Paris Meeting Of GIs Adopts 'Magna Charta'

Soldiers Demand Democratization of Army, Abolishment of Special Officer Privileges

By Charles Carsten

prejudice the prestige of the occupation forces.'

The same day Eisenhower handed down his directive, Lieut. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., ordered court-martial for any soldier or officer in the mid-Pacific who continues to agitate for speedy demobilization.

REPRISALS BEGUN

Attempting to intimidate the GIs, General Richardson on January 17 confined to quarters three leaders of the Honolulu protests, while the Army "investigated" their remarks about the Army's demobilization pol-icy at a servicemen's meeting. Hit Red-Scare They were released later.

soldier protests against the demobilization slowdown, the Brass Hats spoke of concessions and

Eye-Witness Report of Paris GI Meeting See Page 3

made promises in order to calm measures failed to placate the soldiers.

ing and demonstration on Janization plan announced by General Eisenhower.

tary discipline.

"GI MAGNA CHARTA"

harsh regime came shortly after ing the dissolution of the Flint five hundred angry soldiers, CIO Council because it was "a famed Trocadero in Paris, ap- ism." proved "a revolutionary program | SPREAD FALSEHOODS

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ficers' quarters, and the requircment of all officers to serve at least one year as enlisted men except in time of war. (5) Reform of Army courtsmartial boards to include en-

listed men. In addition to this program for democratizing the Army's Prussian military regime the sol-

diers demanded removal of Sec-(Continued on Page 3)

Flint Unionists In their first response to mass As Aid To GM (Special To The Militant)

FINT, Mich., Jan. 18.-The united action of leading offi-

cials of the Greater Flint Industrial Union Council together with the members of AC Spark Plug local has frustrated a corporation-inspired attempt to split the ranks of the striking General Motors down the dissatisfied GIs. These workers here with a red-baiting "anti-Trotskyist" campaign.

Meeting in special session, the Members of the nine-man sol- presidents of Fisher Body, Chevdiers' committee in Manila an- rolet and Buick CIO auto locals nounced plans for a mass meet- and the Flint CIO Council's Executive Board issued a stinging uary 16, to protest the demobil- statement denouncing four Bargaining Committee members of

AC Local who had unsuccessfully Evidently concluding that the sought to remove Robert Carter, time for soft talk has passed, the chairman of the AC Bargaining "big brass" has begun to show Committee, from his post on the the iron hand of Prussian mili- pretext that "Trotskyite Communists" were trying to impose their control on the union.

This decision to punish al! These red-baiters had also ansoldiers who protest against the nounced their intention of seekmeeting on January 13 in the breeding ground for Commun-



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1,700,000 On Nation's Picket Lines In Greatest American Labor Struggle

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Workers Of The World, Unite!

PUBLISHED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE

By Art Preis

JANUARY 21.-Today at one minute past midnight the battle was joined in the most titanic and crucial labor struggle in American history. Eight hundred thousand CIO steel workers-the flesh and bones and

blood of America's basic industry-threw down the gauntlet before the steel corporations, the most voracious and ruthless monopoly in the world.

Throughout the nation, at one blow from the mighty fist of steel labor, the gigantic mills, the vast blast furnaces and hearths, stood cold. silent and deserted.

the heart of American industrial-

ism, is deprived of its very life

italism.

Steel Workers In Pittsburgh **Strike Solidly**

By Eloise Gordon (Special To The Militant)

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 21.-The entire steel industry in products on which the whole githe key Pittsburgh area is gantic organism of American inclosed down tight. Approx- dustry, transport and commerce imately 200,000 steel workers here are on strike in labor's greatest fight.

The first picket lines appeared at the Hazelwood and South Side plants of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation at 7:30 Friday night - 48 hours ahead of the general strike deadline after company representatives walked out of negotiations regarding maintenance crews to blood, the labor of the steel man the machinery during the workers. With its heart parastrike.

lyzed, all American industry in a few short weeks will face vir-After the provocative walktual prostration. sentatives, the union has taken COAST TO COAST

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with steel-today became the battlegrounds of a struggle that strikes at[®] the very foundations of day, some 200,000 CIO electrical and radio workers poured from American monopoly cap- the plants of the international electrical trusts, General Electric. Westinghouse, and the Elec-For from the steel plants come trical Division of General Mo-

Pittsburgh, Homestead Braddock, Youngs-

town, Lackawanna, Bethlehem, Gary, Indiana Har-

bor, South Chicago,-all the names synonymous

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the indispensable materials and tors. The next day, the united forces of 325,000 CIO and AFL packinghouse workers clamped fighting picket lines around the plants and stockyards of the meat barons.

Today no less than 1,700,000 workers are on strike at one time. They are all fighting for the same thing, a greater share of the wealth their labor produces, the wealth that is being drained off in unprecedented profits for a handful of Big Business parasites who produce nothing yet demand all.

WALL ST. INSATIABLE So voracious and insatiable, so drunk with privilege and power are these Wall Street pirates

who dominate American econ-The power in action of the omy, that even the capitalist workers is joined government dares not give th

Chicago Packinghouse Strikers Show Fighting Spirit On Lines

Get Off That Money Bag

STRIKE

By Robert L. Birchman

out of the corporation repre-

a position that no one will be permitted in or out of the two

is nourished and sustained. Steel, **On National** Strike Front See Pages 2, 7, 8

of the United Press, and set up GI Liberation Committee.

Charta" adopted by this im- ing falsehoods, creating a "red portant meeting included the scare," and trying to bring difollowing demands:

(1) Abolition of officers' messes, with all rations to be served in a common mess on a first-come-first-served basis. ficers, clubs at all posts, camps

The Flint CIO leaders stated that the initiators of this cam-The "Enlisted Man's Magna paign were irresponsibly spread-

Civil Liberties Spokesmen Protest 'La Verite' Ban

NEW YORK, Jan. 19-Prominent leaders of American civil liberties organizations, together with a group of editors of labor and liberal papers, have joined together in a vigorous protest to the French government against the denial of democratic rights

to La Verite, organ of the and Albert Gates, editor of Labor French Trotskyists. La Ve- Action. TEXT OF CABLE rite was the first working The full text of the cable folclass paper to be published lows: in the underground fight "It has been brought to our against the Nazis in France. attention that La Verite, the

A protest cable, addressed to central organ of the Parti Charles de Gaulle, President of France and to Andre Malraux, Minister of Information, was signed by Roger Baldwin, Direc- newspaper. It is refused the purtor of the American Civil Liber- chase of paper, and all of the ties Union, George Novack, Sec- rights of a newspaper, including retary of the Civil Rights De- circulation and distribution. fense Committee and Morris Milgram, Secretary of the Workers | te was among the first labor pa-Defense League.

Editors signing the protest include Farrell Dobbs, editor of Nazi invaders. It has an out-The Militant, E. R. Frank, editor standing record of struggle of Fourth International, Liston against fascism. Oak, managing editor of the New Leader. Dwight Macdonald, editor of Politics, Herman Singer. the principles of democracy, we editor of The Call, Max Shacht- cannot understand why this of the national strike of 200,man, editor of New International

ON THE INSIDE

Chicago Steel Strike Labor Supports GIs Fontana Tragedy Lynn UE Strike Mine Disaster COLUMNS AND FEATURES Veterans Problems Workers Forum . The Negro Struggle **Diary of Steelworker** Notes of A Seaman

vision within the union. They expressed utmost confidence in Carter and his trade union policies, stating that he (2) The opening of all of- "is still chairman of the AC (Continued on Page 3)

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Jan. 18 - At 12:01 Wednesday morning, 193,000 CIO and 70,000 AFL packinghouse workers simultaneously started to man mass picket lines throughout the nation in their gigantic joint battle with the ruthless barons of the meat-packing industry for a decent wage standard

the industry, over 30,000 strike, office workers and company officials. packinghouse workers are

courageously maintaining POLICE TERROR Yesterday 15 pickets were ar-

mass picket lines in the face rested, two of them twice, and of mounting police provocations charged with violation of, a state and wholesale arrests. law prohibiting "interference" On Wednesday morning more with persons attempting to go to than 5.000 strikers massed at all work. Two strikers were injured entrances to the mile-square in clashes with the police when stockyard area. Picketing has pickets argued about allowing since increased daily as the po-Robert Ingram, assistant superlice have started making arrests intendent of Swift's, to enter on the slimmest pretexts. A conthe yards without a union pass. siderable number of veterans are Police punched one picket in the marching on the picket lines in stomach and the other was their uniforms. reported struck by Ingram's

Pickets are allowing no one to

Numerous other pickets were enter the yards without a special hauled to police stations and Heroes' "Welcome" union pass. This includes work- then released. Almost one-fourth ers in independent plants not on (Continued on Page 2)

Entire Jersey Town Aids UE Strikers' Wage Fight

car.

Special To THE MILITANT

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Jan. |eral thousand "bobby - soxers" 15-The 8,500 striking West- who displayed their own version inghouse and General Elec- of an effective picket sign: "We're Not Dumb Clucks-We Want Two Bucks." "G. I. vs. G. E."

Mingling with these young girls on their first strike, were hundreds of older unionists. many of whom participated in the ten-year building of the UE trical and radio workers unin Bloomfield. They carried other ion, an inspiring demonstra-

signs: "Our Fight Is Your Fight" tion of 5,000 pickets marched and "Fight For Security." The Vets were there too: "What Have We Fought For?" and "G. I. vs. G. E." Likewise, the salaried workers marched parade, followed by an American announcing: "Salaried Workers Local 412 Need A Living Wage" and "Why Is the White Collar Man the Forgotten Man?" The mass meeting in Bloom-

8 lication and circulation to La the Union." Prominent in the field's Revolutionary War Park

THE NEWS

Sign Of The Times Banner at Newark, N. J. mass weeks. meeting of GM strikers and friends: "Hitler Burned Books-GM Hides Them - Let's See

All But The Bars

Them"!

Commenting on the "Get Us Home!" demonstrations of U.S. soldiers, Maj. Vladmier G. Urse. chief of the neuropsychiatric section of Walter Reed Hospital. said: "It is a well-known fact that in prisons, Sundays or the day of rest present the most difficult time for the inmates-and the 7,500 miles of ocean separating the soldiers in the Philippines may be likened to a prison

wall.'

"Amputees on the boardwalk at Atlantic City depress visitors and therefore hurt business, civic leaders there feel. Pressure has been brought on the War Department to close the Thomas M. England General Hospital there. which has been an amputation center. Civic leaders argue it's all for the good of wounded men - probably depresses them to see normal pleasure seekers. Hospital will be closed March 31." (N. Y. World Telegram, Jan. 12.)

Safety In Numbers

-Winston Churchill said in an interview soon after arriving here regant, profiteering corporations.

Lt. Gen. Wedemeyer today told his China theatre troops he was proud that they had not held demobilization speed-up demonstrations. A short time later, 600 men and a few officers gathered and voiced send-us-home demands similar to those made by other U.S. soldiers throughout

the world."

mills involved. Workers report that the com-

into the mills for the past few in the J & L mills because the Surrender To Wall Street!"

straw bosses cannot operate the simplest kind of machinery.

Pickets told the Militant repervisors scurrying around insalamanders outside burning coke to keep the pickets warm.

the giants of monopoly.

trived price inflation.

While the Militant reporter (Continued on Page 2)

price-gouging, union-busting offensive of

The greatest strike struggle in American

In defense of their living standards,

1,700,000 workers have carried their fight to

The responsibility for this gigantic strug-

Greedy, insatiable, drunk with power, they

gle lies squarely on the shoulders of the ar-

minimum for an equitable settlement.

history, now headed by the mighty army

of 800,000 steel workers, has begun.

with that of more than 900,000 open support. The Truman adother striking workers already ministration is constrained by pany has been pouring supplies massed on embattled picket lines political expediency to give ver--cots, blankets, truckloads of from coast-to-coast. They are bal support, however feeble, to food, sugar, refrigerators, etc.- fighting for decent wages and the greatly reduced minimum security against the country's wage demands which the union greatest monopoly giants, whose leaders have agreed to accept in-The steam is completely down savage slogan is "Unconditional der pressure from the government. First on the honor roll of the But the steel, auto, electrical heroes of American labor are the and meat -, packing plutocrate

225,000 General Motors strikers, justing for higher prices porter that they can see the su- With unparalleled fortitude and greater profits and greatil courage, they have held out for clinging to their war-profits look side the plants wrapped up in more than nine weeks against the have arrogantly rejected even blankets the company provided. world's largest industrial cor- the pleas of the Truman admin-They are suffering from the poration and have spearheaded istration to make the minimum cold, and look enviously at the the drive of all American labor wage concessions required to terminate the strikes. for a living wage.

When Benjamin Fairless, U. S. Last week, they received Steel president, speaking, to mighty reinforcements. On Tues-(Continued on Page 2)

Militant Action Will Win

By The Editors

America's industrial workers have cour-| millions nothing less than UNCONDITIONageously resisted the brazen wage-cutting, AL SURRENDER.

When this crucial struggle first began with the heroic strike of the General Motors workers, The Miiltant correctly judged the real nature of the battle that was being joined.

While the union leaders sought to restrict and confine the struggle, to project a worthless "one - at - a - time" strategy the picket lines. They have unsheathed against the corporations, The Militant week their most powerful and decisive economic after week pointed out the true scope and weapon, strike action, and are utilizing it character of the unfolding struggle.

We said repeatedly and events have confirmed our statements to the hilt - that the strike struggle was being waged not against single or isolated corporations, but against the combined power of American Big Business as a class. The corporations were waging a concerted war against labor.

We said from the first and we now repeat it with all the force at our command: THIS IS THE BATTLE OF ALL LABOR! IT workers' pressure, has conceded, are the IN WASHINGTON, NOT AT THE CONFER-ENCE TABLES, BUT ON THE PICKET As CIO Steelworkers President Philip LINES!

Every unionist to his post! The slogan Murray stated in his final strike call, American Big Business has proposed to labor's for victory is: "Fight-Fight-Fight!"

are determined to rule or ruin, to exact ever Slogan For Victory greater profits from the toil of the workers, to rob the masses through deliberately con-They have contemptuously spurned even the compromise wage proposals that the CAN BE WON BY THE UNITED ACTION OF capitalist government itself, under the ALL LABOR! AND IT WILL BE WON NOT

on an unprecedented scale.

"Miami Beach, Jan. 16 (AP) Where Responsibility Lies

today that he hoped U.S. troops are not all going home, because we are not numerous enough to handle postwar Europe alone."

Talked Too Soon

"SHANGHAI, Jan. 12 (AP)-

Continued on Page 7)

By Alan Kohlman

pers to be published in the underground in resistance to the

"In view of the declarations of your government that it observes

working-class newspaper is being 000 members of the CIO elecdeprived of its rights of expres-

Communiste Internationaliste of

France is still refused author-

ization to appear as a fully legal

"We understand that La Veri-

sion and circulation. "The attitude of your governcent French elections.

8 Verite."

ment seems all the more inex- from two local strike - bound plicable since the Parti Commu- plants of the giant electrical niste Internationaliste partici- monopolies to the Village Green. pated as a legal party in the re- Seven beaming policemen led the

"On behalf of the rights of Legion band. Then came six

free speech and free press, we pickets on horseback and thousurgently request your govern- ands of union pickets singing ment to correct this injustice and "Solidarity Forever" and "You, grant immediate freedom of pub- Can't Scare Me, I'm Sticking to



ratiks of the pickets were sev-

tric workers here have rallied virtually the full support of this entire city of 65,000. At 10 a.m. today, the start PAGE TWO

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1946 THE MILITANT ON-THE-SPOT REPORTS FROM NATIONAL STRIKE FRONTS

Youngstown Steelmen Out Solid In Strike

By George Weissman

(Special to The Militant)

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 21.-Over 70.000 steel workers went on strike at 12:01 this morning, completely blacking out steel and iron production in this Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania area. Not a pound of iron or steel, and practically no coke, is being produced. Joining the local Electrical and Packing-

broadcast messages and songs.

ment to the pickets-who have

their own ideas about what kind

union-busting campaign, today

walks.

house workers, the steel and women were conspicuous in workers have swelled the the picket squads. An automoranks of strikers in this area bile with public-address system to over 85,000.

Half of these striking steel workers are in Youngstown and "Vets are still on the firing line" immediate suburbs. The big- and "Two million workers strong gest Youngstown companies just can't be wrong." closed by strike action are Carnegie-Illinois, whose three plants here employ 9,000 workers, Re- white lines on the sidewalks depublic Steel Corporation where marcating company property 8,000 are out, and Youngstown from the public pavements. This Sheet and Tube Company with is a source of constant amuse-11.000 on strike.

Steel workers at the Ohio Works of Carnegie (Big Steel) were the first to establish picket of signs to paint on these sidelines in the Youngstown district. Infuriated by a last - minute double-cross on the part of the first morning of picketing when corporation concerning the a company policeman was seen agreement on those authorized to to transfer a rifle or shotgun enter the plant, the men went from one building to another. directly from a meeting to the REPUBLIC HELPLESS mill gates and started picketing at 10 o'clock last night.

AGREEMENTS BROKEN

Throughout preparations for sat back helpless as 8,000 workthe strike the corporation has ers pulled the switch and cut made and then broken a series of off production. agreements with Local 1330 At Stop 5 gate-the scene of (Ohio Works.) The last agree- the 1937 gun and gas attack on ment was that the company strikers in which two workers would submit the list of 15 top were killed-a crowd of pickets managers, inspectors, etc., who stopped everyone except those would be permitted to enter the authorized by the union. plant. The union agreed to this. The coke plant, manned 90 proposal. At the last minute the per cent by Negro workers, is crime wave in the city. Union company broke its word and, in setting a fine record in miliemphatic reply, Local 1330 closed tancy and discipline in reportthe plant two hours before the ing for picketing. Youngstown oughfares inside the yards in Employees, Local 308, refused to deadline.

Although the union had agreed shut down cold by 11,000 strikers that the area is privately-owned to furnish the necessary main- at its three plants in Campbell, tenance men to prevent deteri- Struthers, and Brier Hill. oration of equipment during the In nearby Warren and Niles, strike, the company, again break- 10 steel locals shut down both ing its agreement, has brought large and small plants. Republic food, beds and foremen into the plants were closed by 6,000. Copplant for the strike's duration. perweld Steel Co. closed by 1,650. pickets were in high spirits. ufacturing Co, in Salem was Their oil drums, converted into closed by 2,000 strikers. stoves, lit up the gates. Coffee was served to everyone on the plan in Lowellsville, Ohio, has the strike. Police broke up the line. News of the early arrange- been shut down by strike action mass picket line at the 41st and ment of the picket line was of 1,000 workers. In the Shen- Ashland entrance when workers passed on by telephone and word ango Valley where there are two attempted to stop cars from enof mouth.

As new pickets arrived, they strike is also in full swing. 000



Chicago Packinghouse workers defying cit y police, block the 42nd Street entrance to the Chicago Stockyards on January 17. These pickets are part of the 325,000 CIO and AFL workers now on strike nationally. Acme Photo

Service on the stockyards

branch of the elevated lines was

stopped at 5:25 yesterday morn-

ing when the motormen and

718's drivers handle intercity

The strikers are receiving the

shipments of livestock.

A grim note was added to the Chicago Packinghouse Strikers Show Fighting Spirit On Lines Republic Steel, which in the 1937 "Little Steel" strike led the

office workers.

(Continued from Page 1) of the Chicago police have been case.

withdrawn from regular duties and assigned to the packinghouse and other strikes. Three ing trip through the yards. They are 100 per cent behind the provement in the functioning of assigned to the stockyards area. Democratic Mayor Kelly has WIDESPREAD SUPPORT issued an appeal for 500 to 1.000

gates to the yards.

"PRIVATE PROPERTY"

been limited to the entrance yards.

Two pickets distributing union

leaflets inside the yards were ar-

rested today by stockyards police

and turned over to the city

police. The leaflets appealed to

the office workers, explaining

new policemen on the pretext that they are needed to patrol the streets to check the growing officers state they will attempt to extend the picketing to thor-

Sheet & Tube Co. likewise was spite of company contentions property. So far picketing has

Despite the cold and snow, the At the same time Mullins Man-

Sharon Steel Corporation's their stake in the outcome of other Sharon steel plants, the tering the yards.

The city maintains that streets the vards are "prive

is expected to provide a test businessmen, who are dependent for their livelihood on the in- have shown their ability and incomes of the workers in the itiative in solving this problem Today the union sent a motorcade of 50 automobiles on a rov- yards, one merchant said: "We and every day sees a steady im-

hundred cops from each shift are also distributed literature to the workers. We will do everything the picketing system which has we can to help them, and that effectively sealed off all enmeans financial as well as spirit- trances to the plant.

ual help. So far we have given what they asked for. We are the few scabs in the plant are need in the future." Another stated: "We sell to the ion, are complaining bitterly can well imagine.

trainmen, members of the AFL Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric and Motor Coach we stand?" operate the lines beyond Halstead Street, forcing office work-

ers to walk over a mile into the Locals 710 and 718 of the AFL truck drivers union pledged to afraid to fight for their rights. walkout last Friday. We are hoping for a short strike, respect the picket lines. Local

but we are prepared for a long plenty of food through the exone." A seven-man planning comfull support of the Back-of-the- mittee, headed by Oscar Brown, Yards Neighborhood Council, local president of the National whose sympathies are clearly representing 185 business, Association for the Advance-

church, social and union groups ment of Colored People, has been with over 100,000 members. The set up to rally the support of the daily strike bulletin put out by Council has already given \$1,000 | large Negro community for the a strikers' publicity committee, to the strike fund, opened a soup | strikers. kitchen, and established a serv- CONTENDING FORCES

ice for temporary relief. Merchants are contributing food

No Scab Can Slink Past Lackawanna's Pickets!

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

LACKAWANNA, N. Y., Jan. 17-Some 11,000 members the workers of the Worthington of five CIO steel locals out on strike against the Bethlehem Pump and Machinery Corpora-Steel Corporation here are now rounding out their first | tion walked out at midnight Supweek on the picket lines. Undaunted by rain, snow and day. The reasons for calling the bitter cold weather, the pickets have done a first-rate job strike were the failure of the in carrying out their inten- \Im tion to keep the plant shut sisted by Tom Lenahan, Local five-cent an hour increase re-

Called last Friday night, the 2603. Through this centralized sympathy with the Bethlehem strike took place when the com- dispatching system pickets are strikers. pany was discovered to be mak- assigned to the various gates on ing preparations to house and four-hour shifts. This system feed strikebreakers in the event runs full blast 24 hours a day, of the national steel strike taking place on January 14 as origin- ing the center in touch with the ganization of the strike is at . ally scheduled. This, together with the company's refusal to different gates and areas being morale of the men is high. Alcome to an agreement with the picketed. union on maintenance of furnaces during the strike, precipitated the walkout.

All during the week the picksober determination to fight Many veterans are picketing on mained adamant. through to a victory.

WORKERS' INITIATIVE

This vast steel plant stretching over more than three miles of lake front with many gates. miles of fence, fields and open spaces, has presented a difficult problem in organization. But right from the start the men

Reliable reports indicate that

prepared to give them what they running low on food. The plant gates. That brought the laugh union maintenance crews. police, members of an AFL un-

workers, not the packing com- about the food situation, as the VETS BACK STRIKE panies. Where do you suppose scabs get first choice of the little there is on hand. The situation Joseph Meegan, secretary of in the plant is so bad that the the Back-of-the-Yards Council secretary of Plant Superintendthe veterans in the local area said: "It is our people, it is our ent Entwisle has to do the cookcause, it is our fight. And these ing for the few executives mapeople out here have never been rooned there since the surprise tive elements in organizing pick-

> But the pickets are getting cellent organization by the food committee and through the generosity of the local merchants, or the use of their hall, could with the strikers. be had for the asking.

The Hazelwood union officers The "Lackawanna Striker," near the picket lines, have been headed by Wilfred Baines and calling the union offices and of-Phalen Ghan, keeps the picket fering their homes as depots for "WE WILL PICKET UNTIL WE line informed about the daily coffee, etc. The union is now The strike is mainly directed developments. Items such as the setting up a commissary in the

2602, and Ralph Sterling, Local troactive to May 15, 1944 and

PROSPECTS GOOD

Prospects for the strike at with patrol cars constantly keep- Lackawanna are good. The orpicket captains in charge of the high level of efficency and the though the union negotiating A strike mass meeting is committee made up of the local

planned for Friday afternoon at presidents and other officers which time representatives from have repeatedly attempted to the different locals and the in- come to an agreement with the et lines have remained solid. The ternational office of the union company on the maintenance men are clearly filled with a will speak on the issues involved. question, the company has re-This company attitude has

the line and a veterans committee is in the process of organi- convinced the strikers more than zation. ever that it is only their own

The number of steel workers fighting action on the picket line out in this area was swelled when that will win them a living wage.

Pittsburgh Steel Workers Form Solid Strike Front

(Continued from Page 1) been changed. At a joint meetwas in the Hazelwood local's of- ing with the company officials fice, phone calls came in from on Saturday, the union was abthe supervisors inside the mill, ruptly informed, without explanbegging piteously for union es- ation, that the company did not corts to guide them out of the want to utilize the services of

dock is backing the strike. The The leaders of Hazelwood Lo- borough officials of Braddock cal 1842, a fighting bunch of and New Braddock are schedyoung steel workers, told us that uled to go on the picket lines. The biggest single steel union not only are 100 per cent behind local in this area is at the Carthe strike but are the most ac- negie-Illinois works in Homestead. It employs approximately

The American Legion in Haz- to the time the pickets went on elwood donated \$25 and told the the lines, an enthusiastic mass local that additional help they demonstration was held at the needed, whether more finances Local 1397 union hall.

From the demonstration the pickets went out to cover all the gates of the mill. Favorite pickreport that housewives living et line slogans are:

"WE WANT A FAIR DEAL. NOT A FAIRLESS DEAL," and LICKIT."

Every striker feels that the

of the week and an answer you BRADDOCK IS SOLID

The entire population of Brad-

11,000. Last night from 9 p.m.

emerging from the darkness, Sharpsville and Sharon, Pa. would make a dash as if to enter the gate, always lunging into of laughter followed.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

No attempts were made to enter the plant. Workers, unago through but donated his lunch to the pickets. Both veterans

BALTIMORE **Militant Labor Forum** Labor Comes Out Fighting (The meaning of the Strike Wave) Sunday, Jan. 27 Workmen's Circle Lyceum Room 5 1029 E. Baltimore St.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Jan. 21 .their best buddy. Although this Eleven hundred striking steel happened scores of times, it nev- workers closed the plants here. er ceased to send a thrill of Yesterday mass meetings were as soon as the new arrival was Large picket lines formed. No recognized as a militant, a wave one except a few top supervisory and maintenance men are permitted to enter.

ELWOOD CITY, Pa., Jan. 21. -Local 1220, representing the by the line, not only refused to en masse to picket the plant. ers on foot. The workers here are more anx-

around and go home, or join the 11 p.m. last night. After a mass back all cars, busses, and

corporation has threatened to to maintain the fires in any of be shut down cold." move its plant out of the city. the furnaces after 6 tonight. In The Carnegie management has

cal 1200, Republic Steel, of Lo- the electrical power which opercal 1123, Timken Roller Bearing ates Gary's water system. Co. and of Local 1124 of Republic Steel at Massilon have shut AGREEMENT VIOLATED

the plants down. Yesterday the The steel union and the com-Timken corporation which has pany agreed last week to keep been conducting a ruthless maintenance men in the plant. strikebreaking campaign wired The union charges that the com-Philip Murray of the cancella- pany failed to supply lists of these 16 must belong to the unmen to whom these passes were ion. 8 p.m. tion of its contract.

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would pick out one of their bud-dies in the line, then suddenly plants in and around Farrell, erty," while the union insists these are public thoroughfares leaders are on the picket lines. A number of Council Armour, Wilson and Cudahy, are meeting trying to sneak into these are public thoroughfares. The arrest of the pickets for di- MERCHANTS AID

stributing leaflets to office work- Reflecting the attitude of the ers urging them not to go work majority of the neighborhood

er ceased to send a thrill of Yesterday mass meetings were excitement down the line. Then, held as a prelude to the strike. Mass Picket Lines Clamped On U. S. Steel's "Big Mill" SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Solid CIO picket lines were formed ware of the early closing, would workers of National Tube (Big this morning at the gates of Carnegie-Illinois "Big Mill" see the picket line, then turn Steel) shut the plant down at in Gary, largest steel plant in the world. Pickets turned says that it will now accept 15

this event, the city of Gary will stocked supplies, food and bed- negotiations in Washington, the CANTON, O., Jan. 21.—Some lose its gas supply. These fur- ding in the plant, an obvious conference between union rep-24,000 workers, members of Lo- naces also supply the fuel for strikebreaking threat.

sists upon using non - union maintenance men. The union states that only 16 men will be AFL, CIO UNITY

cago and Youngstown Sheet & ing through these picket lines. MASS PICKETING

Mass picket lines have been Swift. A government "fact-findformed in Gary, and at the other | ing" panel will start sessions in plants in this area employing Chicago next Tuesday, although one at which there are simply the panel is not needed. token picket lines.

plants in the Indiana Harbor announced, UPWA-CIO Presdiana Harbor in a pre-strike ponement for any reason except From the meeting the workers

through the lines.

dents, Morrell and Kingans. two strikebreakers fell off the night. They have made arrange- the union. They have tremend-Also struck are Rath and Tobin. overpass near the strip mill," ments, in agreement with the ous pride in the strength of their The CIO United Packinghouse Another reads, "Wouldn't you company, Carnegie - Illinois, to giant union.

Workers is demanding a 25 cents think scabs would have enough allow maintenance crews for the an hour increase, 17½ cents im- sense not to fall into the creeks duration. The union was issu- bor's history, these sons and mediately, with the balance to at Woodlawn and the strip mill?" ing passes to these authorized grandsons of the strike marters be negotiated. The AFL Amal-

gamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's demand is for

cents an hour, plus its demand Members of the Foremen's As- the union states that nobody will ed with both unions, granting 15 ious than elsewhere because the sociation of America voted not pass through and "the plant will cents, with a promise to negotiate further increases.

> After nearly three days of resentatives, packers and gov-

At the Carnegie Works in Chi- ernment officials broke up today cago, the union states no main- with no immediate prospect of tenance men will be allowed a break in the wage deadlock. through because the company in- Both the unions and the pack-American unionism. ers are standing firm in their positions.

Big Four packers has been 10 cent less than the CIO auto big price rises.

cents an hour increase from workers' original demand.

Earlier in the week when the The strikes at the three big "fact-finding" panel was first

section - Inland Steel, Youngs- ident Lewis Clark answered the town Sheet & Tube, and Gen- question, "Will naming the facteral American-are solid. Work- finding panel cause a postponeers from these three plants ment of the strike?", by stating, jammed the union hall in In- "We will not agree to a post-

ute instructions were issued. satisfy our wage demands."

union hall, At Braddock, the union estaband the larger of the indepen- the plant. "It is reported that lished picket lines at 10:30 last fight for the very existence of

men.

are in for a long, tough fight, a

For the first time in steel laof 1892, many of them veterans

UNION ORGANIZES But yesterday, as the men of the great 1919 Steel Strike. A meeting of the picket comwere receiving their passes from are entering the fight with the a 90 cent. an hour minimum, a mittee was held on Monday, with the union, they reported that knowledge that they have a guaranteed work week of 36 Scotty Jackson, picket captain, they had received calls from the powerful organization in the hours and other adjustments. presiding. At this meeting, a company officials telling them it forefront of this tremendous na-The AFL union at first demand- dispatching system was organized would not be necessary for them | tional fight of the whole Amered 25 cents an hour increase, but with Vincent Copeland, Local to report since their plans had ican working class.

ine. One foreman, turned back meeting the 800 workers marched by the line, not only refused to be issued, thus violating the agreement. As a consequence, of small independents have sign-In Mighty Steel Struggle

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steal of \$4 a ton, it was clear tors refused to consider it. In the striking workers and rethat Big Business as a class had months of negotiations, Westingdetermined on nothing less than house has made no countera showdown struggle against offer, however small.

The "Big Four" packing trust, That is precisely what The Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cud- majority of the American peo-Militant had warned, from the ahy, already enriched by hun- ple, there can be no timid yieldoutset of the General Motors dreds of millions in government ing on the fundamental issues CIO and AFL unions are re- strike, was the main issue in the subsidies, preferred to inflict a posed by the rapacious corporaported standing unitedly against unfolding struggle. That is pre- meat famine upon the Amerithe packers, each agreeing not cisely what was confirmed when can people rather than give the the nation's picket lines are de-No agreement on maintenance to settle until the other reaches General Motors walked out of low-wage packinghouse workers has been made at the South Chi- a settlement on its demands. Truman's "fact - finding" hear- decent wages. These profiteers Despite enormous profits and lings and bluntly rejected the refused to settle even when the Tube plants, and nobody is go- fat government subsidies, the government's recommendation of government twice offered huge highest offer from any of the a wage settlement nearly 45 per additional subsidies by way of

CORPORATIONS'

cents originally demanded, GE, mail and intimidate the consumproffer of an additional price- Westinghouse and General Mo- ers, and to starve out and crush turned veterans.

> For the entire American labor movement, for the overwhelming tions. And 1.700.000 workers on termined to battle out these issues to a decisive and favorable conclusion.

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FORECAST CONFIRMED CONSPIRACY This forecast has received ad-These giant corporations, epacking trusts. Although the if possible, destroy the industrial leaders of the CIO electrical un- unions, drive down living standion agreed, even in advance of ards and inflate prices. They are the battle, to call off their strike determined to maintain the unif the companies would meet the precedented profits they are

nearly 80,000 steel workers. The both unions contend all the facts ditional confirmation by the ac- normously enriched by the war, South Chicago plant is the only in the situation are known and tions of the electrical and meat- are conspiring to undermine and, 15-cent offer made by Fairless to wringing from the working class the steel workers and negotiate and deny the workers, the real the difference between the 25 producers, the higher wages they

need.

parently insisting that its profits Moreover, they are scheming, mass meeting at which last min- a concrete proposal that will position be subsidized either by with the aid of the compliant the public or its low paid work- government, to rob the workers Just before the strike started, ers . . . Apparently the sole in- and nullify any wage gains by went to the plants and estab- Clark said: "The responsibility terest of the packers is to con- means of deliberate price gouglished picket lines. Only those for the strike rests with the tinue their exorbitant war ing. To this end, they are prowith union passes are permitted packers. It is interesting to profits, irrespective of its im- ceeding to throw the country into note that Swift & Co. is ap-| pact on the nation." industrial paralysis, to blackSATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1946

THEMILITANT

GI Protest Meeting In Paris Flint Unionists Denounce Is Described By Eye-Witness Red-Scare As Aid TO GM (became very well acquainted with | red-baiting stories, regardless of

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

(The following is an eye-witness account of the important meeting at the Trocadero in Paris on Jan. 13, where the GI Liberation Committee was formed and "The Enlisted Man's Magna Charta" adopted.)

PARIS, Jan. 13—News appeared here a few days ago that there would be a GI meeting today at the Arc du Triomphe. The Herald-Tribune announced it but the Stars and Stripes remained silent. Yesterday General McNarney met a delegation in Frankfurt and 9

brass, were standing around the

There was a great deal of ap-

unanimously. Many of the men

suggested there should be no asm and a committee was elected. more protest demonstra- Numerous officers, mainly big tions.

edges of the meeting. But there Here in Paris the authorities was, one lieutenant near the cenhave said all week that peace- ter who finally shouted: "Would able demonstrations were per- you let an officer serve on that missible, adding that if any troucommittee?"

ble arose the men who initiated court-martial for "inciting to plause at this, and he was elected riot."

On Friday the commanding expressed admiration for his general ordered all unit com- courage because "he surely was manders to inform the men that putting his neck out." they should go through official MOVEMENT IS NAMED

channels with any complaints The sergeant, who distributed and not bring the Army as an the "Magna Charta," was very institution into disrepute. Most critical of Congressmen who of the unit commanders inter- speak on the question of depreted the order to mean there mobilization, have their speechmust be no demonstrations. es entered in the Congressional At the same time the com- Record, and do nothing in the

manding general informed the way of action. This criticism reunits of a French law of 1848 ceived warm applause. (!) prohibiting parades without He stressed the need for orpermission of the police. And ganized action by the soldiers

yesterday a story appeared say- themselves, in an orderly way of ing the French objected to any course, if anything was to be demonstrations at the Arc, where accomplished. He asked the men the Unknown Soldier is buried, to form committees in their own because it was a national shrine. units for the purpose of send-Despite all this well over 500 ing telegrams, collecting inform-

men showed up today after the ation, etc. Stars and Stripes finally printed Someone asked him what the a statement on the back page name of the movement should saying the demonstration would be and someone else in the crowd take place at the Place du Troc- suggested "Liberation Committee." The name finally adopted adero instead of the Arc. The demonstration was slow with cheers was "GI Liberation

getting started. The Trocadero Committee." is a very big place and the men One soldier asked the question: were scattered all over it waiting "Why do we have to occupy for someone to get things going. France?" The lieutenant stressed Finally a Tec 3 (sergeant) began the fact that the high brass to pass out a mimeographed didn't want faster demobilization

ed Man's Magna Charta." contents. He then pointed out peace time conscription. that a Congressional Committee the demobilization situation in ratization of the Army which about two weeks and suggested have been the subject of inthat if there was agreement creasing discussion in recent ument a committee should be we should take up all these other along the main lines of the docelected to present it and other questions when the main thing information to the Congressional we're interested in is going is giving outspoken support Committee. The men agreed with enthusi-

statement entitled "The Enlist- because it meant a reduction in rank. A soldier pointed out that The sergeant called attention they were using the demobilizato the "Magna Charta" and its tion question to exert pressure for The Magna Charta raises a would be in Paris to investigate number of points about democ-

> months. One soldier asked: "Why the main issue to be side-

tracked?" A combat soldier replied: One Veteran's Reward

Note the overseas service stripes on the sleeve of the picket who is being brutally clubbed by a plainclothes cop in Los Angeles. Police launched a vicious attack, hurling tear gas bombs at 1,200 striking workers, members of the CIO Electrical Workers Union at the United States Motors plant. INS Photo

Labor Unions Back GI Protests **Against Demobilization Delays**

ized force in America which government.

to the demands of the Amer-ican troops for speedy de-trong resolution to the govmobilization.

like the CIO United Auto Work- home."

"Maybe you won't be here when



Street."

The Executive Board of Dehome? Won't we be permitting to the demands of the Amer-

CIO LETTER Last week the CIO, in a letter to the press:

to Congress signed by Clinton

man of the Strike Strategy Com- 1937."

mittee and president of the CARTER REINSTATED Greater Flint Industrial Union Council and will so remain." "It is significant," their statement says, "that 'red-baiting' thirds majority, instructed Preshas long been the method used ident Archie Myers to notify by labor's enemies to disorganize labor, especially during bargaining committee chairman. lieve that these people, by their the membership and not the rule utterances, are serving manage- of four people," they concluded. not the first time that organized Local president declared: "The ment rather than labor. This is labor has been hurt by people more concerned with their own political future than with the future of the labor movement. It destructive mischief designed to proved and seconded these wild been raised by a group led by desirous of splitting the number of splitting th one Bill Rodgers, whose public of labor during a very trying

Rodgers, Keene, Kontyko, and strike period." Jordan who belong to the AC Local seven-man Top Bargaining Committee went to the boss press with a pack of lies and red-baiting cries after their failure to unseat Carter. Carter ran against R. J. Thomas for the presidency of the UAW at the 1944 Grand Rapids convention.

After attacking Sol Dollinger, local organizer of the Socialist ing ground of Communism" and "serves no good purpose."

RED-BAITING

Rodgers . charged "It was the Trotskyite element that fostered

the huge line of pickets that prevented office workers from enfice help after police had resort- Charleroi. ed on the previous day to violence

in order to open the lines. Rodgers stated that he and other arrested. Most of them died in cent, record of struggle during members attempted to get the Nazi prisons," declares La the Nazi occupation, government through a proposal to allow of- Lutte Ouvriere. fice workers to pass unmolested.

The four red-baiters declared paper, "our comrades in Liege from a recent trial of collaborathat "the Trotskyites had made lost comrades Renery and Van tionists in Charleroi. inroads at Buick and Chevrolet Belle who died in the Neungamas well as at AC and predicted me concentration camp. They of all the capitalist judges and the purge movement would were betrayed to the Gestapo police who collaborated with the spread to these locals and beyond by the infamous Destexhe who, Gestapo," declares La Lutte Ou-Flint." Gestapo," declares La Lutte Ou-like all capitalists, did not hesi-

These irresponsible and false tate to collaborate with the Gesaccusations have aroused bitter tapo in order to crush the re- and Van Belle, comrades who resentment in the ranks of Flint volutionary communists." labor which for nine weeks has The Gestapo became interest- tapo, were not summoned as witheld solid against all General ed in the Belgian Trotskyists nesses for the prosecution. Labor is the only organ- favorably acted upon by the predatory interests of Wall Motors' efforts to crack their long before the Nazis invaded Trotskyists who returned alive unity. Carter, Edna McNamara Western Europe. "On Decem- from the Nazi concentration and Harry Gray, the targets of ber 13, 1945," says the Belgian camp were also excluded from

these charges in AC local, stated paper, "Paul Levy, a war cor- the trials. "We regret very much that a article in the Liege paper La participate in the trials, states

ernment giving "full support to Golden, chairman of the CIO certain group of people took this Wallonie in which he stated that La Lutte Ouvriere, "because " Both the CIO and AFL, as the demand of the GIs that well as international affiliates they be immediately returned "The high command seems un-

Bargaining Committee, chair- 'company red-baiting' back in the tint, can be either over-ambitious local union politicians or company stooges."

Ben Woodard, Buick Local They reported that on Sunpresident, denied that any but day AC's membership, by a twoaccredited pickets were sent to the AC picket lines. Although workers on the picket lines had Carter of his reinstatement as hoped that AC President Archie Myers would firmly dissociate "We will abide by the rule of himself from the red-baiting the four.

has seized upon the red-baiting campaign to publish information

Fear Trotskyists

The Parti Communiste Revolutionnaire, Belgian section of the Fourth International, has demanded in the January 5 issue of its paper, La Lutte Ouvriere, (Workers" fers to the picket line set up by Struggle) that Trotskyist witnesses be called to testify the AC workers to keep out of- in a re-trial of leading capitalist collaborationists in

"Most of our leading com- hounded and persecuted by the rades of the prewar period were Gestapo, despite their magnifiofficials in league with the Sta-"In this way," continues the linists contrived to exclude them

> "This should have been a trial Even the parents of Renery died at the hands of the Ges-

respondent, wrote a sensational They were not permitted to

Tex Owens, Chevrolet local president, further hailed the furnished by FBI agents and charges by stating: "Workers raise a hue and cry against Casare encouraged to join Local 659, per P. Kenney, representative of be they Trotskyites, Republicans, the CIO State, County and Mu-Socialists, Communists, Demo- nicipal Workers, who is leading crats or any other political party, the strike of the school mained provided they are employed by tenance workers. This strike is Chevrolet Company . . . people backed by the CIO Council of who run to the public press with which Kenney is a member. workers Party, they declared that the CIO Council is a "breed-ing ground of Communism" and Belgium's Rulers

charges, Myers chimed in with and condoned the accusations of ABETTED BY STALINISTS Both the Daily Worker and leading local Stalinists have apdesirous of splitting the ranks upon their own heads, since the local company-dominated press

PAGE THREE

Paris Gls Adopt **Magna Charta**

(Continued from Page 1) retary of War Robert P. Patterson.

committee, composed of four en- statement would guarantee that listed men and a first lieutenant, their children wouldn't have to to present their demands and serve in an undemogratic army. to visit the European theatre go home, point system or no soon.

Even before Eisenhower's or- "certain reforms absolutely neder banning further demon- cessary, along the lines of demstrations, officers had begun to ocratizing the army," if the incrack down on the GIs. On Jan- terests of these men were to be uary 11, the staff of The Daily protected.

Pacifican, widely read Army The main emphasis at the newspaper in Manila, issued a meeting was on correcting instatement to correspondents that justices to the men who had declared "new restrictions on been in the services for a long freedom of expression imposed time by letting them go home, from above no longer enable us and preventing injustices to the to bring full news and full truth men who had not been overseas to our GI readers."

that no ship would sail for home leges now enjoyed by the officer patch. with empty berths, a January caste. Navy disclosed today."

things are changed, but think be in this army during the next ers, have addressed appeals to war. Let's think about their welfare."

To this someone shouted, "No more war!", but few of the sol-The soldiers elected a five-man diers seemed to think this mere point system, and there were

ment on behalf of the protesting Manila soldiers committee headservicemen

Live On Fat Of The Land

High-ranking officers who medical officer described as "a enjoyed outrageous privi- buffalo wallow."

leges during the war are padding themselves with even sive luxuries since the end of Hats. GIs "expressed the opinthe fighting. better employed repairing dam-

Following are a few examples aged Philippine buildings or at ness interests, have maintained of officer privileges bitterly relong by democratizing the army sented by men in Manila as re-Meanwhile, despite promises and doing away with the privi- ported in a January 8 AP dis-

16 United Press dispatch report- Everyone was highly satisfied that a nine hole golf course was by the post exchanges. Privates ed; "The U.S.S. Cecil, carrying with the meeting and left de- not large enough for them. They may have enough money but veterans to the United States, termined to spread the word forced an engineering battalion quantities are limited and they left Manila one-third empty, the about the GI Liberation Com- to move off the other half of mittee's plans for the future. the grounds and into what a

"Send Us Home!"



In a dramatic night demonstration in Paris, France, on January 8, United States soldiers carrying torches, march along Champs Elysees shouting: "We Want to Go Home!"

This resolution, adopted in re-

ed by Sgt. Emil Mazey, former Numerous local unions have Briggs Local President, charges likewise voiced their demand that "the continued stay of that the call of the GIs, "Get these millions of GIs in the Us Home!" be immediately and Armed Forces can only serve the

complaints to a Senatorial in-vestigating committee scheduled The chairman pointed out that not everyone would be able to

About 1,000 Japanese prison- and open support for the GIs

up a golf course for the Brass and their unions, the major ion that the Japanese could be country, dominated in the main

least removing the debris of war." Colonels and higher officers of the soldiers overseas. Neither get the quality items such as good the American Legion nor the cigars, watches, cigarette lighters Veterans of Foreign Wars has

Brass Hats in Manila decided and fountain pens which are sold ing GIs. don't get an opportunity to buy. A young officer said his goldbraided commander lived in "a sumptious house staffed by 32 Filipino houseboys." The men, he says, "are trying to figure out what in hell has to be done that requires" 32 servants. The place was redecorated and painted before the commander moved in. A lieutenant colonel has two private homes for his own use. He got them on the claim that he had to have space to "entertain distinguished visitors." His home and let the people of visitors have consisted of Red Cross and USO girls, a junior officer said. Housing of any kind cupy settle their own affairs. is at a high premium in Manila. A captain "sent an 80 foot Council the following resolution launch on a tour of the harbor in search of the ship which was doing his laundry for him. "It cost the taxpavers better

wear a clean shirt," declared a unior officer.

READ **'THE FOURTH** soldiers are being kept in the army "for the advantage of their commanding officers.'

At the same time, AFL President William Green publicly stated that the War Department "has not lived up to its promises to the servicemen." His statement came in response to radiogram appeals from 7,500 AFL members in Manila. The GIs, Green said, "have lost confidence in the sincerity of the War Department's expressed policy of rapid demobilization."

In contrast to the widespread ers of war were assigned to clean expressed by organized workers article in reference to my acveterans organizations in this by brass hat elements and busia studied silence on the appeals ists in the UAW-CIO. It is our considered opinion that the statements appearing

come to the aid of the protest- in the pages of the Flint Journal are corporation-inspired. The

AKRON CIO COUNCIL ADOPTS **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GIS**

By Milton Genecin

AKRON, O., Jan. 15-The turn to their homes and families. Akron CIO Industrial Union

tors, and

THEREFORE BE IT, RE-Council is strongly support-SOLVED: That the Akron Ining the soldiers in the U.S. dustrial Union Council joins in the soldiers' protests against the Army who have militantly slowdown in demobilization and asserted their desire to come gives support to the millions of the countries they now oc-At last night's meeting of the was adopted: accord with the demonstrating

WHEREAS: American soldiers at virtually every foreign outthan \$100 just so that bird could post have held huge demonstrations demanding that the demobilization program be speeded up and that the boys be

brought home, and fields of occupation have re- to all Senators and Congressquested the aid of the labor men of Ohio, to CIO President the population. INTERNATIONAL' movement in speeding their re- Philip Murray and to the press.

able fully to appreciate the prin- membership . . . The red-baiting munists and Trotskyists." ciples and workings of democ- tactics used in their press re- Despite the fact that the be a terrible indictment of the Congress and the War Depart- sponse to an appeal from a racy," and charged that many lease is a company trick. We Trotskyists were the most whole regime!"

SWP Organizer In Flint Nails Red-Baiting Smear

The following statement nailing the corporation-inspired, red-baiting attacks in Flint was issued to the press on January 17 by Sol Dollinger, Flint organizer of the Socialist Workers Party:

time-honored method, but none-, and program on the great Rus-In the January 16 issue of the-less disreputable, to split the sian Revolution of 1917, led by the Flint Journal appears an unity of striking workers is to Lenin and Trotsky. There, for the first time, the poor people resort to red-baiting. At no time during this strike of Russia proved to the workers tivities as organizer of the has General Motors Corporation of the world that it was possible Flint branch, Socialist Work- been successful in breaking the to take power in the country and ers Party (Trotskyist), and magnificent solidarity of the wield it in the interests of the in regard to the program GM workers. One has only to people.

and activity of the Trotsky- ask himself the question "Who In answer to the four misbenefits?" The answer is ob- guided inviduals of A.C. local, vious. The only beneficiary of who issued the release to the these red-baiting attacks is the press about Trotskyists working power-glutted General Motors in the GM-UAW locals of Flint. Corporation. we would like to make this clear:

The General Motors workers If there are any people in these are engaged in a titanic battle locals who accept part or all of with the mightiest, the richest, our ideas, they can rest assured most arrogant financial colossus that they are the most active in the world. The GM workers people on the picket lines, the have the right to expect the aid best supporters of the strike, the of every working class organi- most selfless, self-sacrificing and zation, whether it be a political devoted members of the UAW. party or another trade union, in Where any members of our party their fight to maintain a decent are elected to office by the memstandard of living for the work- bership of their union, they pering people of America. form their duties in the best

The Socialist Workers Party, traditions of militant, progressive all of its members, and I as an unionism.

official representative of the We expect and know that all party, are actively participating, our members in the UAW are in supporting and aiding the strik- this fight to the finish, for a ing General Motors workers. We 30 per cent wage increase. For accept our obligation as should this strike will determine whethevery individual worker and or- er the American workers will be ganization in the entire country. able to maintain themselves and We feel that the basic prob- their children at a decent standlems of this country-war, in- ard of living or be pushed down flation, and unemployment-will as serfs of the corporation.

soldiers who protest against benot be solved until the workers ing used to protect the wealth and farmers organize and win a majority of the people over to the ernment, running the government in the interests of the ma-

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: jority of the people, and not WHEREAS: Committees of That copies of this resolution be as it is today, in the interests soldiers on Manila and other sent to President Harry Truman, of America's 60 Families, who number less than 1 per cent of Our party bases its principles

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and foreign properties of such anti - labor corporations as idea of taking control of the gov-Standard Oil and General Mo-

workers in uniform who long for peace, for home and for a return to normal life, and BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED: That the Akron Industrial Union Council is in full PAGE FOUR



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

-Leon Trotsky

Labor Unity

The inspiring unity in action of the AFL and CIO workers in the Stamford, Conn., General Strike is now being demonstrated on a far greater scale and in an even more crucial struggle by the 325,000 striking packinghouse workers.

Equally confronted by the attacks of the meat-packing barons and fighting for similar wage demands, the AFL and CIO unions in the industry have jointly called their members on strike.

When the CIO United Packinghouse Workers announced its strike date, the AFL Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's Union immediately announced it would not only direct its members to respect the CIO's picket lines and refuse to work in any struck plant,, but that it would give financial aid to the rival union.

Once the strike began, the two unions are reported to have pledged that neither will settle and return to work before the other has also made a settlement. In this connection, the AFL union, which had offered to settle for a wage increase less than the final offer of the CIO, has since returned to its original higher demand.

On far too many occasions the American workers have witnessed the tragedy of narrow jurisdictional interests overriding the great principle of labor solidarity. Many times workers, divided by rival union interests and affiliations, have been misled to the point where they violated each other's picket ilnes on union leaders' orders.

But the deepest and most abiding desire of the workers is for class unity in the struggle against their common class enemy, the ruling capitalists.

ward the building of a labor party, that it is using so magnificently in the economic struggle on the picket lines. Through a party of their own the workers can take the next big step forward in defense of their rights, liberties and economic well-being against the conspiracies of the union-hating Congressmen belong to the Democratic and Republican parties of Wall Street.

The Choice Is Clear

Who are the contending forces in the titanic struggles surging over America today?

On one side, spearheading the struggle on the picket lines, are 1,700,000 workers in basic industry. Whom do these embattled unionists represent and what are they fighting for?

They are fighting not only to win living wages for themselves and their families but for all the wage earners in this country.

They are fighting for the welfare of the returning veterans. That is why scores of thousands of ex-servicemen are in the forefront of the picket lines fighting shoulder to shoulder with their fellow workers.

They are fighting for the millions of demonstrating GIs who are clamoring to come home but who want to come back to good jobs with decent working conditions, not to sweatshops or breadlines.

They are fighting for the interests of the small business men, professional people and farmers whose own livelihood directly depends upon the earnings of the industrial working class. That is why, as The Militant reports, entire communities are openly expressing their sympathy and support for the strikers.

Opposed to all these sections of the American people, snarling and baring their fangs like wolves at bay, stand the giant corporations owned and controlled by a tiny group of billionaires. The Morgans, Rockefellers, du Ponts who produce nothing are defiantly refusing to give any substantial concessions to the workers who create all the wealth.

In wartime while the workers were slaving in the factories and the soldiers were fighting and dying, these parasites were gorging themselves on blood profits.

In their lust for endless gain they did not hesitate to falsify inspection records, manufacture defective war materials, swindle the government and commit half a hundred other crimes. Through their connections with the German and Japanese international cartels they coined money on both sides of the imperialist war fronts.

Thus the battle lines are clearly and sharply drawn. An infinitesimal minority of rich parasites are arrayed against the toiling masses, who represent the overwhelming majority of the population.

There can be no neutrality in this fight. Every decent American must unambiguously answer the question:

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

Gangster Methods

Along with a concerted campaign of slander, red-baiting and lynch incitation against the Trotskyists, the Stalinists in a number of cities have physically assaulted Socialist Workers Party members. The latest assault took place last week when five Militant distributors in front of the Chicago Coliseum were brutally attacked by Communist Party goons. Previously, the Stalinists had made similarly vicious assaults on Militant distributors in Akron, Ohio on November 16 and in Youngstown, Ohio, on December 21. In Youngstown at Ukrainian Hall where Williamson, the CP National Secretary, was speaking. Stalinist hoodlums set upon a girl distributing The Militant, tore the papers from her hands, and threatened "Get away or get beat up!" The Stalinists are resorting to these desperate acts of violence because the Trotskyists-the real working class revolutionistsare gaining greater influence among the best union militants at the same time that the Stalinists are becoming increasingly discredited.



"I always say—if we DID give those strikers the raise, they'd only squander it foolishly."



MARITIME, By F. J. Lang. Sec- problems, including the "labor gram that is more realistic toond edition, with new intro- problems." So far as the men on day? duction by author. Pioneer their ships are concerned, the

publishers, 1945; 182 pp. \$1. operators help subsidize the The maritime industry occu- American Merchant Marine Lipies an important place in the brary that furnishes every ship been written by the Stalinists, economy of U. S. imperialism. with books carefully chosen for either in The Pilot, organ of the In the militancy and sweep of its remoteness from reality. "Maritime" helps expose the struggles the maritime labor movement during the past 12 false contention of the operators Worker. Not a word has to be years has made history. Yet, no- that the economics of the in- changed in the new edition of where except in this book by F. dustry are no concern of the sea-J. Lange is there an integrated men. "Maritime" shows that it

who own or control them, the the most concern-even though cover up their tracks of yestermen who man the ships, and they get the least. their respective relation to the One section of the book relates the story of the maritime indus-

"Maritime," first published try and the long struggle of the in 1943, is dedicated to seven sea- seamen to achieve the status and men members of the Socialist rights of the organized shore-Workers Party who went down side workers. The book concludes in torpedoed ships. This second with a program of action to inedition, just off the press, has a sure the survival and strengthennew preface by the author, sum- ing of the seamen's unions as tles, they will surely be far closmarizing his main points in the independent organizations of the er in spirit to the militant prolight of the wartime experience. seamen.

government.

Hundreds of seamen in all the This program points to the pomaritime unions have had their litical arena as the next great eves opened by this book. Some necessary step for the unions. It found in it a new and fascinating advances the argument that the history of their own unions Oth- organized seamen must control syndicalist "anti-political" leaders for the first time read the the industry in order to stop the cold facts proving that the ship- mismahagement by the parasite owners are government-subsi- ship operators. In addition it dized parasites. Still others be- calls for the opening of the shipgan to understand the real role owners' books, to expose the loot of the capitalist government. of enormous government subsi-No other book like this ever dies.

Like other human beings Wall

Street's Congressmen have their

heroes. On auspicious occasions,

the Congressmen assemble in

adoration, while their leaders re-

count the mighty deeds and in-

spiring acts of the illustrious

paragons of virtue they revere.

type occurred when the Senate

confirmed the appointees to the

United Nations Organization.

Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky.

took the floor. The usual noise

chatter and commotion died

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miliar to me for many years."

er none other than Edward R.

Stettinius, Sr., a partner of the

Wall Street banker, J. Pierpont

Senator Barkley, devoutly at-

tended by all the other Congres-

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Morgan.

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Compare what is written in "Maritime" with all that has CIO National Maritime Union. which they lead, or in the Daily "Maritime." Consider on the other hand how the Stalinists have account of the ships, the men is precisely the seamen who have to scurry around today trying to day! They put forward the program of collaboration with the shipowners not only in war but for the postwar period in order to make capitalist "free enterprise" work.

> Whatever slogans and demands the maritime workers raise in the coming period of great batgram outlined in "Maritime" than to the "wisdom" peddled by the Stalinists in one section of the maritime industry, or to the "hand to mouth" strategy of the ership in other sections of the industry. Add to be for the

This book was not written by research worker enclosed in a library. It is obviously the work of a seaman who writes of the industry and the unions from

"It seems to me," declared

torical heights demanded by the

occasion, "that he has shown the

same sort of devotion to pub-

lic ideals that was shown by

"We have all praised and

heaped encomiums on Thomas

Jefferson," continued Barkley,

that class. He is a man of the

highest ideals, a man of the

deepest moral convictions, a man

of vision, a man who has con-

tributed his ability and talents,

who has contributed of his time

and of his wealth, to the eleva-

ples of the world."

. . . Mr. Stettinius belongs in

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PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

-By CHARLES CARSTEN-

Buffalo Points the Way Upholding previous interpretations of the so-called GI Bill of Rights, General Bradley, Veterans' Administrator, recently ruled that veterans are not to receive unemployment compensation under the bill if they are out of work "due to an industrial dispute."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars responded to true discriminatory ruling with a demagogic proposa typical of its entire anti-union program. Omar B. Ketchum, national legislative representative of the VFW, said his organization would attempt to have the bill amended so that veterans who did not vote for strikes might draw compensation.

Adoption of this proposal would place a premium on anti-strike activity by veterans. It is an attempt to make strikebreakers and union-wreckers of the veterans.

While this move is made in the guise of "aiding" the veterans, it is in reality motivated by a desire to split the veterans away from organized labor. This is what the bosses hope to do.

VFW'S Anti- Labor Proposal

This latest proposal is in keeping with the whole anti-labor, pro-Wall Street program of the VFW. Joseph M. Stack, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, recently demanded enactment by Congress of a national system of compulsory arbitration of labor disputes.

"The Veterans of Foreign Wars want all Americans back at work," Stack said in backing his proposal, "and we demand that Congress act now to put the wheels of industry in motion." This attempt to hog-tie the union movement by taking away its one real weapon, the right to strike, was hailed with enthusiasm by all spokesmen for reaction.

Some time ago the VFW went on record favoring legislation giving veterans fantastic super-seniority rights. The August 18 Militant branded the proposed legislation as another attempt by the bosses to use the veterans in their drive to smash the unions.

The VFW's program is inspired by what the employers want—not by the desires and needs of the worker veterans who are in the vast majority. The VFW is an agency of Wall Street. It attempts to dupe GIs through demagogic trickery.

Labor Proposal Recognizes Veterans' Rights

The proposals of the VFW are in sharp contrast to those advanced by the Veterans' Committee of Greater Buffalo Industrial Union Council. This union committee recognized the right of every veteran to unemployment compensation - no matter what the cause of unemployment.

The CIO Committee pointed out that striking workers in New York State can collect unemployment insurance after seven weeks delay. But veterans recently employed are barred from such payments. The Committee demands that the state "come through with a fair break that will put yeterans on an equal status with non-veterans."

The Buffalo CIO Veterans' Committee is fighting for the real needs of the veterans. It has started a drive to organize both union and non-union veterans into a powerful force united with the labor movement. It points the way to the organization of the veterans as a mighty ally of the working class.

rking class agents in the ranks of the ex-GIs is organization **Reviewed** by of the veterans by the labor movement. Veterans Art Sharon in alliance with the labor movement will defeat the reactionary aims of the bosses and secure all the benefits ex-servicemen are entitled to.

THE MILITANT

In the great battle now being waged by all sections of American labor, this urgent desire of the workers to get together in action, despite different affiliations, is becoming a tremendous force.

Every worker must hail this latest inspiring example of labor solidarity exhibited by the AFL and CIO packinghouse strikers.

The final guarantee of victory in the present fight being waged by American labor resides in its ability to unite in action and meet the enemy with a solid front of militant struggle.

Political Action

The Congressional halls are again ringing with denunciations of labor. A flood of old and new measures to bind labor hand and foot, shackle the unions, destroy the right to strike, are pouring into the legislative hoppers.

This renewal and intensification of the Congressional anti-labor drive comes in the midst of American labor's greatest struggle for decent wages and security. It comes when organized labor is demonstrating its tremendous power on the picket lines.

With all its numbers and power, the labor movement stands politically helpless before the insults, threats and tirades of a capitalistdominated Congress. Not one effective voice is being lifted on behalf of labor inside Congress.

The responsibility for this lies with those union leaders who have consistently fought against and blocked any movement for genuine independent labor political action, for the formation of a labor party.

Today in Congress there would be a different story to tell if the workers had their own party, based on their union organizations, mobilizing and directing the political might of the working people.

There would be genuine labor spokesmen who would rise to throw the slanders of the labor-haters back into their teeth. There would be working class representatives who would turn the attack back against the political hirelings of Big Business.

The American working class which has built such mighty unions is fully capable of creating a political organization with a program which truly expresses its interests.

This is a task of greatest immediacy and urgency. Labor must now exert the same energy, resources, organizational capacity to-

Militant unionists, disgusted by the total surrender of the Stalinists to Wall Street during the war, have been further revolted by their more recent "left" opportunist twists and turns.

On the other hand, through reading The Militant and watching Socialist Workers Party members at work within the unions, the militants have observed that the Trotskyists are honest, devoted and principled defenders of labor's interests.

Unable to answer our ideas and arguments, the Stalinists have stooped to the vilest reactionary methods in desperate efforts to check the growing influence of the Socialist Workers Party and the Militant. They use lies, libels, frameup-tactics-and now physical violence. While falsely labeling the Trotskyists as "fascist spies," they themselves are practising the gangster tactics also employed by fascists. Such methods can only play into the hands of the worst enemies of labor.

These vicious attempts to suppress The Militant not only-violate the cherished traditions of free discussion in the labor movement. In their poisonous propaganda the Stalinists have clearly indicated that their attacks are directed not against Trotskyists alone, but against all other advocates of progressive policies within the unions.

That is why it is the duty of every sincere defender of democracy to expose the slanders of the Stalinists, to repel their assaults and prevent any repetition of these Stalinist gangster tactics which have no place in the ranks of labor.

bosses of the maritime industry many maritime workers thought to all class-conscious seamen. have many carefully documented it too "radical" and unrealistic. studies on the industry and its Is there any other proposed pro-

Congressmen At Work

Barkley, rising nobly to the ora-

Leader and he speaks the scrip- dle the difficulties of infancy, childhood, boyhood and manhood as a scion of a partner of the House of Morgan!

"Mr. President," began Bark-Barkley did not dwell on the George Washington." ley, "I shall content myself with other heroic accomplishments of just a word or two with refer-Stettinius, Jr. - the Senators ence to this nomination. I never know them well. Stettinius, Jr., knew Mr. Stettinius until he reached one of the pinnacles of came to Washington a few years heroism as a young man when ago in a public capacity, alhe accepted the post of Vicethough the name had been fa-President of General Motors. But like a knight refusing to rest Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., the on his laurels after slaying a hero up for adulation in the dragon, he next accepted a post Senate, is truly molded of the as Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee of United States Steel tion of the standards of the peostuff of Wall Streets great. His most stupendous single act of Corp. heroism was to select as his fath-

Even this heroic act did not | With deep emotion and withsatisfy him. He plunged right out a dissenting voice, Wall ahead, accepting the post of Street's Senate confirmed the Chairman of the Board of U.S. appointment of their hero to Steel. All these posts, naturally, the post of representative of the

were within the Morgan empire. United States to the United Na-But still this hero of Congress | tions Organization.

Militant's Record In **Backing Gls' Demands**

The Militant was the first paper in the United States to raise the demand that the GIs be brought home. Today it is the one paper in the country that gives unqualified support to the world-wide GI demonstrations for immediate demobilization. It is the only paper that has called upon the whole labor movement to back up the soldier's protests.

As early as May 12, 1945, The Militant raised the demand to bring the boys back home. Editorials and articles have insistently repeated this demand. Following the first protest demonstrations in Manila, the January 5 Militant stated in an editorial: "Help them get back home. The desire of the veterans should be supported to the hilt here at home.

"Withdraw all troops from foreign soil!"

The Militant's record stands in sharp contrast to that of other papers in the country. The December 23 Worker, official organ of the Communist Party, stated editorially: "America wanted its boys home by now, except those essential for occupation."

This hypocritical formulation of the Stalinists does not differ from the statements of Brass Hats and Washington officials. They say all men will be brought home except those needed for occupation. The War Department claims it needs a million and a half for such duties.

On January 8 the Stalinists warned soldiers and their families, "We have duties to fulfill in the armies of occupation." They thus clearly identify themselves with Wall Street's oppressive imperialist policy.

The N. Y. Times, outspoken propagandist for Wall Street, condemned the GIs for demanding to be brought home. An editorial on January 8 made this callous demand for courts-martial reprisals: "What they have done is indefensible, and they should be made to understand this."

Virginia Gildersleeve, Dean of the Rockefellercontrolled Barnard College, brazenly advocated the following imperialist concept:

"Many Americans must live abroad and serve their country abroad. They can't always live at home," Dean Gildersleeve said. "The English learned it long ago. We must learn it now. Many must live and work and perhaps die in foreign lands."

These statements are typical of the attitudes taken by the capitalist press and Big Business spokesmen throughout the land toward the rightful demand of the soldiers abroad to be brought back at once.





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

Editor:

for that matter!

Soldier Describes **Army Caste System**

Editor: The following letter appeared

in Stars and Stripes on October 9, 1945. I think it's as interesting for civilians as for the GIs to whom it was addressed. C. C.

New York . . . I have information that might es to you. throw more light on the Army easte system, and would like to pass it on to my fellow GIs as

food for thought. Due to the additional rental and subsistence allowance he receives, a married 2nd Lt. gets \$81 a month more than a single 2nd Lt. This boils down to the fact that a 2nd Lt.'s wife is worth exactly \$81 a month. A corporal with overseas pay gets only \$79.20 s month. Would you say that a and Lt.'s wife could sit at home doing nothing (or whatever it is that 2nd Lt.'s wives do) and still be worth \$1.80 more a month to the War Department than a corporal who has given up everything and is serving overseas?

A major's wife is worth \$147 a month, slightly less than the base pay of three privates. A Lt. yours with hearty greetings. Col.'s wife is worth \$162, four dollars more than a private's wife and six kids. Does a Lt. Col.'s wife need \$4 a month more to live on than a private's wife needs to support herself and six children?

How embarrassing it will be when I get home to have someone ask how much I did toward winning the war, and have to say that I did \$2.40 a month's worth less than a 1st Lt.'s wife. There is definitely a caste sys-

Sgt. Norman L. Manuel

For More Articles On Women's Problems Dear Grace Carlson:

Like G. W. of Los Angeles, who wrote in the December 29 issue of The Militant, I miss your column on women. Your articles always were the first I read when

I opened the paper. As a housewife and mother, it gives one a "lift" to read about the things that concern us most. For instance, the other Thursday evening, when I went to 14th Street to shop, and then sat, tired, in the subway on my way home, I thought of what a story you could write about all those

PLAN FOR HUNGER to our movement were in the struggle against the Stalinist bureaucracy, its slavish prostitu-As I see things in my own tion of thought, its introduction community, the bosses are plan- of idol worship into the labor ning things ahead for me and movement and the consequent my fellow worker just to see how devastating damage to the solong we can take to starve. I cialist movement that has char-

am enclosing some clippings acterized our epoch. Trotsky from the Toledo papers on food fought all his life against the atprice increases tempts to make an idol of Lenin, I am a subscriber to The Milias Lenin had previously done in tant. Good and more good wish-

the case of Marx and Engels. He vigorously condemned those who I. M. H. did not think, who worshipped. Toledo He scored the type of poems that have been, that are, dedicated to Stalin. Stalin in these poems

dren's clothes-or any clothes, also surveys the stars for socialism. Trotsky all his life partici-And then I think about what pated in and surveyed the worka different life it would be if we ing class struggle. had a socialist world, in which

we could get good, long-lasting The poem, I repeat, is an insult to Trotsky, to our moveclothes; no more bargain hunting on Thursday nights, no more ment. Comrade Brown must learn worries, day in and day out, the meaning of our movement. about the necessities of life! the relation of leaders and led in a Bolshevik movement.

Henry Martin N. Y.

Described By Vet

When I was discharged from the Army in early November, I decided I might as well get (Editor's Note: Comrade Carlson intends to resume a regular something for the worse-thanseries of articles for The Miliwasted years (5½ of them) I tant in the very near future). had been indentured to Uncle Sam. So I went over to the Vet-

erans' Administration and made

application for attending school,

under the "GI Bill of Gripes"

plan. And I have learned some-

thing new about the royal run-

around the government is hand-

They told me at the Veterans'

Administration that the Govern-

ment would pay up to \$500 for

try to get it!

ing its "heroes" of yesterday.

Scores Poem About Trotsky Editor:

In the January 5 issue of The Militant, in the "Workers Forum," appears a "poem" apparently dedicated to Comrade Trotsky, which I believe shameful to our movement and a gross insult to the memory of Trotsky, the revolutionary leader, Trotsky the materialist.

The type of poem such as "Trotsky's Dream" is similar to the Byzantian odes to the leader that have filled the Stalinist press and brought only nausea to intelligent revolutionaries.

"Did Trotsky come from realms 'afar, To build his golden dream-

grow

And did he contemplate at me. night There, the president of the to us. The shining fields of stars school told me that a 15-week and see

The Socialism that would

Comrade Brown could very \$140. He said frankly, he socialist, although unaware that ening to the evils of capitalism. ell have been writing of a Yogi wouldn't advise me to try to get socialism is the name of her PARTY IS A WEAPON

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THE MILITANT

To All Readers Of The Militant: Our Party Is YOUR Party, Too!

You have been reading The Militant and recognize it as the fighting newspaper of the working people. You know its ideas and most of you agree with them. But ideas alone are not enough ...

Good Ideas Must Become A Reality

The Militant is the spokesman of the SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY. The Socialist Workers Party is made up of workers like you. It is led by workers like you. The more workers who join, the better we can fight together against Big Business rule, for decent living and working conditions.

Now Is The Time For You To Join Us

Join the ranks of the Socialist Workers Party and help to build a better world—a socialist world—for you and your children. Help us educate more workers on how to prevent World War III and the atomic destruction of civilization. Organize with us today to win a workers' world tomorrow.

Fill Out the Application Blank-

at the bottom of this page.

Join The Socialist Workers Party

THE EDITORS

Victor A. Howell

Pioneer

Notes

One of the most interesting

letters we have received came

this week from a young man who

is at present a patient in a tu-

berculosis sanitorium. He writes:

"I feel that I must write to

tell you how much I have en-

Trial and before I had finished

New York

Harlem SWP Invites Workers Visit And Join Its Ranks Party. Now Harlem is afraid to our meetings, to read our litera-

my schooling. That sounds pretty good, when you hear it, but just | Editor:

I want to report a very inter- believe in anyone. In the first place, I had to esting experience that you are wait more than two months to partly aware of. I was very glad be notified of my eligibility to to read M.T.R.'s letter to me in attend one of their schools. Yes- The Militant of January 12 beterday I finally received the cer- cause she is a part of Harlem, tificate, and went around to the which is my foremost thought. tion. Come and question us on school which the Veterans' Ad- It is the desire of every member

ministration recommended to of our party to awaken the people of Harlem and to draw them

I accepted the invitation of electricians' course would cost M.T.R. and visited her. I am people throughout the world. We \$140. But, he continued, the happy to report that I found a solidarize ourselves with the The time that was to be?" V.A. would pay only \$80 of the young lady who is 100 per cent workers wherever they are awak- Party.

ism a hearing in Harlem.

ture, to support the class strug-I am speaking to Harlem as gle to join our party. a section and as individuals. WE WANT TO MEET YOU

Come and investigate the SWP, We want to meet the workers this party of workers who have of Harlem. The Harlem branch the answer to the Negro quesnolds Sunday Forums at 7:30 p.m. at 103 West 110th St., Room any subject. Look at the records. 23. The members of the branch Give us an opportunity to prove are in hopes that you, as a Miliwe alone-and not the Stalinists tant reader, will visit us. We are -are the real Communists. all workers and will welcome you We alone support all oppressed into our ranks. The workers united have the power. Use it by joining us, the Socialist Workers



PAGE FIVE

One of the most popular fea- then back to Missouri and I was tures in The Militant is "The very pleased to note a very mili-Negro Struggle," written by tant leftward trend among all Charles Jackson. Many comthe workers I met on the road. ments from Militant subscrib-Several months ago while I was ers and reports from our comon the road, workers would apolrades and friends testify to this ogetically admit to me that they fact. were union men. Today I find

In addition, Comrade Jackthey proudly whip out their union son's column has been reprinted | cards to prove this to me. by a number of the leading Ne-"One truckdriver I traveled gro publications. One of the most with replied to my query, 'Have recent reprints appeared in The you ever read a real labor pa-St. Louis American of January per?' with a sharp statement, 3; quoted intact was the column 'There ain't none such.' Needless entitled: "The Colonial Struggle to say I discussed The Militant Is Our Struggle" (Militant, Dewith him, and also gave him cember 22). The Omaha Guide some of the facts in the Minneof January 5 reprinted "Roundapolis Labor Case. By the time About-Roundup" (Militant, Dewe parted he had taken a onecember 29). year subscription, and he had * * * changed his mind to the point

Ruth Laurie of Newark sends

in this enthusiastic report: "It least one real labor paper." is great to hear workers calling for The Militant, and that is just what happened at the United tant at the Stamford general Automobile Workers' mass meet- strike left quite an impression. ing held in the Essex House in Reporting the demonstration in Newark. We distributed the pa- their issue of January 12, Busipers in the meeting hall, and just ness Week related that a picket couldn't pass them out fast came into one of the Yale & enough. "Shouts of 'Five more Towne strike centers with a here'; 'Three more here'; 'Some copy of The Militant. "Someover here'; greeted us from all body handed it to me at the sides. meeting," Business Week quotes "I spoke to auto workers from

the girl as saying. "Nope, I don't the outlying communities, and know where you could get one, they all had favorable comments unless at the meeting." to make on The Militant. A work-Since then, thanks to our alert er from Bristol, Conn., told me comrades in Connecticut, many the paper had been distributed workers have found out where there. He told me further that he to get it. Last Sunday our comliked The Militant very much, rades obtained 33 subscriptions and added that he considers to The Militant in Stamford, much of the other Trotskyist lit- many from Yale & Towne work-

erature excellent. "Another GM union activist from Linden suggested that we send a number of copies of the paper to his union headquarters. He pointed out: 'If The Militant | my subscription to The Militant. were left at our headquarters so. I am not sure just when my presit could reach our pickets and ent subscription expires, but I union members who frequent the hall, it would serve a particularly useful purpose sinc the paper exposes the role the Stalinists

"Each week I look forward very eagerly to the arrival of the pahave played in the trade unions, and we do have trouble with them per. Even though I am just a there.' housewife, I wish to keep posted

on matters affecting the work-George Rock of Kansas City ers. I take particular interest in sent in this very interesting ex- your 'Postwar Notes for Seamen' perience: "Recently I hitch- as my husband has been going hiked from Missouri to New York, to sea for some time now."

single copy.

where he agreed that there is at

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Our distribution of The Mili-

Mrs. L. Hubbart of California

sent us the following letter: "I

am enclosing \$1 for a renewal of

hope I am getting this renewal

in to you in time not to miss a

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

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

A rising scale of wages! Increase wages to meet

I know this letter is not very good-I am tired. But I wanted to write, anyway. If I wait for some evening when I feel fresh and able to write a good letter, "Royal Runaround" I shall not write for a long time. Hoping to find your column again soon, every week, I am Editor A Housewife New York

women who have to go "bargain or saint, but of a Bolshevik revhunting" on Thursday night olutionary man, never! (the only night the stores are open to 9 p.m.).

Like many others, I cannot go thusiasm, the best motivations. during the day, because I have But unfortunately he does not nobody to leave the baby with. yet understand that Trotsky to On Thursday evenings, my hus- us was a man, a mortal man. band watches the child. Then I He was a great man and our rush downtown, looking for cheap leader insofar as he expressed, things-glad when I find some developed and added to our "seconds" or "irregulars" at a ideas, led us in action. He was less expensive price. And the bit- subject to man's mistakes and ter feelings I sometimes have he made many. He was subject about this rotten way of life! to criticism and all his life wel-We cannot afford to pay the out- | comed it.

rageous prices they ask for chil- | Trotsky's greatest contributions



Order from Business Manager

116 University Place, N.Y. J, N.Y.

anything out of the government. He had had veterans stick it out Comrade Brown was no doubt for as long as three months, liv-

filled with the most honest en- ing on their own pitiful savings, waiting for the government to come through and then guit the course because the money never came. "And as for us," he said, "we have to wait for months before we can collect even the \$80

they offer to pay." I left the school and went back to the V. A. I asked the counsellor there if this was true; and he frankly admitted it.

"I am a veteran myself," he publicans and Democrats as well "And I wanted to go to as the so-called Communist school, too. But when I realiz-

Wage Increases ing to be, I decided to take the ob. save my money, and go to And Inflation

school on my own." Editor: I was glad when I was sent

A few days ago we went out cross three years ago. Two years to Dundalk and Turner's Stain the Army here had made me tion to sell subs and interview so sick and disgusted with the some of the Bethlehem Steel whole set-up we're living under, Workers who live there. We sold I thought anything would be six subs in one hour. better than the dirt we had to One Hungarian worker who take here. But I found out over

had worked in the plant for ten there that you can always learn years said, "We should be striksomething more about the filthy way the big shots kick the "coming for 50 per cent, and won't take less than the 30 per cent mon man" around. So I was glad the union is asking for.' to get back home; and I guess

But two or three of the young I even believed some of the big workers we talked to had the promises they made about what idea that an increase in wages they were going to do for us. would mean a corresponding in-Well, as I said, you can alcrease in prices of consumers' ways learn more and even more. goods, and in the end the work-When it comes to the "schooler would be no better off than ing" they were going to give us before. -we get more bull and less

I think it would be a good idea dough. When it comes to houses for The Militant to devote some fit to live in, they won't even give space, if it is possible, to this us permission to sleep in Central seemingly plausible bosses' argument against raising wages. Well, at least, I'm home, and **D**. L.



ideals. After conversing with her Our party offers all workers I realized more clearly the great weapon to fight a winning batneed for the Harlem Branch of tle against all who exploit and the Socialist Workers Party to oppress us. We say to the workreally work toward giving socialers of the world: Unite and fight

the common enemy. And when The Militant has many readers the workers awaken, and are in Harlem who know we are real ready to fight exploitation and fighters against capitalism, which discrimination, we say: Join our breeds discrimination, exploitaparty and together we, the worktion and oppression, wars and ers, can overthrow this decayed depressions. Harlem knows that society of capitalism, place its the landlords, the bosses, the records in the pages of history, Bilbos and so forth are its eneand establish a new society. a mies But Harlem also knows it society of socialism where there has been deceived by the Recan be no exploitation, discrimination or oppression. M. T. R. stated in her letter

joyed a Christmas present sent 'Mr. Howell and his party should me by a friend-a subscription to really get busy in Harlem." We invited M. T. R. to join our The Militant, and The Case for party. Every member gives us Socialism. strength to fight a greater bat-"I come from a Scandinavian

tle for the workers against the family, and my grandparents on landlords, against the day of soboth sides were old time socialcialism. The more individuals who come ists. So all my life I have heard to us the more power we will arguments and discussions about socialism-but it always sounded have. It is not enough to read The Militant and wish us luck. vague and impractical to me. We want you as individuals to Since the war began all the horcome to us and join in the class rible things which have hapstruggle which alone will bring pened to the world have made me an end to the hardships we now lose all desire to ever get well. endure. "I began reading Socialism on

We invite all workers to attend

39 East Market St.

the introduction I realized that here was something far different Akron than what my grandparents had Lenin Memorial been talking about. Here was something real, proposed and Meeting presented by real people, people Friday, Jan. 25 who believed firmly enough in Speaker what they were doing to be willing to go prison for it. Grace Carlson "I have read and studied So-Akron Militant Club

cialism on Trial and In Defense 405-6 Everett Bldg. 8 p.m. of Socialism and the other two pamphlets. (Who Are the 18? and Why We Are in Prison) and have passed them both on to the other three fellows in my ward. We have many interesting discussions and have already sent my friend a list of books and pamphlets which we wish to read. By the time I get out of the hospital I want to be sufficient of a Trotskyist to merit membership in the party." The Case for Socialism; four attractively boxed pamphlets on The Minneapolis Labor Case, special price, 25c. Order from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3. N. Y.

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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THE MILITANT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1946

- By Ruth Johnson-

"More than 10.000 Berliners filed through shattered streets and light snowfall today to honor the memory of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, revolutionary leaders who were assassinated twenty-seven years ago. The crowd bearing floral wreaths, as-0

marched two miles to Fried- Reichstag. The Social-Democrarichfelde Cemetery, site of the monument which was ordered destroyed by Adolph Hitler.'

clad, suffering under the heel of military occupation, 10,000 work- able anti-imperialist leaders of ers of Berlin marched in tribute to their unforgotten martyrs, two great revolutionists who Zetkin and Franz Mehring, Liebgave their lives fighting for a so- knecht founded "Die Internacialist Germany and a socialist | tionale," first illegal organ of the world

Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg were assassinated on



LIEBKNECHT

lings of the Social-Democracy, which betrayed the peoples' desire for socialism and saved the tottering capitalist regime.

SENTENCED TO PRISON

founder of the German Social-Democracy, proved his own stature as early as 1906 when he delivered a series of lectures prison cell. She wrote the faagainst capitalist militarism to mous "Junius" pamphlet circua socialist youth organization. lated throughout Germany, ex-He was sentenced to 18 months plaining that victory of either in prison for their subsequent

When World War I broke out, slaughter unless the masses took



The few lines of this report last 1914 session he broke the disweek in the N. Y. Times gives an cipline of the Social-Democratic answer to all who try to blame Reichstag group and voted the German working class for against war credits, thereby Hitler's crimes! Hungry, thinly | taking his place with Lenin and Trotsky amongst the irreconcil-

> international socialism. With Rosa Luxemburg, Clara German revolutionists.

At the magnificent May Day demonstration he organized in January 15, 1919 by Junker hire- Berlin in 1916, Liebknecht denounced the imperialists and

called upon the German working class to intensify the fight against its main enemy—the capitalist class at home. He was arrested, secretly tried, and sentenced to four and a half years' imprisonment

INSPIRING REVOLUTIONIST Rosa Luxemburg was a fiery orator, gifted writer, theoretician and activist who conquered physical frailty to become one of the most eminents of revolution. ists. Born in czarist Poland, she was a political refugee at the

age of 18. She secured German

citizenship and in the Social-Democratic Party worked and fought against the revision of Marxism promoted by the Bernsteinists. She met the outbreak of war in 1914 by calling upon the German workers to refuse to shoot down their French for the party in complete agree-

Karl Liebknecht, son of the brothers. Like Liebknecht, she ment with the program of Lenin was imprisoned. and Trotsky. But events moved Rosa smuggled articles for too rapidly. The advanced work-"Die Internationale" out of her ers were pressing forward. The German Communist Party, just emerging from the Spartakus group, was still too weak to take

power side-German or Allied-would MARTYRED LEADERS only lead to another world

The leadership of the Social-Democracy, holding the reins of government, did everything in its power to crush the revolution in lated demanding the death of wards were offered for their capture. On January 15, 1919, they were arrested and murdered. This bloody beheading of the

LUXEMBURG

power and organized a workers'

It was in prison that Rosa re-

ceived the inspiring news of the

Russian Revolution, which she

ardently supported. Then in 1918

came the revolt of the Kiel

sailors and soldiers of Berlin. One

of the first acts of the revolu-

tionary workers and soldiers was

to throw open the prison gates

for Liebknecht and Luxemburg

TRAITORS TO REVOLUTION

The Social-Democratic traitor

strove to persuade the Kaiser to

remain. Failing to save the mor-

ize the German Communist

republic

Councils."

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT ing class marked the beginning

Liebknecht-Luxemburg Working-Class Martyrs *In Attempt To Block Labor Party Movement*

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

SEATTLE, Wash. - The Stalinists in this area are 500 signatures to a petition callsetting their frame-up machinery in motion again. This ing on the unions to build their time it is aimed against the hundreds of rank and file own party. union militants here who are organizing for a labor party and for militant, democratic unionism. The first move in what looks

like a new concerted drive stand in great fear of the growagainst workers who refuse to ing labor party movement and FORMER SLANDERS go down the line with the Stal- more generally of the mass up-

inist program of betrayal is a surge of American labor. letter signed by the Northwest The Stalinists control strong District of the Communist Party, sections of the Washington Dem- Stalinist frame - up methods published January 10 in the New ocratic Party and have elected against their labor opponents. World. This paper, whose presi-several of their followers to Con-These unionists recall the indent is Congressman Hugh De gress and the State Legislature. | famous frame-up and lynch Lacy, claims to be an independ-Furthermore their present line, campaign that the Stalinists here ent weekly, but is in reality an as set forth in Hugh Le Lacy's out - and - out Stalinist slander speech, preaches reconciliation who would not go down the line sheet.

the Moscow at the very time that several sociation's program of support-Ranting all Frame-up Trial lies against millions of American workers are ing Big Business and the no-Trotskyism (that Trotskyists are pitting themselves against it. "fascist agents and spies," that Hence, the Stalinists' redoubled

Trotskyists are "enemies of the fury against union militants. Soviet Union," etc.) the letter of WHOM THEY SLANDER

the Communist Party shrieks "No The CP letter falsely lumps toquarter to Trotskyism! Oust the gether as "Trotskyite" all three Trotskyites from the labor movepublications distributed at the Hugh De Lacy rally, although

However, the text of the letter only The Militant is a Trotskyist reveals that not only Trotskyists organ, The Militant, chief target but all other advocates of a of the Stalinist attack, has many labor party and militant union- hundreds of subscribers in the ism are included in the Stalinist Seattle area and receives enthusincitement to frame-ups, bureau- iastic response at numerous unexpulsions from the ion meetings where it is distrib-

FEAR LABOR PARTY

sheets called the 'Militant' and labor party.

for a 'labor party'." The meet- Party, which sponsored the labor methods. the pressure of time, Liebknecht and Luxemburg began to organ-Party. Rosa wrote the program

uted. "Our attention has been newspaper published by a group under the auspices of the pacifist called," the Stalinist letter be- of leftward moving Seattle trade- Quakers. The labor movement gins, "to several pieces of 'lit- unionists, who are not Trotsky- was thoroughly aroused by this erature' distributed at the recent ists, but who in the last eight action and three union locals, meeting at Eagles Auditorium, months have vigorously cam- Local 104 of the Boilermakers, among them two poison-pen paigned for the formation of a and Locals 79 and 289 of the AFL

Workers Action' and a leaflet The Committee for a Labor solution the Stalinist gangster.

ing in question was a rally of party leaflet attacked by the The Stalinists are now atthe Democratic Party, featuring Stalinists, is a committee of in- tempting a new frame-up and Congressman Hugh De Lacy. dividual unionists from 30 dif- lynch campaign against their The advocacy of a labor party ferent unions whose purpose is opponents in the Seattle unions. contained in these "several piec- to win the labor movement over All honest and progressive unes of 'literature'" especially in- to a labor party position. The ionists must once more call these censes the Stalinists. For they Committee has already obtained treacherous enemies to order.

UE Girl Pickets In Youngstown Aided By Husky Steel Workers

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 15-Approximately 10,000 its infancy. Leaflets were circu- CIO United Electrical workers went on strike this morn- plants at Niles, O., and 24-hour ing in this district, completely shutting off production at picketing began at 6:00 a.m. 320 Liebknecht and Luxemburg. Re- General Electric, Westinghouse and the electrical plants of General Motors. 200,000 •-

are on strike nationally. The largest electrical plant in the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent in the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent in the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent in the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent in the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent in the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent in the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent in the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the Westinghouse first honored the independent is the district the westing honored the district the distribution th are on strike nationally. SEATTLE, Jan. 15 — The fighting rank and file of Vanguard of the German work- the district, the Westinghouse them into the plant because "they

All three papers advocating the formation of a labor party are labelled by the Stalinist letter as-"fascist"!

Honest and progressive unionists in Seattle have learned to thoroughly hate and despise the put on in 1944 against all those with the Truman administration with the Communist Political As-

strike policy. For eight weeks without let-up, the Stalinists through the New World, then sought to smear as

'Trotskyite - Fascist spies" loyal and devoted unionists including the membership of Local 104. AFL Boilermarkers Union and particularly Ed Weston, who is today President of the Washing-

ton State AFL council. The Stalinists, then in an orgy of superpatriotic support for Wall Street's imperialist war, climaxed their frantic campaign in 1944 with a goon squad attack

on meetings of the Institute of Workers Action is a monthly International Relations held Machinists, condemned by re-

honor in their union.

500 workers struck two GE or investigate the threats reportglass workers who produce auto headlights and bulbs also struck.

workers. The company



Victims Of Fontana Tragedy

in the fire which reduced their home to ashes, following vigilante threats. Their mother died with them in the flames. Photo, courtesy of Los Angeles Sentinel.

SWP Meeting Hits Fontana Whitewash

By Jean Simon

(Special to The Militant) LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17-An audience of 140 persons attending the first public meeting on the Fontana vigilante case here last Sunday night contributed more than \$200 in cash and pledges to the campaign of the Socialist Workers Party to prevent an 3

official whitewash. Speaking on "Vigilante Ter-ror in Fontana," Comrade Myra Pickets Protest Tanner Weiss, Los Angeles SWP organizer, told the story of the At Jim-Crow Rink mysterious fire which burned to death three members of a Negro family previously threatened with violence by vigilantes.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16 - In-She also described in detail tensified efforts of the Com+? the official attempt to whitewash the whole matter by treat- mittee of Racial Equality at ing the fire as an "accident" ed before the fire by O'Day H. Short, only surviving victim. Short is still critically ill in the Fontana hospital, suffering from management, daunted by the shock and burns.

and the Socialist Workers and refusing to take seriously Party to abolish discriminatory practices at White City Skating Rink bore increasing fruit Saturday, when the widely advertised impend-

hundreds of dollars in rev-

enue. A large police squad

A defective heating system #

was the pretext advanced by the

Would-be-skaters were advised

to attend another lily-white

like the White City rink, refused

the Negroes who attempted to

picket line paraded, chanting

By Clara Kaye

(Special to The Militant)

Paul T. Wolfe, arson expert in- ing demonstration, closed vestigating the case for the Na- the rink on their busiest tional Association for the Ad- evening, consequently losing vancement of Colored People,



ment!"

Seattle Typographical Union, Local 202, won the most spectacular victory in modern Northwest labor history when daily newspaper publishers, beaten to their knees, were compelled to offer a \$2.65 daily wage raise, approximately \$150 in retroactive pay and .

Seattle Typos Score Great Strike Victory

improved working conditions | act as final arbitrator (contrary in order to resume publica- to Typographical Union policy) tion after an eight-week's Second "impartial" act was to shutdown.

On strike since November 18, the printers won 90 per cent of the \$2.95 daily pay increase demanded and knocked out of the new contract the clause which formerly required them to pass through picket lines of sister unions.

Seattle printers, driven to ber 30, before rejecting the third militant action by the nearly 50 Garrison-supported publishers' per cent cut in their paychecks offer, the printers instructed resulting from soaring prices, their strike committee to refuse found that in order to fight the | to negotiate a strike settlement owners of the boss press they with anyone but the publishers. first had to fight their own boss-

collaborating officers. Voting strike over the stiff opposition of President Tillman K. Garrison and Secretary J. M. Litonius. the rank and file forced the resignation of both from further lishers pointed out in a Shopping | cent pay raise (from \$10.35 to News advertisement that the \$13.00 for a 7-hour day), which union had repudiated its own officers by rejecting a second

"generous" offer December 4, which was strongly supported by Garrison and Litonius.

FOIL "FACT-FINDING"

Mayor William F. Devin, tiations with the Master Printchronic Republican, scenting a ers. Paying 10 per cent assessprospect of providing a shot in | ment during the newspaper strike the arm for his waning election the jobmen, who now receive hopes, aided the publishers a few \$11.50 for an 8-hour day, are dedays later by creating an "impar- manding \$13.50 for a 7-hour day, tial fact-finding" board. First paid holidays, sick leave and "impartial" act of the board was severance pay. Last offer of the to demand of the rank and file | owners was 50 cents per day instrike committee authority to crease, no reduction in hours.



threaten a "radio blast" from the mayor if an agreement was not reached. Printers, their nostrils smart-

ing from the stench of "factfinding" boards, reacted by thunderously voting to adjourn a special meeting, called by Garrison, five minutes after it opened. At another meeting Decem-

MILITANCY WINS

Wilting before the solidarity of the rank and file, unable to win with their trump cards of compliant union officers and "impartial" fact-finding board, Jackson, Militant columnist, exnegotiations when even the pub- the publishers offered a 26 per plained "The Negroes' Stake in

> ing January 12. Job printing plants of Seattle will probably be closed before February 1 as job printers, marking time pending outcome of the

was accepted at a special meet-

newspaper strike, resume nego-

portant, he indicated, is the demand of underpaid Southern second in importance is the realization of organized labor in the

which many of the workers par- Trotskyist reovement, was chair- the word and the deed in the ticipated. Several dollars' worth man. of literature was sold, and one

in the Flint branch of the So- the international solidarity of the capitalist society by leading hucialist Workers Party. working class in the struggle for manity forward to Socialism."

transformer factory at Sharon, Hitler's assumption of power in William Bogert, head of an in-Hitler's assumption of power in dependent union of office work-and a threat to the strike. 10,000 in honor of Liebknecht ers, failed when the office workand Luxemburg in Berlin last ers made no serious attempt to WARREN STRIKE

enter the struck plant. week shows that, despite the Nazi terror and all their wartime suf-

ferings, the advanced workers have cherished the memories of their martyred revolutionary leaders. Their words and deeds remain as a beacon lighting the way to the inevitable revival of revolutionary and genuine international socialism in Germany.

Flint Strikers Hear Talk By **Charles Jackson**

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 14-Before an audience of 40 General Motors workers on strike. Charles

the GM Strike." the labor movement in 1946 and 1918. "The unity of all GM workers in 50 cities, in 196 plantsboth colored and white workers,' he stated. "is a fine indication of the big advances that labor has made."

To the intent audience, Jackson presented some of the perspectives for Negroes and white workers, which would arise out of a victorious strike. Most im-

North that the South must be to Lenin," depicting actual scenes ism or a reversion to barbar- the imperialist war.

Comrade Jackson completed from 1917 to 1921, was shown as "Our task," said Comrade freshments will be served and The meeting was concluded lutionary songs. Rose Karsner, Russian working class to victory year. with a long discussion period in pioneer member of the American in 1917. A party that combines

The theme of the main address knecht. A party that is preperson signed up for membership was the necessity for cementing pared to solve the dilemma of

had to win the war," they re- a threatening attitude and moved had reported that evidence at of a protracted period of re- Pa., was closed by pickets who turned to work. Now their cots and food into the plant the scene of the explosion and

At Warren, O., 3,500 workers For more than two hours this of UE locals 717 and 722 closed morning the streets adjoining GE's Ohio Lamp plant and GM's the factory gate were jammed Packard electrical division this with thousands of workers. But morning. Picket lines were formwhen it became apparent that ed at both plants at 6:00 and vetthe office workers were not go- erans were prominent on both. ing to play catspaw for the com-This is the hometown of the pany by attempting to force the traitor, DeCavitch, who was a picket lines, the great crowd leading Stalinist trade unionwent home leaving the pickets to ist and International Vice-Presguard the plant. ident of the UE. A week before

The tragic fact that many of his union's strike he sold out these office workers feel no by resigning from the UE and solidarity for the striking pro- taking a job with Federal Maduction workers is traceable to chine and Welder Company as events which occurred here dur- labor relations "expert." Deing the war, when the indepen- Cavitch goes to his anti-labor dent union of the white collar job directly across from the workers, the Westinghouse Em- struck GE and GM plants every ployees Association, went on morning in plain view of the strike for wage demands. now scornful pickets who once The production workers at gave him high position and



NEW YORK, Jan. 18 .- Over 300 workers attended the Lenin-Luxemburg,-Liebknecht Memorial meeting held here en Street. tonight under the auspices of the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party at the Cornish Arms Hotel. This Memorial Meeting com-

memorated the three revolution- a better world. Comrade Thom- and Sullivan operetta, "HMS ary immortals whose names have as quoted the statement made by Pinafore." It was written after within the Negro community. gone down in history as the most Frederick Engels over 50 years the frame-up conviction at intransigent fighters against ago and repeated many times by Minneapolis of 18 Socialist Workworkers for organization, and capitalist war, exploitation, class Lenin and Rosa Luxemburg: ers Party leaders and members "Capitalist society faces a dil- of Local 544-CIO on December tyranny and oppression. The historic film, "From Czar emma, either forward to Social-8, 1941, for their opposition to

of the Russian Revolution ism."

his inspiring talk by show- part of the commemoration cer- Thomas, "is to build the party music provided for local jittering how the struggle of the col- emony. Comrade C. Thomas, that will lead the American bugs. Friends of the SWP and onial workers of the Far East is New York SWP organizer, de- working class to victory, the So- Civil Rights Defense Committee the same fight as that of the livered the memorial address. clalist Workers Party. A party are cordially invited to attend General Motors workers; a com- The Trotskyist chorus sang the that is based on the concepts of this event in celebration of the mon defense against Wall Street. Memorial hymn and other revo- Lenin, who with Trotsky, led the release of the 18 from prison last

> Ask Your Shopmate To Subscribe to The Militant

former non-support of the of- just prior to the strike. Some fire which wiped out the Short stood around while the 50-man talist rule that culminated in strikebreaking attempt lead by fice workers has come home to foremen are now in there and are family did not support the "acroost in the form of disunity the virtual prisoners of the pick- cident" theory advanced by the and singing, for an hour. ets rather than the star boarders Fontana officials. of the corporation. Comrade Weiss outlined a

Local 734 is a young local and broad working class campaign of cowed management for closing the great majority of its mem- mass pressure to expose the the rink. bers are young girls in their first vigilantes in Fontana and prestrike. Fearing trouble the first vent a whitewash. She repeated morning, they called upon the the proposal made in a com- rink at 75th and Racine, which, CIO steelworkers to aid in pick- munication to labor bodies and eting. Several squads of steel- organizations of minority to issue 'membership cards' to workers bolstered the line and groups on December 31 to build those few who came to report a defense organization of labor procure them last night. Memto work left without trying to and minority groups to prevent enter the plant. From that point similar victimization in the fuon the girls have carried on the ture. fight very well.

the fire, spoke briefly after Com-**Chicago SWP** rade Weiss. "I think your idea is a grand one," she said. "We **To Present Play** certainly appreciate anything that anyone can do to help prevent a whitewash, and we think "Trial By Fury" that through expression of public sentiment is the only way we

can get anything done." **By** Florence Hayes Mrs. Morrison was accom-CHICAGO, Jan. 23 - "Trial panied by Mrs. Marian Downs, By Fury," a satire on the Minneanother sister of the dead woapolis labor trial, written by Art man, and Mr. J. T. Downs. Preis, will be produced by the Comrade Junius Stevens, Theatre Militante, dramatic group of the local branch of the Socialist Workers Party, Saturday, February 2nd, at 8 p.m., at from unionists, members of the dustrial Union Council Executive Buckingham Hall, 59 E. Van Bur-

The play, which will be directis done in the style of the Gilbert

Following the performance, re-

ed by SWP member Clara Kaye, spread interest in the case de-



bership cards are not required of white skaters. A leaflet was distributed to the skaters, in-Mrs. Carrie Stokes Morrison, forming them of the purpose of sister of Helen Short, victim of the pickets. Robert Michel, manager of the

White City rink, was arrested January 6 when two Negroes barred from the rink swore out a warrant charging him with direct violation of Illinois Civil" Rights laws, as reported in The Militant last week. His trial has been postponed until February 4. Meanwhile, plans are continuing to enlist in the fight against Jim Crow, many neighborhood

organizations, churches, trade chairman of the meeting, invited unions and the National Assoquestions and discussion from ciation for the Advancement of the audience. The response Colored People. The Chicago In-National Association for the Ad- Board has passed a resolution. vancement of Colored People, favoring the campaign of CORE and others demonstrated a wide- and the SWP against White City, while the local Negro press spite attempts of the daily capi- is solidly supporting the action talist press to ignore and bury it by featuring it in front page headlines.

DETROIT Lenin Memorial Meeting featuring CZAR TO LENIN" Famous Documentary Film Showing Actual Scenes of the Russian Revolution Speaker: ARTHUR BURCH Chairman: GRACE CARLSON 5108 LINWOOD SUNDAY, JAN. 27

8:00 P.M.

manner of Luxemburg and Lieb-

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1946

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General Electric Strikers In Lynn Gain Support Of Entire Community

By Ann Anders (Special to The Militant)

of Local 201, CIO, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, struck and West Lynn plants of the General Electric Company here, as part of the national strike against the big electrical corporations.

Braving freezing temperatures, hundreds of union strikers marched two abreast before the River Works main gate, while hundreds of others stood by. A large contingent of gaily-clad girl strikers marched at the West Lynn plant singing "Bolidarity Forever" and other labor songs. Passers-by stood about watch-

ing the girl pickets, commenting on their spirit and militancy. to GE President Charles E. Wilson), "We Want Ours" and others were carried by the marching wage increase with the balance pickets.

Last Sunday afternoon in Odd Fellows Hall, at a packed meeting which overflowed into the streets where many workers listened to the proceedings through power in Lynn. Both newspapers loud speakers, the strikers made known their determination to fight to a finish.

NO ADMISSION!

Proposals to permit autos, car- ment urging the company to rying supervisory and office help meet the "just and reasonable" to pass through picket lines, met demands of the workers. violent opposition. UE International President Albert J. Fitzscrald restored order by per- for use as picket centers. The sonally making the motion that Lynn Labor Council, comprising NO cars be permitted to enter all AFL and CIO unions in this

Ship Workers Convention Marked By Faction Fight

By L. Williams

Control of the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers of America, CIO, passed completely into the hands of a hard-bitten red-baiting bureaucracy at the | 426 is demanding a closed shop. -11th National Convention of that organization held at According to Jake Konowitz, Atlantic City during the feffect, the indefinite continuation has 2,276 of the total 2,350 production and salaried workers in

The failure of the opposition, of the no-strike pledge Phillips also vigorously de- the union under maintenance of led largely by the Stalinists and nounced the recommendation in membership. Representing such "called the "progressive" caucus, the Report that the issue be fin- an overwhelming percentage of to develop a clear-cut militant ally resolved by the Union's Gen- the employes, the union insists position on the vital wage ques-eral Executive Board and he in- on the right to a closed shop. tion, enabled the administra- sisted that, as in the past, only tion to present the issue as a the convention determine nation- leri, Local 426 President, led a fight against "Comunist con-al policy.

the plant. At this writing only | area, has pledged 100 per center three or four Army and Navy support to the strike. Suggestions autos have passed through the of a one-day work stoppage of

B a.m. today, 15,000 members picket line, bearing military and local industry such as took place in Stamford, Conn., are being government personnel. Only skeleton maintenance aired in the local press. Accordand power-house operator crews ing to union headquarters large -union men-are being permit- amounts of food and clothing closed the River Works and ted to work on union passes, a have been pledged by local merprovision designed to protect chants to the reserve strike fund. company property. But as one and a daily strike bulletin will woman militant expressed it: be published.

"Let the pipes freeze—they don't | The largest single union in this area and long hampered by a

Reduction of work hours since tradition of independent or un-V-J Day resulting in about a 30 affiliated unionism, Local 201 is per cent pay cut; other wage cuts emerging in this struggle as an instituted under the guise of integral part of the national job - reclassification; piled-up union movement for higher grievances accumulated through- wages.

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inghouse Meter Plant.

day for two hours.

headquarters.

All the restaurants and cafes

on Orange Street have pledged

full support to the strikers and

are regularly feeding the strik-

ers, as well as providing supplies

for the strike kitchen at union

In addition to its fight along

with 200,000 other UE members

nationally for \$2 per day, Local

delegation of 426 strikers to City

out the war years; all these plus the steady rise in living costs, **UE Strikers** have resulted in the workers' demand for \$2-a-day pay raise. Demonstrate In COMMUNITY SUPPORT The Company, after months of Many placards reading, "We stalling, has countered with a Newark Center Want To Live, Not Exist," "You ridiculous offer of a 10 per cent Got Yours, "Charlie" (referring increase and flatly refused to consider a compromise offer

care if we freeze!"

from the union for a 15 per cent Displaying model strike orof the \$2 to be negotiated. ganization, some 1,500 mem-Local feeling against the combers of Westinghouse Local pany is running very high, since 426, CIO United Electrical, the GE payroll constitutes rough-Radio and Machine Workers, ly 60 per cent of the purchasing

line this morning in the in this overwhelmingly workingheart of downtown Newark. class city were forced to adopt Marching two abreast, the either a pro-labor or a neutral tone in their front-page editor- round-robin line completely sur-

further picketing will continue Various fraternal organizaon a two-hour shift basis. A tions have donated their halls two-week schedule was handed. out to every worker in advance of the strike, whereby each department will picket every other

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 15set up a solid mass picket rounded the block-square West-After mass picketing today,



in Bloomfield, N. J. shown above merging at Lawrence Street to march together to a mass meeting staged on the Town Green on January 15. They are part of the 200,000 members of the CIO United Electrical Workers Union who walked out of 78 plants in 16 states, affecting General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors. Acme Phoot



By Robert Oliver (Special to The Miltiant)

Others are registering for their 1,500 were on voluntary duty. unemployment insurance, which Local 107 is set for victory, but American "dependencies" for its whether a Negro getting a poli-(Special to The Mittaht) PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17—It bey won't get for eight weeks, we could sense an undercurrent size, the native laborers on the but at least they don't have to but at least they don't have to of serious concern among the sugar and the "sea island" cot- job in a machine of continued



Saga of the Virgin Plum

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The precedent-breaking nomination of a Negro, Judge William H. Hastie, for Governor of the Virgin Islands by President Truman has been triumphantly hailed in many quarters. Many Negroes, looking at the thing from a most narrow angle, simply view the \$8,000 a year "plum" as better in Judge Hastie's jeans than fattening the already. bulging pockets of the former Governor, Charles Harwood.

Furthermore, since Hastie's wife .is a native of the Virgin Islands, tory of militancy and Truman some interpret this as a vestige knows it. There is also a rapidly of "self-expression" for the is- rising feeling of anti-Yankeeism in all the West Indies-and Trulanders. man knows that. Put these

However, to fully get the sigificance of this appointment it two together and you have gunis necessary to add the other powder. Truman, who knows links in the chain. First let us such an outbreak there would scan the history of the Islands first be on a racial plane, puts in and the people who live there. a logical shock absorber, a Discovered by Columbus in 1943, Negro. they were so rich and unsullied SHOCK ABSORBER in natural resources that they

were named the "Virgin" Islands. average record among liberals. In the name of "salvation" He resigned his former job of which still cushions the fighting Civilian Aide to the Secretary spirit of millions of oppressed of War in protest against the peoples today) the natives were rigid Army Jim Crow. Unless later ruthlessly enslaved by their he has changed his colors, he conquerors and put to work will face in the future a few litharvesting plunder for the intle political contradictions. For vaders. Other slaves were brought on the Islands as a representain too. In consideration of the church's benediction of this mas- tive of the American State Department he will invariably have sacre, the three islands were to protect the interests of the glorified with the names of sugar trusts. When the undersaints: St. Thomas (where paid workers strike or revolt as stands the Governor's mansion), they recently have against Wall St. Croix and St. John. Street interests in the Philip-From the beginning the na-

tives were extremely militant. pines and in Liberia, as Governin the New World occurred on at his command including arm-St. John in 1733 after a severe penalty of torture had been imposed on runaways. It was quelled in blood after French soldiers were hastily brought from Martinique

page from Britain's book here. He In 1847, after repeated protest has stripped John Bull down to actions, the Dutch Governor pro- his socks already. One of Downposed that familiar and nauseat- ing Street's favorite methods of ing formula of twelve years "pre- governing an oppressed people in paration" for emancipation. Not the past has been to rule through to be fooled by this ruling class a "native prince" of the same trap, the courageous slaves an- tongue and the same color. The swered this with a general rebel- duty of the native prince was to lion. The Governor was forced, explain to his people that they to grant immediate freedom in are "better off" under the "proorder to retain any semblance of tection" of the imperialists than authority for the imperial Dutch they would be as an indepenmasters

leals in the first imperialist war, dence movements throughout the the United States took over con- Caribbean area. In Haiti, Jatrol of the islands. Since then maica and in other islands there the sugar trusts, the cotton are signs of unrest. The colonial trusts and the rum trusts have people want the whole loaf of placed the natives back in new

dent state. There are, howev-In 1917, as a part of one of the er, signs of strong indepenfreedom.

Judge Hastie has a better than

or he will have to use all means

ed force to break the strikes and

send the natives back to their

lot of fattening up the super-ex-

Uncle Sam may be taking a

ploiters.

chains of wage slavery. Although In the meantime Negroes here this is one of the wealthiest of will do well to stop and ask

ials. Mayor Cole issued a state-

the insurgents a smashing de- OTHER ISSUES feat.

STALINIST ROLE

The efforts of the Progres- against a proposal, favorably rec- ployed benefits to strikers. Under sives were centered primarily in ommended by the Resolutions a fight to seat a Stalinist-do- Committee, calling upon the fedminated delegation from Local eral government to establish a 16, Kearny and Port Newark, "labor court" to settle all labor N. J., and to elect Philip Van disputes within 90 days. There-Gelder to the office of Sec- upon, Van Gelder and then Green retary-Treasurer, a post which -in the interests of their fache held prior to his induction tional positions-took the floor into the army from which he has to call for defeat of the resolurecently been discharged.

The convention program of the Significantly enough, not a opposition was allegedly against single newspaper reported the abandoned switchboards. At first the participation of the IUMSWA remarks made by Phillips on the hard-pressed scabs told in the company-stacked Stabiliz- either issue, or even the fact phoners: "We're accepting only ation Committee, which has been that he spoke upon them. in session on and off since mid-December and has evolved a Labor Party had been also pledg-cause of labor trouble." Then, the phrase, "be-cause of labor trouble." Was omitgovernment recommendation for ed by the "left-wing" Progres- ted - took too much valuable a 10 per cent wage increase which sives. Here, too, they failed to both labor and the employees demonstrate any degree of sinhave rejected. cerity, since no attempt was made

The Progressives' amendment by them to pull the resolution to the Wage Report was a weak out of committee. proposal to enlarge the present CONFLICT ON DELEGATES "negotiations." When the Climaxing the convention, the amendment was defeated and the most dramatic and fiercely-con- control within that group. motion "carried" by debatable tested in the union's history, was voice votes, the opposition made the struggle to seat rival delegano attempt whatsoever to obtain tions from Local 16, second

a hand or roll-call vote.

PRINCIPLED POSITION

the question was voiced by Larry of the opposition. Phillips, a delegate from Local 16, The group that was finally elected by the membership as a who stated that his contingent seated on the fourth day by a whole. The Stalinists, however, was opened by Mayor John A. where our bread and butter was instructed by its membership dubious voice vote had been pick- found it expedient to squawk a- Reed, who is also pastor of the comes from-the workers. We to oppose the "continued par- ed by Local 16's official Board, bout a lack of democracy and Watchung Presbyterian Church. help them and they help us." ticipation of the Shipyard Union which in turn had recently been the violation of the union's con- He praised the strikers for their LOCAL SUPPORT any other tri-partite board."

He went on to attack the Com- of 5.000 cast. mittee as stacked by Navy Brass tions and charged that the main- union members. A genuine elec- it safe."

Chicago Hear ALBERT GOLDMAN speak on **Palestine** and the Jewish Refugees Wednesday, January 30 Liberty Hall 3420 Roosevelt Road 2nd floor 8 p.m Auspices: Socialist Workers Party

Later in the convention, Phillips was first to rise in an attack

> resolution. Labor Saving Device In New York City during the recent national long lines teletion.

phones strike, supervisors and executives attempted to man the emergency calls because of labor

henchmen that conservative and and Machine Workers.

MURRAY INTERVENES

convention at which Local 16's largest in the International Union. Its 108 votes might easily official delegation was seated The only principled position on have tipped the scales in favor despite the fact that in each UE STRIKERS' instance the group had not been

on Stabilization Committee and decisively elected over a Stalin- stitution in only two instances. orderly conduct and pledged

The second delegation was delegation of shop stewards aug- 24-HOUR PICKETING Hats and Labor Department ap- Stalinist-controlled and had been mented by a number of delegates pointees who favor the corpora- chosen by a rump meeting of 69 who were hand-picked to "keep Matles, National Director of Or- all strikers.

been rendered impossible by a ficant off-stage drama was en- workers), and John Turpay, ber that last year, when they number of obstacles, introduced acted. CIO - President Philip president of Local 412 (salaried). were asking for a \$500 yearly first by the Stalinists who want- Murray; then engaged in the In addition, Edward Harrington, raise, the UE came out solidly ed no general election and who crucial steel negotiations and Commander of the Bloomfield for them. So, when 50 foremen had protested to the national of- made aware of the bitter fac- American Legion Post, spoke, tried to crash the picket line fice in an attempt to legalize tional fight, dispatched James estimating that "fully 90 per this morning, while most of the their rump-meeting delegation. Carey, CIO National Secretary, cent of Bloomfield supports your strikers were at the mass meet-Following this, the national of- to see Green in an effort to bring strike." ficers postponed one scheduled the warring groups, together. election and a second was pre- Green, it is rumored, was wil- 24-hour picket shifts were or- home. Only nine Westinghouse

vented when a few drunken ling enough to comply, but prov- ganized. hoodlums on a "red hunt" barged ed powerless to do so. His reacinto a meeting of the election tionary associates apparently is further evinced by the fact Bloomfield's solid support of committee and scattered its now controlled his caucus lock, that six leading restaurants have the UE strikers shows how the paraphernalia around the local stock and barrel; they constitut- turned over complete supplies to unions, with adequate preparaheadquarters.

other CIO unions, insisted that strike-bound Lester, Pa., plant Compensation Commission of the control of the c City Council pass a resolution that the state should pay unempressure from the Newark CIO. Mayor Murphy and all councilmen. except one, endorsed this

ficial."

pickets. Most are in line. Some walkout.

of assurances made to IUMSWA fice force is also represented by line at all times.

crowds. Some are in meetings. While we were there, at least

or the westinghouse corp., where 7,000 are employed. It is for a special UCC office to be ership of Local 107 mean what the absentee Wall Street "own- must never forget that we will a bitter-cold even late in the morn- set up in the union headquarters. their buttons proclaim. They are ers" insist on taking the hog's not be free as long as we coning. But a feeling of warmth Downstairs, in the picket suspicious and resentful of share of the wealth that is pro- done, sanction or assist in the comes over us when the first headquarters, old and young, maneuvers by the top CIO, and duced by the natives and the continued oppression or exploitathing that greets our eyes as we men and women, black and UERMWA leadership seeking a soil. alight from the trolley, is a big white, factory and office workers sign saying "This way to the Lo- mingle together. Workers are cal 107-UERMWA office." Pass- coming in to receive picket ing us is a small truck placarded cards and assignments. Others with signs saying "Local 107-Of- are making signs. All are wear-

ing buttons, the most common As we walk toward the Local reading "I Paid My Five-Did office, we pass two gates each You?", referring to a \$5 strike guarded by several hundred assessment voted before the

take off a few moments to hud- The Local leadership is predle around big firepots to try to paring for a siege and are conget the chill out of their bones. fident that, if necessary, they Every once in a while pretty, can outstay the company. To young girl strikers start singing conserve energy they decided some popular tune and others that pickets would stand duty in seating the "official" delega- join in. Many white-collar work- in two-hour a week shifts and tion of Local 16 came as a result ers are on the picket line. The of- still have three hundred on the

President John Green by his the CIO United Electrical, Radio However, this plan has "failed" so far. They just can't keep the red-baiting elements had gained At the headquarters are more members away from the line!



vention, where they bossed a for strikebreaking.

ganization: Richard Lynch, pres-

The solid support of the town the lines.

The convention's belated action created but could not check. of the Rosebud Restaurant says: lic opinion to their side.

way out to settle for less.

of the Westinghouse Corp., fices. The local had arranged The membership and local lead- prey to disease simply because We as an oppressed minority.

Hall where they, together with ride from Philadelphia to the hang around Unemployment strikers. They all wear big but- ton plantations are under-fed, oppression of other colored peotion of other subject peoples any-

Thus the island has a long his- where on the globe.

Socialist Workers Party Branch Activities

AKRON - Visit The Militant Club, 405-6 Everett Bldg., 39 East Market St., open Monday through Friday, 2 to 4 p. m.: also Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7 to 9. Current events discussion Friday evenings. ALLENTOWN - BETHLEHEM -Branch meeting every Thursday, 8 p.m., at Militant Labor Forum, S. E. corner Front and Hamilton Streets, Allentown. EDSTON-Office at 30 Stuart St. Open Mondays and Saturdays from noon until 5 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. BUFFALO - Every Saturday night, Current Events Discus-

sion 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 - Forums on topical questions every Sunday, 8 p.m. at 6108 Linwood. Classes every Thursday: 'How To Prepare A Speech'

and 'History Of Russian Revolution.' 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. Pacific. Room 214.

Lecture Series On Current Strike Wave: "Wages," John Patrick; "Profits," Al Miller; "Prices," Gordon Bailey; "Jobs," Myra Tanner Weiss.

PITTSBURGH-Militant Read-Schedule: Central, 1106 S. Broadway; "Prices," Feb. 1; "Jobs," Feb. 8. East Side, Folks Hall, 424 N. Soto: "Prices," Jan. 30; "Jobs," Feb. 6. San Pedro, 1008 S. Pacific, Room 214: "Jobs," Feb. 1. MILWAUKEE --- Visit the Milwaukee branch of the SWP at

its headquarters, 424 E. Wells St., any evening from 7:30. 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.

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

NEW YORK-Registration open at 116 University Pl. for classes in Principles of Marxism, Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure.

Harlem Discussion Group meets every Sunday 7:30 p.m., 103 West 110 St., Room 23. Office open Monday to Thurs., 1 to 4:30, also Fri. and Sun., 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 2, 8:30 p. m. Beachcombers Get - Together at Chelsea Branch 130 W. 23 Street.

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. Imperialism: 2. Introduction to So-

cialism. T. 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.

In addition to food donations, who is a former UE member. announced he would give free UE speakers included James hair-outs three hours a day to

The local policemen were liketenance of this Board meant, in tion of the Local's delegates had During the convention a signi- ident of Local 410 (production wise sympathetic. They remem-

> ing, police backed up the pick-After this mass demonstration, ets and told the foremen to go

> > executives are permitted through

ed a machine which Green had the strikers. As Max Pelc, owner | tion and publicity, can rally pub-

ist slate by 700 votes in a total The other time was the last con- that the police would not be used Edmond Raione, local barber.

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THE MILITANT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1946

with the steel wage struggle, Comrade Kovalesky writes that he is unable to send his regular column this week. We are therefore reprinting his column from the October 28, 1944 Militant.

The word "Socialism" means a lot of different things to different people, but what it means to me I can write down in just a couple of words.



It means peace and plenty for all; it means sunshine and the laughter of children. I guess it's the kids that

interest me mostly. I know I've written things here before about the kids, but that's natural. I'll probably write a lot more

about them, too, because I feel that I'm fighting mostly for them. In a way, I feel as if writing words like these were sort of a monument for Little Dick . . . as if all the time I was saying, "Look, little fellow, this is for you and all the other kids that you used to play with. This is the sunshine, and the forests, and swimming holes, and the meadows that you never had a chance to see. This is the life that you might have had, the opportunities that you and all the other dirty-faced scampering little fellows never found

"If you had lived longer, you'd have seen life set a lot tougher. More and more you'd have felt the hardships which bend the shoulders of the poor. Maybe you'd have found a girl to share your life, but if you had, you'd have seen the joy of loving loses its sparkle in most cases when poverty keeps gnawing and grinding at it, and when worry keeps scraping at it like the persistent hurt of a hungry stomach.

"So I'm using my big fists now harder than ever, because your little fists are lying still, down under the grass and earth, and they'll never be lifted to defend yourself and your somrades.

"Little Dick, I go out each day like one of the structural steel workers or bricklayers put-

The sailor talking over a bottle of beer

might belong to the AFL Sailors Union of the

Pacific, his companion might be a cook from the

CIO National Maritime Union. Or it could very

well be a fireman belonging to the Independent

Marine Firemen's Union talking to a messboy

holding a book in the AFL Seafarers Interna-

Regardless of what union books they carry,

their conversation revolves around a common

interest and common problems. Here's where you

get the real picture of shipboard conditions. A

bottle of beer and a friendly table helps lift the

barriers of rival affiliations. Here seaman talks

to seaman exchanging the experiences of their

. . .

outrageous action of the U.S. military author-

ities in Japan who refused permission to the

merchant crew of his vessel to come ashore upon

The sailor might be overheard telling of the

same story.

tional Union.

last ship.

Notes Of A Seaman

well known sailors,

hangouts — it is the

people of the future that we're building. It is Socialism.

"Here men will approach each other not with a lunging bayonet, but with the helping hand of friendship, no bitter competition, but organized fruitful cooperation.

"There will be great laboratories here. Would you have wanted to be a chemist? Here you could be. Our chemists will be chosen not by the weight of their gold, but by the keenness of their brains and by the intensity of their desire to serve the human race. And what will they do? Poison gasses and explosives to bring death, destruction, and misery to the people of the world will no longer be needed.

"White coated men and women will wage relentless and unceasing war upon disease. Boiling test tubes and steaming retorts will contain the weapons of the people's army, which we'll muster to fight against the enemies of mankind, polio, tuberculosis, syphilis, and even the common cold. And we'll defeat them all.

"You and your pals wouldn't be driven to steal guns and prowl about in the darkness, waiting to prey upon a fellow creature so that you might live, answering one violence with another and you might keep a little self-respect. No, and there'd be no more broken fathers like old man di Rosa, who buttonholes you every chance he gets to tell you that 'Angle was a good boy. The cops, they shoot my Angie, but he'sa no bad boy

"We'll work. All of us will work, but we'll do it cheerfully and proudly, knowing that we serve ourselves and our brothers. That we produce and create every day new products that will help make life better for all the peoples of the world. People of all races, of all nationalities will live in brotherhood and mutual respect. Heroes (perhaps you might have been one of them, little Dick) will gouge out the minerals from the poles of the earth and gather the herbs and drugs of the tropics, and we'll take them, and with them, we'll raise life to an even higher level."



ary 15, killing 13 mine workers and injuring at least 38 of more than 200 others who finally escaped the burning trap.

Havaco'No. 9 coal mine in Welch, West Virginia, on Janu-

The same criminal neglect by the coal operators of even the simplest precautions and the same cynical disregard of danger warnings by federal mine inspectors which cost the lives of 22 mine workers in the recent Pineville, Kentucky, tragedy, added these new victims to the unending list of mine workers who every year are doomed to violent deaths by the greed of the mine owners.

DANGERS KNOWN

A purely perfunctory report last September by inspectors from the Bureau of Mines, which every year reiterates it has no power to enforce its findings, listed at least three danger points in the New River and Pocahontas Coal Company mine. The mine was gassy, and equipped with dangerous electric installations. Safety inspections by the ompany were totally inadequate. The company operated no safety raining program for the miners. | through an air shaft, because the Thus it was inevitable that this nine would explode. When it units of blood plasma were did, "it looked like an atom rushed in for use in treating vicbomb explosion," said E. V. Becker, Welch Postmaster. Flames shot more than 300 feet into the

Of Mine Tragedy Although 13 mine workers were killed and 38 seriously injured in the Welch, W. Va., mine explosion due to the operators' disregard of inspection warnings, the N.Y. Times, a chief apologis' for the criminal capitalist system, did not fail to point out the "brighter" side of the disaster.

The "Bright" Side

The Times, January 14, reports cheerfully: "The unusual aspect of the explosionwas that with so many in its area, so few were killed or injured."

workers assembled around the scene of the disaster, the miners who were not killed, emerged, one by one. Some appeared dazed and leaned heavily on their buddies. Others had to be half carried or dragged. Some of the more seriously injured were hoisted out by an improvised cable and bucket arrangement elevator was wrecked. Some 200 tims. This is the 80th disaster in 4

West Virginia bituminous mines air. Not only were mine workers since official records have been killed and injured, but many kept. In these 2,214 workers have buildings in the immediate area been needlessly slaughtered. But now, as in previous disasters, the

coal operators have no comment to make. Neither has the State Mine Inspection Bureau, which is supposed not to serve the coal operulations for the mine workers. inspector arrived upon the scene for an inspection! But after each. disaster, the coal operators continue to reap their profits by

Throughout the whole day, as sending men to their deaths in crowds of relatives and rescue dangerous and neglected mines.



Ending of the nation-wide workers get the lowest wages in of the National Association 400 strikers of the Western Elec-

Minnesota Packinghouse Workers **Firmly Support National Strike**

By Barbara Bruce (Special to The Militant)

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 16 - Packinghouse workers in the Minnesota area walked out nearly 8,000 strong today center 100 per cent.

Plants affected in this area include Armour, Swift and Rifkin in South St. Paul; Superior and Bartusch in St. Paul; Cudahy in Newport. and Wilson in Albert Lea and at every entrance to these great complete solidarity with plant tion at the entrance was wreck-

involves some 1,200 workers; the others are employed in

more furious members of the crew and only picket lines and immediately be- union pass. This includes office are worse than in any other in- off last week's paralyzing day seven picket captains were

the St. Paul-Newport area.

down here. Union leaders point

port to work as usual Wednes-

Faribault. The Wilson plant meat-processing citadels. Banners bore the slogans: No 100 per cent.

Raise, No Work; We Deserve A Living Wage: We Want Justice.

STOCKYARD WORKERS

No one is allowed to cross the the country, next to textile work- of the National Association (NFTW) further pressed by

plants to prevent spoilage of were wrecked. meat on hand.

Five women and children who There is not much meat in any were in the company grocery of the plants today, however, store at the time were taken to and closed up the nation's second largest meat-packing since an embargo was placed on a hospital for treatment of inlivestock and most of the stock juries resulting from the blast. on hand was processed and School children in a building 500 ators, but to enforce safety regshipped out before the strike be- feet away were injured by flying gan. Stockyard workers are in glass. The entire tipple construc- After the disaster a state mine

the deep mine the blast left its

The militant spirit of the trail of wreckage. packing workers here was dem-

CIO members resounded their Operating on four-hour shifts, approval of the union's strike

skeleton crews of maintenance to serve his turn on the picket cheered by union members who and janitorial workers and could line. Pickets are issued strike jammed the hall.

CIO United Packinghouse Work- of fining every member who does plants from his own 23 years of "The meat packing worker.

Joseph Ollman, district direct-

Key men in all locals of the duty. There is discussion now ing conditions in the packing time a member reports for picket or of the UPWA, described workexperience as a packinghouse

Picketing of the struck plants in army and navy trousers stat- meeting sponsored by the UPWA

every union member is expected program. CIO spokesmen were

What Strikers Must Guard Against

- By The Editors—

American labor stands at the most crucial juncture ing to settle without a real fight for 17½ cents instead of

25 cents.

THE STRUGGLE.

employees and are also striking ed. It is not known how far into

Placards carried by young men onstrated last Sunday at a mass

be closed with the greatest cards which are punched each at that time.

San da a har

By Joseph Keller

The crew raised hell; accused the Steward of began at 4 a.m. today in accord- ed: We Fought For Better Wages in St. Paul. Well over 1,000 selling the ship's food; threatened the Cook and ance with strike strategy laid and Jobs. 2nd Cook, and finally in a last desperate demonstration threw the entire lunch ration of one out that the plants operate on day over the side and refused to work. At a crew's meeting that evening the cook explained the fix they were in and got a vote of confidence from the meeting.

They resigned themselves to hoping for army supplies at one of the Pacific bases they were to hit. But at midnight they caught the steward ers reported for picket duty at not take his turn. frying up some eggs from his private supply. In the appointed early morning vain his protestations that there were only a few hour. Other workers, told to reeggs, not enough to go around.

The Steward was jumped by several of the day morning, were greeted by picket line without an official ers," he said. "Their conditions of Telephone Workers to call company attacks.

It makes no difference whether you walk into His companion, a cook, listens and nods grimly. It is a familiar story to him. He too has sufthe American bar on 23rd Street in New York, little joint next to the "dog house" at the fered the pain of no shore leave in some foreign foot of Broadway in port after weeks at sea and sometimes, after Baltimore, the Sailors months without setting foot on solid ground. Cafe on Clay street in He tells in turn the story of his last trip. San Francisco or the Post Keller on Seneca street in Seattle --- all

He made a pier head jump and on his first day

rice and beans for supper.

on the job found that the ship was carrying old stores with insufficient meats, eggs and vegetables but plenty of rice and beans. It was too late to do anything but try to make the best of a rotten storeroom. The meat and eggs lasted three weeks and the last of the potatoes went a week later. From then on it was rice and beans for breakfast, beans and rice for dinner, and

Rescue workers removing the body of one of the miners killed in the Havaco coal mine disaster at Welch, West Virginia. On January 17 a frightful explosion caused by the mine owners, criminal neglect of safety measures killed 13 coal miners and injured 38.

By Art Sharon



the flimsy legal pretext that only personnel in uniform of an American service could come ashore.

None of the crew wore uniforms. They, like the majority of merchant seamen, refused to be sucked into wearing uniforms at the very beginning of the war, because they did not wish any more regimentation than they already suffered. The sailor might add with indignation that the crew lined the rails and glumly watched the officers of the ship go ashore in aniforms covered with gold braid enough to dazzle a blind man

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FEPC Filibuster

Last week the Southern Bourbon Democrats in the Senate were caught on the horns of a filemma

They were torn between two frenzied desires. While anxious to speed enactment of anti-labor legislation, they were confronted by the unexpected "emergency" called forth by the sudden presentation of a bill for establishment of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission.

The Bilbo Bourbons decided that the most immediately pressing problem before the nation is to defend "white supremacy" against the ominous consequences of any federal law against racial discrimination in industry.

When a Senate majority on January 17 passod Senator Chavez's motion to take up the FEPC bill, a bloc of 15 Southern Senators rose to arms and launched their mightlest weapon -the filibuster. and and selected is the

Again a handful of wilful, vicious Southern leaders of the Democratic Party, dredged from the malodorous swamps of Southern white ruling class anti-Negro hatred, prepared to rant indefinitely in order to block action on the FEPC.

Senator George of Georgia declaimed in outrage against introducing the FEPC bill "in a time of industrial crisis, when the very life of this nation as at stake."

But that did not prevent him and his colleagues from proceeding to gum up the machinery of the Senate indefinitely in order to ensure that 13,000,000 Negro citizens of the United States are kept in a permanent position of servitude and second-class citizenship.

Senators Eastland and Bilbo, veteran bannerbearers for the "white supermacy" scum, proclaimed their determination to talk the Senate to death, if need be. Eastland said he personally was prepared to talk two years against the measure. More modestly, Bilbo said, "I pro-

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in hand saved his hide.

This too is a familiar story to the sailor. He has been at the mercy of an incompetent "belly robbing" company steward a number of times. How totally different are these experiences from the glorious pictures painted by the War. Shipping Administration to prospective recruits for the industry! What a challenge to the yain boasting of the class-collaborating union leaders on the "conditions" their leadership has brought to the seamen.

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pose to exercise my right to speak twice on the measure-for 30 days each time."

Cautious Senator Ellender of Louisiana merely promised to spout "as long as God gives me breath."

First in the hopper of the "1,000 amendments" which the Bourbon bloc threatens to attach to workers. The rank and file have shown, and are showthe FEPC bill is an anti-closed shop rider prohibiting discrimination in employment because of "race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, OR MEMBERSHIP OR NON-MEMBERSHIP IN. OR AFFILIATION OR NON-AFFILIATION WITH ANY LABOR UNIONS."

On January 18 the FEPC opponents revealed their first filibuster tactic. They began introducing "corrective" proposals for the permanent. Journal of proceedings which required the reading of interminable records out loud.

Senator Overton of Louisiana opened a discussion devoted to the Journal, the Congressional Record, the Bible and anecdotes of his childhood days (apparently not yet over.)

This included the usual insulting tirade against Negroes such as: "Any nigger girl can walk into my office and the Federal Government would attempt to make me place her side by side by side with the other girls. I don't know what I'd do if anyone told me to do that." Meanwhile the threat of "secession" spread its pall over the Senate. Senator Eastland telegraphed the Mississippi state legislature to "protect the sovereignty of Mississippi and the liberty and freedom of our people (meaning the rich Southern whites) by the passage of a nullification proclamation" if the FEPC bill entirely without consultation with the union ranks, had should pass. **

As for the Senate majority, they stand ap- major unions now on strike, notably the CIO Electrical parently helpless to halt the filibuster. They and Packinghouse Unions. excuse their inaction on the ground of respecting the "democratic right" of this ultra-reactionary handful of "white supremacists" elected by a tiny minority in the poll-tax states.

For what are the democratic rights of 13,-000,000 Negro Americans compared to the right of Senatorial "free speech" for their most vicious oppressors?

workers and plant officials. Plant dustry." He told of workers strike of 265,000 phone work-Before 7 a.m. in South St. Paul, managers have remained inside wading in blood up to their an- ers. instead of the familiar stream both Armour's and Swift's rath- kles, of the stench of the pack- The NFTW leaders announc-

In this battle. now spearheaded by 1,700,000 strikers,

There has been NO WEAKNESS in the ranks of the

The two-month long strike of the GM workers plus

All the evidences of weakness, vacillation and tim-

It suffices to show how the wage demands of the

In the case of the steel workers, the union originally

a thousand picket lines throughout the land testify to

their willingness and readiness to fight stubbornly for

How Demands Were Compromised

workers have been seriously compromised IN ADVANCE

advanced the demand for a 25 cent an hour raise, \$2 a

day. This wage increase can easily be paid by the steel

companies without price rises and they will still make

ing to Truman's proposal for an 18½-cent settlement.

already given away 25 per cent of the union's demands.

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Before a single real blow had been struck, Murray

every worker understands the dangers threatening from

the enemy camp of Big Business. The workers are pre-

of a titanic battle for tremendous stakes.

pared to fight these dangers to the utmost.

ing, iron will and determination.

their just demands.

leaders-and by them alone.

OF THE REAL BATTLE.

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of men, women and automobiles er than subject themselves to the ing houses and how it gets into ed last Sunday that they will choking the streets and sidewalks approaching the plants, there

appeared hundreds of men car- tenance workers in charge of re- of workers nodded their heads Act for Feb uary 16. This imrying strike banners, on guard frigeration are allowed in the in agreement as he talked.

pending strike will not only back

It was only the tremendous pressure from the work-

ers on the one hand, and the completely contemptuous and

uncompromising attitude of the corporations on the other

which forced these union leaders to finally, though re-

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GOVERNMENT PRESSURE. AND THAT REMAINS A

But there is a still further danger, which was first

GRAVE DANGER AT THIS MOST CRITICAL STAGE OF

clearly revealed in the Ford negotiations. There the CIO

demand from Ford, submitted a proposal for COMPANY

SECURITY which would give the corporation the right to

fine and fire union militants who might be provoked into

luctantly, give the signal for battle.

arrested at the main gate of the huge plant here when they refused to permit taxi-cabs loaded with company officials through

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the gates.

Thursday night, the Union was served with a surprise injunction issued by Vice-Chan+ cellor James Fiedler of Jersey City, restricting pickets to 10 at the main gate. This brazen strike breaking injunction was illegally issued on complaint of the company without the union even being notified of the court hearings!

The company immediately utilized this injunction to order all supervisory employes to report to work and they are now escorted through the picket lines by police. It is apparent BUT THEY HAVE ALREADY SHOWN THEMSELVES that only mass picketing by thousands can nullify this injunction. Meanwhile, in addition to the nation-wide phone walkout on February 16, other Western Electric plants, also affiliated with idity in this struggle have been exhibited by the top union United Auto Workers leaders, in response to an arrogant berships for an immediate sympathy strike to tie up Western Electric production of 32,000 workers in Hawthorne and Cicero, Ill., Pt. Breeze, Md., and Maspeth, Long Island.

so-called "unauthorized strikes." Company security provisions, though in a more disguised and modified form, have already been accepted by the CIO Oil Workers leadership, and incorporated into the

Only One Answer to Corporations

One after another, the big corporations, starting with At the first crack, Philip Murray under pressure from General Motors, have taken the cue from the Ford prothe government and in fear of militant action, reduced posal. They have abrogated contracts in anticipation of ing out its slogan of "Every this demand to 191/2 cents, a more than 20 per cent retreat. confronting the unions with their particular brand of member a picket," CIO United Then Murray retreated another step by quickly yield-"company security"-that is, the means for victimizing the Electrical Workers Local 130 has best union fighters, terrorizing union members, and undermining the unions. At the same time labor-hating Congressmen are preparing legislation which would compel the incorporation of company security clauses in all un- its fourth day the union com-This process has been repeated by the leaders of other | ion contracts.

Everybody knows that the government's proposal for ciently, supplying the pickets an 181/2 cent increase in steel and 191/2 cents in General | with coffee, setting up effective The UE leaders retreated, even before the strike, from Motors was the direct consequence of the militant strike picket lines, and preparing for their original demand for 25 cents to a proposal to settle of the GM workers. It did not come from the goodness of all emergencies. These 1,500 for 15 cents and negotiate the remainder. Before a picket heart of the capitalist administration.

line was set up, they handed away 40 per cent of the work-This is the most conclusive evidence that the strikes now ers' demands! Similarly, the Packinghouse union leaders, sweeping the country can be won and maximum wage their part in the fight against who like UE had received only the most insulting and gains secured only by the most determined and militant the giant corporations, and de miserly wage offers from the profiteering trusts, were will- action on the picket lines.

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Special To THE MILITANT BALTIMORE, Jan. 18-Carrybeen maintaining large picket

lines around all of the six Westinghouse plants here. Although the strike is only in .

mittees are functioning effi-Westinghouse strikers are pre-

pared for a long struggle. a good job of it.

Baltimore UE UAW'S contract with the new Kaiser-Frazer corporation. Shuts 6 Plants