calling on the Truman Administration to "use its good offices" with Britain to permit free entry of Jews into -Palestine!

The resolution, naturally, does not even bind Truman to utter a few words. It has no force on Wall Street's British ally. It carefully avoids any mention of America as a possible haven for these persecuted people. Congress, in brief, simply passed a hypocritical expression of sympathy.

The only realistic measure Congress could have taken to save the Jewish victims would have been to open up the gates of America. Only deeds speak in cases like this.

By its failure to help the Jewish people through concrete action, Congress shares reresponsibility for their fate.

Stalinists And FEPC

At the beginning of the war, the Negro people in the struggle to secure their democratic rights threatened a march on Washington. To head off this political danger to his Administration, Roosevelt in 1941 set up the Fair Employment Practices Committee. The FEPC, ostensibly intended to combat race prejudice in hiring, actually could accomplish little, since it lacked any real power.



THE MILITANT

"Dear, don't you think you're working too hard?"



ZAPATA THE UNCONQUER-, "even the stones were Zapatis- the revolution." Finally victorious. Zapata and ABLE, by Edgeumb Pinchon; tas."

332 pp. Doubleday, Doran and In the first stages of the revo- Pancho Villa, the leader of the Co., 1941. Originally \$3; now lution Zapata's army fought for armies of the North, met near \$1, through Pioneer Publishers. the program advanced by Fran- Mexico City. They had a program To relate the life of Emiliano cisco Madero, liberal member of for the peasants, but none for

the Mexican Revolution of 1910. dero planned to set up a bourgeois to combat the powerful United From 1910, when the storm democracy in Mexico. He hoped States imperialism in Mexico. Bebroke against the cruel feudal to solve the land problem by cause of their failure to underoppression, until 1919, when he confiscating the large haciendas stand the crucial importance of these key issues, they were helpless. pata was concerned with one goal Madero came completely un-"'In a day or two we shall

-land to the peasants, and free- der the domination of the reacdom from the landowners (ha- tionary landowners. The state march into Mexico City togethcendados) and their government. apparatus and the army acted in er,' said Villa. 'But what shall we Zapata's unceasing struggle on the interest of the hacendados behalf of the toiling peons of against the revolutionary peons. Mexico, is told in novel form in The promised reforms were not president, eh?' Zapata stared at

Edgcumb Pinchon's book, "Za- carried out. When Madero's role him incredulously. 'What would became clear, Zapata broke with a man like myself be doing in him and called the peons to the Palacio Nacional?' 'Well, pata the Unconquerable." STRENGTH OF THE MASSES arms once more.

It was a pitifully small hand- ONLY BY THE PEOPLE

and I know what to do about it. ful that began the struggle under "Justice for the people, ami- but give me the Palacio Nacional, Zapata, but it grew and finally trove the landowners out of Southern Mexico. Zapata's lead-ership, based on implacable and independent struggle, on the armed strength of the masses Zapata, but it grew and finally armed strength of the masses, father's land wrenched away that the right place for him was was the movement's strength. from the hands that tilled it, in the field . . . (he) withdrew What Pinchon calls his "clair-voyant Indian intuition" was where he was born stripped of events. Zapata's unerring class instinct, its last milpa — I have drawn up The opportune moment of the his distrust of any power except a plan," revolution was lost. Carranza,

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ARE VETERANS SELFISH? A veteran recently discharged from the air force said he thought veterans were selfish in their demands for special benefits. "Their interests and needs are the same as those of the rest of the people. And, besides, everyone made sacrifices during the war."

There is no denying that the working class, both veteran and non-veteran, made great sacrifices during the war. There is no denving that war takes great toll - in human lives, suffering and destruction.

But sacrifice among the population was unequal. Capitalists made huge fortunes - the greatest profits in the entire history of capitalism. Their take ran into billions of dollars. They made no sacrifice.

Whereas the working class paid for the war while it was in progress and is paying for it now. Taxes were and remain enormous. The cost of living rose fantastically while wages were frozen. Men and women worked long, life-draining hours in factories; their health was impaired, in many cases ruined.

Veterans Have Special Problems

While the hardships suffered by workers at home were great, servicemen were forced to make even greater sacrifices. And service in the armed forces has created special problems for them.

First, many men were drafted into the army before they had finished school. After spending several years in the armed forces they came back mature men who are either unable or unwilling to depend on parents and relatives for their livelihood. They want to complete their education. But in order to do so they must be paid a living wage while they are attending school.

Other young men never had the time to learn a trade or an opportunity to get a steady job. They lost valuable years of their youth - the most productive years of life. The handicap of wasted years makes struggle in this viciously competitive society more difficult.

Countless other veterans lost their health and with it their earning power. Thousands were disabled for life. More thousands had their health destroyed in one way or another - by tropical diseases, by wounds from which they will never fully recover, etc. Still others will suffer for years, if not for life, from nervous disorders caused by combat.

They Deserve Special Consideration

Existing legislation doesn't adequately provide for the needs of these men. They are deserving of special consideration because they have been handicapped through no fault of their own.

When they ask for the benefits they were promised. Wall Street propagandists attempt to brand them as a "selfish" group, conveniently forgetting that "nothing is too good for our boys." Wall Street's agents in the Veterans Administration and in the rest of the government cut down on aid to the veterans as much as they dare to. Congressional lackeys of Big Business will not pass legislation to meet the needs of the men who were decorated with medals and then quickly forgotten.

Who will fight for the needs of the veterans? Who will force the government to give proper medical care and adequate pensions to the disabled? Surely no group in society has a greater interest than the veterans themselves. These tasks can't be left to the Brass Hats, Gold Braid and Wall Street politicians. They have shown that their attitude toward the veterans is one of complete indifference.

Veterans are not acting in a selfish manner when

Zapata is to relate the story of a large landowning family. Ma- the workers - and no program

was shot down by assassins, Za- and paying the owners.

markets, colonies and spheres of influence. The bloody events in China, Indo-China and Indonesia as well as the repression of the workers in Greece, Italy, Belgium and Germany reveal how reactionary Wall Street's aims actually were.

In the light of these events it is instructive to recall some of Comrade James P. Cannon's testimony at the trial-part of the testimony on which he and the others were sent to prison. This testimony, printed by Pioneer Publishers as a pamplet, Socialism on Trial, has proved to be the most popular revolutionary Socialist work produced in the Second World War.

'Fundamentally wars are caused by the efforts of all the capitalist powers to expand into other fields," declared Comrade Cannon. "The only way they can get them is by taking them away from some other power, because the whole world has been divided up among a small group of imperialist powers . . .

Comrade Cannon, who is National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, indicated the only real road to peace. Events since that day in the Minnéapolis court room in 1941 have served only to underline his words: "The workers must organize themselves independently of the capitalist political parties. They must organize a great party of their own, and oppose the policy of the capitalist parties, regardless of whether they are called Democratic or Republican, or anything else . . . The necessary transition from the present system of capitalism to the far more efficient order of Socialism can only be brought under a leadership of the workers."

Stalinist Scabs

Stalinist attempts to represent themselves as labor "militants" during the current "leftturn" of the Communist Party are completely exposed by the CP's role in the GM strike.

On December 8 the CIO United Automobile Workers General Motors Conference in Detroit appealed by unanimous resolution to the Stalinist leaders of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers "to immediately recommend to their GM membership that a strike be called at all GM plants under their juridisdiction.'

When this resolution was adopted, the GM workers were already in the third week of a tremendous struggle that everyone recognizes is the spearhead of American labor's fight for decent wages and security.

Yet, the striking General Motors auto workers were compelled to make a special public plea to a sister CIO union because the Stalinist UE leaders were using every pretext to prevent some 30,000 UE members in the GM Electrical Division from striking in unity with their embattled auto union brothers and sisters.

Pointing out that the FEPC had authority to investigate only in war plants, the Militant predicted capitalist reaction would kill even this feeble agency "after the war."

Last July our prediction was borne out. Forming a united front, Republicans and Democrats in Congress in a shameful unrecorded vote cut down the appropriation of the FEPC to \$250,000.

In a headline, the July 21 Militant declared: "Southern Bourbon Spokesmen Succeed in Lynching FEPC." "It is evident that the FEPC is dead as a dodo," stated the Militant's newsreport. Our front page cartoon pictured Senators Bilbo and Eastland, and Representative Rankin stringing up the FEPC to a tree with buzzards swooping down for the feast.

The lesson for the Negro people is clear," we declared. "If trust is placed in a reactionary government to end discrimination, the battle is lost from the start. Only through militant struggle can even the mildest concessions be gained."

The correctness of this analysis was borne out very shortly by the closing down of one regional FEPC office after another. Today only three still keep open their doors.

In contrast to our analysis, the perfidious Daily Worker, mouthpiece of the American Stalinists, hailed the action of Congress in cutting down the appropriation as a "victory" for the Negro people! The July 13 issue of the, Daily Worker_believe it or not-proclaimed the lynching of FEPC as a "smashing defeat for red-baiting, as well as a victory for the right of Negroes, Jews, Mexicans and other minorities to work without discrimination."

Why this astounding lie? Why this frantic effort of the Stalinists to paint up the strangling of FEPC as a victory?

The July 21 Militant explained this too: "The Stalinists have given the Roosevelt regime vociferous support. In the New York election they are now throwing their forces behind O'-Dwyer, Democratic candidate for mayor. To justify this support they are willing to go to any lengths in whitewashing the Democratic Party.

Only now-six months after the FEPC received its death blow-do the Stalinists suddenly discover that this crime against racial minorities has been committed. In this case, as in all others, it is not the facts themselves that have determined the Stalinist line. An order from the Kremlin via Duclos is responsible for the Stalinist shift in line, and another order tomorrow will shift it in the opposite direction. The Negro people and the workers generally can have nothing but the utmost contempt for these Stalinist tricksters, liars and betrayers.

that of the people themelves. This plan, known as The Plan backed by U.S. imperialism, took Zapata called his army a "peo- of Ayala, was the program of the over power in Mexico. He routed ple in arms," and truly it was Zapatista army. It provided that Villa. After a bitter, bloody, just that. Peasants flocked to his "the lands, woods and waters four-year struggle, his army isoarmy shouting "Viva la revolu- torn from the villages by legal lated and with all odds against cion!" "Land and Liberty." Car- trickery and tyrannical force it, Zapata was tricked and assasrying on desperate battles with hereby are immediately restored sinated in 1919, and his "Liberaone carbine to a few men, with to the possession of their right- tor Army of the South" was only the ammunition they could ful owners . . . And all villagers crushed.

wrest from the enemy, depend- who so have lost their lands are The valiant, relentless struggle ing for food on the poor of the hereby instructed to enter upon of Zapata and his army against villages, who gladly shared their them and hold them with arms the landowners and their politimeager stores with them, Za- in hand . . . Such hacendados cal agents, with its shortcomings pata's army went on, increasing as feel themselves wronged in as well as its greatness, is one from 200 to 5,000, to 8,000, fin- | this matter may make their pro- | with which every revolutionist ally to 20,000 men. So popular test before a special tribunal should be acquainted. was the Zapatista cause among that will be established for this Reviewed by

the poor peasants that they say purpose upon the triumph of

Congressmen At Work

In the debate on the United Nations Organization, the warmaking powers of Congress came up for discussion. The majority of Wall Street's Congressmen wanted to turn these powers over to the delegate appointed by the President to the "Security Council" of the UNO. Senator Wheeler of Montana, however, asked Congress to think twice and retain these powers.

Senator Fulbright of Arkansas led the pack against the lone wolf from Montana: "Is it the Senator's thought that the Congress has ever had much influ-

ence on whether or not the nation went to war?"

not. As a matter of fact, the making powers to a single in-Congress has never made war, dividual. and in my judgment has never been responsible for war. It has always been the acts of the diplomats that have led us into morals: "One of the leading ediwar. It is a step-by-step protorial writers of the country . . cess."

Moving in closer for the kill, you not, that any President can try into war. Even a "cooling off" Fulbright asked: "As a practical matter, the Senator does wishes to do so.' I replied. 'That Street wants to hamstring the not seriously believe, does he, is correct. He has the power to unions with, could not possibly that the right of Congress to de so, but he has no legal or make war will ever be very sig- moral right to do so.'" 'nificant in modern warfare?" This "moral right," declaimed

"Of course not," responded Wheeler, should be retained by powers up to the people through Wheeler, "Not only is it not sig- Congress. Of course, emphasized a referendum vote on war or nificant in modern times, but it the Montana Senator, it must be peace, none of the Congressmen, never has been."

Fulbright let Wheeler have it: will never exercise this right in possibility. To let the people de-"I do not see why the Senator such a way as to delay plung- cide on war or peace might slow thinks it is necessary to argue ing the country into war! down the stampede to get into that the war power must remain "Whenever the President has sent World War III and that would in Congress, when it has never a message to Congress asking endanger Wall Street's profits!

for a declaration of war, the Congress of the United States has never at any time denied the equest."

Miriam Carter

do there?' asked Zapata. Pancho

chuckled. 'You don't want to be

that's just what I feel myself.

Give me troops and an enemy.

Senator Willis of Indiana backed up Wheeler with a concrete instance: "When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor . . . The very next day — the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked --this Congress voted overwhelmingly to go to war. Hitler could not have asked better co-operation of the Reichstag.'

But it takes a lot to convince Congressmen, going down the line one hundred per cent for Wall Street, Senator Knowland of California objected: "Is it not a fact that it has taken us approximately five days in the Senate to discuss the particular legislative proposal now pending?" In Knowland's opinion five days is too long to discuss such said to me . . . 'You know, do a question as plunging the counget us into war at any time he period, for instance, which Wall be used for hamstringing Wall

Street's wars. As for leaving the war-making taken for granted that Congress | naturally, even discussed that

they ask for enough to live on, for jobs, care for their comrades who were disabled, education for the young men who didn't have a chance to finish school. They are asking the government to pay off on

the promises so lavishly made when men were needed for the war. They are merely asking for their share of the wealth this nation is capable of producing. But to get it, as everyone knows, they will have to organize and fight for it. Organized in alliance with the labor movement they will be invincible.



Even if the unions win 30 per cent wage increases, American workers will still be 20 per cent short of a minimum decent, healthful standard of living, CIO investigations reveal. The CIO has also disclosed that industry could pay a 38 per cent raise, without increasing prices, and still double pre-war profits in 1946.

These are among the figures and facts in a new free pamphlet, "The CIO Case for substantial Pay Increases," published by the Congress of Industrial Organizations, 718 Jackson Place, NW., Washington 6, D. C.

The pamphlet shows the average worker's pay has been cut \$10.75 a week, from \$46.35 to \$35.60, because of reduced hours, down-grading and loss of overtime pay. But the Heller Committee has found that the minimum American health and decency standard of living requires a weekly family income of \$57.97. The CIO proposed only to restore the \$46.35 wartime average by means of a 30 per cent wage raise.

Wartime profits of corporations totaled \$52 billions after taxes, the pamphlet shows. More than half these profits, \$26.1 billions, were kept in corporation treasuries and the rest paid to stockholders, mainly to "America's 60 Families."

The average rate of corporate profits rose two and a half times during the war, from \$3.4 billions pre-war to \$8.7 billions a year during the war. Manufacturing alone increased profits from \$2.1 billions to a war average of \$5 billions yearly.

The Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion estimates 1946 profits, after taxes, will total \$10.5 billions - more than three times pre-war profits. Allowing for normal increase in labor productivity and by only doubling profit instead of trebling it, the corporations could raise pay 38 per cent, according to the pamphlet.

It quotes the Department of Commerce: "In the absence of a general lift in wage rates, total wages and salaries (exclusive of government) next year (1946) will be about 20 billion dollars below the 1944 total of 83 billion dollars." To restore this \$20billions cut would take a general 31 per cent wages increase.

Without the wage increase, about \$20 billions of "surplus" goods will pile up yearly, factories will close and the worst depression in history will be on. Already wanton destruction of army-navy "surpluses" has begun the "plowing under" process.



been important." That crushing argument should have convinced the worst die-hard that Con-Wheeler responded: "No, it is gress ought to delegate its war-

Wheeler, however, simply bared his teeth at Fulbright and slashed back with a point on

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The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters are we come on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and eral Motors Conference held in Detroit December 8: address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

rites About Dire **Poverty** in Japan Editor:

"ilitant will be interested in the effect upon them." allowing letter which I received recently from a serviceman:

Well, I finally arrived in Japan. I'm 200 miles north of Tokyo. Most of this place has en bombed flat but FLAT. The building in which we have our barracks is almost too good to be true. It is a five-story affair that covers a whole city block of the town but which would only be approximately one-half a block of an American city. It was an insurance office building and is the most modern in the whole town, or Japan for that matter. The offices on the top Poor are larger than two classrooms of any school and they have been partitioned off into five-man sleeping quarters. Downstairs are all the offices of the various military sections. The Japanese do the K.P., clean the walls, halls, etc., etc. We only sweep our own quarters and deposit it in the halls for them to pick up.

"So far, all I've done is sit and wait.

The Japanese here in authority at present were former un- G.M. Executive's derlings who have been given power but they have been dictated to by the Japanese Army Editor: officials for so long that they have no idea of what to do. They

Government or don't know how L. Lewis) "foul smelling?" to make a decision.

"The present Japanese goverment (appointed by the U. E. Wilson, head of General Mot- the much bigger tasks now con- suffered untold agony under op- worker in his every struggle and and then you study it again." 8.) hasn't the slightest idea of ors, took for himself from that fronting workers everywhere. where to begin to go to work. | corporation \$459,041. That fig-It dares not make any decision, uges out to \$38,253.43 per month, even on the most insignificant \$1,275.11 per day, \$53.12 per subject. They have no program hour. That, of course, is for a of rationing food supplies for the 24-hour day. For an 8-hour day coming winter, whatever. Our he makes \$159.36 per hour! greatest concern is of the food And now they are trying to supplies and health.

"The people out here don't no legal right to strike for decent waste an inch of ground. If a wages!

house was bombed the rubble is cleared away and the plot is Labor, organ of the railway plunted with whatever crop it | unions.

can grow. The regular farmers plant a sort of potato or rutabaga and when it is gathered they dry it in the sun. They also do some fishing and dry the fish How to Fight in the same way. Despite all this, Boss Stooges

starvation and short rations is a regular thing.

isten to th

If a boy looks about seven years | --with the boss, to hold her job. old, you can bet your last dollar, One old-timer who knew her well, he's more than 15. I guess the had warned us of her, but we malnutrition and the poverty, in had let it slide.

I think that readers of The general, will have a disastrous As the union grew stronger in the shop the boss and the fore-George Storen lady had to do something about

San Francisco, Calif. it. The forelady quietly rallied the backward elements around



GM's WILSON

"Living Wage"

decision because of the Military as (in the vernacular of John ter unionism-and we'll do it."

In 1943, according to the Treasury Department reports, Charles and solidarity into our shop for is the Negro people who have Militant is a real guide to the you don't just read, you study it

pass a law that the workers have

The figures I quoted are from

Gloria Hudson Fiala Chicago, Ill.

Editor:

A dangerous situation recently

THE MILITANT

Stalinist Slanders **Refuted In Flint**

The following is a quotation from an article by William Allan in the Daily Worker, December 10, reporting on the UAW's Gen-

"This 'labor party' emerges from Trotskyite literature whose peddlers have been chased off picket lines by the strikers because they have no union labels on their leaflets."

I have actively participated in the distribution of the regular weekly Militant and the special Michigan edition on all picket lines of the GM strikers here in Flint. In order to best answer these Stalinist lies, I want to give you the reactions I found on these distributions.

We were never chased off any picket line, nor did we meet any objections to our distribution, not even from the few dead pigeon Stalinists who are still following the Communist Party line here in Flint. The Militant is today unofficially the official paper of the strike; outside of the few bulletins published periodically by the different locals, The Militant is the only labor paper distributed to the strikers.

Tens and tens of workers have approached us to tell us that it is a very good paper. Many insist on paying for it even knowing that it is distributed free. Without any solicitation on our part, some workers have given us subscriptions right on the picket lines, and many others have told us that they will subscribe when they return to work. They are all eager to receive our paper and all have favorable comments to make.

The Militant is widely read on all the picket lines and in the union halls. Our comrades and friends report that workers read it from beginning to end, then fold it neatly and put it in their pockets

I will not answer the lie that we don't carry the union label prizes for the sub-drive." Loud-mouths who had no time to do anything for the union but | on our literature. This slander is fantastic and is intended only were always ready to collect for their own ranks who are probably asking why the Comfunds for gifts to the boss, demunist Party is not out with the Daily Worker.

attempts to cause friction and slanders and lies to retain their membership in the midst of since the publication was first GM Strikers division. They put the blame on this great labor upsurge, we are building a party that will be announced. Now we will be able Old-Timer, called her a trouble the undisputed leader of the American workers for the establishmaker, accused her of trying to ment of socialism. rule the shop. They wanted her R. Carli

out-and nearly succeeded.

Then the union stepped in. Our business agent is intelligent | ery section, and in every land. and thorough. He quickly grasp-We as Negroes have every right his decision:

contribution to the world. We Editor: "The old-timers will be upheld have a right to desire freedom

While I was reading The Miliby this union at all times. They from the evils we have known tant the other day, an idea oc- staff exclaimed: "I loaned my In view of the proletariat's are the backbone of the union. from the beginning of our Amer- curred to me that I would like original copy of the book to attempt to get livable wages, We have ways and means to ican history. We have a right to to pass on to you. It is true that someone and never got it back. either are afraid to make any doesn't the following strike you teach backward newcomers bet- seek to start a mass movement. The Militant is now a real work- This time I'm hanging on to my My people have worked and ers' paper. The feature articles copy. I think this book is an ab-The decision alone was inspir- died, and America alone has in the paper are eagerly read by solute must in every revolution-

ing. It brought a timely sobering gained by our presence here. It workers to whom we speak. The ist's library. It is a book which pression with no hope of free- his trade union problems.

R. F. C. dom in this world. In every war Philadelphia we have died. In every "peace"

A Socialist Answer **To Negro Nationalists** Editor:

of our oppression is to grant the wish of the oppressors. We must Through this message, I hope to reach many of my people, and realize that the real issue of our oppression is the profit system.

offer them the truth they so ear-I am a Negro with every re- by dividing the workers because neglect in our paper. I am refernestly desire.

spect for African culture, and of their race, color or creed, so for the many Negro people who long will it live. dream of returning to Africa, to If we were completely free and the land of our forefathers. equal in every way, I don't think America has been so cruel to us, many of my people would desire

while we in return have served to turn their backs on the world this country faithfully since the in an attempt to live completely Carlson were excellent, but our day we were brought here. within Africa. With an understanding heart

ring to the women, who in a great many instances are doubly

housewives. "Woman's" Column should be



The Revolution Betrayed, by Leon Trotsky is now being shipped to Socialist Workers Party Friends and sympathizers of month and 2 one-year subs from

the Socialist Workers Party and his home town. branches and to those individuals who sent in advance orders. The Militant rank high among This beautiful new Pioneer edi- our most conscientious sub-get-From Pittsburgh, Eloise Gordon tion of one of Trotsky's most im- ters. During our recent subscripsent in the following note which portant contributions to Marxist tion campaign, The Militant was contains an excellent suggestion literature is receiving enthusias- introduced to 85 new readers tic response from people here in through this method.

New York who have already received their copies.

Pioneer

Notes

One friend who bought a cloth- us \$4 for 4 one-year subscripbound copy sent in for another tions, for his friends. paper-bound book. He said, "I F. W. Schultz of Austin, Minn., closing \$1.00 for which please subs he obtained from his shopsend me a paper copy. I want mates. This is in addition to the their fellow workers in the varithis one to study, to mark up, 3 one-year subscriptions he sent ous steel mills. and more than that, to loan to in a few weeks ago. my friends."

Chicago wrote us last week: Enclosed is our order for the ex-serviceman, has become an books. Please send them at the enthusiastic Militant sub-getter. earliest possible moment . . . We En route home on the bus, he have a party on for Christmas sold 2 six-month subs to fellow Eve and want to distribute the travelers with whom he discussed the principles of The Militant.

The New York literature agent | And today's mail brought 2 sixsaid: "It is wonderful to see this book in print again. We have

Publish Special to fill the advance orders." One of the members of the Trotskyist Youth Group said, "I Local Papers edition came out and I have

Issues of special strike papers never been able to get myself a being published by GM local uncopy. Now I can read and study ed the real situation. This was to be proud of Africa's brilliant Women and Socialism a book I've always longed to ions have been received by The own." Militant. Although space does

A member of The Militant not permit notes and quotes from each, these UAW locals are to be commended for recognizing the importance of a strike newspaper to combat the lies and slander of the boss press. The Fleetwood Organizer, is-

sued by Fleetwood Local 15. Experience in our recent sub THE REVOLUTION BETRAYthe Ford "fines for strikers" ED, by Leon Trotsky, cloth, scheme.

\$2, paper \$1. Order from Pioneer Publish-Publicity Committee of Detroit,

is another lively and informative bulletin. From South Gate, California, comes The Assembler, issued by Local 216, announcing 703-TPLU that 400 Veterans are on strike alongside their union brothers in the battle against GM. The Fisher Flash, issued by Fisher Body Local 581 in Flint. MILITAN Michigan, the AC Strike Bulletin, also issued in Flint, are all

for other branches to follow:

thing about it is that it works on an expanding scale. The actual distribution is handled by

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"After the first issue was distributed this way, several of our friends asked us to supply them out exception their cooperation is enthusiastic, and their reports indicate that The Militant is being warmly received among their fellow workers.

ies today, a worker from Mesta mill turned over a one-year sub he had obtained from a friend in his mill, and another friend turned in a six-month sub from a fellow worker at Carnegie."

Now that our subscription campaign is over, Militant Army will carry a weekly statistical report on the subscription achievement of the top selling branches: Local New York: 20 six-month:

one-year.

Connecticut: 6 six-month. Seattle: 3 six-month; 1 oneyear, and 1 one-year combination to The Militant and Fourth International.

San Pedro: 4 six-month; 1

Another interesting note from

cents for the last two issues of The Militant. By the time they The GM Picket, published by arrive I will have \$1 for a onethe GM City-Wide UAW-CIO year subscription. Please rush the two issues at once.'

> Philadelphia LABOR FORUM

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Wants Column On

Flint, Mich.

exploited, as workers and as Why not have a column devoted to the women? The articles written by Comrade Grace

for our mess kits are outside the grew up in our shop, which is I turn to my people in sincerity, building and there is a regular often paralleled. This case was and urge them to consider this gang of kids and grown-ups handled right, so the result was message. I have found the anwhiting to gather the scraps good. Its lessons are widely ap- swer to our problem and offer it which the GIs deposit in the plicable. to all who seek to escape from a socialist society.

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"These people are very short. learned where her interests were 'my reply to the Negroes of ev-



Nationalism ra a permanent one, as attractiv cause of oppression. With freely set up as the other regular dom it would vanish. But even columns.

jority could get nationalism in the woman of the house will To work for nationalism while explain our paper to her she reliving under capitalism, however, plies that her husband is the is without foundation. We as Ne- worker in the house, these groes have a responsibility to the things don't concern her, she future generation. It is our duty isn't interested in politics, etc. as parents to prepare for those | In such a column we would to follow. We must fight united explain to her that when we re--not as a minority race, but fer to the workers' problems, we as a part of the working class, are also referring to her probwhite and black working side by lems as a worker's wife. It would side for freedom, knowing that explain what her status will be

both suffer exploitation and vaious forms of discrimination. As a minority we can fail, but as a class, the working class,

failure of our oppressors. We must not become hitter we must become educated to our class. We must join with white workers who work militantly for Negro equality because they know the common enemy of the working class. There is no other road to Negro equality except the road of class struggle. Join in the fight of the Socialist Work-

ers Party, learn of our movement. These are the things we must investigate. Let us become free here, and then seek freedom in Africa if that is our desire.

Even in Africa, without socialism we would not be free. There would be ways to divide the people. Some would rise to oppress The Lies of Stalin's and exploit others. We would soon realize the necessity for a will end oppression and exploitation.

all oppressed peoples.

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Often in our sub campaigns come to the door, and after we

under socialism. We tell the worker that under socialism he will have time for education, for culture, for there can be but one failure, the travel, etc. Yet the woman upon reading these articles may think, 'Well, that's fine but what will my position be? After all there

will still be families, small children to raise and care for, the same old household tasks to perform.' The American woman needs

to be educated in the ideas of socialism. We can do it through The Militant. Our paper must be not only a workers' paper but a paper for the worker's whole family. With so much activity taking place in the labor movement today it is only too easy to forget the women at home. J. M.

Los Angeles Moscow Trials . . . And

socialist Africa. Only socialism The Nuremberg Trials .Editor: It occurred to me recently, as diplomatic ties of the "democra-I have written these truths I am certain it has to many cies" with the Stalin traitors are because the problems of my peo- readers of The Militant, that all too close! Why, none other ple are very close to me. They now is an appropriate time to than Stalin's Vishinsky, "state are problems of the working expose before the workers of prosecutor" during the Moscow class, and I too am a worker. I America once again the dastard- Trials, Right-Menshevik during urge you to come and join and ly crime of the butcher in the the October Revolution, has fight with us for the freedom of Kremlin, "Father of All the Rus-been sent to Nuremberg as sias," traitor to the world pro- the Russian representative! Can Victor A. Howell letariat, Joseph Stalin. Now is we expect the truth from Vish-New York, N. Y. the time to point again the fin- insky, who carried through the

ger of our great Comrade Trot- lamentable "performances" in sky and of the vast numbers of Moscow, who himself stands acother victims of GPU terror, at cused as the legal assassin of the hangman of the Russian the "Old Bolsheviks?"

The silence about . Trotsky, Almost one decade has passed Rakovsky, Zinoviev, Tukhachevsince Stalin, in one vast stroke sky and the countless others, of his bloody hand, legally as- speaks volumes! Sam Taylor, sassinated the "Old Bolshevik' New York, N. Y. guard together with tens of



thousands of revolutionary Russian workers who could not be forced to confess, who died rather than profane the name of the great leader of the October Revolution. Leon Trotsky.

While the fascist beasts now stand exposed at Nuremburg for their bloodthirsty reign of terror against the people of all Europe - and not least of all against the working-class militants of Germany - it is appropriate to expose once and for all the fraud of the Moscow Trials. About the confessions in Moscow, silence in Nuremburg. Not a word has been heard about the lying accusation of "Trot-

skyist dealings with Hitler," 'German gold for Trotsky," ad infinitum, ad nauseum, Stalin's filthy lies which served as a pretext for the liquidation of thousands of revolutionary workers and Left Oppositionists in the Soviet Union stand exposed before mankind for what they are -lies, lies, lies! Yes, the final proof that the arch criminals are Stalin and the counter-revolutionary Russian bureaucracy

Nuremberg! Will the Anglo-French-Amer-

ican legal minds use Nuremberg to vindicate Trotsky and the thousands who fell before the GPU in the Soviet Union? To ask

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January 'Fourth International' Exposes Stalinists Peddle Slander Sheet Role Of Imperialism In The Middle East At St. Louis Trotskyist Meeting

"It seems to me that because of the urgency, at thee present time, it would be advisable to make a thorough analysis of the Jewish question," wrote a contributor to the Workers Forum in the December 15 Militant. "The problem of a homeland should be discussed from the sociological, cultural and his- 9-

torical phases."

This is precisely what the current issue of Fourth Interna- PROTEST ALLIED "Zionism or Sotional does. cialism — which way for the Jews?" is the general heading under which the Jewish problem The workers of the repair shops is considered.

salem, surveys the present tur- minute symbolic strike to exbulent situation in the Middle press their solidarity with the East. He describes the imperial- workers in the Thyssen shops. ist stake there, showing how imarea. He gives an on-the-spot the Allies are systematically redescription of the conditions of taining Nazis in all posts of rethe working people in the towns sponsibility. and countryside and then annative ruling classes and world ber 15 La Verite,, organ of the are held in servitude by the imimperialism.

Subsequent sections of Comrade Cliff's highly informative ical extermination of the Jews." survey deal specifically with the role of Zionism and the po- hope for these persecuted peolicies of the various working class ple is the "emancipating strug-East zone of world politics. Fourth International's month- revolutionary struggle."

ly feature, "From the Arsenal ten in the last years of his life, was possible only because the they sum up the considered opi- socialist revolution in Europe nion on this question of one of has not yet occurred. the great revolutionary founders of the first workers' state in his- analyzes the political trends in DOLA.

sky predicted: "It is possible to es Roosevelt's secret preparaawaits the Jews at the mere outbreak of the future world war. But even without war the next development of world reaction signifies with certainty the phys-

Like In Indonesia?

"No genuine police force in a liam Simmons; and "Facing the troops be withdrawn from for- workers are free. are plenty of other weapons to the Spanish Section of the keep the peace." (Norman Thom- Fourth International. as, Chairman, Post-War World Times, Nov. 16.)

GERMAN WORKERS SUPPORT OF NAZIS BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 2.-

of the electrical construction the Allies. T. Cliff, writing from Jeru- trust have decided to hold a ten The Thyssen workers are on the Militant Labor Forum; Jack perialist capital dominates this strike, protesting the fact that Miller of the Trotskyist Youth

(Translated from the Decem-

French Trotskyists.)

parties in the critical Middle gle of the international prole- perialism. tariat . . . Salvation lies only in

World events have since traof Marxism," this month con- gically confirmed Trotsky's grave the difference between a Negro tains statements by Leon Trot- warning. Hitler's frightful Jim-Crowed in Georgia and a sky on the Jewish problem. Writ-slaughter of the Jewish people colonial worker Jim-Crowed in Detroit SWP Hears The "Review of the Month" ism

the French elections, surveys the imagine without difficulty what tions to plunge the United States Java, continued imperialist rule Party. Comrade Jackson pointed speaker. into the Second World War.

Other important articles are

rounds out the issue.

Mass Meeting Protests Imperialist Butchery

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14. - Sixty Negro and white workers responded to the call of the Socialist Workers Party to protest the massacre of the colonial peoples by

(Stalinist) which during the war The mass meeting, held at Ostold the colonial people to bow tropoler Hall, heard Jesse Brown, to their imperialist enslavers, is militant Negro defender of minnow giving half hearted support ority rights: Goldy Cooper of to the freedom movements. But the Stalinized Communist parties everywhere urge the colonial Group, and Max Geldman, orspeople to make a deal with the ganizer of the Socialist Workers imperialists.

Party in Philadelphia. "Only the Socialist Workers Half a billion colored workers Party has been in the forefront in rallying support and sympathy perialists in south-eastern Asia, for our embattled colonial brothsaid Comrade Jesse Brown. He ers." Geldman explained.

drew an analogy between the The mass meeting passed a Trotsky declared that the only struggle of the American Negro resolution which was sent to against Jim-Crow with that of President Harry S. Truman dethe colonial peoples against im-"In Java, signs can be seen over theaters and restaurants American arms in the murder of

reading 'for white only.' What is the colonial people.

Java?" asked Comrade Brown. Charles Jackson On "It is the same fight against the same oppressor ... capital- Indonesian Struggle

donesian Struggle for Indepen-Jack Miller, representative of the Trotskyist Youth Group, ex- | dence" was the subject on which one of these statements, nationalization measures of the plained why capitalism offers Charles Jackson spoke at a meeteration here in America. In Branch of the Socialist Workers

> dooms the youth to a life of en- out how closely linked is the Inslaved colonials. American youth donesian workers' struggle for in- arm the workers with facts and ed," there is a development to- cure 10,000 new subscribers to 'German Prisoners of War in has no fight with the colonial dependence, with the American figures to prove the justice of ward a labor party which could The Militant, by holding a spethe U. S.," the observations of people or any other foreign peo- Negro's struggle for equality in their demands. They will help to rapidly gain momentum and cial dinner at Embassy Restaua soldier; "Newsletter from Ar- ple. Miller voiced the sentiments this country. He emphasized too counter the vicious propaganda reach great heights. The Ameri- rant. 45 friends of The Miligentina;" "Lessons of the 1919 of American youth when he de- that no worker, black or white, attack which has been unleashed can labor movement, he empha- tant; including representatives Seattle General Strike," by Wil- manded that "All American can have freedom unless all in the columns of the capitalist sized, has tremendous energy and of the Baltimore and Allentown

will need atomic bombs. There Spain," first part of the thesis of war against the colonial people!" dia Congress in Detroit was pres- ular.



DETROIT, Dec. 16-"The In- be found in the "Branch Activities" column on page 7.

handled by a highly qualified while "in this country the work-

press against the striking Gen-

Comrade Max Geldman ex- ent. Very much impressed by Also to be stressed is the antiplained the attitude of the dif- the meeting, he invited Comrade labor role of President Truman two workers applied for mem- with pride that there are now A page of news concerning ferent parties towards the inde- Jackson to come and address the and Congress who are scheming bership in the Socialist Workers 1,000 Militant readers in Phila-Council, in a letter to the N. Y. Trotskyist parties in other lands pendence movement in the far members of his organization at to pass strikebreaking, union- Party. A number of others took delphia. Other speakers includ- in relating experiences gained east. The Communist Party some future date. smashing legislation.

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 14.—Reflecting the frantic fear the "Nurember trial," the Trotsof the Stalinists at the gains of the genune revolutionary kyists have always called for deworking-class movement, the Communist Party of Mis- fense of the Soviet Union aga souri tonight distributed a special slanderous leaflet against the "Trotskvites" to workers® attending the first open side an SWP meeing and dis-tribute "anti-Trotskyite" litera-

meeting held here by the loture. cal Socialist Workers Party It is also significant that the branch. At the meeting John G.

Wright, Fourth International associate editor, on a national lecpeared for many years from the ture tour, gave a Marxist anal-Communist Party's vocabulary ysis of the British Labor Party's The Stalinists claim in their lea- Two Join S.W.P. At electoral victory and the left- flet that they, who long ago ward movement of the British abandoned socialism, are the vorkers genuine article, while the Trots-

The mimeographed Stalinist kyists who have fought consistleaflet, erroneously titled "The ently and uncompromisingly for on "The British Labor Victory" Truth About The So-Called 'Socialist Workers Party'," is ing less than "wreckers, spies at the Labor Library here to significant not so much for its and Nazi stool pigeons." content as for the unique fact that this is the first instance in the 17-year history of American Stalinists have always hurled of the Socialist Workers Party Trotskyism that the Stalinists have felt impelled to stand out-



Militant, speak on "The Meaning of the British Elections." Outlining in a clear manner

the development of the Labor Party in England, Comrade The series will deal with the Wright explained the class problems of wages, profits, prices meaning of its recent electoral dated December 22, 1938, Trot- British Labor Party, and describ- no future for the young gen- ing held today by the Detroit and jobs. Each subject will be victory. He pointed out, too, that The Philadelphia branch of the Negro fighter for minority

The lectures are designed to scious and politically experienc- of the national campaign to se- Carey, resources, and has never been de- branches of the SWP, were world properly organized for it New Revolutionary Period in eign soil! Stop the undeclared A representative of the All In- eral Motors workers in partic- feated in the arena of class strug- present.

At the close of the meeting, branch

imperialist attack-and, in sh this is a particularly crude Stalinist lie.

The leaflet makes a special appeal to Negro workers, because the latter have learned a low leaflet appeals to the workers about Stalinist treachery area in the name of "socialism," a are turning in great numbers word that had virtually disap- to The Militant and SWP.

Kansas City Meeting

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. John G. Wright's inspiring talk socialism are "fake" and noth- was heard by an audience of 18 night. Comrade Wright's replies This latter is a repetition of to questions which followed the

the moth-eaten slander the lecture, explained many points against their working class polit- program for labor in the Unitedical opponents, particularly the States. Two workers joined the SWF

Trotskyists. The only thing new the leaflet adds is that "docu- after the discussion period, while ments discovered in Berlin and a number of others made plans produced at the Nuremberg trial to attend the regular Saturday of Nazi high criminals" show night meetings of the Kansas that the "Trotskyites" organized City local. Generous contribua "Nazi fifth column in the tions were made to further the work of this new branch of the

Of course, no such documents SWP.

Soviet Union."



PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15- getter; Jesse Brown, Socialist Workers Party cele- rights; Able Polin, trade unico, ers are at present less class con- brated the successful conclusion militant and organizer; and Rose pioneer Philadelphia Trotskyist.

The Philadelphia branch was particularly successful in the campaign, filling its quota of 300 subs more than twice over, with a final total of 758.

militant

The spirit of the dinner was in keeping with the recent growth Max Geldman, Philadelphia of the SWP in Philadelphia. Songs of revolutionary solidarity were sung, and comrades joined

THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN TROTSKYISM — by James P. Cannon

Previous installments of Comrade Cannon's book described the emergence of the American Communist Party out of the left wing of the Socialist Party in 1919, the expulsion of the Trotskyists in 1928, the formation of a new party and the Winneapolis Strikes of 1934. In 1935, the Trotskyists turned

HOW WE FOUGHT STALINISM INSIDE THE S.P.

second one, the report of the commission, Not Guilty. This tremend- | organ of the Trotskyist faction. Our collaboration was reestablished Stalinists by removing the cause. ous political task, which unquestionably resulted in the heaviest so quickly and so effectively that some people asked whether the low that we ever dealt to Stallnism, was made possible by this whole thing-Goldman's break with the Trotskyist organization

organizer, announced subscriptions to The Militant. |ed Therese Stone, leading sub- | during the campaign.

They engineered a special convention of the party, which was not

due under the constitution, for the special purpose of expelling the Trotskyists. They wanted to get rid of all this criticism from the

They wanted to do away with the revolutionary coloration which we were imparting to the Socialist Party: they wanted to reestablish it in the good will of bourgeois society. The Socialist Party had always had, except for a brief period during the first World War, a "good reputation." It was regarded as a group of people who are for Socialism but don't mean any harm. That kind of party is always tolerated, but never gains any real serious influence. Throughout the labor movement the leaders and members of the SP were known as people who are for Socialism but who never make any trouble for labor fakers, racketeers or traitors. All they want is the privilege of speaking a few words for Socialism. Our joining the party had changed that. Speaking in the name of the Socialist Party, we were carrying the fight to Stalinists, we were carrying the fight to the labor fakers and giving the Socialist Party a different complexion in the public mind than it had before. They determined to get rid of us.



MYRA TANNER WEISS Socialist Workers Party organizer in Los Angeles, will speak at forums on current strike wave.

their attention to a growing left wing tendency in the Socialist Party.

The general recognition of this fundamental quality of Trotsky ism was ironically illustrated during the time we were on trial before the Political Committee and the Central Control Commission of the Communist Party in October 1928. Up until the end of the long trial, when we read our declaration and put a stop to all ambiguity, they had been trying to "prove" a case of "Trotskyism" against us by any kind of "circumstantial evidence" they could get. (We had not admitted that we were a Trotskyist faction for tactical reasons, as I have already explained.) They brought in a lot of witnesses, very much in the manner of the prosecutors at our recent trial in Minneapolis, to bring corroborative and circumstantial evidence of our guilt. One little stool pigeon would run in and say he heard this, and another would say he heard that. But the star witness was the manager of the Communist Party's bookshop. He said he could swear that Shachtman was a Trotskyist. Why? How did he know? "Because he is always coming into the bookstore, trying to get books on China, and I know China is a Trotskyist question." The little weasel wasn't so far wrong at that. China was indeed a Trotskyist question, as were all questions of world import.

The Spanish civil war, the Moscow trials, and the turmoil in the French labor movement-these questions dominated the whole internal life of the Socialist Party. The most animated discussion revolved around these issues, entirely against the will of the leadership. They wanted to confine themselves to practical business, that is, to routine. "Let us settle down and do a practical job here." But these issues occupied the interests of all those who took the word Socialism seriously, and we organized a deliberate campaign to educate the rank and file of the party on their meaning

We Expose The Infamous Moscow Trials

As the Moscow trials were reported from day to day, it became obvious that the real object was once again to implicate Trotsky and if possible to bring about his extradition and his execution in Russia; or, in any case, to discredit him before the labor movement of the world. It must be said that the American Trotskyists did not sleep in this situation. We jumped into the breach, did the best political job we had ever done and rendered our greatest service to the cause of the Fourth International in exposing the Moscow Frameup Trials. It was owing to the existence of the American section of the Fourth International and to the fact that we were members of the Socialist Party at the time, that a work could be started which eventually blew up and discredited the Moscow trials throughout the whole world.

It was required for us historically, at that crucial moment, to be members of the Socialist Party and by that to have closer access to elements-liberals, intellectuals and half-radical political people-who were necessary for the great political task of the Trotsky Defense Committee. I don't think Stalin could have arranged those trials as well at any other time to insure their complete discreditment as in the summer of 1936. We were then in the most favorable situation as members of the Socialist Party-and, therefore, surrounded to a certain extent with the protective coloration of a half-way respectable party-and we couldn't be isolated as a small group of Trotskyists, mobbed and lynched, as they planned to do.

We conducted a terrific campaign to expose the trials and defend Trotsky. The Stalinists, for all their vast resources of apparatus, press, stooge organizations and money, were put on the defensive from the start. Our comrades in New York, assisted by those throughout the country, were able to initiate the organization of a rather formidable-appearing committee, with John Dewey as chairman and an imposing list of writers, artists, newspapermen and professional people of various kinds who sanctioned our program. and sponsored the movement to organize an inquiry into the Moscow trials.

This inquiry, as you know, was eventually held at Mexico City came two great books which are and will remain forever classics of the world labor movement, The Case of Loon Trotoky and the

later, at the most a few years later, the majority of those pettysive task in the Trotsky Defense Committee were to succumb entirely to bourgeois society and turn their backs on all its irreconcilable opponents. At least 90 percent of these people would today be physically and morally incapable of actively participating in such a movement as the "American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky." But at that particular conjuncture they were able to serve, and did serve, a great progressive end. The exposure and discreditment of the Moscow trials was one of the great recent years. achievements which has to be accredited to our political move of joining the Socialist Party in 1936.

Clarifying The Issues In Spain

in the Socialist Party, was around the events of the Spanish civil war and the Spanish revolution. Substantial reports and even books are the result of this work. I call your attention especially to the book written by Felix Morrow. Revolution and Counter-Revolution in Spain and the pamphlet, The Civil War in Spain. This pamphlet and book summed up and codified the great political fight we carried on inside the Socialist Party and publicly. Wherever we had the opportunity we fought to clarify the affairs taking place in Spain and to educate the cadres of the American party on the meaning of those events. Our entry into the Socialist Party facilitated this campaign, gave us an audience right at hand inside of what was then our own party. We didn't really own it. But we had our dues paid up and this gave us an audience at every branch meeting of the Socialist Party.

In California, where I lived at the time for reasons of health, work was unfolded in the mass movement. There we quickly integrated ourselves in the party and acquired a leading influence by virtue of our activity, our speeches and political work during the election campaign. As a result, within six months after we had joined the party, a weekly paper was started under the auspices of the Socialist Party of California and I was appointed editor. Circumstances worked very favorably in our behalf. My editorship of the paper and the prominence of our people in the locals and the state ofganization gave us direct entry, for the first time, into the maritime mass movement.

The great maritime strike of 1936-1937 offered us a wide-open field. While our comrades in the East were developing the campaigns around the Moscow trials and the Spanish civil war, we out there in California were supplementing this great political work by intense activity in the mass movement which influenced the course of events in the great maritime strike of 1936-37. The work that was done there and the contacts that were estab-

fished enabled us to organize the first nucleus of a Trotskyist fraction. This work has paid great dividends to our party and still continues to do so. The Trotskyists became from then on a progressively stronger factor in the maritime movement. That is one of the surest signs of our party's good future-that it has established a firm base in one of the most important and decisive industries of the country.

In Chicago we had another base of support in the Socialist lished by Albert Goldman and a few other individuals. Goldman had joined the Socialist Party a year ahead of us, as an individual. but joined on his own account just prior to our fusion with the Musteites. Sharp words were exchanged because of this action. It soon became manifest, however, that this organizational secession of Goldman was not intended by him as a principled break with us. From the start he worked constantly in the direction of

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As soon as our party became oriented toward entry into the of the shipyard workers below what their contract had called for. Socialist Party, we reestablished collaboration so effectively that He was one of the leaders of the Socialist Party who went to the when we gave up our press in response to the demand of the in the spring of 1937. The case was thoroughly sifted; out of it leaders of the Socialist Party, we already had an agreement with party. People of this sort, who later became nothing but Roose-Goldman that the Socialist Appeal, which was an authorized and velt hirelings in the labor movement, were more favorably reestablished ergen in the Bocislist Party, would become an official garded by Norman Thomas and other top leaders than we were.

favorable conjuncture of events I have mentioned. A few months and his joining the Socialist Party as an individual, and the polemics between us and Goldman-weren't all a put-up job. That bourgeois elements who carried forward such a historically progres- is not so at all. We are not so devious as all that. It just turned out that way: it turned out very well. The mimeographed bulletin was transformed into a printed magazine. The name, Socialist Appeal was continued. Despite the suppression of our old press by the "Militants" we soon had a monthly magazine legitimately established in the Socialist Party, espousing our program. By late autumn we had a weekly paper in California, which we called Labor Action-a good name that has not been treated so well in

Thus, to all intents and purposes, we had our press re-established—a weekly agitational paper and a monthly magazine. "Labor Action" was published under the auspices of the Socialist Party of California, but if it was not a Trotskyist agitational paper, I will The second big political campaign, carried on while we were never be able to make one. We tried our best to utilize it in that sense. The "Socialist Appeal" became the medium around which our faction was "legally" reconstituted in the Socialist Party.

We Re-establish Our Own Press

In the early part of 1937 we organized a national "Socialist Appeal Conference." Socialist Party members were invited from all parts of the country to come to Chicago to discuss ways and means of advancing the interests of the party. Everybody was welcome regardless of his background or his factional alignment. The sole condition was that he agree with the program of the Socialist Appeal which happened to coincide with the program of the Fourth International. On that basis and in that form we constituted in Chicago in the early winter of 1937 what amounted in effect to a new nation-wide Left Wing in the Socialist Party. This time it was a real Left Wing; not a hodgepodge "Militants" caucus, but an organization of party members brought together on the basis of a definite program with leaders who knew what they wanted and were prepared to fight for it.

During all this time of our activity in the Socialist Party, as the fight was developing and we were gaining, the Stalinists were carrying out a tremendous offensive against us. They spent thousands, and I venture to guess, tens of thousands of dollars, in the effort to prevent us from making further headway in the Socialist Party. They were mortally afraid that we would get a sizable group around us. They knew all the time that the real dagger

pointed at the heart of Stalinism is the Trotskyist movement, no matter how small it might be at a given moment. This campaign of the Stalinists was sympathetically echoed by a section of the Socialist leadership. They saw the strength and resources of the Stalinists as representatives of a great state power, the Soviet Union.

They were far more impressed by this strength and these resources than by the principled correctness of the Trotskyist program. A section of the "Militants" - not all of them - inclined toward collaboration with the Stalinists, and if we hadn't been in the way, would long since have come into closer relations with them, as in Spain. But we had come in between them and the Stalinists with our criticism and our program, and we had stirred up the rank and file of the Socialist Party against the idea of unity with the Stalinists. This blocked their game and they took it out in increased resentment against us. Another section of the So-Appeal. This was originally a small mimeographed bulletin pub- cialist Party leadership, which was already orienting - perhaps without its full knowledge - towards reconciliation with Roosevelt, organized a real offensive against us; "Drive the Trotskyists He had refused to wait for a decision by the party, out of the party." This campaign had a lot of pressure behind it - the Stalinists on the one side and the pressure of bourgeois

influences on the other. Most of those who led the fight against us later reconciled themselves with the bourgeois class. Jack Altman was one of them. Paul Porter became an agent of the War Labor Board. In that capacity he put through a dirty job of reducing the wages length of writing a pamphlet demanding our expulsion from the

Our strategy in regard to this convention which was held in March 1937 was to delay the issue. We weren't entitled to be delegates, so we could not make much of a floor fight. We felt that we hadn't yet had time enough to educate and win over the maximum number of Socialist workers and Socialist youth who were capable of becoming revolutionists. We needed about six months more time. Therefore our strategy was to delay the showdown at this convention.

In furtherance of that strategy, I was brought from San Francisco; where I was at that time editing Labor Action, to New York to assist in the negotiations. We brought Vincent Dunne from Minneapolis. He and I were appointed as a committee of two to discuss matters with the leaders of the "Militants" and with Norman Thomas himself to see if we couldn't find a way of delaying the showdown. We had numerous conferences, one of them in Norman Thomas' house. Comrade Dunne and I, representing the Trotskyists, confronted Thomas and Tyler and Jack Altman and Murry Bar and others of the gang of young incipient labor fakers in a meesing to discuss what was to be done, what were the grievances against the Trotskyists that necessitated such a harsh attitude toward us, and so forth. I remember one of the big complaints that impressed Thomas particularly was the report that the Trotskyists, especially in New York, were talking too much at branch meetings; that they insisted on starting theoretical and political discussions along about eleven o'clock at night and going on endlessly.

The Drive Toward Expelling The Trotskyists He wanted to know if something couldn't be done to restrain the Frotskyist caucus, or the Trotskyist faction, as the case might be, to limit these discussions to a reasonable hour. This struct a responsive chord in my heart. I had an accumulated resent ment against these two o'clock-in-the-morning debates. We made a broad, sweeping agreement that as far as our influence went, we would favor establishing a rule that branch meetings adjourn by eleven o'clock at night. We made a number of other sweeping concessions of this type. We wanted peace, and we offered quite a few things here and there about the question of positions, and in general we were so conciliatory and inoffensive that we finally. got an agreement. Norman Thomas solemnly agreed with us there that no proposals should be made at the convention to suppress internal organs - the Socialist Appeal in particular - or to expe anybody for his opinions. That was an agreement made with u by Norman Thomas in the presence of the young "Militants" whose have mentioned.

Norman Thomas made the agreement, but he didn't keep When he got to the convention at Chicago, after we had discussed with him, other pressures were put upon him, especially the pressure from Milwaukee, the seat of Social Democratic conservatism, which was destined to become social-chauvinism in the second World War. The pressure of those self-satisfied, bourgeois-minded Social Democrats from Milwaukee, and from those fledgling labor fakers in New York like Murry Baron was stronger than Nor an Thomas' word of honor. He broke his word, double-crossed us. He rose up in the convention, and he himself made the motion to prohibit all internal organs in the party. To prohibit all of then merely meant to prohibit the "Socialist Appeal;" there were no others of any consequence or respect in the organization. (To Be Continued)

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Negro Mother, 2 Children Burned To Death Following Threats Of Vigilante Violence Wall Street In Far East

(Continued from Page 1) support for a campaign against racial terrorism.

She cited the quick decision of the FBI, not to intervene, as further evidence of the importance of a reliable committee of inquiry consisting of representatives of workers' organizations, mions, and minority groups. The unwilling FBI had been appealed to by the Short family attorney.

Only such a committee,, with a real stake in combatting vigilante terror, can be counted on to cut through every attempt at whitewash, she said.

She pointed out that if a workers' defense guard had been organized to provide protection for the Short family as soon as they were threatened, no vigilante action could have been carried out.

CORONER'S INQUEST

The Stalinist People's World representative proposed instead a small NAACP committee appointed by Griffith to investigate the facts first.

This proposal was adopted. but the body agreed that broad support would have to be mobilized to fight vigilanteism effectively.

quest for tomorrow although the coroner originally rejected the request of Mrs. Carrie Morrison, sister of the deceased, for an inquest.

According to Mrs. Morrison he rudely replied that he saw no reason to hold an inquest, and

FRENCH WORKERS ACK MEETINGS OF TROTSKYISTS

Trotskyism is growing in popularity among workers in the Brittany region of France. La Verite, organ of the Parti **Communiste** Internationaliste (Internationalist Communist Party), reports that 1,100 workers jammed a recent meeting at Quimper. This is the town where the French Trotskyists recently alerted the workers to the danger of a local fascist demagogue and helped organize a counter-demonstration when he called a meeting. (Militant November 10).

On the day following

Scene And Victims Of Fontana Tragedy



Here are the pitiful remains of what was once the Fontana, California, home of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Short. When this Negro family moved into a "restricted" area a vigilante group warned them to move--- "or else." Two weeks later, on December 16, the house mysteriously took fire and burned to the ground, killing three members of the family.

The Short children, Ann, 7 and Barry, 9, who lost their lives in the fire which reduced their home to ashes following vigilante threats. Their mother died with them in the flames. Mr. Short was seriously burned and is still in a hospital. (Photographs by courtesy of Los Angeles Sentinel)

Le pressure has already compel-led the calling of a coroner's in-**Marked By Fight For Leadership**

(Continued from Page 1) plan to take over complete con- relationship of forces that the to be necessary to win the sev- a strong resolution to this effect. that in his opinion "the Negroes trol of the International, were corporation-wide policy commit- en-point wage and hour pro- However, the committee did were just trying to stir up forced to support Buckmaster in tees set up to map the strategy the pressure of the delegates again until the closing hours of exchange for some posts on the in the coming strike struggles representing workers back home the convention. Their proposal General Executive Board. While for the wage and hour program who have taken huge cuts in took the form of appointing an

this gives them a powerful bloc are dominated by anti-Stalinist take-home pay. controlling about half the officers of the large locals. The proposal to increase Board, they are nevertheless The extent to which the quesconfronted with the fact that tion of leadership dominated the showed the relationship of forcthe large locals representing the convention is revealed in the heart of the union are hostile to fact that only one other problem debate, a motion to refer the the leadership in which they facing the delegates received were given no adequate repre- prolonged attention. About a of the membership lost. When hundred propositions embodied it became clear that an increase

STALINISTS DESPERATE changes in the constitution were The weakness of the Stalinist voted upon with virtually no deposition was revealed by their bate. Only the dues question, desperate attempts to bludgeon, which came up on the floor on afternoon of the last day of the many delegates expressed a beg and wheedle a dues increase three different occasions, proout of the convention. Vice-Pres- duced a sharp division and exident H. R. Lloyd whined. "We tended discussion. cannot go on without a dues increase. We will have to fire 20 COMING STRUGGLE

organizers." But the Akron locals | It was obvious from the beginwhich are the financial mainstay ning that the problem upperof the union refused to budge. most in the minds of the dele-

It is also indicative of the real | taking whatever measures prove | that they were ready to vote for individual to assist the National CIO, the URWA and the local monthly dues from \$1 to \$2 unions in taking increased political action. This proposition

es in the convention. After some | was so weak, fell so far short of hitting the mark and came at question to a referendum vote such a late hour that the convention turned it down. It would be a mistake, however, to conin resolutions and proposed of a dollar could not carry, the clude from this that the rubber question was referred back to workers are not aware of the committee. The committee did necessity for independent labor not report it out again until the political action. Privately. convention. This time their re- warm sympathy for the idea of forming a Labor Party on a nacommendation was for an intional scale and undoubtedly crease of 50 cents. After a proevery delegate was in favor of longed debate the question increased efforts on Labor's part in politics in some way or other. Those opposing an increase

moved for a roll-call vote. This SUPPORT GM STRIKE proposal was bitterly opposed The convention exp



Roundabout Roundup

After being pressured into a very bad spot when it became public that 123 homeward-bound Negro troops were denied passage on the aircraft carrier Croatan, Secretary of the Navy Forrestal announces the following order: "In their attitude and day to .

the fact that during the war with Japan, Chiang held his biggest and best armies out of combat adhere rigidly and impartially to with the Japanese imperialists. Naval regulations (?) in which no "The troops were kept back for one reason," states a soldierdividuals wearing the Naval unicorrespondent of Yank, Clyde form or the uniform of any of Stoumen, in the December 23 the Armed Services of the United PM. "to hold the Communists (Stalinists) and their land reforms in check" and to fight them after the war with Japan. Chinese will tell you, he continues. "of vast areas of discontent among the Chinese people; of the progressive impovmost servile assignments under erishment of the poor and the unchallenged, untaxed freebootery of those who owned or manipulated land. U. S. currency. American fountain pens, rice or other consumer goods: of toowere forced to serve as menial laborers and were denied commissions reserved for white gentiles. The existence of such a

The Chiang Kai-shek government, which Washington sup-"formed its armies by sending armed 'draft boards' into the countryside to accost farmers working oin the fields, handcuff them together with ropes and march them, bound and at gun point, through city streets to the nearest military post," declares for "mutiny." Stoumen."

The well-to-do and the business people, on the other hand. he says, "were either draft exempt by law or could purchase such exemption."

The United States cooperates Negro for complete democracy in with Chiang Kai-shek even to the United States." So said censoring dispatches from China. Gloster Current, executive sec-Every dispatch must be stamped retary of the Detroit National by both a Chinese as well as a U.S. Army censor before it of Colored People. Bravo! Brothcan be filed. er Current. Truer words were

This censorship even extends never spoken. Now when will you to American soldiers' mail. Stou- and the rest of the leadership men declares that "many a GI of this powerful organization bewas called on a carpet by his gin really turning your weight postal or intelligence officer for against the real enemy of Negro including in his letters factual equality and of colonial libera- Although this super-cynic does observations on the morass of tion-American monopoly capigraft, inefficiency and intrigue" talism with its expanding im- the elimination of racial disin the Chinese Government and perialist trend? army. One practical part of that pro-

In support of this brutally dic- gram would be the launching of ments of the past before jumptatorial regime the American a campaign now by the NAACP ing to such erroneous conclu-Seventh Fleet transported for the formation of an Inde- sions. Chiang Kai-shek's forces from pendent Labor Party, to show

Haiphong, Indo-China to Hulu- that the Negroes are ready to most every lecture platform Manchuria. "Six American | break with the old-line capitalist | Schuyler will point out that

day conduct of affairs Naval of- | would all melt away as soon as ficers and enlisted men shall we got enough "unity" with the American ruling class to go distinction is made between in- across the pond and make "big Hitler" bite the dust. Of course, people like A. Philip Randolph who wanted to march on Washington to demand fair employment practices, and an end to government Jim Crow at that sands of Negro sailors who were time were condemned as "under relegated throughout the war to the influence of those lowest the dirtiest, most dangerous and of snakes-The Trotskyite fifth columnists." Such is the degenmost rigid conditions of enforced | eracy of the Stalinist betrayers segregation. It will be news to who openly stand for such barethe many qualified Negro and faced hypocrisy on so funda-Jewish college graduates, phar- mental an issue as the struggle macists, dentists and doctors who for minority rights.

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George Schuyler, columnist for the Pittsburgh Courier, takes the cake for literary sleight-of-hand. liberal Navy policy should also He castigates with equal fury be quite informative to the 50 monopoly capitalism and its op-Negro sailors of Port Chicago posite - Socialism, Given a wealth of ammunition by the flip-flop tactics of the Followers of Stalin who fraudulently call were blown to bits. The honthemselves "communists," Schuyorable Secretary Forrestal can ler has developed lately into one contact these boys in the various of the most vicious red-baiters federal penitentiaries where they in the country, black or white. are serving 8 to 15 year stretches He recently stated that none of the "political" groups was ob-

jecting to the slaughter of Indo-"The struggle of the Indonenesians. Evidently someone insians, the Indians and the peoformed him of the present and ples of the colonial countries for past activity of the Socialist independence is directly related Workers Party in fighting against to the fight of the American the imperialist subjugation of the colored colonials for he made this slurred and contradictory correction the following week: No political groups were fighting Association for the Advancement for immediate freedom of the colonial people-except those who had a motive of-"political partisanship.

The Negro left-wingers, says. Schuyler, in the December 22 issue, ". . . . have no real program for their people and never had." not counterpose his program for crimination, he should at least review some of his own state-

In frequent columns and on al-

only stooges of Big Business

which invariably stands to profit

Now after this analysis, how

States because of race or color. The slightly overdue discovery of such "regulations" will indeed be news to the hundreds of thou-

outspoken friends who had 'disappeared' off the streets of Chungking or Chengtu." DRAFT BY FORCE who protested the all-Negro assignment to the ammunition depots where 300 of their comrades

Dutch imperialists to resume

Washington is equally involved

in support of the venal and ruth-

less Chiang Kai-shek dictator-

ship in China. This, in spite of

that domination.

successful meeting at Quimper, the Trotskyists held another meeting at Concarneau. Some 1,200 workers attended.

We are not going to vote for a gates was the question of the dues increase to keep a bunch coming struggle with the profitof Communist Party hatchet- bloated corporations. In speech men on the payroll," one Akron after speech the delegates exunion president stated privately. pressed themselves in favor of

Socialist Workers Party **Branch** Activities

sentation

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

* * * ALLENTOWN - BETHLEHEM -Public discussion meeting on current topics every Thursday. 8 p.m., at Militant Labor Forum, S. E. corner Front and Hamilton Streets, Allentown. . . . BOSTON-Office at 30 Stuart

St. Open Mondays and Saturdays from noon until 5 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. * * *

BUFFALO - Every Saturday night, Current Events Discussion and Open House, at Militant Forum, 629 Main St., 2nd MINNEAPOLIS-Visit the Labor floor. . . . CHICAGO - Visit the Chicago SWP headquarters, 160 N. Wells, R. 317. Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Sunday. Tel. Dearborn 7562. . . .

CLEVELAND — Militant Forum every Sunday, 8:30 p.m. at Peck's Hall 1446 E. 82nd St. * * *

DETROIT - SWP Open House every Saturday at 6108 Linwood. Forums on topical questions every Sunday, 8 p.m. * * * KANSAS CITY - SWP Branch meets Saturday, 8 p.m. Rm. 203, Studio Bldg., 418 E. 9th St., for study and discussion.

* * * LOS ANGELES - Visit SWP headquarters, 145 S. Broadway, Room 203, Los Angeles 12; or San Pedro, 1008 S. Pacific, Room 214.

Lecture Series On Current Strike Wave: "Wages," John Patrick; "Profits," Al Miller; "Prices," Gordon Bailey:

"Jobs," Myra Tanner Weiss. | PITTSBURGH-Militant Read- Failing to get two thirds, the Schedule: Central, 106 Venice Blvd., near Main: "Wages," Friday, Jan. 18; "Profits," Jan. 25; "Prices," Feb. 1; "Jobs," Feb. 8.

East Side, Folks Hall, 424 N. Soto: "Wages," Wednesday, Jan. 16; "Profits," Jan. 23; "Prices," Jan. 30; "Jobs," Feb.

San Pedro, 1008 S. Pacific, Room 214: "Wages," Friday, Jan. 11; "Profits," Jan. 18; "Prices," Jan. 25; "Jobs," Feb. 1.

waukee branch of the SWP at its headquarters, 424 E. Wells

3.30 p.m.

St., any evening from 7:30. Book Store, 10 South 4th St. open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Attend the Twin Cities Sunday Forum held every Sunday,

NEWARK - Open forum every Friday at the Progressive cialism. Workers' School, 423 Spring-

field Ave., at 8:30. . . . **NEW YORK-Registration open**

at 116 University Pl. for classes in Principles of Marxism. Public Speaking and Parlia mentary Procedure. Harlem Discussion Group meets every Sunday night 7:30 p.m. to discuss "Labor and Negro Struggles," at 103 West

110 St., Room 23. Office open Monday to Thurs., 1 to 4:30, also Fri. and Sun., 7:30 to 10 p.m.

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

PROPOSAL DEFEATED & Beatty St., E. Liberty. Open In the last hour of the con-Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday 7 vention, after a good number to 9, and Saturday 2-9 p.m. of delegates had gone home, the Circulating library. Class on Stalinists moved to reconsider Fundamentals of Marxism evthe question. This maneuver, ery Sunday evening. typical of Stalinist tactics of * * * putting over unpopular proposi-PORTLAND, Ore. - Visit the tions at late hours of the night, the traditional right to strike. A SWP headquarters, 134 S. W. was fiercely opposed by many Washington, 3rd Floor. Tel delegates. After another de-ATwater 3992. Open 1 to bate, Vice-President Lloyd got Bill was rejected when it was 4 p.m., daily except Sunday, up and admitted that he thought pointed out that the measure

ing Room, Seely Bldg., 5905 proposal lost.

Penn Ave., corner Penn. Ave.

and Friday. the necessary two-thirds. The convention then voted not to re-MILWAUKEE - Visit the Mil- SAN FRANCISCO - Visit the consider the question. San Francisco School of Social

By trying to bring this pro-Science, 305 Grant Ave., cor- posal up on the floor after many ner of Grant and Sutter, 4th delegates had left town and after floor; open from 12 noon to it had been adequately discuss-3 p.m., Monday through Sat- ed and defeated previously, the urday, and 7 to 9 p.m. Mon- Stalinists further exposed their day through Friday. callous disregard for democratic * * *

came to a vote.

rights when they feel their SEATTLE-Study groups every machine can steam-roller meas-Friday, 7:45 p.m., at Seattle ures through conventions. School of Social Science. Another indication of the pre-1919½ Second Ave.; 1. Imperoccupation of the delegates with ialism; 2. Introduction to So- the question of leadership almost to the exclusion of other matters . . .

was the fact that the conven-ST. LOUIS-Visit our headquar- tion failed to pass any kind of ters, 1023 N. Grand Blvd., Rm. resolution dealing with political 312. open Monday through action. One resolution favoring Saturday from 12 to 2 p.m.; the establishing of a department

Monday, Wednesday, Friday in the International to direct from 8 to 10 p.m. political action was sent back to committee for strengthening.

TOLEDO-Forums every Tues- In the short discussion that took day. 8:45 p.m., Roi Davis place prior to this action all pro-Bldg., Room 304, 905 Jeffer- posals from the floor for inson Ave. Open evenings, 7-9. creased political action were Thursday Classes: Fundamen- greeted with applause. tals of Marxism, 7:30 p.m. His-Delegate Benson of Local 101 tory of 3rd International, 8:50 spoke in favor of a Labor Party and was well received. George

p.m. * * . * Bass, President of Akron-Good-YOUNGSTOWN - Youngstown rich Local 5, warned that unless they were denied the opportun- union cannot ignore the desires School of Social Science, 225 labor takes a greater interest in ity to share in the leadership of of the Akron membership. They N. Phelps St., open to public political action, "we probably the International. Tuesday and Saturday after- will not be holding a convention LESSONS LEARNED noon from 2 to 5; also 7:30 to like this next year." It was ob-9:30 p.m., Monday through vious that the delegates favored tion learned many useful lessons are to result in a victory for the increased political action and there for the future. Foremost union. Thursday.

by the Stalinists and their alfirm solidarity with the General Liberty ships and an undisclosed parties, the stooges of Big Busi- neither the Democrats nor the lies who were afraid to be re- Motors strikers on the very first corded on how they stood on day. The delegates adopted the question. The opponents of motions expressing their full the increase finally forced a roll- support of the strike and in favor Chiang Kai-shek as soon as they call vote on the question of of mobilizing the full memberwhether or not to have a secret ship of the URWA in back of ballot. The result was 737 in the CIO United Auto Workers. favor of a secret ballot and 516 They also voted unanimously to landing craft are being trained against. On the recommenda- have their local unions collect fition of the committee for the nancial aid for the strikers. The 50-cent increase, the vote was convention invited Walter Reu-703 in favor and 580 against. ther to address the delegates but he was sick and could not an-

> pear. The delegates understood the crucial nature of the General Motors strike and its importance to the future of the labor movement in this country.

The convention passed resolutions opposing all anti-labor legislation now pending in Congress and any restrictions on resolution favoring support of the so-called Full Employment and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday the proposal still could not get was completely meaningless and would not provide a single job for any worker.

LEADERSHIP BLOC

The final result of the condiers, in reality they are protecting Chiang Kai-shek's supply vention insofar as it concerns the primary question of leader- routes and securing the bases ship was to place the union in from which his forces operate control of a combination of con- against Chinese Stalinist forces in North China. servatives and Stalinists. The In addition American transoutstanding contradiction in the

port planes continue to carry International's leadership is Kuomintang troops to "undesigthat the militant representatives of the powerful Akron locals nated" points in north China. which represent about a third American equipment is still flowof the union have, no positions ing in a steady stream to dictaon the General Executive Board. tor Chiang Kai-shek. This condition reveals both the

grasping ambitions of the Stalamong these is the necessity for inists and the short-sightedness strengthening their bases of of the group which supports support in their own locals. Sec-Buckmaster. ond, there is the need for or-The fact that the Akron lead- ganizing the progressive forces ers will have no share of lead- in the union against the Stalin-

ing the union in the critical days ist fakers who have their own ahead cannot produce the interests which are opposed to greatest amount of unity and the best interests of the union. harmonious relations in the un- The question of leadership has ion. However, the Akron mili- not been finally decided. It retants are determined to build mains divided between the large the strength of unionism in Akron locals which comprise a their own locals which will face big section of the membership

the greatest attacks of the cor- and the executive Board. porations despite the fact that The official leaders of the will have to work with the Ak-

ron locals, if the coming strug-The militants in the conven- gles with the rubber companies

number of tank landing ships," ness and the benefactors of both Republicans can bring freedom according to Vice Admiral Daniel Jim Crowism and continued colo- for the Negro because they are Chinese crews to man the tank Negro Congress recently picket-

U. S. "RESPONSIBILITIES" Fair Employment Practices Com- they are continuously calling for Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of American troops in China, told American troops there shortly after a conference with General Marshall that "new responsibilities given U.S. troops" had caused a change in plans to leave China. "I have had to cancel two ships this month as a result of changes in our evacuation plans," he stated. He declared it would be impossible to assure withdrawal of against Army Jim Crow as "subtroops by early spring as had ject to embarrass Roosevelt"previously been announced. The who, in truth, appointed Truchanged policy, he asserted, was man who appointed Byrnes. due to President Truman's statement of policy on December 15.

The Washington branch of the from dividing the working peo-

Stalinist - controlled National ple. ed the White House demanding Brother Schuyler can say with Byrnes and the retention of the ists "have no program" when

> mission (FEPC)). During the a Workers' Government with the recent "peoples' war" when tens construction of a Socialist Soof millions of the world's workers ciety where it would be impaid with their lives for the fourfold enrichment of Wall Street corporations and for the concolonial countries, these local their time dissuading Negroes from making any militant move

> possible for any class to profit from exploitation or racial persecution-how he can contradict tinued enslavement of two-thirds his own logic, then, in such a of the earth's population in the way-I am sure can easily be explained by that Houdini of the stooges of Stalin were spending | written word, Mr. Schuvler. No Business As Usual

> "BATAVIA, Java, Nov. 13 (AP)-The Indonesian crisis will make it impossible for the Dutch Government to estimate produc-Not content with giving up tion figures or give other inthe struggle against discriminaformation at the forthcoming intion, the Stalinists also had to ternational rubber conference in utilize their talents in manufac- London, P. Honing, Dutch Govturing a bedtime story of how ernment rubber official assertthe "little Hitlers" over here ed."



Barbey, will be transferred to nial slavery. complete "unloading Chinese Government troops at Hulutao." at Tsingtao by American sailors. the ouster of Secretary of State a straight face that the Marx-

Although American troops are

retained in China under the pre-

tense of disarming Japanese sol-

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est strike in this city's history ended today when some

these terms.

buttons.

and the union smashed.

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of a conversation you hear, sometimes a particularly dangerous or unpleasant job, or sometimes it's just a picture, a silhouette of the stacks in the sunset but it car-

of these things, as I say, slip away from you, but some do remain.

ries with it an idea. Most

For instance, there is in my mind a picture of an old furnace keeper. You see him going about his work bent over, as though the heat of many years on the job had warped his body like a piece of metal. His every move is well-learned and methodical. He does the job so well now. that it doesn't look very hard. But still, you know it is. I wonder how much longer he'll be able to last, and if he'll die while still on the payroll or just be thrown out into the streets when there is no more work left in his worn-out body.

Then there is another portrait, the kid who lost an arm in the mill. They gave him a fairly easy job (there are some fairly easy jobs in the steel plants), and they say that he doesn't need to worry about being laid off. I heard one fellow say, "I don't know, I think I'd trade an arm for job security." No arm, but -- what the hell! — he's sure of his job . . . or at least he thinks he is.

And then I remember one day in the labor

in fun. Finally after one such banal jibe, he turned to me and said with an almost pathetic expression on his face, "You gotta say something!" and he went on yelling his foolish jokes trying to shorten the day by saying "something." But I guess the thing that touched me most was something that one of the colored fellows I work with said to me one day. I had gotten to them by the regional UAW?

work a little late, and when I arrived I found officials. him doing some of my work. I thanked him and said, "Look, Jimmy, you didn't have to do that. the militant workers, entering the You could have finished up your work and then taken it easy."

He smiled a little and said, "Well, I'll tell you. per cent wage increase in place You're not like a lot of people. You believe everyof the union's demand for 17 body else is a human being like yourself." cents an hour more. The region-

I wanted to say that I had been trained to be al officials also presented the that way, to understand that there were lots workers with some vague comof other workers who felt the same way, and pany promises for the future. there were hundreds of thousands of others Throughout the course of the who had never learned, who didn't know that strike, the UAW international we are all human beings, none of us inferior, representatives and regional ofnone of us superior as a race, but who can and ficials failed to give the workers strike be ended and all go back any real material support. It is to work together rather than will learn that most of the boys pull together in a crisis like a strike, and that the day will believed by experienced unionists come when all peoples, yellow, brown, black here that the UAW representaand white will live together in brotherhood . . . tives wanted to end the strike but how in hell can you talk when a lump sud- on almost any terms because Fafdenly jumps right into the middle of your nir supplies the Ford Motor Comthroat? All you can do is grin and give the pany and the strike might have interfered with the top UAW fellow a light punch on the arm and get busy doing something or other. And that's what I did.

By Art Sharon

leaders' "one-at-a-time strategy" of keeping Ford in operation **Question Hogan** during the GM strike.

accept a company offer of a five

Workers leaders here to come forth with aid promised at the start of the strike, although the Attorney Hogan was asked to-UE members were anxious to give real support, resulted in day if he had "any plans" for vital help being withheld from continuing the investigation into the strikers. It is reported that the three-year-old murder of

the UE leaders were only "mak- Carlo Tresca. The question was ing the record" with their put to Hogan by Norman pledge of support, while actually Thomas, chairman of the Tresca Memorial Committee, after the opposed to the strike. The Fafnir workers fought bit- resignation of Assistant District terly against an alignment of Attorney Eleazer Lipsky. Assign-

the local police force, the city ed to the case in October, 1944, officials led by Mayor Quigly, Lipsky later was given other the daily newspapers and the work, and a fog of official sicompany. These kept up a lence again settled over the

vicious barrage against the Tresca investigation. Carlo Tresca, militant anti-

fascist editor of Il Martello (The week, the company opened the gates "for those who Hammer), was shot down in a wanted to return to work." The dimout at Fifth Ave. and 15th

union appealed to the foremen St., on January 11, 1943. Preparations are continuing not to go into the plant to prepare it for reopening. Some 35 | for a New York meeting in mempolice were mobilized at one ory of Tresca, to be held in gate where there was only a Cooper Union Institute, Fourth token line of six pickets. The Ave. and 8th St., on Thursday. cops smashed the line, brutally January 10, at 5:15 p.m. Arclubbing a World War II veteran. rangements are also proceeding The company was able to make | for similar memorial meetings in capital out of the agreement Chicago, San Francisco, Boston, made with the regional UAW of- Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Pater-

ficers and was able to dupe sev- son, N. J.; Lawrence, Mass.; eral hundred of the more back- Utica, N. Y., and other cities ward workers into crossing the where Carlo Tresca had been in picket lines before the strike was the forefront of historic labor mainder will be back by Friday. local agreed to drop unfair labor The regional officials put the and Havana.



This UAW Family Knows The Cost Of Living



GM striker John J. McIntosh and six good reasons why he is on strike for a living wage—his wife and five children. McIntosh, a paint sprayer at the Turnstedt Manufacturing Company in Detroit, averaged \$48 a week before the strike and found that it didn't go far enough to adequately feed and shelter his family. As a member of Local 174 UAW-CIO, John takes a regular three hour tour of picket duty in front of Turnstedt. He is due on the line/at 6 AM and rises at 5 AM to eat a hurried breakfast prepared by his wife. Mrs. McIntosh does her part on the home front by stretching their slender savings and caring for the five children. A sixth child is on its way. Seated at the dinner table, the McIntosh clan consists of (left to right) Donald, 9 (back to camera); Mr. McIntosh; Dick, 4; Harry, 2; Mrs. McIntosh; Tom, 6; and Miry Ann, 7.

Philadelphia SKF Workers End Their Heroic Three-Month Strike

By Max Geldman (Special to The Militant)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19 — The bitter three-month strike of Local 2898, CIO United Steelworkers, against the union-busting SKF international bearing trust here, ended December 15 when the strik- @-

ing workers voted to accept because of strike activities, seca six-point peace proposal. of the beginning of the strike. Under the agreement, the first group of workers returned to withdraw its \$2,000,000 damage their jobs today, and the re- suit against the union, while the struggles, and in Mexico City The company agreed first not to practice charges filed with the discriminate against any workers NLRB.

non-union worker out of seniority). Another bitter pill to swallow is the election to determine the bargaining agent. Local 2898 members know SKF will do everything to push its company union in the NLRB election. **ISSUES TOO BIG**

ond to restore seniority rights as As one old-timer expressed it, "The issues in this strike were The company also agreed to too big for one local. The same issues are now up for decisive showdowns in the UAW fight against GM. On January 14, all steel may be involved. Other unions plan similar action. We RIEVANCE PROCEDURE began a fight that only the en The settlement included stiputire labor movement can finish." lation that the normal grievance "Don't get me wrong," this unprocedure on the two grievance ion veteran continued, "I'm not cases which had a direct bearing discouraged and neither are on the strike would be resumed | rest of us who pounded the in a few days after the workers et lines for the last three montant were back on the job. If the un- We are confident that the union ion and the company fail to is here to stay in SKF. We are agree, the disputes will be turn- sure to win the NLRB election ed over to the American Arbitra- and win some real demands for tion Association. ourselves before the shooting is finished. We've learned some In addition, the union and the company agreed to enter into lessons out of this strike, and negotiations for an interim we've taught the company to reagreement on the fourth day af- spect the union. We're going ter production is resumed. This back to catch our breath. agreement will be in force until LOTS OF FIGHT LEFT an NLRB election is held to "SKF. GM. US Steel-they are determine the workers' bargainall the same - they represent ing agent. powerful money interests, but Richard G. Davidson district labor united, is stronger, and I'm steel union director, at the strike looking forward to seeing the job settlement meeting last Saturdone. Maybe, you will see us day, recommended acceptance out again on January 14, with of the proposals to return to the rest of the steel workers. work. He said, "In as much There is lots of fight left in our as the high point of this strike outfit. SKF will find that out if concerns the company's refusal

I met a young sailor the other day who belongs to the CIO National Martime Union. He had been sailing steady all during the war. He was a member of the Communist (Stalinist) Political Association and

Notes Of A Seaman



shuttle run in the South Pacific which kept him out there nearly one year. His great joy at getting back last month has turned by this time

into bewilderment. He finds he no longer belongs to the Communist Political Association because that has dissolved. It seems there was some kind of letter from a

guy named Duclos in France that said Earl Browder was phony and that the Communist Party should never have dissolved to form the Communist Political Association. And furthermore that the "Communists" had committed a great crime by shaking hands with Wall Street, and that means the shipowners, too.

To top it off, some of the leaders (Stalinists and ex-Stalinists) of his own union are charging the other leaders (Stalinists) with selling out the NMU to the shipowners during the war. But the guys who are doing the charging never said anything when all this was going on.

When our young sailor friend went over to the Communist Party headquarters they asked him to re-register so that he could take his place in the "new" Communist Party. But he decided to wait a while and see how all this would stack up. He couldn't get much satisfaction out of the CP organizer who told him everything was on the right road now and invited him to attend a meeting where it would all be explained.

He went to the meeting, figuring that there,

raved around a while about Browder and how bad the ex-CP boss was. He then turned the heat on Truman charging him with "not carrying out the line of FDR."

The State Secretary finished up his speech by exhorting those in the audiences who had not re-registered, to do so now. The speecheleft the young seaman cold and he left the meeting feeling very much dissatisfied.

Since that meeting he has tried to read a few of the pamphlets he purchased at the CP's bookshop, but as he put it to me, he can't help feeling that maybe what these pamphlets say will all be denounced a few months from now as false. I admitted that this possibility could not be discounted.

After he finished his woeful tale I asked him what he was going to do now. He didn't know but he chough maybe it would be best for him to get on a ship, make some money, have a good time and forget the Communist Party and the "whole business."

"You might be able to forget the Communist Party, but do you think you could ever escape from the class struggle," I asked him. He admitted that no spot on earth was free from the class struggle. Even aboard ship he would be confronted the day after he sailed with the very issues he would like to get away from. Discussion aboard ship never stops; and with every variety of political opinion expressed, he would willy nilly, have to take a position.

I offered him a copy of The Militant and asked him to read it and see what the Trotskyists have to say. He hesitated for a split second then reached over and took it. "What the hell," he explained, "even Joe Curran once said at a meeting that The Militant was no good but every seaman should read it." With an embarrassed look he put it into his pocket, said good

On Silence In UE LEADERS SHIRK Failure of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Tresca Murder NEW YORK, Dec. 20-District

Ford Union Group Flays with the State Secretary of the party speaking, bye and went his way, assuring me he would he would get the real low-down. The speaker return to resume our discussion. Wall Street's Gestapo Scheme To Fine Strikers **By Jules Kramer**

The United States government is now planning the greatest international spy system the world has ever seen. This proposed spy system is aimed at the labor movement in this country as much as it is against labor abroad. Gen. Marshall, who wrote Truman's war-mongering Navy day address, advocated this shocking plan on October 18. He told the Senate Military Affairs Committee that this country must organize a world-wide espionage system to continue the wartime secret-service work of the Office of Strategic Services.

The Navy's Eberstadt report made it even elearer: "With the developments, present and prospective, in the field of new weapons, intelligence has become a matter of vital national interest. We should know as much as possible about the intent as well as the military capabilities of every country in the world."

Thus, five years of the most terrible warfare has only resulted in distrust, fear, and preparations for a new war. The inevitability of an eventual war with the Soviet Union is taken for granted by these imperialist spokesmen. Many Americans believed the propaganda about the unity, trust, and good-will of the "peace-lov-



ing" nations. To these people, Senator Wiley's speech on the floor of Congress supporting an American Gestapo should prove a real eyeopener.

"We all want the United Nations Organizations to succeed;" he said, "but at this stage the worker instead of the union jection of the plan, hurriedly that he did not feel that as a it is particularly foolhardy to rely on it . . . for our own security. We must have an international intelligence service with ample funds for such specified and unspecified purposes as it may deem fit."

As head of this spy system he proposed J. Edgar Hoover, present chief of the FBI. Wiley bitter struggle for a 30 per cent the Ford representatives, due then stated: "On the domestic front, the intelligence role of the FBI must be expanded."

Here we have a clue to those "specified and unspecified" purposes that Senator Wiley is cancelled its contract with the talking about. J. Edgar Hoover's talents and union after the infamous prospecialties are not in the diplomatic field at posal of our representatives was all. He is the organizer of the American equivalent of the Gestapo. His job is to watch all radical and working-class groups, to plant agents in their ranks, to keep tabs on all anti-government auditorium, Averill stated: "I expressions of opinion.

What Gen. Marshall and Senator Wiley propose is an extension of these activities to every country in the world.

With great rebellions of starving masses foreshadowed in Europe and Asia, the American capitalist class feels the need for an international Gestapo of the type that Hitler devised. The State Department has already taken steps in this direction. The November 10 Business Week states that "for several months the State Department has been building up a chain of labor-reporting outposts in strategic cities of Latin America and Europe. The idea is to place trained observers where any undercurrent in

labor thought can be spotted and interpreted TOO HIGH A PRICE swiftly to Washington, in terms of what Amer-

ican business should know and expect." This proposed Gestapo system is not only a threat against workers in other countries. It wage increase. If we cannot he termed "union responsibility" informed Vranich that unions is also directed squarely against the American come to terms with the com- in a manner which differed little in the past had levied penalties workers. Senator Wiley's demand for an ex- pany on a reasonable basis then from similar dissertations by upon the workers for participatpanded FBI is simply the first step in constructing this world-wide anti-labor spy system. fight it out on the picket line." His remarks were received cold- "Listen, McCusker, I've always It is a terrible fact that the world working-

class must now expect from American imperialism the same terroristic Gestapo methods that top UAW bureaucracy from rank speech the floor was opened for class. I'm interested in trying to Hitler meted out to the working class of Europe.

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(Continued from Page 1) in that the union asks the com- fearful that their own followers tirety. pany to assess all fines for "un- who control the vote in the

treasury.

strike.

ended.

Last

In speaking of the resolution. in the back of the General Mo-

tor's workers now involved in a wage increase, the proof of my assertion being that the General Motors Corporation immediately controlled council passed the

resolution. announced in the press." Amidst shouts of approval from workers packed in the

of America's Sixty Families were reaping millions of blood-soaked over. dollars from the sacrifices of t the American working class on

the battlefields and in the factories, that the Ford Motor Company demanded such assurances sibility. of company security from the workers as our bargaining com-

mittee is now offering.

to pay for the retention of the ion's General Motors Division. check-off system or any possible we must reject this proposal and company labor-relations men. ing in strikes, Vranich shouted: The Stalinists, in line with ly.

their policy of protecting the

voting in favor of it.

INTERNATIONAL Local 600, neid for the purpose ove, the evening by denouncing the unions.

Llewellyn stated that his felauthorized" work-stoppages di- council might discredit them- low board members knew his rectly upon the pay envelope of selves by making an outright re- position on the question but caucused their key people. At Ford worker he could remain sithe opening of the meeting they lent concerning a proposition Averill described the UAW Ford introduced a weaselly resolution which, in his opinion, if put negotiators' proposal as a "stab requesting that a vote on the into operation would be a disproposal be held in abeyance un- astrous defeat for the Ford til the latest wage offer from workers. He also stated that it sometime this week, is received. labor generally, as henceforth The majority of the Stalinist- all employers would ask for the

HELPING LEONARD

Richard T. Leonard, UAW Na- act of disloyalty to the bureautional Ford Director, and the crats of the International Exemember of the International Un- cutive Board, took the floor and ion's Executive Board who was in a pained tone of voice chided do not recall that during the present to defend the Ford Ne- Llewellyn for having voiced his which the workers were shackl- they demagogically objected to contrary to those of the Board ed with a no-strike pledge at a Leonard's plan, they were act- as a whole. Leonard made it time when Ford and the rest ually running interference for clear that Liewellyn had com-

> Leonard took the floor and in workers as a worker instead of company security proposal, for bureaucracy.

which he accepted full respon-

He stated that his plan had speech was that of Peter Vrareceived the full approval of R. nich, a member of Local 600's J. Thomas, UAW President, and plant-wide grievance committee. Walter P. Reuther, UAW Vice- Vranich's remarks were similar "This is much too high a price President and head of the un- to Llewellyn's. When Joseph

McCusker, Local 600 President He spoke at length on what and chairman of the meeting,

At the conclusion of Leonard's ions was to advance the working and file criticism, refrained discussion. The Stalinist speak- advance the trade union movefrom any hard-hitting vocal sup- ers either straddled the issue or ment-not to take it back 50 port to the resolution although verbally tapped Leonard on the years!"

wrist. It remained for Percy On the following day, Sunday, Llewellyn, a member of the UAW a motion was passed requesting December 16, at a special meet- International Executive Board that measures be taken to set up ing of the General Council of and a former president of Local a National Strike Strategy Local 600, held for the purpose 600, to furnish the surprise of Committee comprising all CIO

curity proposal, the Stalinists, | company security plan in its en-

would be a major disaster for same provision in their contracts. His remarks were heart-

ly applauded. Leonard, apparently regarding Thus the Stalinists showed Llewellyn's statements as an to meet with union representatives and bargain collectively we consider this tentative agree-

ment a victory in our fight to uphold the principles of trade ungotiating Committee, that while opinions knowing that they were | ionism." him in his attempt to put it mitted an act bordering on "high

a prolonged speech defended the as a member of the UAW top mass picketing at SKF plants.

"UNIONS FOR WORKERS!"

The only other progressive

Page Gen. Sherman believed that the purpose of un-

The meeting, concluded after (\$41 billions). living wages to the workers.

they try any more union-busting tactics on us again." These sentiments reflect the general attitude of the SKF workers, after a struggle that has made labor history in this area. Some are critical of the

The vote to accept the settle-International officials for sendment ended plans for a city-wide ing them back to work withone day strike of CIO unions, out a clear cut victory. They which would have been called in feel that as long as they were treason" by speaking to the protest against the granting of a receiving unemployment comcourt injunction prohibiting pensation, they might just as well have stuck it out, until af-

Militant Local 2898 officials ter January 14, and joined then in the general strike against the and members feel the strike settlement is the best that could steel corporations. But all agree, have been obtained under the that the union has developed a circumstances. They do not like solid core of fighting members the ambiguous settlement of the during the strike which will give two grievances that precipitat- a good account of itself in the ed the strike (the discharge of task of building a solid union a union steward and transfer of a | in SKF.

The Militant and its agents won the high respect of the workers during the strike. Not World War II cost the only was the Militant the only American people more than paper to present the complete \$300 billions. American corstory of the strike from the porations garnered \$52 bilworkers point of view, but it also lions, more than one-sixth of rendered material assistance to the war costs, in clear profits the union by securing the aid after taxes. America's 60 Rulof unionist friends of The Militant in setting up the commissary ing Families made \$11 biland securing provisions for it all during the strike, obtaining financial assistance from many other unions and even procuring the series of professional entertainments that helped to liven up

lions more profit on World War II than the entire American cost of World War 1 Now the corporations protest they can't afford to give strike meetings and maintain

morale.