Fire Of Struggle Tempers Victorious Unions

- By The Editors -

American labor has triumphantly demonstrated its union-busting offensive unleashed by power-drunk Big mighty power in action.

The CIO Steelworkers have forced U.S. Steel to capitulate to a strike for the first time. The strike wave generally is wresting from America's most powerful corporations the greatest single wage gains ever won.

American organized labor stands today, despite wartime retreats and repressions, more numerous, powerful and militant than ever.

The CIO has blunted and set back the wage-slashing, the still greater battles ahead.

Business after V-J Day. These strikes have forged a new and stronger working-

class unity. The returned veterans, the Negro people, the women and white collar workers have fought shoulder to shoulder in unparalleled solidarity.

From these struggles the ranks of industrial labor are emerging more conscious and steeled. In the fires of open combat, the workers are being tempered and hardened for

Big Business is conspiring with the aid of the govern-, tions with the government, that labor has shown grave ment to gradually devour labor's wage gains through de-

liberate inflation. administration, which has conducted strikebreaking plant government is the greatest handicap to labor. "seizures," whittled down the wage demands of the workers, a new wage-freezing, price-boosting formula.

At every turn, the workers confront this capitalist of their exploiters. It is on the political arena, in its rela- strument, an independent labor party.

weakness.

The failure of the union leaders to break their alliance Wall Street's program is being advanced by the Truman | with the Big Business political machines and Wall Street's

The next stage of struggle requires first of all a comgranted extortionate price increases, and has now contrived plete break with this bankrupt policy of supporting capitalist politicians. Gains made on the picket lines will be lost unless the unions are prepared to defend them on the government as the most powerful and dangerous agency political field with their own indispensable political in-



Strikebreaking Order Closes Down New York

By Art Sharon

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—For eighteen hours on Tuesday, February 12, New York City, the world's greatest metropolis and American capitalism's financial and commercial center, was a ghost city.

A general strike could scarcely have been more ef-fective in almost completely Corporate Heads paralyzing this gigantic 000 people.

distributors, every office, plant, store and place of amusement was shut down tight. Only certain categories of people were permitted to use the city's reduced transporation services.

This unprecedented halting of the work and activity of a tremendous city was ordered by Tammany's Mayor O'Dwyer in an hysterical move calculated to smash a strike of 3,500 tugboat men fighting for a living wage.

community of nearly 8,000,- Secretly Plotted Except for utilities and food To Crush Unions DETROIT, Feb. 15-Charles

E. Wilson, president of General Motors Corporation, yesterday confirmed the charge made by CIO President Philip Murray that heads of the largest corporations held secret conspiratorial meetings to map joint

down and boost prices.

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Wins Gains In Philadelphia

By Max Geldman (Special To The Militant) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 14 — Philadelphia's two-day strike which completely tied up street-car, bus, subway and elevated lines, ended yesterday when Local 234, CIO Transport Workers Union and the Philadelphia Transportation Co., arrived at a set-

tlement. The terms included: 1. A general wage increase of 12 cents per hour; 2. Agreement by the PTC to the liberalized pension plan proposed by the TWU (the Company will cease deducting the amount of Social Security payments from the sum paid as old-age pensions); 3. A compromise on the demand for a union shop. The TWU gets a union shop for all employes hired after 1944.

The union originally demanded a 25-cent per hour increase, action against unions, keep wages the pension plan and union shop. As the strike deadline ap-At the same time Wilson inafter negotiations proached, the same American which had been procee



New Wage-Freeze, Price Rise Formula Issued By Truman

By Art Preis

FEBRUARY 18 - The titanic strike of 800,000 CIO Steelworkers, the largest walkout in American labor history, has ended in victory.

Unable after 26 days to crack the solidarity of the steel workers, the steel corporations, through U.S. Steel, capitulated on Friday to the final 18¹/₂ cents an hour wage increase demand

G.M. Strikers **Hold The Line For Full Terms** By Grace Carlson

(Special to The Militant) DETROIT, Feb. 16-With

the final settlement of the U. S. Steel strike, news of the end of the 88-day old GM WORKERS FIRM General Motors strike is expected here almost hourly. Negotiations between the General Motors Corporation and the CIO United Auto Workers which were broken off by the union

of the union. Never before has the ruthless U.S. Steel Corporation yielded to a strike. Never befare have the steel barons been forced to grammerso large a wage concess on. The victory of steel labor has broken the back of the Big Business resistance to the other outstanding wage demands in auto and electrical equipment.

General Motors Corporation is still trying to chisel an extra cent off the $19\frac{1}{2}$ cents demanded by the heroic GM workers, whose 90-day strike has spearheaded the whole fight of the CIO. But the GM workers, heartened by the steel victory, are firm as Gibraltar. From the first days of the steel strike it was clear that the steel corporations faced the most corporation with trying to put united and formidable union resistance in their history. The first hour of the strike that began January 21 saw the entire industry paralyzed. The question then was. not would the

O'Dwyer hoped to create such pressure from a fear-stricken and panicked populace that the tugboat strikers would be forced to return to their boats in complete capitulation to 91 hardbitten tug owners who refused even the union's offer of arbitration to settle the strike.

SCHEME BACKFIRED

But O'Dwyer's bid for the title good faith with the CIO United of America's No. 1 Strikebreaker Automobiles Workers. Naming backfired. He was forced to re- auto, steel, electrical and meatscind his shut-down edict under packing barons who met with him a tremendous storm of protest at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New not only from the labor move- York on January 9, Wilson said: ment but from the capitalists GREATEST FEAR themselves.

By the thousands, businessmen citizens can't make the decisions large and small clamored for an for this country right now." end of the order which in a single | What kind of decisions? They day cost them millions in pro- all received a pamphlet with the fits. The New York Stock Ex- following union-smashing "decichange dispatched its highest sion:" representatives demanding ex-

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monopolists who conspired with September, the union offered to Nazi cartels to divide world arbitrate the wage question, if markets are determined to tightthe company would agree to the en the control of America's 60 two basic demands, the pension ruling families over the Amerplan and union shop. The PTC arrogantly refused to consider ican people. Wilson blurted out these damning admissions at an NLRB hearing on charges that

the union's proposals. FULL SUPPORT The quick settlement of the GM has refused to bargain in strike was due mainly to the full support given the PTC workers by the labor movement and large

sections of the general public. A Philadelphia Record poll taken during the strike showed better than three to one approval of the union's position. Such wide sup-"It's too bad these responsible port of a strike which seriously hampered the movements of millions of people in this important industrial city, made the Company realize that this was not

a feasible time for a showdown battle against the union. The strike was well organized. "I simply cannot conceive of (Continued on Page 8)

Protest Meetings Assail Jim-Crow Murder Of Vets

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NEW YORK, Feb. 17—A mass protest rally in Harlem to mobilize against lynch law in New York State has been called by the New York local of the Socialist Workers Party which is playing an active role in exposing the brutal murder of two Negro veterans, the Ferguson brothers, by a Freeport cop. The meeting will be held at Imperial Hall, 160 West 129 Street at 8 p.m., Sunday, February 27. Leading Harlem spokesmen as well as representatives of labor and veterans will address the meeting.

By William S. Farrell (Special to The Militant)

FREEPORT, N. Y., Feb. 17-The Ferguson Case-the cold-blooded police murder of two Negro brothers, the wounding of a third and the police frame-up of the fourth brother-has aroused a growing storm of demands for justice that may reach from Hall in Freeport. Only 350 were

coast to coast.

the Freeport Citizens' Commit- was on hand in an attempt to take the lead in organizing a tee for Justice in the Ferguson intimidate the meeting. Case, dozens of organizations Speakers at this meeting repwere represented by speakers who called for action to secure tion for the Advancement of Colretribution for the Ferguson brothers' family and to fight Party Clubs, the Socialist Work- and set up a public investigation against the spreading of Jim-Crow and anti-labor terror.

About 600 people turned out ity, the American Veterans Com- tom. His proposal was greeted for this open meeting at Pythian mittee, the Calvin Adams Post of



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permitted to enter the hall and the Socialist Workers Party, rose At a public meeting held by an "extra strong" police guard to propose that the CIO and AFL broad United Committee of Action, representing all labor, Neresented the National Associa- gro, veterans and other progressive groups to mobilize a powerored People, American Labor ful struggle on the Ferguson case ers Party, the Communist Party, committee of its own to probe the United Veterans for Equal- this monstrous crime to the bot-

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Truman Ignores Oil Bribe Charge In Pressing Pauley Nomination

By Evelyn Atwood

In the face of the raging oil scandal which has smear- Ickes flatly charged in his letter ed his whole administration, President Truman on February of resignation that the Truman administration tried to make 15 brazenly defended his nomination of California oil lobhim "commit perjury" to cover

Under-Secretary of Navy. Ocratic replica of the Republican up the spoils system of the Dem-Truman predicted that the Teapot Dome scandal in Hard- ocratic Party. Ickes had previ-Truman predicted that the ing's administration, had "prais- ously disclosed that Pauley, nomination would be con- ed" Pauley when Truman discus- former Treasurer of the Demfirmed by the Senate. He see his qualifications with Ickes. also divulged that it was none According to Truman, Ickes told other than former President him that Pauley was a good pub-Roosevelt who first proposed lic servant and one of his principal advisers as Petroleum Ad-Pauley for this key post. Moreover, Truman declared ministrator for War.

This development . followed that Harold Ickes, whose denunciation of Pauley's nomination close on the heels of Truman's precipitated the current Dem- pressure upon Ickes to resign



By Charles Carsten

Throughout India, British imperialist troops and police disposal of government oil prop- between Moscow and Washingare murdering demonstrators who protest the imprisonerties. Forrestal admitted telling ton. Truman in August 1945 he would ment of Indian National Army men. Hundreds of unarmed "be agreeable to Mr. Pauley's Indians have fallen under withering machinegun fire.

coming to the Navy Depart-Wave after wave of mass pro-Wave after wave of mass pro-tests, aroused by the British im-more than 400 wounded" in HALF-MILLION BRIBE

perialist trial of Indian National Calcutta according to a Feb-Army men, has swept the coun- ruary 14 Associated Press distry since last November. But patch.

the deep-rooted cause of the de-The oppressed masses of India monstrations lies in the unbear- are strengthening their unity in able conditions of poverty, dis- the anti-British demonstrations. raised \$500,000 for the Demease and near starvation of the On February 13, for instance, ocratic Party's 1944 campaign Indian masses. Each new out- the Associated Press reported fund, of which \$300,000 was conburst against ruthless British that Hindus and Moslems were tributed by the West Coast oil rule has exhibited the mounting jointly protesting a seven-year magnates. Pauley's bribe was ofsentence imposed on an Indian fered for the purpose of heading author, Harper & Brothers arbi- the author before the book was fury of the Indian masses. The latest outbreak alone re-(Continued on Page 3)

again resumed yesterday.

union demands.

2.

that Roosevelt had proposed to the appearance of this book.

In breaking off negotiations February 12, the UAW Top Negotiating Committee charged the over "a contract that would leave the union in a helpless bargaining position." In a letter of explanation sent to all GM local unions, UAW Vice-President Walter Reuther said that the union would resume negotiations only on the following basis: 1. "The prompt and satis-

much? For weeks, the corporations. factory settlement of all local prolonged the strike with the sole objective of preserving their immense profits and augmenting

wage concessions.

steel barons be forced to make

but how

"Reinstatement in full of (Continued on Page 2) (Continued on Page 2)

Release Trotsky's from the cabinet. In response, **Biography Of Stalin**

> NEW YORK, Feb. 16-James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, today issued the following statement regarding Leon Trotsky's long-suppressed Biography of Stalin:

According to press reports, Malamuth, who had been hired solely as translator, to "edit" the Harper & Brothers have anmanuscript. The latter theretidal oil lands for private Cali- nounced the publication of Leon upon proceeded to make unauth-Trotsky's Biography of Stalin for orized alterations and interpo-Truman, a graduate of the Boss this April. Although this book lations which express views con-Pendergast school of political was ready for publication over trary to those held by the author conference that Secretary of by the publishers early in 1942 and, in effect, pervert and falsify graft in Missouri, told his press four years ago, it was suppressed Navy Forrestal had taken the owing to pressure exerted by the

In protest against this "uninitiative last October or Novem- U. S. State Department. Washneard-of-violence committed by ber in suggesting Pauley for the ington obviously moved to suppress the book as a favor to its the translator on the author's rights," Natalia Sedov Trotsky Forrestal, in turn, affirmed ally in the Kremlin who feared wrote on September 23, 1941 regarding these interpolations that The lifting of the ban upon Malamuth "had not been authorbe given the Navy Department the book at this time is a sign of ized to do so either by L. D. post where he could influence the the changed political relations Trotsky or by myself." She insisted that "everything written by the pen of Mr. Malamuth Trotsky was struck down by must be expunged from the book an assassin of Stalin's GPU in and instituted legal action.

Mexico in August, 1940, before However, the present printed the book was completed. The text contains all the objectionprinted text is only in part the able material. The public should therefore be

product of Trotsky's own pen. At the time of his assassination advised that the latter part of Trotsky had completed only sev- the Harper edition of the Biogen chapters of his Biography of raphy of Stalin is not the work Stalin. The remainder of the of Trotsky himself. Neverthemanuscript consisted of a rough less, its appearance after more draft of the five final chapters than four years of official suppression will enable the world to and notes for an introduction. Instead of publishing this ma- judge in part why the Kremlin terial in the shape left by its was so anxious to assassinate trarily appointed Mr. Charles completed.

before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee. It has since been reported that Pauley actually (Continued on Page 6)

The scandal exploded on February 1 during Ickes' testimony

ocratic National Committee, of-

fered to raise \$300,000 for the

1944 Roosevelt campaign fund in

order to retain title in the rich

him in January 1945 that Pauley

fornia oil interests.

post.

GE TWO

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Western Electric, Westinghouse Workers In Jersey Defy Injunctions, Continue Their Mass Picketing Order Closes

Bu Alan Kohlman (Special to The Militant)

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 16-Trampling underfoot strikebreaking court injunctions to limit picketing, mass picket lines at the Western Electric plant in nearby Kearny and

ing the plant.

of 18½ cents.

Since this effective rank and

file answer to the strikebreaking

injunction the WEEA leadership

has answered the company's ar-

rogant "starve-em-out" attitude

by withdrawing a previous union

proposal to settle for a 15 per

cent wage raise retroactive to

August, 1945, and reverting to

earlier demands for a minimum

Yesterday, Frank Fitzsimmons,

WEEA president, and other un-

ion officials left for Memphis,

meeting of the National Federa-

tion of Telephone Workers, to

which the WEEA is affiliated.

The NFTW will again take up

renn., to attend an important

IMPORTANT MEETING

at Westinghouse in Bloom-. at Westinghouse in Bloom-field have successfully halted the necessity to protect, as far as thousands of supervisory employes from entering the from being jailed for contempt, plants under a "legal" cover. the rank and file developed some

Beginning Thursday, massed effective tactics. Western Electric Employees Association strikers in Kearny workers, marching on public proturned back 4,000 Western Elec- perty which is not covered by tric supervisory and managerial the injunction, blocked off the people who had been walking railroad ramp, while several through the 10-man picket lines hundred others blocked off the ordered by Vice Chancellor highway approach. The union vicious injunction. leadership had previously issued Fielder's Tuesday, Meanwhile, since striking CIO United Electrical company gates to comply with Workers Locals 410 and 412 in the injunction. Bloomfield, incensed by Chancellor Bigelow's injunction and his the Western Electric workers are slanderous comparison of mass engaged in "legal" picketing at picketing to "storm troopers of Hitler's Germany," established the injunction, and also "legal" mass picket lines which clamped an air-tight ring around the perty not mentioned in the in-

Westinghouse plant. Since January 16, when the first temporary injunction was ssued against the WEEA in Kearny, scabs have arrived and entered the Western Electric plant under police escort. Knowing that the permanent injunction was going into effect Thursday, the Western Electric workers now in the seventh week of their strike were determined to stop the 4,000 scabs. As one sank and file spokesmen deelared:

CAN'T TOLERATE THAT

"We just couldn't tolerate thousands of smirking management people putting on a big, arrogant show. We are fighting for our bread, and butter and we don't believe in being strangled by red tape."

With this determination the plans for the threatened nationworkers resisted forceful at- wide phone strike, which will be tempts by management goons. most effective aid to the embat-A number of sharp clashes oc- tled Western Electric strikers. curred. Feeling ran high when They will also discuss the imone supervisor drove his car portant question of proposed through the lines, knocking down | NFTW affiliation to the CIO as and injuring Walter Black, a an international union, with its procedure, etc. The net result union picket. Although the own field of jurisdiction indepolice arrested one picket, the pendent of the UE-CIO. workers successfully resisted company goon and police attack, Westinghouse workers in Bloomand turned back all but a hand- field swelled to over 1,500 despite ful of scabs.

Both Friday and today, this of Bloomfield have not enforced determined mass picketing again the injunction against mass plant.

UNIQUE TACTICS

Mass picketing at Western declared "he did not know" who STALINIST DOUBLE-CROSS Electric developed a unique would enforce the injunction.

You Can't Keep These Steel Workers Down



High-spirited steel strikers picketing Bethlehem's plant in Seattle, Wash., mix a bit of fun with the serious business of keeping out the scabs. They are members of the CIO Steelworkers Local 1208.

resolution. He attempted to de-

made with General Motors by

pleading that a question of "un-

Fisch is the same individual

who has been leading the Sta-

linist drive to prevent distribu-

tion of The Militant to Detroit

picket lines and who pushed a

motion on January 23 in the

GM Strikers "Hold The Line": **Continue Fight For Full Terms**

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the cancelled contract. 3. "Payment of a cash wage increase across the board of the fend the treacherous deal which full 19¹/₂ cents an hour recommended by the President and his Fact-Finding Board." Reference was also made in the

ion autonomy" was involved. His argument that UE had just Reuther letter to the corporaas much right to sign a separate tion's proposed changes in the contract as did the Ford and 1945 contract-wiping out of the Chrysler unions was quickly demaintenance of membership molished by speakers who folclause, equal pay for equal work lowed him. They pointed out for women, changes in grievance that the Ford and Chrysler unions were not on strike and were of the corporation's proposals not fighting the same corporawould mean a "return to the tion. Meanwhile, mass picketing of 1940 contract," Reuther con-TEXT OF RESOLUTION cluded.

Special Labor Department Conciliator James Dewey, who is the injunction. So far, the police handling the GM-UAW negotiations, has so far refused to comsucceeded in completely shut- picketing and even Chancellor ment on whether agreement has ting down the huge Kearny Bigelow, rocking under the at- been reached on the question of tack which the unions have the reinstatement of the 1945 City-Wide Strike Committee to launched against him for his GM contract-or on the wage slanderous anti-labor position, question.

The text of the resolution con-The stab in the back dealt

Against Stalinists The French Trotskyists have won a judgment against the Stalinists for libel. On January 22, the Bordeaux court ordered the editor of La Victoire to pay 1,000 francs damages for slandering the Parti Communiste Internationaliste.

Trotskyists demanded a Workers' Court of Honor be organized to hear the charges. The Stalinists rejected this offer. The Trotskyists then took the case to court. The Stalinists, of course, could not substantiate single one of their vicious libels.

Big Business In Secret Plot **To Bust Unions**

(Continued from Page 1) any tolerable or enduring order in which there exists widespread organization (union) along occupation, industrial or functional lines." Wilson praised this as "a learned treatise . . a great deal of foresight."

Wilson tried to pass off the top-secret conference of America's biggest monopoly spokesmen as no more than an idle talk-fest where no agreement was reached or even intended. 'We just discussed what a hell of a shape we're in."

ion had agreed to arbitrate its Among the labor-haters Wilson demands and the tugboat operareported at his secret confab tors - 91 men - had deliberately were Eugene Grace, president of turned this offer down. This tiny Bethlehem Steel; John Stevens group of owners still hoped that of U.S. Steel and Charles Cook, the whole series of strikebreaking president of American Rolling acts by O'Dwyer and the federal Mills. The names of Grace, Cook and Benjamin Fairless, U. S. Steel president, appear in Nazi cartel records just seized Chicago Strikers in Luxembourg.

Also present were GM's Alfred P. Sloan, John Thomas Smith Hear E. R. Frank and Donaldson Brown; General CHICAGO, Feb. 11 - Strikers Electric's C. E. Wilson; and A. from General Motors and steel W. Robertson of Westinghouse. picket lines, packinghouse work-These three concerns were long ers and other unionists heard E. ago disclosed as having been R. Frank, editor of Fourth Inlinked with the Nazi I. G. Farternational magazine, speak here ben cartel. Wilson did not name last night on "Labor's Great his meat-trust guests nor the Strike Wave." The meeting was representative of Libby-Owenssponsored by the Chicago Local Ford (glass) Company. of the Socialist Workers Party. **BEGAN MONTHS AGO**

Comrade Frank gave a com-That this conference actually plete analysis of the present strike wave and the various class American monopoly, In addition to these secret inship that will lead to victory." tional Association of Manufacturers, spending millions on antilabor advertisements and campaigns. The Militant has warned throughout the wage negotiations that these trusts were ganging up against the workers to boost prices, slash wages and smash the unions. meetings.

Strikebreaking **Down New York**

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emption from the order, which government would crush the they quickly got. Only a short | strike.

The tugboat operators did not,

capitulation came only after the

while before these same capitalists through the Chamber of in fact, capitulate to the extre-Commerce had been clamoring mely modest proposal of the unfor "strong measures" by the ion until 24 hours after the city Mayor to end the "tyranny of was restored to normal. This labor" in the tug strike. FALSE PRETEXT

claims.

longshoremen began to walk off all ships being handled by scab-The pretext for this strikerun tugs, threatening a total breaking action was O'Dwyer's shutdown of the harbor. The false claim that the tug strike seamen also had already indihad caused a fuel famine cated their support of such a threatening to "freeze to death" shutdown. the populace. This pretext was smashed to smithereens when

Thus, O'Dwyer, who had the power to paralyze the entire the businessmen and the Office city, to cost millions in wages to of Defense Transportation which New York's workers, was aphad "seized" the tugs hastily parently helpless before 91 adadenied O'Dwyer's hysterical mant tugboat owners whose refusal even to arbitrate left the Actually, O'Dwyer issued the close-down order after the un-

tug strikers no alternative to complete surrender but to continue their strike. O'Dwyer, of course, was interested only in protecting the "legal rights" of this handful of labor exploiters who were paying their unlicensed workers 67 to 72 cents an hour. PREVIOUS CAMPAIGN

Prior to his shutdown edict. O'Dwyer had attempted unsuccessfully to break the strike by tremendous campaign to arouse a lynch spirit against the strikers with radio and news-

paper propaganda about the city "freezing and starving to death." He frantically called on the federal government "to man immediately regardless of consequences, every tugboat in New York harbor, and every fuel Truman promptly rebarge." sponded by a federal "seizure" of the tugs.

This obvious government strikebreaking aroused the militant tugboat workers, members of the United Marine Division, present union leadership has of their own leaders, headed by ly lead the American workers in overwhelmingly against a return the coming struggles," he add- to work without certain minimum ed. "But the working class will concessions.

cut through the obstacles and OWNERS BACK OUT

develop a new left-wing leader- Prior to the Mayor's edict, the owners had agreed to arbitration One worker signed an appli- if the union would accept. After cation for membership in the a stormy meeting, the workers Socialist Workers Party. A num- voted in majority to put the isber of subscriptions for The Mill- sues into arbitration. At this tant were secured. Many work- point, the owners flatly rejected ers present were attending a arbitration in open repudiation Trotskyist meeting for the first of their own promise.

This was the occasion for O'time. They were very favorably Dwyer's climactic strikebreaking impressed, bought literature and attempt, which in his official asked to be notified of future shutdown order he blamed not on the obstinate and ruthless 91 operators but on the workers.

No account of this event would

be complete without mention of

the reaction of the Statlinists.

They had supported the election

of O'Dwyer as the "labor-

progressive coalition" candidate.

For nine days before O'Dwyer's

shutdown, the Stalinist Daily

Worker remained silent about

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delegates who spoke against the French Trotskyists Win Libel Suit

his Stalinist friends of UE had

When the Stalinists in Bordeaux launched their campaign of lies and slander, the

"discourage" the distribution of

began last November and continued until January 15, under heavy guard of private police and forces involved. He predicted AFL International Longshorewithout even recessing for noon that even greater battles are men's Association, to greater relunches, was disclosed by Vic- ahead for American labor. "The sistance. Against the pressure tor Riesel. N. Y. Post columnist. on February 8. The session con- shown itself unable to adequate- Joseph Ryan, they twice voted tinued the policies of unionhating practised by the Special Conference Board of 1920. also a conpiracy to smash organized labor. ner councils, these monopolists also work together through their Chambers of Commerce and Na-

form. There are only two ap- This did not deter UE leaders proaches to the plant. One is the from their plans to impeach Bigtrain station of the N. J. Cen- elow for his vile slander of the tral Railroad; the other is by pickets as "storm troopers".

WORTHINGTON STRIKERS VOTE "NO ADMISSION" INTO PLANT

By Ruth Laurie

workers, on strike at Worthington Pump and Machinery Corporation, voted determinedly at a special meeting union ranks disapproved the poltoday to maintain the solidarity icy of permitting some members of their strike by permitting no one to work under any circumstances.

through petition by the union membership to express their objections to the executive board's

Flint, Mich. Socialist Workers Party Meeting EVERY SUNDAY YWCA First Street And Harrison Admission Free we'll all go back together."

NEWARK. N. J., Feb. 12- decision to permit resumption of Hundreds of members of Lo- production on pumps and concal 1833, CIO United Steel- densers for the Merck Co., under the pretext that the latter is producing a drug claimed to be needed by the army.

FISCH BACKS SELL-OUT In spite of army pressure, the ously adopted the resolution condemning the UE leadership. Its delegates to the City-Wide Strike

to work and thus weakening the strike front. It was pointed out with facts, that Worthington had The meeting had been called at no time shown concern about its veterans and isn't worried

about army personnel now. The strikers' overwhelming sentiment was expressed in the following statements: "There is no real evidence that this drug is absolutely vital at present."

"I have a son in the army in labor circles because Miller has been known in the past as a con-China, but three sons here who must be fed and clothed, and a sistent supporter of the Stalinliving wage is needed." "We ists. went out together. The way to

Fred Fisch, Stalinist delegate win is to stick together. Then from Detroit Transmission Local 735, was one of the two or three

senting the resolution, Dave Mil-



which received the support of all the UAW strikers by the leaders but three of the delegates to the of the Stalinist-dominated CIO City-Wide Strike Committee, is United Electrical Workers Unas follows: ion who signed a separate agree-

the paper to GM strikers.

WHEREAS: The United Elecment with the General Motors trical Workers Union, CIO, gave Corporation last week will never assurances to the Strategy Board be forgotten nor forgiven by Deof the UAW, as reported to the troit union militants. A vigorous denunciation of the "double-National Conference of GM delegates "that their struggle for crossing" strike policies of the higher wage rates would be co-Stalinist leadership of the UE who secretely accepted an 18^{1/2}ordinated with the plans as outlined by the UAW International cent settlement for 30,000 GM Executive Board" and electrical workers, was made at

the February 11 meeting of the WHEREAS: A departure from this pledge was made when the profits-swollen corporations. It UAW's General Motors City-UE failed to take joint action granted a price increase of \$5 Wide Strike Committee here. with the UAW in calling out a ton on steel-101/2 per cent. their membership in GM plants, Cadillac Local 22 had previand

WHEREAS: Secret and separate negotiations have apparently been conducted by UE top of-Committee were instructed to inficials which have culminated of the profits tax, the reduction troduce it in that body. In prein an offer of 181/2 cents per of overtime premium pay, and hour and is reported acceptable the increased labor productivity ler. Local 22's President, made to said officials;

a sharp attack on the UE leaders, characterizing their act as a GM City-Wide Strike Commit- new wage gains. "sell-out" of the GM strike. Miller's attack on these Stalinist tee emphatically condemns this inferred "double crossing" of the trade union leaders aroused UAW-GM workers by the UE considerable comment in Detroit leadership, and

> BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Murray to exert all necessary of this proposed settlement un- living. til GM meets the legitimate demands of the auto workers, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to R. J Thomas, Philip Murray, George Addes, W. Reu-GM plants be urged to refuse to return to work until a settlement has been reached with the UAW. **REUTHER'S STATEMENT** After the above resolution was adopted, Walter Reuther, who had been invited to the Commitunion-corporation negotiations, speech to the treachery of the UE leadership. Reuther accused the Stalinists of demagogy be-

they were attempting to undermine the GM strike in fact. Although Reuther did not name them as Stalinists, he left no doubt in any delegate's mind as to whom he was aiming at when he spoke in scathing terms of "these people who say one thing and do another."

Victorious Steel Strikers Win Demand For 18 1-2 Cents

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wangling boosts. The Truman administration

only too readily bowed to the inflationary demands of the **GRAVY FOR BOSSES**

Every penny of this price increase is pure gravy to the corporations. Wartime excess-profits tax rebates, the elimination more than compensate for the

BE IT RESOLVED: That the increase in labor costs due to the

The pattern established by the administration's generous approval of these staggering price increases is one of mounting inflation, whereby Big Business,

That we call upon President R. unable to deny substantial wage . Thomas and President Philip increases, plans to nullify these increases as quickly as possible pressure to prevent ratification through a skyrocketing cost of

BIG STEAL FORMULA

nouncement of the steel settlement, the Truman administration announced its intentions to ther, and that all UE Locals in enforce a new "wage-price stabilization" formula. This "formula" is a refurbished Little Steel wage-freezing policy, which is already being called the "Big

Steal" formula. This formula would limit wage increases to between the 16 and tee meeting to report on the 18 cents which the strikes have forced the government to condevoted a considerable part of his cede, while guaranteeing "immediate" price increases for any wage increases approved by the government wage-price agencies. cause while they were calling for a "general strike" in words, wage increases will be granted without the prior approval of the government wage - freezing

agencies. This is the denial of price increases to any firm which grants unapproved wage rises. It has become glaringly apparent that the wage gains won by

them, despite wage increases, by | tionary offensive has been unextortionate price leashed by the corporations and their government hirelings intended to rob the workers of the full benefits of the higher wages they have won in their magnificent strike struggles.

In this sense the victory of the steel and other workers must be viewed as only partial and temporary. Before long, the whole struggle will have to be renewed on an even broader and more decisive scale.

More and more the workers are realizing that wage increases of and by themselves are no assurance of a sustained higher standard of living and a greater share in the nation's wealth. Inflation expressed in higher prices for necessities is the device to which the capitalists invariably resort to reduce the purchasing power of the masses when money a labor party, and begin to run wages are increased. its own labor candidates.

NEXT STEP

The only means for effectively fighting the robbery of capitalist-created inflation is through a rising scale of wages which is automatically adjusted to every Simultaneously with the an- rise in living costs. That must be the key economic slogan in the renewed wage struggle which is bound to come on the heels of the mounting inflation.

Of the lessons learned in the great strike wave, one of the most important for the workers. will be their clearer comprehension of their friends and enemies.

STALINIST DOUBLE-DEALING A particularly perfidious role has been played in these strikes by the Stalinists. Despite their newly - proclaimed "militancy," the unions under their domination were the last to go on strike, and are making the poorest settlements. The Stalinists climaxed their double-dealing with the secret 181/2 cent wage agreement affecting the GM electrical workers organized in the CIO electrical union which undercut the 191/2 cent wage demands of the GM auto workers.

Within the ranks of labor the the steel and other unions face strikes have revealed weaknessimminent shrinkage. An infla- es that must be quickly eradicat-

ed in preparation for the next inevitable stages of struggle.

the whole strikebreaking conduct The chief weakness is political. of their Tammany "pal." But The workers, lacking any politi- even they finally had to come out cal party of their own, have no and characterize O'Dwyer's conreal means for combatting the duct as "unfair."

blows of the capitalist government, its administration and Congress. The capitalist government has proved the most formidable obstacle to the realization of labor's full demands The union leaders have continued their utterly bankrupt policy of attempting to place dependence upon the capitalist

are now insisting that this regulation government and maintaining in be carried out in the mailing of The one form or another their ties Militant. Check the wrapper in which with the capitalist political par-The Militant is mailed to you and ties, Democratic and Republican. if the zone number is not included, be sure to send it to us at once to assure But the next and more crucial delivery of your paper. phase of the struggle may well Send the zone number to: prove costly to labor if it does **Business Manager** not take immediate steps to cre-116 UNIVERSITY PLACE ate its own political instrument,

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Inherits Crisis - SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

PARIS, France, Feb. 1—Felix Gouin's new government coalition of labor and capitalist parties, barely constituted after the unexpected resignation of de Gaulle last week, faced a major crisis

before it was able to issue its first @ communique January 26.

That same day, all employes of the printing industry serving the Paris newspapers went out on strike for a 30 per cent wage increase. Instead of recognizing an increase already conceded by the printing trades bosses, Gouin's government announced continuation of the wage-freezing policy of the de Gaulle regime. Thus the strike was directed against the government.

The strike of the 1,400 printers left the city entirely without news. for six days. The government had to distribute its own Journal Officiel in very limited circulation, giving only Assembly minutes and official communications.

The strike started spontaneously, against the opposition of the trade union heads, but took on such sweeping character that the union bureaucrats had to give it official sanction.

GOVERNMENT THREATS

The government, made up of a majority of 17 Socialist and Stalinist ministers out of a total of 23, denounced the strike printing plants and reaffirmed the wage-freezing program.

Minister of Labor Ambroise Croizat, who is also General Secradio broadcast of January 29, continue to challenge the attempt in him my husband, and my litattacked the strikers as "privi- of the French bourgeoisie to solve leged" workers, attempting to its difficult and practically hopeprejudice the lower-paid categor- less economic position at their ies of unskilled workers against expense. the strike of the skilled printers. DE GAULLE BLOCKED

This Stalinist minister also shamefully attempted to smear





GOUIN

the other trades to get the same advantage. That is the reason why the government is so adamant."

Despite its key importance, the printers' strike nevertheless and demanded that the men go remained isolated. The majority back to work. The Socialist Un- of workers are still in a waiting dersecretary of Information, rep- mood. They want to see what resenting Socialist Gouin, threat- the new government, now rid of ened government seizure of all de Gaulle, will do for them. As a result, the printers after a six days' fight were forced to accept arbitration.

The strike itself is symptomatic of the continuing crisis

Dear friend - you who have De Gaulle's attempt to impose for some time been in corresa Bonapartist regime by "legal" pondence with me. I beg you to tell all the comrades and friends the friends and comrades. means through attaching a plebiscite to the elections for the that Nicola died poor. His fune-Constituent Assembly was block- ral was held like that of any other

Fourth International."

tant-the backbone of the Ita-

Bartolomeo:

Dear Friend.

lian movement.

ed by the great majority the voters gave the Socialist and Communist parties in the elections. The pressure of the workers, especially upon the Stalinists, disrupted every attempt to create an equilibrium in the government between these parties and he Bonapartist General de Gaulle who represented the greater part of the bourgeoisie. De Gaulle saw his plans for "imperialist grandeur"-that is, the imperialist foreign policy of French capitalism—blocked in the struggles over the military budget. At the same time, all

the time-tested capitalist measures to halt inflation proved uners. tenable. French economy as well as the government reached complete paralysis.

mass parties of the workers to prisons.

Gouin Government Machine-Gun Fire Of British Rulers **Fails To Halt Indian Demonstrators**

Widow Of Bartolomeo Writes On His Death

Official confirmation of the death of Nicola di Bartolomeo has been received by The Militant from the Partito Operaio Comunista (Communist Workers Party). Comrade Bartolomeo was the General Secretary of the Italian Trotskyist party.

He was well known under the modest worker. After 25 years of pen names of Fosco and Roland struggle in all countries, within militant working class circles out ever yielding, Nicola left of France, Belgium, Holland and me, his wife, and his little Na-England. He fought in Spain talia in the most dire need. The during the civil war against comrades who stayed here at the house for two days and Franco's fascist armies. nights know the truth of this. "We have lost our comrade," says the letter from the POC, Nicola has gone. I am left with "at the very time our party is the family fortune of 16 lire. This

does not frighten me, but it pains moving forward." Comrade Barme for my little one. tolomeo, continues the letter, built the Italian party through "I WILL CONTINUE"

two years of continuous effort. I, Rosa di Bartolomeo, will "His loss hurts not only the Itacontinue my work in the ranks ian movement but the entire of the Fourth International because Nicola wished me to be the The following letter has also perfect comrade and in the first just been received from Rose ranks. The comrades of the POC Gaudino, the widow of Comrade (Communist Workers Party) have encouraged me to continue Naples, January 19, 1946.

the work initiated with faith and courage of my poor Nicola. With great sorrow and with My only pain is for my little great despair I communicate to

you and to all the comrades and child. I will seek work, but it is extremely difficult to find at this friends the death of my Nicola. time. To you, and to all friends Nicola Di Bartolomeo is no and comrades who have aided us more. He died after a few days ed Metal Workers Union, in a that faces France. The masses of intense suffering. I have lost by their solidarity, I entrust the tle Natalia has lost a father. the comrades of Nicola, and my who was no ordinary man. The comrades, will all be her papas. party in turn lost its best mili-

She is only one year old, remaining alone with her mother who is traversing temporarily a path of discouragement and of sadness. With cordial greetings to all

> **Rose Gaudino** Widow of Bartolomeo

Indian National Army Men Regarded As Loyal Patriots

Members of the Indian National Army are being tried by the British despots for having waged war against British imperialism. The Indian people regard the attack on the INA as an offensive against the entire movement for the independence of In-@

dia. This is why a popular also failed to link the struggle movement of tremendous propertions is backing the British imperialism with the proportions is backing the struggle of all oppressed colondefense of the INA prison- ial peoples for freedom from all imperialisms. Bose was a mem-

The Indian National Army was ber of the Indian capitalist class. Nonetheless, the INA came to organized by Subhas Chandra lete paralysis. Under these conditions, de Bose, who suffered persecution symbolize in the eyes of the In-for his opposition to British im- dian masses their struggle for

Fighting For India's Independence

Indian workers fought back with bamboo sticks when British officials ordered the police to break up a peaceful independence demonstration in Bombay, India, on January 24. Casualties were 45 killed and 50 wounded-more martyrs in India's struggle to throw off the yoke of imperialist oppression.

Trotskyists In Vanguard by their solidarity, I entrust the care of little Natalia. Now that she hasn't any father any more,

Trotskyists in India are mili- (Mass or nion in India has been

cutta they addressed the demonments.

tion of "disciplined, coordinated, ence movement." action through Joint Commit-

ings.

al Army prisoners overshadows all others in India at the mo- India is in sharp contrast to that India League of America, chargrebel is the inalienable right of men as "Fifth Columnists and all colonial slaves."

Fascists." until "the pressure of During the huge November de- the masses had goaded them in-THE INDIAN NATIONAL kyists.

In the most recent demon-"The soldiers of the Indian strations in Calcutta the Sta-

(Continued from Page 1) National Army officer by the British.

British troops armed with machine guns and riding in armored cars patrol the streets. On a single evening, February 13, in a town just outside Calcutta, four Indians were killed and many wounded by the police.

The Indian workers responded to the murder of their comrades with strikes tying up transportation, telegraph and postal operations. Striking workers and demonstrators tied up the Bengal-Assam railroad. Transportation, telephone service and other utilities were almost completely paralyzed by the demonstrators in Calcutta. "Few Europeans dared to venture out on the wreckage-strewn streets," said the Associated Press.

The Indian masses, exploited to the point of desperation by British imperialism, wreaked vengeance on anything linked with their brutal oppressors. Des monstrators set fire to two posts offices, smashed European business establishments and raided the homes of European residents of Calcutta.

The puppet Bengal Governe nent warned that any person parricading a road or interfere ing with traffic would be "shot." t prohibited processions and any emblies.

OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS The largest demonstrations have occurred in Calcutta and Bombay. But assemblies of Indians in Madura, Lahore, Delhi, Lucknow and Amritser have been attacked by police and British troops armed with man chineguns and lathis (long bamboo clubs used by the Indian police.)

The immediate cause of the demonstrations was the imprisonment and court-martial of sol-Unless India receives huge diers of the Indian National quantities of grain, famine Army. This Army was formed under the leadership of Subhas Chandra Bose, who accepted aid

in the fight for India's liberation Bengal famine of 1943-44 from the Japanese. The INA was which took a million and a uncompromisingly anti-British. The Indians regard its soldiers

struggle for independence. The scope and power of the demonstrations forced the Britlooming famine in India," which ish to concede as early as No. he said, "may take the lives of vember that the trials would be 10,000,000 persons if adequate confined to persons accused of 'war crimes" against the British.

MASSES WRATHFUL

This concession failed to placate the indignant and wrathful Indian masses. They continued demonstrations throughout In-

Associated Press dispatch from

Calcutta said they "appeared

They called for the organiza- be a great blow to the independ-"The lives of those fighters tees of Workers and Students," must be preserved," the Trots- threatens — a famine far joint demonstrations and meet- kyists declared, "for they have

still a role to play in the libera-On December 4, Fight, Trots- tion of India. We join our voices kyist paper of India, declared: to the demand for the immediate

The issue of the Indian Nation- freeing of these men." ment. The masses are interven- of the traitorous Stalinists lead- ed Britain "with a large share ing actively to assure their im- ers. These servile agents of the mediate release. "The right to Kremlin denounced the INA

monstrations the Trotskyists in to a painful and half-hearted India raised the slogan: "FREE change," report the Indian Trots-ARMY."

India.'

men. If this is permitted it would Of Ten Million

more devastating than the half lives.

J. J. Singh, president of the and officers as heroes in their The role of the Trotskyists in of the responsibility for the celief is not sent."

"Unless the approaching famine is averted," declared Singh, "food riots involving 100,000,000 in the drought areas may touch

off a widespread revolution in

tantly participating in the anti- outraged by the treatment of British demonstrations. In Cal-captured personnel of this Army. Famine In India "The Indian people are deterstrators, urged the protesting mined," continued the editorial, students to maintain their "not to allow the execution or Threatens Lives ground and gather re-inforce- imprisonment. of these brave

THOREZ

the printers as "collaborators" German occupation.

denounced these attacks and dictatorship. pointed out that they were askstituent Assembly voted them- paper L'Humanite (Humanity) selves two months ago, when they generously gave themselves a Stalinist leader Thorez and a raise of 110,000 francs.

TROTSKYIST SUPPORT

Despite the great weight of the propaganda of the treacherous Socialist and Stalinist parties. workers in all industries instinctively sympathized with the Mouvement Republicain Popu- dom. strike. However, active and or- laire (Popular Republican Moveganized support to the embat- ment, the capitalist party which claim of British Imperialism that tled printers was given only by has served as de Gaulle's mass the Second World War was "a the French Trotskyists, the Parti base), the Stalinists instead of Communiste Internationaliste soing into opposition, quickly (Internationalist Communist | yielded in return for a few addi-Party). In special mimeograph- tional government posts. They ed daily editions of their paper, can now tell the masses that if La Verite, (Truth) they called there is no labor government for all-out support for the strike. the Socialists are to blame. They characterized the strike as **PROTESTS HEARD** a spearhead against the starvation program announced by the government.

"The printers' struggle is your worker knows that any advantage wrested in action in one trade will enable the workers of

Same Work, New Boss

"TAIYUAN, Shansi, China, Feb. 12-Gen. Yen Hsi-shan, the constitutes a coalition with the last of North China's powerful bourgeoisie, is forced to continue warlords, has returned to the de Gaulle's program of wagegovernorship of Shansi — this freezing, half-measures in natime as a professed servant tionalizing industry, and the of the Central Government guarantee of profits for the (Chiang Kai-shek)—by lining French capitalists. 40.000 surrendered Japanese troops against the Communists Government, says the Trotskyist spaces on the front page! (Stalinists) along the province's Parti Communiste Internationalrailways and beating the Com-liste, can take steps to save France munists into the main cities . . . from disaster by basing itself Lieut. Gen. Rishiro Sumita, for- on a plan of production worked mer Japanese commander in out by the trade unions in the Shansi, still occupies his impos- General Confederation of Labor ing headquarters building and is and carrying out genuine naone of General Yen's aides." tionalization without indemnity cupation exercise censorship less than one out of every 1,750 all-powerful, oppressive Defense against the people of the area (N. Y. Times, Feb. 13) to the monopolists and trusts.

assume a larger and more direct share of responsibility for the early in the war. Making his British overlords. because their unions managed to growing economic distress. At a way into Japanese-occupied Burhold firm even against the Vichy later stage he hopes to rally a ma, he accepted aid from the anti-labor attacks under the mass movement of the increas- Japanese authorities, founded ingly desperate petty bourgeoisie the "Free Indian Government,"

The striking printers bitterly to carry out his original aims at and organized the Indian Na-The Stalinists, upon de Gaulle's ing for less of an increase to resignation, made a gesture in British rule. meet the rising cost of living response to the sentiments of the FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM than the deputies in the Con- masses. Big headlines in their "demanded" the presidency for

> government of a Socialist-Comclear this was nothing but a

maneuver. When the Socialists refused to were convinced their struggle form a government without the aided the cause of India's free-

interests of "All Asiatics." He

But already protests are being heard over this maneuver: "If

you meant business, why didn't you let the Socialists form a govstruggle," said La Verite to the ernment with the MRP and go French workers. "Every wage into opposition? That would have clearly shown the responsibility of the Socialists. And the masses ist press attacked their recent would have judged them accord-

ingly.' This is what the French Trotskyists point out. They show that the new government, because it

strike. tors with fascism. on the forms of the paper in the composing room, the incensed

workers decided on a novel protest. They lifted out the offensive items and ran off the Stalin-Only a Socialist-Communist ist rag with gaping white However, the Stalinist editors refused to take the hint. Instead, on the following day, they

included these workers too in their smear of the strikers. "Did the rotary pressmen," complained L'Humanite, "under the ocover the Nazi press?'

the time being and permit the part of his life in foul British almost all India is vigorously op-

THE REAL TRAITORS

The Indian masses regard the Indian princes, high Indian officials, the landlords and big capitalists, all of whom collabortional Army. This Army had as ate with the British overlords, its aim freeing India from hated as the real traitors in their struggle for independence.

In the eyes of the Indian mass-About 150,000 men and women es the INA fighters are chamwere recruited to the INA mainpions of freedom. The INA men ly as volunteers from the Indian are charged with treason to the Prisoners of War in Japanese British imperialist master, for ings are suppressed with hands. Resident Indians in having waged war against the clubbings and mass arrests, munist majority. It soon became South-east Asia also joined the King. About 6,000 of these sol-Army. The overwhelming madiers are still imprisoned in Injority of the ranks of the INA dia and 2,000 more are being held in East Asia.

vember. Fearing the conse-

The British even released a

According to a February 7 Associated Press dispatch "27 mil-Bose correctly rejected the itary members of the INA died in custody. Two died by suicide and nine were hanged." Eighwar for democracy." However, teen others received punishment he failed to denounce the equally ranging up to life imprisonment. false claim of Japanese imperial-

MASSES ANGRY ism that Japan represented the

Paris Printers Give Novel Reply To Stalinist Lies

victims selected by the British The printers in Paris vigorfor punishment. ously objected when the Stalin-

On February 2, the editors of able concession failed to satisfy alone Britsh troops and police L'Humanite, official organ of the the angry Indian masses. In burned 1,080 homes. Communist (Stalinist) Party, huge protest demonstrations throughout the entire country likened the strikers to collabora-Upon reading these slanders immediate release of all INA

prisoners.

Stockholders Not "The Public"

> There are only about 8,000,000 stockholders in the United States -one-eighteenth of the population. But half of all corporate stocks and other wealth is owned continues the report, the Govby only 110,000 persons. This is

of the nopulation

National Army," stated an edi- linists, according to an Associat-Gaulle decided to step aside for perialism, spending the greater national independence. Thus, torial in Fight, "are being treat- ed Press dispatch, cooperated of India of doing little to avert dia demanding the release of all ed, not as fighters who were with leaders of the All-India the threatened famine, despite the INA men. They hurled posed to the trial and persecu- ready to give their blood for Congress Party and the Moslem Bose escaped British clutches tion of these prisoners of the freedom, not even as prisoners of League in attempts to halt the war, but as traitors and deserters. demonstrations.

Indian People Hate British Overlords

The British have an unbroken record of savage oppression for the hundreds of years they have ruled India. The Indian people have rebelled against the hated imperialist rule time and again. Demonstrations and upris-

Members of the Indian

Army and Air Force are

Indian Troops Join gun-fire and bombings. The **Anti-British Fight** British Empire is built on the blood and bones of its victims.

graphically indicating their Control of this prize possessolidarity with the masses sion is maintained through brutnow demonstrating for the al military rule. It is marked freedom of India from British by countless cases of mass murimperialism. der and wanton destruction by These armed forces were set the police and imperialist troops up by the British imperialists of India. A report printed in the to bolster their hated rule. Bombay Chronicle last Novem-But, report the Trotskyists in

India, "Officers and men" are not only "sending in contributions to the Indian National Army relief funds all over the country, but even appearing on the platforms of mass meetings to present those contributions."

this purpose. "The effect, if not cording to the report, 230 Indi- the very object of the censoring ans were wounded in the area. of news, was to prevent, or at ialist sentiment among the massfew individuals. But this miser- And in the Contai sub-division least delay relief to the distressed."

faithful servant of the British vation. Crown, decided that relief should be withheld for a month in order Indian people have demanded fering. Instead of aiding the to teach the people a "permavictims the report declares that nent lesson." British troops would surround an Relief measures were not only

entire village, forcibly remove utterly inadequate but relief be avenged." the men and place them under workers from Calcutta entering arrest. Some of the soldiers enthe area were arrested and imtered the houses, "committed prisoned under the Defense of outrages on women on a mass India Rules.

Officers of the British army, scale, destroyed the belongings and decamped with cash and acting in the traditional manother valuables." ner of imperialist brass hats, Instead of publicizing the

continued repressing the people damage caused by the cyclone, even after the demonstrations had subsided. With their usual ernment attempted to "suppress vigor in such cases they carried the gravity of the disaster." The on a policy of savage reprisals of India Rules were used for for six months.

Singh accused the Government lessons learned in the Bengal stones and bottles at British pofamine which he said was "man lice and troops. A February 14

made.'

NOTHING DONE

out India.

4,000,000 tons.

BRITISH POLICY

bent on destroying anything The danger of famine has been connected with the Governme pointed out for nearly a year. ment." Yet, the Government has done Time and again during the nothing to bring new areas undemonstrations men and women der cultivation or to accumulate armed only with their hatred for sufficient stockpiles to avert the British rule refused to disperse

crisis. on orders of the sub-machines Delegates to the Central Assembly in India accused the gov- gun armed troops. The fierd ernment of failure to forestall gun-fire mowed them down. the ominous threat of famine Dispersed for a time they as-'by internal measures to assure sembled again. They have thus a fair and equitable distribution repeatedly demonstrated their solidarity with the imprisoned of food among the various provinces at fair prices."

port needs, to maintain even a

starvation quota of twelve ounc-

es daily, are placed at more than

INA men and their desire to Since 1944 people living in cit- throw the British out of India. ies with a population over 10,000 Leaders of the All India Conhave been held to the slim ration gress Party and the Mosien of one pound of grain a day. On League toured the cities togethe February 16, the British Viceroy, er recently "trying to restore qu Viscount Wavell, belatedly ad- der." Acording to a February mitted the famine danger in a Associated Press dispatch Comand called for a further cut in munist Party (Stalinist) leades the starvation ration through-But the angry masses attacked

and stoned the automobile car Wavell said India was about rying the treacherous "peace-3,000,000 tons short of its food makers." requirements. But semi-official estimates of India's cereal im-

Censors Curtain Facts On India

"There is a big black curtain The impending famine is drawn between India and Amersharply aggravating anti-imperica," declared Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Nehru, sister of Jawaharlal es. Indians charge the British Nehru, who recently returned to overlords of India with failure India after a trip to the United to take steps to avert mass star-States.

Mrs. Nehru charged that the American press and the British authorities were engaged in a conspiracy to conceal the facts of the Indian political situation from the American people.

"An American knows nothing about the true state of affairs in India," said Mrs. Nehru. "Only propaganda news reaches him."

> PHILADELPHIA **SWP** Branch At New Headquarters

About 90 per cent of the population own nothing.

the present.'

Rich Get Richer

Forty-three (43) corporations

own more than a third of all

wealth of the United States.

Nationalist leader Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, addressing a crowd on February 14 at Benares, declared that, "if people die of hunger, their deaths will On February 17, Nehru added: At no time previously has the British government in India been so thoroughly disliked and distrusted by the people as at

House Warming 1303 W. Girard Avenue Sat., Feb. 23 9 p.m.

These sentences were imposed ber contains examples typical of before the gigantic, widespread British cruelty in India during demonstrations began last No- the war. British troops murdered 78 quences of the policy pursued persons with gun-fire during the up to that time, the Government repression of anti-British demconceded that future trials would onstrations in the Tamluk and be confined to persons accused Contai sub-divisions in just six of "war crimes." This amounted months - from August 1942 to to a reduction in the number of January 1943.

During the same period, ac-

The District Magistrate, A devastating cyclone hit the area in August 1942 causing during the past few months the widespread destruction and sufPAGE FOUR

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

-Leon Trotsky

Lynch Law

On February 5, in Freeport, Long Island, four Negro brothers, three of them veterans of World War II, were peacefully waiting for a bus. After protesting when the bus terminal tearoom refused to serve them, they went elsewhere for refreshments and returned to continue their trip.

A few hours later, two were dead, a third wounded, the fourth in prison. Policeman Joseph Romeika, slayer of the Ferguson boys, is still on the force, whitewashed by the chief of police. The judge is still on the bench, although like any Ku Klux Klanner he played the roles of both prosecutor and jury and denied his victim the right of defense counsel.

To every worker, every veteran, every member of a racial or religious minority, the Ferguson Case is of vital importance. It has written in bloody letters the lesson that lynch law is speedily spreading beyond the southern states. Jim Crow terror increasingly permeates the whole structure of capitalism, north and south. east and west.

The Militant has been reporting the shocking case in Fontana, California, where a Negro family of four was recently burned to death after vigilante threats. Last week the FEPC was throttled by a cynical deal between socalled liberal Senators and the most brazen supporters of white supremacy. And now we witness the official murder of Negroes in the "progressive" state of New York.

The capitalist press in New York, like the California press in the Fontana murders, maintains a conspiracy of silence around the Ferguson case.

The Socialist Workers Party, which has been in the forefront of the campaign to apprehend and punish the Fontana vigilantes, has issued in New York a public appeal calling upon the entire labor movement to demand a thorough investigation of this latest outrage against the Negro people. The Republican and Democratic agencies of government cannot be relied upon to investigate the Jim Crow police force and courts which are their own evil tools. What is needed is a broad United Committee of Action consisting of representatives of the trade unions, Negro organizations, Jewish and other minority organizations, and veterans' organizations. Such a committee must create at once a PUBLIC COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION TO PREVENT A WHITEWASH AND BRING TO JUSTICE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FREEPORT MURDERS.

ployment Bill to be disembowled. It helped Congress knife the act to raise unemployment compensation to \$25 a week.

And this administration which has shown itself to be so hostile to labor and so subservient to Big Business was elected in 1944 with the support of the bulk of the union leaders and the CIO-PAC!

The unions have learned how to fight and how to win against the capitalists on the industrial arena. But labor remains handicapped and helpless in the political field because of its captivity to the boss-controlled Democratic and Republican parties and the lack of its own party.

If the gains wrested from the corporations are not to be lost at Washington. American labor must move forward by breaking all ties with the political deputies of wealth. The most urgent task confronting the union movement now is to prepare to run genuine labor candidates on labor party tickets in the 1946 elections.

Secret Deal At Yalta

One of the secret treaties setting forth the aims for which the Allied powers really fought the Second World War has at last been published.

This treaty, made at Yalta, February 11, 1945, by Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin, is as sordid and shameful as any of the bandit agreements in the first imperialist world war.

To get Stalin into the war on Japan the other two birds of prey offered him a big slice of-China!

Let it be recalled that the Big Three left Yalta with the announcement that no secret deals has been made. This public declaration has now been proved by a signed document to have been nothing but a brazen, deliberate, calculated lie.

Moreover, these three hagglers over markets, colonies, spheres of influence, plunder and special privileges sanctimoniously reaffirmed at the close of the Yalta Conference that they were in the war to defend 'Four Freedoms' as defined in the Atlantic Charter. This propaganda likewise has now been proved to be conscious deception-a contemptible, shoddy, hypocritical lie!

A signed document has now established that when these bandits reaffirmed their holy aim of fighting fascist,"aggression" they had just finished agreeing on aggression against their own ally.

Chiang Kai-shek was not at Yalta. He did not take part in this particular secret deal. Rumor has it he did not even know about this carving up of China that the unholy big three agreed upon. Yet the secret deal reads: "It is understood that the agreement concerning Outer Mongolia and the ports and railroad referred to above will require concurrence of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The President will take measures in order to obtain this concurrence on advice from Marshal Stalin." Apparently not even this satisfied Stalin, for the next sentence reads that "these claims of the Soviet Union shall be unquestionably fulfilled."

The easy assurance with which Roosevelt guaranteed Chiang's compliance indicates how completely Wall Street controls and manipulates the Chiang regime. The Chinese dictator in Roosevelt's eyes was clearly nothing but a contemptible puppet. And the territories of China as well as the masses of mankind in

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"I don't know where those women find the TIME to stand around on picket lines—why I'm on the go from morning till night!"



MUTINY IN JANUARY, by Carl of nature. They have now served habitants of the surrounding

Van Doren, The Viking Press, their country for near five years, countryside. Negotiations with New York, 1943. 300 pp. \$3.50. poorly clothed, badly fed, and the military and civil authorities worse paid. Of the last article, were shrewdly conducted by The mighty demonstrations trifling as it is, they have not their negotiating committee, the that have recently heaved up in seen a paper dollar in the way Board of Sergeants. These solthe American armies are as full of pay for near twelve months." diers stuck together through the of human anger and indignation Desperately urging Pennsyl- ensuing weeks until most of their vania to feed, clothe and pay demands were met, emerging as they are of deep meaning for vania to reed, clothe and pay victorious, with no reprisals. the political future of America. advocated immediate fulfillment By its solidarity, its self-dis-If these soldiers or their kin- of past promises to grant 100 cipline, organization and prinfolk at home want to find a acres of land to each non-com- cipled character, the struggle of living precedent for their pro- missioned officer and private. the striking soldiers commanded tests in the history of their own Anthony Wayne, who had the respect even of the authoricountry, they will find it in the fought and suffered with his ties, who at first tried but were chapters of the American Revo- soldiers, was in a position to unable to smother it with slanlution. For the soldiers of the know acutely both the strength der and trickery. The demands Continental Army, being also and weaknesses of the American of the soldiers stood out clear men of flesh and blood, learned Revolution. Its strength lay in and simple, winning to their supto act together, to strike and the social aspirations of the low- port the surrounding population, demonstrate for their elemen- er classes, the farmers and ar- the New Jersey militia and the tary rights. tisans who were the backbone of other troops, so that no plans The most outstanding action the Revolution and made up the could be made for its suppres-

of this type in the Continental body of its army. Its main in- sion. Army during the American Revo- ternal weakness lay in the pro-The mutiny did a great service lution was the rising of the vincial stinginess of the upper to the Revolution and the Con-Pennsylvania Line which began classes, who could not rise to tinental Army. Fighting on firm on January 1, 1781. The story full stature of national outlook principles, it lifted the crisis in of this soldiers! strike is dra- and real sacrifices, who wrangled the army above demoralization matically and faithfully told in throughout the war with the and collapse. It forced the States lower classes of each , ate, con- to rush aid to their own troops. Mutiny in January. In the middle of December, testing the desires of the farm- It bears credit for helping to

1780, Brigadier-General Anthony ers and artisans for more politi- force the French government Wayne wrote to the President cal power. into more assistance against the of the Executive Council of In the early hours of New British.

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PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

By CHARLES CARSTEN-

Disability Payments

Washington is brazenly carrying out its policy of discriminating against GIs even in the case of disability payments. Every GI knows, and The Militant has pointed out time and again, the scandalous privileges enjoyed by high officers while they are in the service. And we have called attention to the fact that on discharge from duty officers receive terminal leave of several months while GIs don't.

But privileges for the brass hats and gold braid don't end with termination of service. These sons of the upper crust are given special consideration also in the case of pensions for disability.

This despite the fact that generally they don't need pensions as much as GIs do. For they often have private incomes, businesses or professions. Usually their civilian occupation requires little more activity than sitting at a desk.

But if brass hats were disabled while riding a swivel-chair in "The Battle of the Pentagon Building," they are eligible for generous pensions.

A colonel, for example, may be declared "totally disabled" if suffering from ulcers aggravated by "skirmishes" in Washington's night clubs. He would thus go on the retired list and receive three-fourths of his base pay or \$250 a month. With three years of service, a longevity allowance would increase his pay to \$262.50 a month. All of it tax-exempt!

A GI friend of mine, who contracted a serious case of stomach ulcers while in the service, was pronounced 10 per cent disabled. He receives \$11 a month.

Contrast the ample allowances given the big brass with those provided for GIs wounded in battle after agonizing months in foxholes eating "C" and "K" rations, freezing in the cold winters, or sweltering in tropical heat.

In the first place GIs must have sustained their disability in connection with actual service or it must have been aggravated in the line of duty.

A man who lost his right arm in combat gets \$125 a month from the Veterans Administration. The loss of both legs or both arms-\$200. This is still far below that given the colonel of the "chairborne infantry.'

For the loss of one leg above the knee, a GI receives from \$104 to \$138.50 a month.

Pensions for pulmonary tuberculosis and body wounds not involving anatomical loss are computed on a percentage of disability basis with a maximum of \$115 month. Legislation provides for 10 grades of disability, ranging from 10 to 100 per cent. Total disability-impairment of mind or body, making it impossible to follow a gainful occupation - entitles the GI to \$115 a month.

The colonel with ulcers may get well in six months. But he will continue to receive full retirement pay for life. Brass hats don't have to undergo subsequent physical examinations. This is another privilege reserved "For Officers Only."

GIs with any service-connected disability from which they might recover must undergo a yearly examination. Pensions are reduced according to improvement and will be stopped if doctors declare the men are cured.

How much the disabled GI can earn has nothing to do with the right to or amount of a pension. The Veterans Administration doesn't care whether the veteran is employed or unemployed, whether he is disabled to such an extent that it prevents him from following his former trade or not. The criterion is the degree of injury.

"The whole system is snafu in my opinion," wrote an angry ex-GI. He expressed the opinion of millions of veterans, who are determined to eliminate such gross inequality.

Truman's Record

The cesspool of official corruption uncovered by the Pauley oil scandal is opening the eyes of many people to the true character of Truman's administration. Not since the days of Republican President Harding has such a **Diratical** crew of unabashed reactionaries, ward-heelers, and representatives of the great financial interests been placed in charge of the capitalist ship of state.

The key posts of foreign affairs and domestic finances are handed over to two Southern Bourbons, Byrnes and Vinson. Bankers, business men and oil tycoons like Snyder, Vardaman, Pauley and others are given high offices where these personal cronies of the President not only can feather their own nests but cater to the needs of the industrial and financial overlords of Wall Street.

But Truman's appointments are only a small part of the aid he has already rendered to the wealthy and privileged.

This week Truman proposed to clamp a new wage-freeze formula upon the workers at the same time that he yielded to the extortionate price demands of the profiteers.

During the present labor upsurge the administration intervened on behalf of the bosses by government strikebreaking "seizures" against striking oil, packinghouse and tugboat workers. By calling for the establishment of "fact-finding" bodies, Truman gave Congressional labor-haters their cue to rush through such vicious anti-union measures as the Case Bill.

Although his party platform pledged support to the FEPC. Truman did not lift a finger when leading Democrats organized the filibuster lynching of the FEPC

Truman's administration has accorded the corporations the repeal of excess profits taxes. continued subsidies and now huge price increases. But it has permitted the Full Em-

these territories were in his eyes nothing but pawns on the chessboard of reactionary power politics.

Veterans And Unions

The attempt of Big Business to use the veterans against the union movement has suffered a great setback. Ex-GIs of World War II have been in the forefront of the current strike wave as the most militant fighters for higher wages and better conditions.

Veterans of World War II are learning from labor the value of mass action in struggle for their demands. In state after state veterans marched on the Capitol demanding unemployment compensation for strikers.

Veterans representing 28 United Steelworker locals on strike in Indiana Harbor sent a delegation to the Governor of Indiana. In Pennsylvania hundreds of striking ex-GIs converged on the Capitol in Harrisburg. About 600 striking veterans of the United Electrical Workers in New Jersey marched to the State Capitol February 11.

On the following day 1,000 parading veterans in Columbus demanded favorable action from the governor of Ohio. A parade and mass meeting of 2,400 veterans was held under the leadership of the Mahoning County CIO in Youngstown on February 3.

In all these cases veterans have acted in conjunction with the unions. In each instance they demanded unemployment compensation for striking workers.

The present strike wave witnessed these positive achievements. But these separated actions have also disclosed the burning necessity for the extension and consolidation of veterans' committees on a wider scale.

In Detroit the United Auto Workers broadened its Veterans' Committee into a city-wide committee during the first days of the General Motors strike. This is a step in the right direction.

A further move along the road to trade union organization of the veterans has been made by the Greater Buffalo CIO Council, which has called on both union and non-union veterans to join its broadened Veterans' Committee.

The militants in all localities must urge and organize action along these lines. Veterans' Committees must be widened to include all union veterans and non-union veterans sympathetic to the labor movement. These mass membership committees will serve to pave the way for state and national organization of the ex-GIs under the banner of labor.

Such a movement will not only be able to fight most effectively for the special needs of the veterans but will assure a lasting alliance between the veterans and organized labor.

Pennsylvania from Morristown, Year's Day, 1781, Wayne dis-The GIs today are not, as their New Jersey, where the Pennsyl- patched a messenger to General forefathers were in the Convania Line was in winter quar- Washington with the news that tinental Army, a part of a revoters: the Pennsylvania Line had lutionary army. But their recent

"We are reduced to dry bread clashed with its officers, swept demonstrations have already and beef for our food, and to the parade grounds with grape- played an important part in cold water for our drink. . . shot, and was marching off in hampering Wall Street's designs This, together with the old worn- good order toward Princeton. at home and abroad. Mass acout overcoats and tattered linen - The power of the well-organ- tions in defense of their rights overalls and what was once a ized strike for food, clothing, pay by soldiers, whether in a bourpoor substitute for a blanket and especially for clarification geois - democratic revolutionary (now, divided among three sol- of the status of discharges, stands army or in an imperialist army, diers), is but very wretched liv- on the level of the best conduct- have in the end a common reing and shelter against the win- ed union strikes today. At sult-the weakening of the hand ter's piercing cold, drifting snow Princeton, where the mutineers of reaction and the strengthentook over the college buildings, ing of progressive forces in the and chilling sleets. "Our soldlery are not devoid they continued their high degree world.

Congressmen At Work

of reasoning faculties, nor are of organization and established they callous to the first feelings friendly relations with the in-

Filibustering is not as easy as

it seems. In fact it is one of the

more difficult arts necessary to

qualify a capitalist politician

for Wall Street's Congress.

Compared to filibustering the

other arts such as lying, dema-

gogy, tapping public funds, etc.,

really belong in the category of

Filibustering is the craft of a

small minority. The other capi-

talist political arts are collective

unskilled labor.

head.

prejudice, bigotry, superstition, the poll tax, unfair hiring practices and lynch law then attacked FEPC as a bill that would put union leaders in jail for "dismissing a person because he was a Communist or a Trotskvite who advocated the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence." Senator Russell slowly read the entire article into the Congressional Record of January 22, pausing from time to time to slash at communism.

Reviewed by

Joseph Bowen

the stooges of General Motors

rilous, slanderous, vicious at- have been none other than the a big item in its current redbalting campaign against the Trotskyists.

Here is the \$64 question: Why "Mr. President, I happened to tent himself with a second-hand notice a certain article in the N. source of information like the N. Senate's Sham Fight **Over The FEPC Bill**

When a prize fight is "fixed" by crooked managers, the two fighters at least go through the motions of slugging it out in the ring. They make a serious effort to cover up the fact that one of the "fighters" has been paid off to take a flop at the prearranged time.

But the sham battle in the Senate which last week delivered the knock-out blow to a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission was so cynically and clumsily fixed that its fakery became obvious to the most casual observer. This is confirmed by Arthur Krock in the February 14 N. Y. Times.

Even capitalist press reporters characterized the performance staged by the opposing Senators as 'phony." They pointed out that in previous filibusters, for example in the fight for the repeal of the poll-tax law, the Congressional contenders had held all night sessions. But in the FEPC case. "although Senator Morse protested almost daily that the Senate should be held in 24-hour sessions, he did not resort to continuous quorum calls that would have made this a possibility." Instead, the Senate held "banking hours." This was "the first five-daya-week filibuster that old hands can recall," says Krock.

Moreover, in flagrant violation of the etiquette of crooked fights, the Senatorial opponents, after a few heated verbal exchanges, embraced each other right in full view of the public. Every day "ended with displays of the old Senate good fellowship . . . there would be smiling huddles among representatives of the warring groups." The speakers even made most courtéous arrangements for their opponents' arguments to be heard.

Senator Chavez, who introduced the bill and made the most fervent declarations in favor of justice, democracy and the FEPC bill, was the first, to grasp Senator George's hand after George had blasted away at Chavez for bringing up the bill. Chaves always cordially obliged Senator Russell, manager of the filibuster, whenever Russell signalled to him, about 4:30 each day, to move for an overnight recess.

And when the bill had been finally knifed, Chaves eagerly declared: "Mr. President, I am satisfied with the vote. I am strictly satisfied with the vote." Then for the public record he added: "I am strictly satisfied with the crucified Christ this day." After that he speedily moved that the Senate proceed to other business.

The Negro people and the other minority groups are fully acquainted with their open enemies in Congress - the Bilbos and Eastlands. Now in this theatrical performance preceding the lynching of the FEPC bill, they can see that those who pose as their friends in Congress, both Democrats and Republicans alike, are actually concealed enemies. They posed as "advocates" of the FEPC bill only in order to deceive and thereby retain the votes of the Negro people. But as the record of the sham battle again demonstrates, the oppressed minorities can count on no firm defenders in the Big-Business Congress.

experience they have learned But the pay-off is the distinthat one of the prime esentials guished company in which this of successful filibustering is rab- vicious red-baiter stood. Besides

id red-baiting. These virtuosos comb the press Corp., the leading anti-Trotskyfor material, seizing every scur- ist red-baiters in the Flint case out of material, sometimes

within a few hours. Yet he must tack against genuine commun- Stalinists! The Daily Worker in keep going, hanging on to his ism. And, as the Southern Bour- fact picked up the Flint case as monopoly of the floor, no mat- bons maintain, industry is alter how great the vacuum in his ways rewarded. Sometimes they run across a windfall.

But there are tricks to every Thus Senator Russell of trade, as the virtuosos in the Georgia gleefully picked up the art, the Southern Bourbon Sen- red-scare recently inspired by did Senator Russell - this past ators, revealed once again in their General Motors stooges in Flint: master of filibustering - conrecent filibuster against the Fair Employment Practices bill.

In nailing FEPC to the cross, Y. Times of last Sunday. I was the filibusterers should again sitting in my room reading the Y. Times? Why didn't he read it and again "that every Commun- newspaper before going to the directly out of the Daily Workist and every Socialist is sup- office to read the bill, and I hap- er? Could it be that he considerporting the bill with every pow- pened to run across an article ed raw and unadulterated Staer at his command." They ar- which is headed 'Red Charges linist red-baiting too dirty for gued that any measure support- Fly in Flint Strikes. Union Leadeven a foul Southern Bourbon to ed by communists must be con- er, A Trotskyite is Ousted." demned out of hand. From long This champion of ignorance, repeat?



efforts in which the large majority by sheer bulk and cooperation make up for any weaknesses of defects this or that Congressman may display in the way of honesty and forthrightness. Filibustering has still other difficulties. The isolated Congressman inevitably runs

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

WORKERS' FORUM

~~~~ 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

#### **Steel** Strikers Like **Gray Cartoon**

Editor: Today we went around town distributing The Militant on the picket lines and at a large steel union meeting. The distributions were all very successful. But what we saw that was best of all is that everyone noticed im-

mediately Laura Gray's cartoon in this week's Militant, entitled, "A Robber Calling The Cops." The men really liked it and many laughed and made favor-

able remarks about it. Comrade Gray's cartoon this week really hits the nail on the head.

**Ruth Franklin** Newark, N. J.

#### Some Suggestions For The Militant Editor:

In the event that members of the editorial staff of The Militent might welcome comments from a reader. I enclose these notes:

I appreciate the fact that The Militant presents labor's problems to the public. Many conservative papers hush stories of that nature. However, I believe The Militant would be of greater facts in "sensational" terms and would eliminate the propaganda | Editor: of the "join-our-movement-because-we-are-so-wonderful" sort of thing.

I commend the articles on foreign news and letters to the editor. I hope The Militant continues to emphasize the international viewpoint. I would like to see a more thorough treat- in Trenton. We went there to ment of the Negro problem, along with constructive suggestions for sation. What we got was a lesson action

I hope the editorial policy in government is ready to show us. the future will emphasize the constructive angle of all problems a bit more, and will try to talk to Governor Edge. His secattain a higher standard of writing (in the literary sense).

#### Capitalism Boasts of **Slashed Production** Editor:

### DON'T CALL ME A SCAB!

(A scab has been defined as one who is a traitor to his class.)

Yes, I'm an outcast, a tramp and a bum, I am friendless and down and out: I don't care a rap for your smile or your frown, Not a whit for your praise or your flout.

I live like a beast, as you say in your scorn. I'm a flaw in society's plan. And you're right--I'm all these and more than all that, But-I never yet scabbed on a man.

I'll "steal" when I'm hungry, and fight when I must, And lie - when it pays me the best; I'm lazy and shiftless and drink like a fish, And I'd "murder," perhaps, if hard pressed.

I'm a vagabond, worthless, a curse to the race; I admit it, so just save your gab; I'm crusty with dirt, but I'd have to go some To be dirty enough for a scab.

I'm low and degenerate, scarce fit to let live, A target for every cop's sap: A hand-out my banquet, the gutter my bed. As I travel the face of the map.

You may call me a scoundrel, a liar or cur-They'll fit, so just take a grab; I'll not kick at the dirtiest name in the lot, But - for mother's sake Don't Call Me A Scab!

**Thomas Tarigian** 

# **Veteran Describes UE March** service to the public if the writ-ers would not "dress up" the For Unemployment Pay

GIs: the committee was asking

I am a veteran who came back that the red tape around loans from the army to find myself be cut out, and interest rates reout on a picket line, fighting a duced. He just washed his hands new battle for enough money to of all our problems. live on. I was one of 600 UE-Nothing much was settled, but CIO veterans on strike in electriwe did get another good lesson cal and radio shops who, on in where the veterans belong. Monday, February 11, marched We learned first-hand that capto the New Jersey state capitol italist politicians, no matter how much they bleat about "our ask for unemployment compenboys," don't care if we go hungry. We'll have to stick with the labor in the "appreciation" that the movement and fight to get every penny that's coming to us.

We sent a committee of six delegates from our ranks, in to retary, a man named Gilroy, met Farmers Changing them instead, with the "explanation" that the governor had Views On Labor D. M. "more pressing" business to take Editor: Detroit care of. We found out later that

his "pressing business" was a pow-wow to choose a Republican candidate in the coming New Jersey elections.

Editor: All along, sometimes, things happen that please me. No late happening has pleased

me more than the cessation of lished. the use of that word "capitalist." It was getting to be a sounding word. When the "common people' heard this word spoken or saw

it written, it caused them to envision want, hunger and suffer-A Veteran ing in many ways. So let us, Newark all of us, cease using this ugly, sinister-sounding word and use

Management sounds so much better. Management seems to I know it does not seem norcarry no sinister meaning. There is another word I'd like mal for a farmer to so out of

his way to support the worker to see go, and this word is "labor." Someone, a good hand to in his bread and butter strug-Gilroy wasn't very helpful. gles. But the war has brought think up nice words that soften

word

right.

membrance of long hours of gru-

eling work, heat, sweat and sore

muscles, coupled with the fear of

hunger, sickness and maybe evic-

tion. After thinking it over I

where near answering the pur-

Every day as I ride the street First he quoted phrases from the a few things before the farm- unpleasant facts, should select a car, I pass by a building on which unemployment compensation ers' eyes. One matter is that of word that will do for the word is printed in giant letters: "We regulations, which we all knew purchasing power for the farm- "labor" what "management" are now wrecking Calship yards." about-we were there to have ers' produce. Now more than did for the word "capitalist." Only under capitalism could it them changed! Then he sug- ever, increasing numbers of my Sometimes I think the term

everybody prospers -- that then don't think it would come any-

Someone once said that peoples pose in taking the place of the

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### Two Ends Of The Same Chain



# A Letter From A Texas Worker Weighs Labor And Management

#### Editor:

I saw the following letter in the "Letters from the People" column of the Caller, (Corpus Christi, Texas) a few months ago. I've been saving it, but now I'd like to pass it along to give Militant readers an indication of the growing class consciousness of the workers here in Texas. E. S.

#### Texas Management made some very good profits out of this war

work. I think 400 per cent was the highest profit I saw pub-That's purty good profit.

It takes real good management to make that much profit, any

this war and made themselves

old time. However, that record may be broken in the next war. Another thing I have noticed is management must be clean. perfectly honest and patriotic to the last degree, for not one word have I ever heard over the radio the innocent - sounding word "management." or read in any newspaper point-

ing out any wrong committed by them. Management just simply took government money to run the munition business to fight

a nice little profit, in a businesslike way, of course. The only mistake management made was hiring so many of those unpatriotic workers. Of course when the workers found out about the reasonable profits be-

employed such men.

mistake any more.

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During the past few weeks, in | of the remarks made by workresponse to our revisits and mail- ers in these several strike-bound ing, we have received a great plants. A Western Electric picket many renewals from our read- called to me as I was handing ers whose subscriptions have ex- some Militants around: 'It's a good paper-it sure does give the pired.

Many of our readers, now true facts.' Another worker, a staunch Militant supporters, are Westinghouse striker: 'It's an availing themselves of the \$2.50 excellent workers' paper; I have yearly combination rate, and a subscription and get it regularare including with their Militant | ly every week.' A Bloomfield GM renewal, a subscription to the striker: 'We like The Militant. Fourth International, the theo- Could you send us a bundle of retical organ of the Socialist ten or more to our office every Workers Party.

of Milwaukee writes: "On Sun- on indefinitely."

day, the branch obtained 15 renewals; 5 one-year and 10 sixmonth. The response to our per- a new subscriber, sent us the folsonal revisits was very gratify- lowing comment: "The Militant ing and a number of workers is a very interesting newspaper, expressed a desire to come to and it brings many articles that our meetings.

ing about 2,000 copies of the pa-

per each week, hitting every ma-

ists' hysterical antagonism.

subs to his fellow strikers."

Ida Brandt of New York re-Still another Militant booster, ported the following experience: M. C. Bennett of Washington, It's a real thrill to revisit our sent in for a one year renewal subscribers. One woman in the for himself, and two six-month course of our conversation had subscriptions for friends in Tenthis to say about The Militant, nessee and Nebraska.

This is the best paper I have We'd like to urge all our readever read, and I'd rather read it ers to get their friends to subthan any other. One dollar real- scribe, and join the ranks of the ly means a lot of course, but fast-growing Militant Army. when you get some good for it,

Ruth Laurie of Newark writes: of the SWP branch activities. "Strikers throughout a large Among the top scoring branches section of New Jersey have got-

this week are: ten to know and appreciate The New York-75 six-month and 48 Militant as a serious workers' one-year renewals; 7 sixpaper. We have been distribut-

subscriptions: 1 one-year combination subscription.

jor picket line, picket-headquarters, and meetings, as well as subscriptions.

strike in the area. Only the one-year new subscriptions. Stalinists refuse the paper or Baltimore -- 20 six-month new make themselves conspicuous by subscriptions.

their goon tactics and vicious- Flint-26 six-month and 3 oneness. Many a worker has been year new subscriptions. made more curious and interest- Milwaukee-10 six-month and 5 ed in The Militant by the Stalinone-year renewal subscriptions.

"Just to prove that I am not Portland-3 six-month and 1 exaggerating about the popularone-year new in addition to 8 ity of The Militant, here are some six-month renewals.

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week so that we could always have some around to read?' These In line with this, Fred Martin are but a few. I could really go

Willian Schmidt of New York, you don't find in the daily pa-

"One steel worker who is now pers. I enjoy reading it very much on strike asked for extra sub- as it is very instructive, and I scription cards so he could sell hand it to my friends when I am finished with it." . . .

it's a good investment'."

Readers have requested that we include more frequent listings

month and 6 one-year new

Youngstown—33 six-month new

some of the smaller plants on Buffalo - 25 six-month and 2

destruction of the means of production. It was only a short while ago that Los Angeles spoke with pride of its giant shipyards which employed tens of thousands of workers. A. L.

Los Angeles

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Then he did some buck-passing on the question of loans to Now on Sale price. But what farmers neglect able him to feed, clothe and law be passed making such an Fourth International TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR MARCH **Review of the Month:** Lessons of the Strike Wave Scientists and the Atom Bomb Plight of the European Jews Character of the European Revolution By E. Grant The Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party By Warren Creel **European Perspective and Policy Class Forces in the American Revolution** farmer. By Harry Frankel By Pierre Frank **Bonapartism in Europe Foreign Press Clippings** 25¢ a copy • yearly subscription \$2

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be possible to boast about the gested that we were losing money farmer friends gradually are because of the strike - a very coming more and more to the "polite" way to tell us to go back conclusion that high wages do to work. not harm the farmer. Our committee made it clear Perhaps I have stated a fact

to Gilroy that we hadn't come to the state capitol to hear that. and we were not going to go back to the miserable pay the com-

panies have been handing us. The committee asked for a soldiers' bonus to be paid by the state, But Governor Edge is "not in sympathy" with that. Gilroy explained - because it would cost too much money.

What does the farmer see all the unpleasant memories that about wages? Or when does the word brings to the laborer's mind. | way to rid management of those farmer pay higher wages? When Labor and management are harvest rolls around and prices seeking the same thing-more are high on his products, the money. Management wants more farmer pays higher wages than profits to pay greater dividends. battalion and shoot them down. when his products sell at a low Labor wants bigger wages to en-

too bluntly. Let me put it this

way. The sing-song in farmer

circles has always been that

when the farmer has high prices,

the worker too has high wages.

The farmer is no exception.

to see is the reason for higher school his children in better or lower prices. To them wages style. But it seems that if he how just such an act might be, come after prices. The farmer wants higher wages he is not it would constitute a crime. does not look at wages of the in- patriotic. dustrial worker as creating the

higher prices. He has only been able to see that when prices are low for his products, the farmer cannot afford to pay high wages to his harvest hands. So the farmer's environment causes him to put prices before wages. He thinks purely from his stomach. I do not hold that point of view, let me hasten to add.

Now however, in this farming community at least, the fever against strikes does not run as high as has been the case previously. Yes, some farmers now find justifications for the strikes. One thing that even the farmer has been able to see is the greatly increased profits taken by Wall Street. So labor's strike for an increase in wages-without increased prices for the big boys -looks like a just strike to the

He is beginning to see that high wages for the factory worker are also good for the farmer. At least you can talk with the farmer on that basis now. Of course he will never be very much in favor of high wages for farmhands. Yes, I have complete confidence that some day labor will be able to lead the farmer to Socialism, Peace and Plenty. The Militant is an inspiration to all the oppressed, both worker and armer.

J. É. Renville, Minnesota

ing made by management, it caused a twinge of greed to hit new Pioneer catalog went out to the trick; but somehow that their hearts and they set up a all branches of the Socialist doesn't sound exactly yell for some more money to be Workers Party. We have since added to their daily wage. had a letter from Toledo which It doesn't eliminate the re-

Right then management saw reads: its mistake. It should never have

W. W. Lyles

"I have seen copies of the new catalog and believe it is a fine I'm sure from now on manjob. I am especially intrigued agement won't make the same with the pocket-edition of The Founding Conference of the The worker should have gone Fourth International which is in on and kept his mouth shut and immediate prospect. This is a brains are in their stomachs. word "labor;" but I know all we he would not have been accused popular size and should increase need is a good, nice-sounding of being an unpatriotic citizen. sales.'

word to take its place, removing I noticed, where one prominent This attractive new catalog citizen suggested a nice, quick gives the full current listing of all Pioneer's publications on soworkers who struck. It seemed cialism and the labor movement. simple and effective. His plan A short account is included of was to organize a machine-gun Pioneer Publishers and its record in publishing basic Marxist Of course, he suggested that a works for the American labor movement. A program of future act legal; otherwise, no matter publications is also listed.

Youth Group

**Activities** 

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routh, Group, 116 University

Place, holds its weekly forum

every Friday at 8 p. m. Dancing

and refreshments after every

meeting. Send name and address

Feb. 22-"Russia Today and

Comorrow," speaker: Z. Forbes.

PHILADELPHIA-Youth For-

ims held every Saturday, 8 p. m.

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Broadway, for information on

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Notes

This week shipments of the

for weekly announcement..

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Youth Group activities.

letails on youth activities.

Among the books in preparation are works of Trotsky which have long been out of print but for which there is a great demand-a growing demand from all parts of the world. The check-list itself is divided into eight separate categories: Books and pamphlets by Leon Trotsky, James P. Cannon, Albert Goldman; a section of documents of the Fourth International and the Socialist Workers Party; problems specifically dealing with the American labor movement. There is another dealing with pamphlets on the Negro struggle; a separate section of pamphlets on the famous Minneapolis Labor Case; and finally a section of miscellaneous books and pamphlets by various authors on problems of

ment. The catalog will be sent free on request. Ask for your copy from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3,

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To join the Socialist Workers Party.

To obtain further information about your organization.

To attend meetings and forums of the Socialist Workers Party in my city.

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THE MILITANT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1946

# **Browder-A Wall Street Agent West Coast Longshoremen** 16 Years On Stalin's Payroll Call Strike Referendum

bility.

#### By Joseph Hansen

It's official now. The National Committee of the Communist (Stalinist) Party has condemned as a traitor the man who acted for 16 years as chief lieutenant in America for Generalissimo Stalin. On February 13 the National Committee expelled Earl Browder

capital.

ment.

solve.

**ONLY A PUPPET** 

Browder after 16 years in of-

fice, leaves with far fewer fol-

a livelihood, he has been com-

pelled to enter the business world.

Could there be more convincing

evidence that he was nothing but

a puppet lacking any of the real

backing characteristic of work-

ing class leaders who enjoy gen-

uine support among the masses?

It is highly instructive to com-

pare the fate of these Stalinist

flunkies with the fate of the

Trotskyists who were expelled

from the Communist Party in

eral Secretary. At the head of

seemed assured. When he rail-

roaded through an expulsion of

the Trotskyists he thought they

But the Trotskyists had a pro-

would speedily disintegrate.

WHAT IS CAUSE?

denounced as agents of monopoly

posts? Certainly it is not be-

"for betraying the principles of Marxism - Leninism and two out of the three General deserting to the side of the Secretaries before Foster have class enemy — American been booted out in utter disgrace, monopoly capital."

The National Committee of 54 agreed unanimously that Browder's line, the line slavishly followed by all Stalinists during the inist Party that permits scoundsecond imperialist world war, was **a** line of betraval of the working class. And the 54 agreed unanimously on expelling this perfidlous traitor Browder.

because of superior ability or What could be more natural or training. What has Browder logical than this unanimity of ever written outside of obvious the 54 in condemning Browder? trash cooked to order of the Weren't these 54 only yesterday Kremlin's diplomatic requirejust as unanimously peddling ments? Browder's treacherous line? Didn't these 54 Stalinist choirboys year after year just as their high posts because they enunanimously sing the highest praises to their beloved leader pulsion has demonstrated their Earl Browder? lack of roots in the labor move-

#### **EXCOMMUNICATED**

"The struggle against Browder and Browderism now enters a new stage," continues the official of a small group that tried to excommunication. "The struggle against Browder and Brow- train. In January 1941, however, derism is no longer a struggle the remnants of his group adopt**against a trend in the Commun-** ed a resolution to the effect that ist and labor movements. It is the best thing they could do in now a struggle against a deserter | the interest of socialism was disfrom communism, against an al-

**Sen** ideology and influence." Thus the political line faithfully carried out by Browder on Stalin's orders has now been given the name of "Browderism" and baptized as an "enemy class ideology." And thus have the rank and file-indignant at having had to sell Wall Street's program to the workers-been tossed nothing less than the General Secretary of the party in the hope that this sacrificial scapegoat, fattened for 16 years will keep them quiet.

The General Secretary is not the only leading Stalinist who has recently joined the camp of 1928. Lovestone was then Genmonopoly capital. Victor Decavitch, a former leading official of the CIO United Electrical Workers, long known as a Stalinist hatchet-man in Ohio, has just become "industrial relations adviser" for the Federal Welding Company

#### MORE DESERTERS

Edward F. Cheyfitz, former head of the CIO die casters, now merged with the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers union, likewise long known as a Stalinist spokesman, is today "associated" with

Stalinist Agent Of Wall Street



Earl Browder, supporter of American imperialism shown acknowledging the applause of the Stalinist cheering squad at the May 1944 Communist/Party convention in New York City. In his keynote speech, Browder defended the imperialist slaughter then raging, endorsed Wall Street's program, and

owed principled politics. They itics would win out. Within a fought for political ideas and de- few months they were given a voted themselves to the cause of token of the future. The high working class without and mighty Lovestone who had thought of personal sacrifice. And sacrificed principles in his conthey had a will to fight. In the cern over the post of General a powerful party, his future very next week after their ex- Secretary was summarily ousted. pulsion (October 27, 1928) they Some of the workers in the Combegan publishing a paper, The munist Party drew the correct lesson from this expulsion and Although the Trotskyists lack- joined the Trotskyists to fight

Lenin and Trotsky. They fol- in the long run principled pol-

Today The Militant is the fast- Socialist Workers Party.

est growing labor paper in the country; and the Socialist Workers Party, organized by the Trotskyists, is forging ahead stead- for an immediate coastwise strike-referendum. "This ily. The SWP is deeply rooted means that we hit the bricks on or before April 1-the in the American working class, shipowners have left us no It is from these class roots that choice," Harry Bridges, Pres- | ruary 1942. For four years the

it derives its sturdy independ- ident of the CIO International Longshore and Warehousemen's Union, told the

have no independent existence whatever outside of the Krem-

lin bureaucracy. They follow no The coastwise referendum will program but that of opportunistic adaptation to the orders of Moscow. The task of these bureaucratic wheelhorses is simply to drag the party along in a tie-up of the entire Pacific accordance with the shifts and changes of Stalin's devious foreign policy.

Consequently the Stalinist machine develops only men who are pliable, men willing to fawn, serielly-like creatures are elevated to the highest posts and then discarded without stirring a ripple in the working class. They are respected by no one, least of all the cynical Kremlin gang who manipulate them.

ence and its great political sta-

NOT AN ACCIDENT

isolated individual degenerating politically. It follows from the whole system which has been built up in the Stalinist organization. The natural selection of leaders in this organization occurs in an environment of opportunism and corruption. People without moral standards or even elementary honesty become

the leaders. This is the conclusion that must force itself on workers still remaining in the Communist Party. Browder's open desertion to Wall Street is not an accident but a link in the whole chain of decay.

A party that places at its helm the interests of the working class. Instead it constitutes a festering

political sore. The present venomous attacks which Earl Browder's former bosom companions are now levelling on the Socialist Workers Party are nothing but a barrage intended to prevent workers following the socalled Communist Party from seeing the truth-that only one truly revolutionary Marxist party exists in the United States, the

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31-With an "aye" that shook the rafters, San Francisco longshoremen last night gave freezing Democratic war adtheir approval to the union negotiating committee's plans ministration.

rose approximately 50 percent.

The impending struggle con-

firms the consistent prediction

of The Militant that the boss-

conciliation policies of the

Until a few months ago Bridg-

es was loudly talking about "60

wide attention by saying that

the strike weapon was out of

In a discussion before the Cali-

fornia Labor School, July 27,

1944, speaking on the subject of

postwar management-labor

problems, Bridges broadcast the

doomed to failure.

date.

employers have followed a policy of stalling, together with an unceasing campaign against the union for lack of "efficiency" in

The Stalinists on the contrary meeting. A longshoreman yelsupport of the "war effort." led: "The sooner the better! Let's PROLONGED STRUGGLE go!"

> The Stalinist-Bridges leadertake place February 7-11, with ship has faithfully trudged, step the negotiating committee askby step, through the maze of neing for a 100 per cent yes vote. gotiation, conciliation and arbi-A majority yes vote will mean tration, all the while permitting the labor - management Pacific Coast from San Diego to Vancouver, British Columbia. Only to cut into the hard earned gains another referendum could stop achieved by the 1934 and 1937 the walk-out. strikes. During these prolonged negotiations the cost of living

In the eventuality of government seizure of the ships and vile tools without backbone or docks, the Bridges report to the independence of character. These | meeting indicated that the meh would not be ordered back to work "without adequate guar-He likewise gave no Bridges-Stalinist leadership were antees." indication that the policy of "troopships must move" would be followed. However, "troopships must move," has

million jobs, peace and prosperbeen precisely the position taken ity." Any one who raised the by the Bridges-Stalinist leaderquestion of strikes after the war Browder's expulsion is not ship of the ILWU in their atwas called a "provocateur." In simply the consequence of an tempt to undermine the three-1944 Bridges attracted nation-

month old joint AFL and CIO machinists' strike. BRAZEN ATTITUDE Reviewing recent negotiations **BRIDGES' PROPHECY** with the Pacific Coast Waterfront Employers Association,

Bridges, reporting for the negotiating committee, pointed out the brazen and provocative attitude of the shipowners.

claim that though "there will 1. The shipowners have refuscontinue to be differences beed to answer yes or no to any of the union's demands. strikes won't help." 2. The employers offered a

five cent raise and then "snatched it back again."

The employers advanced 3. eaders like Browder cannot serve | union-busting counter- demands of "preferred gangs," boss-control of hiring halls, etc.

> 4. The employers are holding up \$8,000,000 back pay awarded August, which the bosses refuse to pay unless they are guaranteed full reimbursement by government agencies plus "book-

keeping expenses." 5. The employers have, in oring the union into effect, although the union has fully complied with the WLB award.

**Stalinists Settle Western Union** The employers refused to off legislation claiming federal | War. Ickes and Pauley together negotiate unless the principle of title to the rich West Coast un- selected Ralph Davies of Standretroactive pay was abandoned. 7. The employers refused to and other West Coast oil operation bigger oil man than Pauley, to and other West Coast oil operaroltrate on the same grounds. be Ickes' right-hand man in that Gains tors were profitably exploiting. Bridges was especially indignant department. In the welter of charges and at this. The union committee Under questioning, Takes tried countercharges in Washington, had offered to submit all disto explain away his own apputed points to arbitration. one fact emerges clearly. For pointments of big oil men as "an (ILWU Dispatcher, January 11). almost two years, Truman, exception during a war emer-8. Finally, the shipowners | Roosevelt and the heads of all gency." But so well did Ickes the most important governbroke off negotiations on Deguard the big oil interests during mental departments, including the Justice Department - and minor work stoppages. even Harold Ickes himself-kept UNION PROPOSALS silent about the huge bribe of-The union proposals provide fered the Democratic Party from for \$1.50 per hour for the first Pauley and the West Coast oil six hours of work between 8 a.m. interests and thereafter supand 5 p.m. Monday through ported Pauley for important Friday; \$2.25 for work performed government posts. in excess of the first six hours This disclosure of corruption between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. in the highest bodies of the ad-Monday through Friday; \$3.371/2 ministration is not only an infor night work on Saturday, dictment of Truman as the tool Sunday, holidays and for all night of the big oil interests, but serves work in excess of six hours beto expose the role of such sotween 5 p. m. and 8 a. m. Moncalled "liberals" as Ickes in the day through Friday. Democratic Party machine. Longshoremen now make \$1.15 per hour on the basis of a six ICKES PICKED PAULEY The Stalinist CIO Council hour day, 36-hour week. Other While today fighting Pauley's leaders then found a pretext for than the five-cent wage in- appointment because he is an oil crease awarded last August, man, Ickes himself selected when CIO President Philip Mur- west coast longshoremen have Pauley to work with him in the ray proclaimed that the "na- received no increases since Feb- Petroleum Administration for tool, Ickes.

"progressive" capitalist politicians in support of the wage-

A POSTWAR no-strike pledge was written into the Local 6 Warehousemen's master contract for 1945 in return for a five cent raise for women only. This contract was hailed as a "model" by the bosses and Stalinists.

PRAISE BY BOSSES

Labor denounced Bridges but industry praised him. Henry F. Grady, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce president and former head of the American President Lines, spoke before Local 1-10<sup>°</sup> on January 3, 1945. He congratulated the union on its "proper attitude" and especi-Coast Maritime Industry Board | ally praised its "fine leadership" and promised "if you are not unreasonable we will be able to co-

operate in the postwar period and bring prosperity to all!" However both Grady and Bridges appear to have short memories.

Once again the longshoremen must take the road of struggle to achieve their just demands. The wartime Stalinist bilge about "identity of interests" between boss and worker has been dumped by millions of striking workers whose course the longshore ranks are preparing to follow. Conciliation has once again been proven to be ineffective in obtaining any gains for the workers. That the Bridges-Stalinist policy has exhausted the whole structure of peaceful negotiation is apparent to all the

men. They are now preparing their forces for battle. FIGHT OF ALL LABOR

Because of their integral role in the life of the west coast a longshoremen's strike would affect all industry connected with shipping.

tween unions and employers -A victory of the Longshoremen would give added impetus to all On December 16, 1944, the the other unions to press home ILWU International Executive their demand for wage increases Board adopted a resolution to meet the increased cost of livwhich declared "we are firmly ing, while any victory of the big convinced that political action shipowners in their union bustwill be henceforth the main soluing campaign against the longtion of our problems, and that shoremen would strengthen the economic action will be secondattack against all the other unary or obsolete." By "political ions. Thus the fight of the to the union by the WLB last action," the Stalinist ILWU longshoremen is the fight of all leaders meant campaigning for labor.

**Truman Fights For Pauley** fact, refused to put any of the War Labor Board directives fav-

#### (Continued from Page 1)

# called for Roosevelt's re-election.

ed financial resources, and were for the program of genuine Marxgram, the Marxist program of only a handful, they knew that ism.



Johnston, former head of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. And these are but two of the many such Stalinist careerists who have openly sold out to Big Business.

Can we forget Louis Budenz, editor of the Daily Worker? This chief of staff on the official organ of American Stalinism, abruptly announced October 10 that he had joined the Catholic Church and accepted a lucrative post at Notre Dame University. An official statement of the stunned Stalinist leadership characterized Budenz' unexpected flight as "abandonment of the labor movement."

General Secretary to be expelled as an agent of capitalism. His The only "concession" in what predecessor in this post, Jay Lovestone, was likewise expelled back in 1929 under similar circumstances.

The only other person to hold this highest post in the party

### **Newark Workers Hear Lecture On Strike Wave**

to hear William Warde, associ-ate editor of The Militant speak and other additional raises for HELPING SCABS on "The Meaning of the Strike various categories of workers.

background of labor's frozen the estimated \$4,500,000 total wages and explained the deep- increase proposed by the regiongoing significance of the strike upsurge. He declared that this made one hour before the NWLB strike wave represents the highwater mark of American labor's 1945, thus preventing an oppor-

Warde stressed the need for a labor party to consolidate and APPEAL TO O'DWYER

explained such transitional slo- CIO leaders had appealed to ACA President Joseph P. Selly including The Permanent Revogans of the Trotskyists as "Open Mayor O'Dwyer, Tamany's new- for "his earnest and equitable lution, Whither England, etc. the Books of the Corporations" ly-elected spokesman whom the solution of this dispute." and how they are being trans- Stalinists had supported in the Throughout the strike, the lated into action by the most November elections. O'Dwyer Stalinists concealed the viciously progressive forces in the unions. proposed acceptance of the re-strikebreaking role of O'Dwyer, Much favorable comment was jected NWLB award and ar- whose cops swarmed by the hunheard on the hall's decorations, bitration of one "ambiguous" dreds around the main strike recently gone out of print. centered around a large collec- clause respecting the distribu- area at the Western Union

lines tributed toward the work of the company refused. The Stalinist and opened the way for scabs to ment. It will be sent free to mendous membership and re-BWP in this area.

Walkout With No Assured

#### SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

the

Militant.

greatest concentration of scab-herding cops in the city's to 35 strikers. history, threatened with a strikebreaking injunction and pressured by their Stalinist union leaders to settle on al- linists to organize a genuine the CIO Council voted unanimost any terms, the striking Western Union workers here struggle to keep out the scabs mously for a two-hour city-wide voted yesterday to end their 3

no assured gains.

The leaders of the CIO Amerilaying strike action. can Communications Association, whose 7,000 members here went

on strike January 8, agreed to Nor is Earl Browder the only accept a previously rejected National War Labor Board award. the Stalinist union leaders has- order calls for. The actual agreement, however, is virtually identened to proclaim a "tremendous tical with the phony proposal victory" was the company's agmade by O'Dwyer. It must be re-

reement to arbitrate an "ambiguous" clause in the NWLB membered, that the entire strugbiguous" clause in the NWLB membered, that the entire strug-decision which the union claimwhich the Western Union worked denied one section of the

ers had been seeking since 1944 Shown By New workers any increases at all. However, the arbitration will and which the Stalinist wartime under the Little Steel formula, not affect the total wage award, no-strike policy had prevented but merely the distribution them from securing.

among the various categories of The deal for this "victory" was workers. The workers had gone consummated with the assiston strike originally because the ance of New York County Sup-NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 12—The ON STREE Originally because the area Court Justice Aaron J. largest audience at a Socialist previous recommendation from Levy, before whom hearings Workers Party forum here in the WLB regional panel. The were being held on Western Unseveral years assembled last night regional board had proposed a ion's appeal for an injunction

At the opening of the hear-

The NWLB denied a general in-Warde analyzed the wartime crease and sliced \$2,000,000 from al WLB. The final ruling was chore which the brutal club the Communist International tunity for appeal.

extend the union's struggles. He Before the strike, the ACA- sequently servilely thanked by of-print works of Leon Trotsky,

tion of photos from many picket tion of the miserable total in- building, 60 Hudson Street. Al- nient method for ordering Pio-

ings, Justice Levy had instruct-

doing from the start of the

crease. The ACA leaders hasten- most daily, the police clubbed, neer's books and pamphlets on union officials, frustrated in go through the lines almost at anyone on request.

will. At times the police outnum- the police brutality, were ready NEW YORK, Feb. 10-Harrassed and assaulted by the bered pickets 20 to one-750 cops and eager to go to the aid of the Western Union workers was in-

It was the failure of the Sta- dicated when the delegates to cember 23, using as a pretext two that ultimately weakened the CIO work stoppage that was to

bitter 34-day struggle with their hope that "labor's friend", morale of the strike and forced have been held on February 11. O'Dwyer, would aid them, could the workers to agree to go back But even this was not intended find no further pretext for de- with no gains. The Stalinists, by the Stalinists as a serious

who dominate the Greater New move to keep out the Western The ACA leaders in calling for York City CIO Council repre- Union scabs. The stoppage was the end of the strike peddled the senting 600,000 workers, made deliberately fixed at between false claim that the arbitration all kinds of threats and gestures four and six p.m., when many will involve the question of some but made no real effort to main- workers are already through work. They also called for a rally \$2,000,000 more than the NWLB tain air-tight picket lines. to be held by agreement with the That tens of thousands of CIO police ONE BLOCK AWAY from

workers thoroughly angered by the main picket line.

NEW PRETEXT cancelling the general stoppage

**Issue Of Catalog** tional CIO disapproves of citywide shutdowns." When the CIO ever took a position on this, no-**Pioneer** Publishers announces body knows. But it is believed that its new catalog with a comthat Murray intervened at the plete listing of all Pioneer pubbehest of Social-Democrats and lications now in stock, is off the other "anti-Communist" elepress. The rapid growth of Pioments in the leadership of imneer's publishing program is inportant local CIO unions who dicated by the fact that seven were opposed to aiding the new books and pamphlets are listed which were published in Western Union strike because it the last year and a half since the was being led by "communists." previous catalog was issued. These opponents of the Sta-

Among these are the two relinists put their own clique ined O'Dwyer's cops to open the cently-published books of Leon terests above their duty to give picket lines for the scabs, a Trotsky, The First Five Years of all possible aid to the just strike of the Western Union workers. wielding police had already been and The Revolution Betrayed. There is no question that the Western Union strikers put up a The catalog also announces strike. Justice Levy, who held the program of publications militant and courageous strugthe threat of an injunction over which Pioneer is now preparing. gle, but they could not win alone the strikers to impose a rotten A major part of this program is settlement on them, was sub- the republishing of numerous out-

Also announced is the "Pioneer The chief responsibility for Pocket Library," a new series of the failure to win any gains rests small inexpensive books. The with the Stalinists. They were first in this series will be The more concerned with preserving Founding Conference of the good relations with their "pal" Fourth International which has O'Dwyer and maintaining their

smelly political alliance with This catalog offers a conve-Tammany, than in conducting the all-out out effective fight, A collection of \$24 was con- ed to accept this proposal, but the intimidated and arrested pickets socialism and the labor move- which was possible with the tresources of the New York OlO.

the war years that at the end of the war the oil magnates gave him a banquet in gratitude for his services. Now, because of rivalries between contending oil interests for control over federal posts, Ickes has broken with Pauley and pretends the break was caused solely by his regard for the public welfare. WINDOW-DRESSING

These revelations show how the 'liberals" in the Democratic administration act as windowdressing behind which filthy deals of graft and corruption are put over in the dark. Now that Ickes has squealed on the Dem-

ocratic Party gang, Truman has already called his chiefs together to comb their party for another "liberal" to replace the discarded

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#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1946

#### THE MILITANT

Ferguson Kin In Plea For Justice Tell Tragic Story To 'The Militant'

### By William S. Farrell (Special to The Militant)

FREEPORT. N. Y., Feb. 16-Mrs. Charles Ferguson, widow of murdered Pfc. Charles Ferguson, lives with her three small children in a little house about ten minutes ride on the bus from Freeport. Charles and his brother, Alfonso, were shot dead on February 5, and another brother, Joseph, was critically wounded by a Freeport cop drunk with race-hate.

In the house this afternoon, I met Richard Ferguson. a fourth brother who had been railroaded to jail from which he was just released on a \$100 bond. Richard is a 3rd Army combat veteran with over three years' service. and two bronze stars on his ETO ribbon.

Present with the stunned and bereaved family was Edward Ferguson, the fifth brother, who is also an Army veteran. Edward was in Washington, D. C., at the time of the murder and left his job as a truck driver to assist the family. He belongs to the AFL Teamsters and Chauffeurs.

"Let's see your paper," demanded Richard when I introduced myself. "I've sure read a lot of lies about this thing in some newspapers . . . " His suspicion of reporters was more than well-founded . . . I gave him a copy of The Militant and he read it through in silence. Then he handed it to his brother-in-law to read and looked up. "That's all right. IT'S ON OUR SIDE." Immediately the atmosphere changed from suspicion to warm and friendly invitations to "Come in."

Mrs. Ferguson asked me what they could do to bring the policeman who shot her husband and his brothers to justice. "If they can kill Charles and Al they will kill more boys. It's been bad enough around here the way they treat colored people, but now they have started shooting at us."

"Yes," added Richard, "that policeman shot at us and he shot to kill. Since when can they shoot people for disorderly conduct? And we weren't even guilty of that .... "

#### Not Even Informed Of Murders

Mrs. Ferguson held back tears as she told me how she had found out about the death of her husband. "No one came around to tell me anything about it. The first I knew was when I met Herman Crummel's mother on the street the next day. We got to the hospital just too late to see Al. He died a few minutes before we got there."

Charles Ferguson had been killed instantly when policeman Romeika shot him in the head. Alfonso, the youngest brother and only civilian in the family of five brothers, died nine hours after the shooting. He had been went through Joseph's left shoulder and hit Alfonso in the temple.

Joseph Ferguson, Ship's Cook 3/c, is in the sick bay of the Lido Beach Separation Center brig awaiting court martial. He is recovering from the wound.

of "disorderly conduct," explained what happened to him. had done nothing but appear on the scene of the arrest. "I was so dazed and confused I didn't know what was going on. The police asked me a lot of questions. They told me it would be best if I got the trial over with right with his arm when the other shots were fired. Later he away. After filling out a lot of papers and answering a was taken with Richard to the police station but not lot of questions they took me upstairs and held a trial booked or held. He is reported to have stated that Charles first sympathetic symptom toin the morning."

and Charles were dead, Richard was obviously in no con- one claims to have even seen a gun. dition to be questioned, let alone tried.



The four Ferguson brothers, Alfonso, top left, Charles, top right; Joseph, bottom left; Richard, bottom right. Charles and Alfonso were murdered, Joseph was wounded, and Richard framed up in the savage Jim-Crow police assault at Freeport. These sketches were made by MILITANT staff artist Evelyn Atwood from photographs provided by the family.

It was cold and dirty and I never suffered so much worrying about what happened to Charlie and Al and Joe . . ." Richard added.

I enquired about Herman Crummel who, it is reported, may be a witness for the State against the Ferguson brothers "Poor Herman don't know what he is saying," hit in the head by a bullet fired at Joseph. The bullet said Mrs Ferguson "He just keeps saying the same thing over and over like he learned it by heart. He's got a record of four arrests against him and I guess he's afraid of

the police." Herman Crummel happened along the night the Ferguson boys were lined up by policeman Romeika. He, too, was Richard, who went to jail on a trumped-up charge ordered to raise his hands and get in line although he

According to people who have talked with him he claims he saw Charles shot but that he covered his eves threatened the policeman by saying "I've got a .45." But Not knowing his rights, not knowing if Alfonso, Joseph no gun was found on any of the Ferguson brothers and no evident when the school board Resolutions condemning the po-

#### "That jail in Freeport is the worst place I ever saw. Cop Must Be Brought To Justice "Why did the cop shoot to kill at such close range?

organizer, revealed the full im-

plication of the terror in Fon-

of O'Day Short and his family.

Comrade Weiss pointed out.

sought to force him out of a

so-called "restricted" area, he

stood his ground. Local officials

and the FBI, though told of the

threats, failed to act. As a re-

sult of this criminal negligence.

the terrorists were able to carry

Also vicious was the inquest

out their crime.

Threatened by vigilantes who

tana that resulted in the deaths

O'Day H. Short was a fighter,

# **ANTI-FASCIST PICKETS** FACE FRAMEUP IN L.A.

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endorsed it.

Committee.

#### By William Van

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8-Continuing the city admin- Protests Mount istration's effort to assist Fascist G.L.K. Smith in gain-ing a footbold in Los Aning a foothold in Los Angeles, the Municipal Court of Judge Arthur S. Guerin Negro Veterans has brought to trial on charges of disturbing the peace, 48 people who dared show their hatred of fascism by booing at a Smith meeting.

Since the trial opened on January 29, the Court has continuously demonstrated its prejudice against the anti-fascist defendants, 22 of whom finally had to be released for lack of evidence.

WITCH HUNT

At the session today, the court esembled a Dies Committee hearing room as City Prosecutor Roland Wilson tried to prove a 'red conspiracy" behind protests against G. L. K. Smith. He accused the defendants of being 'conspirators" who booed and hissed the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the Lords' pray-

"You are turning this case into a Dies-Tenney witch hunt," Defense Attorney John McTernan speak. charged Wilson.

Since the start of the trial, McTernan has been repeatedly fined and held in contempt of announced that his post was the court by Judge Guerin as he protested against the biased procedure of the court. Today, after McTernan twice demanded a new trial, charging the judge with misconduct, Judge Guerin warned that next time he would be thrown in jail. On February 1, defendant Ann

try," he said. Draper arrived seven minutes late for the trial and explained she was sick. "You don't look sick," replied Guerin as he held her in contempt and fined her \$50 or five Workers Party. days in jail.

An hour later Dr. Marcus E. Graham, jail physician, examined the defendant and said she had the flu. The attitude of the entire city administration towards fascists has thus been revealed. The wards G. L. K. Smith became | Harlem Militant Readers Forum. twice last year granted Smith lice brutality and calling for ac-

permission to speak in the pub- tion on the case were passed at lic schools; despite the thousands | all three meetings. of workers and students who had



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Mr. Rockefeller and His Negro Colleges

John D Rockefeller, Jr. has launched his annual appeal for contributions to the United Negro College Fund of which he is national chairman. The fund seeks \$1,300,000 for the continued mainten-9-

ist.

ary.

that the wealthy landowners and

industrialists (usually backed by

Northern money) are able to keep

the wages and living conditions

of the white and Negro workers

so low in the South. In this way

the pro-segregation practice of

these colleges is also pro-capital-

The president of such a school

is usually either an "Uncle Tom"

Negro or some worn-out white

missionary. The boards of di-

rectors are made up of high

caste, wealthy conservatives. The

instructors most sure to retain

their jobs are the most reaction-

For example, in the orientation

courses at Fisk University in

Nashville, Tenn., you are taught

to consider yourself above the

Religion is played up big. Cap-

italist government practices are

complete racial equality are ridi-

ance of 32 small, private Ne- ism and the resulting prejudices gro colleges. For this, some Negroes shout

his praises. They ask: "Aren't Negroes denied entrance to practically all white institutions of higher learning in the South and to many in the North? Under the circumstances, don't we need financial support for our own colleges so that our boys will

with prolonged applause and have a chance for higher eduseveral other speakers heartily cation too? "After all," they reason, "John Stanley Faulkner, lawyer and D. Rockefeller, Jr. and people of

ALP member, who is conducting his class are openly contributthe defense of the Ferguson ing their time, effort and money brothers, announced that in line to assure the survival of these with the SWP proposal a confer- colleges. Maybe these big, bad ence of 27 organizations would be capitalists that the Trotskyists held on Sunday, February 24, to are always talking about mean set up a broad Ferguson Case | to be nice to us Negroes, after all."

masses. This same practice is Such has been the build-up A representative of the Brookreported at many other small. for Mr. Rockefeller in certain lyn NAACP announced from the Negro colleges. You are given to quarters since he launched this floor that next Sunday, February understand that those who are drive. 24, a mass protest meeting would not fortunate enough to be able

The simple fact, however, is to go to college are mentally unbe held at 8 p.m. in the Imperial this: Big Business does not give Hall, 160 West 129th Street (near able to solve their sociological anything away out of the good-7th Ave.) in New York City, at problems. ness of its heart. As a rule, its which Louise Simpson, Trotskyrepresentatives only expend their ist candidate for City Council money and energy when they in the last elections, William rigidly defended. Struggles for are assured of receiving a pro-Prince, Democratic Assemblyman portionate return in one form or from Harlem and others will culed as utopian. Jim Crowanother on their investment. A speaker from the Calvin Ad-

ams Post of the American Legion maintenance of Negro colleges pay any dividends to Mr. Rockfirst to take action on this case efeller and his friends? Are we and considered it "a prime duty" being a trifle far-fetched? Not to make this issue a national by a long shot. fight for justice to the Ferguson family. "We are sending our

and similar funds are largely resolution calling for a public inbacked by certain wealthy indivestigation to all American Leviduals and big corporations. gion posts throughout the coun-This class of people are altru-istic, all right—like a fox. They While this meeting was under are the same people who have way in Freeport, the scene of the extracted tremendous profits as brutal Ferguson murders, similar a result of their monopoly of this protest meetings were being conearth's natural resources and by ducted throughout New York the exploitation of human labor. City by branches of the Socialist This state of affairs can continue only so long as the pres-Louise Simpson, Trotskyist

speaker and candidate in the obtains. last election, spoke in the Bronx Here, then, is the key. These Branch, Rudy Murdock, milicolleges, as they are operated totant trade unionist, spoke at the day, serve in an indirect manner Brooklyn Branch. In Harlem. as props for capitalism — that William S. Farrell, Staff Reportsystem by which the Rockefeler for The Militant, spoke at the lers and others have grabbed bilthe masses

which bar Negro students. Practically all of these private If Mr. Rockefeller is really incolleges that are to benefit from | terested in more equal opportunthis fund are located in the ities for the Negro people why South. Any institution allowed should he make this appeal for

thousands of other colleges from

ism is sanctioned. Militant me-But how could such an apparthods of struggle are ridiently sincere philanthropy as culed and discouraged. The discussion of revolutionary socialism is strictly taboo. Whoever differs too vigorously with this reactionary policy leaves himself open to expulsion. It is no coincidence that this WHY KEEP JIM CROW? What happens, then, is that the cream of Negro youth, following the natural desire for further understanding and better opportunity, is drained into the churn of these Negro col-

leges where every militant tendency that could be of service in liberating the Negro people is destroyed under the incessant pounding of capitalist miseducation. ent system of economic anarchy Furthermore, why should we

have all-Negro colleges? Even though there are probably no white applicants (except occasionally Jews who are also widely discriminated against in higher education) still the all-Negro policy is just as obnoxious as lions of dollars at the expense of that of many white universities

# **Striking Indiana Veterans Put Governor On The Spot**

INDIANA HARBOR, Ind., Feb 8-Over 100 striking veterans, members of CIO United Steelworkers of America. District 31, Sub-district 2, left Indiana Harbor by motorcade in 20 cars last night and drove to the Governor's office in Indianapolis for a de-O

ernor Ralph M. Gates. to whom

1. Unemployment compensa-

2. Low-cost housing for the

3. Adequate hospitalization

4. State bonus for veterans.

ment to the GI Bill of Rights to

eliminate strike clauses denying

During the conference the

Governor claimed he was a

"friend of labor;" that "the Gov-

ernor of your state has the in-

terests of all its citizens in mind

at all times." But he showed his

real colors when he refused to

to do anything at all for the vet-

erans, dodged the issue of call-

ing a special session of the legis-

lature and finally shouted:

"You can't high-pressure me!"

In response to this runaround,

the veterans again took up their

placards and paraded around

the state capitol, after which

they marched back to the local

CIO Auto Workers' hall to hear

reports on the conference and

jobless payments to strikers.

Endorsement of an amend-

workers in the over-crowded in-

dustrial areas of the state,

facilities for veterans.

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monstation beginning at 9:30 | demonstrating veterans were capitol.

they presented the five demands At Indianapolis the singing voted by their organization on and shouting veterans demonthe previous night. They de-manded that the Governor call strated their solidarity with the striking civilian steelworkers a special session of the Indiana and protested against the gov-State Legislature for the purpose ernment's use of the GI Bill of of obtaining: Rights as a strikebreaking weapon. tion without strike clauses,

This action was taken after a meeting called last night by the veterans' organization, representing 28 steel locals in this area, to protest against the use of strike clauses in the state unemployment insurance law which cut off unemployment compensation for striking war veterans. At this meeting a resolution was also unanimously adopted condemning George P. McNear. President of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway, whose gunmen deliberately murdered two unarmed railroad strikers and demanding that McNear and his hired murderers be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

At 10 o'clock this morning the

NEWARK Saturday Social Feb. 23 Music . . . Refreshments Everyone Welcome! Socialist Workers Party 423 Springfield Ave.

discuss further action. SAN DIEGO Hear MYRA TANNER WEISS speak on VIGILANTE TERROR IN FONTANA The Facts of the Case and How To Combat Vigilante Actions FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 8 p.m. Young People's Community Center

2936 Imperial Avenue

asked Richard. "Why, if only one man is supposed to have had a gun did the cop shoot three men?" he continued. "That cop must be brought to justice. I say!"

While we were talking Mrs. Ferguson's three small children scrambled about, too young to realize the extent of dreds of police armed with guns, the terrible tragedy that left them fatherless. With large, clubs and gas masks to keep expressive eyes, quick smiles and nimble feet they dodged in and out, around the grown-ups.

Some day they will understand that their father, a veteran of the "war for democracy," was the victim of mad race-hatred, murdered in America because he dared this morning before the state ushered into the office of Gov- to ask for a cup of coffee in a public lunch room.

rainct . The second department of the ment. They guaranteed Smith adelphia and other cities meetan audience by contributing hun- ings are being organized to ac-

front of Smith's meeting halls.

Now the circle is complete.

The courts, too, have displayed

their hostility to anti-fascists.

order in his meetings and esfight for justice and against lecort his audience through the gal lynch law. picket lines which gathered in

lic meetings on this case in Newto exist down there must abide the salvation of these 32 little ark and Bayonne, New Jersey, by the general practice of teach- Jim Crow colleges? He should, administration to pledge its where Louise Simpson and Wil- ing meekness and submission for instead, campaign to stop the liam Farrell will speak. In Phil-

Plans were announced for pub-

the Negro. The official policy of any Ne- barring a student because of col-

gro "educational" institution un- or. As far as the masses are quaint the public with the facts der those circumstances must be concerned, capitalist subsidizaof this case and to mobilize this pro-segregation, pro-white su- tion of Jim Crow colleges is a

premacy and anti-militancy. It step with the wrong foot and in is because of this racial separat- 'the wrong direction.

# Socialist Workers Party **Branch** Activities

Club, 405-6 Everett Bldg., 39 East Market St., open daily except Sunday, 2 to 4 p. m.; also Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 to 9:30. Current events discussion Wednesday evenings. Fridays at 7:30, class on 'Forward March of American Labor.'

March 1, 7:30 p.m. "The American Federation of Labor and the Industrial Workers of the World," by Mary Clark.

Afternoon sessions on same series of lectures every Friday by Milton Genecin. ALLENTOWN - BETHLEHEM -Open meeting every Friday, 8 p.m., at Militant Labor Forum, S. E. corner Front and Hamilton Streets, Allentown. Public Forums-First Sunday

each month, 2:15 p.m. BOSTON-Office at 30 Stuart St. Open Mondays and Saturdays from noon until 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. BUFFALO — Every Saturday night, Current Events Discussion and Open House, at Militant Forum, 629 Main St., 2nd

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. 3 p.m. at 6108 Linwood. Office open daily 10 to 6. Phone Tyler 7-6267

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

AKRON - Visit The Militant LOS ANGELES - Visit SWP PITTSBURGH-Militant Readheadquarters, 145 S. Broadway, San Pedro, 1008 S. Pacific. Room 214. MILWAUKEE - Visit the Mil-

waukee 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. NEWARK - Open forum every

Friday at the Socialist Workers Party, 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, Sat. Feb. 23-Social evening.

NEW YORK CENTRAL, 116 University Place, GR. 5-8149. Saturdays at 4 p.m., rehearsals of Trotskyist chorus. Militant readers invited.

7:30 p.m.

All Sunday Forums in N. Y. will be resumed March 10. BRONX: 1034 Prospect Ave., 1st floor.

BROOKLYN: 635 Fulton St. Open 1 to 9. Phone ST. 3-7433. HARLEM: 103 W. 110th St., room 23. Phone MO. 2-1866. Office open Monday through Thursday, 1 to 4:30; Fridays and Sundays, 7:30-10:30 p.m. HILADELPHIA - SWP Headquarters, 1303-05 W. Girard Ave., 2nd floor. Open forums every Friday, 8 p.m., on current topics. Classes on Lenin's "State and

Revolution," every Sunday, 7 p.m. Office and bookshop open

every day.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. Feb. 11 — A call to action against the rising wave of vigilante terror in California was sounded here last night. Speaking to a meeting of more than 65 friends of the Socialist Workers Party, Myra Tanner Weiss, Los Angeles SWP

SWP Organizer Calls For Action

In Fontana Vigilante Fire Case

#### "FONTANA"

The shadowed pack in skulking gloom Are poised for brief affray, And mark the peaceful, sleeping home Like carrion beasts of prey . . . No hint of mercy in their act A sudden burst of flame. The faggot flung from out the dark From whence their courage came . . . This is the bravery of their deed-A father and his dead: While cringing justice mocks its name And bows its craven head . . .

Eddie Dumaine

tests so as not to embarrass | President of the San Francisco tion for the Advancement of Col-

This conspiracy of silence, the speaker emphasized, can and

into the deaths of Helen Short must be broken. The vigilantes and her two children, Comrade must not be allowed to go unchallenged. They have taken new Weiss explained. The government officials, themselves implicated courage from the official white-

wash and the incidents of terror in the threats, were able to stop all investigation into vigilante will be bound to multiply. Nor threats that preceded the fire. will the attacks stop with the And this despite expert opinion Negro population. Unless the criminals are rounded up and that arson was involved. An attempt is now being made | tried, the vigilantes will take the to hush up the case. Attorney- offensive against all sections of General Robert J. Kenney, self- the labor movement. styled "friend of labor," has re-Comrade Myra Weiss urged her mained silent. With his eyes on audience' to spread the story of cial structure." the governorship, Kenney doesn't Fontana, to pass resolutions in want to antagonize the reaction- their unions and other groups ary farm owners to whom terror demanding a grand jury investo help in the fight against the has always been a favorite weap- tigation, and to organize defense vigilantes, and a resolution deon against labor. The Commu- guards against new vigilante manding action from Attorneynist (Stalinist) Party has threats. General Kenney was voted unaniconfined itself to literary pro- A letter from Joseph James, mously.

Kenney.

Branch of the National Associa-

ored People, was read to the meeting, Mr. James' letter said in part: "No person conversant with the facts of the case before us can have the slightest doubt

that the Short family were vicfloor. tims of deliberately murderous vigilante terrorism. The perpetrators are known to all authorities having to do with the enforcement of the law . . . We know that these things do not just happen,' but that they are the result of fundamental weakness in the whole American so-A collection of \$60 was raised

"News of the Week in The Militant." Feb. 24, 8 p.m., "The Role of the Communist Party in the Labor Movement," by Bill Carloy. 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.

ing Room, Seely Bldg., 5905

Penn Ave., corner Penn. Ave.

& Beatty St., E. Liberty. Open

Monday, Wednesday, Friday,

6:30 to 9:30. Sundays at 7:30:

Round Table Discussion on

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-Visit our Headquarters, 19191/2 Second Ave.

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

TOLEDO-Forums every Tuesday. 8:00 p.m., James Apartments, 213 Michigan St. Open evenings, 7-9.

YOUNGSTOWN - Youngstown School of Social Science, 225 N. Phelps St., open to public, Tuesday and Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5; also 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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#### THE MILITANT

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DEMANDS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1946

# Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky Lancaster AFL Calls City General Strike

#### Dear Tony:

I've been meaning to write you before, but I've been so busy it's been hard even to find time to eat or sleep. But

used to say we couldn't get anywhere, because workers were so damn sleepy and slow? Well, look at us toat least part way. Threeday! We woke up guarters of a million steel workers all over the

I'd like to say,

there are a few things

Remember how you

country woke up and speeded up enough to shut down the mightiest factories in the world! Stop a minute and think: U. S. Steel, Carnegie-Illinois, Bethlehem, Republic - what do those names mean ?

Each and every one of them means POWER. Those names mean mines and railroads, shipping lines; they mean great, roaring blast furnaces and millions, billions of dollars worth of fiery open hearths; they mean grimy coke ovens, clattering mills, and fabricating shops flashing blue in the glare of the welder's torch. These names mean greater wealth than you and I can imagine, for we have nothing in our own lives to compare it to. They mean black factories scattered and clustered over miles of scarred earth, and steel and concrete banks and clearing houses, and senators and presidents. and international trusts and cartels, and governments and armies, and tyranny, bloodshed and anguish. They mean POWER!

And, Tony, you and I-and three-quarters of

a million more guys like us, ordinary guys like Slim, Red, Jimmy, Pete, Stash, Kelly, and old man Mike — we've shut these plants down so tight they haven't dared to try and open up! The names Gary, Johnstown, Indiana Harbor, Youngstown, Lackawanna, South Chicago - are names not of dirty steel mill towns of corrugated iron giants and meek subject peoples: These

names mean silent plants and picket lines! Oh, yes, Tony. We've risen in our strength. We've struck a crushing blow, and our battle is a victorious one. Still, as I said - we have awakened only part way.

Our demands? They're won. We fought for 181/2 cents, and it's ours. But it's not as easy as that!

Our raise will very soon mean nothing at all. The cost of living will climb steadily higher, and we'll be right back where we were and we'll have to organize our picket lines all over again. And then we'll wake up some more!

We knew enough this time to walk out of our plants. We'll know enough next time to fight against government interference and rising costs. And before long, we'll wake up enough so that all of us, you, me, Slim, Red, Jimmy, Pete, Stash, Kelly and Old Man Mike, won't be satisfied with striking the plants and then handing them back to the companies. W'ell take them, and we'll keep them: and we'll make our own standard of living, our own world.

We'll wake up some more, Tony, in a little while when the time has come - and the result of our full awakening will be called . . . SO-CIALISM.

Fraternally,



When striking workers for the Philadelphia Transportation Company tied up all the city's surface and subway lines, their wives were right out there on the picket line helping to fight for a decent living standard. Members of Local 234 Transport Workers Union of America, CIO, the strikers completely halted the city's transportation on February 11 and 12.

Wives Join Transport Pickets

WILL -WAR-TIME -CONTINUES.

#### Notes Of A Seaman Bv Art Sharon

The old man walked into the union hall and street and had him put this on the left hand of looked around as though in bewilderment. He every man." still couldn't get over the union halls today as compared to when he had



fashioned black suit had been worn so infrequently

first joined the union.

in the past fifteen years shat it looked almost new. His brand new wool cap, perched on top of his head, his clean white shirt with an uncomfortable collar and his unaccustomed tie-all these amenities of shore dress bespoke a sailor coming ashore to dea! with the authorities.

Yes, he was in trouble. Speaking with a marked Scandinavian accent, the old-timer poured out his indignation to the listening union patrolman. They had taken his shipping papers away from him and told him that he must enter the Marine Hospital for awhile and that after the hospital released him they would give him an examination to see if he was fit to sail anymore.

From the time he shipped out from Norway 3: years ago, he had spent his entire life in the focs'les of ships under every flag. Now he was being told that he was finished. The doctor who had examined him and who had shaken his head over the old-timer's severe rheumatism advised him that "perhaps" he could get a job as a watchman for a shipping company.

I asked the old timer to join me over a cup of coffee. He accepted and we walked in togethe and sat down. For a few minutes we sat there quietly. I kept my eyes on his large gnarled hands. On one of them, between the thumb and forefinger, you could make out the faint blue outline of a tattooed anchor. On the other, there was a letter clearly marked on each finger just below the knuckle. I peered closer and spelled out UNITY. He saw my surprise and a smile lit up his very tired. weather beaten face. "This anchor here," he began, "was put on in Copenhagen on my first he too was going to his boneyard. The maritime "This," he held out his other hand, "I industry under its private capitalist ownership had tattooed on in San Francisco in 1923. That had extracted the last hour of labor from him. was before your time. We were on strike then Out of misery and toil like his, great fortunes and the gang walked off the ship together. were made. But now there was no more profit

He laughed to himself and his immediate trou-

bles were forgotten. He reached into his inside From the cut of his jib coat pocket and pulled out an old black wallet, you could spot him as a bulging with papers, held together by a thick man who felt at home on- rubber band. Taking the band off he picked out ly in the focs'le. His olda few well worn cards, picket cards for the 1921 strike, a strike in 1923, the strike of 1934 and the strike of 1936.

Here were mementoes of epic labor struggle on the waterfront. Here was mute evidence of the continuous battles waged against the vile conditions forced on the men who manned the ships before '34 and '36.

Tiny damp focs'les, mattress stuffed with a 'mule's breakfast," the two watch system, the egular "field day for Jesus," wormy grub eaten out of tin plates, the power of the shipping crimp -all that was gone now, thanks to the never easing struggle of men like him.

He fingered his priceless cards talking about ach strike they represented and then carefully towed them away in his wallet. As he did so caught a glimpse of several pictures of women-Ie took them out and I looked them over.

They were old pictures, yellow and cracked. Were these your old girl friends?" I asked. "That they were," was his answer. He reached over and pointed out one. "Her name was Irene." I politely studied the picture of a smiling woman iressed in the style of the early twenties. He xplained, "She helped in the soup kitchen durng the strike of 1921 down in San Pedro.

"That was a hard and long strike and they inally beat us. She fed and cared for me after he strike was over and I couldn't get a ship or eleven months. She was a rebel and hated he ship owners like any sailor."

He put his wallet back into his pocket and turned to his coffee. He stopped talking and I didn't press him. His face became completely

# **Philadelphia Transit Workers Win** Gains In Militant Two Day Strike bystanders.

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Returned veterans were conspic- done a good job exposing the uous on the picket lines and company's war profits and proved made known that their interests that the PTC could afford the were definitely with the union. wage increase without an in-The present strike was a far crease in fares. Off-the-record cry from the misguided and com- reasons given by TWU officials pany-inspired Jim-Crow walkout for acceptance of the small raise in 1944 led by a company union is that they were placed in a bad against the up-grading of Negro spot by the AFL Teamsters loworkers to operating jobs. White, cal, which before the strike had and colored workers this time, accepted a 12-cent raise for PTC fought side by side on the picket office workers whom it reprelines as members of the CIO. sents.

News of the pending strike set-Large numbers of PTC worktlement started circulating early Tuesday evening. Union mem- by this explanation. They point bers began converging early on Town Hall, flooding the lobbies, any increases during the war, and overflowing to nearby streets. and the present increase does not They had to wait nearly an hour but not idly, as hundreds of copies of The Militant, were distributed and eagerly received. More than 2,000 strikers were in the Hall to hear the reports TWU members feel that they of local and international offi- should not have accepted less cers on the proposed settlement.

> Today the PTC announced it will seek to obtain a fare increase to compensate the com-

creases granted the transporta-

#### **By Robert Oliver**

#### (Special to The Militant)

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 18-A general strike of AFL unions began here today to halt the savage police terror and scab-herding against striking transit workers and in protest against the arrests Saturday of James Yoder, president of the streetcar and bus workers local, and A. H. Keeler, international representative of the AFL Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes, on a frame-up charge of "inciting to riot."

More than 3,000 pickets this morning swarmed to the aid of the 230 transit strikers at the call of Miles Mesterman, President of the AFL Central Labor Union. For the first time during the strike not a bus moved.

In addition, the CLU has halted all trucks and busses manned by AFL drivers entering or leaving Lancaster. Pickets have also been stationed at Armstrong Cork, U. S. Asbestos, RCA Victor and Hamilton Watch plants, as well as many stores.

Acting Mayor Coulter fearfully called a "state of emergency" and has appealed for state police and possibly the State Guards. The Central Labor Union has asked the CIO Council to join

the city-wide shutdown and the CIO is holding an emergency meeting tonight. The general strike is growing in effect. Early in the morning

some of the workers uninformed of the strike call went to work; By tonight, however, it was expected that most of the AFL plants will be totally shut down. • ... •

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 12-This is a city ruled by the policeman's club and terror. The strike of 230 employes of the Conestoga Transportation Company, operators of the trolleys and buses, has been marked with almost daily brutal assaults by the police, tral Labor Union Hall, we met who swing their clubs freely upon peaceful pickets and discharged veteran who had seen

discharged veteran who had seen combat overseas.

Many strikers, including re-"I had no idea it could happen turned veterans, have been sent over here," he said. "Saturday to the hospitals with fractured we were peacefully marching ribs, noses, etc., as the police and around the barn. Without warncity government seek to aid the ing, the cops charged with their labor-hating transit company to clubs. Fifty of them, plus about resume operations with strike- another fifty company thugs, breakers. against our unarmed lines. They

#### SUB-STANDARD PAY

The strike was called February 5 by Local 1241, AFL Amalgamated Association of Street repeatedly across the face. It Electric Railway and Motor was impossible to defend myself. Coach Employes, to secure a 20 WORSE THAN GERMANY per cent wage increase and to compel the company to abide by I'd rather face the Gérman agreements made after two storm-troopers again. At least strikes in 1945. The company is there I had weapons in my determined to smash the union hands. Of course, our line was and return to "the good old broken." days" before the workers were organized and wage rates were when I told several strikers that 50 per cent lower although even I was a reporter, they were at

today Conestoga pays less than first understandably hostile. the standard rates of other comparable companies. The Conestoga Company has refused even to meet to discuss

However, when I explained that I was not from the Lancaster boss papers, immediately their grievances with the union. The Militants I passed around were entire labor movement here recognizes that this is the first blow ex-GI exclaimed: "Gosh! They in an attempt to destroy the let you print that! I thought unions in this commercial and there was a law against print-

attitude became friendly. The eagerly taken. One striker, an branch factory center of the rich ing the truth about labor, from

eastern Pennsylvania agricultural what I have seen in the papers around here!"

Then he became eager to tell

The Local union president. Ja-

mes Yoder, came down to speak

to us. He said: "The people of the

community approve of what we

are fighting for. The city gov-

papers, however, don't even make

a pretense of being impartial.

They definitely side with Big

didn't try to push us back, as we

might expect. They deliberately

sought to injure us. I got hit

"It was worse than Germany!

At the Central Labor Union,

**U.S. Military Police Back British Despots** Under pretext of "protect ing themselves," U. S. Military Police have fired tear gas shells into the packed ranks of demonstrators against despotic British rule in India. Why are GIs forced to po-

To Halt Police Terror In Transit Walkout

FIRST TIME

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Husdan

Day," says an indignant GI letter in the January 22 Congressional Record. Wall Street had more that "100,000 troop: left in India and Burma." Are the GIs being held in India because of Wall Street's

greedy interest in the "crown jewel" of the British colonia empire? Or have the British imperialists asked their American allies for military assistance because the movement of the Indian people for independence is growing by such leaps and bounds they cannot put it down single-

handed?

even begin to compensate for the rising costs of living. Besides, workers in steel, auto, and other CIO unions, are winning much bigger increases and many

than the unions in the basic in-Local President Joseph R. Dough- dustries. erty was the first to speak. "We have forced the company to its

pany for even the modest in-

ers are not completely satisfied out that they had not received

crease to the millions of stree

lice India? "Three months after V-

"We went into a Chinese tattooer on Mission to be squeezed out of him.

#### **Two Kinds Of Justice** By Grace Carlson

In a sensational article in the March issue of The American Magazine, FBI head J. Edgar Hoover writes on The Rising Crime Wave. "Our war is not over," says G-Man Hoover. "It merely has shifted from a fight against criminal armies on the foreign fronts of the world to a fight against an army of criminals on the front of law enforcement here at home . . . There is an army of at least 6,000,000 criminals in the United States today-one criminal for every 23 inhabitants of the nation. Their fingerprints and the records of their arrests are in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington."

I am one of the FBI's "6,000,000 criminals." myself. So are the 17 other prisoners in the Minneapolis Labor Case. Our fingerprints, our photographs and our case histories are in its Washington files. Our "crime" consisted of telling the workers the truth about the imperialist war and in militantly defending their interests. While I was serving my sentence in the Federal prison for women at Alderson, West Virginia, I met hundreds of other members of Hoover's "army of criminals."

There was Maggie Owens, for example. (This is not her real name but it is her true story.) A spry independent little woman of wixty-nine, Maggie Owens tried to make a living in a poor community in the hills of Kentucky. But the Federal Government did not approve of her business activities. J. Edgar Hoover's G-Men swooped down on her and she was sent to the penitentiary on a charge of violating the federal liquor laws.

And there was sixteen-year-old Betty Sue Tucker. (This isn't her real name either.) Pretty, blue-eyed, black-haired Betty Sue worked in a cotton mill in Fayetteville, North Carolina, for miserable wages. Until the war came and an army camp was established at Fayetteville, Betty Sue had very few dates with boys and very little fun. Then, she began to go out with one of the soldiers from the camp. But her path of love did not "run smooth." The soldier was transferred to another camp and Betty Sue was indicted by the FBI as a violator of the May Act -a law set up to protect the "morals" of the soldiers. She was sent to the federal prison to serve a year's sentence. Her baby was born there six months after she was admitted.

Do you think that these people are "crim-

inals," Mr. Hoover? I don't! No decent person could think so. Any human being with a spark of compassion feels that the Maggie Owens' and Sue Tuckers' in our jails and prisons are "more sinned against than sinning." These are not criminals!

But I can tell you where you can find a real criminal, Mr. Hoover. He is former Federal Judge Albert Johnson of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Even the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, which is usually very lenient in its judgment of criminals in high places, says that Johnson was guilty of "high crimes and misdemeanors."

Judge Johnson's many crimes are listed in. the Judiciary Committee's report, issued on February 6. This report says:

"Almost every litigant who had the misfortune to appear before this wicked and malicious judge became the immediate object of a crooked conspiracy whose sole interest was the amount of money that could be extorted from him for justice or the evasion of justice."

Judge Johnson was further accused of having compelled his official secretary and deputized court clerks "to rent apartments in the buildings he owned at higher rentals than other tenants were paying him" and of compelling them "to do the menial work of servants in his home, dusting, cleaning and even washing his floors." What do you suppose happened to this crooked judge? Has he been sentenced to a long prison term? Not at all! The House Judiciary Committee said that Johnson's crimes would ordinar-

ily call for impeachment. But it did not request impeachment because the judge already had resigned and waived retirement rights!

So, there is ex-Judge Johnson living happily and comfortably on the fat fees and graft which he extorted from many hundreds of victims during his more than 20 years as a Federal Judge! Now, here is your chance, Mr. Hoover, to demonstrate to the citizens that "crime doesn't Go after this "wicked and malicious" pay." judge! See that he is punished for his violations of a couple of dozen federal laws! Put this criminal behind bars!

Otherwise, a lot of us are going to think that th' FBI is enforcing a different kind of "justice" against the poor, than against the rich. We are going to be forced to conclude that practiced . . . on American sol- er. crime in high places does pay!

mands in full." and there were more cheers. But when he mendevoid of emotion. His hand shook a little as he tioned the 12-cents per hour inifted the cup to his lips. He looked very old and crease, the cheers were distinctly moderated and mingled with boos Like the old scows heading for the boneyard as workers attempted to express their indignation at the small wage increase.

knees," he began, and his voice

"We have won our pension de-

was drowned in cheers.

EXPOSED PROFITS

Michael Quill, international president of the TWU, stepped to the front of the platform and told the union membership, "You can strike for another day another week, and we will back vou-but I strongly urge you to go back to work." Dougherty

settlement. A few still stuck to their guns and shouted "Noes" were heard.

Displeasure with the 12-cent settlement of the original 25cent demand is greater than the vote indicated. The union had

**Columnist Admits Brass Hat Policy Fostered Cruelty** 

in the U.S. Army reinforcement | contract to Murray the day bedepot at Lichfield, England, fore the strike deadline. George Fielding Eliot, columnist for the N. Y. Herald Tribune, declared, "it is all too clear" that above."

lieve," Eliot stated, "that Lich- this day. ports of similar tenor from other Unable to produce during the parts of the world where Ameri- strike, they attempted to destroy hind the workers. can soldiers have been serving to the morale of the strikers by make it possible to think that having foremen sleep inside, is-

exceptional. "Bitter stories," Eliot con- ing high pressure advertising.

tinues, "come back by various Timken has taken over a means-stories of the 'Black printing company for the dura-

diers."

tion workers. Thus, the profits- car, bus, and subway-elevated swollen company is promptly at- riders, who, of course, are mainly tempting to pass on any wage in- workers.

# **TIMKEN STRIKERS SOLID AS COMPANY RUSES FAIL**

#### SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

CANTON, O., Feb. 8-Despite a ruthless, all-out unionbusting campaign by the notorious Timken Roller Bearing Company, the 9,000 members of Golden Lodge No. 1123,

CIO United Steelworkers, are >then called for the vote, and the maintaining their picket success, from the beginning the assembled strikers accepted the lines with morale at a high company has made attempts which the press has blown up to ernment and the Steinman newslevel.

> These strikers answered com- even tried a crude frameup of GALLANT FIGHT pany provocations last October pickets.

by a walkout of 35 days. When

NO TAKERS Timken not only refused the

Seven cars filled with comgeneral wage increase demanded pany cops and scabs came racby the steel union nationally but redoubled its anti-union activi- ing down the road toward the ty, the men and women of Local picket line at the Gambranus 1123 shut her down again on plant, just outside of Canton. January 21, start of the great Apparently by prearrangement, their windshields were broken teel strike.

This was an unpleasant sur- just before they reached the prise to the Timken bosses be- picket line. Not one of the pickcause on the eve of the national ets has been accused of hurling steel strike they announced that the stones. The company tried to Commenting on the brutal they would continue to operate buy witnesses by offering \$5,000 treatment of American soldiers and even wired a cancellation of reward for testimony implicating the union. To date, no one

MÉN UNIMPRESSED

The fighting spirit of the Unimpressed by the copmany's strikers is especially high. Snug-"cruelty was encouraged from antics, the men established their ly set up in their picket shanties, picket lines on schedule which they show complete confidence "There is strong reason to be- they have maintained solidly to in their victory. AFL truck driv-

ers refuse to cross the line. No field is only one among many. Timken never forgets any- railroad cars have entered the There are too many other re- thing and never learns anything. struck plants. Moreover, the townspeople as a whole are be-

#### Strictly "Neutral" the conditions at Lichfield were suing statements that the com-

pany will never give in, and us-When a CIO local charged radio station WGY, in Schenectady, with refusal to sell time to the union to broadcast a statement staked out naked in the African will have to endure the barrage on the steel strike, a WGY sun at the detention center of of company propaganda. Every spokesman replied: "We do not Casablanca, stories of men 'on day a large advertisement ap- feel that time can be given to the Tock pile' in the Pacific pears in the local newspaper, either labor or management on

whose workers have been on

The Central Labor Union has voted support. Workers at Malme their side of the strike, while day sympathy stoppage joined the bus drivers' picket lines last week. The Lorentzia and the local union president leable Iron Company in a onedown to see me. The GI was a week. The Lancaster County CIO veteran of the convoy service and Council voted full support and had seen action on the "Murappointed a special committee to work with the local AFL. Many mansk run." He had battlewounds too - several fractured small businessmen are also voicribs from scab-herding policeing support of the strike. men's clubs. However, aided by the police,

the company has managed to operate about 20 per cent of its bus service with scabs, including a few misguided veterans and former Army Officers, a fact against the picket lines. It has immense proportions.

ment declared:

equity."

The trolley cars, however, Business. The newspaper phohaven't moved. The strikers, in tographers are on the scene every. a gallant fight, turn out almost morning. They ignore what the full-strength every morning to police are doing, but never miss re-establish their lines in the picturing any self-defense on our

face of savage police terror. part as violence. "However, Local 1241 will win. Mayor Daniel Coulter and other officials witness the police bru- We are getting the backing of tality, but take no step to halt the entire labor movement in Lancaster, and are mobilizing

At a small store where we most of the veterans and middlestopped on our way to the Cen- class on our side."

# **CIO Packing Workers Delay** has fallen for the company's Acceptance Of Wage Terms

#### SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

CHICAGO, Feb. 12 - The | work under pressure of the gov-CIO United Packinghouse ernment's strikebreaking plant Workers decided not to take seizure.

The recommended wage infinal action on the 16-cent crease will not go into effect unan hour wage increase retil approved by the Wage Stabcommended by Truman's ilization Board which is expected "fact-finding" board. This to act this week on the recomwas the decison of the un- mendation of the Secretary of ion's national wage policy con- Agriculture that the Board apference yesterday. Their stateprove the wage boost.

So far the recommended wage "We await the government's increase has not been accepted action in putting the increase by the profit-swollen barons of into the workers pay envelopes the packing industry. The AFL throughout the industry at once. Amalgamated Meat Cutters and While this may be the largest Butcher Workmen's Union is the single increase ever granted in only group that has accepted the the industry, we do not pass at proposals of the "fact finding" this time as to whether the re- panel. commendation does substantial

The CIO workers are understood to be planning to press for The union has still technically further increases and for the not called off its strike against elimination of regional and inthe packinghouse industry al- ter-plant differentials that now though the workers returned to exist.

stringing up by the thumbs, of ings of anti-union propaganda worse - nameless - brutalities have been sent out to each strik- the General Electric Company

Although it has met with no strike for several weeks.

Hole' of Le Mans, stories of men tion of the strike so the workers theater, stories of clubbings, Canton Repository. Large mail-

the subject." WGY is owned by