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- By The Editors -

During the week of March 23 the eyes of American labor will be focused on the Atlantic City convention of the CIO United Automobile workers, America's biggest and most dynamic union. Past UAW conventions have established milestones in the progress of the American labor movement. The forthcoming convention will prove no less momentous.

This convention meets against the background of America's greatest strike wave and of the significant wage victory which the auto workers have won in common with other large sectors of the CIO. The leading and decisive role in that victory has been played by the General Motors workers.

#### A Host Of Problems

It would be good if the UAW convention delegates could confine themselves to a celebration of the gains just won. But the auto workers, like the rest of labor, are already beset by a host of unresolved and new problems.

The strike wave revealed great strength in the CIO ranks generally and the UAW in particular. American labor has never before displayed on such a national scale its capacity for militant struggle.

But the strike wave also brought into sharp relief significant weaknesses and defects of union policies and leadership. Now new Big Business threats are menacing labor. These weaknesses will have to be remedied, the new threats will have to be countered, if the auto workers are to retain their gains and achieve greater advances.

This UAW convention will have the duty to analyze and judge, soberly and conscientiously, the weaknesses revealed by the strike wave. It will have to elaborate a program of action which will effectively promote the interests of the auto workers in the crucial period ahead.

Although the auto workers and the CIO have made significant gains, they have not achieved the gains which could and should have been won, given the real strength of organized industrial labor.

#### The Strike Strategy

It will suffice to demonstrate this by pointing out the most glaring weaknesses during the strike wave, and particularly those shown in the UAW's wage fight.

To begin with, there was the "one-at-a-time" strategy projected by the UAW and CIO leaders and their lack of any unified strategy. Each followed its own course without consideration for the needs of the other, while the corporations pursued a calculated and concerted offensive against the unions. Although the CIO leaders were forced eventually and reluctantly to spread the strikes, this was not done in a timely or concerted manner. That is the chief reason why General Motors was able to drag out the strike settlement.

# Issues Before UAW Delegates At Convention By The Editors

Workers Ot The World, Unite?

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## **GM Delegates Conference** Votes To Accept Agreement

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SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

DETROIT, Mar. 16—After battling without let-up for 113 days on the picket lines, the heroic 175,000 General Motors strikers on March 13 finally forced the multi-billion dollar corporation to terms.

#### **Ford Council Opposes Several Contract Clauses** By Roy Weston

(Special to The Militant)

DETROIT, Mar. 15 - The National Ford Council of the CIO United Auto Workers at its three-day meeting here this week to discuss ratification of the proposed Ford Motor-UAW contract, referred certain objectionable clauses back to the union's national negotiating committee. But the leaders were successful in shovng through approval of the dangerous "company security" clause which has evoked widespread disapproval among UAW members.

The council, on the opening day of the conference, March 11, rejected by a vote of 507 to 296 the production-standards (speed-up) clause of the contract and then unanimously instructed the national negotiation committee to renegotiate this and ther non-approved clauses.

Especially heartening is the fact that the GM workers were Joseph Eccles, president of the Council, had sought a second able to hold out solidly for more roll-call vote on the production than 16 weeks and have emerged clause, stating that it meant a from this gruelling combat with "showdown" for acceptance or their ranks intact, united and rejection of the entire contract. full of fight. Herbert Hindmarsh, of Highland This was reflected here yesterday by the 200 local CIO United Park Local 400, then moved the resolution providing referral of Auto Workers delegates at the any rejected clauses to the na-GM Delegates Conference, meettional committee for possible ing to consider the terms of the renegotiation. The contract will contract recommended by the then be submitted to the Ford workers nationally for a final UAW leaders. vote on ratification. The delegates voted by a great Richard T. Leonard, UAW majority to recommend to the (Continued on Page 2) (Continued on Page 2)

The GM auto workers, who have spearheaded the whole wage fight of American labor and for 16 weeks have borne the brunt of Big Business's savage resistance, early Thursday morning wrenched from the arrogant GM corporation an agreement which includes an 18<sup>1/2</sup>-cent an hour wage increase, plus correction of wage inequalities in local plants and other concessions. At the same time, the corporation was forced to retreat from its demand for "company security." Admittedly' the wage gains

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which the GM workers have secured fall short of what they justly demanded and which their great battle should have won. That is in no way due to the manner in which the GM workers fought, but rather to the weaknesses in strategy of the top UAW and CIO leaders.

SIGNIFICANT GAINS

The agreement both with respect to wages and the other concessions must be viewed as a sig nificant even though partial victory.

Wall Street Continues Drive For New War; Hurls Reactionary Barrage At Soviet Union

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A Tribute To A Real Fighter

IN

THE NEWS

ministration in Washington re-

ported that unemployment among

returned veterans is nearing 1,-

500,000. In the week ending

March 2, GI unemployment com-

. . .

The "one-at-a-time" strategy enabled the corporations to pit one union, or section of a union, against another. Wage settlements were made by some unions which under-(Continued on Page 2)

## **American Seamen Defy Order** To Scab On Filipino Strike

#### By Art Sharon

#### (Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, March 10-Delayed letters and clippings iet Union. from Manila, P. I., have arrived here telling the hitherto censored story of the unsuccessful attempt last month of Army brass hats in the Philippines to force American merchant seamen on 40 ships in Manila harbor to scab on striking Filipino longshoremen.

Two thousand merchant® Cooks and Stewards, and other smaller unions, refused to be used as scabs by the army in its attempt to break the strike.

A clipping from the Manila Evening Standard, February 7, reports that, "The strike situation is expected to see a sensational development today due to circular issued yesterday by Col. Cecil H. Davidson, AFWES-PAC (Army Forces Western Pacific) director of port operations, to all masters of ships in port directing them to have winch pperators available from among their crew to assist the army n discharging and loading cargo . . .

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seamen belonging to the CIO operating with the army in the ly critical." National Maritime Union, field 'are subject to the Articles AFL Seafarers International Union Independent Morine of War and any refusal to obey the lawful order, the subject re-Union, Independent Marine Firemen's Union, CIO Marine punished under the Articles of War.'' STORMY REACTION

> The direct order from the latinuous mass production of the bor-hating brass hats was to no atom bomb for prospective use avail. The seamen stood solid in against the Soviet Union. In (Continued on Page 8) order to maintain its colossal

Fund Drive By Evelyn Atwood

paign for a \$15,000 Militant ing on the importance of the Sustaining Fund got off to a flying start on March 15

with more than \$800 already con- | country, depends for its operattributed, reported Justine Lang, Campaign Director. Rochester, cial support of those sympathetic New York, was the first branch to the cause of labor. Most pub-

of the Socialist Workers Party to complete its quota. **ON WORKERS** best and fastestor paper, The Milipealing to its many of enthusiastic readmaintain the paper in their personal con-

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By Charles Carsten

tion of "peace-loving" nations The drive of Anglo-American imperialism to prepare public that he said would emerge after opinion for the Third World War continues unabated. Last week the crushing of the Axis? It is spokesmen for the Anglo-American imperialists made several ad- being replaced by a bloc against ditional significant moves. Tom Connally, chairman of the im- the Soviet Union.

portant Senate Foreign Relations Committee, converted his report on the recent General Assembly 9of the United Nations Organiza-| military machine, the War Detion into an attack on the Soviet tension of the draft law and the establishment of universal peace-

Winston Churchill repeated time military training. Reprehis denunciation of the Kremsentatives of Big Business are pushing for extension of the arlin and again offered "the powerful and faithful friendship" of bitrary wartime powers of the the British Empire to Wall Street government. in its offensive against the Sov-

Union.

Regardless of the outcome of the present stage of the crisis, General Marshall, one of the it is clear that a new realignleading spokesmen for the Amer- ment of forces on a world scale ican military caste, returning is taking place. The first steps from China, stated in his first are being taken for a decisive public utterance that the situ- showdown with the USSR. The ation in Manchuria is "extremeworld has no sooner emerged

from the second horribly devastating conflict in a generation Meeting Raided with forces driving headlong toward World War III. Stalin's speech in reply to the

war-mongering campaign of the imperialists made no mention of "the safeguards" of "enduring peace" he had promised would follow World War II. What happened to the coali-

Stalin made no reference to the United Nations Organization. Heroes' "Reward" The Stalinists spread the illus-On March 13 the Veterans Ad-

partment is demanding an ex- ion that the UNO would be the "bulwark of peace." But it is clear that the United Nations Organization is nothing but an instrument of Anglo-American imperialism and a cover for its anti-Soviet campaign.

Stalin warned Churchill about the consequences of a Third World War and menaced the imperialist powers with the 'growing power" of the Com-

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**By Gouin Police** 

of the War Labor Board and an author of the Little Steel formula, stated in an interview on March 7 that the WLB had been **Paris Trotskyist** like a cactus and "anyone who tried to lean on us got stuck."

paid to 1,433,173 veterans.

Labor Got Stuck

#### Splitting the Atomists "Army brass hats are blocking the return here of Dr. Nils Bohr,

Danish Nobel Prize winner and SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT father of modern atomic science. PARIS, March 10-On Tuesday, March 6 at 11 a.m., in the down on a visit by Jolliot-Curie, Tenth District here, 60 police Madame Curie's son, another agents and several inspectors, atomic scientist, holding it bad armed with machine guns and policy for American scientists to talk to foreign ones." (Drew pistols, mobilized to arrest 28 Pearson in N. Y. Daily Mirror, participants in a conference March 7.) called by the Parti Communiste

#### discuss the international situa- Beastly Manners

"This part of Mr. Churchill's Among those present were PCI speech is a mixture of the elemilitants, friends, sympathizers ments of libel with the elements and journalists from various of rudeness and lack of tact." countries, including the United (Stalin's reply to Churchill's States, France, Belgium, Eng- Missouri speech.) land, Holland, Ireland, Switzer-

land, Greece and refugees from Good Neighbor' Policy

Gen. George Marshall, who is Like a band of dangerous gangbeing spoken of as next Secresters, this group was forced to tary of State to replace Byrnes, march between a double file of during the early days of World police with drawn pistols to the War II proposed a directive for the immediate seizure by U.S.

Upon arrival at the Commissariat, however, nobody knew and Ecuador. He drafted a subpaper, bound to Big Business. In of people who were "guilty" only partment, later issued under o the \$15,000 Sustain- ing the lying propaganda of Big the key industrial centers, a of being present at a meeting Roosevelt's name, for the retenhandful of rich and powerful called by a political party. The tion of permanent peacetime military bases in the two South on its worker read- controls all the principal means control all the vital instruments presumably abolished with the American countries - whether (Continued on Page 3) they agreed or not.



Hats off to the valiant General Motors strikers!

In the longest and bitterest labor struggle in American history, after 113 days of hardship and battle, the GM workers have once again brought to its knees the most powerful industrial corporation in the world.

For courageous endurance, for unshakable unity, for inspiring loyalty to the cause of those who toil, the record of the GM workers in this strike stands unsurpassed in the annals of American labor.

The men and women who fought out this historic battle to its triumphant conclusion were actuated not alone The Army also turned thumbs by their own interests. They knew they were the advance guard, the shock troops, of all American labor.

> They knew they were spearheading the wage fight of the whole labor movement and that they would have to take the brunt of the savage resistance of American **Big Business**.

> Not for a moment did they falter. They held their ground in defiance of all the pressure and calumny that Big Business and its agents hurled at them. They drew their belts tighter week after week — and grimly held on.

> By their example, they inspired millions of other industrial workers to hit the picket lines and to wrest for themselves the greatest single wage gains ever attained by the American workers.

> It became the special objective of the anti-labor corporate interests to break the GM strike, or to force the strikers back to work on onerous terms. The American plutocracy wanted to "make an example" of the GM strikers, humble them, take revenge upon them because their battle had cleared the way for wage concessions throughout industry.

But Big Business failed. It had to beat a retreat. Genarmed forces of bases in Brazil eral Motors, which had flung one arrogant demand after another at the strikers, which had poured millions into ited States have only one news- what to do next with a group sequent order to the State De- its drive to undermine the strike, had to come to terms.

> Let every worker who will receive the benefits of substantial wage boosts ranging up to 18½ cents an hour give tribute to those most responsible — the heroic GM workers. They saw their duty and they did not fail. Thanks to them American labor today stands a whole head taller.

Gets Good Internationaliste (Trotskyist) to out by William Warde, Militant, corporations produce and distrition. The three-month cam- Associate Editor, in comment- bute the films shown to millions

of people every day. Three giant broadcasting chains monopolize unlike most newspapers in this the radio system from coast to coast. Virtually all their programs are bought and paid for by business interests which inces- Spain. santly spread their poisonous lications in this country are dicapitalist propaganda over the rectly or indirectly supported by air waves. the employer and business inter-"These same monopolist ests they serve. But The Militant forces." said Warde. "have ac- Commissariat of the Fourth Dis-

neither solicits nor accepts adquired a virtual stranglehold trict. vertising from business firms. over the press. Ninety per cent COMBATS WALL ST. of the communities in the Un-One of the most vital functions

of The Militant is counter-act-Business, Warde stated. "We must remember that Wall Street newspaper magnates completely regime of arbitrary arrests was

Under cover of this furious

war-mongering campaign, Wall

Street agents are attempting to

ram a series of reactionary meas-

ures through Congress. They

are pressing for military control

of atomic energy, assuring con-

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present fund drive. The Militant, he emphasized, ing income entirely on the finan-

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# **Issues At UAW Convention**

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cut the wage demands of another. Concessions were made to the employers in certain cases which strengthened the hand of employers in other negotiations. Thus, the "oneat-a-time" strategy divided the workers, not the corporations.

Another grave weakness was shown when the CIO leaders-including the UAW top officials-capitulated to Truman's "fact-finding" procedure. When Truman first threatened to impose this latest method for whittling down wage demands and paving the way for compulsory arbitration, his proposal was roundly denounced by all the UAW and CIO leaders. Yet these same leaders guickly bowed before Truman's dictates. They sanctioned the "fact-finding" boards by appearing before them and surrendered in advance nearly 50 per cent of their wage demands on the basis of the arbitrarily-fixed recommendations of these socalled "fact-finding" boards.

#### "Company Security" A Danger

Another extremely dangerous weakness was disclosed, notably in the Ford negotiations, with the concession to the corporation demands for so-called "company security." This is a device of the corporations designed to weaken the unions in preparation for a renewed union-busting offensive. "Company security" clauses aim to victimize union militants and intimidate and demoralize the union MARKS

Finally, the CIO and UAW leaders failed to make a elean-cut break with the Big Business-dominated Truman administration. When Truman first announced his demand for anti-strike and semi-compulsory arbitration legislation, CIO President Philip Murray and others blasted Truman and threatened to break their ties with the administration. But though Truman has proved himself over and over again to be the eager servant of Big Business, Murray and the other CIO leaders are still trying to maintain their ties. with the Truman administration. This makes impossible any effective fight against the government's anti-labor policies.

The UAW delegates will remember that at the last convention, in September, 1944, they were also confronted by grave issues, the no-strike pledge, the War Labor Board's pro-corporation policies, the wage freeze in the midst of and capable of the top leaders of the UAW and CIO. soaring prices.

That convention saw the emergence of a grouping of militants, known as the Rank and File Caucus, which mobilized a good third of the convention against the whole UAW top leadership, Thomas, Reuther, Addes and Frankensteen, in a fight for a return to a program of union militancy and independence.

That caucus warned that the no-strike policy was permitting the employers to strengthen themselves at the expense of the workers. They warned that the unions would weaknesses and false ideas. find themselves at the end of the war confronting a heightened employers' offensive at the moment when cutbacks and reduced wages would put the unions in a far less favorable position to resist.

the views and policies advanced in 1944 by the militants who the GM strikers instead of the General Motors Corporation. the shackles of the no-strike pledge.

less crucial than those of 1944. This time, however, it is strike policy, and took the lead in selling the fraudulent clear that most of the advanced militants, who in 1944 "equality of sacrifice" program to the union. opposed Reuther along with the rest of the top UAW leaders, e preparing to back him for the IIAW presidency and are

#### As GM Strikers Win



General Motors auto workers celebrate in Detroit, as their 13-day strike ends, with an 18<sup>1/2</sup>-cent on hour increase and other concessions including vacation bonuses and equalization of some wage rates.

union leader in the eyes of most UAW militants. He has advocated advanced and progressive demands, such as Open the books of the corporation!" and "wage increases without price increases." He demonstrated firmness and aggressiveness in the GM negotiations. He respected the democratic sentiments of the union ranks by placing every. proposal before the representative GM delegates conference.

#### **Reuther's Rolo**

To this extent, the UAW militants are correct in supporting Reuther as a more progressive candidate for the top UAW office than R. J. Thomas.

But this support for Reuther can have a really progressive character only if the UAW delegates at the same time have their eyes completely open to Reuther's considerable shortcomings. They must be clearly aware of Reuther's

For instance, the entire UAW Executive Board-and that includes Reuther, voted endorsement of the original and worst "company security" proposal made by the UAW representatives in the Ford negotiations. He was the author Events have completely confirmed the correctness of of the "one-at-a-time" strategy which helped to isolate

formed the Rank and File Caucus, and have refuted the He weakened under government pressure and participated arguments of the UAW leaders who tried to rivet tighter in Truman's "fact-finding" procedure. Nor should Reuther's wartime policy be forgotten. He gave full support to the This year's convention is confronted with problems no imperialist slaughter, helped put over and enforce the no-

In the past the UAW has suffered from incompetency to outright betrayal on the part of more than one leader. **Capitalist** Press These have ranged from Homer Martin to the latest discredited faker, Richard T. Frankensteen. In spite of such And Sour Grapes leaders, the UAW advanced because it was built on a program of militancy, union democracy and solidarity.

#### A Program Essential

To make the victory of the Reuther caucus a victory for the whole rank and file and not merely for an individual triumph. or small clique, the UAW militants must establish a program which will correct the deep-going flaws disclosed in the recent strike struggles.

Such a program, for instance, would outlaw any concession to corporation demands for "company security," such as in the Ford contract, which gives the employers a dangerous weapon against the unions. The Chrysler contract follows the Ford model. Other corporations are certain to take advantage of the Ford and Chrysler precedents.

The fact that the GM workers were able to wrest the ing the war." best wage concession in the auto industry without yielding to the corporation's arrogant demands for "company security" is sufficient evidence that the unions do not have to accept such union-weakening terms as the price for wage the corporation which originally increases. This convention is in a position to put an end to proposed a wage cut in the form the menace of "company security" by prohibiting "company of a 45-hour week at straight security" clauses in any form.

During the war the UAW leaders whined and complained about the WLB, and even proposed that the CIO withdraw its representatives from the WLB. But the UAW leaders continued to hang onto the Board until the last dog was dead. We are beginning to see a repetition of that paved the way for the biggest poncy in connection with the "fact-finding" boards, which are designed. like all such capitalist government bodies, to ican labor in its history, frustrated Wall Street's union-bustcheat the workers out of their full and just demands and to lay the basis for compulsory arbitration.

So long as the unions place dependence either directly or indirectly, on government agencies like the "fact-finding" boards, the workers will be victimized, their demands will be whittled down and their grievances buried in red tape. Any sound union program must call for complete independence from any and all government agencies and a stern mandate to the union leaders to dissociate themselves in every way from such agencies. The workers can make In general, he has revealed himself as the most resolute gains, as the present strike wave has shown, only insofar as they rely upon their own strength and independent action.

The corporations, forced to yield wage concessions, are trying to nullify these wage increases by a deliberately contrived price inflation. The Truman administration has an article called "A Market for not only conceded outrageous price increases to the profiteers, but has tied virtually all wage increases to price rises.

It is therefore obvious that fixed wage increases provide only temporary gains because of inflation. This inflation is the "type of degeneration one can be combatted effectively by fighting for clauses in meets these days" among "cerunion contracts providing for a rising scale of wages automatically adjusted to price rises.

#### For Labor Party Action

Where the whole labor movement has shown itself least able to fight effectively is on the political field. In the examine more closely the three course of the strike wave, the unions have found themselves impotent against the political machinations of Big Business, which controls the government. Thus, the corporate interests snatch back by political means what the unions have won on the picket lines.

The labor leaders have been able, at best, only to uality of sacrifice" program to the union. To ensure the progress of the union, therefore, it is sufficient merely to select the most able individuals

# **TRADE UN NOTES**

By Joseph Keller

ing" at Edward Cheyfitz, formet head of the CIO Die Caster Union. Cheyfitz has lined up a

One interesting sidelight of the \$15,000-a-year job as "advisor" GM strike victory is the attempt to Eric Johnson, U. S. Chamber of the anti-labor press to "ex- of Commerce president. Cheyfits plain" away the gains of the GM will be recalled as the lad whe workers and to minimize the sigstarted out as a Young Communnificance of their well-earned ist (Stalinist) League member in

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and forced the mighty General

Motors. spearhead of the open-

shop offensive, to beat a retreat.

Well, one can hardly blame the

"sour

capitalist press for exhibiting

George Morris, hatchetman of

the Stalinist Daily Worker, wrote

Judases." in which he bemoaned

some "disquieting signs" and "a

serious danger within the CIO."

tain" union leaders who recent-

ly have gone over to the bosses'

camp as highly paid "personnel

managers," "labor relations ad-

It is illuminating, however, to

examples cited by Morris. Each

-as Morris carefully refrains

from stating—went to the Stalin-

ist "finishing school."

Said danger, explains Morris,

an aggravated case of

Judases In Search

Of a Market

isors," etc.

grapes.'

Toledo, was sent expense-free to Typically, the N. Y. Times, the Soviet Union for a couple of March 14, carefully pointed out years, returned to a cushy jok that "It was apparent that the with the Doehler Die Company," wage incerase of 181/2 cents an He took over the lead of the hour and other concessions fell union, worked his way up to short of the original demand for local CIO recording secretary almost twice as much." It gloated and finally became a key Stalbecause the "net take-home pay inist trade union functionary. on a 40-hour week will be less His specialty for many years was than it was at the old rate dur- baiting "Trotskyites" and sending goon squads against union

True enough, the GM workmilitants. When in Ohio, Morris "was ers didn't get their full and justified demands. But they came a

told" of "a regional head of anlong way from the demands of other union who suddenly quit" to become "personnel director for the company." Morris "forgets" to mention this individual's time, elimination of union sename, but we will jog his memcurity and seniority provisions, ory. and demanded union-busting

It was Victor DeCavitch, international vice-president of the CIO United Electrical Workers, and long a leading and notorious Stalinist in the CIO.

The case which most turns Morris' delicate stomach is that of UAW Vice-President Richard T. Frankensteen. After a career in New York and Miami night clubs, Frankensteen recently announced he was contemplating accepting one of the "fine opportunities" being offered him by Big Business firms.

Although Frankensteen was never a Stalinist, he and the Stalinists maintained a reactionary bloc for years in the UAW. Together they sought to put over "incentive pay," expel militants, and conducted a super-jingo wartime policy. He is a Stalinist "correspondence school," graduate.

These graduates of the Stalinist school of betrayal have merely followed the examples of their teachers, like Earl Browder, 16 years the head of the Communist (Stalinist) Party, and Louis Budenz, former editor of the Daily Worker. Morris himself acts like an

ccomplice who tries to cover himself up by appearing as the most "zealous" hunter of his fellow criminals.

Yes, indeed! The labor movement is well-advised to look out for Judases-especially Stalinist Morris is "nauseated to vomit- Judases-in search of a market.



associating themselves with his caucus.

Reuther has reestablished his reputation as a progressive | the workers is a sound program.

As a result of his role in the General Motors strike, in guaranteeing that the union will serve the interests of

## **General Motors Strikers Force Arrogant Corporation To Terms**

the unions.

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procurable under the circum- but were overruled by the mastances. But they voted unanimously to call for the full support of the UAW International ting complete approval for the without price increases and called auto industry. to those GM locals which may continuance of local strikes, with for the exposure of company decide to remain on strike until International backing, where the profits by demanding union actheir local grievances, a major plant managements refuse to cess to the company books. issue. are satisfactorily settled.

Membership meetings of the 80 GM locals will be held today and tomorrow to vote on ratification of the national contract. No locals are authorized to re- HIGH PLANE turn to work until a majority of the locals have voted acceptance of the settlement terms.

There was not full accord struggle in American history. among the delegates on approv-

local membership acceptance of strongholds of unionism-wantjority. They did succeed in get- the conception of wage increases

> settle the important local grievances. Most locals, however, are the fight of the GM workers expected to approve the new

contract and return to work shortly.

The settlement of the GM

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strike will mark the conclusion of the most significant labor

Not only was it the most bital of the contract. Some dele- ter and prolonged of any major sates, chiefly from the Flint area strike a key American union has increase of 30 per cent for which -one of the most militant ever waged, but it was conducted they had fought and to which

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on a plane higher than any pre-they were more than entitled, vious struggle of its type. Reuther asserted that the 181/2

The GM workers, as UAW cents across-the-board increase. the contract as the best terms | ed to nold out for better terms, Vice President and GM strike with the equalization provisions, leader Walter Reuther pointed improved vacation pay and other out to the delegates, advanced concessions gave the GM workers the highest increase in the

Reuther correctly pointed out that the GM workers got less than they sought due to the set-Reuther also pointed out that tlements of 181/2 cents or less which the steel, electrical and blunted the Big Business postwar radio and other CIO union leadoffensive against labor. He gave ers had accepted. This put the credit to the GM strikers for GM workers in a disadvantageplaying a principal part in ous bargaining position. Reuthwarting the corporation plans ther passed over in silence, howto incite the veterans against ever, his own false one-at-atime strategy. as well as his cooperation with Truman's "Fact-Finding" board, which not only Admitting that the GM workwhittled the UAW demands from ers had not won the full wage 30 per cent down to 17½ per cent, but fixed a precedent for the setting up of their "fact-

finding" boards.

"Without our struggle," Reuther correctly stated, "the wage pattern might have been 13<sup>1/2</sup>cent on hour increases." Reuther particularly lashed out at the treachery of the Stalinist leaders of the CIO United Electrical Workers who refused for many weeks to call out the 30,000 UE members in GM's Electrical Divison and then made a sneaky separate settlement below what the GM auto strikers were asking.

The lessons of this strike have been imbedded deeply in the consciousness of the GM and other auto workers. The workers have emerged from the struggle more tempered, more aware of the great issues confronting labor. We may be sure that they will not rest on their gains, but, building on the experience of their latest, magnificent battle, will continue to stand in the forefront of the new struggles that loom ahead.

not sufficient merely to select the most able individuals threatens to impose anti-labor laws, tramples underfoot available for office. The first and indispensable requisite any even faintly progressive measures. Not a genuine voice from the ranks of labor has been raised inside Washington's legislative halls against tax laws which provide billions in tax rebates to the corporations and other generous financial aids to corporation strikebreaking.

Company unionism in politics is a deadly snare for individual chiefly responsible of the meeting by supporting a labor. An end must be made to the alliance of labor with for the notorious "company se- vote of confidence in Leonard, the political parties and politicians controlled by the very curity" clause, on the final day corporate interests whom the workers are fighting on the of the meeting stated that repicket lines.

The need for labor political action is thoroughly recognized by the UAW ranks. But that recognition must be translated into effective action.

The UAW convention could perform no greater service tion to the membership on April sition to the worst sections of. for all the working people of America as well as the auto 1. Current plans are to have the the proposed contract while actworkers than to start the ball rolling for a labor party and voting take place at the separate ually running interference for for the running of labor candidates in the 1946 Congressional elections.

A call by this UAW convention for the CIO to immediately convoke a national conference for the launching of February 26, both union and a labor party, would evoke enthusiastic approval from that the contract was continmillions of workers, returned veterans, the Negro people gent upon its being accepted in and all other sections of the population who seek to fight its entirety by the Ford workagainst the predatory rule of Big Business.

A program along these lines is the crying necessity for disputed clauses could lead to the UAW and the entire labor movement.

The danger exists, however, that the decisive question of program may be sidetracked or buried if the UAW convention is permitted to degenerate into nothing but a drag-out factional fight for posts.

In this connection, the 1944 convention provides a splendid precedent for the UAW delegates in Atlantic City to follow. The 1944 delegates refused to discuss the question production clause, which would of leadership until the main questions of policy, especially give the company full authority the no-strike pledge were thrashed out in a four-day debate. to establish, maintain and en-

If that precedent is followed at the present convention, force production standards, the we can confidently expect that the delegates will perfect a program that will mark a major advance for the whole labor movement as well as the auto workers.

BRONX

### **Contract Revisions** curity" clause and then went

(Continued from Page 1) down the line on the third day, National Ford Director and the who spearheaded the drive for "company security." From the early stages of the gardless of the recommendation of the Council and the outcome months-long negotiations the of efforts to renegotiate the Stalinists have played a devious

disputed clauses, the contract and treacherous role of registerwill be submitted for ratifica- ing for-the-record a mild oppo-Ford union unit meetings.

MAY RE-OPEN FIGHT

to put over "company security." In the negotiations concluded There is a considerable opinion among Ford Rouge Plant workers that the membership of Local 600, largest in the UAW. will vote against ratifying the 'company security" contract. ers. Thus renegotiation of the

Leonard and the other top UAW

officials who have been trying

re-opening of the entire con-

tract. Although the National Ford Council lacks formal power to reject or accept the contract, its lecisions are expected to affect the vote of the membership. In addition to disapproving the Council also referred back for renegotiation the promotion clause, which cites merit, ability and past performance as primary factors for advancement, regardless of seniority.

STALINISTS "WILT"

The Stalinists played an especially demagogic role in paying the way for the leaders to put over the "company security" clause. On the first day they put on a show of support for the opposition to the rejected clauses. But their "militancy" vanished on the second day when the key issue, "company security", was discussed. This clause provides for "disciplinary" lay-offs and other penalties, including discharge, against workers charged by the company with participating in "slowdowns" or "unauthorized" strikes. The Stalinists, who have a considerable influence in the Council, offered only the feeblest

opposition to the "company se-





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section of the Fourth International, the Trotskyists are valiantly fighting to lead the Greek proletariat on the road to the socialist revolution.

Three of the most impor-@ tant leaders of the Greek Trotskyists were murdered during the Nazi occupation by Hitler's Gestapo and Mussolini's Ovra. Among them was Pantelis Pouliopoulos, 45 year old revolutionist, one of the founders of the Greek Communist Party and founder of the Trotskyist movement in Greece.

On top of the staggering blows delivered to the party by the fascists and Nazis, the Stalinistcontrolled EAM and ELAS murdered more than a hundred leaders and members of the Greek Trotskyist party when British troops moved against the Greek people in December 1945 and January 1946

The Stalinist leaders of EAM and ELAS consider the Greek Trotskyists as their main enemies and slaughtered them with cold-blooded savagery.

From one of the papers published by the Greek Trotskyists we learned the names of more of the leading members of the Greek Trotskyists who were murdered by the Stalinists. The partial list of martyrs follows:

#### LIST OF MARTYRS

Demosthenes Voursoukes - A working class leader with an excellent 18 year record of activity in the revolutionary movement. He was exiled and imprisoned many times. In 1942 he escaped from dictator Metaxas' dreaded concentration ists. "Acronaphlia" camp, where he had been held for four years. He was a member of the Central Committee of the Greek Trotskyist party and





NIKOS ARAVANTINOS

dered by the Stalinists in the ELAS. Stergios Stergiou-A tobacco worker and proletarian artist. As

a participant in the revolutionary movement, he was most popular of all militants among the proletariat of Salonika. Murdered by the Stalinists.

Georgios Doxas-A house painter and one of the most active leaders of the proletarian movement. Murdered by the Stalin-Panagiotes Tsigeli—A bakery worker, chairman of his local trade union in Athens for a year.

He was arrested by the Metaxas, dictatorship and held in jail for five years. Murdered by the Stalinists.

Spyros Pilitsis-A young peasant who came to the ranks of the Greek Trotskyists from EAM and ELAS. His former Stalinist omrades in ELAS murdered him. Mitsos Meliades - A railroad worker. He began his activity in worker. He began his activity in the revolutionary movement in For War Upon 1928 and had an excellent record of militancy which won him distinction in the workers struggle. Murdered by the Stalinists. Kosmas Charifonides-A member of the Central Committee of the Greek Trotskyist party. He was active in the revolution-

ary movement for 20 years. Murdered by the Stalinists. Thimios Adramidedes - A hospital worker. He was exiled to an island by the Metaxas dictatorship. Murdered by the Stalinists. Dimitros Tatsis — A metal

# Greek Trotskyists Slain By Stalinists Despite serious losses among the leadership of the Greek Analysis Of World War II Reveals

**Italian Police Shoot Down Jobless Workers** 

#### **Paris Trotskyist Meeting Raided By Gouin Police** (Continued from Page 1)

signing of the decree which ended martial law.

After much hesitation, the decision was made to transfer the 28 to the police prefecture where officials of the Second Criminal Bureau we o placed in charge of the case. But these functionaries, likewise, did not know what to do with this "case." Very quickly all the departments became embarrassed by the stupidity of these arbitrary arrests.

But they had to do something. So they put everybody through another "interrogation." Each in his own language, the group vigorously protested against these police measures.

Finally at one o'clock in the morning, seven French militants and sympathizers of the PCI were released.

#### "NEVER ARRESTED"

"I do not say to you that you are free, gentlemen," declared an inspector, "because you were never placed under arrest."

They know how to be very subtle, these French police! Most of those who had "never been placed under arrest". were released the next day. Two Spaniards were held. These comrades are threatened with deportation to Franco's Spain. The Parti Communiste Inter-

nationaliste has called a public meeting on March 12 to protest against these undemocratic actions by the Bouin government

which are leading France back to the road of Vichy.

## Wall St. Drives **Soviet Union**

(Continued from Page 1) munist Parties. Some papers to the revolutionary policy carternational during the time of Lenin and Trotsky.

Nothing could be further from smoke-screen behind which they peating the impotent maneuver military strength and thus ultithat he employed before the out- mately decide the issue with worker. He was active in the break of the last war. In 1938 bayonets. when England moved toward the The in Sal-

Twelve workers were killed, 50 injured and almost 2,000 arrested by Italian police and militia when starving, unemployed workers demonstrated in Andria, Italy. Heavy tanks patrolled the streets after the revolt.

## **Dutch Troops Pour Into Java; New Battles Flare**

#### By Mike Cort

patching to that area a large The Indonesian people's long and bitter struggle for punitive force. independence flared into renewed violence this past week The British have been trying with the sudden landing of 2,400 fresh Dutch troops in to smuggle Dutch occupation Batavia on March 9. These landings, and the counter- troops into Java under the transparent excuse that they were attacks by the natives, oc-9-

future status of the Nether- near the Gulf of Bone. land Indies.

The Dutch Governor-General van Mook had previously countered the Indonesian Nationalist demand for complete and imhave interpreted this as a return mediate independence with an offer of dominion status under ried out by the Communist In- continued Dutch rule. It is now clear that the Dutch are emploving these negotiations as a

the truth. Stalin is simply re- hope to land overwhelming

attacks by the natives, oc-curred just as the Dutch and of the Dutch destroyer Peit Hein. ish troops. The British implied NEW WEAPONS Indonesian Nationalists were Fighting continues, however, that all British troops were beto open negotiations over the along the east coast of the island ing pulled out of the Netherlands Indies. But on February ons and these new weapons in Spasmodic flare-ups also con- 28 the British Commander-in- turn affected the conduct of tinue on the island of Sumatra chief in India revealed that on- military operations. In 1939 the

where the British have reimpos- ly Indian Moslem troops were British Major General F. N. Maed a curfew in the Padang area being withdrawn. This move son MacFarlane declared, "There after their occupation troops was dictated by the fact that in- is one great worry shared by were ambushed by native war- creasing numbers of Indian both the British and German riors. The Indonesian Repub- troops were joining the Indolican flag was also hoisted in nesian fighters for indepen- haunts us is the fear that one Galela on northern Halmahera dence, and the British no long- of our planes may drop the first island, and the Dutch are dis- er considered them "reliable."



What will be the fate of mankind under the continued rule of capitalism with its recurrent imperialist wars? This begins a series of articles on the arsenal of death-dealing weapons concentrated in the hands of the imperialist warmakers who in their lust for world domination now threaten the total destruction of modern civilization.

#### By Eugene Varlin

American imperialism has demonstrated that it will stop at nothing in its drive to dominate the world. Less than eight months after the end of the war, open preparations for the Third World War are in full swing. The

diplomatic and propaganda offensive of Anglo-American United States completed experiimperialism against the Sovments with incendiary bombs in iet Union has begun. Utah. These bombs had been

World War II was the most tested on a full-size replica of a destructive war in history. It Japanese village. An incendiary was a total war that spared was perfected that could not be neither soldier nor civilian. It extinguished by any known firewas a scientific war whose na- fighting equipment. "The scatture was determined by the tered fragments of this bomb." weapons of destruction created wrote the N. Y. Times. "would by modern technology. And like make a veritable torch out 🐽 World War I, it was an imany material it struck, wood er perialist war fought for colo-"metal." nies, markets, and world domin-

These incendiary bombs were used to devastate the workingclass districts of Germany and

What will World War III be like? To answer this question. Japan in the last months of the t is first necessary to examine war. When I was in Germany, the enormous increase in the I saw the town of Wurzburg destructive power of the mili- which, two months earlier, had tary weapons created during the been bombed by these incendiaries for only 20 minutes. One-Second World War.

ation.

The Second World War hegan fourth of Wurzburg's prewar, by employing all the destructive population of 102,000 was burne weapons developed toward the alive. I saw charred skeletons removed from ruins and dumped close of the First World War. into mass graves in the city plus improvements and invenparks. tions made between the two

Drew Middleton wrote in the wars. In 1918, the tank was N. Y. Times on June 22, 1945, first coming into use. The tank that 400,000 of the inhabitants blitzkrieg of Poland opened the Second World War in 1939. In of Hamburg were killed by bombings. He stated that 1918, the primary function of "thousands were baked alive in military aircraft was the obshelters as apartment houses servation of enemy movements or reconnaissance. Large scale and tenements fell burning about them.' "Apartment bombing even of military obhouses and tenements"-these jectives was unknown in World were the new "military object-War I. It was symbolic that the ives" of the American war lords. bombing of the civilian popu-

GLOBAL WAR

World War I was confined primarily to Europe. World War

II was a global war. 'Only the The war speeded up the de-American continents did not bevelopment of new military weapcome battlefields. World War II was fought in Europe, Asia and Africa. But casualties were not confined to these far-flung battlefields. Any place within range of modern air power became a target. And the range, speed. number and bomb-load of aircommand. The nightmare that craft increased tremendously in the course of the war. The war began with 200-mile sorties into bomb that kills a civilian." What Poland by the German Lufta far cry from those days of waffe. When it ended, American Superfortresses were mak-When the German Luftwaffe

ing a 3,000 mile round trip to bombed England in 1940, Roosebomb Japan.

World War II was far more

#### VOURSOUKES

helped edit the papers Bolshevikos and Labor Front. He was murdered by the Stalinists in the ELAS for his anti-war activity.

Stauros Venouchis-Lost his eye-sight in the first World War. In the years before the Metaxas dictatorship he was General Secretary of the General Confederation of the Disabled War Vet- the leaders of his local trade erans. As a member of the revolutionary movement since 1922 ists. he led many demonstrations against imperialist war and for benefits to the disabled war veterans. Murdered by the Stalinists.

Nikos Aravantinos-A work- Murdered by the Stalinists. ing class revolutionist with an In spite of these staggering only the people of the countries incomparable record. He began losses the Greek Trotskyists are his revolutionary activity when moving forward. They publish also the masses in the rest of the he was in high school in 1930. two newspapers: the Workers world. After four years of imprisonment | Struggle, a regular weekly; and

by the Metaxas regime, he escap- Labor Front, issued less fre- in aids the Wall Street and Brit- force of Indonesian Nationalists ed. He was a member of the Cen- quently. In addition they pub- ish imperialists in their efforts attacked a British convoy near tral Committee of the Greek lish a monthly magazine, Fourth to prepare public opinion for Buitenzorg, killing seven British Trotskyist party. He was mur- International.

many times by the capitalist podeath by the Stalinists. Trotskyist party a short time

before he was murdered by the Stalinists.

Spyros Stefanou - A bakery worker with 17 years of revolu- Two-Power bloc (Britain-U. S.), tionary activity. He was one of he is repeating the same threat. Stalin's policy of plunder, viounion. Murdered by the Stalin- lence and military occupation of their gaudy and empty promises the states bordering the USSR.

Theophilos Dimitriades — A his demands for military bases tug-boat worker. He was active and strategic concessions in Irin the revolutionary movement an, China and Turkey, his utter of Pireaus. He became a work- disregard for the welfare and

ing class revolutionist in 1927. wishes of the people in these countries, serves to alienate, not bordering the Soviet Union, but

Thus by his entire policy Stal-World War III.

## **British Shoot Down Malayan Workers Striking For Food**

British imperialism, its bloody hands already busy put-Oting down colonial revolts in the Middle and Far East, has | events of the December strike in usual bloodthirsty violence, disnow turned its troops to imprisoning and murdering the the following manner: "As we patched strong tank detach-Malayan people who dared to-demonstrate for freedom and strikers were marching in order- ments and Thunderbolt planes to December 1945 and the sec-D and injured many score.

The December strike was called. by the starving Malayans to force their imperialist masters to reduce the cost of rice. The British immediately swept down on working class leaders in both the Malay States and Singapore and im-

food. Two strike-demonstrations by the Malayans, one in ly fashion to the Padang, some the scene of the action. Despite ond on January 29, 1946, were tanks and automatic rifles of the charge. I received a few knocks employed, the natives continue brutally suppressed by the British troops. A leaflet written on the head but when the melee to hold their siege of the convoys British after their guns had by a public works department was over about ten of my fellow as of this writing. killed at least two workers employee at the time of the gen- workers were lying unconscious FIGHTING CONTINUES eral strike furnishes vivid testi- on the ground, blood oozing from mony of the plight of the people. their heads. I helped to carry tive troops at Menado, North This leaflet has just been re- them to the General Labour Celebes, is reported by the Dutch ceived by The Militant from Union. Later I came to learn to have been finally suppressed

Singapore. that the police had tried to force "I earn one dollar a day," the strikers to the water's edge. wrote this worker who has a No news has since been heard January 1946. At this writing comparatively good job. "As the of at least five of the strikers. there is no indication that any prisoned 14 of them. It was to black market price of rice is one It was because we wanted to let of the working class leaders have force the release of these lead- dollar and 40 cents a katty, we the government know of our in- been released from prison. ers that the January 29 general can only afford to have two meals tolerable living conditions that But more strikes will come, as

was answered by 200,000 workers Porridge being not as substantial right for the government to use is underscored by the widespread and it took several days before as rice, we are always hungry force to quell us?" British guns were able to break and I often notice that my broth- But the question of "right" in January. Among the 200,000

ers and sisters often sob softly never enters into the British im- strikers were not only dockwork-It was the desperation of stary- when they see other children perialist mind. This strike was ers, but also public employees, ing men which sent the unarmed gorging the delicious food . . ." quelled in the same savage fa- domestic servants and even smell Malayan workers against the) This same worker describes shion as the subsequent one in shopkeepers.

onika from 1929 on. Arrested formation of a Four Power bloc Dutch forces spurred Indonesian (Britain, France, Germany and Nationalists into new and deterlice, he was finally tortured to Italy) directed against the USSR mined attacks upon the British and faced with the collapse of occupationists in western Java. John Gramenos - A hospital his policy of "collective security," It served also to intensify the worker who joined the Greek Stalin likewise threatened the conflict between the native popuworld bourgeoisie with "world lation and imperialist troops in revolution" (the notorious "Iv- other islands of the Netheranov letter"). Today, threat- land Indies.

#### ened with the consolidation of a EMPTY PROMISES

Governor General van Mook and his British allies hoped that 20,000 unemployed demonstrawould lull the Indonesians into inactivity while the Dutch garrisoned their islands with overwhelming military strength. But it seems that Dutch military reinforcements have only served to further inflame the struggle and steel the Indonesians in their determination for complete independence.

Three days after the Dutch landings in Batavia, a strong soldiers and wounding 25. About 300 natives planted land mines in the road, threw up road blocks and surrounded a column of British supply trucks accompanied by tank escort. Later in the day a second convoy en route to Bandung, Java's 'summer capital, were ambushed by the Nationalist troops. British imperialists, reacting with their

300 policemen made a baton the formidable British armour

strike was called. This strike call of porridge instead of rice a day. we were on strike and sq is it the British well know. This fact response to the general strike call

The profound economic crisis in Italy is becoming worse under the Alcide Gasperi Government. The starved masses are beginning to turn toward direct action in an attempt to find a way out of the capitalist impasse.

A pitched battle between the Italian Carabinieri (police) and tors in the southern Italian city of Andria began on March 5 and lasted for three days. At least 12 people were killed, many were wounded and 2,000 arrtsted.

The demonstrations occurred in an agricultural center of 60,000 population. Unemployed workers and veterans were arrayed against Premier Alcide Gasperi's brutal civilian police.

Three weeks before the police began shooting down the demonstrators, according to the December 11 Christian Science fall and they overpowered the Monitor, farm workers "forcibly rounded up 57 landowners and forced them to agree to employ

at least an additional thousand men on their lands." Despite their promises to remedy the situation, the landowners stalled. On March 5, linist leaders were required bewhen the landowners met in the "local police station" at Andria, about 200 unemployed veterans began demonstrating outside, demanding jobs. The police dispersed them.

But in the afternoon the demonstrators returned with 2,000 sympathizers. The police again to normalcy." attempted to break up the gath-

veterans disarmed the police and is one of the poorest sections of forced them to retreat to the Italy. Living conditions are Carabinieri Barracks. worse and employment more Ranks of the demonstrators widespread than in any other swelled to about 20,000 by night- part of the country.

#### NEW YORK FORUM "VETERAN'S EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT **OF INDONESIAN REVOLT** Sunday, March 24

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Veteran Just Returned from Indonesia 8 p. m. 116 University Place

Two years later, American destructive than world war L On the European front alone bombers were wreaking even there were 60,000,000 military greater and more indiscriminate havoc on German cities. Roosevelt claimed that these bombings were limited to industrial targets. In the imperialist code that meant slaughter of civilan an, hardly affected by the First workers had become morally acceptable. What limited the imperialist

lation of Warsaw opened the

Second World War in 1939.

six years ago to these!

owers was not moral scruples but the nature and quantity of weapons at their disposal. In the last year of the war, air weapons came into use which made it impossible to speak of "pinpoint" bombings of war indus-, tries. The "moral" distinction between strategic industrial and non-industrial targets disappeared. Total annihilation of the enemy population became a "legitimate" objective. Why? Because, claimed the propagandists, it "would help end the war.

in the United States.

casualties as compared with 37,-000,000 in the First World War. In addition, civilian casualties numbered tens of millions. Jap-World War, suffered almost 6.-000.000 casualties in the Second World War. There were 260,000 American casualties in World War I: over 1,070,000 in World War II. During the war, the rate of destruction was enormously ac-

celerated. Germany began the war with the most advanced military techniques known up to that time. Nevertheless, all her bombings of England throughout the six years of war killed "no more than" 60,585 civilians. On March 10, 1945, 300 Superfortresses dropped 2.300 tons of incendiaries on Tokyo, murdering almost 100.000 Japanese peonle The two atom bombs drop-

The German buzz-bomb, raped by two planes on Hiroshime dio-piloted and rocket-propeland Nagasaki are officially adpolice and Carabinieri and seized led, was greeted with indignamitted to have killed more than their barracks. Reinforcements tion by the outraged defenders 600,000 people. coming from Bari to aid the be- of morality in the camp of

General Arnold of the Arnor sieged police were barred entry American and British imperial-Air Forces has stated: ism. The pilotless buzz-bomb weapons of today are the mudid not distinguish between seum pieces of tomorrow." The tions" plus trickery by the Sta- military and non-military obatom bombs which wiped out jectives, they said. What really Hiroshima and Nagasaki have offended them, of course, was already become museum piec that the German militarists had The Third World War, M # comes, will be an atomic warrocket warfare. Research in and atomic war can mean the rocket bombs was soon under way complete destruction of civiliaation.

However, in 1943, long before (To Be Continued)



We have just received the first news since the outbreak of World War II from the Norwegian Trotskvists.

During the war, our Norwegian comrades inform us, the organization, which had been small until 1940, grew rapidly. After the German in-@

vasion, the Trotskyists took are allowed free expression of an active part in the anti- their views. The Trotskyists. Nazi struggle. They issued therefore, plan to publish a five illegal weekly papers. monthly magazine. The first Our comrades in Norway are number is scheduled to appear active members of both labor May 1st. The Norwegian Trotskyists parties in which they are endeav-

oring to popularize the program write that they are anxious to of the Fourth International. get all the copies of The Militant These labor parties are so conand Fourth International which stituted that various tendencies appeared during the war.

fore the government was able to regain possession of the town. gotten the jump on them in Giuseppe di Vittorio, Communist General Secretary of the Confederation of Labor, went to

Andria from Rome, according to the Christian Science Monitor, "to try and bring conditions back

ALCIDE GASPERI

to the town by the workers.

Three days of "military opera-

ering. The enraged workers and the demonstrations took place,

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

-Leon Trotsky

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"I really don't see why people eat bread anyway—it's terribly fattening!"



THE LIVING THOUGHTS OF | the concentration of wealth in he said, is "part and parcel of KARL MARX, with Introduc- the hands of a few took giant the policy of imperialistic capitaltion by Leon Trotsky, 1939, leaps in succeeding decades. Dur- ism . . . Such is the actual rea-Published by Longmans, Green ing the First World War, "when son today for rearmaments, dip-& Co., 184 pp, \$1.50. the nations were bleeding to lomatic convulsions and 'war In his introduction, Trotsky death . . . the most powerful alignments." Trotsky's propheexplains that this book, which is companies of the U.S. increased tic words are no less applicable an abridgement of the first vol- their assets two, three, four and to the diplomatic convulsions ume of Capital: A Critique of more times and swelled their which today point the road to a Political Economy, by Karl Marx, dividends to 200, 400, 900 and third and more horrible world was undertaken in order to more per cent." war.

By 1929, writes Trotsky, "the In his conclusion, Trotsky unfundamentals of Marx's eco- same two per cent owned three- derscored the essence of the revnomic teaching in Marx's own fifths of the national wealth." olutionary message which Marx words . . . no one has yet been Even during the great economic was the first to bring the world able to expound the labor theory crisis of 1929-1933 "monopolistic working class. "Partial reforms of value better than Marx him- establishments had no need to and patchwork will do no good. appeal to public charity; on the Historical development has come

This law of labor value, one of contrary, they rose higher than to one of those decisive stages Marx's most important discov- ever above the general decline of when only the direct interveneries and which is fully expound- national economy." Again, "dur- tion of the masses is able to ed in his Capital, "is indeed the ing the rickety industrial revival sweep away the reactionary obbasic regulator of capitalist econ- on the yeast-cakes of the New structions and lay the foundaomy," writes Trotsky. In pre- Deal... when the number of the tions of a new regime.

senting present day examples of unemployed decreased at best "Abolition of private ownerthe operation of this and the from 20 millions to 10 millions ship in the means of production other laws of capitalism develop-. . . the monopolists again skim- is the first prerequisite to planed by Marx almost 100 years ago, med a lot of heavy cream." ned economy, i.e., the introduc-Thus, says Trotsky, "the ab- tion of reason into the sphere Trotsky draws most heavily upon the history and statistics of stract concept 'monopolistic cap-' of human relations, first on a the United States which today ital' is filled in for us with flesh national and eventually on a is the dominant capitalist power and blood. What it means is world scale." that a handful of families bound Trotsky foresaw the greatest

in the world. "The economic teaching of by ties of kinship and common future for genuine Marxism in Marx has acquired peculiar via- interest into an exclusive capi- the United States. With the bility and pointedness for the talist oligarchy, dispose of the dawn of a new epoch of an in-United States, Although Capital economic and political fortunes dependent class movement of rests on international material of a great nation. One must per- the proletariat, he predicted that ... the capitalism grown on the force admit that the Marxist law in the sphere of theory, America virgin, unhistorical soil of Amer- of concentration has worked out | would speedily catch up with ica comes closest to that type of | famously!" Europe and even outdistance it. capitalism," Trotsky explains. Tracing the development of shortly before the Second World of the advanced American U. S, monopoly capitalism, War broke out, Trotsky pointed workers," he wrote. "To them Trotsky shows in facts and fig- out that the lust of the giant this abridged exposition of the ures how, since "the beginning monopolists for more plunder first volume will become only an of the present century, when 2 and profits and greater exploita- initial step towards the complete per cent of the population al- tion of the masses, would inevi- Marx." ready owned more than half the tably lead to more wars for new Reviewed by entire wealth of the country," redivisions of the globe. All this Larissa Reed Congressmen At Work

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## **PROBLEMS FACING** WAR VETERANS

**By CHARLES CARSTEN** 

**Brass Hats Press for Conscription** 

Under cover of the war-mongering campaign launched against the Soviet Union by American and British imperialists, Wall Street's agents in Washington are pushing with redoubled vigor every kind of reactionary measure. High on the list is legislation designed to perpetuate the conscript military system in this country.\*

Top Brass of the Army and Air Force and Secretary of War Patterson testified before a closed session of the House Military Affairs Committee. Only a brief official statement of the proceedings. of this session was made public on March 13. They pressed for continuation of the Selective Service draft law which is due to expire May 15.

They based their demand for maintenance of an Army of more than a million men until July 1947 on the usual propaganda about the "tasks of occupation," "troops for the United Nations Organization," and "national defense."

The most revealing part of the statement, however, was the emphasis on "the overriding requirement to present a strong military posture in a world which is still unsettled."

High Brass and other agents of Big Business want to maintain the most powerful Army in the world. If they have their way, they will force the country into a fantastic military preparedness race.

#### Patterned After the Prussian Model

Extension of the draft law is only the first step in lacing more millions of American youth into the strait-jacket of militarism, patterned after the Prussian model. If the draft law is extended for another year, they will demand that it be extended. again when it expires. Or they will hypocritically point with "horror" to the expanding armies of other countries, shout that the "national defense" of the country is threatened and demand a more sweeping, more stringent draft law.

Continuation of the draft law and compulsory military bills before Congress are part of a larger pattern, a pattern of imperialist war and destruction -not a pattern of peace.

Before the dead of World War II have been counted, the High Brass and Washington officials are preparing for World War III. In the name of "peace" and "national defense" they are pressing with all their might for a tremendous Army and Navy.

These are the terms war-makers always use, whether they be Wall Street imperialists or Nazi imperialists. They always try to sell the people on the fallacious idea that war preparation is done in the interest of "peace" and "national defense."

But the vast preparations for war, now being carried out by Wall Street's government, are not for defense. They are for aggression, for merciless attack on any power that thwarts the march of American Big Business toward world domination.

GIs made known their hatred for the Army and compulsory military training in the world-wide demonstrations against the slow-down in demobilization. The majority of veterans who have voiced their opinions, have likewise expressed their desires for peace and have flatly rejected compulsory military training.

Workers Want No More War

Veterans of World War II have seen enough of war. They want no more of it. And they don't want their sons, brothers and friends dragooned again into the armed forces under the pretext of "national defense."

What should the attitude of the workers be toward military training? Workers can in no case

#### **CIO** Political Action

At its meeting in Washington on March 15 the CIO executive board voted to raise a \$6,000,000 fund to finance its 1946 political action program through contributions of at least \$1 from each of its members.

subsidize this program have every right to raise some searching questions about it.

First, is their money again to be used to elect. another anti-labor administration? The CIO-PAC spent a few million dollars in 1944 to help elect the present administration. In return Truman has encouraged the Congressional labor-haters by proposing legislation to restrict strikes through "fact-finding" boards. He has resorted to direct strikebreaking through government plant seizures. He whittled down to a minimum the unions' wage-demands. He granted huge price increases to the profiteering monopolists.

Then, what about Congress? Didn't the CIO-PAC in 1944 hail the election of this pack of labor-baiters as a "victory" for labor? What has this "progressive" Congress done for labor? It would be impossible to cite a single measure it has passed for labor's benefit. Congress has knifed proposals for higher unemployment compensation, for the FEPC, for large-scalehousing, and is now blocking minimum wage, degislation. But this same Democratic-Republican gang has favored the most vicious antistrike legislation, passed union-crippling tax rebates, abolished excess profits taxes, and conceded to Big Business on every other important issue before it.

Even in the face of these undeniable facts,

The American Stalinists are carrying out this perfidious political line with an adaptation for American conditions. This adaptation is to accuse Truman of "departing" from Roosevelt's war policies. The American Stalinists call for a return to "Big Three Unity." They thereby indicate their willingness to again peddle Wall Street's wares to the American

The CIO members who are being asked to

#### mail it in immediately. Do your part to help The Militant go over the top in the campaign for its \$15,000 Sustaining Fund!

#### **Boosting Prices**

The all-out offensive of the big industrial-

Murray and Hillman evidently intend to continue along the same disastrous course of subservience to the Truman administration and dependence upon the henchmen of the two oapitalist parties. The board resolution on political action goes so far as to boast that the recent wage victories "were made possible by CIO's political strength, combined with its economic strength and strike action!"

The truth is that these wage gains were won exclusively because of the economic strength and powerful strike action of the CIO workers. And these gains would have been much greater if labor hadn't been shackled to the Democratic and Republican parties of Wall Street and if it had a political instrument of its own.

Asked to explain how his political policies helped win wage-increases, Murray replied: "A lot of members of the Democratic and Republican parties and people in public office threw a lot of weight behind the CIO."

This will certainly be news to most CIO workers. For months they have watched "the Democratic and Republican parties and people in public office throw a lot of weight" AGAINST the CIO while they were out on the picket lines battling the corporations.

That is why the militants want a decisive change in CIO political policy. They are calling for a complete break with the Democratic-Republican political machinery of the capitalist class, a genuine labor program, and a party of their own to fight for that program.

The only effective political action program for the CIO in the 1946 elections can be summarized in a single slogan: BUILD A LABOR PARTY!

#### **Stalin's Policy**

The Kremlin bureaucracy has reacted in a typically devious way to the anti-Soviet war drive of Anglo-American imperialism. This drive, rooted in the profound contradiction between planned economy in the USSR and the rotting capitalist system encircling it, has obviously been inspired, planned and organized by Wall Street.

Truman, White House representative of Big Business, was present at Fulton, Missouri, when Churchill delivered his speech in the calculated series of diplomatic and propagandistic maneuvers against the Soviet Union. In fact Truman introduced Churchill, and the entire press made plain that Truman had read Churchill's speech in advance and approved its bristling threat of war.

But Stalin in his March 13 answer to the Truman-sponsored campaign did not even mention Truman's note! Stalin confined himself

ists, in collusion with the Truman administration, to fleece the consumers and rob the workers of wage gains won through bitter struggle on the picket lines, was extended last week to include price boosts on new automobiles.

workers in the event Stalin gains the conces-

sions he wants and announces that "Big Three

The Militant is asking every reader to pitch

into the campaign for a \$15,000 fund to help

maintain the paper and keep it on the firing

The big corporations subsidize the capital-

But The Militant is wholly devoted to the

interests of the working people. In the battle

of labor against the big corporations and their

political agents. The Militant tells the truth no

Therefore, for its support, The Militant de-

Clip the coupon on page six. Fill it out and

pends entirely on contributions from self-

sacrificing workers who understand labor's

need for a crusading newspaper of its own.

ist press through expensive advertisements and

**Help "The Militant"**!

Unity" has again been resumed.

line against Big Business.

outright donations of huge sums.

matter what the consequences.

to polemics against Churchill and Britain.

attempt to crush the young workers' state.

Democratic Administration.

his agents abroad.

The Office of Price Administration has revealed that after March 11 buyers of new cars will be forced to agree to make extra retroactive payments on cars manufactured by Chrysler, Ford and Hudson, in line with the price hike to be authorized by the OPA. These companies manufacture cars in the lowerpriced-brackets-Ford, Plymouth, Dodge, De Soto, etc.-most patronized by the workers.

The OPA admits that this price boost, estimated at up to 3 per cent higher than present ceiling prices, will add at least \$45 on a \$1,500 model. The pretext for granting this bonus to the auto barons is the wage increases won by the auto and other industrial workers in their recent bitter struggles.

Donald Montgomery, Consumer Counsel of the CIO United Auto Workers, blasted at OPA's projected concessions to the auto magnates. "Of all industries, the auto industry is least entitled to price increases." The auto industry is not only well-heeled with enormous post-war tax rebates, but has accumulated more than enough war profits to cover the wage increases.

Montgomery further pointed out that the new price concession means "not a bulge in the price line but an explosion." This assault upon the whole price structure and the workers' standard of living was further emphasized by Chester Bowles, Chief of the Office of Economic Stabilization, who admitted that upward adjustments will follow for many metal consumer products, because of the \$5 per ton price increase for steel.

The OPA has also announced that "undoubtedly there will have to be price increases" all along the line. The big dairy corporations and petroleum monopolists are applying terrific pressure on OPA to hike prices on these staple products.

Price ceilings on the three main items in a worker's budget-food, clothing and housinghave already been cracked to appease the extortionate demands of the greedy meat-packers, clothing and textile manufacturers, construction and real estate interests.

It thus becomes increasingly clearer that Truman's promises to hold the price line are a fraud. The conspiracy of Big Business and its government agents to cheat the workers of their hard-won gains through price boosts is already well under way. Now more than ever, the workers must combat this inflationary attack upon their standard of living by demanding a rising scale of wages pegged to the cost of living.

To keep from getting a warped outlook, you've got to take into account some of the good things Wall Street's Congress does. Like the proposal to provide \$100,000,000 (only millions) for hot school lunches.

more compactly "set forth the

self."

To make sure it would pass, those Congressmen with the interests of America's children at heart first cut the proposal to \$65,000,000. They then phrased it so that in a few years the States will have to put up \$4 for every \$1 of Federal money. That means the poor areas

lunches. But naturally that's only the public-school system of System was established in 1940 a slight flaw compared with the America." help it gives the rich areas. Curtis of Nebraska snarled sar-

On top of this, the children have to pay for the lunches unless an investigation determines they are unable to. Then they get it for cost, or in some instances even free of charge - if the school authorities OK the ment fix everybody's teeth?" hardship case and the children do a little kitchen work in return.

plowing them under or diverting relief purposes . . . and so we have an echo 10 years from the into . . . The Song Is Ended, But cannot conceive of any greater it is our children."

harm the Congress of the United . These blows got the \$65,000,the Melody Lingers On." Taber of New York likewise States could do to the mind of 000 hot lunches bill through the arose in all his majesty: "Mr. the youth of our America than House. As the old saying goes, Chairman, this is one of the most to pass this bill which provides look hard enough and you can aldangerous bills that has ever school lunches... To teach chil- ways find a streak of good even been brought to the floor of this dren during the most forma- in the worst of men.

tive period of their lives to rely upon their Government to feed them is to destroy their instinct of self-preservation . . . Heaven protect the minds of our little ones against the awful corruption which measures such as the one Congress is now considering would visit upon them."

But the defenders of America's children, who by coincidence are also interested in disposing of agricultural surpluses, came back with powerful arguments. Harless of Arizona pointed to World War III: "It is no won't be able to provide hot House. It is designed to wreck secret since our Selective Service that certain districts in this

country contributed in a large castically: "It is well known that measure undernourished draftees no food alone will build a strong who could not be used in our body unless it is properly chew- war program. It is essential for ed. May we not also include a the national defense of our counprogram here of State medicine try that all of the youth of this and have the Federal Govern- nation be properly fed."

Doyle of California uncorked Wadsworth of New York, one a haymaker that landed below of the leading advocates of uni- the belt. He noted that the op-

Such a radical measure took versal compulsory military train- ponents of the measure had vota terrific beating of course before ing under the vicious Army caste ed for "millions and millions of it got through the House of Rep- system, pointed to the danger of dollars for the purpose of proresentatives. Dirksen of Illinois "statism" in the hot lunch bill: | tecting live stock, or finding out pointed out that school lunches "Step by step central govern- the best feeds for their cattle began about 10 years ago as part ment, no matter what country or their pork in their various of the New Deal drive to get we are talking about, becomes States. Why, then, can they oprid of farm surpluses either by more and more powerful, it be- pose placing the physical welfare comes finally the master of the of our Nation's children ahead "them to welfare uses and to individual and the citizen be- of their own cattle or their own farms and cattle ranges? .... comes the subject." Smith of Ohio thought of the Gentlemen, the real wealth of time this program was entered crippling psychological effect: "I our Nation is not our cattle-

entrust the training of themselves or their sons to the Brass Hats who indoctrinate them against the labor movement and are only too glad to use the armed might of the country in furthering the reactionary aims of Big Business.

Veterans who know from bitter experience the gigantic cost in human suffering, life and destruction caused by imperialist war, should support the demand that military training of workers, financed by the government, should be placed under union control. This is the only working class answer to capitalist militarism!



The representatives of the railroad workers, one of the poorest paid sections of American labor, are now engaged in negotiating long-overdue wage increases with the railroad corporations. These railroad managements are actually servants of the big Wall Street financiers who control the rail corporations and milk them for their own exclusive benefit.

This fact, long-known to those familiar with the inner workings of Big Business, has just been confirmed by no less an authority than Robert R. Young. chairman of the board of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad and its vast holding company, Alleghany Corporation. Young and his banking crowd are currently involved in a bitter battle for control of key Eastern railroads against the financial firms which have long dominated them.

In testimony before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee on February 28, Young blurted out that J. P. Morgan & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., have been milking the main American railroads and the public through "collusive" fixing of rates, wateered securities, forced bankrupticies and rigged reorganizations.

"For three generations," Young complained, "Morgan and Kuhn, Loeb have dictated the policies ef the American railroads without a dollar of permanent ownership therein."

Young especially attacked the Morgan-Kuhn Loe "racket" arising from their monopoly over the sak of railroad securities, a racket he is anxious to muscle in on. These banking houses "control the issuers of securities (railroads, industrials and utilities) and the large buyers of securities . . . and advise one to sell at 95 and the other to buy at 100. The bond issue might be \$100,000,000 and the bankers' spread \$5,000,000. The only equipment needed was a telephone."

"Through a spider web of interlocking relationships," said Young, the individual railroads establish "patterns of uniform action." All railroads except the Young-controlled C. & O. lines, for example, have fought against competitive bidding or security issues in obedience to the Morgan monopolists. They also ganged together to delay action in the Pullman case "so that the Pullman monopoly might enjoy two more years of high traffic earn. ings on its obsolete equipment."



SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1946

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

our present wage slavery than

Chattel slaves never went hun-

gry, their masters never denied

#### Activities of the **Philadelphia Police** Editor:

This is a picture of Philadelphia police in action. Having had dinner and ready Editor:

to pay my bill at a restaurant at Broad and Girard, I noticed a police red car, a scramble, and reality—a slavery more fiendish lots of excitement on the part than was chattel slavery in 1850. of the people standing on the More misery, more suffering, corner. When I left the restau- more agony, yes, more humiliarant I asked a bystander what tion and degradation result from it was all about and I was told by a sailor that a young Negro ever resulted from the chattel boy was shining his shoes when slavery of eighty years ago. the cops drove up and grabbed the boy. They threw his shoeshine box in the police car and them the privilege of working -

drove away. today millions of wage slaves are It's a shame that Philadelphia hungry or objects of humiliating is such a peaceful city that in charity. Millions of wage slaves order to have some activity, the are denied the right to work and cops can only find strikers to beat many, many thousands of them up and to chase and arrest kids. starve to death each year.

Workers pounding the streets Due only to the wage slave looking for jobs, take notice: This system, tens of thousands of is the Republican regime. Elec- them, or their dependents, owing tions are coming up. The Repub- to improper food or insufficient licans have held this city in nourishment, are made susceptheir grasp for 56 years. The tible to attack by all kinds of Democrats can only offer you diseases.

more of the same treatment. We Malnutrition from which many know this by the Bilbos and the millions of children and adults Rankins who have killed the suffer today, is a nice polite name FEPC bill.

Now is the time to get a labor briefly some socialist theories on candidate and put through the unemployment and its trends? Independent Labor Party which Given to the unemployed now will fight for labor and labor's and verified in the course of rights.

F. B. Philadelphia.

#### **A** Subscriber Lauds "The Militant"

Editor:

I am a subscriber to The Militant. I feel that it is my duty to subscribe and pay for the paper. I have been with the Socialist Party over 35 years. I spent 7

years with the Communist Party. It looks to me like there are practical men down there running The Militant and Fourth

International. It was surprising how they could build up as strong a machine as the Communist Party. | torts? It was built up in 1929 and 1939 during the crisis. But since the the following: (a) How it is that 30's they have been losing all the wealth is let spoil or deliberately time and they are looked down destroyed, generally at governupon by almost everybody in the ment expense. country now

Wayne LaGrange

**Wants Pamphlet On Socialism** Editor:

## **Slow Starvation For Workers Under Wage-Slave System**

for slow starvation. And when Wage slavery today is not a death comes the notice says: mere expression, but is an actual Died of this, that or the other disease, when it could more truthfully have been said: They died from slow starvation in a world of plenty as a result of a fiendish wage slave system that denies to millions the right to work except they get permission from their exploiters who wax fat and wealthy from their mis-

ery and labor. Every American man and woman should at all times have the right to work, and when they work, they, not someone else,

To Society

#### Editor:

The assumption made by Anna Hurstwood that a woman won't demand or need any special consideration just because she is a voman is an attitude that appears to be unjust, if analyzed. Socialism is a big thing, and it

events, it would add to socialist prestige.

If you don't already have one (if you do, please rush me a copy) here is an amateurish suggestion: Illuminate the pamphlet with some of Gray's cartoons. Here are some questions you can

answer 1. How many workers would remain unemployed if our nonwar industrial plants were fully manned at the 8 hour day?

2. What per cent of the wealth thus produced would the American people be permitted to consume at the rate "Business" is now hi-jacking us?

3. What of this "surplus" the she didn't, and society became capitalist system invariably expatriarchal because of the sex drive.

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Party.

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No attempt was made by the

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The SWP distributed a leaflet

onstrations by the active support of the CIO Council and the wide

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formation of a united confer-ence that unified and coordinat-

Anti-Fascist Council to be ini-

tiated by the local CIO Council.

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STALINIST ROLE

they control.

Your answers should touch on (b) How the old WPA with

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its rock-crushing, leaf-raking, Raymond, Montana | was mainly a subsidy, allowing public funds to care for the workers that industry couldn't are to be apportioned according

THE MILITANT



# Woman's Contribution To Society

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workers, and be it finally

**Resolution On** 

The Federated Union of Su-

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struction Workers of Public

Works of Maine-et-Loire, con-

vened in General Assembly in

the Hall of Labor at Angers on

December 19, 1945, passed the

RESOLVED: That we recog-

nation of the trade unions on a

world scale, between all the

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Ask Your Shopmate

To Subscribe to

The Militant

enemies.

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**Vincent R. Dunne** 

One of the 18 prisoners in the

Famous Minneapolis Labor Case

Will speak on

The Minneapolis Truck Drivers' Strikes;

REPORT OF A PARTICIPANT

FRIDAY, March 29, 8 p.m.

The Militant Club

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Labor Unity

#### Angers, Maine & Loire, France

February, 1946 against the colonial peoples in Dear Comrades:

I am enclosing two resolutions and that we see in the action of which were adopted by the trade these workers an example for union of which I am secretary. French trade-unionists, and be They were passed two months it further ago and I apologize for not having been able to send them to you Union Council of Angers make is improbable that it can prosooner.

gress to its ultimate goal until it I believe, however, that it is Indo-Chinese workers stationed recognizes that woman does need good for our American brothers in this city to assure them of the special consideration, because to know that in the struggle the discharging of her duty to which they are carrying on the race is of a trying nature. against the capitalist oppressors, In prehistoric days it is likely the French trade unionists are, Union Council supervise the that feminity with a mind, beextending and showing their full gan revolt against the travail of sympathy and solidarity. gestation, parturition and lacta-

The second resolution is on the tion. Especially when the glaciers that crept down from the north colonial peoples. I have seen brought icy winds and a scarcity several issues of The Militant of food to dawn woman and her and have observed that you have the same position as we have on child. They revolted against the tyranny of nature, and until the colonial oppression. fact of paternity was establish-

My French comrades would be ed. it may be that society was happy if you could comment on this second resolution and if The Militant does so, would appre-In order to escape nature, woman had to escape man, but ciate your sending them copies of that issue.

In my name and in the name of all my comrades in the trade union, I hope that the contacts following resolution: But men have established a thus established between French wonderful economic system. The and American workers will have nize the struggle of the trade tyranny of men over women led fruitful results and that we will to tyranny over women and her sons. Hence there can be no be able to keep in touch with States and throughout the world, peace until women as well as each other on trade union activher sons are liberated, so to ities.

#### With fraternal regards,

M. Cidone tional arena an example of the P.S. I will be happy if you struggle against renascent fascism and against capitalist op-

Notes **RESOLVED:** That the Local contact immediately with the With each reminder recently complete solidarity of the French **RESOLVED:** That the Local

Pioneer

considerable increase in the sales Militant. conditions under which the Indoof Pioneer pamphlets and books Chinese workers are employed in o Militant readers. the various industries and as-In many instances readers certain whether they enjoy the full protection of the law.

the paper.

Today we got one such order ity of soldiers and strikers. 'More rom a Militant reader in Omaha, solidarity, that's what we need. Nebraska. It is evident from the selections this reader makes that large Bethlehem Steel Plant is, his appetite for revolutionary lit- we distributed 200 copies of the erature on the American scene paper to the men as they were has been whetted by his reading of the paper. He asked for American Workers Need a Labor Party, Trade Union Problems, Wartime Crimes of Big Business, Socialism on Trial and Defense unions in England, the United Policy in the Minneapolis Trial. Another reader finds two cateas well as the strikes with which gories of special interest. He these struggles are backed up. asked for the three Negro pamphas constituting on the internalets-A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow, The Struggle for Negro Equality, and Negroes in the

Our comrades and friends are main gates took the paper to always on the alert with new, read when they were relieved. ideas, methods and plans with Two of the relief picketers enwhich to increase the circulagaged the distributor in a long tion of The Militant. discussion on the program of the Socialist Workers Party." One very effective method has

been devised by the San Francisco branch of the Socialist Workers Party, which other branches may find useful. Anne Alexander of San Fran-

cisco writes: "I am enclosing a number of subscriptions. Some of these were a result of the method we have been using in our distributions. We glue a

dodger' on each paper scheduled for distribution at a union meeting which reads as follows: " 'SUBSCRIBE TO THE MILI-TANT.

"The war is over. The bosses offer starvation wages for few and preadlines for many. The Mili-

cordially. tant, a fighting workers' paper, offers the only realistic program scribed two weeks ago praised to fight unemployment and the The Militant to their buddies oosses' union-busting campaign. and urged them to subscribe ---"'HAVE THE MILITANT which they did. The results were MAILED TO YOUR HOME EVexcellent - 15 subs sold in about ERY WEEK. Do it now! Mail this two hours. And of that two hours. coupon with 50 cents in coin or maybe 10 minutes was spent talkstamps to-' Branch's name and ing about subscribing. The other address is then listed. Subscribhour and fifty minutes we talker's name and address is then ed about the strike, the need for listed.

"We have been receiving at least one new subscription each week as a result of these 'dodgers.' '

#### Dorothy Lessing of Baltimore

sent this interesting report: "At ers when the CIO organized the the Westinghouse picket line, one worker whose father had helped mailed to Militant subscribers build one of the first unions in notifying them that their sub- Baltimore, took extra copies of scriptions were up for renewal the paper to make sure that his went a copy of the new Pioneer friends who were on the aftercatalog. This has resulted in a noon picket shift would get The

"When we returned this week, the men at the union office were anxious to see the report of their have sent in money for our popu- strike in the paper. At the Rustlar pamphlets at the same time less Iron and Steel plant one that they have re-subscribed to worker commented on the front page cartoon illustrating solidar-

"At Sparrows Point, where the at Pioneer Book Stall coming to get their last pay

check. The picketers at one of the **OUR PROGRAM:** 

vorably.

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- A rising scale of wages! Increase wages to meet

PAGE FIVE

C. Dicken of St. Paul, one of

our enthusiastic readers, sent us

a subscription for a friend with

this note: "Please hurry this

subscription. I am sending this

in for a friend and he is anxi-

George Weissman of Youngs-

town writes: "A few of us went

up to Canton where the steel-

workers of Timken Roller Bear-

ing are still on strike. We had

been there two weeks previously

and had sold a number of subs.

This time some of the pickets

recognized us and greeted us very

"Some of those who had sub-

a Labor Party, Europe, India,

subscribed two weeks previously

is an old-timer in the labor

movement. He was one of the

first to sign up Timken work-

company. A reader of the old

Appeal to Reason, he is a great

admirer of Gene Debs whom he

often heard speak - Canton,

you'll recall, is where Debs made

the socialist anti-war speech in

1917 for which he went to prison.

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alistic ideal of brotherhoo sume part of the surplus that inthe contribution of each is dustry couldn't dispose of. (c) How, when this surplus is equally important to the happidisposed of to foreign markets financed by U. S. government loans, it adds directly to the already stupendous mortgage that 'Free Enterprise" holds over the American working man.

(d) How none of these expedients are permanent, satisfactory or adequate! Then climax with the main features of a socialist solution: Public ownership and democratic operation of industry, etc. Melvon C. Benneti **Everett.** Wyoming

ness and well being of the race. Lillian M. Hostetter. Seattle, Washington **Chicago Workers** 

speak, by recognizing that duties

to age, sex and abilities. In the

## **Picket Banquet** For G.L.K. Smith

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT CHICAGO, March 8-A \$3.00per-plate banquet for the notorious fascist, Rev. Gerald L. K.

Smith, at the Hotel Morrison in the heart of Chicago's Loop, was protested against Monday evening, March 4, by a picket line and

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of approximately 150 people. The picket line was composed of representatives of the Socialist Workers Party, the American Youth for Democracy, The American Veterans Committee, the distressed conditions Committee of Racial Equality, a őf French workers, and left-Zionist organization, the

American Veterans of World War II, a group of West Side high school youth and the Workers

Youthful adherents of the Stalinist-dominated American against the continuation of the Youth for Democracy were pres- attack upon the Indo-Chinese ent for a very short period, but people, and be it further their leaders forced them to break ranks and disperse. The AYD the refusal of the dockworkers members objected strenuously in Australia and the workers of to leaving and stood around for South Africa and New Zealand to give support to the wars some time, watching the pickets

pers to the CIO in Washington,

#### **Resolution** On **Colonial** Struggles

The Federated Union of Supervisors, Technicians and Construction Workers of Public Works of Maine-et-Loire, convened in General Assembly in the Hall of Labor at Angers on December 19, 1945, passed the

following resolution: unemployed of the American CIO WHEREAS: The attack upon the peoples of colonial countries on a program of public works financed through confiscation of (and especially in Indo-China) the war profits of the big capifollows purely imperialist and talists and also demand that the capitalist aims with methods principle of such confiscations strangely resembling those of the be included among the demands fascist and Hitlerite oppressors.

of the workers of the whole world, and be it further WHEREAS: The war in Indo-**RESOLVED**, That we denounce China while being waged directgovernment legislation, especially against the workers of Indoly in the United States which at-China is at the same time a tempts to make strikes illegal. heavy burden on the economy of and be it finally. this country and sharpens the **RESOLVED:** That we remain the more than ever convinced of the necessity of an effective coordi-

WHEREAS: The Indo-Chinese workers in France, far away from home, are kept in a condition of emi-slavery, therefore be it

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pression, and be it further **RESOLVED:** That we unani-

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PHILADELPHIA-Yout ums held every Saturday, 1303-05 W. Girard Ave floor. . . .

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1946

## Campaign Director Reports Enthusiastic Response Red-Baiters Fai To Appeal For \$15,000 "Militant" Sustaining Fund At Elipt Local **Red-Baiters Fail**

#### By Justine Lang **Campaign** Director

With the Militant Fund Drive for \$15,000 barely under way, close to \$800 has already been sent in to give our campaign an inspiring start.

Our aim in this competition is

to emphasize the filled collection

we want these lists circulated as

widely as possible, and no<sup>®</sup> con-

burgh, Cleveland and other cities

on this suggestion. Let's get the

Not only have the branches

solidily supported the undertak-

ing of quotas, but readers of The

Militant who have read about the

ed "General" are listed contribu-

A reader in Newcastle, Pa.,

Now that our \$15,000 campaign

strength to that worker symbol-

ized in the drawing. Each dollar

The official launching of the campaign was set for March 15. However, a few days prior to this date, a number Workers Party "jumped the pitching side by side with them

gun" and began to send in on the picket lines. part of their quota.

The following branches are to lists rather than the amount of be especially commended for their money collected. In other words, initiative in swinging into prompt action on the campaign and rallying their forces for a head tribution is too small for us to start-Rochester, Baltimore, San accept. We hope to hear from Francisco<sup>®</sup> Akron, Minneapolis, Flint, Detroit, Youngstown, Pitts-Connecticut, Milwaukee, New York and Los Angeles.

We are very confident that by challenges flying. next week's scoreboard many more branches will be listed as having begun to pay on their respective quotas.

Rochester not only heads the \$15,000 campaign drive have alscoreboard this first week, but ready begun to send us their conhas sent in its entire pledge tributions. In the category markof \$50, thereby fulfilling its quota. This is the first branch to reach tions from sympathizers, conits goal. The following note ac- tacts, Militant readers, etc. companied the \$50 check:

"At our last meeting we had sent us this note: "Am enclosing no sooner read the communica- \$10; I would like a combination tion when our Comrade Davis D. subscription to The Militant and told us, 'he considered the pub- Fourth International. I'd like you lishing of The Militant the most to use the balance of \$7.50 as important work in which we are my contribution to the Militant engaged and that he would ad- Fund Campaign." How many of vance the total amount himself'." our other readers will follow the

We're quite proud of the feel- above example? ing expressed by this Rochester comrade. There's no doubt but is officially launched, it's up to that similar sentiments will be all our friends to give more expressed by many other comredes and friends.

The spirit of socialist compe- boosts the weight higher. Help tition among individual comrades him "Ring the Bell!" and branches has always marked our campaigns. Therefore we would like to put forward the Cleveland Clo following suggestion. We would like to see some competition and challenges made on the Militant Pickets Meeting Collection Lists.

As explained last week, these Of Fascist Group es of the Socialist Workers Par- SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT ty, and will also be sent to all CLEVELAND, March: 5 readers who write in and re- Some 200 CIO unionists and quest them. These lists should be veterans tonight picketed a circulated among Militant read- meeting at the Public Audiers, subscribers, shopmates and torium of the innocentfriends who we feel will want to sounding but fascist-inspired help us in a concrete way by "United Mothers." giving to our paper.

Fearing a mass demonstration During the period of the recent against himself, the fascist Rev. strikes, thousands of workers re- Gerald L. K. Smith sent his lieuceived copies of The Militant on tenant George Vose, national the picket lines, at union meet- secretary of the so-called Chrisings, at plant gates, etc. We feel tian Veterans of America, to adthat if these workers are ap- dress the "United Mothers." proached via the collection list Vose raved against Jews, refube most anxious to help gees, labor, communists, etc., but



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for creating public opinion." [fess any false and hypocritical throughout the state. Warde further stated that in impartiality in the conflicts bethe past few months the working tween big capital and organized class has seen how this corrupt labor. The Militant always press grinds out lies against stands with the working people labor, distorts and suppresses in their just struggles for a betnews and caters to the profiteers ter world. It aims to teach the American workers that only and the parasites.

"Thus there is very little real through the road to socialism freedom of the press in capitalist | can they create the kind of world United States," said Warde. "To they desire and deserve." be sure, the ruling plutocrats en-FOR LABOR ALONE

joy freedom of expression for their views in the press, radio and movies. But the great majority of the working people, ers and supporters of The Milithe men and women who produce the wealth of the nation, lack a press of their own." "That is why thousands upon

thousands of workers have joyfully welcomed The Militant," Warde pointed out. "At last they he concluded. have found an alternative and an

The nation-wide \$15,000 Miliantidote to the boss press. They tant Sustaining Fund campaign have found a bold and uncom- will continue for three months. promising champion of their in- It began March 15 and will con-

# **At Flint Local**

#### By Jerry Kirk (Special to The Militant)

FLINT, Mich., Mar. 14-A group of red-baiters who had launched a divisive red-scare in the midst of the General Motors strike here were overwhelmingly repudiated by the membership of AC Spark <sup>®</sup>

Plug Local 651, CIO United press to divide the strikers with Auto Workers, in the recent red-baiting. Leaders of important Flint

local union elections. UAW locals and of the CIO The United Rank and File Council denounced the red-bait-Caucus, which opposed the redbaiters, won 26 of 28 positions for the AC Local's executive ALL DEFEATED

board and delegates to the forthran for office in AC local were coming UAW convention. Readers of The Militant will decisively defeated by the Rank recall that during the GM strike and File caucus which was led five members of AC local atby Robert Carter, Edna McNa-

tempted to whip up a red scare mara, Harry Graham and Pete against militant members and Shumacher. leaders of both the local and the Greater Flint CIO Council, "Trotskyites." Their efforts were originally inspired by the Stalinists and led to an attempt by

#### the company and the Flint boss Arkansas Group

## **Calls For Aid To Indicted Strikers**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 7—As the date set for the likę "Christian - American" Association is attempting to sway public opinion against labor through costly newspaper ads and meetings

The five strikers, members o the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agri cultural Workers Union, were indicted under the anti-labor Arkansas "Anti-Violence" Act 193, although no evidence existed of 'violence.'

The only violence which occurred during the strike was the murder of William Campbell, a striker, by Otha Williams, s strike - breaker. Williams con-Warde stated that there is a fessed to the slaying, but he was widening circle of devoted readreleased under bond.

tant in almost all the industrial Feed Mills, where FTA is also centers of the country. "We on strike, and John L. Daggett, are asking them to aid us in Arkansas politician and corpogetting the funds we need to carry on our work. We are confiare spearheading the labor-hatdent that they will not fail us," ers' drive to save Act 193 to further persecute labor.

The Agreement will take ef-The defense of the five indicted unionists is being con- fect April \$0, 1946. The six-week ducted by the Southern Cotton delay was granted to allow Fox Committee under the chairman- which had previously reserved ship of William Henderson, Sub- certain nights for private use. Further fights against Jim State CIO. The trial is scheduled Crow will be carried on by the to begin March 18. Defense Com- same militant mass actions and mittee spokesmen say they are legal struggles utilized against preparing to bring the case to the White City, the Joint Council to highest court, if necessary, to Abolish Discrimination declared. secure justice for the innocent This council includes the Comworkers. They are appealing for mittee on Racial Equality, many funds to help finance the legal labor groups, the Socialist Workers Party and other working

with a hue-and-cry against the Rank and File caucus lost the presidency by a narrow margin of eight votes. The very nature of the campaign and the elections, watched very closely by progressive unionists of Flint, indicate that the workers are increasingly aware that red-baiting is a company device and such tactics are proving of less and less influence in union elections. This was brought

All five of the red-baiters who

Although the red-baiters were

unquestionably defeated, the

out sharply at AC. Flint unionists, who played a leading role in the GM strike.

are watching for publication of the contract. On the basis of trial of five Negro cotton oil present reports, most feel that a mill strikers approaches, the real victory has been won. Howemployer-sponsored, fascist- ever, none of the local managements of GM plants here has attempted to settle local demands. This morning Buick Local 599 held a parade of 500 workers around the plant protesting the local management's refusal to negotiate.

### **Fight Against Jim-Crow Rink Won In Chicago**

CHICAGO. March 9 - Victory in the fight against Jim Crow at the White City Roller Rink was announced today after rink-

Guy Cameron, of Cameron owner Howard M. Fox signed an agreement to admit all skaters regardless of race or color. This ration lawyer and labor-baiter, victory was won by a two-month. campaign by the Joint Council to Abolish Discrimination.

support the only paper that was praised Spanish Dictator Franco

### Seattle SWP **Supports** Davis

SEATTLE, Wash., March 13-A public meeting held by the Socialist Workers Party today gave support to Rev. F. Benjamin Davis, independent Negro candi- ministration and capitalist press date for Seattle City Council.

Dan Roberts, Seattle SWP organizer, called upon labor to support Davis in "class solidarity with the Negro minority in its fight against the common enemy, Big Business." The candidacy of Davis represents a break with the Democratic and Republican parties, said Roberts, and is therefore a step toward independent political action of the working class. It also indicates that the Negro people are organizing politically to fight the mounting wave of anti-Negro terror and violence.

While supporting him on these grounds, the SWP spokesman emphasized that Davis' program is not a militant one. It fails to call for struggle against the enemies of the Negro people, and does not ask the labor movement for support.

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fellow-workers, so they can help The Militant.

before an audience of 400 middle-aged dupes. Smith is using such organizations as the "United Mothers" and "Christian Veterans" as front organizations to build a

following for himself and his fascist movement. Under cover of a "free speech"

barrage, these organizations are securing the aid of the city adin opening the way for Smith's fascist organization campaign. The night before the demonstration a special meeting of the Cleveland CIO Council after a long debate, had adopted a resolution presented by the CIO Veterans Committee to organize a mass picket line at the "United Mothers" meeting. The Stalinistdominated CIO Council leaders, however, made no serious efforts to mobilize a really mass demon-

stration. CHICAGO Movie Party See the Soviet Film

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it depends entirely upon workers like myself for support. That

is why I want to do my part in contributing to The Militant's

(Please Print)

By Laura Falk

Those of us who are going to high school today aren't fooling ourselves. We aren't looking at this world through rose-colored glasses like so many of our parents did. But sometimes when no-9-

body is looking, we sit back world ever be able to become and dream about a world at civilized?

We are young, therefore let's peace. We long for a world not be cynical. Let's fight for where the young generation our world. We can make our is welcome and appreciated, dreams a living reality. There where we will not have to fight are other people who are fightto develop our creative ability. ing our fight—the workers all Where we will not be imprisoned over the world. For they, too, in endless monotonous work. want security and the right to Where we will be sure of a live. That is why the GM strikdecent standard of living and ers stayed out on the lines for 113 will be able to get married and days-113 days without pay in have children. We want a world the middle of winter! Our workof learning, working, and time er-allies are strong and willing for recreation. That is what we to fight to the last man.

consider a real future. In the fight for socialism we And all this is what Marx have another ally—we have truth organized the revolutionary mass-

es to win. But we are not permitted to the slogan of "democracy." dream long because there are But the worker's fight is honcertain future. Will there be war? over the world. That is what Atomic war? Will we even have The Militant is trying to do . . a chance to live? Will there be spread working class truth to the

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now The Militant needs funds. The Trotskyist Youth Group realizes its common stake with the workers of the world and has solidarized itself with them in their common fight for a better young workers who have not yet ing The Militant with your con-

> tributions. Flint, Mich. Socialist Workers Party Meeting EVERY SUNDAY

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terests in the Militant, a paper clude on June 15. Contributors that speaks for them and fights are asked to send their donations to The Militant Publishing with them against Big Business Association, 116 University Place, rule.

"The Militant does not pro- New York, 3, New York.

## **Steel Worker Sends First Contribution To Fund**

#### The Militant:

I am a steel worker, and the following letter expresses my firm beliefs concerning our present social system. Are we civilized?

The word "civilized" is defined in Webster's dictionary

as follows: To reclaim from a savage state, instruct in the arts and refinements of civilized life. It means culture and refinement.

How many of us can afford under the present system called Socialism. This is what on our side. The capitalists, to to have our children or ourselves instructed in refinements, Lenin and Trotsky aroused and keep up their rotten system have arts, culture? Our children do not get a fair chance to lied to us every day ... they have study the arts they would like, or the ones they would fooled us into two wars under naturally be adapted to perform in making a living. Refinements are kept to a bare minimum.

We receive only wages to eat, pay rent, and some are such terribly dark questions fac- est and they do not need to lie. fortunate enough to own a home which probably took a ing us as we look into the un- They must spread their truth all half a lifetime to pay off. Quite a few of us workers own cars which are in the low price range, and others own cars which have been discarded by the so-called upper jobs for us? Will we earn enough? American people. The Militant class because they are no longer a "refined" car to them. What about fascism? Will the is the dauntless opponent of all Culture is hoarded by the rich. We do not get a fair chance capitalists and their outlived sys- for training our intellectual faculties.

Civilization has been standing still for over a thousand So the work of The Militant years because the better things in life are only for the rich can only be supported by the under the present long-worn-out social system. Under the pocket books of the workers. And present system it is still survival of the fittest, because we still fight for existence, and this unadvanced method of living will continue so long as capitalism prevails. Capitalism is a closed door to an advanced, civilized world.

Socialism is the only possible way for us to receive the advantages of culture, arts, and refinements, and also life. That is why we of the Trot- security, which are the essentials of an advanced form skyist Youth Group are going of civilization. The capitalists are just as cunning, and out full force to help The Mili- just as vicious, and have the same killer instinct, as the tant get its \$15,000. And we are animals in pre-historic times. They live high, wide and calling upon all you students and handsome; we workers only exist.

The answer to all this is to form a new social system joined the struggle, to start fight- where we will be inclined to be friendly in intercourse and ing for our future NOW by help- conversation, a system where we will all be affable and companionable; where hatred, viciousness, greed and lust for power will disappear. We must reconstruct our present form of society to a state of equality. We must have socialization of industry, and community of property, and freedom from discrimination because of race, creed or color. We, the human race, cannot honestly claim to be civilized until we have attained socialism. And then we will be working for what could be really called "good will toward man." I enclose \$1 to be put towards the Militant fund. George Lengel

Reading. Ps.

Oil Company Strikers Defense to fill agreements with group Regional Director of Arkansas defense.

Send contributions to commit- class political organizations, tee headquarters at 119 Glover church groups, student and youth Bldg., Little Rock, Ark. organizations.

Support 'The Militant' The Paper That Fights for The Interests of the Working People Make your own contribution on this list. Circulate it among your friends and fellow workers. Return the list and money to: The Militant 116 University Place New York 8, N. Y. NAME ADDRESS AMOUNT Collected by: ... Address: .. City & State ....

#### "Youth of Maxim" Saturday, March 30 Buckingham Hall 59 E. Van Buren 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1946

#### THE MILITANT

## What Karl Marx's Teachings Mean For The American Working Class

By Larissa Reed

Sixty-three years have passed since Karl Marx, founder of the revolutionary Communist movement, leader and beacher of the world working class, died in exile at London on March 14, 1883. Marx was undoubtedly the most titanic figure in all modern history.

Since his death the movement of scientific socialism he created has spread from country to country, until it and had to be overthrown. Alhas penetrated the most lished that capitalism was re-

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He explained that with the ad-

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SOURCE OF CAPITAL

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is the source of all the enormous

The class struggle in capitalist

society today revolves around the

ity of parasitic monopolists.

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Wherever working people have and that social conditions were fought to liberate themselves from endless agonies and harsh exploitation of capitalist rule, there the most advanced sections of labor, modern science, techof the masses have been inspir- nique and large-scale industry, d and enlightened by Marx's loctrines

Karl Marx was born in Trier, Germany in 1818. During the ploiters and exploited perpetu-1840's, as an editor and writer he produced a series of works in which he set forth the social, ery of Marx is most fully exsconomic and political views pounded in his monumental which subsequently formed the work Capital, upon which he labasis of his scientific socialism. bored for almost 30 years. There On the eve of the Revolution of Marx elucidated the real rela-1848, he wrote, together with his tions between capital and labor life-long friend and intimate col- and demonstrated how the exlaborator, Frederick Engels, the ploitation of the worker by the world-famous Communist Mani- capitalist takes place. He pointfesto. Ninety-eight years after ed out that the wage workers it was written, the Communist must sell their labor power to Manifesto still serves as an ir- the capitalist owners of the replaceable guide to action upon means of production in order to the most burning questions of live and provide for their famthe working class struggle for lilies. emancipation.

After the defeat of the 1848 revolution in Germany, Marx was banished first to Paris and then to London, where he and his family lived as impoverished exiles until the end of his days.

EPOCHAL CONTRIBUTIONS Of all the epoch-making discoveries that Marx contributed riches acquired by the capitalist to the treasury of science, two are of outstanding importance. .The first is his materialist infound the key to the movement uct. Under the rule of monopof history in the development of oly capitalism, which is the highthe productive forces at man's est and final form of capitalist into antagonistic classes and the becomes increasingly concentratsubsequent struggles between the | ed in the hands of a small minorclasses for the possession of wealth and power.

Sar from being a permanent so- its own grave-digger, the modin the evolution of mankind. It constantly diminishing number and the creation of a new socialis one link in the chain of social of the magnates of capital, grows ist society based upon collectisystems which, after raising the the mass of misery, oppression, level of productive forces to new slavery, degradation, exploita- economy. heights, outlived their usefulness tion. But with this too grows Marx founded the First Inter- for a new and better world.

#### KARL MARX

the revolt of the working class, national, a political organization Democrats of the South. "Only worker always produces more a class always increasing in of labor, in 1864 to mobilize the a labor government would have numbers, disciplined, united, or- working class for the practical a real interest in bringing the of wages. This unpaid labor ganized by the very mechanism realization of this goal. The Bol- vigilantes to justice," she said. shevik Party under Lenin and of capitalist production itself." This process leads to the so- Trotsky in the Russian Revolu- the Los Angeles NAACP, stated cialist revolution. But the work- tion of October 1917 carried out in his speech that his organizaers must organize their own the Marxist program in leading tion was one hundred per cent forces and actively intervene in the workers and peasants in ovpolitical life in order to bring erthrowing capitalism and estab- the Fontana case and bringing terpretation of history. Marx struggle for this surplus prod- this revolution about. Marx's lishing the first workers' state in theory of scientific socialism was history.

designed to make the present-day working class aware of these disposal, the division of society development, this surplus value needs. He pointed out both the United States which bases itself was of incendiary origin. historical responsibility of the solidly upon the same principles working class and its ability to of revolutionary Marxism which editor of the Jewish Voice, stated JOINT MEETING win its emancipation. This great guided the Russian Revolution. aim can be accomplished only Those American workers who in struggle to build a united front from eight of the nine Revere they become more interested in Marx showed that capitalism, above all, explained Marx, was through the conquest of political increasing numbers are seeking against all forms of vigilante ter- production divisions, including fighting each other than they power, which will pave the way a solution to the great social and ror and fascism." cial system, is only a single stage ern proletariat. "Along with the for the abolition of capitalism political problems confronting vized property and a planned insight needed in their struggle

## **SWP Speaker Flays** Fontana Case Secrecy

LOS ANGELES, March 11 - In the final meeting of her West Coast tour against vigilante terror, held here in the Masonic Hall, Sunday night, Myra Tanner Weiss, Los Angeles organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, blasted away at the secrecy behind which the authorities have

sought to shroud the Jim 9 Crow murders of the Short. family in Fontana, California.

after receiving threats from vigilantes.

Comrade Weiss called upon the labor movement to continue and SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT to extend its defense system so as to prevent any similar atroci- week-old strike of CIO Unit- the majority (34) of Columbia's ties in the future. "The attack on minorities by the vigilantes is only a preparatory step to at- called after months of fruit- ployed only as cooks, yardmen tacks on the labor movement it- less negotiations with Revere or ditchdiggers, the Negro workself," she said. "Therefore la- Copper and Brass Company, is bor's defense of the minorities 100 per cent solid. Workers walkis self-defense."

**KENNY'S INACTION** 

on the case by Attorney General Kenny, is due to his reluctance to give up the support of vigilante elements and their backwith the reactionary poll-tax

Lorenzo Bowdoin, President of behind the work of publicizing the murderers to justice. A report from the arson expert hired by The Socialist Workers Party is the NAACP shows beyond a the only political tendency in the shadow of a doubt that the fire

> A telegram from Mr. Gach, his "heartiest support in the

of the Attorney General's in-

FOUR RESOLUTIONS



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Who Won In Tennessee?

As we pointed out last week, the recent Columbia. Tennessee "race riot" turns out on examination of all the facts, to be an anti-Negro pogrom carried out largly by the so-called peace officers of that section wherein the Negro populace prepared and tried-mostly in vain-to defend themselves against the O-

onslaughts of the fascist ter- is the Negro who is preventing him from making more decent wages and buying that extra loaf

When purchasing articles or ob-

taining service in the "white"

part of town they must be open-

ly subservient and Uncle Tomish

if they want to leave there in

the same condition in which they

All who know the facts first-

hand will agree that in the un-

organized South the white work-

ers who think their main enemy

is the Negro are themselves

more extremely exploited by the

industrialists and the landowners

than in the North where Negroes

arrived.

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A study of the events as they of bread for the table or that extruly occurred, however, is still tra pair of shoes for his kid. not enough to fully understand Out of this situation has the significance of this type of grown an even more bitter previolent persecution. For such a judice than is ordinarily indoctask, all of the underlying ecotrinated into the people of the nomic and social factors present South under the institutions of in the case must be evaluated in today's capitalistic society. Jim terms of their relation to the Crow is the standard policy in happenings at the time of the every field. The Negroes are terror. only allowed to live in the restricted ghettos of the town.

rorists.

Contrary to the condition in CHICAGO, Mar. 18-The many of the rural settlements, 12,000 population is white. But in Columbia instead of being emers have succeeded in obtaining many unskilled and semiskilled jobs in the factories. In chemical manufacturing plants, in canneries and in clothing factories one will find many Negroes employed in other than menial capacity. In the chemical works Negroes are reported to be doing the same work as whites in

and whites get more nearly the the same departments. same wage for the same work. But here is the catch. In each Thus it should be plain to all case the company has establishthat the super exploitation of the ed a wage differential whereby a Negro is not an advantage but a Negro worker is paid one third disadvantage to the just economto one half less than a white ic struggle of the white workworker doing the same job. This er. It should be plain that interis the accepted practice of the racial prejudice and terrorism

bosses. When a Negro is lucky can serve in the end only to enough to get off the cotton or further benefit the wealthy rultobacco farm and get work in a ers. It should be plain that the factory in Columbia, he auto- real job of the white workers matically expects to be paid less is to organize themselves together than the white worker who is with the Negro and demand performing the same task. equal pay for both so that there

This practice (as it had been will be working class solidarity calculated to do) breeds further against the enemy of both. prejudice among the whites Negroes were arrested, beaten against the Negroes and vice and murdered in cold blood in versa. It drives a wedge between Columbia during the "riot." But the two races to the extent that among the losers were the white workers themselves.

The heads of the blacks were are in uniting in a common fight | bloodied, and their homes looted by the Tennessee Gestapo. Some for concessions from the exploitprejudiced white workers with loose shingles on their own Every time the whites (who are shacks may feel that they have themselves underpaid) present a

obtained "revenge" against the grievance or make wage demands they are confronted with the fact Negroes who work for less. But that the Negroes are doing the all the while the bosses, who are the only victors, are sitting back To company pleas of "poverty," very same work at much less Local 477 replies: "Open The pay. They are also reminded laughing at both.

**UAW** Delegates



This entire Negro family was burned to death a short while In Chicago Hold **Firm In Strike** 

Not even the foremen are entering the plant. Their solidarity as Roosevelt never made a break the/foremen recently struck for recognition of their own union, production workers refused to go through their picket line. The foremen's 39-day strike was won. Local 477 is determined that its

> fight too will triumph. Explaining the need for immediate wage increases, Local 477 showed that reduction of hours and down-grading since V-J Day have cost workers as much as 33 cents per hour, with workers formerly receiving \$1.16 now getting only 83 cents. The union demands that substantial raises be given without increasing prices.

> > rs elimination of over-

1.-Protesting the whitewash time, improved production tech- as domestics and take the jobs of

of the killer of the Ferguson niques and full utilization of the whites in the factories.

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several international unions. A message to the meeting from held a joint meeting in Clevethem today, will find in the J. Robert Smith, editor of the land February 16. Uniform er of both-the company. teachings of Marx the scientific Tri-County Bulletin, Negro week- wage demands were drafted and ly published in San Bernardino a letter sent to Revere calling (near Fontana), reported that for negotiations on a companythe Central Council there was wide basis. Revere has arrogantstill waiting to hear the results ly rejected the proposals.

> Books!" The union cites fig- that there are many other Negro ures to prove that downgrading workers who would be glad to

union wage-demands.

ed Auto Workers Local 477,

ed out to a man at 12:30 p. m. on March 11, after the com-

She showed that the inaction pany's flat refusal to bargain on

ers in the coming elections, just was won in advance, for when

## **Leaders 'Forgot' About Stassen**

ciliator.

#### By Roger Kent

The recent endorsement of Harold Stassen for the Republican Presidential ticket in 1948 by the Michigan CIO Political Action Committee must come as a surprise to many Drivers Union, Local 544-AFL, thwart Tobin's sell-out. people. The truck drivers of Minneapolis, who were denied opened negotiations with the their democratic right to join the CIO in 1941 by this trucking bosses of Minneapolis. membership meeting, the leadsame Mr. Stassen, will be particularly shocked to learn that The current contracts were due ers of Local 544 urged the driv-Stassen is now a "liberal." It would be well for the chooses to flaunt the law, the

CIO-PAC to investigate a lit- unions must seek redress through the courts and bear the huge extle more carefully the backpense of protracted, and usually grounds of the candidates it fruitless, litigation. Finally, the endorses. In the case of Stasemployer is empowered to obtain sen the heads of the Michi- injunctions from anti-labor gan PAC must be either ig- judges. norant of the facts or cyniclaims has brought "industrial, cally indifferent. harmony" to Minnesota. The

The kind of president Stassen Minnesota CIO workers know would make may be fairly judged from bitter personal experience from his record as Governor of Minnesota.

Stassen's chief claim to fame workers. is the Minnesota Labor Relations Act, which he drafted and pushed through the Minnesota Legislature in 1939. This law is a Minneapolis-Honeywell Regula- ance. tion. The workers of Minnesota tor Co. The company provoked . Daniel J. Tobin, president of of labor" placed the Department correctly dubbed it "The Stassen a strike and the dispute went the AFL Teamsters Interna- of Justice at Tobin's disposal. As Slave Law."

#### STASSEN 'SLAVE LAW'

appoints a labor conciliator for a four-year term. Every union minated the hearings. The comis required to give ten days' writmission subsequently "found" ten notice to the conciliator of what it had intended to find bitration. intention to strike. If the strike from the start; i.e., no discrimiis vested with a "public interest" nation by the company against. -and this clause is broadly inany employee for union activity. terpreted-the governor appoints SORDID TALE a commission of three to investigate the dispute and file a report within 30 days, during which In addition, the bill defines a long list of unfair labor practices for unions and employers. 544.

of the many clauses directed "Slave Law" to accomplish this and their uncompromising de- Postal either a pardon or parole. cluded dancing, games, group egainst unions, the governor can travesty of justice. Bear in mind. votion to the workers' interests. crack down with the full force of as you read this sordid tale, that the law. But if an employer this is the same Stassen who car-

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ried off the endorsement of the there could be no appeal, to members of Local 544. The lead-Michigan CIO-PAC. In the spring of 1941, General ers of the union took steps to

On June 9th, in a regular to expire on June 1st. . The ers to leave the AFL and affiliate union's leaders, backed solidly with the CIO. There were 4,000 by the drivers, demanded improv- drivers present. Almost to a man,

ed contracts and a substantial they voted to adopt the proposal. wage increase to meet the rising Soon afterward, other Teamsters cost of living. Abiding by the locals throughout the area folterms of the Stassen "Slave lowed suit. Tobin was panic-Law," the union filed strike no- stricken.

He immediately dispatched tices with the state labor conabout 300 goons to Minneapolis fense.

After holding these notices for to loose a reign of terror upon almost ten days, the conciliator, the CIO drivers and herd them Alfred Blair, notified the union back into the AFL. In this purthat these notices were improper, suit, they enjoyed the whole- fornia. just how this "harmony" is though they differed not a whit hearted co-operation of the achieved at the expense of the from previous notices which had Minneapolis police.

#### been accepted without question. FRAMEUP AGAINST 18

That was the first step in a con-Tobin also appealed to his trical and Radio Workers was spiracy which then began to unfellow-Democrat, Franklin D. attempting to organize the fold under Stassen's direct guid-Roosevelt, and this "great friend

tional, had long been irked by a result, eighteen persons, memvoked the "public interest" clause the opposition of Local 544's bers of Local 544-CIO, and of and appointed a commission so leaders to Tobin's antiquated the Socialist Workers Party, were Under this law the governor prejudiced against the union craft-union ideas, to his support railroaded to prison under the that counsel for the union ter- of Roosevelt's war-mongering, Smith "Gag" Act solely because and to his attempts to saddle the of their revolutionary socialist teamsters with compulsory ar- convictions - a frameup which became internationally famous

V. R. Dunne, Farrell Dobbs, as the "Minneapolis Labor Case." In attempting to seize posses-Karl Skoglund and other members of the Socialist Workers sion of the offices, equipment Party had led the union to vic- and records of Local 544-CIO, tory in the great strikes of 1934 Tobin also secured frameup inof this bill did not suffice for by militant mass action and in dictments against Kelly Postal, Stassen when he set out to deal direct opposition to President Secretary-Treasurer of Local time the union may not strike. the CIO its worst blow --- the Tobin. Each year, these leaders 544-CIO, and others, for "embezzlement." While Stassen was port and Allied Workers Local whelming majorities, proving the governor, the Board of Pardons our attractively decorated headwere elected to office by overconfidence that the workers had of which he was a member, re- quarters, and stayed to particiin their honesty, their ability fused to grant the imprisoned pate in festivities which in-

Tobin, aided by disgruntled filed petitions both with the ment. elements in the union who had state labor conciliator and the failed to be elected to the ex- NLRB, demanding that the driv- of our Bronx neighbors join us

point a receiver — a dictator — choose which union they wished April. over the union and to unseat the to represent them.

After holding a series of farciduly-elected officers of Local 544. He entered into a joint con- cal hearings all summer, during tions. Stassen obviously inspired spiracy with Stassen and the which hundreds of drivers testi- this decision. Minneapolis bosses to sign con- fied, in spite of the terror, that In the face of these facts, does tracts behind the backs of the they wanted to vote to join the anyone have the gall to assert drivers and present them as ac- CIO, the conciliator handed down that Stassen is a friend of the complished facts, from which his decision. He certified the CIO, or of the labor movement?

Brothers and calling for a broad machinery will thoroughly comcommittee to launch a public pensate the company for wage backward white worker it is the investigation with a view to increases without the extortion Negro who is his job competitor. bringing those responsible for the of price "relief" from the Office It is the Negro who is undercut-Freeport outrage to justice. of Price Administration.

2.-Protesting the delay of the California State Attorney General's office in providing a conclusive report on the investigation of the Fontana vigilante case.

3.-Demanding a stay of execution and a fair trial for Dewey Adamson, Los Angeles Negro, convicted by an all white jury of the murder of a white woman on purely circumstantial evidence and without adequate de-

4.---Pledging its redoubled support in the campaign to place the FEPC on the ballot in Cali-

Over \$200 was contributed to aid the work of the Socialist Workers Party, under whose auspices the meeting was held, and more than 100 copies of "Vigilante Terror in Fontana," the pamphlet published by the Los Angeles Local of the SWP, were ALLENTOWN - BETHLEHEM sold.

## **Bronx SWP Has** Housewarming

NEW YORK, March 9 - A capacity crowd of comrades, friends and neighbors participated tonight in a gala housewarming party at the new Bronx BUFFALO - Every Saturday Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, 1034 Prospect Avenue. Many neighborhood readers of The Militant came up to visit The leaders of Local 544-CIO singing and amateur entertain-

We hope to have many more ecutive board, proceeded to ap. ers themselves be allowed to in our next social planned for

AFL, and refused to grant elec-

AKRON - Visit The Militant | KANSAS CITY - SWP Branch | Club. 405-6 Everett Bldg., 39 meets Saturday, 8 p.m. Rm. East Market St., open daily 203, Studio Bldg., 418 E. 9th except Sunday, 2 to 4 p. m.; St., for study and discussion. also Monday, Wednesday and LOS ANGELES - Visit SWP Friday, 7:30 to 9:30. Current headquarters, 145 S. Broadway, events discussion Wednesday San Pedro, 1008 S. Pacific, evenings. Fridays at 7:30, Room 214. 33.33 . 2393 class on 'Forward March of MILWAUKEE - Visit the Mil-

waukee branch of the SWP at March 29, 8 p.m., Minneapits headquarters, 424 E. Wells olis Truckdrivers Strike: By St., any evening from 7:30. MINNEAPOLIS-Visit the Labor Afternoon sessions on same

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## Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky

It was sort of funny when we came back to work. We walked up onto the furnaces as if we owned them and took our time about getting to work.



The bosses eyed us, but we either ignored them or else just grinned back at them insolently, something like a bunch of kids that had got the upper hand. And they didn't try

to do anything about it,

either, because they knew we were "feeling our oats" after having won the greatest strike in American history.

But all that wore off, and once again we got down to the dirty, sweaty business of making iron and steel for the company.

. . A couple of tlays ago, as we were sitting down on a bench after cast, Tom said: "You know. I been wondering just what we did win out there on the picket lines. The cost of living is jumping, and before that 18<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cent part of the contract runs out, we're going to be left way behind.

"Sure, Tom," I answered. "And not only that, but old Ellsworth's started to rampage again. He was lousy as ever when we went in on Pete's rievance."

Tom's eyes asked the question and I answered it. "Look, we won the strike. We won the big-

est raise any plant has been forced to give in he country's history. And more than that, we nipped the company's union-busting plans in the bud.

"Remember how we all agreed before the strike that we weren't just fighting the wage dispute? We said we were battling for the very preservation of the union-and we were. Where would the union be if we'd lost that strike?

"So don't get the idea that winning the  $18\frac{1}{2}$ cents doesn't mean very much, since prices are going to eat it up. Prices are coming up, and we'll be holding the bag, but they'd have gone up anyhow! They went up when our wages were frozen, didn't they?"

"Hell," Tom snorted. "Seems like we're licked every way! Strike and we lose. Don't strike and we lose a whole lot quicker!"

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"There's an answer to it, Tom, but not the way things are now. The capitalist system's all worn out. It's like old Number Three furnace. That got so bad they never could fix it up any more. They had to tear it down so they could build a new one that will work. We've got to tear down this economic system and build a new one that will work so we'll all have a decent living. That new system will be Socialism."

I'd gotten a little off the track in my enthusiasm, so I added: "No strike will solve our problems, as long as we have capitalism. Tom. We strike because we've got to keep things from getting too bad. It'll take the Great Strike - The Revolution - to solve our problems."

"Well, all right!" Tom grinned. "Let's go!" "Take it easy, brother," I grinned back. "You'll know when it's time. I guarantee that."

## UMW Negotiators Indict Coal Operators For Million Casualties In Mine Disasters

**Murder For Profits** 

#### Notes Of A Seaman **By Art Sharon**

According to an ancient legend, there was a shoet ship that haunted the oceans of the world and never came to port. With full sails and no



her. who spoke of her did so

with solemn voice. For each had his theory as to the reason for her

What could be more tragic to a sailor's mind than to be doomed to sail forever and never make port? That is why the legend of the Flying Dutchman expressed the terrifying fear that such

other modern navigational devices. Thanks to efficient mechanical refrigeration, they eat in messrooms the same dinner they would be having ashore and are in constant contact with the hard headed lot and look upon the story of the

. . . However, the seamen of 1945 and 1946 are Dutchmen." Unlike the Flying Dutchman" of Dutchmans." Unlike the "Flying Dutchman" of the fable, which never saw port, these modern ships I'm going to tell you about are sometimes anchored for months in little lagoons of south Pacific islands, but finally do get home. And although the "Flying Dutchman," according to the ancient story, had no crew, these ships are very much alive with men.

But these ships and the "Flying Dutchman" have one thing in common. They both are doomed to sail aimlessly about.

to come back to port. Last week the S.S. Edwin Markham sailed into

long. Every week one of them is finally allowed

San Francisco, a "Flying Dutchman" that got off comparatively light. She sailed aimlessly about for only six months. Her crew was justly indignant at their experience. They spoke bitterly of their trip which carried them from one part of the Pacific to another.

They' began their trip from San Francisco on August 26th after they knew definitely the war was over. But that made little difference to the powers that be. Plans which had been drawn up some months previous called for the S.S. Edwin Markham to sail with a complete load of war materials. And is there anything so irritating to swivel-chair planners as to have something interfere with paper plans?

So, despite the fact that the war was over, the Markham sailed with a full cargo of camouflage netting, camouflage paint, land mine markers, tank trailers and other combat material.

With a cargo that no longer had any immediate use, she sailed to one port and then to another. Each time she would pull into a port, authorities would order her out again. At Okinawa she and twenty-five other ships of the "lost fleet" were ordered from one side to the other. Speaking of that episode, the captain said. "we understood this was for the purpose of hoodwinking a Congressional Committee into thinking we had just arrived."

The Edwin Markham was finally allowed to dump its cargo after months of wandering about. She then proceeded to Manila where she took on "officers' club furniture, expensive sedans for generals" and other officers' luxury items.

I suppose the running cost of the legendary Flying Dutchman was paid by Davey Jones. But the running costs of these modern Flying Dutchmen are added to the already huge burden of debt that the lately concluded slaughter has bequeathed to the working people. And of

at Welch, West Virginia, on January 17. A frightful explosion caused by the mine owners' criminal neglect of safety measures killed 13 coal miners and injured 38.

Rescue workers removing the bodies of miners killed in the Havaco Coal Mine disaster

## Flint Chevrolet Local Asks UAW To Launch Labor Party Drive

#### SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

FLINT, Mich., March 14-At a regular membership meeting of Chevrolet Local 659 UAW-CIO this week a resolution was passed without a dissenting vote, calling for two parties are puppets of the the establishment of a National Labor Party. The resolution was addressed to the? forthcoming convention of ment, organized 15 million strong on the economic field, has no the United Automobile Work-

organization of its own on the ers. political fie', and WHEREAS: The labor move-WHEREAS: Support of the

**U. S. SEAMEN IN PHILIPPINES** ORDER TO SCAB STRIKE

#### (Continued from Page 1)

their opposition to the strike- | single man amongst the two breaking order. Six seamen were thousand merchant seamen in arrested by the army and chargthe harbor answered the appeal. ed with refusal to obey a "law-The army officials capitulatful order under the Articles of ed to the strikers and agreed finally to pay a 50 per cent increase

The arrests' and arrogant pro- | in wages and to grant some other vocations by the military brass demands. But the longshoremen drew a stormy reaction from the refused to go back to work until merchant seamen in the harbor. all other unions in Manila that Seamen's Strike and Symnathy

Democratic and Republican Parties constitutes company unionism politically, inasmuch as the monopolies, and

WHEREAS: The fruits of this policy have resulted in labor being without a single representative of its own in a Congress of close to 500 members, a Congress which can wipe out by a single act all of labor's economic gains and victories, and

WHEREAS: The overwhelming electoral victory of the Labor Party in England proves conclusively that labor can organize on the political field as it has in the economic field, more than that, that it must organize politically if it wishes to guarantee

its existence, therefore be it **RESOLVED:** That the UAW-CIO spearhead a gigantic drive for labor's own political party in the same decisive manner in which it led the drive to maintain the standard of living of the American workers, and be it fur-

Every ton of coal mined in the United States is "smeared with the blood" of the mine workers, was the charge which the AFL United Mine Workers hurled at the soft coal operators at the opening 3

violence.

slaughter.

"We accuse by the record that

the industry extorts annually

from the pay envelope of the

mine workers \$60,000,000 for

pseudo, hypothetical and sub-

standard medical service, hos-

pitalization and insurance of an

actual value of less than one-

third of the aforesaid \$60,000,000.

"We demand abatement of this

"We demand cessation of the

As the list of deadly facts pre-

sented by local union representa-

tives piled up, Charles O'Neill,

representative of the coal opera-

tors, cynically referred to the

long indictment as a "filibuster",

He objected to "endless repeti-

tion" on conditions about which

the associated operators "cannot .

do anything" because these, he

Lewis replied to an operators'

"You dare not leave the record

The squirming operators stay-

In response to Lewis' request.

the 200-member miners' commit-

ers. "It is my opinion for what it .

is worth that the mine workers

don't want to work for you gen-

tlemen any more unless you rem-

claimed are "local matters."

accompanying extortion."

of new contract negotiations | bituminous industry indulge in systematic and widespread finanon March 12 in Washington. The "murder for profit" of tens cial exploitation of the families of the dead and practice of thousands of miners which commercial extortion upon the The Militant recently exposed in yet living victims of its industrial connection with the horrible

mine disasters, at Pineville, Kentucky. and Welsh, West Virginia, was the chief theme of the union spokesmen during the first three days of negotiations. A major demand of the miners is for adequate safety measures and inspection in the mines and a union fund from the operators' profits to provide decent medical care, compensation and welfare for miners and their families.

Miners' charges against the operators were summarized by UMW President John L. Lewis, who stated that the gross "mismanagement, cupidity, stupidity and wanton neglect" of the mine owners has resulted during the past 14 years in the mine-deaths of 28,000 and injury for more than a million mine workers. 'Do you know of any war in which the losses were as great as those in the mining industry?" Lewis asked.

threat to leave the conference: Lewis further charged that the mine operators responsible for this mass slaughter do not unanswered. If you could muster even "bury its dead nor bind up up the courage to leave you will the shattered bones and mangled be back. Whom would you get flesh of its victims in any ade- to operate the mines? Who quate, humane or modern sense." would patronize your company He denounced the mine opera- stores and your company doctors for abandoning their re- tors? What corpses would you sponsibility even toward the practice on? Surely you know helpless dependents of the mur- nobody else would enter your dered mine workers and cited the | mines?" case of the Rineville Kentucky disaster, which left a total of 96 ed put.

destitute widows and orphans. One important mine operator, he said, cynically discharged his tee at the negotiations rose to responsibility with a \$5 dona- their feet as one in support of tion. "I would like to take that this indictment of the coal ownfive-dollar bill and cram it down his throat," Lewis stated. In his 75-minute summary, Lewis further charged: "We ac-

cuse by the record that the man- | edy these conditions," Lewis conagement and stockholders of the cluded.



By combining duplicity with armed force French imperialists have apparently been able to gain a foothold in northern Indo-China. The Viet Namh Republic, backed. by the overwhelming majority of the Annamites, had kept the French armies confined to the southern part of the country.

In the north the Republic Once a base is established more was tacitly supported by troops will be brought in until the treacherous imperialists have 100,000 Chinese troops. The **RESOLVED:** That the UAWa military force large enough to CIO issue a call for a National French tried to persuade the completely dominate the coun-Chinese government to withdraw try. its Armies from north Indo-Despite their deals with China and "cease protecting" Chiang Kai-shek and the heads the Viet Namh government. On of the Viet Namh government, purpose of establishing a broad February 28, the French con- the French imperialists were not national Labor Party, and be it cluded a deal with Chiang Kaiat all assured of the "welcome" shek whereby the French govthey would receive from the Anernment agreed to "end their exnamite population. traterritorial rights in China" Vice-Admiral Philippe-Marie in exchange for "withdrawal of Auboyneau, charged with ex-Chinese troops from northern ecuting the French landing in Indo-China." northern Indo-China, according The calculating French colonial despots then promised Ho Christian Science Monitor, boast-Chih Minh president of the Viet ed that the French had assembled Namh Republic, "recognition" of "the most powerful naval con-Republic provided Viet the centration she ever stationed at Namh would remain within the "French Union" and under "French control," and permit one single point in her empire since the war started." "We shall need all these warthe landing of French troops in ships," admitted the Admiral northern Indo-China. "to reestablish our sovereignts This is the same cynical strain Chinese occupied northern tagem that the Dutch imperial-Indo-China . . . ists are attempting on the Java-"Although the French and nese. In exchange for "recogni-Chinese governments appear is tion" as a "republic" within the agreement in regard to their reempire, the imperialists demand spective positions in this counthe "right" to land armed forces. try," he confessed, "it is obviour that our reoccupation of north-**Freeport Case** ern Indo-China might be hampered by 'local incidents'." Likelihood of such armed clash-**Protested By** es was confirmed by the wellinformed Christian Science **Buffalo CIO** Monitor correspondent, who reported: "Highest ranking French BUFFALO, N. Y. - The CIO administrators and militari Council recently passed a resoluleaders at Saigon recently be tion protesting the murderous came convinced that the entry of their forces into northern attack upon four Negro brothers Indo-China never could be ac in Freeport, L. I., which resulted complished against joint opposiin the death of two of the Fertion by Chinese and Annamites. guson boys, the wounding of a Therefore it was necessary for third and the railroading to jail the French "to split" the unior of the fourth. Among local unbetween the Chinese occupation .10 ions and other organizations authorities and the Viet Naml taking similar action are United government at Hanoi. Steelworkers Local 2601-CIO and In spite of former declaration the Ebenezer Baptist Church, that Viet Namh would not per both in Lackawanna. mit the landing of Frencl The Buffalo Branch of the troops, president of the Repub Socialist Workers Party held a lic, Ho Chi Minh said the French protest meeting on March 9, at- forces would be welcomed. The tended by many steel and auto agreement with the French, h workers. A resolution, unani- declared, would be "submitted mously adopted, called for the for approval by the Annamit formation of a broad committee people through a referendum. of labor, Negro, veteran, and The first French forces hav other progressive organizations landed at Haiphong. But, th to make an investigation of the Christian Science Monitor con Ferguson case in order to secure respondent reports, "there still the punishment of those reremains the possibility of a

#### man to be seen on her decks she would come into sight once in a while, evoking terror and wonder in the mariners who saw The Flying Dutchman. she was called. Every man



tragic fate.

a fate would hold for the men who go to sea.

But that was in the dim past. Today sailors work on modern ships, equipped with radar and world ashore through radio. They are a very Flying Dutchman as a curious superstition.

These modern ships which compose a consid erable fleet could be called the fleet of "lost ships." They are scattered for the most part over the entire Pacific Ocean. Some of them have been out nearly a year, others not quite that

#### **Vets Housing Crisis By John Fredericks**

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materials.

prices and rents.

built on swampy, undesirable sites.

In New York City, veterans are feeling so

threatening to occupy unused "townhouses'

vacated by the rich during their winter vacations.

Hundreds of these townhouses and penthouses

Every effort to solve the housing crisis has

met powerful opposition from The Producers'

per month proposed by private industry for new

in the reach of every worker and veteran.

in most desperate need of housing.

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out of the misery of the workers.

ing for the American people.

have remained unoccupied while their pleasure

seeking owners were idling in Florida.

Worker veterans are returning home to the worst housing crisis in the nation's history. Throughout the country veterans are desperateby seeking any kind of shelter for themselves and their families.

Under pressure from the banks and real estate interests, the Truman administration has failed to take any effective measures to alleviate the veterans' housing plight.

The extent of the housing shortage was indicated by Edmond B. Butler, Chairman of the New York City Housing Authority, who reported that while dwelling construction has been at a virtual standstill, the population of the country has increased by eight millions since 1940. Some two million veterans are homeless. three million workers are living doubled up with families and friends and seven million workers' families are living in sub-standard dwellings, Butler admitted.

#### Ten Million Needed

A conservative estimate of the need for new housing could be placed at ten million dwelling units. New York City alone needs 785,000 new dwellings, according to the admission of Mayor O'Dwyer.

None of these proposed government solutions for the housing crisis are designed to meet even a quarter of the real need. The Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill before the U.S. Senate does nothing but create a gift of \$500 million for the investment trusts.

The Patman Bill, sponsored by Wilson Wyatt,



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course the lucky ship-"owner" who was the agent of the War Shipping Administration and operator of the Markham did very well for himself since he was paid by the day for every day that the Markham wandered about.

funds were immediately collect- this was done they returned to ed for the defense of the arrested work victorious, thanks in no men and also to aid the strikers. small measure to the splendid The military brass had counted demonstration of international on the arrests to intimidate the labor solidarity of the American seamen, but it had the opposite merchant seamen. effect.

War.'

Telling the brass, "you know was drafted originally to provide \$600,000,000 as subsidies for building material manufacturers and provide only 2,700,000 homes. Yet even this incorrectly-conceived, inadequate bill was decimated in Congress. In its present form it fect upon the Filipino strikers. San Francisco. is a bare skeleton, stripped of its provisions for

subsidies, regulation of ceiling prices on exist-**GIS PROTEST ORDER** 

ing homes, and authority to investigate gouging It also heartened the GIs who practices for the building industry. The revised were forced to scab, but who acbill does little more than insure contractors and tually did very little work in a mortgagers against financial loss and provide kind of passive demonstration of a doubtful system for the allocation of building sympathy for the strike. The GIs in turn organized a Soldiers State and local authorities have proposed as Committee for Democratic their solution, old barracks and Quonset huts Rights to Protest Forced Scab-

bing. Army officers, despairing of forcing the seamen to man the strongly about the situation that they are talkwinches and scab on the strikers, ing about a "March on Washington" and even changed their approach and appealed for "volunteers." Not a

## **SWP** Pushes **FEPC** Petition

measure on the ballot in the coming California State elec-

The party has scheduled three full mobilizations of all branches in the Los Angeles area for the last week of the campaign which ends on March 25. This is in response to a report from the CIO that the campaign is lagging dangerously behind.

Despite the weakness of the measure as drawn up, it will act the bill in the State Legislature.

had come out in sympathy and Committee was organized and support got an increase too. When

Conference of all labor unions,

The six merchant seamen that were about to be railroaded to what you can do with your or- an army concentration camp in der." the two thousand merchant | the Philippines were finally reseamen stood solidly together, all leased after appeals to Washrival affiliations forgotten. This ington were made by the AFL had an extremely heartening ef- Sailors Union of the Pacific in

CIO, AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods, and Independents for the further

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The government must immediately undertake tions. a full-scale building program to provide ten million new dwelling units at low rentals with-The costs of this program should not be pass-

ed along to the worker in the form of increased taxation but rather should be borne by taxation of the war profiteers, who have grown bloated The capitalist government plunged into debt

for \$300-billion to finance the bloody destruction of war. It mobilized the whole of Amer- as a toehold in the struggle ican industry to produce at incredible speed, against Jim Crow. This is recogmountains of means for imperialist war. Labor nized by the capitalist politicians and the veterans should demand that no less Democratic and Republican legbe done-and quickly-to ensure decent hous- islators in combining to defeat

Council (building materials suppliers) and the **In Los Angeles** LOS ANGELES, March 12 - The Socialist Workers

under the direction of Herbert U. Nelson. The profiteers and rent-gougers demand the end of all controls over materials and construction At present prices, few workers or veterans

National Association of Real Estate Boards,

Party today issued a call to can afford to build houses or buy or rent them. The outrageous minimum rentals of \$60 to \$100

all members and sympathizers to redouble their efforts dwelling units are beyond the means of those in obtaining signatures for the petition to place an FEPC