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WORLD-WIDE GI DEMONSTRATIONS SHOUT DEMAND: "GET US HOME!"

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Truman Pressures Murray Into Steel Strike Delay Strong Blow Dealt Imperialist Plans

Government Offers Price Boost, Limits Wage Concessions

Following a definite pattern of strikebreaking intervention, the Truman administration put the full pressure of the government on CIO Steel Workers President Philip Murray, who wilted and "postponed for one week" the

ary 14.

calling of the national steel wage increase sought by the steel strike scheduled for Janu- wage without raising prices, the administration conceded a

Truman's intervention was \$4 a ton price increase to the similar to his unsuccessful at- steel companies. Hog - greedy tempt to force the General and arrogant, the steel moguls Motors strikers to end their wilfully refused to meet the rewalkout. At the same time, a duced minimum wage demand of threat of government seizure of 191/2 cents an hour which Murthe country's telephone system ray finally offered as a basis of was used to force a delay in the settlement. scheduled national telephone

strike.

demands of the CIO steelwork- concede even a minimum acers, while providing big price in- ceptable wage increase.

eral Motors case.

HOG-GREEDY BOSSES

Taking advantage of Murray's spineless attitude and his fear In using the prestige and pow- of launching a militant union er of the capitalist government struggle, Truman forced a delay to curb the crucial steel workers' in the scheduled strike and gave struggle, the administration at further opportunity for the steel the same time acted to whittle companies to press for still bigdown as low as possible the wage ger price concessions before they

creases to the steel corporations. Instead of challenging this The instrument for chiseling further attempted price-steal of down the wage demands of the the corporations by calling the steel union was the wage formula steel strike on schedule, Murdeveloped through the "fact- ray called off the steel strike on finding" semi-compulsory arbi- his own personal responsibility tration mechanism in the Gen- without a by-your-leave from the steel workers. He thus dealt a disorienting and demoralizing

Having advanced a recom-blow to his own membership while giving additional leeway



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By Joseph Hansen Wall Street's plans for global domination have been dealt a staggering blow by the sweeping world-wide protest demonstrations of the Ameri-

can GIs. In actions unprecedented in the history of victorious imperialist armies, hundreds of thousands of battle-scarred veterans have shaken their mighty fists at Washington, shouting: "Get Us Home!"

These troops have de-^o fiantly denounced the Brass Hats Lied American plutocracy's scheme to use them as tools for subjugating conquered peoples in other lands.

The angry, bitter protests against the delay in demobilization came from all over the world. The press publicized only the most spectacular - Philippines, Germany, Hawaii, France,

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other places.

This colossal new wave of versed a December 26 promise to ed United Press. speed up demobilization.

SWIFT ACTION

About Bottleneck In Ships For GI's Brass Hats have blamed the delay in demobilization on an

alleged shipping shortage. This excuse now turns out to be a lie.

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

On January 4, Lieut. Gen. Lawton Collins, Director of Army Information, admitted sufficient shipping is available to bring back all eligible men overseas in "three months."

ly 2,000 men marched on camp headquarters at Camp Boston, France. They addressed a letter Japan, Korea, China, India, Eng- to Gen. Joseph T. McNarney proland, Alaska and "dozens" of testing repeated delays in their departure for the U.S.

The following day, January 7. protests was provoked by a Jan- in Manila, more than 2,500 GIs uary 4 War Department an- marched four abreast to the nouncement that demobilization headquarters of Lt. Gen. Styer. would be slowed-down. This re- "The capital was tense," report-

> In the evening at least 12,000 American soldiers jammed into

to the companies to blackmail instead of a demanded 30 per the government for still higher cent wage increase in auto, the government is now using this as prices.

a standard formula for foisting BLOW AT GM WORKERS It was a treacherous blow as the lowest possible wage gains on the workers in steel, electrical well to the General Motors workand radio, packinghouse and ers who have been on strike since other industries scheduled to November 21 as the spearhead strike following the now-delayed in labor's fights for higher wages. The GM workers were looking steel walkout. Although the steel barons can forward eagerly to the backing

(Continued on Page 2) well afford to pay the \$2 a day

GM Delegates Hotly Debate **UAW Board Wage Proposal**

DETROIT, Jan. 13.—Despite the fact that the entire CIO United Auto Workers executive board lined up behind UAW-CIO Vice-President Walter Reuther in urging soldiers and workers first became manifest on the picket tate the policies of the government and its armed forces, 191/2 cents an hour as a basis for settling the General Motors strike, over a third of the delegates at the national GM delegates conference held here today voted against the proposal. They thereby indicated that they wanted the strike continued and ex-9-

tended until better terms | A motion to reject Reuther's were forthcoming.

recommendations was made by Leo Fenster, delegate from Cleve-

report by Reuther to the con- supported by the other Local 45 ference in which he explained delegates as well as by both milithat even Truman's fact-finding tant delegates and Stalinists. committee favored a 24 per cent They argued that since GM had fensive. raise for GM workers, if the rejected 191/2 cents and since whole issue of wages and prices steel and UE were on the verge in steel were not the paramount of coming out, the conference consideration.

Reuther blamed the top com- | tlement which fell so far short mittee in the steel union for dis- of the union's wage demands. regarding prices in their wage The action of the discredited negotiations, which hampered Stalinists in combining with the the GM strike, and also attacked genuine militants on this issue the Stalinist - dominated CIO caused considerable confusion, its failure to pull out the GM er militants from coming out must rally to the support of the GIs. electrical division. His thinly against the 191/2 cent proposal veiled attack against the Stal- In spite of the vote which deinists received loud applause. feated Fenster's motion, discus-

However, Reuther concluded sion had to be concluded for lack his report by giving the recom- of speakers from the floor who mendation of the executive board favored accepting the board's that $19\frac{1}{2}$ cents be accepted as recommendation.

the best GM strikers could ob-At the end of the conference, tain under the circumstances. John Anderson, of Fleetwood But this wage rate was made Local 15 and secretary of the contingent on the company's Detroit citywide strike commitagreeing to it no later than Jan- tee, made a motion that the conuary 21, with the additional pro- ference record itself as opposed back home. But they want them to return to decent viso that the company agree to to going back to work as long as working and living conditions, not to sweatshops and settle all local grievances. Reu- any incentive plan, whether the ther also reported as the rec- present piecework or some new ommendation of the board that incentive proposal, exists in any

the GM strike be extended to GM plant. This motion carried the tool and die shops. unanimously,

Labor! Back the GI Protest! You Fight in a Common Cause - By the Editors

The world-wide GI demonstrations coincide with the greatest labor upsurge in American history. These simultaneous struggles have truly colossal significance.

Undoubtedly the angry GI protests have been inspired to no small degree by the example of the militant Morgans and du Ponts. labor struggle at home.

lines here at home.

From coast to coast, in every battle for labor's rights, the returned veterans have been out in front, fighting shoulder to shoulder with their fellow workers.

In the titanic GM strike, in the general strike at Stamford, in the Western Electric battle, in the whole This action came following a land Fisher Body Local 45, and vast wave of strikes involving millions since V-J Day, the returned veterans have been among the foremost fighters against the employers' union-busting, wage-slashing of-

> Thus Wall Street's cunning scheme to pit the returned servicemen against organized labor is being shattered should not bind itself to a set- on the rocks of working class solidarity.

> > This solidarity on the picket lines must be further fortified by an equally solid alliance between labor at home and the workers in uniform abroad. Just as the returned veterans have added their power to labor's battle against Big Business, so the entire labor movement

Labor Must Support The GIs

One common cause binds the workers and demon- ment. strating soldiers together. They belong to a common class, the working class. They are engaged in a common fight against a common foe.

sons, brothers, husbands of the men and women on the picket lines. These union fighters want their loved ones breadlines.

For their part, the GIs don't want to be the hated oppressors of other peoples. They, too, yearn to be with to defeat Wall Street's plot to degrade American Labor their families.

Who opposes and denies these just demands of the workers and the soldier ranks?

A vicious gang of rich parasites and their agents, headed by a few billionaire families like the Rockefellers.

These monopolists, who control American economy, The signs of this deepening fraternity between the who dominate the big banks and corporations, who dichave gorged themselves on unprecedented blood-profits during World War II.

> Now these profiteers plan to extort still greater billions both from the American workers and from the peoples conquered by Wall Street imperialism.

> That is why the Big Business government in Washington utilizes every lying pretext to maintain huge occupation forces throughout the world and to evade and stall the promised demobilization.

> That is why the corporations so arrogantly reject labor's demands for living wages and security.

Neither Serfs Nor Slave-Drivers!

But the American workers refuse to be reduced to pendent National Federation | the staggering blow by the emindustrial serfdom. And the American soldiers are resisting the attempt to convert them into tools of imperialist slavemasters

Members of the same working class, confronting the same capitalist enemy, impelled by common necessity, it is natural that the GIs have adopted militant methods tions in New York City, the finand forms of struggle similar to that of the labor move- ancial stronghold of America's

Moreover, just as veterans have stepped to the head of many picket lines, so experienced unionists have played a prominent role in the GI protest actions.

Those same democratic principles which imbue the other vital industry. The men in uniform clamoring to come home are the labor movement, likewise animate the GI ranks. They have united regardless of race, creed or nationality. Among their elected spokesmen are not only labor leaders but Negroes, Jews, Italians, etc.

The numerous links of sympathy and mutual interest between the workers and the soldiers must be consciously forged into an unbreakable alliance.

United, the workers and the soldiers have the power and subjugate the world.

The GIs reacted with a swift- the shell-battered ruins ness that stunned official circles. Philippine Hall of Congress. "The On January 6 in Manila thous- crowd ran as high as 20,000," ands of GIs demonstrated at said one report. Speakers atseparated points, shouting their tacked American armed interresentment. "broke up" one band marching erlands Indies. toward headquarters of Lt. Gen.

Military police vention in China and the Neth-

Simultaneously, on the other side of the world at Camp Bos-Styer. Another crowd was diston, France, 2,000 GIs demon persed on Quezon bridge. Meanwhile, half a dozen Army outfits strated. In Rheims more than issued mimeographed calls for 200 GIs cabled protests to the Senate and American news action.

On the same day approximate-

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Long Lines Phone Workers **Back Strike in 44 States**

BULLETIN

Leaders of the National Federation of Telephone. Works under threat of government strike-breaking seizure of the nation's telephone system, on Sunday, January 13, called off for 30 days the scheduled formal strike of 263,000 organized telephone workers. The latter's refusal to cross picket lines of striking communications equipment workers had already paralyzed long-distance telephone communications. The Association of Communications Equipment Workers, an NFTW affiliate, was asked to withdraw pickets to permit exchange operators through.

By Alan Braden

NEW YORK, Jan. 12-The greatest strike in the history of modern communications swept across the nation yesterday when 26,500 long-line and local telephone workers solidly respected the picket lines of the 8,000 members of the Association of Communications Equipment Workers, an affiliate of the inde-9

battled phone workers had virtuof Telephone Workers. ally paralyzed phone communi-This dramatic demonstration

cations in 44 states, from New of labor solidarity cut off 95 per cent of all long distance phone service and reduced local service to dial phones. Communica-

Sixty Richest Families, and in Washington, D. C., its political center, were crippled as this paralyzing blow of phone workers ON THE INSIDE spread the strike front to an-

In addition, the strike of the Western Union telegraphers, members of the American Communications Association (CIO). further crippled New York and northern New Jersey communications.

Workers Forum ... The giant American Telephone and Telegraph corporation, big- The Negro Struggle gest communication trust in the Diary of Steelworker . world, was forced to admit that Notes of A Seaman

Buffalo Steel Strike **GI** Statements Fontana Tragedy .. **Demobilization** Plans Flint Worker Refutes Stalinists .. COLUMNS AND FEATURES

York and Philadelphia on the

East Coast to Seattle and Los

This inspiring sympathy strike

was, for the most part, conduct-

ed by the 263,000 members of

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Angeles on the West Coast.

Veterans Problems

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Open the Books! An Answer to GM - By Art Preis ·

mobile Workers have put forward a most significant and far- ing excess profits taxes which are to be eliminated in 1946. reaching demand: "Open the Books of the Corporation!"

This is the first time in American history that a union has wielded this powerful weapon in a major struggle against the employers.

The mere suggestion that the union has the right to investisate the corporation's records has sent General Motors and its it, where we can make it, and how much we must charge . . ." Big Business confederates into convulsions of fear and rage.

For the billionaire Wall Street financial cliques like the du Ponts and Morgans correctly see in this demand more than a simple issue of wages or hours.

To the capitalist overlords who have a stranglehold on the natural resources and means of production, a "look at the books" contains a threat to their continued rule and their profits, privileges and power.

In answer to the UAW's demand, General Motors Corporation published from coast-to-coast a newspaper advertisement entitled: "A 'Look at the Books' or a 'Finger in the Pie'?"

GM follows up with this \$64 question: "Which is the UAW-CIO really after? Is it seeking facts-or new economic power? Does it want to know things-or run things?'

First of all, the GM workers do want to know things-plenty of things. When they raised their demand to investigate GM's books, their immediate purpose was to throw full light upon the corporation's enormous profits and profit-potential to prove conclusively that the company can easily afford to pay the full wage demands of its workers.

"We have firmly declined to recognize this as a basis for bargaining," says GM's advertisement. Thus with one contempt- But this is a sham intended only to deceive the people and ward uous gesture. General Motors rejects any inspection of its books for the purpose of ascertaining the facts of its ability to pay higher wages.

Even if we can pay the wages asked, says General Motors in effect, we refuse to consider this fact as relevant to the merits of the union's wage case.

"the full facts are published" already "in annual reports . audited by outside auditors. Similar figures are filed with the changed the most vital patents and industrial processes essential Securities and Exchange Commission.'

"Does the UAW-CIO honestly believe," asks the corporation from the American capitalist government itself. in self-righteous indignation, "that General Motors would or could deceive these experts?"

This mammoth corporation has no need to "deceive" its own "experts." Corporation auditors are not likely to differ with their high-paying clientele on what constitutes "legitimate" cost and profits. Nor does the SEC, a hand-picked agency of the Big Business government, often question the carefully-drawn reports of the most powerful corporations.

What The Workers Want To Know

What the workers want to know are all those facts the corporations misrepresent or fail to report: The hidden profits concealed as "costs"; the hundreds of millions piled up in fake "depreciation" and "contingency" funds; the watered stock and phony "capitalization" on which the corporations pay out millions in profits from the wealth produced by the workers.

If the corporations have nothing to hide, if their hands are clean even within the definition of capitalist law, why should they fear to let the representatives of their own workers see the books?

The answer is clear. They don't dare permit investigation of their records. Such a thorough going scrutiny as a workers' committee might make would inevitably uncover scandalous acts of fraud, double-bookkeeping, fictious losses, padded costs, diversion of assets, price-rigging, falsified production figures, etc. The corporation owners would be fully exposed as grand-scale swindlers and outright violators of the law.

That is one real reason why the corporations threaten to resist to the end rather than willingly permit the workers any into the company books.

In the fight against General Motors the CIO United Auto- | porations deliberately curtailed production in order to avoid pay-

Labor Has The Right To Say

The workers who suffer from the greed, swindling and sabotage of the monopolists have not only the right but the duty precisely to tell the owners "what we can make, when we can make

Thus labor not only has the right and obligation to "know things," but to "run things." The handful of billionaire monopolists who arrogate to them-

selves the "right" to control the means of subsistence of the people serve no useful function in production. Their "management" has been only mismanagement.

They manipulate the means of production to serve their selfish profit interests. They have converted the means for potential plenty into a monstrous exploitative mechanism creating scarcity, terrible depressions, starvation wages, poverty, wars.

For economic planning and the rational administration of industry a new "management" has long been needed. The only ones truly capable of organizing and operating industry for full and efficient production and for the needs of the people are he organized workers themselves.

Standing in the way of the needs of the masses, blocking the read to plenty, are the plutocratic parasites who hypocritically prate, as does General Motors, about "more and better things for the people," but who actually provide less and less for the working people and more and more for the idle rich.

To screen their predatory and criminal operations, the capitalists have invariably invoked the "sanctity of business secrets." exposure of the capitalists' real secrets-the monstrous deoff gree of their exploitation of labor and their criminal acts.

Between the big monopolies themselves there are no "business secrets." They cooperate closely, not only on a national but an international scale, to exploit the toiling masses.

Thus, America's leading corporations were caught red-hand-At the same time, the GM propagandists go on to assert that ed in secret cartel agreements with the Nazi and Japanese corporations whereby all these Big Business conspirators freely exto war. These deals were concealed not only from the people but

GM Workers' Battle Crv

These are facts which the Trotskyists have long since exposed. That is why the Socialist Workers Party in 1938 advanced for the first time in this country the slogan of "Open the Books of the Corporations!" For the past seven years, the Trotskyists have been advocating the need for this step.

Today the GM workers have taken up this slogan and made it the battle cry of the most progressive sections of the labor movement. Tomorrow, American labor is going to go even further.

To Wall Street's and GM's question, "a 'look at the books' 'a finger in the pie'?", American labor is going to answer: "We are not only going to inspect your books. We are going

eliminate your despotic and ruinous rule over our economic to life. We want nothing less than the whole pie our sweat and toil surprise move which effect- plans ready, and functioned as barrier, the strength of the steel



of the steel workers through **Gis Emulate** strike action. The CIO Electrical and Radio Labor At Home Workers and the Packinghouse American labor's militant workers had set strike dates to



Lackawanna Steel Workers Don't Wait for Murray

CIO United Steel Workers members at the huge Lackawanna, N. Y., plant of Bethlehem Steel "pull the plug" in adr vance of the national steel strike date, now postponed. These pickets helped shut down the plant to frustrate company strikebreaking preparations. Photo by Buffalo Evening News

Lackawanna Workers Shut Bethlehem Steel Plant to Foil Strikebreaking Preparations

(Special to The Militant)

LACKAWANNA, N. Y., Jan. 11-Thousands of determned pickets clamped an iron ring around the huge Beth- A huge crowd of sympathetic plant executives couldn't get lehem Steel Plant here at 9 o'clock tonight and shut it onlookers in this steel city through. down tight. Moving swithtly, more than two days in ad- and interest the tremendous vance of the nation-wide steel walkout scheduled for midnight Sunday, members of O

ively halted the Corporation's soon as the action began. Picket workers on the picket line could strikebreaking preparations. captains put on their armhanda strikebreaking preparations. captains put on their armbands authorization of Joseph P. Monecessary maintenance men to take care of the furnaces when IMPASSABLE BARRIER

matter.

plant.

plant.

STRIKEBREAKING PLANNED

"The company rolled in car-

come prepared to live in the

With the rejection by the com-

was held late this afternoon.

the national strike begins.

watched with evident support several CIO United Steel previously and representing all the glaring lights of the gate down. Workers locals struck in a the locals in the plant had its entrance, forming an impassable WINDSOR TECHNIQUE

This action was taken upon and went to their pre-assigned by the few ill-advised foremen method was employed at the authorization of Joseph P. Mo-lony, District Director of the posts. Picket tags and placards who attempted to pass through Buffalo gate which the company USA-CIO, after the company were distributed. Fire buckets the unbreakable lines. The pick- opens only during strikes. had refused to reach an agree- were brought to the gates and et line was made up of white Groups of pickets patrolled the had refused to reach an agree-ment with the union regarding the procedure for permitting the could keep warm in the rain. ran high and at a glance one

still more solid and even the

The numerous clashes only served to raise the confidence of picket line at No. 3 gate. March- the steel strikers in their ability ing around in a huge oval under to keep the huge plant shut

At the strip mill gate the Windsor Ford strike technique was effectively applied. A string

A blast furnace worker told could see that these men were The Militant reporter: "This is the national strike begins. The food committee was on really out to fight for a \$2 a day the first time in five years that increase. Skirmishes developed we heard the sound of the air-Buffalo area have reached an coffee was being distributed to at different gates as supervision pressure going off the six fur-

But there is a further and equally weighty reason why Gen-If they go out—and that is not eral Motors refuses to divulge its "secrets" to those who create all its wealth

The unions, howls the GM ad, "hope to pry their way into the whole field of management." And this "surely leads to the day" when the organized workers "will demand the right to tell ful aid of the steel union. what we can make, when we can make it, where we can make it, and how much we must charge you-all with an eye on what labor can take out of the business . . ."

Thus, says GM, "the idea itself (a 'look at the books') hides a threat to GM, to all business . . . " Because questions of "earnings, prices, sales volume, taxes and the like . . . are recognized as the problems of management," and the owners alone have the right to deal with such matters.

The Nub Of The Corporation's Fears

out of Truman's so-called Fact-Here we come to the nub of the corporation fears. Once the Finding Board. workers turn an x-ray on the corporation books, once they get The fact that the GM strike a clear picture of the stupendous robbery and exploitation rehas not yet been successfully gistered in those books, they would inevitably be aroused to de- settled and that the whole strugmand greater control over the predatory operations of the pri- gle still hangs suspended can be vate owners. laid at the door of the, other

The workers would eventually come to the conclusion that leading CIO unions, which have the best thing for them to do would be to KICK OUT THE not yet come to the help of the PARASITIC OWNERS ENTIRELY and operate industry under GM strikers. This responsibility the control and for the benefit of the working people.

rests especially heavily on the Just what is this "management" and its function that the steel union and Murray's im-GM owners speak so awesomely about and whose "rights" the proper postponement of the steel workers must never invade? These are functionaries hired to strike.

squeeze the maximum profits for the owners out of the labor | How greatly must the steel and Labor Secretary Schwellenforce and means of production. For the capitalists aren't inte- workers resent Murray's high- bach that they want a \$2 raise The room was jammed and the rested in producing for the needs of the people. They are solely handed conduct is indicated in concerned with grabbing ever-greater profits.

last-minute reports from The The tax laws have been rigged so that the monopolists can operate industry even at low capacity and still realize enormous Pittsburgh and other steel areas. profits from tax refunds. Giant monopolies like General Motors The large U. S. Steel locals in conspire to restrict production in order to create artificial scarcity Braddock and Homestead, Pa., and impose high prices. In the last months of 1945, many cor- have sent messages to Murray



methods of struggle for its follow the voted steel walkout. rights at home have deeply definitely settled at this writing impressed the workers in uniform abroad, despite the antibecause of the steel developments-they will lack the powerlabor campaign of the Brass Hats.

A dispatch from Nuremberg. The gains that labor has al-Germany, in the New York ready recorded in this national daily, PM, January 13, rewage fight are due primarily to the militant strike action of the ports:

"The fact is the GIs have GM workers, who have been forced to bear the main brunt of strike fever, Almost every soldier you talk to is full of what is the fight of all labor. It is the GM fight principally resentment, humiliation, and anger. He acts exactly as which has forced even the presworkers have acted and by so ent inadequate wage concessions doing drew the GIs' criticism in the past

"But now the shoe is on the other foot. The GIs now feel they have got a legitimate gripe against their employers. If the gripe does not include a wage scale, that is purely a minor consideration. They don't like their conditions of work, they don't like the length of their contract, they don't like their bosses."

This was the largest stewards -but they don't want this raise stewards overflowed into the tied to any boosts in steel prices street. At this meeting the at-Militant's correspondents in the for the profiteering companies. titude of the company and the decision to take immediate ac-The Hazelwood Local 1843, of tion was reported.

> nesday night, they are going to enter the plant and bring the "pull the plug" Thursday. In men out. This action was taken Lackawanna, N. Y., the huge so swiftly that the company was Bethlehem steel plant was shut not aware of what was transpirdown tight even before Murray ing.

called off the general walkout. "SHOT OUT OF PLANT" All reports indicate that the

steel workers were ready and and began to ask the men to willing to put up a courageous come out. As one steward put it, and militant battle that would have gained them far more than like released springs." Men Murray has yet attained. They are still standing poised the middle of whatever they were

to strike and are more deter- doing and hurried out of the mined than ever to close down plant. Simultaneously picket the steel mills if the corpora- lines began to form at all the tions don't come through with gates, the union's wage demands.

A strike committee set up

CHICAGO "STRIKERS' SOCIAL" Saturday, January 19 Proceeds To Strike Funds Of GM. Steel, Packing and FE Workers Dancing . . Singing . . Refreshments 75 cent Admission includes food Socialist Workers Party 160 N. Wells St Rooms 317

agreement with the union on this

Molony said, "The Union met with company representatives at backwanna STRIKER, with were injured and one sent to the front in the fight for the \$2 a 8 o'clock Friday afternoon. We a big head reading "This IS IT. hospital with a possible skull day raise are determined to keep

the men. The publicity commit- in cars made efforts to crash the naces at one time. That means tee issued the first of a series lines. During one of these unsuc- we got her shut down tight." The again endeavored to negotiate Bethlehem has asked for it and fracture. But the lines became it that way until they win.

with the company and reach an LONG LINES TELEPHONE OPERATORS agreement on how maintenance and key personnel needed to maintain the plant would be able to go through the picket **SUPPORT WALKOUT IN 44 STATES** lines unmolested. The company informed the union that it would decide who should be in the

the NFTW, of which the ACEW in a few hours, reports from every "fact-finding."

loads of foodstuffs, including a Western Electric equipment, washing machines. We learned agent of the AT & T.

plant at 7 a. m. Sunday, and solidarity of the phone workers was reinforced by the announcement of John Curtin, president pany of the union's maintenance unaffiliated, that its members, offer, a special steward's meeting who work for Bell Telephone, are supporting the struggle of their ACEW brothers.

not only backs up the wage de- announced the start of the strike respect their WEEA picket lines mands of the ACEW against the for Wednesday, January 9, but if they are established. Western Electric trust, but like-wise brings mighty reinforce-Then, on Thursday night, under ments to the 10-day old strike Schwellenbach's pressure, Wea-Jones & Laughlin, wired Murray an ultimatum that if they do the proposed strike action. The the proposed strike action. The the proposed strike action is tructed to the proposed strike action is the proposed strike action is tructed to the proposed strike action is the proposed str plants of the Western Electric picketing until Monday. Co. in a determined fight for a But the rank and file decisively 30 per cent raise. (See The rejected this weak-kneed policy. Militant, Jan. 12)

CAPITAL TIED UP

The great phone strike first titude when he told this rebroke in the nation's capital late porter: "Weaver is our repre- next week to extend American Thursday night when the 3,000 sentative but not our boss. We've Washington operators went out ordered our pickets out and for their own wage demands they're going to stay out." against the Washington and This determined attitude of Street and its government to Potomac Telephone Co. But their the ACEW ranks, backed up by break the national phone strike. union emphasized that even the solid sentiments of the 263,- A solid front of CIO, AFL and should their own demands be 000 NFTW members, forced independent unions, embracing won, they will stay out in support Weaver to rescind his order, and millions of workers united in

No sooner was the capital tied full force.

Schwellenbach's strikebreaking at the 27-story AT & T building. located at 32 Avenue of the threat of government seizure Americas (Sixth Avenue) in forcefully demonstrates that the New York. As other ACEW pick- Truman administration is an inets set up their lines, they were strument of Big Business. The joined by phone operators on the strategic nature of the communline, while thousands of others ications industry for the finanstood on the side and refused cial, business and political opto enter. erations of the ruling class forces

Simultaneously, picket lines the government to reveal its 8 p.m. were established at 281 Washing- naked strikebreaking fist with-

(Continued from Page 1) ton St., Newark, N. J., and with- out pretense of "arbitration" or

is the installation group. The major city throughout the nation But even this threat to break ACEW handles installation of indicated that the strike was 100 their sympathy strike for the car of butter, mattresses and which is the manufacturing per cent effective from coast to ACEW does not end the phone workers' struggle. Even prior to coast.

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> Thus the nation-wide phone strike has developed as one of three possible variants of struggle against the Western Electric trust, which still arrogantly refuses to make a new offer to the WEEA, or to meet the demands of the ACEW.

If more than a million CIO One official of ACEW Local 600, steel, packinghouse and electrical in Newark, summed up their atworkers walk out as scheduled labor's greatest battle, their action will serve as a strong deterrent to the vicious plot of Wall the strike surged forward with action, can successfully defeat the monopolists and their unionbusting governmental agencies.

> Flint, Mich. Socialist Workers Party Meeting EVERY SUNDAY YWCA First Street And Harrison Admission Free

of the ACEW. up than early Thursday morning GOVERNMENT THREATS the first ACEW picket appeared

The stewards entered the plant

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Mighty Voice of the GIs As Heard Round he Globe A world-wide roundup of the declarations of demonstrating veterans A world-wide roundup of the declarations of demonstrating veterans A world-wide roundup of the declarations of demonstrating veterans

reveals bitter resentment against Washington. The servicemen do not want to be used as tools of Wall Street imperialism. They do not want to play the role of a brutal police force to subject the peoples of the earth to the will of profit-mad capitalists.

The soldiers are in a fighting, rebellious mood. They intend to make their voice heard. They are determined to galvanize an unwilling Congress into passing legislation that will bring them back home at once. Here are DOES the most significant of the GIs' own statements, as reported in the press: LIC BLE

Philippines MANILA, Dec. 25-Banners in a Christmas Day demonstration read: "We want ships. We want to go home."

MANILA, Jan. 7-A mimeographed pamphlet charged: "Redeployment has been deliberately slowed down to force compulsory military training . . . The point system is a two-edged sword used to keep men in, instead of getting them out . . . Generals and colonels who want to go on playing war are anxious to retain sizable commands rather than go back to their per-. manent grades of lieutenants to majors . . . The State Department wants the Army to back up its imperialism . . . The chain of 'snafu' is the result of just plain stupidity by high brass."

MANILA, Jan. 7-"The Philippines are capable of handling their own internal problems," was the slogan voiced by several speakers.

MANILA, Jan. 7-Demonstrating GI's carried placards with such slogans as: 'We are Tired of False Promises, Double-Talk

and Double-Crossing."

'We Want Ike.' "Heaven Can Wait-We Can't."

"Forty-Eight Is Much Too Late."

MANILA, Jan. 7-A pamphlet, typical of several distributed by soldiers, appealed to soldiers to write their families "telling them about the situation out here and urging them to write to their Congressmen requesting them to put pressure on the War Department to release us.

"According to a War Department spokesman," continued the pamphlet, "demobilization is proceeding at alarming rapidity."

"Alarming from whose point of view? Alarming to generals and colonels who want to go on playing war and who do not want to go back to being captains and majors? Alarming to business men who stand to make money having their investments rebuilt at Army expense? Alarming to the State Department, which wants an Army to back its imperialism in the Far East?"

BATANGAS, Jan. 9-A soldiers' committee released an advertisement demanding the removal of Secretary of War Patterson "whose incompetence has been shown by his own statement that he didn't know men overseas had stopped accumulating points."

Guam

GUAM, Jan. 8.— "Mass meetings" protested "against the present point score system." A lieutenant declared: "This farce has passed endurance.'

Saipan

SAIPAN, Jan. 8-A cable protested the War point score would not be reduced drastically."

GIs Demonstrating in Manila



Part of the huge crowd of 20,000 American troops in Manila demonstration protesting double-cross in promised demobilization speed-up. "Get Us Home!" the GIs demand in protest action before headquarters Lt. Gen. W. D. Styer.

Mazey, UAW Militant, PARIS, Jan. 8-Sergt. Albert Ellenbogen, PARIS, Jan. 8-Sergt. Albert Ellenbogen, Helps Lead GI Protest

Sgt. Emil Mazey, former president of the militant® Briggs Local 212, CIO United Auto Workers, is playing a least in non-hostile countries. leading role in the Manila GI demonstrations which touch- What soldiers and sailors do we leading role in the Manila GI demonstrations which touched off a world-wide wave of soldier actions demanding re-

Mazey was elected on January 10 by a delegated convention, UAW in transmitting soldier derepresenting 139,000 rank and mands for immediate return UAW. At the 1943 convention

file troops, to membership on the home to Congress. top central committee of eight The cablegram was immediatetop central committee of eight which heads the unified soldier by made public by the UAW, the no-strike pledge and introwhich simultaneously issued a In addition, he is chairman of statement from UAW President

the committee of six represent- R. J. Thomas, saying, "I have ing 600 enlisted men of head- the utmost sympathy for the out-Batangas, Philippine Islands. War Department having made a lustrates the friendly ties grow- also a well-known union leader, member of this committee as This committee on January 7 public commitment on the rate ing between the labor movement Emil Mazey, former president of well as the Batangas commitcommunicated a lengthy cable- of discharge, that commitment and the protesting GIs, the role UAW Local 212, Detroit, who tee. gram to the CIO United Auto should be carried out in full at of the experienced unionists in acted as chairman. The com-



One reason for the mount-steel furniture and galley ing bitterness of GIs is the equipment, while enlisted men and an Italian, as well as regionvicious caste system of the stand in line three times a day al representatives from different armed forces which violates and wait upwards of one hour sections of the U.S. before sitting down to eat slop every principle of demofood.' Flood Of Mail cracy. Built on the prin-Officers' huts are equipped ciples of Prussian militarism, with toilets imported from the. **To Return GI's** States, this GI declares, while the Army and Navy give privileges to the officer corps "the toilets used by enlisted men **Hits Congress** unteered. Ambiguous replies from Congressmen and oppress the enlisted are made from old garbage cans." How angry the working peo-A soldier in India said in a letple are over Wall Street's atter printed in the November 3 Here are a few typical examples of discrimination cited by Militant: "An EM slapped an tempt to keep the armed Drew Pearson, Washington Col- officer in the face. He got a forces in foreign lands as occouple of years in jail and a cupation police, can be judged umnist. dishonorable discharge. In an-The Moore General Hospital, from an admission of Senator other case an officer slapped an Savannah, N. C. refused admis-Elbert D. Thomas, head of the sion for the wife of Private Earl EM in the puss and he got a Military Affairs Committee \$75 fine. and out-spoken apologist for "Was reading in Yank," he Brass Hats. same hospital admitted Lieut. continues, "where water was ra-John Bamberger's dog. Referring to Congress, the tioned to EM, and officers were The 1268th engineering combat Senator complained: "Conwashing their jeeps and staff cars scheduled to parade January 12 objected: "I battalion had "to move out of a stituents are on their necks with it. day and night The pressure George Sokolsky, in a recent is unbelievable. Mail from column in the N. Y. Sun, quoted wives, mothers, and sweeta letter from a serviceman who hearts demanding that their said his superior officer "fremen be brought home is run-"Pentagon generals dispatch quently sent men to the EM's up any formation I miss at night. All I want is one plane to Florida for pomning to almost 100,000 letters kitchen to get sugar, coffee and pano, another to North Dakota daily." oranges to send to his woman in This colossal figure, it for quail and a third to Texas Paris.' for avocados and tomatoes, to should be noted, does not in-"I've seen this same officer," fancy up a dinner for a Britclude the tens of thousands of said the soldier, "steal a whole letters hombarding Congress ish air marshal." chicken from the EM's Sunday In some places where enlisted directly from servicemen dinner when there wasn't enough men receive one helmet of water overseas to feed the men." a day for bathing, drinking and USO troupe performers are Read: laundry, officers leave the hose monopolized by the officers. Ofrunning all day to water their ficers discouraged GIs from gardens. mixing with the girls. They Bourth usurped the USO show "putting FLY TO GAMES GI's ride coaches to see their on performances and dances at International

(Continued from Page 1) ers, and 400 at Marseilles sent cables. Protests likewise came from 100 GIs at Frankfort, Germany; 1,800 officers and enlisted men of the 8th Air Force at London; and GIs at Tidworth,

SERFDON HUNGER STRIKE

In the Pacific theatre, 6,000 men on Saipan wired protests. At Guam more than 3,500 enlisted men and officers of the 315th Bombing wing of the Twentieth Air Force staged a "hunger strike" in protest against the demobilization slowdown.

Next day, January 8, milling thousands of GIs flooded communications offices in Manila.

At Batangas, south of Manila. 4.000 GIs voted funds for fullpage newspaper, advertisements Calcutta, India, called a protest in the United States demanding meeting for the following day Congress.

wo protest meetings. They sent a cablegram of protest signed by at Seoul, Korea. At Hickam 6 000 soldiers.

Some 500 soldiers met in Yokohama to plan for a larger demonstration. In Honolulu more than 2.500 soldiers met at Fort Shafter. At Rheims about 1.500 soldiers gathered to protest "illogical explanations" on the demobilization slowdown.

In Paris about 500 GIs marched down the Champs Elysees. Their ranks swelled until a thousand shouting American soldiers gathered in front of the American Embassy.

OFFICERS BOOED

need to occupy the Philippines? At Andrews Field, near Wash-To ask the question is to expose ington, D. C., 1,000 soldiers and Mazey was nationally known manding officer.

as an outstanding militant in the of the auto workers he led the order. duced a resolution for the forma-

tion of a labor party. His inclusion on the top sol-

now ridiculous it is."

campaign.

Other members of the Manila American taxpayers' money.

cludes a North Carolina Negro a demonstration and yells of onstrations can very likely be and an Alabama white, a Jew derision greeted reports that expected. In this event the forsome officers had declared the mation of the Manila Soldiers' demonstration "would make a Committee has already set an bad impression on the Germans." example for the soldiers the About 20 were arrested. world over. Just as Manila's GIs In Vienna, Austria, 362 sol- gave the lead to the demondiers radioed a protest to Tru- strators, so Manila shows them man, Patterson, Eisenhower, 24 Senators and a number of news- how to set up the most effective papers. And in London 1,800 form of organization to get acofficers and men joined in the tion on their demands.

the removal of Secretary of War to "back our buddies in Manile Robert P. Patterson and appeal- and France." About 5,000 asing to the public for pressure on sembled in a public park to op-In Guam, 18,000 men attended down.

pose the demobilization slow-Several thousand troops met Field, Honolulu, 15,000 troops

held a demonstration. SOLDIERS' COMMITTEE

Brass Hats Fear

One reason for Washing-

ton's slow-down in demobilization may be Wall Street's

fear British imperialism will

be unable to suppress the ris-

ing resistance to its rule in

According to Washington

columnist Drew Pearson, "GI's

in India report the U.S.

Army, fearing the British may

be faced with revolt, has is-

sued rifles, bayonets and

ammunition to American

swelling chorus of complaints.

Mimeographed circulars in

Revolt In India:

Arm U. S. Gls

India.

GI's . . ."

January 10 marked an event of great significance. In Manila 156 soldier delegates elected by as many separate Army outfits held a meeting. Such soldier delegates organized in committees immediately call to mind the Soviets (committees) elect-

ed by the soldiers in the Russian army during the 1917 tide of revolution.

These 156 delegates in Manila represented 139,000 men, "all interested in getting home."

The delegates unanimously Wacs booed down their com- elected a chairman and adopted a program. The chairman. Soldiers in Munich, Germany, Sergeant Schiffrin of Rochester, and London likewise protested N. Y. appointed a Central Comthe War Department's slowdown mittee, totalling eight. "The

Central Committee," reports the On January 9 the Batangas January 11 N. Y. Times ".... Committee came prominently includes two officers and is wideinto the news. This committee ly representative of creeds and diers' committee graphically il- not only included an officer but backgrounds."/ Emil Mazey is a

The formation of the Manila the armed forces and the failure mittee interviewed a touring Soldiers' Committee undoubtedly of the Brass Hats' anti-labor group of Senators and reported marked the high point of this how the Brass Hats are wasting mighty, globe-encircling wave of

demonstrations. The GIs extop central committee of the GIS In Frankfort, a demonstration pect Congress to act, and act are illustrative of the truly of 5,000 soldiers was met at promptly. If Washington fails democratic character of the sol- bayonet point by a small group to respond, then another and dier protest movement. It in- of guards. Handbills announced more turbulent series of dem-

A cable queried: "Are the Brass Hats to be

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army of occupation, a closeout force of 316,000 men has been ordained. Yet two of the three services to be performed by this close-out force, as listed by our theater commander, are such obviously occupational army jobs as disposing of German prisoners and maintaining law and order in some areas. Are Brass Hats to be permitted

democratic procedures is not finally lost."

"Don't let our Manila buddies down. Meeting Arc de Triomphe, 8:30." Soldiers who refused to join the demonstration were greeted with cries of "scab" and

Brooklyn, speaking at a meeting: "We want our protest heard loud enough in the States so that folks at home can bring pressure to bear that we cannot 3,000 miles away."

Austria

VIENNA, Jan. 9-Soldiers radioed protests turn home. 'against delays in redeployment."

"to back our buddies in Manila and France."

Korea

not understand the War Department's insistence

on keeping an oversized peacetime army over-

France

charged that "the men in the European theater

now have been imprisoned here by a lackadaisical

resentment" had been aroused by "the discharge

of low-point men in the U.S. as non-essential

when men in the European Theater cannot leave

PARIS, Jan. 8-A soldier told a correspondent

of The Militant "the reason they were keeping

so many of us in France this winter, was the

hope that our mere presence would be a threat

to prevent revolutions in France this winter."

PARIS, Jan. 8-Marching soldiers yelled:

Posters in Red Cross clubs and GI messes read:

seas under present conditions."

for lack of replacements."

"We Wanta Go Home!"

"slacker."

"Remember Pearl Harbor!"

SEOUL, Jan. 10.—A resolution stated: "We can-

Germany

FRANKFORT ON MAIN, Jan. 8-A telegram signed by 100 GI's asked: "In addition to the to build empires? Why?"

The cable ended: "The evident lack of faith of our friends and neighbors is causing bitter resentment and deterioration of morale of men in this theater. It is to be hoped that our faith in

committees.

Hawaii

HONOLULU, Jan. 10-A headline in a service paper labelled "Patterson Public Enemy No. 1."

The staff of Stars and Stripes charged the paper had been converted into a "house organ for the War Department" after Brass Hats accused the paper of speaking disrespectfully of "those in authority."

A resolution states that "our present policy of to provisions of the Atlantic Charter, invites conflict and hinders demobilization.'

Alaska

GI's here poured cablegrams of protest into Congressional offices. "The communications contained bitter charges of preferences and broken promises, of incompetence. . . .

Japan

YOKOHAMA, Jan. 8-A mass demonstration protested "the War Department's slowdown of demobilization."

An anonymous pamphlet opposed the "Army plan to cut the demobilization rate in half."

China

Recent dispatches from North China reported the "lowest morale since the war's end among Marine units.'

India

permitted to build empires?

Great Britain

LONDON, Jan. 8-A telegram from 1,800 officers and enlisted men of the 8th Air Force: "We want an explanation of delayed return. Dogs, GI brides, parading low-point 82d Airborne Division and general prisoners rate shipment while N. Y. Times says all U. S. troops who have not been Intervention in China and Indonesia is contrary redeployed have venereal disease or have voland three canceled shipping dates do not help. men.

We are tired, homesick, disgusted men with 55-45 points, eligible for discharge Dec. 1, 1945. In the European theater over 30 months."

United States

ANDREWS FIELD, Maryland, Jan. 8-Soldiers and Wacs jeered down their commanding officer when he tried to tell them why their discharges Von Esche. His wife died. The were delayed. An officer described the reaction of the veterans as "uncomplimentary muttering."

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—One of the soldiers

want to get the hell out of the Army immediately healthy camp site near Manila. and get back to college. What nonsense this is! and live in a filthy wallow be-They're breaking us down before the parade. We cause the officers' club wants to march seven miles a day to get ready for it. I'm expand its golf course." sick now, and if I go on sick call I have to make

Officers fly to football officers' clubs to which the GI's games. Maj. William Ord Ryan were not admitted," says Sokolused an Army plane to fly a bale sky. of hay across the Pacific to feed his captive kangaroo.

Col. Soriana, personal repesentative of Franco, flew three plane-loads of beerbottle tops across the Pacific." A letter from a soldier on Luzon, Philippine Islands, to The Pilot, a Boston Catholic paper, said: "There isn't anything gets a man down more than to see a beautiful officers' club constructed even before the smoke of battle cleared away, while the men eat 'K' and 'C' rations and sleep in a dustbowl.

"Or to see an officers' country club built with separate rooms for each man," he continues. "Or to see an officers' dining hall and galley constructed with stamless

BROOKLYN Gala House Warming Social Opening the New SWP Headquarters Saturday, Jan. 19 All Militant Readers Invited

> **First Public Meeting:** Thursday, Jan. 24, 8:30 p.m. "The Meaning of the Strike Wave And the Soldiers' Demonstrations" Speaker: WILLIAM WARDE Associate Editor Of The Militant 635 Fulton Street

"MILITANT" WAS FIRST TO DEMAND GIS' RETURN

The Militant was the first newspaper in the United States to demand: "Get the Boys Home!" It has consistently defended the just demands of the serviceven. As early as May 12, 1945, in an editorial The Militant demanded: "Withdraw the Allied troops from Europe!"

Editorials and articles regularly repeated the demand. On October 6, 1945 an editorial in The Militant commented on the situation in the Far East and called upon the labor movement to "demand the withdrawal of Allied troops" from that area. "Bring the soldiers back home!" The Militant insisted time and time again.

"Their demand to come back home must be backed to the hilt" declared The Militant on October 20, 1945.

On November 3, an editorial in The Militant under the caption "Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!" said:

"Millions of American troops are being kept abroad for occupational forces. They are being forced to act as brutal imperialist police in the interest of Wall Street. These troops are the sons, brothers, husbands and loved ones of the American people, particularly the working class. The greatest immediate service the American workers can perform for world working class freedom and in their own interests is to compel the American imperialist government to withdraw all American troops from foreign soil."

On November 10, 1945 the "War Veterans" column in The Militant reported the mounting resentment of the GI's and stated that "the Army and Navy are doing nothing to speed up demobilization . . . the government has ships to burn . . . it moved millions of men to the battlefronts" . . . yet Brass Hats claim demobilization is slowed by lack of transportation.



These returned veterans, leading the picket lines in the recent strike of 8,000 Timken workers in Canton, O., represent a typical strike scene in America today.

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

-Leon Trotsky

An Inspiring Example

One of the fears gnawing the ruling class of America is the inspiring example the present strike wave and the GI demonstrations have set for the workers of other lands.

The working people of Germany, of Japan, of Italy, as well as the working people of the colonial and semi-colonial lands, have been held in subjection partly because of the terrible defeats inflicted on their labor movement in the past. After severe defeats, the oppressed masses sometimes need years to recover their self-confidence. Discouragement, a feeling of hopelessness and apathy sway them, draining their energies. The rule of tyranny seems invincible.

Victories of the working class can break this hypnosis almost overnight. A heroic upthrust of the working class in one country serves to awaken and arouse the workers of the entire world.

Equally important in inspiring the oppressed colonial peoples and workers of other lands is the demonstration that America is by no means united in schemes of conquest. They see Wall Street opposed by the American workers, and its Brass Hats defied by Americans soldiers. American imperialism is thus revealed to be far weaker than it appeared on the surface. With friendly forces inside the United States fighting the common foe, the toiling masses elsewhere conclude that their own struggle has far better chances of success than they had hoped.

What hopes must now be reviving in the minds of the workers of Spain and China, for example, when they see how the American workers shake their fist in the face of the nost powerful tyranny in history—Wall Street! As the class struggle in America reaches new heights, far surpassing any previous battles, how the class-conscious workers in other lands must feel fresh confidence in their own powers, if only they organize and follow the militant example of the American workers! How the hundreds of millions of oppressed people of India must be watching the American workers and soldiers, absorbing the lessons of militancy and mass organization in their struggle against imperialist rule! The beleaguered Indonesians and Indo-Chinese battlers for freedom undoubtedly hail the GI demonstrations and great strikes in the United States. To them it means a powerful ally has come to their aid. It means fresh forces are dealing blows against the common enemy-Anglo-American imperialism and its satellite capitalist classes.

age of his post to spread reactionary ideas that tended to set creed against creed and race against race among the ranks. On the other hand the men know which of their own ranks proved exceptionally able and progressive in ideas, which ones gained through their exemplary conduct the confidence of their comrades in arms.

Election of officers would thus constitute a great step toward weeding out the most reactionary elements, advancing those who represent genuine democracy and breaking the Prussian caste system in the U.S. armed forces.

"Company Security"

In their life and death struggles against the giant corporations, the workers confront the grave peril of "company security" propositions designed to cripple their powerful organizations and convert them into house-broken unions.

Ford, General Motors, G.E. and others have put forward demands for such "company security" clauses in any negotiated contracts. For example, under pressure from the Sinclair Oil Co. and Truman's fact-finding board, the leadership of the CIO Oil Workers International Union last week agreed to the inclusion of a no-strike clause in the contract. They also agreed that if any employe disregarded this prohibition the company had the right to cancel the national agreement on ten days' notice. Finally they agreed to suspend immediately any striking union members and permit the company to fire them. The officials are now trying to thrust these unionbusting proposals down the throats of the oil workers, who are vigorously protesting against them.

The Kaiser-Frazer agreement just concluded by the UAW-CIO likewise contains in its bonus incentive pay arrangement, nothing less than "company security" with the poison bait of a bonus.

The Press Steel Unit of Ford Local 600 and the Greater Flint Industrial Union Council have passed resolutions bitterly condemning all such union-busting proposals and urging the UAW-CIO International officers to "wash their hands" of them. The Briggs Local 212 has taken similar action.

These militants understand what a terrible menace agreements of this type are to the entire labor movement. In the hands of the corporations they can be wielded to victimize, the best union members, hamstring the union, terrorize its ranks, and cut the union to pieces.

The workers must be on guard against any attempts to impose such vicious clauses in their pending contracts. All "company security" clauses must be opposed and rejected.

Two Americas

In the great wave of strikes and GI demonstrations, two Americas are locked in combat. One is the America of Wall Street. This is the America of the ruling 60 familias-the bankers, industrialists and big commercial interests; the America of the leisure class-stockholders, society lizards and assorted parasites.

On the surface, the America of Wall Street appears all-powerful. It counts its dollars in the tens of billions. It holds the means of production. It emerged victorious in the Second World War. Its garrisons encircle the earth. It controls the government. It threatens humanity with the atomic bomb. The dream of this imperialist America is world empire. Out of the ruins, devastation and death of the Second World War, Wall St. hopes to impose on the globe the "peace" of conquest such as the Roman Empire imposed on the ancient world. To convert this dream of a power-drunk ruling class into reality, Wall Street requires the fulfillment of two conditions: At home, a working class broken to servile submission; abroad, hundreds of millions of colonial slaves held in abject subjection by brutalized legions of military police.



"He's really just a big child at heart."



FIVE YEARS OF WAR PROF- | through 1939, are revealed in the | break-even point, and even lar-ITS, 1940-1944 COMPARED pamphlet:

Profits before taxes rose 276 TO FIVE YEARS PEACE-TIME PROFITS, 1935-1939; per cent; from \$933-million to published in 1945 by CIO Unit- over three and one-half billion. 115-million dollars in net profcent from \$576-million to one

> Undistributed profits rose 81 per cent from \$585-million to \$1-billion.

In open and concealed profits the industry "earned" over \$2billions in the five war years. Thus the millionaire stockholders reaped ever more millions in dividend payments: "Dividend payments rose 82 per cent, from \$419-millions to \$765-million."

How the vast manufacture of

raise. the instruments of death has re-To begin with, the pamphlet inforced the whole financial points out, the United States position of the steel corpora-Steel Corporations (Big Steel) tions is further revealed in the "is in the best financial position pamphlet. Total assets of the of its history." Enders M. Voor- steel corporations rose 22 per hees, Chairman of the U.S. Steel cent, from \$4.86-billion to al-Corporation, made this boast at most \$6-billion. a Chicago press conference, December 14, 1944.

years rose 68 per cent, from \$1.2-"What is true of U. S. Steel billion to \$2-billion. General reholds for the steel industry as serves rose 283 per cent, from The aluminum trust, whose a whole," the pamphlet con- \$103-million to \$395-million. tinues. "Never before have the The total financial resources union, is 100 per cent owned by steel companies been so rich.

tion the steel industry has charg- funds) rose 131 per cent from 200 "Little Steel" corporations, ed the American people over two \$689-million to \$1.6-billion.

ger refunds if they suffer operating losses-refunds that are very much greater than the Profits after taxes rose 113 per its after taxes they averaged before the war.'

These stuffed-to-bursting corporations today have the impudence to plead "poverty" and demand a steep steel-price rise! The pamphlet contrasts this enormous wealth with the financial position of America's steelworkers. "In five years of war work they (the steel workers) have accumulated only a total of \$285-million in savings, or \$600 a worker." Here is the answer to those who contend that the steel workers have put away large savings!

It is informative to recall who are the owners of the steel industry, and the main stockholders, to whom this immense wealth and power is presented on a silver platter. U. S. Steel, the first billion-dollar corporation in America, is owned by the House Working capital during these of Morgan, which also owns more than three-fourths of the iron ore reserves in the United States. workers are part of the steel of the steel industry (excluding the Mellon family. Bethlehem "For five years of war produc- statutory and potential tax re- Steel Corporation, largest of the also shows a dominant Morgan billion dollars in open and con- And now, after they have wal- and Mellon interest. These are



By CHARLES CARSTEN-

Terminal Leaves Show Class System Why don't enlisted men get terminal leaves? Officers are given up to 120 days. Here is a case of the most flagrant discrimination.

Officers accrue leave time at the rate of two and a half days a month while they are in the service. That amounts to thirty days a year. Leave time is cumulative from year to year.

By the time they are discharged, they generally have from 90 to 120 days of leave to their credit. Officers receive full pay for this time before they are officially mustered out. This includes pay for rations, quarters and allowances for dependents.

During these three or four months officers can do whatever they please. They can survey business opportunities, look for a position, readjust themselves to civilian life. All the while they receive full salaries.

In addition they receive the same separation pay given to enlisted men - \$200 for 90 or more days of duty in this country; \$300 for overseas duty.

Enlisted men receive no terminal leave. All they get is the separation pay which is barely enough to re-outfit themselves with clothes. Hence they must immediately go to work or live on their meager savings.

Why this discrimination?

Enlisted men served equally long periods in the army. Hazards were as great for them as for the officers. The health of the enlisted men was impaired as much or more by service in the Army and Navy. They suffer as much as officers do from "battle fatigue" and nervous conditions produced by combat. They received much lower wages than the officers.

Why isn't leave time for enlisted men cumulative as it is for officers? Why don't GIs get paid for three or four months while they visit friends and relatives, readjust themselves to civilian life? Why don't they receive full pay while looking for a job? Apparently the government believes a long vacation with pay is one of the privileges that must be reserved for "officers and gentlemen."

This is just another aspect of the class system of the Army and Navy. It is part of the system of class discrimination observed every day in civilian life. The wealthy enjoy privileges denied the poor. # Most officers, and all those of high rank, come from families of the middle class or the capitalist class. They share the same arrogant attitude toward enlisted men that bosses have toward workers.

While in the Army or Navy, as every GI soldier and sailor knows, officers had the best quarters, the best food, a liquor ration, transportation facilities and far more freedom than the enlisted men.

Members of the capitalist class, the officers' class, normally have these advantages. Money and social connections make it possible for them to live in a way that is beyond the wildest dreams of GIs and workers. Wall Street arranges for the members of its class to enjoy similar privileges while they are uniform.

Terminal leave is another part of this favoritism. It is like the signs GIs have seen and resented in every part of the world -- "For Officers Only." This sign bars enlisted men just as price bars workers from exclusive restaurants, night-clubs and resorts and keeps them from living in fine apartments and homes.

Everyone knows enlisted men are more deserving of terminal leave than the officers. GI and veterans are bitterly resentful of this final act of discrimination.

By organizing in alliance with the workers, veterans can force the government to change the situation. They must demand terminal leave for en-

ed Steelworkers of America, 23 pp., 25 cents. and one-quarter billion. This timely and attractively illustrated pamphlet was prepared by the Research Department of the CIO United Steelworkers of America. It proves with irrefutable facts and figures how the rich and powerful steel corporations during the war years gorged themselves

upon a feast of profits unprecedented in history. It decisively answers any argument as to how justified the steel workers are PROFITS OF DEATH in demanding their \$2 a day

Democratic Rights In the Armed Forces

Wall Street plunged America into the Second World War ostensibly to end totalitarianism and bring democracy to the world.

However, the very armed forces Washington sent abroad were modelled on the Prussian system. The main characteristics of this totalitarian system are blind obedience of the ranks, a vicious segregation that sets officers apart as a privileged caste, and denial of basic democratic rights.

So rigid was this reactionary pattern imposed on the armed forces that a serviceman could not even write Congress without fear of Brass Hat reprisals!

Every serviceman should enjoy his right to free criticism. If he has grievances, it should be his unquestioned right to lay them before Congress.

Every serviceman should enjoy the right to freedom of speech, freedom of press, and freedom of assembly. If he has important considerations to bring to the attention of his buddies or of the civilian population, it should be nis inalienable right to organize meetings where he can freely express his opinions and to publish those opinions in the press.

Every serviceman should be able to organize politically. If he has political views which in his opinion deserve consideration, it should be his unquestioned right to argue, debate and organize for his point of view.

These are only the most elementary democratic rights. To further democratize the armed forces, officers should face the test of free election. The men know how officers performed, who proved incompetent, who unnecessarily endangered lives, who took advantThis is one America.

The other America is the land of the working people, the overwhelming majority of the population who work for a living. Working class America wants to live in fraternal broth-erhood with the rest of the peoples of the earth. This America abhors bloodshed, violence, slavery. It is the America of democracy, freedom and opportunity, the America that believes in abundance and prosperity for the average family.

The future of working class America lies on the road to socialism, to a planned world economy tht will fraternally develop the backward areas and gear the resources and labor power of the entire earth into the production of boundless wealth for the enjoyment of all mankind.

The real power lies with this working class America. At the first assertion of its organized might, the glittering facade of Wall Street's power is being shaken and exposed. The strikes and GI demonstrations revealed Wall Street as only a tiny, fumbling minority, sapped by all the weaknesses of a blind, decayed, outlived ruling class determined to block the organized will of the majority.

But this treacherous America of Wall Street is skilled in minority rule. Pressed back by picket lines and GI demonstrations, the Wall Street dynasty will retaliate and hope to recoup on the political field. It will set in motion laws and measures to straitjacket the masses.

Working class America must thus organize politically if it hopes to win the final battle with Wall Street. Working class America must enter politics with the same militancy it has displayed on picket lines and in GI demonstrations. Right now this means organization of a Labor Party based on the trade unions. To carry forward the battle against Wall Street, let every militant do his utmost to organize a Labor Party for working class America!

cealed profits. About one bil- lowed in super-profits for five the decisive powers in the steel lion of these war profits have war years, the U.S. Government industry.

been kept by the industry — has prepared for these profit-It is this handful of greedy added to its total financial re- hogs a post-war feast, which is billionaires against whom the sources, while other millions have given the fancy name of "statu- hundreds of thousands of steel been concealed. 765-million ad- tory and potential tax refunds." | workers and their families are ditional dollars - more than The pamphlet states: "In ad- | today girding for their gigantic three-quarters of a billion have dition the steel companies will battle. This pamphlet by the been paid out to stockholders." receive over 200-million dollars CIO steelworkers provides a po-

The staggering profits of this in statutory refunds of excess tent propaganda weapon in the steel octopus during the five profits taxes. And they can ob- workers' arsenal. war years compared with the tain funds from the Treasury if five peace-time years, 1935 their operations drop to the

Reviewed by Larissa Reed

Congressmen At Work

A tender subject with Wall Street's Congressmen is the dough they shake down in their racket. Many Senators, for instance, claim they can hardly make ends meet on a bare \$10,-000 a year salary and some \$3.-000 a year for expenses.

The ones who have to pinch and skimp by on their salaries alone are always thinking about a raise. The ones who were born rich, or those who have made the grade with the profit-bloated corporations and Big Banks, use

the salary for pin money and Washington bureaucrat has his oppose any raises. They argue arms deeper in the pork barrel it's best to look like you're suf- than a Senator. Bankhead of fering in public office. It would Alabama added the painful fact be bad publicity, they maintain, that "In many instances, in adto clip the public treasury for dition to salaries which are a heavier take while you crack higher than the salaries receivdown on labor for trying to keep wages within a reasonable dis- automobiles are supplied." tance of the skyrocketing cost of living.

Just before taking their threeweeks Christmas vacation, a on this point. clique of Senators went hog-wild clique of Senators went hog-wild "Yes," responded Senator and made a motion to give them-Bankhead with emotion. "In selves a \$2,500 pay boost. To hear some cases officials are supplied them tell it, what a tough row with two or three automobiles, they have to hoe! Some explain- as well as chauffeurs . . ." He ed how they had two homes to slipped the Senators the latest keep up, one in Washington, the | flash about the "Maritime Com-

penses being higher than the purchase seven airplanes. Free government allowance. Some automobiles do not travel fast complained about the cost of enough. Of course, the furnishing living going up. Some grieved of the airplanes would include over the terrific rise in income expenses for pilots."

taxes-when they imposed stiff income taxes on the lower brackets to pay for the war, they somehow overlooked exempting mourned Senator Bankhead. their own salaries.

"The officials who are now Maybank of South Carolina furnished with long, sleek limproved that many a judge or ousines and chauffeurs, as many



bureaucrats are," continued Senator Bridges, speaking from long experience in Washington, "would not be satisfied with airplanes unless they were also furnished with pilots, co-pilots, and good looking hostesses."

Bankhead reminded the Senators of their poverty-how they have to "go around trying to catch a ride, thumbing a ride from time to time in order to get downtown, or to reach our apartments."

Bridges, his feelings getting the better of him, wondered what would happen if a proposal were made that "each Senator and Representative should be furnished a long, slinky Packard limousine or Cadillac limousine, with a chauffeur such as every bureau in Washington has, at least one, and sometimes more?" "I would need the detail of a whole regiment of soldiers to get me out of the Senate Chamber." responded Bankhead cynically; 'if I seriously made such a pro-

But the majority of rich Senators ganged up on their poorer colleagues and killed the motion to step up the racket for all it is worth. Their destitute fellow capitalist politicians are left to struggle painfully along on their measly, little \$10,000 a year salary and some \$3,000 a year for expenses."

Pittsburgh

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listed men on a fully equal basis with officers. And for those already discharged, full pay for the three or four months leave they had coming.



Steel shares are having a spree on the stockmarket. Despite strike threats, production declines and the general economic uncertainty, the speculators are boosting up the price of steel stocks in an orgy of "optimism."

The optimism is not unfounded. Gain or lose, operate or shut down, the steel industry faces the next several years with the vision of guaranteed profits milked right out of the U.S. Treasury-that is, out of the pockets of the American people.

To begin with, the steel moguls are getting an estimated \$200-million refund of excess profits taxes. This comes under the heading of a section in the 1945 Federal Revenue Act which provides for a 10 per cent rebate of wartime excess profits taxes paid by the corporations.

In addition, under what is known as the "carryback" provisions, the tax laws provide for payments to the corporations out of the U.S. Treasury in the event they sustain losses during 1945-46-47.

From these tax refunds, if the steel industry merely breaks even in 1946, it will snatch a total of \$149,-138,781. That's greater than the average annual prewar profits of \$115,000,000. For eighteen leading companies, the refunds are as follows:

United States Steel Corp\$	67,340,000
Bethlehem Steel Corp.	17,563,000
Republic Steel Corp.	6,370,000
Jones & McLaughlin Steel Corp.	6,028,750
Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company	4,800,250
National Steel Corp.	7,507,000
Inland Steel Company	6,374,000
American Rolling Mill Company	4,468,000
Wheeling Steel Corp.	3,185,000
Crucible Steel Company	1,719,000
Colorado Fuel & Iron Company	1,183,000
Pittsburgh Steel Company	1,183,000
Sharon Steel Corp.	482,300
Lukens Steel Corp.	605,150
Alan Wood Steel Company	574,210
Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp	1,201,200
Midvale Company	1,201,200
Rustless Iron & Steel Corp	395,850
Grand total of the government's gift t companies is \$132,136,960.	-

That's what keeps the steel stocks speculators st happy. And that's what keeps the steel barons set arrogant in their attiude toward the CIO Steelworkers and its just wage demands.

ed by Members of Congress, "And chauffeurs," interpolated Senator Bridges of New Hampshire, who is especially sensitive posal."

other in the home state. Some mission or the Civil Aeronautics pointed to their traveling ex- Board" requesting "authority to

Senator Bridges gulped. "And probably co-pilots and hostesses." "The Senator is correct,"

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

GM Strikers In Flint Eager For Militant **Editor:**

strikers marching the picket lines from the shop has signed up for for the needed 30 per cent inwease in pay, but in the process their militant struggle comes imultaneously a political awakming

I recall the difficult days passng out The Militant to reluctant the shop have been doing their workers at factory gates, and picking up nearly a third of them after they had been disinterestkdly thrown away. No More!

The extensive distribution of The Militant is accepted eagerby the picketeers, and is servng to influence their political thinking in working class terms. The Militant is being recognizd by many workers as the maintained for 24 hours at each abor paper of the strike - so much so that in one day alone, 10 new subscriptions to the paper were obtained. Nearly all comments are favorable. We are rebuked for publishing it only pnce a week!

Forty new subscribers in one day-that's the tune today. In simple arithmetic that adds up to a political awakening.

F. B. Flint, Mich.

Soldier Tells Why **Japanese Workers** Go On Strike Editor:

I have a very interesting letber from a friend of mine who was recently sent to Japan. As I interest, I am quoting a portion

"A high monthly salary here is 20. A lot of the Japanese are striking for higher wages. Some ning to face facts squarely in the face."

I believe that news from Japan is very light, and if anything further of interest is received by me I will send it in.

> A. Bronson San Francisco, Cal.

AFL Machinists In Solid Strike at **Gould & Eberhardt**

for five weeks. They are members of the International Association of Machinists, Local 571. Their

strike vote was 323 for, 12 Not only are the Flint GM against. Practically everyone picketing, and has been taking his turn, regardless of the terrible snow storms and cold wave which hit this state during the entire month of December.

share, and the few veterans who have already returned home have joined in labor's battle. This plant manufactures gear-cutters and shapers, but it is as dead as any shut-down war defense plant shortly after V-J Day. After two weeks, none of the office workers or supervisory employes cross-

of the three gates of the plant. And the office workers are now being organized.

picket headquarters, the workoffered nothing more than a $7\frac{1}{2}$

70 cents and \$1.20 an hour. Imagine supporting a family on forty hours of work at those scales of pay.

morale by the conviction of the

teen per cent increase. They are firm and confident, and know breaking away from the old-sys- country will win for them the tem of mythology and are begin- increases that they are more

> The nickets and shop stewards that I met as I distributed The Militant were all friendly and glad to see a paper that carried news of 'abor's fight everywhere.

The 12 women who worked in

ed the picket lines, which are

To keep warm and for a

five weeks ago. Since that time they have made no move whatsoever, to meet or negotiate with

the union. And the rates are

Like the bloated, huge corpoprofited from the war and audaciously try to trample and believe that the news may be of crush the unions. But these workers maintain their high

100 yen, which is equivalent to fight. They are only asking fifare demanding 400 per cent in- that the strength of their union, prease in salary. I can't say I and the general battle of the blame them. They seem to be labor movement throughout the

than entitled to and need.

justice and the necessity of their

All felt that Stamford, Conn.,

by its general strike demonstration had shown the way to publicize and fight against the corporations. These were AFL trade unionists, and they wished for a nounced that the cost of living unified demonstration with the CIO in this area. It's good to see An independent survey of the



TRUMAN

compel it to take action on his 'desired" and "must" legislation.

This legislation is about as folows: The establishment of "factfinding" boards for the purpose ers secured a tent, then they of preventing (read: breaking) rented an old bus, fixed in a strikes during which time the stove and got themselves set for workers would be compelled to a long siege. The company has | take a 30-day "cooling off" stay of action while the fact-finders per cent increase, and this was pursue their leisurely way.

But the workers have had a 'cooling off" period, beginning shortly after Pearl Harbor, Mr. Truman, and are getting hotter and hotter.

Besides, what facts are they that the government wants? The facts that the corporations are enjoying the lushest profits, rerations these smaller firms have serves, sinking funds and contingencies in the history of American capitalism? To say

nothing of postwar tax rebates running into the billions (while the workers were denied even the pitiful \$25 a week jobless compensation?) But everyone knows these facts already.

It is indeed strange that the government as tax collector does not already have in its possession all the essential facts as to the assets and financial conditions of these war profiteers.

Should such "fact-finding" boards be set up and legalized by Truman and Congress, the outcome would be the same as the "fact-finding" machinery set up by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944 to look into the Little Steel (big steal) wage-freeze, price control and other parts of the "hold the line" order. It will be remembered that the government through its Bureau of Labor Statistics an-

THE MILITANT

GI's Letter Tells Troops' Anger

Editor:

Dear folks.

eligible men.

The following letter on the Army's demobilization system was written to me by a soldier in Guam. It's a perfect example of the mood of the American soldiers, who are demonstrating all over the globe, to demand "Get Us Home!"

A Reader

Guam, December 13, 1945 still waiting here, their air priorities cancelled without any explanation, for all they know fore-

Indianapolis, Ind.

doomed to anywhere from three more months to Yes, as the army has announced, there is unthree more years out here. Meanwhile Colonel doubtedly an increase in shipping. Once again our great and honored military leaders have Storrie, Wing commanding officer, flies home to Texas along with other big "wheels" who have proven their amazing ability to deal with the spent their few daily working hours since August most difficult and critical situations. The shortexhorting the men to be patient and to live like age now is not in shipping, but in number of soldiers.

By conveniently dropping the discharge score No effort has been made, except in isolated by only 5 points this month, the army is able to instances, to improve the food, recreational or reveal that it is ahead of schedule. What schedentertainment facilities . . . but daily inspections ule! It's like a railroad scheduling a run between are becoming routine, and such important matters New York and Chicago in ten days, and then as the wearing of the uniform and saluting are crowing because it was accomplished in seven. becoming re-emphasized under penalty of court Who the hell is being duped? Certainly not the martial, Half-hearted attempts at educational prosuffering soldier himself. grams invariably bog down and fall through, In October, you may remember, it was anmainly because officers are unwilling to grant nen even a part of the free time they arrogantly

nounced that all troops in the ETO with a point score of over 44 would be on their way home by January 1st. Now, in December, they state that they hope to get 55 point men out of Europe by New Year's ... while countless 60, 70 and 80 point men are being held under an "essential" clause. December was to have been the biggest month for discharges, if you recall. But now we find that with a monthly separation capacity of at least 1,200,000, only some 800,000 actually became eligible during December, resulting in some AAF separation centers, at least, closing down

for good. But the War Department eligibility score did not stop the Air Forces from releasing 45 point men in the States, beginning November 15, on a surplus basis

Who the hell are they deceiving with this eligibility stuff? If the Army is ahead of schedule, then it's damn sure time to change the schedule. They treat the point system, which was inaugurated only as a makeshift stopgap between V-E Day and W-J Day, as though it had all the pontifical infallibility of the Ten Commandments. Where does the Army get the right to deliberately hold men in overseas theaters doing abso-

lutely nothing, while ships rust in the harbors . because the men are not ELIGIBLE? Then, by God, they have the nerve to say that the national security is being endangered by the "hysterical" demobilization . . . while all the way

around the world, really hysterical high ranking men are deliberately provoking and fostering international situations . . . anything to keep making the exorbitant salaries . . . anything to convince the American public that troops are needed.

The mammoth injustice, the filthy politics and the bungling muddle-through inefficiency of the entire Army system has never been shown so apparently and in a worse light than in the criminal handling of demobilization. They have an unbroken record of not keeping their word.

Yes, even the poor suckers who reenlisted dur- chin up somebody takes a poke at it." The old ing November after they were promised immediate air transportation back to the States, are me . . . and I'll bat your-brains out.

ples should be closely linked. anoiacs are as bloodless, as The widest publicity should be heartless as are the scientists' given to evidence that at the machines that measure us, gaugpresent time new recruits are ing death's approach, when we



Last week's issue of The Mili-, ers in UE at Westinghouse, UAW workers in Harrison and Bloomtant carried an "on the scene" refield and steel workers in Newport by Evelyn Atwood of the Stamford General Strike. A brief account of how The Militant came to be distributed at the bor's gains. demonstration will be of inter-

est to our readers.

Comrades Spangler and Singer of Connecticut arrived in New York early Thursday morning where they were reinforced by Comrades Morgan and Jensen. These four comrades rushed over to the printshop where The Militant was rolling off the press,

grabbed all the available papers and stacked them in a car. Comrade Spangler now con-

tinues: "What a powerful sight met our eyes when we arrived in Stamford. Thousands of union workers were carrying banners

pledging support to the striking Yale & Towne workers. Shops and stores on all sides of the streets were closed down tight for the length of time the demonstration was in progress.

"We started to distribute The Militant and in no time at all the 1500 papers were gone. We could hardly pass the papers out fast enough, so eager were the workers to get it-they literally pulled the copies out of our hands."

J. Smiley of California, a new

ark, the only paper that has consistently fought against Wall Street's aims to take away la-"Last week we distributed about 1,000 papers to workers of Western Electric in Kearny. and from the comments we heard they were favorably impressed

with the story Alan Braden wrote on their scheduled strike. We intend to follow this distribution up with others." . . .

PAGE FIVE

The month of December has been quite a fruitful one in which many workers became acquainted with The Militant. Since

the termination of our nationwide campaign on December 9 through the end of the month we have obtained the following subscriptions:

180 new six-month subscriptions.

32 new one-year subscriptions.

- 1 six-month renewal. 4 one-year renewals.
- 7 new one-year combination

subscriptions to The Militant and the Fourth International.

Clara Kaye of Chicago writes: Am enclosing another batch of new subscriptions obtained by the comrades in the Calumet Steel area. The fact that the official sub campaign is over doesn't seem to concern theme

they go right on plugging.'

subscriber, sent in for a one year subscription for a friend, and added the following: "I have read several copies of The Militant, and would like to congratulate you for the good work. I am glad to read the 'other side of the question' that practically all of our present day papers neglect. More power to you in the future.

"I was reading in the last issue about the Socialist "Workers Party. Any information that you could send me would be greatly appreciated." . .

Ruth Laurie of Newark writes: We want to order 2,000 copies of this week's Militant. As the strike wave spreads, we want to distribute to thousands of work-



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

"training" to serve the whims and tender mercies of the heel-clicking morons who make up America's Nazi military aristocracy, I would have him ent to jail for a like period of time . . . for at least there he would be able to retain some concepts of human dignity and freedom and would at least see the purpose behind the strict authority. And rather than vote for ANY ex-general, or

ex-admiral for public office, no matter how high or low. I would instead cast my ballot for the town degenerate. That's the way I feel about these sons of bitches, and God help any one of them that has the misfortune to come under me in the years to come, for I'll cheerfully twist the knife in him. Law is one thing, and discipline another, but the supervised system of serfdom that composes the military caste organization is intolerable to a supposedly free American citizen.

I suppose that right now I feel fed up with the whole thing; still I'm afraid that in the future just the rankling memory of the past three years will be enough to spoil my digestion for days.

assume for themselves-but let a General make

an inspection and by God, the entire outfit will

stand at attention half the afternoon on a con-

Of all the stupid, hind-sighted, feudalistic, in-

human, arbitrary systems ever imposed on free-

thinking men, the United States Army is the

damndest, blackest and worst. The average prison

is a relatively liberal and enlightened institution.

In fact, rather than agree to allowing any Ameri-

can boy in the future to be drafted for a year's

crete runway under a merciless sun.

I don't recall having written in this vein before or even complaining very much in letters, but the end is almost in sight, this helps to get it out of my system, and perhaps it will prevent you during the intervening weeks from writing such complacent nonsense as "Keep your chin up." You don't know it, but every time you put your army "fair play" system is "You play ball with

Pioneer

Notes

The new second, enlarged and

revised edition of Charles Jack-

son's very popular pamphlet, A

Practical Program to Kill Jim

The eagerness with which the

branches of the Socialist Work-

Editor:

AKRON

There are many workers in this area who work in small plants and are striking with the same tenacity, determination, and courage as the workers of the large corporations, but their plants are less conspicuous, and their strikes are hardly heard of. Therefore, I'd like to tell of one Editor: such strike, for the fighting spirit of these workers is great in spite of their isolation.



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Manhattan: Neighborhood Stands:

the solidarity everywhere as lalabor members of the board in bor today is asserting itself. **R.** Laurie Newark, N. J.

The Workers' Needs . BLS report. And Truman's Proposal

President Truman' has asked

a thoroughly documented and analytical report PROVED that the over-all cost of living had gone up 46 per cent. or double the percentage given by the lying

All this, however, did not prevent Roosevelt from accepting

ful for whom?

the patently false BLS report and coming forth with the demagogic statement that wage and price controls had "proved" remarkably "successful." Success-

a "fact" to a pot-bellied bour-

geois that a pair of shoes which

not a wage decrease!

Proof that demobilization is not Also, at that time the labor proceeding as it should must be members of the board had inpublicized at every opportunity. cluded taxes as a decrease in That only the enemies of labor purchasing power and quality can benefit from the continued ears. deteriorations as price increases. drafting of the youth of the na-The BLS indignantly rejected tion should be pointed out. this method. Evidently, it is not

arise.

Detroit, Mich.

nothing as the dead need noth-

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ing their lives away in every con-

ceivable idiocy of self indulgence,

devoured gluttonously all mate-

And these homilists, these

hypocrites, these fear-bitten par-

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rial good things.

only lasts six months costs twice as much as a former pair for The Sleeping Giant the same price which lasted 12 Of Labor Is Stirring months! Or that the monstrous

Editor: tax put on the wage-earners was The urge to fill the world with homilies so manifest in Amer-It is such chicanery and trickica today may after all be a good ery to which the "fact-finding" sign. We bear up under this volapparatus of the bosses' governcanic eruption of moral tripe, ment resorts. That the present wondering, waiting. May it not boards appointed by Truman will be that our homilists, like some produce more of such lies and sensitive gauge of the scientists. deceit cannot be doubted by anydo but record with trembling the

one except the most optimistic stirring awake of the giant who has lain sleeping for countless G. H. R. St. Louis for nothing, seemed to want

For More Articles **On Veterans' Needs**

Editor:

dullards.

I wish to call your attention to what I think is a serious fault with the article on veteran's problems in The Militant. First there is too much generalization. The answers to the problems are too general. The complete failure to deal with the veteran's organizations (The Veterans of Foreign Wars and The American Legion) and their activities; particularly their public statements which effect the unions. A series of articles should be written calling upon the unions to support the veterans in their demands and for the organization of the veterans by the union. The question of national defense, compulsory military training, and the use of American troops and equipment against colonial peo-

being indoctrinated by anti-labor lie in sick bed. The pseudo-relifilms and other propaganda. It gious bell-wethers are the shield is further evident from training and buckler of the sadistic bosses. problems given these troops that And the bleating lambs as they they are to be used against the are led to the slaughter, bleat workers if the opportunity should | that the pursuit of happiness is an inalienable right bestowed on

An exposure should be written us by them that's above. These on how censorship was abused lambs assure us, solemn as owls, by the brass hats, how they abusthat for the first time in history them that's above have let us Crow, is now ready for distribued their privileges, and generally announce this inalienable right. tion. the hostility of the enlisted men 's it any wonder that our homtoward the officer caste. Individilists use every device of evaual veterans might be encouragsion, concealment, double-crossed to write in their experiences.

ers Party have been awaiting ing and get away with it! this pamphlet is demonstrated Kant's common sense dictum: We are here to do our duty and by the many advance orders we not to be happy" falls on deaf have on file. Toledo wants 200; Kansas City

On December 31, 1943 a cer-J. Roberts

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tribution.

New York Open Forums

Sunday, Jan. 20

Downtown:

"The Meaning Of The Strike Wave And

The Soldiers' Demonstrations"

Speaker: William Warde

Harlem:

"The Indonesian Struggle for Independence"

Speaker: Mr. Andu, President of Indonesian

Room 23

Club of America

50; Buffalo, which never got its tain group of seventeen men and full quota of the first edition, has one woman began to serve their sentences in federal peniten- an order on file for 100 copies. tiaries. Were these eighteen of New York Local had a standing

the Minneapolis Labor Case, order for 1,000 copies and took agitating for a better world, purthe first bundle of pamphlets as suing lollipops or were they acsoon as they were delivered. tuated by what they regarded as Philadelphia has an order for their duty?

300; San Francisco wants 200. That opiate of the people. pseudo - religious philosophy Youngstown has had an order (apologies to Karl Marx for the on file since October 3. correction!); seems under the We have a score or more inquickened pace of the times to

dividual orders waiting delivery, be losing its effect on the besome of them from the deep fuddled giant wallowing in the sloth of ages. south. The drugged giant is shaking

8 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

The first edition of the pamphhimself awake. He seems to have let, published in August 1945, centuries—this giant who asked determined that his wife and had an exceptional response. The children shall have proper share entire edition of 10,000 copies nothing, seemed indeed to need in the fabulous wealth he was sold out three weeks after the date of publication. The day Let us hope that this time our after the National Red Sunday thunderbolt — forging Cyclops thunderbolt — forging Cyclops will make his ultimate goal not Workers Party, held September expropriation but equitable dis-

11, we received more re-orders than we could fill! Joseph McNamee The Los Angeles branch of the New York, N. Y.

SWP sent copies of the pamphlet to the Negro press for review. Three days later they received a letter from an editor of one paper, asking for information about the party and the conditions of membership. The Los Angeles Sentinel recently reprinted the entire pamphlet in its columns.

A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow, by Charles Jackson, sec-ond enlarged and revised edition, 10c. Order from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.

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

Government operation of all idle and governmentbuilt plants under workers' control!

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

2. Independence of the trade unions from the government!

No restriction on the right to strike!

3. Organization of the war veterans by the trade unions!

4. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!

Down with Jim Crow!

5. Working class political action! Establish the workers' and farmers' government! Build the independent labor party!

6. Tax the rich, not the poor!

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

7. A working class answer to capitalist militarism!

Military training of workers, financed by the goverment, but under control of the trade unions! Trade Union wages for all workers in the armed forces!

8. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands!

For the complete independence of the colonial peoples!

Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1946

Lenin, International Leader and Teacher of Labor, Fire in Fontana "No Accident," Left Rich Heritage to Aid U.S. Workers' Struggles **Declares Expert**

By Ruth Johnson

"This epoch is the epoch of gigantic catastrophes, of violent mass military decisions, of crises," said Lenin in March of 1918. "This is only the beginning.

Today, on 'the twenty-second anniversary of Lenin's death, colossal new crises arising out of the Second World War make Lenin's words and deeds of vital importance to the workers of America. Today the most powerful imperialist force the world has ever known — American capitalism is being shaken. While nation-wide strikes show labor's determination to resist the hunger plans being paid agents of German Kaiserism. Lenin of Big Business at home, vast demonstrations in its far-flung armies threaten to loosen Wall Street's grip on the spoils of the Second World War.

When this militant working class of America learns the road of Lenin, it can serve to free not only itself, but the whole world from capitalist bondage.

Lenin, who led the workers of Russia to victory in the October Revolution of 1917, had supreme confidence in the world working class. Born in 1870, he was the son of a director of elementary schools in the Volga provinces, and the brother of a revolutionist hung by the Czar. Within a month after he entered law school at Kazan University, Lenin was expelled for revolutionary activities. From Kazan he went to Petrograd to build the first working class circle of revolutionists.

Lenin founded the "Union of the Struggle for the Emancipation of Labor" in Petrograd, wrote its leaflets, and published his first illegal pamphlet "On Fines." He strove to raise the workers from economic struggles to revolutionary socialist political action.

Imprisoned by the Czarist government and sent into Siberian exile in the 1890's, Lenin studied and wrote, pointing always to the need of building the working class party. In 1901, still in exile, he, together with other revolutionists, began the publication of Iskra (The Spark). Simultaneously he worked toward the formation of an underground organization.

In the Russian Revolution of 1905, Lenin played a leading part although he lived in Petrograd megally. He was quick to see that the Soviets, the Workers' and Peasants' Councils, which sprang up spontaneously in the 1905 revolution, would be the form of rule in the workers' state. He regarded them as the greatest contribution of the 1905 events to the revolutionary struggle.

Lenin Fought For Marxism

Years of reaction followed the 1905 revolution, but Lenin never lost heart. In emigration again in 1907, he helped to establish underground papers at Geneva, Paris and later at Crac. w. Lenin fought tirelessly for Marxism, against all those who sought to revise, modify, and soften the theory of the class struggle leading to the dictatorship of the proletariat, which will insure genuine workers' democracy.

When the parties of the Second International capitulated to support of their capitalist governments at the outbreak of the First World War, Lenin and a handful of other true internationalists met at Zimmerwald to reaffirm the principles of Marxism. At Berne and in Zurich, he rallied

Los Angeles CIO Demands

national socialism, writing joyously of every tiny gain

Then came the February, 1917 revolution, overthrowing Czarism in Russia. Lenin returned from exile, to take his place at the head of his Bolshevik Party. For him the seizure of power by the working class was the only way to win peace, bread and land for the people.

During the July Days of 1917, the provisional government under Kerensky launched an assault against the Bolsheviks, falsely accusing them of was again forced into hiding. When a new revolutionary upsurge came in September, Lenin saw that the time had come for the workers to take power from the capitalists and their agents. Lenin won over the party majority; the Bolsheviks took the leadership of the insurrection; the revolution triumphed.

But there was grave danger to the young Soviet Republic. England, France, America, Japan, threw armies of intervention against the workers' state. Counter-revolutionary armies were launched with Allied aid; by 1918, acute famine gripped the country. The left Social Revolutionaries began a policy of terrorism against the government. On August 30, Lenin was shot and severely wounded by an SR terrorist. Fanny Kaplan, After many days of lingering between life and death, his powerful constitution and iron will prevailed. Lenin lived, although his health was impaired, until January 18, 1924.

The Lessons Of October

The Russian Revolution had shown the workers f the entire world the way to power. The masses led by the Bolsheviks had overthrown the capitalist property system, nationalized incustry, and instituted a planned economy. Lenin, however, never envisaged this as the completion of the task. He was above all an internationalist. To him the October Revolution in Russia was only the first in a chain of uprisings which would sweep away capitalist privileges and power everywhere, and create the conditions for a socialist world.

That is why he, together with Trotsky, founded the Third International to provide the necessary leadership for that struggle.

The wave of reaction which follow a the defeats of other revolutions in Germany and Hungary inevitably had serious effects upon the Soviet Union and the Third International. After Lenin's death a gang of bureaucrats who spoke in Lenin's name but trampled upon all his teachings and practices, rose to the top in the isolated workers' state. They consolidated their totalitarian rule. The monstrous crimes and betrayals of Stalinism -the opposite of Leninism-have greatly imperilled but not wiped out the basic gains of October-nationalized property and planned economy. These remain.

Lenin's Concept Of Party

Lenin's greatest contribution to Marxism — the example of the kind of party which will lead the revolutionary workers — also remains.

Lenin's party was based upon democratic centralism; complete democracy within the party. iron discipline and centralism in the struggle the ticket window, thus prevent- the crucial card. Negroes applya little group of workers to the banner of inter- against all other forces. In 1904 Lenin wrote, on



NICKOLAI LENIN 1870 — 1924

the nature of the Bolshevik party: "The proletariat is not afraid of organization and discipline! The proletariat is trained for organization by its wanted.

Chicago SWP Joins Militant Demonstration Against Jim-Crow Policy at Skating Rink

geoisie.

America.'

the American workers.

and lead a revolution.

By Clara Kaye

CHICAGO, Jan. 10-The Chicago branch of the Socialist Workers Party joined forces last Saturday night with the local Committee on Racial Equality to stage a 3-hour picket line in front of the White City Skating Rink at 63rd and South Parkway, a \odot

notorious Jim Crow estab- approximately equal number of lishment in the heart of the CORE members.

Negro community. The picket MANAGER ARRESTED line was composed of both whites and Negroes, many of them World War II veterans. The CORE, an interracial or-

ganization dedicated to the fight against racial inequality, had a successful demonstration in which Negroes, upon being de-.

The police force was on the scene from the outset, with ten policemen flanking the five rink attendants guarding the entrance. Since Negroes had been excluded previously on the pretwo weeks previously conducted | text of no "membership cards," the management, in order to

avoid a charge of law violation, was forced to exclude all wouldnied admission, refused to leave be skaters who could not produce ing the sale of tickets to any- ing for cards were informed that no new ones could be issued unone. The management was forc-

til "old members" dropped! Poed to close the ticket office on lice cooperated with the Jim work.

By Jean Simon

(Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10-The too simple "accident theory" of the cause of the mysterious fire which destroyed Mrs. Helen Short and her two small children in Fontana, California, December 16, was

rejected by an arson expert for the removal of Deputy Sheriffs "Tex" Cornelison and Joe this week. Glines. Paul T. Wolfe, expert invest-

igating the case for the National Association for the Advancement ward the program of real communism which led of Colored People, reported that own record, visited Short before the Russian workers to victory. In this country, the type of explosion and degree the fatal fire to inform him that only the Socialist Workers Party offers Lenin's road and his Bolshevik methods as a guide to indicate that some more ex- maintain as a "white" area. plosive substance than kerosene was present.

said James P. Cannon. National Secretary of the On the basis of his findings, 600 Workers SWP, on the 28th anniversary of the Russian the NAACP is demanding a grand jury investigation into the cause of the injuries and deaths. Demand Action Revolution, "the central issue of our epoch ---capitalism or socialism - will not be finally decided until it is decided in the United States of San Bernardino County au-

thorities — sheriffs, coroner, dis-Describing the party which must lead the strugtrict attorney and fire chief gle, Comrade Cannon continued: "This means a from the first have treated the party that is orthodox Marxist in its theory, that is firm in principle and strong in its unity and its discipline. Only such a party is fit to organize was filling a lamp.

"We are striving to build such a party in the United States, and we invite you to join us in the task," to join in preparing for "the socialist victory in America, which will insure the socialist mittee two weeks prior to the sary" to apprehend the assasvictory throughout the world." That will be the fatal fire. At the coroner's inonly kind of memorial our Lenin would have quest held only on the insistence

These two law enforcement officers, according to the sheriff's

of heat shown by his analysis of he was "out of bounds" because specimens of the earth and he was a Negro living in an area debris at the scene of the fire some local people desired to

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 - Condeaths and fire as a routine ac- demning the "incompetence or cident caused by a kerosene ex- indifference" of the New York plosion while O'Day H. Short police in the investigation of the murder of Carlo Tresca, some They refused to pay any at- 600 workers meeting tonight at tention to the fact that Short, Cooper Union Hall authorized the a Negro, had been threatened Tresca Memorial Committee to with violence by a vigilante com- take "any practical steps necessin.

Norman Thomas, Chairman of of the family of the dead womthe Tresca Memorial Committee, an, officials barred all evidence demanded that District Attorney dealing with the threats.

Meanwhile, the first public Hogan "answer in deeds, not in meeting on the Fontana case conventional denials," the queswill be held this Sunday evening tion of what his office is doing at the Embassy North Hall in to solve the murder. He pointfacts of the case and the lessons murder in amazing detail. to be learned from the tragedy.

Cable "Grab" **Reveals Sordid**

Allied War Aims proving the sordid character of national Ladies' Garment Work-Allied aims in the second World ers' Union declared: War, a particularly revealing item is the cable "grab" at Gi- and management are now in ses-

braltar. The only direct cable line be- iest hotels ... Whatever the decitween Italy and the United sion will be, it must be borne States formerly passed 65 miles in mind that 30 years ago, Carlo offshore from Gibraltar. During Tresca was a leader in one the war, British naval engineers of the bitterest steel strikes in cut this cable and towed it to this country. As a pioneer labor the British fortress. Now the British refuse to give iron workers' strike, he paved the it up. In fact they have turned way for the steel workers to win over the cable to a private con- a place in the sun, by demandcern, Cable and Wireless. Con- ing the industrial form of organsequently all cable messages between the United States and dustry." Italy are now under control of this concern. If it wishes, it can Mayor LaGuardia of New York, route all messages to Italy via London - which would give the man, State Commissioner of La-British a higher cut in the share bor Edward Corsi, and Eleazer of tolls. Before the war, this cable paid its holders about \$1,500 a day. Not a big item in the light of the billions poured into the war machine, but pocket money just the same for the British capitalists. And so Cable and Wireless now refuses to give up the cable. At a private hearing before an Allied Commission on the matter, a company official argued that his company had suffered war damages, and consequently was entitled to reparations. Apparently the argument convinced the Commission. On January 4. Cable and Wireless announced it is now prepared to accept messages to Italy, subject of course to re-routing through London.

Los Angeles by the Socialist ed out that two years have elaps-Workers Party. Comrade Myra ed since Il Progresso Italo-Ame-Tanner Weiss, organizer, will ricano, pro-fascist paper pubspeak on "Vigilante Terror in lished by Generoso Pope, carried Fontana." She will describe the a news article describing the "How did Il Progresso know A further development this that the escape car waited in week was the demand by a Citi- West 15th Street?" Thomas zens' Committee in San Bernar- challenged. "Was it mere coindino, county seat near Fontana, cidence?" He stressed also that several close friends of Tresca still have never been asked to tell what they know of Tresca's en-

emies. Both Stalinists and fascists hated the anarchist leader, who had attacked them relentlessly in Il Martello. Describing Tresca as a great

leader of labor, Rose Pesotta, for-Among the wealth of facts mer vice-president of the Inter-

"The CIO Steelworkers union sion in one of New York's swank-

And **Allied Rule** The following item is translated from the December 22 La Verite, organ of the French

Trotskyists. It is a letter from a reader: (1) In 1940 I saw a notice posted on the walls in Warsaw-"Any person found car-

rying arms will be courtmartialed. (Signed) Oberkommando, Warsaw." (2) On November 28, 1945, read in the press-"The

Command of the British Military Forces in Batavia warns that any person found carrying arms after 24 hours will be shot." I am enclosing a contribu-

tion of 50 francs for your

Nazi Rule

whole life, much more radically than are many

puny intellectuals." And again, in 1920: "I re-

peat, the experience of the victorious dictatorship

of the proletariat in Russia has clearly shown even

to those who are unable to think, or who have

not had occasion to ponder over this question,

that absolute centralization and the strictest dis-

cipline of the proletariat are one of the funda-

mental conditions for victory over the bour-

It is the Trotskyists alone who under the ban-

ner of the Fourth International today carry for-

"Regardless of victories or defeats in one coun-

try or another, or even one continent or another,"

Return Home of China Gls

By Al Lynn

(Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9 — Meeting in front of City Hall tion by negotiations between on Saturday, January 5, at the call of the Los Angeles CIO Dictator Chiang Kai-shek and Council, 100 workers demanded immediate withdrawal of the Chinese Stalinists. At all American troops from China.

From the City Hall the dem-.

enstrators marched almost a stration was due to the almost mile to picket the Chinese con- complete lack of advance prepasulate. Along the way they dis- ration. No leaflets were seen extributed leaflets demanding: cept for those distributed by the,

"Bring the Boys Home!" In support of the demonstra-

distributed thousands of leaflets calling for solidarity with picket line stated they first learnthe revolutionary struggles of the workers of all lands and for ed about the demonstration from the SWP leaflet. the complete independence of

the colonial peoples. The Stalinists, who dominate The small size of the demon- the CIO committee that organ-



M. WALKER

SWP Organizer

any moment they expected a sell-out by Stalin which they would have to greet with loud hurrahs. Not liking to be caught

in the usual abrupt about-face, they played it safe. Leading Stalinists in the CIO were conspicu-

ous by their absence. The role of the official organ of the Stalinists, the Peoples World, was the same. The dem-Several CIO members on the onstration received only brief mention. The Stalinists once more re-

ized the demonstration, were

placed in a very awkward posi-

vealed their complete incapacity to organize demonstrations in support of international solidarity. Only the Trotskyist program

can give correct direction to the struggle against imperialism.

> Akron Lenin Memorial Meeting Friday, Jan. 25 Speaker

Grace Carlson **Akron Militant Club** flying in the air. 405-6 Everett Bldg. 8 p.m. 39 East Market St.



that Saturday, one of its busiest | Crow management by ordering nights, consequently losing huneveryone without cards to "move dreds of dollars. on."

Hearing of the struggle When, however, the attendants launched by the CORE against defiantly allowed several white at which time a jury trial was the rink's brazen violations of people in without cards and con-Illinois civil rights laws, the tinued to oppose the entry of Ne-SWP promptly announced its groes, two of the barred Negroes, willingness to participate in a after consulting with attorney united action. The CORE eager- M. Meyer and Lt. Cullnan of ly accepted the offer at their the police force, swore out an meeting late Friday night. By arrest warrant against White Saturday night at 8 p.m., 25 City's manager, charging him members of the SWP, armed with direct violation of the with placards and leaflets en- state's civil rights laws. He was titled "Smash Discrimination!" | arrested, put in jail and releashad been mobilized into the joint ed on \$800 bail. A hearing was demonstration, together with an set for the following Monday,



By Clara Kaye and Florence Hayes (Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Jan. 13-Militant distributors were viciously attacked today' by Stalinists in front of the Chicago Coliseum, where the local Communist Party was holding a Lenin Memorial Meeting.

As five Militant distributors approached the entrance, Com- violent attempts were made to luminate the picket signs, while munist Party members in a inflict bodily injury on them, but head-on attack attempted to all were repulsed, due to the efwrest a bundle from a woman's fective defense organized. Each hands. Clutching the papers woman distributor was constanttightly, she kicked and bit as ly guarded by a squad of defendthey shoved her. Seventeen ad- ers. In a final feeble effort, the ditional comrades rushed to her

defense. A wild melee ensued, Stalinists requested some of the with fists, shouts and Militants distributors to leave, threatening As the crowd dispersed, the

distributors reorganized into ed, they were forced to stand on strategic groups. Several more



members carried through the distribution of 1,000 papers to a highly successful conclusion, not leaving the scene until it was almost completely deserted.

One of the Underground Fighters of the Warsaw Ghetto.

scheduled for February 4 at the Criminal Courts Building, 26th St. and California.

The rink management was visibly shaken by the diminished attendance caused by the pickets, whose determination found full reflection in their protest signs: "The SWP Fights For Social Equality," "The Draft Boards Did Not Exclude Negroes," "Vet-

erans Want Democracy Here," White City Hate Program Must Stop," and many others.

TO CONTINUE FIGHT Passersby not only paused to read all the signs but some remained to help picket. When the rink management turned off the marquee lights in an effort to reduce the effectiveness of the picket line, neighborhood youths appeared with flashlights to ilthe line circled on, singing, undaunted by the semi-darkness and the cold rain.

The CORE and the SWP are determined to continue the fight. Another demonstration, which promises to be the largest yet, dire results if they refused to will be held this Saturday, obey. Finding themselves ignor- January 12, at 8 p.m. A leaflet signed by both organizations will the sidelines, muttering or frustbe distributed to the high school students and the people of the community on Friday and Saturday, urging them to join the

demonstration. In addition, the support of other Negro, labor and progressive organizations is being enlisted.

The struggle against White City is considered to be the opening gun in a campaign to smash discrimination in all skating rinks and amusement centers in the city of Chicago. The to rout the vengeful Stalinists SWP is giving wholehearted support to this fight and will continue to do so until it is won.

> Ask Your Shopmate To Subscribe to The Militant

leader during the Mesabi Range ization for all workers in that in-

Other speakers included former Harry Kelly, Prof. Eduard Linde-Lipsky, recently-resigned assistant to Attorney Hogan.

"The Four Freedoms"





Protest The Massacre Of The Colonial People!

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

TOLEDO MASS MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 20, 3:00 P.M.

Speakers:

CHARLES JACKSON

Writer of 'Negro Struggle'

FREDERICK DOUGLAS **COMMUNITY CENTER**

Auspices: Socialist Workers Party

201 Pinewood

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1946

World-Wide Protests Climax Long GI Drive for Prompt Demobilization

By Charles Carsten

The world-wide GI demonstrations climax a long camnaign of the veterans to get back home. With the declara- men home any faster. Trying to tion of "V-J Day," the millions of men dragooned into the throw the blame on labor, they armed forces considered the war over. When Congress continued to keep them over-@

seas, unrest among the sol- 14 Record. "If conditions contin- redeployment of troops. ue as they are," he said, and if diers swiftly mounted. the announced program is car-The 97th Division, for instance, ried out, "there is literally going redeployed from Europe to the to be hell to pay." Pacific, protested while cross-An apologist for the Army, ing the country.

"We're being sold down the Congressmen were meeting the passengers. They saw ships lyriver while Congress vacations," demands of servicemen by a "lot ing idle in the harbors. GIs the men told a Militant corres- of demagoging" and said that "as wrote to the newspapers and pondent. They plastered the members of Congress" we are Congress exposing the lies of the sides of the railway cars with "swamped by an avalanche of Brass Hats. slogans: "They're Shanghaling mail from naturally disgruntled us.'

Other divisions, treated in a America." similar manner, likewise protest- HANDED 'SILLY' JOBS ed. Washington ignored them and continued to send veterans of the European war to the Pacific.

GIs wrote their friends and relatives. "Put pressure on Congress to act!" The GI's folks re- around," a soldier bitterly wrote. sponded. A letter-writing campaign reached large proportions. Yet, Congress took no action. but silly," he concluded.

LETTERS POUR IN

write Congressmen themselves, Army Air Force men held a prozation. Writing to Congressmen South Dakota on September 1, the Brass Hats and is likely to press signed "The Voice of the entail reprisals against the men. 2,000," which concluded with the GIS ORGANIZE But despite the efforts of officers terse demand: "These men want to stop the campaign, letters by out. Out of the Army and fast." individual GIs and groups pourof the world.

Army Brass Hats replied there weren't enough ships to bring the brazenly asserted that waterfront strikes were delaying the

SHIPS LIE IDLE

Men in the Far East and in Europe knew this was not true. They had seen ships leave ports Representative Short, admitted for the United States without

They demanded action from and discontented people all over the stalling Congressmen. Letters were stamped: "NO BOATS - NO VOTES." This slogan

In letters to Congress men said echoed the sentiment of every GI in service. It struck at Wall hive" and complained about the Street's lackeys where they were most tender. Congress replied slowly being killed by the way with more demagogy, but did useless work. "Our minds are nothing to meet the demands of the Army is throwing us the marconed men.

Now Brass Hats admit the de-"We are doing such details as sweeping the ground, day after lay in demobilization is not due day, which is not only depressing to a lack of shipping space. On January 4, Lt. Gen. Lawton J.

Collins, director of Army Infor-As Congress failed to act, the Servicemen then began to GIs became more indignant mation, announced that men overseas with sufficient points demanding immediate demobili- test meeting in Sioux Falls, could be returned within three months. He said ships will beby servicemen is forbidden by 1945. They sent a letter to the come surplus because of the slowdown in demobilization.

This came as no revelation to men overseas. They knew long The GIs abroad began rubberago there were enough ships. While the Brass Hats and Congressmen lied and stalled, the GIs organized. Mimeographed form-letters demanding immediate demobilization were dis-

tributed among the men. These were sent to Congressmen. Cir-

cular letters repeated the same demand. Letters to Washington reached flood proportions. Cables signed by individuals and groups of hundreds and often thousands of soldiers poured

into Washington. The pressure the public." GIs were now boiling over

with anger. They could see no reason for policing the Philippines which have been promised independence on July 4, 1946.

They saw no reason for remaining in China to bolster the ruthPicketing Western Union in Manhattan

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This is a bird's eye view of the picket line thrown around the main building of Western Union in New York City. The CIO American Communications Association tied up Western Union in the country's financial center in protest against a War Labor Board reduction of a previous wage award made by the Regional WLB. World-Telegram Photo by Ravenna

Huge Profits Fatten Up **Meat-Packing Barons**

By Robert L. Birchman

In his pre-World War I novel, "The Jungle," exposing the vile conditions in the meat packing industry, Upton Sinclair wrote of the packinghouse barons: "What they wanted from a hog was all the profits that could be got out of him; and that was what they wanted from the with a return to a 40-hour week; working-man, and also that states the union, "alone will en- have a long history of brutal was what they wanted from able packing companies to increase their wage rates nearly

This is just as true today, as 10 per cent." Unprecedented Heaven"—to the open shop days proved by the admitted wartime profits combined with lower proprofits of the meat barons who duction costs more than permit fired"; to the "no overtime," "no cry they "cannot bargain to raise wages above the company's abil- the companies to pay the 25 cents ity to pay" (George A. Eastwood, an hour wage increase demandpresident of Armour & Co.) ed by the union.

Here are the war profits of the Some of the larger indepen-"Big Four" in the packing in- dent companies have indicated dustry: Swift & Co. profits soarthey are willing to grant a $17\frac{1}{2}$ ed from \$24,901,133 in 1941 to cents increase now and another \$59,752,937 in 1944, an increase $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents if the rest of the industry does so. Certainly this is proof enough that the "Big Four"



The Anti-Negro Pogrom In Manila

According to a United Press release from Manila, Janary 9, an anti-Negro pogrom has been initiated in the armed forces. A Negro GI was shot dead by a sentry after, it is claimed, he "refused to halt" while emerging from the 10th Quartermaster Depot "with a bundle."

To indicate their resentment against such brazen persecution ed in economic struggle against taking place in the "postwar" the bosses for wage demands, period and in "our own" colony, the capitalist ruling class tries the Philippines, the other color- through its various agents to ined soldiers from the dead man's stigate race riots and thus dicamp "seized weapons from their vide the workers and set them supply room and fired them for against each other. It is no acan hour as a demonstration cident that most of the bloody against his death." United States Military Police have been started in industrial

camp for firing guns into the worker and vice versa was at its air. They made no mention of highest pitch. holding the white sentry who LIKE DETROIT ruthlessly took the life of the Negro GI.

Before we write this off the of the rabidly anti-Negro policy its character and timing.

During the last few days and bloated corporations. weeks there has been a series of

itant mass protest action, as as the civilian workers. They thousands of GI's, white and col- are directing their protests today. ored, attempt to crystallize their against the top Brass, as they did determination to get back home. before against the corporations The demonstrations against de- and their governmental agents. mobilization delays, beginning in In Detroit the cops started off by Manila, have spread to the In- shooting innocent Negroes and dia-Burma Theatre, Germany, then arresting still more, to put France and Hawaii. In Frankfurt the blame on the victims. Now the pitch has risen to such a de- the sentry kills a Negro and the gree that the Big Brass was Military Police arrest 80 workers will receive less than \$30 forced (and this is an extent to Negroes who protested this act. per week-and many much less." The entrenched, and for years

packing trust, are preparing for disperse them. war against the workers. They union-busting. They want to reand wounded; they have been turn to the days of the "Packers' war." They now resent being get home.

of "if you don't like it, you're held in these foreign countries for the sole purpose of keeping the native people subjected and seniority," "no guaranteed work protecting the properties and inweek," the "25 and 321/2 cents vestments of American capital.

TIMED MURDER

But the workers have learned well the lessons of the past, of 1886, 1894, 1904 and 1921, when tion and rioting in an attempt to viks" were responsible for this the packers succeeded in divid- stymie the common cause of both mass action on the part of the ing them on racial and national- white and colored GI's-that of homesick GI's.

race conflicts in this country announced that they had arrest- centers, and during the times ed 80 Negro soldiers from this when the struggle of boss against

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The anti-Negro terror in Manila is comparable to the Detroit pogrom of 1943. At that time labooks as simply another example bor was showing signs of throwing off the chains of government of the Southern - dominated "arbitration" boards and the nobrass hats and military police, it strike pledge, in order to better would be well to further examine defend itself against the increasing onslaughts of the profit-

Now it is the GI's who are usoutbreaks, characterized by mil- ing the same militant methods

which they do not like to go) to They thereby inferentially blame send armed paratroopers against the victims for the "riot." The unchallenged, barons of the the demonstrators in order to Detroit "riot" was timed to cause interracial strife and there-

These soldiers have been held by divide the rising workers. Now in the army for several years; the Manila incident is timed to their buddies have been killed cause increased racial hatred and thereby weaken and divert the told that we have now "won the common struggle of all GI's to

The Brass even utilized the GIs legitimate protest as an excuse to launch a red-baiting campaign, just as the bosses do when the militants in the labor movement demand a better deal The murder of this Negro GI by for the workers. Col. Charles A. the white sentry seems perfectly Mahoney in Yokohama charged timed to cause inter-racial fric- that "Communists and Bolshe-

High Officials and Generals Maneuver Against Soldiers

The world-wide protests of the GIs have thrown government officials and Brass Hats into a panic. Generals mounted. denied charges of "double talk" by the War Department. said the reason for the slowdown was "a changing international situation" and spoke guardedly of "International commitments."

On January 8. under pressure of universal GI protests, Presi- their manpower requirements to dent Truman was forced to con- the minimum." As though the less dictator Chiang Kai-shek. cede that there should be no re- War Department had never They had no desire to remain in-War Department's action slow- ordered a slowdown, he author- definitely in Germany and Japized commanders in a treach- an. They felt they were doomed ing down demobilization. to spend years in the hated Army of 140 per cent; Armour & Co., Truman said there was "a crit-erously worded statement to and Navy, away from families from \$27,123,362 to \$49,361,764,

ed into Congress from all parts stamping slogans on envelopes of letters sent to the States: The Congressional Record con- "WRITE YOUR CONGRESS-

tains many letters of angry pro- MEN"-"GET US HOME." test. A typical serviceman's warn- Worried Congressmen began to ing was read into the September question the War Department.

ical need for troops overseas." Disregarding the unanimous claims of GIs to the contrary, he declared demobilization was proceeding "with commendable ef- need." ficiency and with justice to all concerned."

Then General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff. issued an order on January 9 in which onet point during the Bonus he directed commanders "to cut March of 1932, felt constrained

Baltimore Phone Girls Support ACEW Strikers

Special To The Militant

BALTIMORE, Jan. 11-The telephone workers here have gone "all out" in support of in a powerful strike, officers nearly full blast late Friday. It the Western Electric work- speak of concessions. They hope Local service was normal, but ers who install their equip- promises will stem the surge of threatened. ment.

This morning at 6 a.m. the Association of Communication Equipment Workers set up their picket lines in front of the telrefused to pass the picket lines. described the GI protests in installations. Many of them joined the picketing during the day.

Tonight the Maryland Federa- threatened the men: "If you tion of Telephone Clerical Work- want to go home I'll take you ers decided to join the sympathy home. I'll see that you get to strike. They announced that my Yokohama prison." they had received no instruc- In Frankfort on the Main, tions from the National Federa- fixed bayonets and leveled rifles tion of Telephone Workers with stopped GIs attempting to prewhich they are affiliated, but sent their demands to General grievance.

workers, who have kept the dial during the march on headquar- demands for a 14 per cent wage mon-hour rose 50 per cent! Inphones in repair, were meeting ters. tonight to consider joining the strike.

is the beginning of their own ters "containing discourteous or fight for a \$2-a-day increase.

girls volunteered to take over order, he said, would bring dis- out there!" picket duty. One of them said, ciplinary action. "We attract more attention than

the men. We don't mind picketto be overworked and under- Washington gives them the Fisher Body plants in observance ductivity. paid." green light.

"continue to return to the Unitand friends. ed States without delay any men

Even General Douglas Mac- slow down demobilization. This or 116 per cent. was the spark that touched off

driven out of Washington at bay- stationed. to state the men were not "chal- Phone Girls

lenging discipline and authority." with Eisenhower he approved Back Strikers the policy of Lieut. Gen. Styer, commander in the Philippines, In Cincinnati who said "no mass disciplinary action has been initiated." TALK OF CONCESSIONS

Following the same policy as bosses and government officials telephone strike hit Cincinnati resentment and place them in a

more favorable position to retaliate later. However, even during the dem-

onstrations, the iron hand of equipment workers. The picket phone exchanges in Baltimore Prussian militarism appeared. group was stationed at the Sev-County. The 1,800 switchboard Col. Charles A. Mahoney braz- enth and Elm streets building operators, members of the Mary- enly admitted he "broke up" a which houses all long distance land Telephone Traffic Union, demonstration in Yokohama. He operations and important local peckets of the owners.

> Japan as "near mutiny." This arrogant Brass Hat

nounced they were not coming back. Afternoon shift switchboard employes are not reporting for duty, pickets said. By noon, 250 of the 400 long

building. The pickets were placed by the Association of Comhad decided to join the operators Joseph T. McNarney. Armed munications Equipment Workbecause they felt it was a just paratroopers dispersed the GIS. ers, 150 of whose local members per cent. In some meat canning About twenty soldiers were ar- struck Wednesday when West-

increase.

Shortly before ACEW officials In Honolulu, Lieut. Gen. Robert C. Richardson forbade dis- decided to place pickets one

that they are not only helping thorities by the staff of the Mid- into the Cincinnati Federation of cent." their fellow workers from West- Pacific Stars and Stripes. He Telephone Workers' office at the ern Electric, but also that this barred publication of gripe let- Gibson Hotel and demanded: "Where's that picket line! The derogatory statements against girls are wild . . . They want to From 1937 to 1940, for instance, All day long the switchboard any authority." Violation of this go out . . . Get that picket line while hourly earnings rose only

of UAW-CIO Veterans' Day.

or 82 per cent; Wilson & Co., In the face of this situation from \$11,240,000 to \$19,573,019, for whom there is no military the Brass Hats announced on or 82 per cent; Cudahy & Co., January 4 they were going to from \$6.083,022 to \$14,132,047,

For the eight largest packing-Arthur, who ordered veterans demonstrations wherever GIs are house companies, sales volume rose from the prewar 1936-39 average of \$2.2-billion to \$4.5billion in 1944, an increase of 120 per cent. At the same time,



By J. Christianson (Special to The Militant) CINCINNATI, Jan. 11 - The

paralyzed long distance service. per cent in 1936-39. Even after the war. Hundreds of workers brought

about the communication stoptax will mean additional tens of prices. page when they refused to cross millions in profits for 1946 and a picket line of the telephone thereafter. Swift alone, despite its huge net profits, paid \$34.-000,000 in 1944 excess profits

taxes. This will now go into the

PRODUCTIVITY SOARS

Girls who streamed out of the The future looks bright for building at lunch periods greeted the meat profiteers, due not only the pickets with smiles, and anto a vast demand for meat products combined with high prices, but to various plans to increase labor productivity and cut unit costs.

Thus, according to the U.S. fore Pearl Harbor, despite a 50 distance operators had left the Department of Labor, during the per cent hike in living costs. last three war years, man-hour productivity increased nearly 12 departments, reported the War The installation and repair rested for "disorderly conduct" tern Electric Co. refused to meet. Production Board, output per

cording to the union "provides for upping wages 12 per cent Shese telephone workers feel courteous reference to high au- young, pretty operater breezed without costing the companies a

Between 1919 and 1941, output per man-hour of labor in the industry increased 75 per cent.

workers at 12 local plants con- productivity. In the coming per-These are warning signs that tinued solid. Many veterans were iod, the companies admittedly Brass Hats are prepared to carry manning picket lines at the anticipate similar reduced labor ing, because we know what it is out a policy of harsh reprisals if struck Norwood Chevrolet and costs in terms of increased pro-

Elimination of overtime wages reports that "two-thirds of the

with their monumental profits and lower costs can pay the wages demanded.

VILE CONDITIONS

workers in an industry which reconditions imaginable?

This can be seen from one their net profits, after all taxes, fact alone: THE MEAT PACK-ING INDUSTRY PAYS OUT ably more than the percentage ONLY SEVEN PER CENT OF ITS EXPENSES FOR WAGES -THÉ LOWEST PERCENTAGE OF ANY INDUSTRY.

Even if every penny of a 25 For every dollar of actual or per cent wage increase were passclaimed capital investment, these ed on to the consumers in higher same eight largest companies in prices, this would add but 38 1944 grabbed a 25 per cent recents to the cost of each hundred turn as compared to "only" 3.9 pounds of dressed meat, or a third of a cent per pound. The taxes, this return was two and a meat packers' lobby, even without half times greater than before raising wages, has been clamoring for removal of OPA price

Repeal of the excess profits ceilings and sky's-the-limit

In the worst years of the 1929-39 depression, a 1938 Federal Trade Commission report showed, "the packers did not fare so badly," with all companies averaging a 4.43 per cent profit annually from 1929 to 1935. By

1934, the 11 largest firms enjoyed the quite handsome return of 7.22 per cent on investment. But for the workers, in the

"best" years, there have been no general wage increases in the packing industry since 1941, be-

Within a few months the prewar average of 38 hours per week will again prevail in the packing industry. At present wage rates what would 38 hours a week mean?

Existing straight time average earnings per hour are 87 centsin an industry that has one of the highest accident rates of any in the country, one out of every 12 workers in 1944 suffering a disabling injury on the job.

LOW WAGE-RATES

At the prewar average of weekly working hours, 38, the aver-The strike of AFL tool and die fell 16 per cent due to increased age packinghouse worker will earn at present wage rates only \$33.06 per week. Since at least half of the packinghouse workers are on straight time rates of 80 cents an hour or less, the union

ty lines, imported strikebreakers getting back home. It is calculat- Here as on the picket line the union.

an hour" days.

WORKERS LEARNED

Organized in a powerful in-What of the position of the vision of race, color or national- white. ity, the packinghouse workers, quires extremely hard toil under if their leaders do not sell them the most dirty and dangerous short, are ready to give an heroic accounting of themselves.

and used troops to break their ed to divert their natural ire only answer to such tactics of against the military tops into the divide and rule is the call by the fruitless channel of white leading militants for tighter and dustrial union that knows no di- against black and black against tighter solidarity between all races, religions and nationalities, That is the same tactic which and increased struggle against is used in this country against the common enemy - monopoly the labor movement. Invariably capitalism and its governmental when the working class is engag- and military agents.

Socialist Workers Party Branch Activities

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 -

Branch meeting 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 BUFFALO — Everý Saturday night, Current Events Discussion and Open House, at Militant Forum, 629 Main St., 2nd

floor. CHICAGO - Visit SWP, 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. Classes every Thursday: 'How To Prepare A Speech' and 'History Of Russian Re-

volution.' 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. 1106 S. Broadway, Blue Room, Cabrillo Hotel, or San Pedro, 1008 S. Pa-

cific, Room 214. Lecture Series On Current Strike Wave: "Wages," John Patrick; "Profits," Al Miller; "Prices," Gordon Bailey: "Jobs," Myra Tanner Weiss. Schedule: Central, 1106 S. Broadway:

"Profits," Jan. 25; "Prices," | PITTSBURGH-Militant Read-Feb. 1: "Jobs," Feb. 8. East Side, Folks Hall, 424 N. Soto: "Profits," Jan. 23; "Prices," Jan. 30; "Jobs," Feb.

San Pedro, 1008 S. Pacific, Room 214: "Prices," Jan. 25; "Jobs," Feb. 1.

MILWAUKEE - Visit the Milwaukee branch of the SWP at its headquarters, 424 E. Wells St., any evening from 7:30. Fridays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. MINNEAPOLIS-Visit the Labor Book Store, 10 South 4th St., open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Forum every Sunday, 3:30

p.m. EWARK - Open forum every Friday at the Progressive Workers' School, 423 Spring-

field Ave., at 8:30. Reading room and office open Mondays-Thursdays, 4 to

10 p.m. Militant Readers' Discussion Group meets every Sunday. 7:30 p.m. Round table discussion.

EW YORK-Registration open at 116 University Pl. for classes in Principles of Marxism. Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procédure.

Harlem Discussion Group meets every Sunday 7:30 p.m., 103 West 110 St., Room 25. Office open Monday to Thurs., 1 to 4:30, also Fri. and Sun., 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Brooklyn House-warming social, 635 Fulton St., Sat., Jan. 19 at 8:30 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.

ing Room, Seely Bldg., 5905 Penn Ave., corner Penn. Ave. & Beatty St., E. Liberty. Open evenings, 6:30 to 9:30, also Saturday 2-9 p.m. Circulating library. Class on fundamentals of Marxism every Sunday evening.

PORTLAND, Ore. - Visit the SWP headquarters, 134 S. W. Washington, 3rd Floor. Tel ATwater 3992. Open 1 to 4 p.m., daily except Sunday, and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday.

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

Friday night study groups: 'Introduction to Trotskyism,' 7:30 p.m.; 'History of Democratic Centralism,' 8:40 p.m. SEATTLE-Study groups every Friday, 7:45 p.m., at Seattle School of Social Science, 19191/2 Second Ave.; 1. Imper-

ialism; 2. Introduction to Socialism. ST. LOUIS-Visit our headquarters, 1023 N. Grand Blvd., Rm.

312, open Monday through Saturday from 12 to 2 p.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8 to 10 p.m.

TOLEDO—Forums every Tuesday. 8:00 p.m., Roi Davis Bldg., Room 304, 905 Jefferson Ave. Open evenings, 7-9. YOUNGSTOWN - Youngstown School of Social Science, 225 N. Phelps St., open to public Tuesday and Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5; also 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Monday through

Thursday.

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Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky (We reprint this week, one of the early columns by Comrade Kovalesky, which appeared in The Militant on August 17, 1944.) Dear Joey: We just received your last letter, and we're both as enthusiastic as you are about your fur-We intere, near the park, there are a lot of



lough. We hope it comes through soon. There is just one thing that I wish, though (I guess your dad is never satisfied), and that is that you had something a little better to come home

I don't know whether or not you saw it, but a little while ago in the papers there was a picture of Commando Kelly's homecoming, banner and crowds to welcome him ... but what struck me was the shoddy looking shack, a typical firetrap of a house for him to

to.

come back to. It was something like our house. It seems a shame, an awful shame, for a fellow to be over there going through hell every day, and then to come home to what the social workers and the "uppah clawsses" would call "the slums." It seems a terrible shame that when the fellows come home at last into unemployment and all sorts of privations, that these old frame shacks will be a little shabbier, a little creakier and saggier, than they were before all of you left.

Sometimes you forget about these things. Mom and I have lived so long in this place that we don't notice very much any more how crummy it is. But last week on my day off we thought we'd have an outing. We packed a lunch and took a streetcar to the park. (You know, Joey, it did my heart good to see Mom out in the open air. She forgot all about everything and just enjoyed herself, got about ten years young-



beautiful homes, big lawns with smooth, soft grass, tall trees, long driveways . . . everything to make a home beautiful. That is the way men should live. When you get out of the factory, out of the noise and grime, you want a clean, cool place where you can relax and live a little, where you can take a breath without smelling the coke oven, where you can go outside with a clean white shirt on, and it won't get covered with brown dirt in ten minutes.

With all the riches in the country, I should think it would be possible to have workers' homes some place where there were trees. That's what I wish you had to come back to, Joey, a little white place with shutters, trees, and maybe one of those white wooden fences around it. Mom would have roses all over the fences. She even managed to get a few sickly ones here. but they get all covered with dust and look pretty bad, although I always praise her about what swell roses she raises. Poor Mom tries so hard to get a little beauty here.

Well, Joey, there are two ways of looking at a thing like this. You can gripe, or you can do a little punching and fight for what you want. I've been punching for so many years now that I guess I'll have to keep it up. You can't teach an old dog new tricks, you know. Yes, I'm planning to keep on plugging, and maybe we WILL wind up that way, with a little fresh air and cleanliness for the workers and their wives and kids. It certainly is worth fighting for. Well, Joey, we can hardly wait to see you again . . . and I suppose you feel pretty much

the same way about getting home, even if "home" is pretty shabby.

By Jerry Kirk (Special to The Militant)

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 9-A red-baiting "anti-Trotskvite" attack on the Flint auto union militants in the Stalinist Daily Worker, January 5, has aroused great indignation among the General Motors strikers here and boomeranged against the Stalinist?

slanderers. Tex Owens, UAW Chevrolet Local president here, who is

Deserts to Bosses "quoted" in the Daily Worker as WARREN, O., Jan. 7-Vicone source of its "information" tor DeCavitch, international against the "Trotskyites," has revice-president of the CIO pudiated statements attributed to United Electrical Workers, has him in the Stalinist article, "Why presented his resignation to Chevrolet Local Fights The the executive board of the Trotskyites." Owens gave the lie union. DeCavitch will be a to the article in the presence of labor relations director for the Federal Machine & Welder Co. After seven weeks of the GM DeCavitch was long a leadstrike, this article provided the ing Stalinist in the CIO. He occasion for the first public apwas vice president of the Ohio pearance of the Communist (Sta-State CIO Council. At CIO linist) Party in Flint. This isstate conventions. this renesue of the Daily Worker was gade was notorious for his long distributed to CIO auto workers speeches laying down the lat-

Leading Stalinist

line. It is obvious that the Stalinists strikes to aid the GM workers, called for extension of the CIO hoped that this article, written sent pickets home—that is a lie by William Allan, a professional that requires no answer for any hack writer, would lay the thinking person. Only a Stalingroundwork for a campaign ist poison pen artist would have against the Flint progressives, the gall to attempt to peddle this the Trotskyists and The Militant, to the GM strikers here.

est changes in the Stalinist

The Chevrolet local has the ity among the GM strikers for its best picket lines in the city of accurate and sympathetic report- Flint, perhaps in the state of Michigan. After reading The

Chevrolet Local, and confirmed supports the GM strikers in every by Tex Owens. Interviewed by way possible. It is for this rea-Allan, Kelly is reported as saying, son that the paper is accepted in "He would be glad to tell us the most friendly spirit by all workers on the picket lines.

Thus, from beginning to end, the Daily Worker article is con-Then comes a horrendous tale, structed with crass falsehoods. attributed to Kelly, about some It is an attempt to stir up the "Trotskyites" posing for news- corporation stooges and the conpaper pictures before the Chevro- | servative elements in the unions let gate, with copies of The Mili- to begin a red-baiting campaign

Motors Corporation has hinted to their stooges through paid ad- erans' fight. vertisements that such a disruptive red-baiting campaign is in order. Walter Reuther, UAW vice-president, in his speech at Tex Owens is then said to have the GM strike mass meeting, replied, "That's right, Tom, tell nailed this attempt immediately when he pointed out that in the Throughout the article Owens is eyes of the corporation all new demands of the workers are viewed as "revolutionary."

CP leaders at Chevrolet put it,

The Line Held Firm!



On the second day of their strike / against the Western Electric trust, picketing members of the Western Electric Employes Association at the huge Kearny, N. J., plant were subjected to a company-inspired assault by 1,000 non-striking supervisory employes. The pickets fought back with determination and only 14 supervisors got past the picket line.

1,000 Detroit Veterans Parade In Solidarity With G.M. Strikers

By Kay O'Brien

DETROIT, Jan. 12—A thousand veterans of World music broadcast from the Mur-Wars I and II, many of them still in uniform, paraded to ray local sound truck, which prethe General Motors Building today in a demonstration of solidarity with the GM strikers. For nearly an hour they reached the General Motors circled the huge building,.

For the last few days General placards to show that the union fight is also the vet-

> The parade was organized by United Automobile Workers. Calling on local unions and vetalmost no advance publicity and in spite of bad weather, several

hundred veterans were on hand well before the appointed hour Several members of the Com- for the parade to assemble. Sevmunist Party of Flint have open- eral local unions also sent their ing a Chevrolet Local meeting. ly expressed to this reporter dis- sound trucks, including Murray Kelly is then quoted as saying, satisfaction with the Daily Local 2, Ford Local 600, and De-"In conclusion we passed a mo- Workers article. As one of the troit Transmission Local 735.

Building, they were joined by the carrying union banners and included "GI VS. GM"; "WE band and color guard from placards to show that the WANT UNION SECURITY NOT Chevrolet Gear and Axle Local GM GOLDBRICKS"; "I DIDN'T 235, which took its place at the FIGHT OVER THERE TO PRO- head of the parade.

TECT GM BILLIONS HERE": If there was doubt in anyone's "REHABILITATED VETS mind where returning service-, the veterans' bureau of the CIO WITHOUT CLOTHES OR men here stand on the issue of HOMES"; "FROM V-J DAY TO the union's fight for a wage in-VETS' UNION DAY"; and "WE crease and better working condierans organizations for support, MARCHED TO WAR. NOW tions, today's parade gave a deci-it received a fine response. With WE'RE MARCHING ON GM." sive answer.

> **Briggs UAW Local Scores Union-Busting Strike Fines** DETROIT. Jan. 3-Briggs Lo- 9-

Notes Of A Seaman By Art Sharon

Several weeks ago The Militant reported the clash within the top Stalinist clique of the CIO National Maritime Union leadership. The split



tors during the war.

The NMU membership was caught completely by surprise. They had been told all along through the official union organ and in meetings that they had the best set of union leaders in the labor movement.

Now they learned that their National Council was split, with Hedley Stone, Ralph Rogers, Tommy Ray, Alexander and Jack Lawrenson on one side and Blackie Meyers, Howard McKenzie and Joe Stack on the other. These latter apparently had the whip hand. The others either had resigned or were tendering resignations. All of them were doing this quietly. Were it not for the accidental letter of Rogers, they might have carried out their one common concern: KEEP THE DIFFERENCES QUIET AND ABOVE ALL AWAY FROM THE MEMBERSHIP!

Attempting to silence the corridor gossip and waterfront rumors, as recently as July, 1945, they issued a common statement of principles which ALL members of the National Council signed. This is a common strategem of Stalinist organizational policy. Whenever differences develop inside the bureaucracy, those who hold the upper hand strengthen themselves by getting the inside opponents to issue a pub

tion had decided that the minutes of the National Council were to be published in The Pilot. The leadership sweated a good deal during the National Council meeting trying to figure out how to keep their minutes from being published, but the argument that defeated them was NMU President Curran's assertion that copies of the letter were already in the hands of leading rank and filers in the union. Incidentally, since then the Council has published only a meaningless digest of decisions instead of its minutes.

The question that immediately arises is: Where does Curran stand in this internal struggle? Curran, in a speech to a membership meeting, spilled the beans. He traced the fight to the differences existing between the Foster and Browder factions inside the Communist Party and pleaded with the party bosses not to bring their disputes inside the union. He also gave as his explanation the bad personal relations between members of the National Council, and told several ludicrous tales of their squabbles.

. . .

Curran has had a difficult time trying to play a game of standing above the struggle without incurring the open wrath of the Communist Party machine. But he need not fear much. The machine apparently now needs him as much as he needs it.

The membership, or rather a very small section of it, had the luxury of hearing a discussion on the dispute at one meeting. But it has since been neatly shunted into a small committee, composed exclusively of National Council members, for investigation.

The report that will come out at the end of tion in our local that their lousy ther cover up the entire labor-betrayal record allowed to be distributed . .

which has gained great popularing of their strike. about the Trotskyites."

this reporter.

the corporation.

attending a mass meeting ad-

dressed by top UAW officers on

the progress of negotiations with

HORRENDOUS TALE

tant in their hands. Kelly in Flint and elsewhere. stated, according to Allan, "I RED-BAITING CAMPAIGN checked up later on this quartet and found that they had sent the workers home. Let me tell you some more about these people because we are sick of them in Flint and we are going to do a job on them, right, Tex?" him about the meeting."

quoted as a chorus to Kelly. The article continues with a harassing account about the "Trotskyites" allegedly disrupt-

Allan's article is based on Militant for seven consecutive statements allegedly made by weeks, these workers know that Tom Kelly, recording secretary of The Militant wholeheartedly

denying any differences.

This of course is aimed against the ranks, who above all must be kept from having any doubts about the bureauctacy.

Well, the game was somewhat spoiled when the Rogers letter to Curran had to be published in the NMU Pilot, since the letter was part of the National Council minutes. The NMU conven-

A GM Striker's Story By Grace Carlson

I talked with Ernest Dillard, a UAW militant, on the Fleetwood picket line on one of the early days of the General Motors strike. There was an



icy wind blowing down Detroit's West End Avenue that November morning, and the pickets, marching back and forth in front of the plant's gate, were stamping on the ground to keep their feet warm. "My feet are just about

as cold as Sloan's heart," Dillard exclaimed. The pickets near him

Grace Carlson greeted his wisecrack about the GM boss with laughs of approval and shouts "You said it, Ernie!" It wasn't easy to carry on extended conversation on the picket line, so Ernest Dillard invited me to visit his home.

I got a chance to visit the Dillards last Sunday afternoon. We had a fine, two-hour talk, which was all the more pleasant because most of it took place in the Dillards' friendly kitchen over an almost endless series of cups of coffee.

After 11 years of married life, the Dillards have become a real team-and attractive, 27year-old Jessie Dillard is not a silent member of that team! The mother of two growing children, Marilyn, nine, and Ernest, Jr., eight, Mrs. Dillard has found time outside of her household duties to take an active part in trade union and political work.

In the course of the interview I learned the story of how the Alabama-born Dillards had come to Detroit and become active in the union movement. Both Jessie and Ernest Dillard were born and raised in Montgomery, Alabama. When I questioned them about their education. Ernest said with a smile, "Well, I guess that 'education' is what they call what goes on in the colored schools in Alabama. But we got most of our education in the CIO here in Detroit-and it's been a good education, too."

When he was 12 years old, Ernest had to quit school and go to work. First as a dairy truck helper and later as a private chauffeur, he was paid \$4 per week! In fact, this was all he was earning when he married 16-year old Jessie Dawson on Christmas Day, 1934. But after their marriage, Ernest did odd jobs on the side, and raised his income to \$5 a week. Jessie got a job

But the record is against the Stalinist NMU leaders. They said so much during their past ing them throughout the union period of super-patriotism and said it so loudly and take the bull by the horns that it is remembered widely and well in the like we did in Chevrolet. Our ranks of the union. Nothing they said even six next move is to boot them out if

until their first baby was born in 1936.

ber. 1937.

patriots!

spoiled'."

fight this thing through."

eat more fresh fruits and vegetables.

Fleetwood, earning union wages.

capitalist mountains!

Then Ernest Dillard decided to go up North

to get a job. He arrived in Detroit in June, 1937,

and went to work as a houseman at the Gotham

Hotel for \$14 a week. Most of his wages were

sent back to Jessie in Montgomery. She needed

all the money that Ernest could send, and more.

because her second baby was born in Novem-

It wasn't until May of the following year that

Ernest was able to arrange to have his family

move to Detroit. But it wasn't until 1942, when

living. That is why the Dillards are such union

"You can easily see," Jessie Dillard said, at

one stage of the conversation, "why the Southern

bosses don't like to have their \$4-a-week Negro

workers go up North and join unions and 'get

They are the fifth column alright

know they will."

Tex Owens, union president, what he thought of Kelly's statement. Tex said, 'Tom speaks my sentiments about these birds, as a cook for \$1.50 a week, and the Dillards exactly.'

*managed to get along on their combined income ANSWERS STALINISTS

Immediately after the mass meeting at which the Daily warning to all thinking workers men marched northward. Be-Worker with this lying account Owens and found him surrounded by Chevrolet workers. One executive board member

was questioning Owens in re- vance of the militant forces in gard to the article. He asked. the union. Was it true that there was any disruption at the last meeting of the local?"

he went to work as a welder in the Fleetwood Owens replied, "No. There was plant and received union wages, that he was able none.' to provide his family with a semblance of decent

He was then shown a copy of the Daily Worker. In answer to a question from this reporter about the other statements attributed to him in Allan's ar-

ticle, Owens said: "I never confirmed any of these statements in this paper. don't recall Kelly making any

"Yeh, and these GM bosses would sure like such statements to Allan. You to push us back to those starvation wages." can quote me on that." Ernest Dillard broke in. "But we're going to Kelly did not deny giving the

eport to Allan. However, he I pulled out a clipping from the Detroit News, sheepishly dissociated Owens which reported that 801 GM strikers had applied rom his own remarks to Allan! for relief and asked whether they had been re-The statement about the ceiving relief. "No, we're luckier than the Chevrolet Local barring The others," answered Jessie Dillard. "Ernie has Militant by passage of a motion been getting a little unemployment compensation. is a pure Stalinist invention. One He was laid off at Fleetwood after V-J Day, so wonders how even the brazen he was eligible for it. \$24 a week compensation |Stalinists hoped to palm off such isn't much but it's better than \$10 a week relief." a piece of outright fiction on the No, \$24 a week isn't much for a family of four Chevrolet workers.

in 1946! The Dillards have had to cut their food PURE INVENTION allowance to less than half. Where they used to

No ruling against The Militant order two and a half quarts of milk a day, they has ever been passed by the lonow get only one quart. The whole quart goes to

cal. Even Kelly has admitted the children despite the fact that the doctor has to this reporter that this is the ordered Jessie Dillard to drink more milk and real fact of the matter. On the contrary, The Militant is being And even the inadequate \$24 a week compendistributed, and has been each sation won't last much longer. But the Dillards week, to thousands of Chevrolet aren't whining. They think that the union will pickets, who receive it eagerly. win the strike and that Ernest will be back at As for the truly fantastic

charge that Trotskyists, who This is the kind of faith that will move fought the no-strike pledge

sheet, The Militant, shall not be botched the job!"

These Stalinist rank and filers Building.

members of the Communist Par- | carrying the colorful banners of Allan then writes, "We asked ty. Only the corporation and its the local unions, including UAW stooges can benefit from it.

> This first attempt of the Stalinists to open a smear campaign and a crippled navy veteran. against the militant workers here has boomeranged. But this some in uniform and some wear-

BUFFALO CIO SPONSORS NEW PRO-LABOR VETERANS' GROUP

BUFFALO, N. Y. - A veterans' committee has been set | tional provisions for trial of perup by the CIO Council here to organize returning veterans, both union and non-union, into a real force solidly united

the labor movement.

tee of the Greater Buffalo Industrial Union Council, CIO, the new organization has met several times. Already representatives from veterans' committees in several local unions are participating, and a campaign is unions in this area to set up similar committees.

A three-point program has been adopted. The committee will fight discrimination against veterans, who are not granted unemployment insurance while on strike: it will fight the practices of employers who attempt to cheat returning vets by forcing them to accept poor conditions and lower wag is than they

in the terrible housing situation. The committee is preparing a job in their own local unions, by series of leaflets on these issues, sending delegates to the area throughout the war and have for distribution by local vet com- veterans' committee.

"I don't know why Allan had to ond Ave. and Warren and cal 212, CIO United Automobile lie about those points. He sure marched north on Second nearly Workers, today issued the text a mile to the General Motors of the local's executive board resolution condemning the "comknow that a red-baiting cam- At the head of the parade were pany security" proposal of the

paign in Flint, such as this ar- an army captain and sergeant, UAW leaders to the Ford Motor ticle attempts to provoke, will be both in uniform. They were fol- Company as a "union-busting directed not only against the lowed by a large color guard of measure" and a "stab in the back months ago can now be repeated—an unenviable they continue to disrupt and we Trotskyists, but also against soldiers and sailors of all races to the General Motors workers." Local 212's resolution, which has been sent to other UAW lolocals 2, 3, 7, 42, 155, 190, 400 and cals, reads as follows:

600. In the center of the color Whereas: The demand for a guard marched an army nurse 30 per cent wage increase being The main body of the parade. pressed by the UAW is a legitimate and just demand and is a miserable flop should serve as a ing UAW caps, spread out for a demand which is fundamental to distance of several blocks as the all labor, and

inion, and

management.

any such measures when propos-

Be It Further Resolved: That

copies of this resolution be sent

to the International Officers,

Executive Board, to all UAW Lo-

READ

ed by management, and

Whereas: The strike being and members of the Communist hind the huge banner reading was distributed, I sought out Tex Party of the lengths to which the "VETERANS OF WORLD WARS General Motors Corporation for cynical and corrupted Stalinist I AND II SUPPORT UAW-CIO leaders will go to halt the adimportant ever waged by workcarried scores of picket signs. ers in this country, and "FROM FOXHOLE TO PICK-Whereas: The proposal of ET LINE" said one sign. Others

Western Electric **Pickets Cheered By Phone Strike**

(Special To THE MILITANT) KEARNY, N. J., Jan. 12-Entering the eleventh day of their strike, the 17,400 workers of

the Western Electric Co. exuberantly greeted the giant phone strike which rallied to their, as well as the Association of Communications Equipment Workers' aid.

After last Friday's vicious atwaged by our Union against the tempt by Western Electric to smash the picket lines at the this demand is one of the most main Kearny plant, the union strengthened its lines with mass picketing and defeated all com-

pany attempts to enter.

Richard Leonard (UAW Ford Frank Fitzsimmons, president Director) to the Ford Motor Car of the Western Electric Employ-Company offering "security" to ees Association, affiliated with the management through the the National Federation of Telephone Workers, directly accused form of penalization of our memthe company of having incited bership is a union-busting measand attempted a riot. He preure and violates our Constitusented over a hundred affidavits sons accused of violating the Conof workers who had heard superstitution and policies of our intendents order their people to break through the picket lines.

Whereas: This proposal was While the main plant here is a stab in the back to the Gensewed up tight, police in Newark and New York have engaged in eral Motors workers as evidenced by the cancellation of the GM strikebreaking, escorting mancontract immediately by the GM agement scabs through the lines at the Ferry and Center Street Newark plants and at the 42nd Therefore Be It Resolved: St. New York plant. But no-That the Executive Board of

where in the 21 struck plants is Local 212, UAW-CIO, go on reca single wheel turning. This inord condemning this proposal and dependent union has brought the demanding that the Internagiant Western Electric manufactional Executive Board and Ofturing unit of the American ficers of our International Union Telephone and Telegraph trust withdraw all such proposals and to a standstill. conduct a firm policy against

Earlier this week WEEA officials proceeded with their plans, if the nation-wide phone strike did not materialize, to throw their own picket lines around phone exchanges in the metropolitan area and, by agreement with various affiliates of the NFTW, thus extend their strike. The nation-wide telephone strike has extended such support on a coast-to-coast scale, and now the WEEA is planning to lend its own pickets to reinforce those of the numerically-small ACEW

are entitled to. And last, it will in the fight for security. Militant demand immediate improvement unionists should lose no time

mittees in the plants and also to unemployed and non-union vets Called the Veterans' Commitat the USES offices. Resolutions for immediate action on these

vice office, Saturday, January 12, at 10 a.m. Establishment of this area committee is a big step forward in a vital task for the labor movement. Formation of veterans'

committees in the union locals on a fighting basis will guarantee that the interests of the ex-GI will be protected by union cals in the Detroit area, and to

action. It will assure the unity the press. of the vet and non-vet worker

in getting behind this important

'THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL⁻

CIO Demonstration Day for the GM strikers. The Buffalo demonstration will be held at the

questions were sent to Governor Dewey. Plans have been made for participation of the National under way to get all the local United States Employment Ser-

with and an integral part of .